

16th Annual Graduate History Association Conference, March 27-28 History Unbounded: Rethinking Binaries, Borders, and other Boundaries

The Graduate History Association of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst invites proposals for its annual interdisciplinary conference. This year's conference is entitled "**History Unbounded: Rethinking Binaries, Borders, and other Boundaries**" and will take place on our campus in Amherst, Massachusetts on March 27-28, 2020.

Binaries, borders, and boundaries shaped historical scholarship and continue to inform the present. In recent decades, scholars have investigated these demarcations, complicating their accuracy and reassessing their validity for understanding people, places, and politics in the past. Thus, this conference looks to bring graduate students together to consider the many binaries, borders, and boundaries that influence research. We encourage conference participants to think expansively about what constitutes a binary, border, or boundary in their proposals. What are the methodological or professional boundaries of our fields and how does our scholarship straddle or make such boundaries porous? What are the origins of these various binaries and borders? How have they been challenged or maintained by various historical actors? What analytical utility, if any, do they serve for historical scholarship?

We welcome proposals in a variety of fields such as labor and working-class history, social history, social movement history, transnational history, women and gender history, history of sex and sexuality, political history, economic history, and public history.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Borders and Borderlands
- Citizenship, Nationality, and the Nation-state
- Gender, Sex, and Sexuality
- Race and Ethnicity
- Transnationalism
- Capitalism and (Un)free Labor
- Human-Nonhuman Relationships
- Colonialism and Imperialism
- Movement, Migration, and Diasporas

Paper abstracts will be accepted until **January 17, 2020**. Proposals should be between **200-300 words**. Submissions should include: paper title, abstract, and a CV, resume, or brief bio. Audio/Visual equipment will be provided. Accepted applicants will be notified by **February 14, 2020**. We will be awarding a number of prizes, if you wish to be considered, please submit your paper by **February 28, 2020**. Please email your documents in a single .pdf, .doc, or .docx format to ghapage@umass.edu.