

The University of Alabama Graduate History Association Conference on **POWER AND STRUGGLE**

The Department of History at The University of Alabama is pleased to announce its Sixth Annual Graduate Student Conference on Power and Struggle, to be held at the UA campus on October 25, 2014. The conference will feature a keynote banquet at the Alabama Museum of Natural History by Professor Tara Zahra, a Professor of History at the University of Chicago. Professor Zahra has published widely on the subjects of transnational and comparative history with an emphasis on modern Europe. She has published two books, *Kidnapped Souls: National Indifference and the Battle for Children in the Bohemian Lands, 1900-1948* and *The Lost Children: Reconstructing Europe's Families after World War II*. For *Kidnapped Souls*, Professor Zahra was awarded the Laura Shannon Prize in Contemporary European History, the Hans Rosenberg Prize of the Conference Group for Central European History, the Barbara Jelavich Prizes of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, the Czechoslovak Studies Association Book Prize, and the Austrian Cultural Forum Book Prize.

The Conference encourages graduate students to submit proposals that engage the conference theme by examining power relations in all historical fields and time periods. The theme addresses new approaches of historical analysis that focus on the relationship between struggle and power, especially people who struggled to break, transform, or reclaim the boundaries constructed by those in power. The Conference seeks proposals employing innovative approaches, interdisciplinary methods, comparative perspectives, and multi-archival research bases. At the conclusion of the Conference, one presenter will earn recognition and compensation as the recipient of the Best Paper Prize.

The GHA Conference seeks submissions concerning, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Power in institutions, society, and religion
- Struggle in cultural expression, social relationships, and belief systems
- Power in discourse on gender, race, and class
- Struggle against labels in nationalism, ethnicity, sub-culture, or sexual identity
- Power in traditional structures such as politics, diplomacy, imperialism, and war
- Struggle in resistance such as crime, protest, liberation, and revolution

Single papers should include a 300-word abstract and a one-page CV of the presenter. Full-panel proposals will be accepted. All submissions should be sent in Word format via email to the committee using ghaconference@gmail.com.

The deadline for proposal submission is May 30, 2014. Final papers should be submitted to commentators by September 30, 2014. For more information please email the committee at ghaconference@gmail.com.