The Civil War and Reconstruction Area of the Popular Culture/American Culture Association is calling for papers on the American Civil War and Reconstruction for its national meeting, April 5-8, 2023 (Wednesday through Saturday), at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter in San Antonio, Texas. Papers are welcome from a range of disciplines, and may explore any topic or “reading” of the War and its impact on American Culture.

Past presentations have included such diverse subject areas as journals and letters, literature, photography, art, newspapers and journalistic history, counterfactual history, battle reenactments, music, Civil War politics (even events leading up to the war), battle narratives, soldiers’ memoirs, guerilla warfare, film, historiographical issues, women's narratives, women in combat, women in men's roles at home, war games, secession politics, African-Americans at war, the Underground Railroad, Veterans' organizations, modern pop culture, battlefield preservation, memorials, and material culture. Suggested special topics for this year could include German immigrants to Texas and their refusal to fight for the Confederacy (the Nueces Massacre, perhaps), the Secession of Texas, military politics, the Rhetoric of Secession, and Abolitionists and war.

Acceptance of your paper obligates you to appear and make an oral presentation. Sessions run for ninety minutes, and each presenter receives fifteen minutes to present, depending on the number of papers in each panel. Please plan to stay within this time limit. Graduate students are especially welcome to submit proposals. Whole panel proposals are also welcome.

Please submit an abstract of 100-250 words online at this URL:
DEADLINE: Please submit proposals by Dec. 20, 2022

All presenters must be current, paid members of the PCA and registered for the conference. Non-presenters who attend the full conference must also pay membership fees.

To attend the National Conference, members must pay the membership fee and the registration fee. Membership fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

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