

Call for Papers

SWTX PCA/ACA 33rd Annual Conference
celebrating "*Food & Culture(s) in a Global Context*"

February 8 - 11, 2012
being held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel & Conference Center
located in downtown Albuquerque, NM

The new Sports Area of the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Association annual conference is now accepting abstracts for individual presentations and pre-constituted panels. Submissions on any topics dealing with sports and popular culture/American culture are welcomed, but papers relating the topic of sports to this 2012's conference theme, "Foods & Culture(s) in a Global Context," are particularly welcomed. Some topic suggestions are:

- The culture of football tailgating
- Alcohol and sports
- Competitive eating as sport/Competitive eaters as athletes
- Regional sports food culture
- Athlete food endorsements
- Anything else having to do with sports and/or sports media

Abstracts should be no more than 200 words. The deadline for abstract submissions is December 1, 2011. Pre-constituted panels should contain 3 to 4 different abstracts. All submissions must be made through the conference database at <http://conference2012.swtxpca.org/>.

The SW/TX PCA/ACA welcomes submissions from professors, independent scholars, and professionals. Graduate students are particularly encouraged to participate, with award opportunities for best grad student papers. For more information about conference awards go to:

<http://www.swtxpca.org/documents/48.html>

For other conference subject areas, see: <http://swtxpca.org/documents/123.html>

Any questions regarding the sports area or conference submissions should be directed to Andrew Harrington, Sports Area Chair at agharrington@gmail.com.