

The University of Alabama Graduate History Association CONFERENCE ON POWER AND STRUGGLE

The Department of History at The University of Alabama is pleased to announce its Ninth Annual Graduate Student Conference on Power and Struggle, to be held at the UA campus on September 22-23, 2017. The conference will feature a keynote banquet at the Alabama Museum of Natural History by Professor Kate Brown, a Professor of History at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Professor Brown has published widely on the subjects of environmental history and European and American history. She is the author of several acclaimed books, including *A Biography of No Place: From Ethnic Borderland to Soviet Heartland* (2004) and *Plutopia: Nuclear Families in Atomic Cities and the Great Soviet and American Plutonium Disasters* (2013). Her latest book is *Dispatches from Dystopia: Histories of Places Not Yet Forgotten* (2015). We are honored to have Dr. Brown as our keynote speaker.

Our conference encourages graduate students to submit proposals that engage the conference theme by examining power relations in all historical fields and time periods. The theme addresses new approaches of historical analysis that focus on the relationship between struggle and power, especially people who struggled to break, transform, or reclaim the boundaries constructed by those in power. The Conference seeks proposals employing innovative approaches, interdisciplinary methods, comparative perspectives, and multi-archival research bases. At the conclusion of the Conference, one presenter will earn recognition as the recipient of the Best Paper Prize. The University of Alabama's graduate history journal, the *Southern Historian*, is also sponsoring an award for the Best Paper in Southern History.

The GHA Conference seeks submissions concerning, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Power in institutions, society, and religion
- Struggle in cultural expression, social relationships, and belief systems
- Power in discourse on gender, race, and class
- Struggle against labels in nationalism, ethnicity, sub-culture, or sexual identity
- Power in traditional structures such as politics, diplomacy, imperialism, and war
- Struggle in resistance such as crime, protest, liberation, and revolution

Single papers should include a 300-word abstract and a one-page CV of the presenter. Full-panel proposals will be accepted. All submissions should be sent in Word format via email to the committee at: ghaconference@gmail.com.

The deadline for proposal submission is April 25, 2017. Final papers should be submitted to commentators by September 1, 2017. For more information please email the committee at ghaconference@gmail.com.