

Call for Papers: American History and Culture

PCA/ACA & Southwest/Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Associations
Joint Conference
April 20-23, 2011
San Antonio, TX
<http://www.swtxpca.org>

Proposal submission deadline: December 15, 2010

Conference hotel: Marriott Rivercenter San Antonio
101 Bowie Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205 USA
Hotel Phone: 1-210-223-1000

The Southwest/Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Associations' annual conference is one of the nation's largest gatherings of interdisciplinary scholars. The 32nd annual SW/TX PCA/ACA conference will take place jointly with the PCA/ACA national conference, occurring April 20-23, 2011, at the Marriott Rivercenter in vibrant San Antonio, Texas (just steps from the popular Riverwalk). Further conference details are available at <http://www.swtxpca.org>.

Panels are now forming for all of the SW/TX PCA/ACA conference's 80+ individual subject areas, including the "American History and Culture" area. Below are some suggestions for presentation / panel topics related to the area of "American History and Culture." Topics not mentioned here are also welcome for consideration. However, all proposals for the "American History and Culture" area must have a historical focus and should emphasize culture.

- * American cultural history in general
- * Specific eras / periods in American history
- * Regional and local history (especially in the Southwest)
- * Public history, collective memory, representation, nostalgia, memorials / monuments
- * Historic preservation and historical sites
- * Consumer culture and advertising
- * Leisure, public amusements, travel, and tourism
- * Urban studies, architecture, city planning, cultural geography, cultural landscapes
- * Local image / identity creation, boosterism, and the marketing of place
- * Radio
- * Sports
- * Youth culture/subcultures, children's culture, senior culture, etc.
- * Visual culture, art, and design

The submission deadline for the SW/TX PCA/ACA is December 15, 2010. For the "American History and Culture" area, please email queries and proposals for either individual presentations or full panels to "American History and Culture" Area Chair

Kelli Shapiro (Department of American Civilization, Brown University) at Shapiro@alumni.brown.edu . (Full panel submissions need to include 3 or 4 papers.) Include a 200-word abstract with a two-part working title (as well as a CV and contact information) for each potential presenter. Please convert any Word 2007 .docx files into the older .doc file format before sending them. Mention the conference or the “American History and Culture” area in the email’s subject line.

Professors, independent scholars, teachers, and professionals are encouraged to participate. Graduate students are particularly welcome at the conference, which offers awards for the best graduate papers. Please note that the SW/TX PCA/ACA does not generally accept previously presented (or published) papers. Further, it permits only one presentation per person per year. The conference features numerous individual subject areas – each with its own Area Chair, and each typically including multiple conference panels. Therefore, please consult the area list on the SW/TX PCA/ACA website to determine whether the “American History and Culture” area is the appropriate area to receive your proposal.

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