

IU History Graduate Student Association Paul Lucas Conference, March 12, 2021

Power, Belonging, and Identity

It is our pleasure to announce that the Indiana University History Graduate Student Association will conduct its annual Paul Lucas Conference via Twitter on **March 12, 2021**. While COVID-19 prevents us from holding our meeting in its normal format, a Twitter conference will allow presenters to share their research and receive feedback from their peers around the globe. We believe that this is an exceptional opportunity for graduate students to practice sharing their research via a different medium.

We solicit your titles and abstracts for the Paul Lucas Conference, which will center this year on the themes of **Power, Belonging, and Identity**. We believe that these concepts are particularly relevant to the current moment and will allow many graduate students to illustrate their broader research. While presenters are welcome to consider how their work illustrates the historical roots of the supposedly unprecedented events of 2020, our scope this year is purposely broad. This allows participants to frame topics around their interests as they examine change, continuity, and the relationships between individual lives and broader social forces.

We welcome submissions from graduate students of all disciplines, geographic specializations, and chronological focus that address the conference's general themes. For instance, presentations might discuss questions concerning the use, navigation, and contestation of state power in moments of crisis. Likewise, they might examine the creation, experience, or evolution of individual or group identities. Others might be driven to analyze how constructed categories like race, gender, and class have been used to delineate belonging in local, national, and transnational communities.

Our format builds on the successes of recent academic conferences held on Twitter. The HGSA Conference Committee will assign presenters to panels and introduce each scholar via its own Twitter account. We will then link to the individual's Twitter account. Each presenter will have 15 minutes to publish between 8-12 tweets from their account. Each tweet provides space for 280 characters and an embedded video or image. This format provides scholars space to introduce their research, briefly analyzing 1-3 primary sources, and illustrate how their analysis and larger argument speak to the conference's themes. A discussant from the IU History faculty will comment on each panel.

Submission Details: If you are interested in participating, please send your presentation's title, a brief abstract, and your CV to hgsaconf@indiana.edu by **February 1, 2021**. The HGSA Conference Committee will evaluate proposals and inform participants of their acceptance and panel assignment. For questions or additional information, email hgsaconf@indiana.edu. Our Twitter handle is @IUhgsacon

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