

## Call for Papers

9<sup>th</sup> Biennial AWSS Conference: Crossing Borders in Slavic Women's and Gender Studies  
Thursday, March 14, 2019  
Renaissance Battle House Hotel and Spa, Mobile, AL, USA

The Association for Women in Slavic Studies (AWSS) solicits paper presentations on the theme of "Crossing Borders in Slavic, East European and Eurasian Women's and Gender Studies" for its 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference to be held on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the Renaissance Battle House Hotel and Spa in Mobile, Alabama. The conference will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS), which opens Thursday evening and runs through Saturday, March 16. Participants of the AWSS Conference are encouraged to attend and participate in the SCSS conference as well (see a separate CFP in this issue for that conference) and can attend both conferences with the same registration. \*

The conference theme seeks to draw attention to the myriad ways that Slavic Women's and Gender Studies increasingly breaches national, disciplinary, and chronological boundaries. Scholars of Eastern Europe and Eurasia have long engaged in comparative work, enhanced of late with a focus on transnational and international linkages. Interdisciplinarity continues to erode methodological silos, while fresh examination of conventional periodization puts eras once cordoned off from each other into illuminating dialogue. We invite potential participants to address the notion of "crossing borders" understood in this broad literal and figurative sense.

The keynote speaker will be Tricia Starks, Associate Professor of History at the University of Arkansas. Starks's work interrogates the intersection of culture and public health in Russia and the USSR. She is the author of two books: *The Body Soviet: Hygiene, Propaganda, and the Revolution State* (University of Wisconsin, 2008) and *Smoking under the Tsars: A History of Tobacco in Imperial Russia* (Cornell University Press, 2018). A third monograph, on Soviet smoking, nears completion. She is also co-editor, with Matthew Romaniello, of two edited volumes: *Tobacco in Russian History and Culture from the Seventeenth Century to the Present* (Routledge, 2009) and *Russian History through the Senses: From 1700 to the Present* (Bloomsbury, 2016). Starks is the recipient of numerous research and teaching awards, including a three-year NIH/NLM Grant for Scholarly Works in Biomedicine and Health. The topic of her keynote is: "The Empire made Smoke and Flesh: Tobacco imagery, militarism, and gender in Late Imperial Russia."

The conference organizers welcome proposals from scholars at all stages in their careers and in any discipline of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (history, literature, linguistics, political science, sociology, anthropology, economics, gender studies, etc.). We especially encourage graduate students to participate in this conference. Proposals should consist of a:

- 250-word abstract of the paper, including the paper's title
- one-page CV, including the author's affiliation and contact information.

Proposals are due by December 15 to Paula Michaels, Associate Professor of History, Monash University ([paula.michaels@monash.edu](mailto:paula.michaels@monash.edu)).

Participants will be notified of their acceptance approximately four weeks after the proposal deadline. AWSS has limited funds to help defer the costs of attendance for graduate students (to cover registration fees and hotel accommodations). Please indicate in your proposal if you are interested in applying for graduate student funding.

\*proposals are due to SCSS on January 15. For additional information on SCSS, visit <http://www.sewanee.edu/scss/>. You can also direct questions about local arrangements to Sharon Kowalsky, Associate Professor of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce ([Sharon.Kowalsky@tamuc.edu](mailto:Sharon.Kowalsky@tamuc.edu)).