

2015 Conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

Call for Papers

The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) invites proposals for its 2015 Annual Conference, to be held June 25-27 at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View in Arlington, Virginia. Proposals must be submitted via the on-line interface by **December 1, 2014**.

SHAFR is dedicated to the study of the history of the United States in the world, broadly conceived. This includes not only diplomacy, statecraft, and strategy but also other approaches to Americans' relations with the wider world, including (but not limited to) global governance, transnational movements, religion, human rights, race, gender, trade and economics, immigration, borderlands, the environment, and empire. SHAFR welcomes those who study any time period from the colonial era to the present.

2015 Program

The 2015 meeting will include two plenaries.

Thursday's plenary, entitled "Immigration and Foreign Relations: 50 Years since the Hart-Cellar Act," will feature Maria Cristina Garcia (Cornell University), Alan Kraut (American University), and Donna Gabaccia (University of Toronto).

Friday's plenary, entitled "New Frontiers: Environmental History and Foreign Relations," will feature W. Jeffrey Bolster (University of New Hampshire), Kate Brown (UMBC), and John McNeill (Georgetown).

The **keynote address** at the Saturday luncheon will be delivered by Brian DeLay, Associate Professor of History at the University of California at Berkeley and author of the award-winning and widely acclaimed *War of a Thousand Deserts: Indian Raids and the U.S.-Mexican War*, who will speak about the history of the international arms trade.

The 2015 program will also host SHAFR's third annual **Job Search Workshop** to help prepare our graduate student members for the job market. Students will have the opportunity to receive individualized feedback on their cover letters and CV's from experienced faculty members. Those submitting proposals for the conference may indicate their interest in the [job search workshop](#) by checking a box on the online submission form. However, you do not have to be a panelist to participate. The Job Workshop is open to all current graduate students and newly minted Ph.D.'s. Priority will be given to first-time participants.

Proposals

SHAFR is committed to holding as inclusive and diverse a conference as possible, and we encourage proposals from women, minorities, and historians residing outside of the United States, as well as scholars working in other disciplines (such as political science, anthropology, or American studies).

Graduate students, international scholars, and participants who expand the diversity of SHAFR are eligible to apply for fellowships to subsidize the cost of attending the conference. Please see below and visit the Conference Online Application Gateway for the online application form. The deadline to apply for these fellowships is **December 1, 2014**.

The Program Committee especially welcomes panels that transcend conventional chronologies, challenge received categories, or otherwise offer innovative approaches and fresh thinking.

Panel sessions for the 2015 meeting will run one hour and forty-five minutes, rather than two hours as in the past. Therefore we encourage concise, dynamic presentations over longer papers, read word-for-word, or text-heavy PowerPoint displays. A complete panel usually involves three papers plus chair and commentator (with the possibility of one person fulfilling the latter two roles) or a roundtable discussion with a chair and three or four participants. The Committee is open to alternative formats, which should be described briefly in the proposal.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply as part of a panel rather than submit individual paper proposals. Since complete panels with coherent themes will be favored over single papers, those seeking to create or fill out a panel should consult the "[panelists seeking panelists](#)" link on the SHAFR 2015 Annual Meeting web page or Tweet #SHAFR2015.

Policies

All proposals and funding applications should be submitted via the Conference Online Application Gateway. Applicants requiring alternative means to submit the proposal should contact the program co-chairs via email at program-chair@shafr.org.

Proposals should list the papers in the order in which participants will present, as they will be printed in that order in the conference program and presented in that order during their session.

Each participant may serve only once in each capacity. For example, you may serve only once as a chair, once as a commentator, and once as a panelist.

AV requests, along with a brief explanation of how the equipment will be used, must be made at the time of application.

While membership in SHAFR is not required to submit panel or paper proposals, an annual membership for 2015 will be required for those who participate in the 2015 meeting. Enrollment instructions will be included with notification of accepted proposals.

SHAFR and the media occasionally record conference sessions for use in broadcast and electronic media. Presenters who do not wish for their session to be recorded may opt out when submitting a proposal to the Program Committee. An audience member who wishes to audiotape or videotape must obtain written permission of panelists. SHAFR is not responsible for unauthorized recording. SHAFR reserves the right to revoke the registration of anyone who records sessions without appropriate permissions.

For more details about the conference hotel, the “panelists seeking panelists” forum, travel funding opportunities, and the Job Workshop, please visit the [conference website](#).

We look forward to seeing you next June in Arlington!

SHAFR 2015 Program Committee

Brooke L. Blower (Boston University) and Jason Colby (University of Victoria), co-chairs

Divine Graduate Student Travel Grants

In 2015, SHAFR will offer several [Robert A. and Barbara Divine Graduate Student Travel Grants](#) to assist graduate students who present papers at the conference. The following stipulations apply: 1) no award will exceed \$300 per student; 2) priority will be given to graduate students who receive no or limited funds from their home institutions; and 3) expenses will be reimbursed by the SHAFR Business Office upon submission of receipts. The Program Committee will make the decision regarding all awards. A graduate student requesting travel funds must make a request when submitting the paper/panel proposal. Applications should consist of a concise letter from the prospective participant requesting funds and an accompanying letter from the graduate advisor confirming the unavailability of departmental funds to cover travel to the conference. These two items should be submitted via the on-line interface at the time the panel or paper proposal is submitted. Funding requests will have no bearing on the committee's decisions on panels, but funds will not be awarded unless the applicant's panel is accepted by the program committee in a separate decision. **Application deadline: December 1, 2014.**

SHAFR Global Scholars and Diversity Grants

SHAFR also offers competitive [Global Scholars and Diversity Grants](#) to help defray travel and lodging expenses for the 2015 annual meeting. The competition is aimed at scholars whose participation in the annual meeting would add to the diversity of the Society. Preference will be given to persons who have not previously presented at SHAFR annual meetings. The awards are intended for scholars who represent groups historically under-represented at SHAFR meetings, scholars who offer intellectual approaches that may be fruitful to SHAFR but are under-represented at annual meetings, and scholars from outside the United States. "Scholars" includes faculty, graduate students, and independent researchers. To further acquaint the winners with SHAFR, they will also be awarded a one-year membership in the organization, which includes subscriptions to *Diplomatic History* and *Passport*. Applicants should submit a copy of their individual paper proposal along with a short cv (2-page maximum) and a brief (2-3-paragraph) essay addressing the fellowship criteria (and including data on previous SHAFR meetings attended and funding received from SHAFR). Please submit your application via the on-line interface. Funding requests will have no bearing on the committee's decisions on panels, but funds will not be awarded unless the applicant's panel is accepted by the program committee in a separate decision. **Application deadline: December 1, 2014.**