Pacific Northwest History Conference

Contested Spaces:
Power and Resistance
in the Pacific Northwest

2020 Call For Presentations

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The Pacific Northwest has long been a place of contested spaces. As we embark on a new decade and upcoming presidential election, profound demographic, economic, political, and cultural changes continue to shape struggles over power, rights, and freedoms in the region. Yet, these societal challenges have also produced different forms of resistance by diverse groups of people to engineer social change.

The Pacific Northwest History Conference invites proposals, papers, workshops, and roundtable discussions that investigate the contemporary and historical conceptions of power and/or resistance in the region. We especially welcome papers that address relevant topics on citizenship and democracy, Native American/Tribal rights, suffrage/voting rights, LGBTQ+ rights, immigration, labor activism, hate campaigns, and environmental justice. We also welcome collaborative community projects aimed at social justice and/or topics on innovative pedagogical methods around teaching social justice.

Who should submit a proposal:
All types of historians are encouraged to submit presentation proposals, including public school teachers, heritage professionals and volunteers, archivists, oral historians, knowledge keepers, and academics.

How to submit your proposal:
Submissions may be for an entire 75-minute individual presentation or panel discussion; a 75-minute, half-day, or full day workshop; or a poster. All presenters selected for inclusion in the program must register for the conference. Successful applicants will be notified by June 30th and the sessions selected for the conference will be posted at www.washingtonhistory.org. Submit your proposal HERE.

Tips for submitting your proposal online:
- Complete Section 1 of this form and scroll through to the section relevant to the type of presentation you are proposing.
- If you wish to go back to review or change a previous page of the form, use the "back" button at the bottom of the form. Using the back arrow in your internet browser will result in the loss of previously submitted information.
- Once the form has been submitted, you may make changes to your proposal until the submission deadline.
- Interested in connecting with folks who might be interested in joining your panel? Submit your details HERE.

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