Call for Papers, 41st Annual Meeting of the
Social Science History Association

“Beyond Social Science History:
Knowledge in an Interdisciplinary World”

Interdisciplinary historical studies have changed dramatically in the forty year history of the Social Science History Association. Twenty-first century research crosses disciplinary boundaries with an ease that was unthinkable in 1976, bringing new insights into how people lived in the past, what they experienced and thought, and how they were creative.

In recognition of the opportunities we have to expand our knowledge and understanding of socio-historical phenomena in ways that that integrate information, data, techniques, tools, perspectives, concepts, and theories from the physical and biological sciences, literature, the arts, technology, and medicine, the 2016 Program Committee seeks panel and paper proposals with the broadest possible perspectives on the past. These papers and panels may consider the myriad ways that history, culture, law, economy, demography, education, knowledge production, geography, migration, religion, sexuality, and politics engage with phenomena known to the sciences, medicine, literature and the arts, broadly conceived.

The 2016 Program Committee also welcomes, as always, individual papers and panels on all aspects of social science history (see the list of network organizers for the range of topics regularly engaged by conference panels).

The 2016 conference will be held November 17-20, 2016 at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.

How do I participate in the 2016 SSHA Program?

Starting on December 1, 2015, proposals for individual papers and complete sessions will be accepted at http://ssha.org, which provides instructions for submission. The deadline is February 20, 2016. We prefer the submission of complete sessions. If you plan to organize a session, we recommend that you first contact a network representative. Network representatives, who are open to all possibilities, screen all papers and panels in their areas. (Current networks, with their representatives’ email and web addresses, are listed on the SSHA website.) If you are not certain which network your paper proposal best fits, just ask the representative of the networks closest to your interests.

SSHA will continue to make competitive grants for graduate student travel.

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