

THE **22nd** ANNUAL
 **BRIAN BERTOTI**
INNOVATIVE PERSPECTIVES IN HISTORY
GRADUATE CONFERENCE
March 29-30, 2019

Call for Papers

Proposals due January 21st, 2019.

The History Graduate Student Association at Virginia Tech invites proposals for papers to be presented at the 22nd Annual Brian Bertoti Innovative Perspectives in History Graduate Conference. This interdisciplinary conference will be held at Virginia Tech's Graduate Life Center in Blacksburg, VA on March 29-30, 2019. A one-page abstract and a short vita should be submitted by January 21st, 2019. Please send these to our Panels Committee at vthgsa@gmail.com.

Our conference is an opportunity to share graduate research projects in a supportive, professional environment, and a chance to network with your future colleagues. Our conference values interdisciplinary approaches to the past, and we invite proposals from historians and graduate students in related disciplines whose work represents "innovative perspectives in history." Papers on any aspect of history, time period, or world region are welcome.

Brian Bertoti Award

Each year, HGSA acknowledges the best paper presented at the conference with the Brian Bertoti Award for Outstanding Historical Scholarship. To be considered for this award, participants must also submit their paper at presentation length (roughly 10 pages) to the Panels Committee by January 21st, 2019. The paper selected for the best paper prize will represent exemplary scholarship, innovative methods, and unique perspectives in the historical discipline.

Conference Speakers

Malinda Maynor Lowery, Director of the Center for the Study of the American South at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, will present our keynote address on Friday, March 29. Dr. Lowery is an associate professor of history at UNC, where she focuses on political and social history, especially from non-traditional viewpoints, and studies wide-ranging topics, including historical geography, identity, documentary film and oral history, and Native American history. She received her AB in history and literature from Harvard in 1995, an MA in documentary film production in 1997 from Stanford and another in history in 2002 from UNC-Chapel Hill, and her PhD in history from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2005. Dr. Lowery's work has been published widely in

journals such as *American Indian Quarterly*, as well as in books, including her own *Lumbee Indians in the Jim Crow South: Race, Identity, and the Making of a Nation* (UNC Press, 2010), and numerous documentary films and series. Her most recent book *The Lumbee Indians: An American Struggle*, was released by UNC Press on September 10, 2018.

Michael R. Fischbach, professor of modern Middle Eastern history at Randolph-Macon College, will deliver the luncheon address on Saturday, March 30. Dr. Fishbach completed his BA in history at Northwestern University in 1980, his MA in Arab Studies at Georgetown University in 1986, and his PhD in history at Georgetown in 1992. He serves as a consultant or expert witness in projects with the United Nations Development Programme, Library of Congress, Institute for Palestine Studies, Adam Smith Institute, Rabbis for Human Rights, Haqal, and many other organizations. Dr. Fischbach has authored several books, including *State, Society, and Land in Jordan* (Brill, 2000), *Jewish Property Claims Against Arab Countries* (Columbia University Press, 2008) for which he won Second Prize of the British-Kuwait Friendship Society Book Prize for Middle Eastern Studies, and *Records of Dispossession: Palestinian Refugee Property and the Arab-Israeli Conflict* (Columbia University Press, 2003), which was also translated into Arabic (Philadelphia University, 2010). He has also written many articles and been involved in writing and editing encyclopedias such as *Encyclopedia of the Palestinians*, 3rd edition, which he co-edited with Philip Mattar. His forthcoming book *Black Power and Palestine: Transnational Countries of Color* will be published by Stanford University Press in 2018.

For more information about the conference, speakers, or schedule please visit the conference website at

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