

Call for Panelists for “Thriving as an Early Career Historian” Solicited Session, OAH 2024

The OAH Graduate Student Committee is seeking participants for a panel on diverse career opportunities for early career historians. Recently graduated historians will lead a roundtable discussion about finding work in a variety of areas, addressing the following topics:

- What strategies did panelists use to identify possible careers?
- How did they translate their academic training into marketable skills for other industries?
- How did they make ends meet after graduating?
- What role did physical and mental health play during their transition into their career?

We are seeking roughly four panelists, ideally people who have recently secured positions as community college educators, tenure-track professors, public or digital historians, archivists, and/or professionals working beyond academia (i.e., any field from consulting to bookselling).

Eligibility:

- Individuals who recently completed or transitioned out of a professional degree program in/adjacent to History
- Committed to attending the 2024 conference in New Orleans in-person
- **NOT** already presenting on a 2024 OAH panel or session (conference attendees can only participate in one session)
- Must be a member of the OAH by the time of the conference

Submission Materials:

- Brief description (200-500 word max) of what you feel you could bring to the discussion
- Brief bio (a few sentences)

To apply, submit the above materials to the committee chair Andrew Gerstenberger at atq4223@nyu.edu **no later than July 10th at 5:00 PM Eastern time**. Upon receipt of your materials, the committee will review the submissions, and we will notify you by July 17th.

Limited travel grants are available through the OAH: <https://www.oah.org/awards/travel-grants/>.

Session Abstract for Reference:

A roundtable discussion led by recent graduates working in a range of careers. Panelists will discuss how they transitioned out of graduate school and secured opportunities in the evolving job market. What strategies did panelists use to identify possible careers? How did they translate their academic training into marketable skills for other industries? How did they make ends meet after graduating? What role did physical and mental health play during this time? Join us for a candid conversation about the challenging but rewarding process of defining your career and finding your voice as a scholar.