

ASEH Call for Proposals – 2019 Conference in Columbus, Ohio

ASEH invites proposals for its conference that will convene April 10-13, 2019 in Columbus, Ohio. Home to a million people and the Ohio State University, Columbus has also become the retail test market of America and the headquarters of major brands in food and fashion, bringing rapid residential and economic expansion. The once empty downtown is alive with new condos, shops, restaurants, and one of the country's best craft brewery scenes. But as Columbus pursues sustainable urban growth in the twenty-first century, it confronts a toxic twentieth-century legacy of car-centric sprawling development, white flight, and near destruction of city-center neighborhoods.

Environmental history can bring perspective to the challenges that Columbus, and many other places around the world, now face. With the theme "Using Environmental History: Rewards and Risks," the program committee invites discussion on the role of environmental history in policy, business, and science. The complexity of using environmental history brings with it paradoxes, and challenges us as historians—as we consider applications of our craft and real-world consequences of the stories that we tell. How can or should environmental history contribute to current or future decision-making, or to other disciplines? What are the dangers in drawing lessons or data from the past? What are the potentials rewards and risks for the field of environmental history if it seeks to address or inform critical issues rather than writing history for history's sake?

Submission Guidelines

The Program Committee seeks submissions that contribute to the discussion on the theme of **Using Environmental History: Rewards and Risks** and welcomes teaching sessions, non-traditional formats, and sessions that encourage active audience participation. It encourages panels that include historians at different career stages and different types of institutions (academic and public) and that are diverse in gender, race, and nationality. Conference sessions are set at 90 minutes in length, including the requisite 30 minutes for discussion. We strongly prefer to receive complete session proposals, although we will endeavor to construct sessions from proposals for individual presentations. Submission proposal types include:

- **Complete Panels** (including four presenters and a session chair or three presenters, a commentator, and a session chair)
- **Roundtables** (presentations should be limited to 10 minutes per person to maximize audience participation)
- **Experimental Sessions** (this category is open, but such sessions should involve at least four participants. Sessions must still allow 30 minutes for discussion)
- **Individual Papers** (accepted papers will be placed in panels; presentations are limited to 15 minutes)
- **Individual Lightning Presentations** (each presenter gets 5 minutes and up to 10 slides)
- **Posters** (those presenting posters will be expected to participate in the poster session at the conference)

Please note that individuals can be a primary presenter in only one panel, roundtable, or other session proposal, but can also serve as chair or commentator in a second session proposal. ASEH remains committed to inclusivity with regard to race, ethnicity, gender, gender expression and identity, sexual orientation, and physical abilities both in terms of participation and topics discussed at our conferences.

Proposals may be submitted electronically beginning March 31, 2018. For more information and the link to the submission site, visit the ASEH website at aseh.net and click on "conference and workshops." **Deadline for Submissions: July 13, 2018.**