

CALL FOR PAPERS:

11th Annual Boston University American Political History Institute (APHI)
Graduate Student Conference

American Political Traditions and the People Who Made Them

March 29 – 30, 2019

Boston, MA

Keynote Speaker:
Elizabeth Hinton, Harvard University

The Boston University American Political History Institute (APHI) welcomes submissions for its eleventh annual graduate student conference. This year's theme asks panelists to reconsider the political traditions that have defined U.S. history from the founding to the present. In 1948, Columbia University Professor Richard Hofstadter published a landmark in American historical writing: *The American Political Tradition and the Men Who Made It*. In a dozen tightly connected essays Hofstadter profiled the Americans--the presidents, agitators, and opportunists--who defined the nation's distinctive political legacy. Over the ensuing seventy years, American politics and its study radically shifted. These developments include, to name a few, the rise of the right, the ideological sorting of the two major parties, the potency of social and political movements, and the growing significance of media outlets. The time has come to reconsider American Political Traditions and the people who made them.

We are adding a twist to this year's conference. In lieu of a paper proposal, we ask that prospective panelists please submit a 500-700 word reflection on the political tradition(s) they will discuss in their subsequent paper and presentation. We will then publish these reflections in a public forum on the APHI website. **Reflections should be submitted by Friday, January 18, 2019.** Please include a one-page C.V. with your reflection and send them via e-mail to Sean Case, scase@bu.edu. Please visit the conference web page at sites.bu.edu/aphi/grad-conference for more information and updates.

The most outstanding submission will receive the APHI Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Prize, which includes a \$1,000 cash award that will be presented at the end of the conference. All presenters must be current graduate students, and distinguished faculty will serve as commentators for each panel. A keynote address will be delivered by Elizabeth Hinton, John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Social Sciences in the Department History and the Department of African and African American Studies at Harvard University.