

## **CFP: Our Foremothers' Keepers: The Art & Practice of Black Women's History - Proposals Due 8/1**

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**Association of Black Women Historians Symposium**

**Our Foremothers' Keepers: The Art and Practice of Black Women's History  
December 7-8, 2018 | Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California**

Proposals/Abstracts Due: August 1

In anticipation of its Ruby Anniversary, the Association of Black Women Historians (ABWH) is pleased to invite panel and paper proposal submissions for its first national symposium **Our Foremothers' Keepers: The Art and Practice of Black Women's History**. The symposium will be held Friday and Saturday, December 7-8, 2018, on the campus of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California. In the forty years since a small group of women first met to form a professional network of Black women historians, the field of Black women's history has exploded. "Our Foremothers' Keepers" will explore the achievements and challenges that drive the field of Black women's history. It will also reflect on the future direction of research on Black Women's Studies within the United States and African Diaspora.

### **Scholarly Presentations: Panels and Roundtables**

The scholarly presentations will depart slightly from the typical conference format. Presenters will discuss their research and findings as in formal panel presentations, but they are also asked to highlight larger questions and issues around their subjects, methodological approaches, and/or sources. In addition to a standard question-and-answer period, each panel will also feature short, moderated breakout sessions among the audience members for in-depth discussion of compelling aspects of the presenters' research questions, sources, and/or methods. In alignment with our conference theme, proposals are welcome in any time period or geographical location in five main subject areas. Our subject areas are:

- Protest, Liberation, and Revolution: Chronicling Black Women's Activism
- Moving Beyond the Pleasure and Pain Binary: Engaging the Black Female Body

- Appropriations, Representations, and Black Women's Expressive Cultures
- The Challenge of the Archive
- Technology, Material Culture, and the Environment

### Special Graduate Student Session

Graduate students are invited to submit proposals to the special Saturday morning forum set aside exclusively for graduate student presentations; you do not need to choose a specific topic area. We seek proposals for innovative presentations in a wide variety of formats, including, but not limited to: SGIS presentations; art, material culture, and/or digital exhibitions; spoken word; posters; and film shorts, as well as traditional papers. Each presentation, regardless of the format, is limited to no more than TEN MINUTES. Thus, the forum will allow students to present their work in a flexible format while fostering collective conversations to facilitate further research. More important, the forum will encourage graduate students to share their work with peers and established scholars and provide an opportunity to create a professional mentoring network.

### How to Submit a Proposal

For full details, see the ABWH website ([truth.abwh.org/call-for-papers](http://truth.abwh.org/call-for-papers)). Submit your paper, panel, and/or roundtable proposal/abstract using the form at <https://tinyurl.com/ABWHProposals> by **August 1**. Please limit proposals for single papers, Grad Student Sessions, and roundtables to 250 words and full panels to 500 words. Selected participants will be contacted by August 30. All participants must be or become members of the ABWH before conference registration. (The ABWH membership year runs October 1 to September 30.) Selected presenters must confirm attendance and pay conference registration on or before October 1. The preliminary conference schedule will be announced and registration will begin in October. Due to the size of the venue, registration for the conference will be limited so you are encouraged to register early.

### Questions?

Check for updated conference details at [truth.abwh.org](http://truth.abwh.org), [ABWH's Facebook page](#), and Twitter ([@ABWHTruth](#) and [#ABWH2018](#)). If you have questions, please email the Program Committee Chair Shennette Garrett-Scott at [ABWHSymposium@gmail.com](mailto:ABWHSymposium@gmail.com). (Please do not email proposals to the email address; use the link to the form above.)

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