Graduate Student Project Funds Application  
Entry # 4227

Requestor Information

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General Program/Event Information

Program/Event Name:  
Living History: Understanding the Past Through the Present Annual History Graduate Student Association Conference

Description of Program/Event:

“Men [sic] make their own history, but they do not make it as they please; they do not make it under self-selected circumstances, but under circumstances existing already, given and transmitted from the past. The tradition of all dead generations weighs like a nightmare on the brains of the living.”  
Karl Marx

Historians have a distinct role in shaping how historical narratives are told while also living in their own historical moment. With this unique positionality in mind, the aim of this year’s HGSA conference is to connect historical inquiries to the present and also consider the role our personal perspective plays in influencing our work.

We are, it is often been claimed over the past year, living through exceptional, or indeed historic times. The political climate in the United States, as well as developments in other parts of the globe, have called into question many assumptions about the nature of the institutions that govern our lives, along with the very nature of truth and individual subjectivity. In an era of ‘fake news’, ‘alternative facts’ and similar contestations of the perception of external events, what ethical responsibilities do we have, and how should we articulate them? How should we - as members of a discipline long concerned with issues of evidence, factuality and representation - respond to the political climate of the present moment? To what extent should we engage with the polemics of contemporary doubt and discord in our historical scholarship?

With our present personal and global circumstances in mind, we invite papers that reflect upon the interconnections between the personal, the political, and the methodological. We encourage papers from graduate students that ask how the past remains contested, negotiated, reshaped, and interpreted in historical scholarship. This year’s theme asks participants to engage in a conversation about the importance of the self in historical methodology, about the
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various methods and forms that historical writing can take, and about making connections to current debates. The broad scope of this conference is intended to bring together scholarship about various time periods, regions, and themes.

**Location of Program/Event:**

Humanities Gateway 1030

**Date of Program/Event:**

04/20/2018

**Start Time of Program/Event:**

09:00 am

**Expected Attendance**

**Number of UCI Graduate Students Expected to Attend:**

50

**Number of UCI Undergraduate Students Expected to Attend:**

20

**Number of UCI Admin/Faculty/Staff Expected to Attend:**

25

**Number of Other People Expected to Attend:**

20

**How are you predicting the attendance numbers listed above?**

Attendance from past HGSA conferences.

**Planned Methods of Advertisement:**

Department email lists, announcements in classes, flyers, H-net Humanities network, Facebook event, grad weekly, emails to off-campus history departments.

**Request and Budget**

**Amount of funding requested from AGS Project Fund:**

$500

**How much do you expect the event to cost in total?**
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$2900

Are you receiving other funding for this event?

Yes

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Itemized Budget for Program/Event

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Has your organization received AGS Projects Funding in the past?

Yes

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