

Call for Presentations

Arkansas without Barriers: Pursuing Equity in the Land of Opportunity

Arkansas Historical Association 79th Annual Conference

April 16-18, 2020

Conway, Arkansas

The Arkansas Historical Association (AHA) invites presentation proposals for its seventy-ninth annual conference, to be held in Conway, April 16-18, 2020. Located near the colonial- and territorial-era Cadron Settlement on the Arkansas River, Conway was established in the 1870s along the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad and named for one of the state's most powerful political families. By the early twentieth century, the Faulkner County seat had emerged as one of Arkansas's most important educational centers and remains home to three institutions of higher education today. The conference committee seeks presentations on a broad array of topics from all time periods that illuminate how Arkansans seeking better lives and improved communities have pushed back against barriers impeding equity, including poor health care, political inequality, economic marginalization, cultural exclusion, social injustice, and environmental degradation. Papers exploring the history of self- and collective advocacy among Arkansans with disabilities are especially encouraged. Presentations will be limited to twenty minutes. The use of audio-visual elements is encouraged.

Please send proposals of approximately 200 words to:

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Proposals should be mailed or emailed by **October 19, 2019**, and include a mailing address, phone number, and email address. Please contact the program chair with any questions. **In order to participate in the conference, all presenters must hold membership in the Arkansas Historical Association. Membership details are available on the AHA website, arkansashistoricalassociation.org.**