2017 CURRENT RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION
CALL FOR PAPERS

Why do this?

The Current Research from the Field Competition is an opportunity for professionals and students in the museum, public history and heritage fields to present their research in a session at the 2017 MPMA Conference. This Call for Papers invites proposals of 300 words maximum from students, emerging professionals, and established professionals on current research or work in progress on any matter relating to museums or heritage. Authors of three winning proposals will present their research in the *Current Research from the Field* Session.

Review Process

Submissions will be anonymously evaluated by a panel comprising representatives of MPMA-COMPT, MPMA-AAMG, KMA and others to be decided. Three proposals will be selected which, in the opinion of the panelists, will be of greatest interest to Annual Conference participants. The decision of the panelists is final. The winning authors then will develop the proposal into a paper to be presented in the Current Research from the Field session. Notification of the results will be via email by 16th July. Winners are expected to register for the conference.

Eligibility

- Current professionals in the museum and heritage fields; students and recent graduates of museum studies or related heritage, history and preservation disciplines.
- Applicants must work or study in cultural institutions that are located in the MPMA region which includes Kansas along with Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming
- For the students who attend on-line programs, they must be residents of the MPMA region.

Submission Process

Please submit proposals to Nicky Ladkin at nicky.ladkin@ttu.edu as a pdf attachment to an email. Please enter "Current Research Proposal" in the subject line. The proposal should include a title but should not include the name of the author. It should be typed double-spaced and the pages should be numbered. Deadline for submission by email only is midnight CST, Friday, June 9, 2017.

Questions?

All questions should be directed to MPMA's COMPT Chair:
Nicky Ladkin, Assistant Director Academic Engagement, Associate Director Museum Science and Heritage Management, Museum of Texas Tech University
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NB: We are asking university personnel associated with museum studies or public history programs (as well as university museum staff who offer training/internships for students interested in pursuing museum careers) to encourage students to submit proposals to this competition. Presenting in a session is a GRRRREAT experience that contributes to their professional development.

Please notify students of this opportunity and encourage them to submit paper proposals.

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MPMA's 2017 Conference is October 15 - October 19 in Denver, CO

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