

Call for Papers
2012 Annual Meeting of the California American Studies Association
The Claremont Colleges, California
April 20-21, 2012

The Program Committee for the 2012 Annual Meeting of the California American Studies Association invites proposals for presentations to the annual meeting, to be held Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21, hosted by the Claremont Colleges.

Proposals for individual papers, conference panels (usually 3 papers, a commentator and a chair), roundtables (4-5 participants max), field trips, and other special sessions (films, performances) are welcome. CASA has a tradition of inclusiveness in representing American studies as practiced in multiple contexts; therefore we encourage proposals that highlight American Studies pedagogy and/or public engagement in K-12 and university classrooms, community settings, and other areas.

Rather than announce a specific theme this year, the program committee invites panels and individual papers addressing all major aspects of the critical study of U.S. cultures. Submissions are not limited to papers or panels focused on California. Possible topics include—but are no means limited to—the globalization of American culture; ecological or environmental concerns; the phenomenon of crossing or transcending borders; material culture; childhood and youth studies; forms of oral or public history; academic and community-oriented collaborations; reconceptualizations of key theoretical and methodological terms in American Studies; the state of American Studies as a discipline in the context of the nation’s crisis in higher education.

Proposals should include: The organizer's name, contact information (including email), and a session title; a 250 word abstract for EACH paper or proposed contribution (and a session abstract if a panel is being proposed); and a brief (1-2 page) CV for EACH participant. These materials should be forwarded electronically or in hard copy, no later than February 1, 2012 to:

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