

## *A CALL FOR PAPERS*

### **“Interrogating Boundaries: Mapping the Mental and Material in World History”- Northeastern University’s 10th Annual World History Graduate Conference**

The Northeastern History Graduate Student Association invites proposal submissions for its 10th annual graduate student conference to be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 at Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts. The deadline for submissions to the conference is **Friday December 15th 2017**.

The 2018 conference title is “Interrogating Boundaries: Mapping the Mental and Material in World History”. The conference will address a wide variety of themes within world history and public history, looking specifically at the physical, social, mental and material boundaries that have been present through human history. We encourage papers that think broadly about the definition of boundaries and frontiers, and those that explore these issues within both local and global contexts.

Submissions may engage with a variety of related themes including: Incarceration; Empire; Trade and Transport; Global Systems; Migration and Mobility; Class and Conflict; The Urban Space; Gender; Borders and Boundaries; Race; The Environment; Hegemony and Society; Theory and Practice, and many more.

We invite graduate students in degree programs in history and other cognate disciplines to present work on any of these topics and more. We welcome and encourage papers that deal with these issues in interdisciplinary ways, as well as those engaging with the digital humanities. We also encourage the submission of pre-organized panel proposals. Faculty are invited to volunteer as chair/commentators in their research areas.

We especially encourage the submission of papers on the history of incarceration in America and around the world. The conference will be running in conjunction with the upcoming installation on “States of Incarceration,” a project of the Humanities Action Lab. The exhibit, installed through the efforts of history graduate students, graduates of the public history program, faculty, and staff, will be on the Northeastern University campus from March 16th-May 20th, 2018. A conference on incarceration will also be held on campus on March 23rd, 2018. We encourage attendees of our conference to attend that conference if possible, and also to visit the exhibit.

### **Conference Details:**

**When:** March 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Where:** Northeastern University, Boston MA

**Keynote Speaker:** Ann Laura Stoler, Willy Brandt Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and History, The New School.

Ann Laura Stoler has been at the New School for Social Research since 2004, where she was the founding chair of its revitalized Anthropology Department. She has worked for some thirty years on the politics of knowledge, colonial governance, racial epistemologies, the sexual politics of empire, and ethnography of the archives. She has been a visiting professor at the École des Hautes Études, the École Normale Supérieure and Paris 8, Cornell University's School of Criticism and Theory, Birzeit University in Ramallah, the Johannesburg Workshop in Theory and Criticism, Irvine's School of Arts and Literature, and the Bard Prison Initiative. She is the recipient of NEH, Guggenheim, NSF, SSRC, and Fulbright awards, among others. Her books include *Capitalism and Confrontation in Sumatra's Plantation Belt, 1870-1979* (1985; 1995) *Race and the Education of Desire: Foucault's History of Sexuality and the Colonial Order of Things* (1995), *Carnal Knowledge and Imperial Power: Race and the Intimate in Colonial Rule* (2002, 2010), *Along the Archival Grain: Epistemic Anxieties and Colonial Common Sense* (2009).

**Format of Presentations:** Accepted presentations are typically divided into three or four-person panels. Each panelist should expect to present their papers for approximately fifteen to twenty minutes.

**To be considered, the following documents should be sent to the program committee at [nugradconf@gmail.com](mailto:nugradconf@gmail.com) by Friday December 15th 2017:**

#### Individual Panelists:

- 200-word abstract describing paper or work to be presented
- Brief curriculum vitae
- List of audio/visual needs, if applicable

#### Panels:

- List of all panel members (3 per panel) with designated chairperson, if applicable
- 200-word abstract that discusses the theme of the panel
- 200-word abstract for each paper or work to be presented
- Brief curriculum vitae for each panelist and chairperson
- List of audio/visual needs, if applicable

Accepted panelists will be required to submit their papers by **March 1st 2018**.

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