Out on the Town at NCPH 2020

Propose an Outing by February 21, 2020:
https://ncph.org/conference/out-on-the-town-proposal-form/

Introducing a new pilot program at NCPH 2020: Out on the Town, a way to explore the city of Atlanta and its cultural institutions with new public history friends. We know that sometimes NCPH’s slate of pre-arranged tours don’t align with your schedule or the spot you really want to visit isn’t on offer.

We believe that you’ll learn as much about great public history work from the city of Atlanta as you will from the excellent sessions on the official Program—so why not get some fresh air?

How it Works

Let’s say you want to take time out of your conference schedule to visit Atlanta’s Center for Puppetry Arts on Friday afternoon of the conference, March 20. You’d like to visit with fellow public historians, but your crew’s schedules don’t align—or you’re new to NCPH’s conference (welcome!), or you simply want to meet new people. That’s where we can help: you’ll fill out the form to propose where you want to go on your Outing, how you plan to get there (Lyft? MARTA?), and how many people you’d like to join you.

If accepted, at the conference we’ll put out a sign-up sheet for your Outing by the conference registration area for likeminded conference registrants to sign up (like our Dine Arounds, if you’re familiar with that model). Then, at the appointed time designated by you on the form, you’ll meet your fellow explorers by the NCPH registration area at the Westin Peachtree Plaza to head out together.

This program is driven by you, the submitter of the Outing. If accepted, NCPH won’t make any of the logistical arrangements, we’ll just provide the space to help you connect and you’ll take it from there. Any costs associated with the Outing, like entrance fees or transit fees, are the responsibility of the group.

What can be an Outing?

Outings should speak to public history or related fields in some way—but as we all know, that’s a broad net. They should take place between the conference’s main registration hours of 8 am – 6 pm on March 18-21.

Atlanta’s museums, cultural institutions, parks, and historic sites are fair game (check out the Things to Do and See section of the preliminary Program, pages 14-15, for ideas). If you can make the case for something else, please submit a form for consideration. Even if selected, NCPH won’t be otherwise vetting or endorsing the locations for safety, accessibility, or ease of travel, so make sure you’re comfortable with the arrangements you make.

We ask that attendees find alternative ways to make plans for purely social events. A trip to a bar or a concert might be fun, but they’re beyond the scope of Out on the Town. NCPH’s Events Code of Conduct is in place, and all conference attendees are required to acknowledge the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it at the time of registration.