



Haitian Studies Association
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CALL FOR PAPER PROPOSALS

26TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Migration, Crossing Boundaries, Paths Forward

November 6-8, 2014

University of Notre Dame

South Bend, Indiana

Haitian Studies Association 2014 Call for Papers

Haitians living abroad for twenty, even thirty years continue to cherish and ‘perform’ Haiti. This remarkable fact must be understood in the context of the natural disasters, dysfunctional governments, and deleterious international pressures that have led too often to massive exodus. We endeavor to understand not only the root causes of Haitian migration but also the complexities of dual identity, nationality, and citizenship at home and abroad.

This 26th annual conference—*Migration, Crossing Boundaries, Paths Forward*—will highlight the centrality of migration and border crossing. It will explore the impact of distances and tensions in shaping the lives of Haitians across continents. We will also reflect on the relationship of Haitian immigrant communities with the home country as well as notions of diasporic consciousness and identity during waves of migration to diverse geographical locations. Haiti’s role in the history of the African Diaspora, and the impact that Haitian immigrant communities have had on immigration policies, race relations, and transnational studies in general, will be highlighted. We will further examine how Haitian immigrant communities have negotiated power and resources in foreign lands and taken advantage of educational and economic opportunities while maintaining strong ties and allegiance to Haiti.

This 26th annual conference is seeking proposals that explore the realities and experiences of Haitian immigrants living abroad, of populations in constant flux, as people move back and forth between geographies and call different spaces home at different points in their lives. The terms *Migration*, *Crossing Boundaries*, and *Paths Forward* conjure tangible realities, yet all three terms are open to multiple interpretations. Proposals should explore the realities of immigrant families who succeed in finding bright futures but also examine conditions that continue to deteriorate in urban settings for immigrant populations of color. Additionally, post-earthquake, a number of Haitians of the Diaspora have returned home. What have been their experiences, and their reception, in repatriating to their nation?

We welcome discussions that emphasize interdisciplinary collaboration across science, social sciences and humanities with the goal of exploring best practices and models for understanding, supporting, empowering and accompanying Haitians in their endeavors to thrive. In light of the multidisciplinary nature of the theme, we encourage proposals from a variety of fields including—but not limited to—history, politics, sociology, geography, religion, art history, post-colonial studies, comparative literature, linguistics, music, education, digital humanities, new media, performance, and cultural studies.

The program will also consist of panels, papers, posters, videos, exhibits, readings, discussion groups, and listening sessions on projects in Haiti in the areas of housing, education and health. Our goal is to cross the disciplinary, social, and sectorial boundaries that have prevented positive collaborations with Haitians on their paths forward.

Selected papers from the conference will appear in the *Journal of Haitian Studies* (JOHS), a refereed academic publication of the Haitian Studies Association, approximately one year following the conference. Guidelines for general participation in the conference and a proposal submission form are attached. The deadline for proposals is **May 1st, 2014**.



GUIDELINES FOR GENERAL PARTICIPATION

General Submission Requirements

1. **Proposal Cover Sheet:** If you are submitting a panel, roundtable, dual presentation, paper, poster, video, exhibit, reading, discussion group, and listening session please submit a proposal form for each individual participant. Where there is more than one participant, it is the responsibility of the Chair/Discussant to submit all proposal forms together in one packet, with the items below, to ensure anonymity in the review process.
2. For individual proposals, panels, and all other formats, please submit one 500-word overview or summary on a separate sheet of paper with no name or other contact information on it. Your overview will be matched to your form(s) with a number and submitted for blind review. The overview should include:
 - Title of paper or papers
 - Program format
 - Purpose, goals, and objectives
 - Methodology, conclusions, and/or questions raised
 - (Delete because this is redundant with “Program format”)
3. One Abstract per proposal (all formats): 50-words to appear in the program

If submitting a panel proposal, you must include a title for each paper within that panel on the proposal form and in the overview. Panels should include no more than 3 papers and a chair/discussant who must be identified on the proposal form. Roundtable proposals should include no more than 4 participants plus a chair/moderator, who must also be identified on the proposal form

Contact Information

When submitting any type of proposal, it is essential that the contact information be listed for all those designated in the proposal form. In addition, it is important to list a primary contact person for notification of acceptance or rejection of proposals for the 2014 conference. HSA will only contact the person designated as the primary contact.

Participation Limitation

HSA tries to allow as many people to participate in the conference as possible. Therefore, each participant is limited to one paper presentation. However, a participant can perform two different roles—presenting a paper and chairing a panel, or presenting a paper and participating in a roundtable discussion.

Registration

All presenters are required to register and pay to attend the conference no later than two weeks prior to the conference date. Registration will begin in the month of August. You need to be a member of HSA to present at the conference. If you are not yet a member, please join when you send your proposal.

Proposal Review and Selection Process

An anonymous review of conference proposals will be conducted by a minimum of two reviewers. Proposals will be reviewed on the basis of quality and contribution to the topic of the conference.

Notification of Decision

Decision regarding acceptance and rejection of papers/panels will be announced by July 15, 2014.

Publication in the Journal of Haitian Studies

Manuscripts from selected abstracts and presentations can be submitted for possible publication in the Journal of Haitian Studies (JOHS) at the end of the conference. All Manuscripts will be peer-reviewed and subject to an editing process prior to final acceptance. Manuscripts should not have been published elsewhere in substantially similar form with substantially similar content. For information on the JOHS, please contact Dr. Claudine Michel at (805) 893-3914, email: michel@blackstudies.ucsb.edu.

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(Please complete a separate cover sheet for each presentation and for each presenter)

TYPE OF PRESENTATION: Individual Panel Roundtable Dual Presentation Poster Session
Video Exhibit Reading Discussion group Listening Session

TITLE OF PROPOSED PROGRAM:

NAME OF PRESENTER:

TITLE:

DEGREE:

NAME OF PRIMARY PRESENTER:

NAMES OF ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS*:

Please check one: Member in good standing ____ New member ____

AFFILIATION/MAILING ADDRESS:

PHONE: work _____ home _____

FAX: work _____ home _____

EMAIL: work _____ home _____

OK to print contact information in program? ____ Yes ____ No

*** Please attach additional sheets that list the above information for ALL co-authors, presenters, chairs and discussants. Only the primary presenter will be notified of the proposal's acceptance/non-acceptance. Failure to include this information will result in its omission from the program.**

REGISTRATION: All presenters are required to register and pay to attend the conference by September 15, 2014.

FORMAT CHANGE: If your program is not accepted in your requested format, will you accept an invitation to join a panel session? Yes No

AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT REQUEST: Only one item may be requested per program. Please do not request unless needed, because there is a cost associated with each item.

<input type="checkbox"/> Overhead Projector	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 x 2 Slide Projector
<input type="checkbox"/> VCR	<input type="checkbox"/> Easel Stand/Flipchart
<input type="checkbox"/> LCD Projector	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): _____

AUDIOTAPING or VIDEOTAPING:

If your session is selected for audio taping or videotaping, do we have your permission to tape?

Yes No

ATTENDANCE RESTRICTIONS:

None Maximum # _____ Minimum # _____
 Other (explain): _____

Please note that several sessions are scheduled concurrently.

SCHEDULING CONFLICTS: If you or any of your co-presenters are submitting more than one proposal, please provide title(s) so we can avoid conflicts in scheduling:

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Please describe any special requirement, restrictions on scheduling (by day and hour), or other information not included above:

AWARENESS OF HAITIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION: Please describe where you heard about HSA:

HSA Mailing
 Listserv (please state which listserv): _____
 Attended last conference
 Word of Mouth
 Advertisement
 Other (explain): _____

Proposal must be received by May 1, 2014. Abstract and synopsis can be submitted the following ways.

By Mail:

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