



MONTANA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Call for Conference Proposals

The Montana Historical Society invites session proposals for ***Central to History: the 51st annual Montana History Conference***. The conference will be held September 26–28 at The Heritage Inn in Great Falls.

We welcome proposals on topics relating to Great Falls or Central Montana history and will give special consideration to sessions focusing on regional **women's history, ethnic communities, industrial history, historic preservation, archaeology, and Indigenous history**.

Our conference is primarily comprised of three concurrent sessions that last a total of 1 hour and 15 minutes each. **We seek proposals for interview, panel, and roundtable discussions, as well as traditional lecture sessions.**

- Lecture sessions consist of two presenters who speak for 25-30 minutes each, followed by questions. You can also propose a complete panel or we will pair you with a speaker on a related topic.
- Interview sessions feature one expert who is interviewed by a moderator with 15 minutes for audience questions.
- Panel sessions consist of three to four expert speakers who answer questions from a moderator. The session allows for 15 minutes of audience questions at the end. (Proposals should be for a complete panel.)
- Roundtable discussions consist of small groups focused on discussing ideas for solutions to a shared goal or problem. The discussion is facilitated by a knowledgeable and organized person who guides the groups with directed questions. One member of each table presents their recommendations at the end of discussion time. (Proposals should include both the topic and the moderator.)

NOTE:

- **Presentations should be accessible and interesting to a general audience.** Our audience is comprised mainly of Montana history enthusiasts, including students, retirees, professional historians, professors, authors, researchers, curators, preservationists, conservationists, and the general public. It is not an academic conference.
- The deadline for submitting proposals is **March 4, 2024**. Late proposals will be considered as space allows.
- After the March 4 deadline, the History Conference Committee will meet to evaluate the proposals and put together a comprehensive program. You will be notified in late March whether your proposal has been accepted. (Please note that we generally receive far more proposals than the schedule will accommodate).
- Although we do greatly appreciate the time and effort that a presentation at the history conference entails, we are, unfortunately, not in a position to pay for speakers' travel or lodging expenses. We do, however, provide speakers with a complimentary, full-conference registration, including all meals and events.

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