

## **Call for Applications: 6th Annual SHEAR Second-Book Writers' Workshop**

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Type:

Workshop

Date:

July 21, 2022

Location:

United States

Subject Fields:

African American History / Studies, American History / Studies, Colonial and Post-Colonial History / Studies, Native American History / Studies, Women's & Gender History / Studies

We are opening a second round of applications for the SHEAR (Society for Historians of the Early American Republic) Second-Book Writers' Workshop to be held at SHEAR's Annual Meeting in New Orleans. We also will offer one online discussion panel for book proposals via Zoom. The workshop will run from 12:30-4:30pm on Thursday, July 21, 2022.

We invite applications for the following workshops:

1. online session for book proposals
2. in-person session for book proposals
3. in-person session for book chapters

Applications are due by May 31 and applicants will be notified of the results shortly after the deadline. To apply to participate, writers of second books should submit via e-mail to [2ndBookSHEAR@gmail.com](mailto:2ndBookSHEAR@gmail.com) a single .pdf or Word file that contains a one-page CV and a one-page document comprising a description of your second book project, the document that you would like to circulate for the workshop, if you are applying for the online-only book proposal discussion, and any other insights about topical areas or audience that you care to provide. Unfortunately, we cannot offer hybrid sessions; panels will occur entirely in person or entirely online.

Accepted participants' materials for pre-circulation will be due July 1. Please direct any questions about the workshop to [2ndBookSHEAR@gmail.com](mailto:2ndBookSHEAR@gmail.com).

About the SHEAR Second-Book Writers' Workshop:

The journey from first to second book can be a difficult one. Trying to write during the COVID-19 pandemic has been especially hard. From choosing a topic for a second book to finding the time and support to research and write, the structure that guides the writing of the dissertation and first book disappears. Many of us struggle with this transition. We search for research support at the same time as professional and personal obligations increase. For some scholars, life circumstances can make residential fellowships or long-term travel seem impossible. Yet the second book is an essential step in career advancement. In recognition of the unique challenges of this stage, SHEAR's workshop is designed to support its members at this transitional point in their scholarly careers.

The goals of the SHEAR Second-Book Writers' Workshop include both practical advice and the motivation that comes from writing for and with your peers. To accommodate the many stages of second book production, the workshop encourages flexibility in pre-circulated materials. Organized into focus groups, the workshop provides a space for discussion of chapter drafts and book proposals targeting specific kinds of presses. In addition to offering in person sessions, we will also offer an online focus group devoted to discussion of book proposal drafts.

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