

Call for Papers

17th Annual International Graduate Student Conference on
Transatlantic History

ALTERNATE ROUTES: THE RED AND BLACK ATLANTIC

University of Texas at Arlington

Date of Conference: October 20-22, 2016

Deadline for Abstract Submissions: April 1, 2016



Keynote Speakers:

Jane Landers, *Vanderbilt University*



Jace Weaver, *University of Georgia*



The Transatlantic History Student Organization in collaboration with the Barksdale Lecture Series, the History Department, and the College of Liberal Arts of the University of Texas at Arlington are sponsoring the Seventeenth Annual International Graduate Student Conference on Transatlantic History.

Transatlantic history examines the circulation and interaction of people, goods, and ideas between and within any of the four continents surrounding the Atlantic basin between the time of the first Atlantic contacts in the 1400s and the present day. Situated primarily in the fields of both social and cultural history, its approaches are problem-oriented in scope, and highlighted by comparative and transnational frameworks.

We invite paper and panel submissions that are historical, geographical, anthropological, literary, sociological, and cartographic in nature that fall within the scope of transatlantic studies from both graduate students and young scholars. We will accept submissions for papers written in English, French, Spanish, and German.

The theme of this year's conference is the exploration of alternative genealogies of Transatlantic History, examining several alternative roots/routes of our field. We therefore invite presentations on Red and Black Atlantics, meaning inspired by Paul Gilroy's *The Black Atlantic*, Jace Weaver's more recent *Red Atlantic*, as well as the radical working-class "red" Atlantic outlined by scholars such as David Armitage and exemplified by Peter Linebaugh and Marcus Rediker's *The Many Headed Hydra*.

Topics may include but are not limited to the following:

- African Diaspora
- Connected Indigenes
- Anti-colonial movements and decolonization
- Socialism, Anarchism, and Communism
- Slavery and reparations
- Anti-slavery and abolitionism
- Transatlantic solidarity struggles
- Women's and Feminist movements
- Alternate intellectual genealogies
- Pan-Africanism
- Radical and social movement networks

We also seek to explore and further establish shared terminology, methodologies, and defining parameters as they pertain to the field of transatlantic history. This conference has become an interdisciplinary and intercontinental meeting place where such ideas can converge into a common conversation.

Therefore, we also welcome papers on:

- New World Encounters
- Atlantic Empires
- Transatlantic networks
- Making of nation-states
- Transnational spaces
- Transatlantic migrations
- Diaspora studies
- Collective memory
- Identity construction
- Transatlantic cuisine and consumption
- Intercultural transfer and transfer studies
- Transnational families
- Teaching transnational history

Selected participants' papers will be considered for publication in *Traversea*, the peer-reviewed, online, open-access journal in transatlantic history operated by doctoral students as a joint project between THSO and the doctoral program in transatlantic history at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Submission of individual paper abstracts should be approximately three hundred words in length and should be accompanied by an abbreviated, maximum one-page, curriculum vita. Panel proposals (3-4 people) should include titles and abstracts of panel as a whole as well as each individual paper. Deadline for submission is April 1, 2016. We will notify authors of accepted papers by April 15, 2016.

A competitive stipend/scholarship is available to assist eligible international presenters with travel expenses. Winners will be determined by the conference committee. The Conference Organizing Committee is composed of Lydia Towns, Jacob Jones, Gina Bennett, Jacque Tinkler, Robert Caldwell, Stacy Swiney, and Austin Loignon.

Please direct submissions and questions to Lydia Towns. lydia.towns@mavs.uta.edu

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