

Western History Association Graduate Student Caucus Spring 2016 Newsletter



Welcome Graduate Students!

The Western History Association Graduate Student Caucus is devoted to serving the needs of Western History students by providing skills and opportunities necessary to excel in our field. Any student member of the WHA can join the WHA Graduate Student Caucus. What changes would you like to see in the WHA and how can the WHAGSC be most beneficial to you? If you have any ideas, comments, or questions email us at whagsc@gmail.com!

Twitter: @WHAGrads

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WHAGSC>

WHAGSC Website: <https://westernhistoryassociation.wildapricot.org/GSC>

WHA Graduate Awards — Applications Due April 1

Applications for the WHA Graduate Awards are due on April 1, 2016. Please apply before the date! A few of the awards are highlighted below. For full details on how to apply and award specifications, go to:

<https://westernhistoryassociation.wildapricot.org/awards>

- Bert M. Fireman Award: \$500 for the best student essay published in the *Western Historical Quarterly*.
- Sara Jackson Graduate Student Award: \$500 to support graduate student research
- Walter Rundell Award: \$1,500 to support dissertation research
- WHA Graduate Student Prize: to foster graduate student professional development and enhance citizenship within the organization
- Indian Student Conference Scholarship: \$500 to support Indian student attendees at the WHA conference
- Trennert-Iverson Conference Scholarship: \$500 to support graduate student attendees at the WHA conference
- Huntington-WHA Martin Ridge Fellowship: \$3,000 for a month research fellowship at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California



Volunteer with the WHA!

The WHA is looking for motivated graduate students to apply for a volunteer position to manage all audio/visual and media needs during the conference, help run the on-site registration desk, and work with WHA staff to ensure a successful conference. In exchange, the WHA will grant each volunteer a free hotel room for the duration of the conference, free conference registration, a ticket to the event of the volunteer's choice, and the promise of a rewarding experience with some of the top scholars of the North American West.

To add yourself to the pool of volunteers for the 2016 annual conference, fill out the application. All completed applications are due by **May 1, 2016**. Volunteers will be selected as positions open up.

<https://westernhistoryassociation.wildapricot.org/volunteer>



WHA 2016

St. Paul, Minnesota

Intercontinental Saint Paul Riverfront Hotel

The next WHA Conference is only six months away! Information on the conference can be found here:

<https://westernhistoryassociation.wildapricot.org/stpaul>

The hotel rate for the 2016 conference will be approximately \$150 per night. These reservations must be made before September 28, 2016, and information will be made available early June on how to make reservations. We strongly recommend you use the WHAGSC travel forum to help coordinate sharing rooms. Last year's conference hotel sold out fast - be sure to reserve a room early!

<https://westernhistoryassociation.wildapricot.org/Travel>

WHA Website Revamp

The WHA is renovating their website! The Graduate Student Caucus will now have more space on the site along with a blog to keep you up to date on all of the graduate events and notices within the WHA. We strongly encourage feedback and insight to our growing online presence. If you have any comments, please contact us at WHAGSC@gmail.com.

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2017 Call for Papers

57th Annual Conference of the Western History Association

November 1 – 4, 2017, San Diego, California

AGAINST THE GRAIN

The Program Committee seeks proposals that cut “against the grain,” that is, which challenge old and new orthodoxies about western history. We invite challenges on many fronts (and frontiers), though our meeting location in San Diego seems particularly suited to discussions that cut across conventional borders of western history. The 2017 Program also hopes to bridge the divide that has too often cut academic histories off from broader public conversations. Accordingly, we would like to spotlight projects that have successfully translated recent scholarship and effectively engaged wide audiences. We also encourage proposals about pedagogical innovations that rethink how we teach western histories to students at all levels.

The Program Committee welcomes a range of formats: panels, roundtables, workshops, and lightning rounds. Recognizing our members’ wide range of interests, the committee will consider proposals not directly related to the conference theme. But no matter the topic or your take on it, we are especially receptive to proposals that cut against the grain of academic conferences by dispensing with “standard” formats in favor of more innovative ways of presentation and discussion. We hope, in particular, to significantly increase participation by constructing sessions that involve more panelists and increase audience participation. For example, we envision several lightning round panels, in which as many as ten or twelve presenters give very brief (no more than five minutes) summaries of new research on a particular topic, leaving time for a discussion among the panelists and with the audience.

We strongly encourage full session submissions, although we will consider single papers. When submitting an entire session or panel, the designated contact person should submit the proposal. Please include a brief abstract (250 words) that outlines the purpose of the session. Each paper proposal, whether individual or in a session, should include a one-paragraph abstract; each presenter should submit a one-page c.v., with address, phone, and e-mail. Indicate any equipment needs. The committee assumes that all listed individuals have agreed to participate. Electronic submissions are required and should be sent, with supporting materials, as a single PDF document to 2017 WHA Program Co-chairs Katherine Benton-Cohen, Andrew Graybill, and Kelly Lytle-Hernandez at [**wha2017call4papers@gmail.com**](mailto:wha2017call4papers@gmail.com).

The submission deadline for single papers is September 1, 2016.

For complete panel proposals, the deadline is December 1, 2016.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS: SUBMITTING TO THE *WESTERN HISTORICAL QUARTERLY*

February 22, 2016

Welcome to the new *Western Historical Quarterly*! Now that Oxford University Press is our publisher, we have set up a new online submission system through ScholarOne.

Check out the new OUP/WHQ website at:

<http://whq.oxfordjournals.org/>

We are very eager to see your work. As the official journal of the Western History Association, since 1969 we have published original articles dealing with the most capacious North American West — expansion and colonization, indigenous histories, race and ethnicity, gender and sexuality, regional studies (including western Canada, northern Mexico, Alaska, and Hawaii), and transnational, comparative, and borderland histories. Political, economic, social, cultural, and intellectual histories of a broadly defined West and studies set in all eras of the past, into the twenty-first century, are encouraged.

Instructions about how to submit article manuscripts, the format and citation style the WHQ prefers, our publication process, and links to recent articles are on the new Oxford University Press/WHQ site at:

<http://whq.oxfordjournals.org/>

We're looking forward to the advantages of this new system as it makes our publication process faster, but it is new for all of us! You can look at the ScholarOne WHQ site and register if you like at:

<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/whq>

If you have any questions or encounter problems with the system, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Anne Hyde, Editor and David Lewis, Executive Editor

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