



American Art and Visual Culture Seminar

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2019-2020 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Submission Deadline: Monday, June 3, 2019

The Newberry Seminar in American Art and Visual Culture is open to those working in the art history and visual culture of the United States, from the colonial era to the present. The seminar provides a forum for presenting current research, as well as a venue that brings together a diverse community of local and regional Americanists for intellectual exchange, collegial conversation, and debate. We construe art history and visual culture in broad terms, embracing painting, sculpture, graphic art, architecture, material culture, and conceptual art as well as commercial and mass-mediated art including illustration, reportage, advertising, caricature, comic art, photography, video, film, and other visual forms. We invite papers that cross and challenge borders both within and outside the discipline that engage questions of methodology and ideology, examine exhibition and provenance history, probe the categories of race, ethnicity, class, and gender, and reflect critically on the state and outlook of the field. We also welcome topics focusing on Chicago art and design within the larger national and international contexts, such as: thematic studies on world's fairs, Chicago's Gilded Age, institutional/private/corporate display practices, urban landscapes, African-American art past and present, and self-taught artists.

The Seminar will meet 2-5 p.m. at the Newberry Library in Chicago, Illinois on select Fridays during the 2019-2020 academic year.

To submit a proposal, please visit our webform at <https://www.newberry.org/seminar-proposal-form> (the form will be open from March 22- June 3, 2019) and upload a one-page proposal, a statement explaining the relationship of the paper to your other work, and a brief CV. Applications will not be accepted via email.

If you are not at present interested in giving a paper but want to receive papers and participate in the discussion, please read our Registration Information found online.

We hope to offer travel subsidies to early career scholars (graduate students and those who have received a PhD within the last three years) from outside the Chicago whose papers are selected, but funding for this is still pending. We hope to have funds available for travel subsidies of up to \$700 for scholars residing in the US (outside Chicago) and up to \$1000 for one international scholar. We will notify scholars whose papers are accepted about the availability of these travel stipends and the procedure for applying for them in June. The Newberry is unable to provide other funds for participants.