



MONTANA
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Call for Proposals

The Montana Historical Society invites session proposals for ***Building on the Past: the 50th annual Montana History Conference***. The conference will be held September 28–30 in Helena at the [Delta Hotels Helena Colonial](#).



The new Montana Heritage Center entrance at night. Rendering by Cushing Terrell, Helena.

As MTHS eagerly awaits completion of the Montana Heritage Center addition in Helena, we'll be looking back on 49 years of gathering to talk about Montana history. We welcome proposals on any topic relating to Montana history, but will give special consideration to twentieth century history, including the last fifty years, as well as sessions on:

***Indigenous history and identity *Environmental history *Montana in film and literature *Race, gender, and gender identity *Technological change *Past/present parallels *Natural resource management**

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 be for a complete roundtable.)
- Our conference is primarily comprised of three concurrent sessions that last a total of 1 hour and 15 minutes each.

NOTE:

- Our audience is comprised mainly of Montana history enthusiasts, including students, retirees, professional historians, professors, authors, researchers, curators, preservationists, conservationists, and the general public. **Sessions should be designed to be accessible and interesting to a general audience.**
- The initial deadline for submitting proposals is **March 5, 2023**. Late proposals will be considered as space allows.
- After the March 5 deadline, the History Conference Committee will meet to evaluate the proposals and put together a comprehensive program. You will be notified by March 31 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.

Visit bit.ly/2023MTHSHistoryConference to submit a proposal online

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