

Call for Papers: American Studies Area

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

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Further conference details are available at <http://www.swtxpca.org>

Panels are now being formed in the American Studies area. Scholars, researchers, professionals, teachers, graduate students and others interested in this area are encouraged to submit an abstract. Graduate students are especially encouraged and will be assisted in accessing any and all award opportunities the conference and/or associations provide.

American Studies is a broad area and one that MUST be interdisciplinary. While the area is one that should be centered in the cultures of the Americas, especially the United States, a particularly vibrant area of inquiry is increasingly found in the transnational, intra-national and global considerations of these cultures. Topics offering multiple perspectives in this vein on the American Southwest are especially welcome. Listed below are several possible topics, however, these should not be considered either prescriptive or limiting in regards to your creativity in this area.

- The Invisibility of the American Worker in National, Transnational and Colonial Contexts
- American Mobility and Power: Intersections between Culture, Identity and Travel
- The International Metaphor of the Western Frontier
- Apocalypse On Screen: End-of-the-World Narratives and the Status of American Supremacy
- Post-Borderlands, Borderlands and Arizona's Immigration Legislation
- Intersecting the Biopolitical, the Transnational and the Indigenous
- The Trouble with Citizenship: Community, Resistance, Migration
- "Divided We Stand": The American Political System in the 2010's
- World Perspectives on the Obama Presidency
- Perspectives on Race, Ethnicity and Culture in Obama's America

Email 250-word abstracts for individual presentations or 500-word abstracts for panel proposals to Area Chair Lisa K. Stein (English Department, Ohio University Zanesville) at stein@ohio.edu. Please include a current CV and contact information for each participant. And, if you mention the conference or the American Studies area in your subject line, it will insure the speedy attention to and handling of your submission.

Upon acceptance, all presenters must register by December 31, 2010. Registration is available online at the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association website: <http://swtxpca.org>. Early registration discounts are available, as is hotel and transportation information.

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