

Call for Papers



Association for **Borderlands Studies**

2014 Annual Conference

April 2-5, 2014, Albuquerque, NM, USA

Hyatt Regency, Downtown, 330 Tijeras Ave NW

The Association for Borderlands Studies invites proposals for individual papers and complete panels related to the study of borders. While we welcome papers on *all* topics and areas related to border studies, the organizing theme for the 2014 annual conference will be ***Borders as Signs of the Times!*** This theme encompasses a wide range of topics and approaches, and focuses on the continuing challenges of defining what borders are and how they work nowadays. With this theme we would like to address in particular that borders and border developments are at the same time rooted in history (e.g. through identities, loyalties, conflicts and controversies) as well as essential when trying to understand the dynamics (e.g. of human mobility, flows and frictions) of the current era.

Within this overarching theme, next to the regular sessions, we aim to organize two special sessions:

- Borders in Research: ontological, epistemological and methodological issues;
- Borders and Education: teaching the border and borders that are teaching.

Papers which address one of these two topics will be considered for publication in a special issue of the Journal of Borderlands Studies.

Please include the following information in your proposal:

- *Title of presentation*
- *Name, affiliation, mailing address, telephone number and email address*
- *Other authors*
- *Abstract not to exceed 200 words (some keywords are welcome)*

Scholars willing to serve as moderators or discussants can indicate their interest in the proposal.

The deadline for proposals is December 1, 2013.

Please submit proposals to the program chair and coordinator:

Dr. Martin van der Velde (M.vanderVelde@ru.nl)

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