75th ANNUAL PLAINS ANTHROPOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

Call for Papers

The Plains Anthropological Society promotes the study of the peoples and cultures of the North American Great Plains, and encourages the exchange of ideas and information at its annual Plains Anthropological Conference. The 2017 conference will be October 4-7 in Bismarck, North Dakota. Papers, posters, and organized sessions are invited on topics related to Anthropology on the Great Plains, including cultural, linguistic, physical, and archaeological subject matter.

Presenters at the 2017 Plains Anthropological Conference need to be current members of the Plains Anthropological Society and must register for the conference prior to submission of their abstract.

Symposia

Half-day and full-day symposia highlighting an aspect of anthropology are encouraged. The deadline for symposia proposals is August 1. The deadline for symposia abstracts is August 11. Symposia with incomplete submission packages will not be accepted after the August 11 deadline. Individual papers and posters given within organized symposia must adhere to format requirements for all papers and posters. Paper presentations are 20 minutes. Posters may be no larger than 36" by 72".

Symposia Proposals due August 1
Email to ableier@nd.gov:
- Organizer(s)
- Title
- Abstract (150-word maximum)
- Length (half-day or full-day)
- Format (paper or poster)
- Additional accommodations

Completed Symposia Packages due August 11
Symposium organizer(s) provide the following via the Abstract Submission portal:
- Symposium Organizer(s)
- Symposium Title
- Abstract (150-word maximum)
- Length (half-day or full-day)
- Format (paper or poster)
- Additional accommodations

Participating authors provide the following via the Abstract Submission portal:
- Author(s)
- Title
- Abstract (150-word maximum)
- Three key words
- Symposium Title and Organizer(s)
General Session Papers – Abstract due August 25
Authors are invited to contribute individual papers for presentation in general thematic sessions. Paper presentations are limited to 20 minutes. Individual paper authors need to submit the following information via the Abstract Submission portal by August 25:
  • Author(s) and Affiliation(s)
  • Title
  • Abstract (150-word maximum)
  • Three key words

General Session Posters – Abstract due August 25
The maximum poster size is 36" by 72". Bulletin boards will be provided by the conference. Each presenter is responsible for putting up and taking down their poster in a timely manner, and should plan to be present for their assigned session. Individual poster authors need to submit the following information via the Abstract Submission portal on or before August 25:
  • Author(s) and Affiliation(s)
  • Title
  • Abstract (150-word maximum)
  • Three key words

Student Paper Competition
Students are encouraged to submit a paper on a research topic of their choice. Check the box for the Student Paper Competition when submitting an abstract. Contact Laura Scheiber (scheiber@indiana.edu) if you have questions regarding the Student Paper Award. The winner(s) will be announced at the conference banquet.

Student Poster Competition
Students are encouraged to submit a poster on a research topic of their choice. Check the appropriate box when submitting an abstract. Contact Sarah Trabert (president@plainsanthropologicalsociety.org) if you have questions regarding the Student Poster Competition. The winner(s) will be announced at the conference banquet.

Native American Student Award
The Native American Student Award Committee of the Plains Anthropological Society announces may award one or more grants of up to $1000 each to qualifying Native American students. The Committee may evaluate and award separate grants to undergraduate and graduate students in Anthropology. Grant funds are intended to help defray the costs of tuition, books, room and board for the student(s). Funds will be administered by the winning student’s academic department. The successful recipient will receive a one year membership in the Plains Anthropological Society that includes receiving the peer-reviewed journal Plains Anthropologist.

General Information
Laptops will be provided for each session and symposium. Digital presentations must be compatible with Windows 7 or higher. Microsoft PowerPoint compatible projectors will be available in each room. Plan to provide your session organizer with a USB compatible flash drive to download our presentation on to a laptop. Presentations created on MAC computers need to be viewable using the Windows operating system.