



Northern Illinois University
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11th Annual Conference
November 9th, 2018
“The Borderlands of History”



Above: East Lagoon, Holmes Student Center, and Altgeld Hall, Northern Illinois University. Dekalb, IL



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CALL FOR PAPERS

The History Graduate Student Association of Northern Illinois University will be holding its 11th annual conference on Friday November 9th, 2018 in Dekalb, Illinois. The mission of the NIU HGSA Conference is to provide history graduate students across the country with an open, welcoming, and intellectually stimulating environment to present and discuss their work with peers.

The theme of this year's conference is "The Borderlands of History," with a keynote lecture from Professor Susan Lee Johnson of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Within the historical field and outside the normal "boundaries" of academia, Professor Johnson's work exemplifies the far reaching ability of historians to engage with public social, political, and intellectual questions. Her book, *Roaring Camp: The Social World of the California Gold Rush* (W.W. Norton, 2000) has been the recipient of both the Bancroft Prize and the W. Turrentine Jackson Prize. A historian of the North American West, Professor Johnson incorporates questions of power, gender, place, ethnicity, memory and emotion into her teaching and research. Outside of Wisconsin's History department, Professor Johnson is also a faculty affiliate of Wisconsin's Chican@ and Latin@ Studies Program and Gender and Women's Studies Program.

Graduate students (M.A. and Ph.D.) from any field of historical study are invited to submit individual proposals or panel proposals of 2-3 presenters. Our theme is intended to elicit a broad array of historical scholarship. To that end, submissions on any historical topic from any history related field are welcomed.

Please send abstracts (not to exceed 300 words in .doc or .pdf form) to niuhistorygsa@gmail.com by **October 5th, 2018**.

Abstracts should include the name of the submitter, institutional affiliation(s), a brief biographical statement indicating academic status, and a return address, current email, and other pertinent contact information. Panel proposals are encouraged. They should include the same information, as well as a brief description of the panel. Presentations should run between 15-20 minutes. Note that all submissions will be accepted as the conference schedule permits.

Any and all inquiries can be made to this year's conference organizer, Alex Craver, at niuhistorygsa@gmail.com