

Call for Papers
The 113th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association
“The Past is Always Present”
August 6-8, 2020
Portland State University, Portland, Oregon

The 2020 Program Committee invites proposals for panels, roundtables, and individual papers on any subject, but particularly welcomes proposals that address the conference theme: ***The Past is Always Present***. 2020 plausibly stands as a year of historically resonant events, locally, nationally, and globally. Today, as debates regarding truth and authenticity churn at dinner tables, in classrooms, and clatter through the echo chambers of news and social media, historical understanding and analysis is more important than ever to navigating conflicts over immigration, equality, racial justice, democratic institutions, and war and peace. The 2020 PCB-AHA conference encourages participants to think about and discuss how historical knowledge and interpretation—of the distant as well as immediate past—advances professional scholarship and simultaneously shapes public understanding of the world. In the same vein, the program committee encourages participants to explore the trajectory of change and challenge within the profession of history—the imperative of diversity, broadening career paths, obligations and responsibilities of teachers and mentors, and emerging historiographical themes.

The Program Committee encourages proposals that enable conversations across specialist boundaries and engage the audience. We welcome submissions from graduate students, adjunct faculty, non-traditional scholars, and K-12 teachers. Anniversaries may provide inspiration for panels and roundtables: For example, the Missouri Compromise (1820); enactment of Nineteenth Amendment and Woman Suffrage (1920); end of World War II, liberation of the Nazi death camps, atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, U.N Charter, and closing of Japanese Internment Camps in the U.S. (1945); the Voting Rights and Immigration and Naturalization Acts of 1965; and *Bush v. Gore* (2000).

To make inquiries about the conference, please email PCB-AHA executive director Michael Green at michael.green@unlv.edu. Information on submitting proposals, connecting with prospective panelists, and finding out more details about the annual meeting (e.g., the venue, registration, lodging) will be available in the fall of 2019. In the meantime, please visit www.pcb-aha.org for updates.

Panel Proposals must include a contact person; a title and 250-word abstract of the panel or roundtable; the title and brief description (100 words) of each presentation; a one-page C.V. (including each participant’s email address and affiliation); and any AV requests. The Program Committee also welcomes individual paper submissions. Please include title, 250 word abstract, one-page C.V., affiliation, and contact information.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS: DECEMBER 31, 2019

Decisions regarding acceptance will be conveyed no later than March 1, 2020. Please note that submission of a proposal constitutes a commitment to attend the conference if the proposal is accepted. Graduate student presenters will receive information about travel subventions upon acceptance.