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Call for Papers: The 2019 Society for History in the Federal Government Annual Meeting

“Federal History as Public History”

The Society for History in the Federal Government (SHFG) will hold its annual meeting on April 25 and 26, 2019, at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Building in Washington D.C. The 2019 Annual Meeting will kick-off the Society's 40th Anniversary commemoration and is presented in collaboration with the National Council on Public History (NCPH).

Federal historians, archivists, librarians, and curators perform a variety of activities: they research and write agency histories, respond to public reference inquiries, create interpretive exhibits, produce documentary histories, and maintain historical records, to name just a few. Ultimately, all of these activities serve the purpose of making federal history more accessible and useful to the public. Thus, this year's SHFG Annual Meeting will explore the relationship between federal history and public history.

The program committee encourages a broad interpretation of the conference theme “Federal History as Public History,” and welcomes submissions that touch upon any aspect of the intersections between federal and public history. Topics may include: how federal history practitioners negotiate between internal and public audiences; historians' roles and responsibilities in making classified information available to the public; the impact of the internet, social media, and other technology on the practice and sharing of public history; innovative methods for engaging the public with federal history; the ways elected officials, federal agencies, and other government institutions have used history to promote their actions and agendas; potential sites of collaboration between federal

historians and other public historians.

The program committee invites proposals for entire panels and roundtables, as well as for individual papers. The Conference Program Committee will consider proposals for entire panels and roundtables before reviewing individual papers. Submitted proposals may also be reviewed by NCPH for inclusion in an NCPH sponsored conference session.

Panel and roundtable proposals should include a panel title and session abstract (200-300 words), brief abstracts of each presentation (200-300 words), and biographical paragraphs and contact information for each presenter. Individual paper proposals should include a brief abstract (200-300 words), a brief biographical paragraph for the presenter, and contact information. All proposals should be submitted by using this [form](#).

The SHFG Annual Meeting is open to all scholars interested in federal history, including those working outside of the federal government and Washington, D.C. area. We encourage proposals from federal historians, graduate students, public historians, archivists from varied institutions, oral historians, digital archivists, and scholars from other disciplines. We also welcome panels composed of practitioners from a variety of backgrounds and experiences.

Deadline: November 16, 2018

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