

Call for Papers
13th Annual University of Massachusetts Amherst Graduate History Conference

Critical Conversations: Breaking Barriers through Discourse and Dialogue
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Globalization and the age of information have revealed complex, underlying tensions at the foundations of democracy and society. Technology has increased access to information, allowing citizens to question representations of identities and even propagate misinformation. These changes highlight the need for critical thought and adaptation.

In times like these, students, educators, and intellectuals have a responsibility to engage the public and promote responsible discourse that uses the past to inform the present. The UMass Graduate History Association (GHA) seeks to bring together presenters from across disciplines to have critical conversations that address relevant issues in our world. We aim to enhance the traditional conference experience by encouraging dynamic round table discussions, panels, and more interactive question and answer sessions.

We invite submissions from all disciplines, that engage audiences and use discourse to break down barriers between people. We suggest these thematic areas as points of critical importance; however, we encourage submitters to think imaginatively about these conceptual frameworks:

- Race, Gender, Class, Disability
- Labor, Economy and International Relations
- Environmental and Urban History
- Intersectionality and Identity
- Nationalism and Transnationalism
- Imperialism and Colonialism
- Dislocation and Diaspora
- Memory, Memorials, National Narratives
- Museums, Preservation, and History in Public
- War, Violence, and Trauma
- State Power and Resistance
- Natural Disasters and Health Crises

Applicants should submit a one-page paper proposal, resume or CV, and a two to three sentence biography (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format). Proposals should include a paper title, abstract, and brief statement indicating the discipline and areas of focus, as well as any technological requirements for presentations.

We encourage both panel and roundtable proposals. For panel proposals, submissions should include a brief description of the panel along with individual paper proposals. For roundtables, participants will present an abbreviated form of their research, followed by a group discussion. If submitting an individual paper, please indicate in the proposal if you would be willing to participate in a roundtable or traditional panel discussion.

All materials should be submitted to ghapage@history.umass.edu for consideration by **January 15, 2018**. If accepted, please provide a full version of all presentation papers by **March 1, 2018** to be considered for the conference prizes.

Accepted applicants will be notified in early February.