Migration/Immigration Network of the Social Science History Association
Call for Papers -- 50th Annual Meeting
Toronto, ON, Canada
October 31 - November 3, 2024
Submission Deadline: February 23, 2024

“Trust and Distrust of Historical Sources in the Digital Age”

The Social Science History Association is the leading interdisciplinary association for historical research in the United States. We welcome graduate students and recent PhDs as well as more-established scholars and leaders in the field from different disciplinary backgrounds.

In keeping with the conference theme, we especially seek panel and paper submissions wherein migration scholars make use of historical and interdisciplinary methods and theories to analyze trust and distrust in the digital age. We welcome panels that engage with questions such as:

- What are patterns of inclusion and exclusion in the documentary record?
- How can scholars reread historical sources in a way that transcends colonial narratives?
- How has historical source criticism prompted a reformulation of concepts used in research?
- How have established standard metrics constructed from historical sources shaped understandings of economic and social processes, and how could perceived omissions or biases be rectified through the development of alternative indicators?
- How can scholars ensure trust and reciprocity when studying and working with particular communities?
- The advent of big data and artificial intelligence has presented scholars with unprecedented research opportunities; what are their potential drawbacks?
- How have large genealogical databases transformed the definition of family and the practice of family history?
- What new ethical considerations have been prompted by the advent of genetic genealogy?
- How can scholars reimagine spatial systems in ways that respect alternative visions of land use and the relationship of humans with their environment?

***We encourage the submission of complete sessions as well as interdisciplinary panels. These ideally include 3-4 papers, a chair, and a commentator.***

Submit a panel or paper via Social Science History Association. Individuals who are new to the SSHA must create an account prior to using the online submission site. Please keep in mind that if your panel is accepted, every person on the panel must register for the conference.

Graduate students are eligible to apply for a Richard Sutch Graduate Student Travel Grant to help cover the cost of attendance.

Contact the Migration/Immigration Network Representatives with questions or help with submissions: Vibha Bhalla (vibhab@bgsu.edu), Paige Newhouse (panew@umich.edu), and Madeline Hsu (myh96@umd.edu)