

American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

Session Proposals for the
44th Annual Meeting
Cleveland, OH April 2-7, 2013

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DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS: MAY 1, 2012

Proposed Title: _____

Organizer's Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: () _____

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E-mail: _____

Brief description of nature, intent, format , etc. of seminar:

Standard Format _____

Innovative Format _____

Anticipated Audio Visual Requirements: _____

Please see reverse for general information on seminars.

Excerpts from the ASECS *Handbook on the Annual Meeting*

II. Guidelines for the Committee on the Annual Meeting

- B. The Committee in response to petitions from the membership may create smaller sessions, called seminars.
- C. Any member, ad hoc group of members, or committee representing a given discipline may propose a seminar to the Committee on the Annual Meeting. In addition to providing the name of the seminar chair and identifying the topic, the framers of such proposals should explain the format of the session, how the papers will be selected, and how the session addresses the interdisciplinary aims of the Society.
- G. All decisions of the Committee with respect to proposals from the membership are final.
- H. Proposals for seminars must be sent to the chair of the Committee on the Annual Meeting each year by May 1. The Committee on the Annual Meeting will select the seminars to be presented at the Annual Meeting by June 1.

III. The Conduct and Procedures of Seminars

- A. The proposer or proposers of a seminar shall be members of the Society, and the person designated as chair of the session, if different from the proposer, shall also be a member of the Society. **Participants on the program of a seminar must be ASECS members by December 1.**
- B. All participants must register for the Annual Meeting.
- C. The aim of session organizers should be a coherent program rich in cross cutting debates and audience participation. ASECS envisions a variety of formats for the conduct of individual meetings, e.g. forums on interdisciplinarity or on disciplinary or pedagogical issues, reviews of changing fields and timely topics, presentations of work in progress, debates, discussions of major books that changed the field, panels of scholars from a broad, round table discussions, performances of dramatic scenes with discussion, conversations with authors, mini-exhibits with commentary and discussion, sessions arranged to take advantage of the meeting site's architecture and local resources or the meeting's exhibits and performances, and sessions devoted to discussions of contemporary media (film, exhibitions, theatre) that present the eighteenth century.
- D. **No person may present more than one paper at a single annual meeting. However, in addition to presenting a paper, a person may also serve as a session chair, a respondent, or a panel discussant. It is not permitted for a session chair to present a paper in his or her own session.**
- E. No person may propose papers to more than two sessions, and in all cases of double submission, the submitter must inform both session chairs. If a submitter does not inform both session chairs, they will have the right to decide between themselves in which session a paper will be presented or if both papers will be excluded entirely.
- F. The standard format for a session is three speakers and a chair; other formats are encouraged and welcomed.
- G. If a seminar is composed of papers, no more than one-third may be solicited by the proposer until the membership at large has had an opportunity to submit abstracts or papers. Pre-circulation of papers, at least among panelists, is highly desirable.

IV. Publication of Papers Delivered at the Society's Annual Meeting

- A. One of the Society's major publications, the annual *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture*, exists primarily to publish the most outstanding or otherwise distinguished papers read at the Society's Annual Meetings, as well as at annual meetings of its affiliates.