



CALL FOR PAPERS

ASCH 2022: “Crossings”

American Society of Church History Annual Meeting
January 6-9, 2022 || New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
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#ASCH22

All further conference details forthcoming

The theme for the 2022 American Society of Church History is captured in one word: **Crossings**. In the context of the 2022 conference, the Program Committee wants participants to consider the numerous “crossing” points in the history of Christianity: geography, race, gender, theology, belief, culture, iconography, borders, to name a few. We encourage papers from all time periods and all areas, but we are especially interested in papers and panels that address the West in the context of the Americas, Borderlands, and World Christianities.

Proposals from the following periods and categories, inter alia, are welcomed:

- 1) Early Christianity and Patristics
- 2) Medieval and Byzantine Period
- 3) Reformation and Early Modern Atlantic World
- 4) Africa and the African Diaspora
- 5) American: Colonial to 20th Century
- 6) Latinx and Latin American
- 7) World Christianities

If you submitted a proposal for the 2021 meeting, it is perfectly acceptable for you to resubmit an identical proposal for the 2022 meeting. However, you must resubmit using the process explained below.

Types of Proposal

We solicit three types of proposals for presentation: regular panels, roundtables, and individual papers. Each type is defined below.

Regular Panel: Structured presentations from three (or, rarely, four) scholars of original research papers. These papers must be no more than twenty minutes each. Moderated by a chairperson, these presentations are often commented upon by a respondent, after which there is a conversation among the panelists as well as time for audience questions.

Roundtable: Structured group discussion of a topic, question, theme, or book significant to the discipline of the history of Christianity. Such a discussion can be proposed in a variety of ways, at the discretion of the person submitting the proposal. Roundtables are limited to five participants, along with the chairperson. The aim of the roundtable is a discussion among the participants, who may present short papers (~five minutes each) to frame their further contributions. The roundtable format should reserve a substantial amount of time for interaction with the audience at the end of the formal discussion.

Individual Paper: While the Program Committee gives strong preference to regular panel and roundtable proposals, one can also propose an individual paper for presentation on the conference program. If accepted, an individual paper will be placed into a panel — usually constructed of other individual paper submissions — by the Program Committee.

To ease scheduling and foster diverse dialogue, the ASCH limits the participation of conference attendees to:

- 1 presentation of a paper
- 1 comment on a session, participation on a roundtable, or chairing of a session.

Deadlines For Proposals

Note: The ASCH deadline for proposals is ~~June 30, 2021~~ has been extended to July 31, 2021.

The Program Committee will do its best to announce the results of all submissions by the first week of September 2021.

Proposal Submission Guidelines

To submit a proposal for a full panel, roundtable, or individual paper, go to churchhistory.org/proposals.

Proposers will be required to enter basic information about their proposal, as well as submit a proposal document.

Proposal Documents

Full panel and roundtable proposal documents will consist of a single PDF or Word file containing:

1. session title
2. a description of less than 500 words outlining the topic of the session
3. a description of less than 300 words of each paper
4. name and institutional affiliation (if applicable) for each participant

Full panel and roundtable proposals should exhibit diversity (gender, ethnicity, rank, scholarly location, etc.) in their composition. **No single-gender panels will be accepted.**

Sessions are typically ninety minutes in length and allow for three or four papers, a formal response, and audience interaction. The committee reserves the right to reconfigure sessions as needed.

Individual paper proposals will consist of a single PDF or Word file containing:

1. a description of less than 300 words
2. presenter name and institutional affiliation (if applicable)

Video Projection

Panels or papers requiring video projection should provide a clear rationale for doing so, as the expense involved is considerable. While we will make every effort to accommodate requests, unfortunately the Program Committee cannot *guarantee* that projection equipment will be available for every presentation.

Membership and Registration Requirements

All session participants (except those living and working outside the United States) must hold a 2022 ASCH membership by November 15, 2021 in order to remain on the program. For information about ASCH membership, go to <http://www.churchhistory.org/membership>

All session participants must also register for the 2022 Annual Meeting by November 15, 2022 in order to remain on the program.

Submit A Proposal Now

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Additional Questions

If you have any questions related to the Call For Papers or the conference program, please contact the ASCH at asch@churchhistory.org