

Announcement

The “Call for Papers” for the 53rd Annual Meeting of Cheiron, the International Society for the History of the Behavioral and Social Sciences appears below. We hope that you consider sharing your research and developing ideas by submitting papers for presentation, arranging thematic sessions or roundtable discussions, and attending the meetings, which will be held using a “virtual format” on June 15 – 17, 2021.

We know, of course, that many if not most of us, having to “attend” dozens of virtual classroom and committee meetings these past many months, are “Zoomed-out” by now. But sitting in front of a computer screen strictly for the purpose of hearing what our colleagues-at-a-distance are up to – rather than lecturing students or listening to Deans – and engaging in the give-and-take of discussions – is an altogether different matter and we intend to incorporate some of the “best practices” that have developed during this past year that will both encourage and facilitate – though of course not duplicate – interactions that are typical in face-to-face meetings (which, of course, is a major reason why we attend!).

Toward that end, we intend to do the following:

1. To combat computer fatigue, bleary eyes, stiff backs, full bladders, and empty stomachs, each paper session will run only sixty-minutes with two presentations, each to be followed with fifteen-to-twenty minutes of discussion. We will also have a thirty-minute break between sessions and open up a breakout room for each presenter so that they will be available for additional discussions with members of the audience – the type that typically occur in the hallways.
2. We will also provide an opportunity for authors to submit their papers in advance. In such instances, the papers will be posted and available on the Conference webpage (password protected). After the author provides a ten-minute overview of their work, the remainder of the session will be devoted to a discussion of the work.
3. To enhance interaction, breakout rooms will also be made available concurrent with ongoing sessions, so that attendees wishing to simply “hang out and chat” with their colleagues-at-a-distance if a particular session or part thereof does not hold their interest (it happens!) can mingle in cyberspace.
4. Special one-hour sessions will be devoted to the Scarborough Lecture and the Cheiron Book Award.
5. We will actively solicit thematic sessions (or roundtables) set up by three or four authors which includes back-and-forth discussions by the panelists as they react to each other’s work – to be followed, of course, by questions from the audience. The difficulty of getting one’s colleagues-at-a-distance together due to financial and time constraints can be overcome by having them share a virtual platform at a given time.

6. Poster sessions will be devoted to “works-in-progress” so that scholars can solicit feedback at a crucial stage in their research as ideas are taking shape. Here, we hope that authors looking to sharpen their ideas – or send up trial balloons for new ideas – will gain valuable feedback that might trigger new ideas, lead them to make, if needed, course corrections, and/or help shape future projects.

7. Also, and perhaps this should have mentioned first, the registration fee is quite affordable: \$10 for members of Cheiron, \$15 for non-members, free admission to graduate and undergraduate students.

So . . . please consider participating either as a presenter, active discussant, or engaged listener this coming June 15 – 17, 2021. The deadline for submission, as indicated in the “Call for Papers” which appears below, is February 12, 2021.

CALL FOR PAPERS

53rd Annual Meeting of Cheiron: The International Society for the History of Behavioral and Social Sciences

The 2021 Annual Meeting of Cheiron will be held using a virtual format
June 15 – 17, 2021

CHEIRON invites submissions of papers, thematic symposia/panels, roundtables and posters that deal with any aspect of the history of the human, behavioral or social sciences or related historiographical and methodological issues. All submissions should conform to the guidelines listed below.

Submissions must be received by February 12, 2021, 5 pm EST

Please send your proposal electronically as an attachment in MSWord (.doc or .docx) to Co-Program chairs Larry Stern, at lstern@collin.edu and Barbara Stern, at bstern@collin.edu

Submission guidelines:

All papers and proposed sessions (thematic symposia/panels, roundtables) should focus on new and original work, i.e. the main part of the work should not have been published or presented previously at other conferences.

Since this will be a “virtual” conference using a platform such as Zoom, all presenters must have access to the internet with video and sound capabilities.

Please indicate the submission type (papers, proposed sessions (thematic symposia/panels, roundtables) or posters. Paper presentations should aim to be approximately 20 minutes in length, to be followed by 10 minutes of discussion. Presenters also have the option to upload their paper (as a video, audio, Powerpoint, written paper) to a secure conference website prior to the session so that attendees can be better prepared to engage in the ensuing discussion. In this

case, the presenter will provide a brief five-to-ten-minute summary of the work, with the remaining twenty-to-twenty-five minutes set aside for discussion.

To facilitate the peer review and planning process, please provide a separate page that includes: a) title; b) author's name and affiliation; c) author's email address; and d) audio/visual needs. In all types of proposals, names of authors/presenters should not be indicated anywhere but on the separate cover page for the submission.

Papers: Authors should submit a 700-800 word abstract plus a short bibliography that includes the major sources that inform their work. Reminder: Completed papers should aim to be approximately 20 minutes in length.

Thematic Symposia/Panel or roundtable: The organizer should submit send a 500-600 word description and rationale of the event (plus short bibliography) and a list of the names and affiliations of the participants. Participants should submit a 500-750 word abstract plus a short bibliography that includes the major sources that inform their work.

Notification of acceptance: Notifications will be sent by mid-March 2021.

Young Scholar Award:

Since 2008, Cheiron has awarded a prize for the best paper or symposium presentation by a young scholar. To be eligible for consideration, the young scholar must be the sole or first author on the paper and must be responsible for the bulk of the work of the paper. The young scholar must be a student currently or must have completed doctoral work not more than 5 years prior to the meeting.

About three weeks after the meeting, applicants for this award will submit a copy of the presented paper (rather than the abstract); it may include further, minor changes. Submissions go to the Cheiron Executive Officer, who sets the exact deadline, and the entries will be judged by members of the Program Committee and the Review Committee. The winner will receive a certificate from Cheiron and will be asked to submit the paper to the *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* within a reasonable period of time. The Award winner may ask Cheiron for assistance in preparing the paper for submission to JHBS. If the paper is accepted by JHBS for publication, the winner will receive a \$500 honorarium from the publisher, Wiley-Blackwell, in recognition of the Cheiron Young Scholar Award. Please note that the award committee may choose not to grant an award in any given year and that the honorarium depends on publication in JHBS, in addition to winning the Award.

For more information:

For updates on the conference, please consult Cheiron's website at:
www.bcp.psych.ualberta.ca/~mike/Cheiron.

For questions concerning the program, contact either of the Co- Program Chairs: Larry Stern: lstern@collin.edu or Barbara Stern: bstern@collin.edu

For questions concerning the Young Scholar Award or general organizational issues, please contact Larry Stern, Cheiron Executive Officer: lstern@collin.edu