

2012 Call for Proposals

Frontiers of Capitalism and Democracy

Frontier Airlines Center

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Thursday, April 19 to Sunday, April 22, 2012

NCPH and OAH will begin accepting proposals for the 2012 meeting on October 1, 2010.

The theme for the 2012 NCPH/OAH Annual Meeting is “Frontiers of Capitalism and Democracy.”

On the 100th anniversary of two of the most potent third-party presidential challenges in U.S. history, the Organization of American Historians and the National Council on Public History will meet in Milwaukee, a shoreline city where immigrant leaders initiated innovative public policies during the industrial era. For the meeting, we welcome panels that address the shaping role of evolving market systems, class relations, and migrations over the long chronological sweep of American history, or that explore the frontiers of social imagination and/or territorial encounters that have altered understandings of other peoples and traditions. While we invite sessions on all aspects of U.S. history, we are especially eager to see those that stimulate reflection on tensions and/or interchanges between capitalism and democracy at "frontier" moments in the past.

The Program Committee is keen to encourage a wide variety of forms of conversation. Please feel free to submit such non-traditional proposals as poster-sessions; roundtables that home in on significant debates in sub-fields; discussions around a single artifact or text; serial panels organized around a thematic thread that will run through the conference; working groups that tackle a common professional issue or challenge (see guidelines on the NCPH website, www.ncph.org); or workshops that develop professional skills in the documentation or interpretation of history. Teaching sessions are also welcome, particularly those involving the audience as active participants or those that reflect collaborative partnerships and/or conversations among teachers, public historians, research scholars and history educators at all levels and in varied settings.

We seek a program that includes the full diversity of the NCPH and OAH membership, so wherever possible proposals should include presenters of both sexes, members of racial and ethnic minorities, and historians who practice their craft in a wide variety of venues, including community colleges and pre-collegiate classrooms, consulting firms, museums, historical societies, and the National Park Service. We prefer to receive proposals for complete sessions, but will consider individual papers as well.

Registration Requirements

All participants are required to register for the Annual Meeting.

Submission Procedure

All proposals must include the following information:

- a complete mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, and affiliation for each participant
- an abstract of no more than 500 words for the session as a whole
- a prospectus of no more than 250 words for each presentation; and
- a vita of no more than 500 words for each participant

Proposals should be submitted electronically to the OAH Proposal System beginning October 1, 2010. Complete session proposals most often include a chair, participants, and, if applicable, one or two commentators (chairs may double as commentators, and commentators may be omitted in order for the audience to serve in that role). Session membership should be limited by the need to include substantial time for audience questions and comments.

Proposals for posters should use the single paper format in the database. Poster submissions are accepted for the February 1 deadline, however a second Call for Posters will be issued in Fall 2011 as well. Decisions about all posters, regardless of date received, will be made after the fall deadline.

Submission Deadline

The deadline for proposals is Tuesday, February 1, 2011.