Public history is about then, but it’s also about now. A lot has happened since NCPH’s call for session proposals closed last July. Here’s your chance to shape cutting-edge conversations at the conference and help us cover important issues that might otherwise be missing on our 2018 program.

NCPH seeks brief proposals for discussions to be held onsite at our 2018 conference in Las Vegas this April 18-21. These “On the Fly” sessions are informally structured conversations, held in meeting rooms during blocks of regular conference programming. Attendees can discuss current events or issues that feel especially timely, important, or forward-looking.

By proposing an “On the Fly” topic, you commit to serve as the discussion leader and to help moderate the conversation should the topic be accepted. You do not need to prepare a formal presentation or PowerPoint slides. Just come equipped with a few points for discussion and see where the conversation goes!

To apply, write a paragraph or two by Friday, March 16 that describes the topic you have in mind and identifies its relevance to this moment in public history (and, perhaps, the world beyond) and submit at http://ncph.org/conference/on-the-fly-topics-form/.

Program Committee co-chairs Benjamin Filene and Priya Chhaya will select a shortlist of topics. We’ll poll our social media followers and members to see which topics resonate the most strongly with them, and use those results to make final choices. Selected “On the Fly” discussions will be announced by early April.

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