

## [Reminder: Proposals Due 9/1/18 for James K. Polk and His Time](#)

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The James K. Polk Project and the Department of History at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, invite paper proposals for "James K. Polk and His Time: A Conference Finale to the Polk Project," to be held at the East Tennessee Historical Society, in Knoxville, on April 12-13, 2019.

The Polk Project is dedicated to locating and publishing the letters by and to the eleventh president of the United States. In 2019 it will complete work on the fourteen-volume *Correspondence of James K. Polk* series. To celebrate this accomplishment, after six decades of work by dozens of faculty, staff, and student editors, we announce a conference on Polk and his time. By bringing together academic scholars, public historians, and community members, we hope to take stock of what we now know about the eleventh president and to assess the contributions of the project to historical study. Amy S. Greenberg will deliver a keynote address, John C. Pinheiro will chair a roundtable on Polk's impact, Brian Rose will screen his documentary on Polk, and directors of Polk house museums will discuss those historic sites.

We invite proposals for individual papers about Polk or antebellum America. We especially welcome papers that draw on the letters published in the *Correspondence of James K. Polk*. Because those cover diverse topics, ranging from war and diplomacy to race and slavery to science and invention to gender and education, papers may address a wide range of themes. We encourage college professors, graduate students, independent writers, documentary editors, librarians, and public scholars to submit proposals.

Each proposal should include the title of the paper; the name, email address, and institutional affiliation (if any) of the presenter; and an abstract of no more than 400 words. Please submit each proposal as a Microsoft Word or PDF file to project editor Michael David Cohen ([mdcohen@utk.edu](mailto:mdcohen@utk.edu)), with the subject line "Polk Conference Proposal," by September 1, 2018. Contact Dr. Cohen with any questions.

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