Dear AHA Members,

I ask that you please consider sending in a proposal for a session or paper for the 2016 SSA Conference. The process is painless and easy. The theme of this year’s conference is Native Routes, and we are especially encouraging submissions issues related to archives of indigenous people and transportation and communications. However, we want to hear about all the cool things you are doing at your institution—archival promotion and outreach, A/V and electronic records access and preservation, accessioning, processing—all the important archives stuff we do.

Please consider participating in this year’s conference by sharing with all of us the wonderful things that you are doing.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Mary Manning

SSA President

**Call for Session Proposals: 2016 Annual Meeting**

Oklahoma City May 18-21, 2016

EXTENDED DEADLINE: December 18th

The deadline for submitting session proposals for the SSA 2016 meeting in Oklahoma City has been extended until December 18, 2015. The meeting’s theme, Native Routes, lends itself to topics from all the geographic areas in our organization. Sessions dealing with transportation and communications would especially fit the theme, of course, but the title has another sense, too. While Oklahoma is well-known for its tribal population, all six states that comprise the Society of Southwest Archivists’ territory have Native American residents. The Program and Local Arrangement Committees encourage participants to propose sessions that treat the issues involved with archives of indigenous people. We hope to dedicate Saturday to sessions relating to archives of Native Americans, other ethnic minorities, and small or under-represented segments of our profession. If you have questions, contact me or one of the other Program Committee members.

The Program Committee invites submission proposals that may include, but are not limited to, the following formats:

* Traditional: A session chair and two to three speakers presenting fully prepared papers on an archival topic (15-20 minutes each), followed by a comment and discussion period. 90-minute session
* Panel Discussion: Up to five panelists with perspectives on a given topic and a chair or moderator to lead the discussion and field questions from the audience. 90-minute session.
* Boot Camp: An instructional session with up to two “drill sergeants” or instructors. 90-minute session.
* Single Paper: An individual may propose a single paper (15-20 minutes), and the Program Committee will make every effort to either add it to an existing session proposal, or develop a new session around the topic.

For each proposal, include a title, a brief abstract, and the names, institutional affiliation, and email address of each presenter. If individual papers are being presented, each should include a title and summary. Also let us know about any equipment or media support that will be needed for the session.

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Committee members are dedicated to planning a great program for the meeting in Oklahoma City and would be happy to work with you!