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Call for Topics: #NCPH2020 “On the Fly” Proposals

Proposals due February 12, 2020

Submit: <http://ncph.org/conference/on-the-fly-topics-form>

A lot has happened since NCPH’s call for session proposals closed last July and the 2020 NCPH Annual Meeting Program Committee made their selections in August. We have reserved space for important issues and discussions that might otherwise be missing on our 2020 program due to the eight-month gap between the primary proposal deadline and the conference itself.

NCPH seeks brief proposals for discussions to be held onsite at our 2020 conference in Atlanta, Georgia this March 18-21. These “On the Fly” sessions are structured conversations held in session rooms during blocks of regular conference programming, providing space for attendees to discuss current events or issues that feel especially timely, important, or newly relevant.

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 (although a projector and screen will be available). Come equipped with a few points for discussion and see where the conversation goes!

To apply, write a paragraph or two by **Wednesday, February 12** that describes the topic you have in mind and identifies its relevance to this moment in public history. Submit at <http://ncph.org/conference/on-the-fly-topics-form/>.

Program Committee co-chairs Ashley Bouknight and Brian Joyner will select a shortlist of topics from among these proposals. We’ll poll our social media followers, conference attendees, and members to see which topics resonate the most strongly with you, and use those results to make final selections. Selected “On the Fly” discussions will be announced in early March and publicized in the errata sheet accompanying the onsite print *Program*.

Questions? Email NCPH Program Manager Meghan Hillman: meghillm@iupui.edu

Not sure where to start? 2018’s On the Fly discussions included Public History and Responsive Contextualization; Gun Violence, Gun Safety, and Gun Rights; and Sexual Harassment and Gender Discrimination in the Field. In 2019, On the Fly topics included Public Libraries as Sites of Public History; Cultural Property, Restitution, and Challenges for Public History; Grappling with Loss in the Wake of the Catholic Church’s Sex Abuse Crisis; and Toppling Confederate Monuments at UNC-Chapel Hill. Z

Check out the preliminary *Program* at <http://bit.ly/nNCPH2020prelimprogram> to see what’s already in store this for year and identify gaps you’d like to help us ensure attendees have the space to consider.