

Call for Papers: Material Culture/Built Environment Area

Southwest/Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Association Conference
February 8 – 11, 2012
Albuquerque, NM

Proposal submission deadline: December 1, 2011

Conference hotel:
Hyatt Regency Albuquerque
300 Tijeras Avenue NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Conference details available at <http://www.swtxpca.org>

Proposals for individual papers and panels are being accepted for the new Material Culture/Built Environment Area. Presentations in this area may examine any type of human-produced object, construction, building, interior or landscape. Proposals are welcomed from professors, graduate students, independent scholars and other experts in the area of material culture. Graduate students should note the awards available for student papers, listed at the above website.

Possible topic areas include, but are not limited to:

Regional or local material culture characteristics
Material culture and American identity
Objects, architecture and interiors in film, novels and art
Role of material culture in ethnic or religious groups, youth culture, immigrant cultures
Changes over time in the design of types of objects as reflection of culture/society
Adaptive re-use of objects and buildings
Material culture nostalgia
Material culture and gender
Trends and styles in material culture
Urban landscapes and building as expressions of the city
Material culture in the world of modern technology

Individual proposal abstracts should be 250 words, with CV and contact information. Panel proposals should include one abstract and CV and contact information for each presenter. Submit proposals to the SW/TX PCA/ACA database at <http://conference2012.swtxpca.org>. Please contact the area chair, Evelyn Montgomery, emontgomery@dallasheritagevillage.org with any questions about potential submissions.

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