



AMSA 2020: “Masculinities in Transition”

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado

The University of Northern Colorado recognizes that UNC occupies the land of the Ute, Cheyenne, and Arapaho peoples. Further, we acknowledge that 48 tribes have historic ties to the space that now claims the state of Colorado.

DATES: March 19-22, 2020

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: DEC 1st, 2019

The 2020 Sam Femiano Lecture in Men’s Studies to be given by Dr. Miriam Abelson

Miriam J. Abelson is Associate Professor of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Portland State University. Her research focuses on masculinities, transgender studies, LGBT youth, rural and urban studies, and intersectional approaches to race, sexuality, and gender. She has published on topics including, masculinities and violence, trans feminism, and intersectionality and gendered fear. Her book, *Men in Place: Trans Masculinity, Race, and Sexuality in America* (2019), demonstrates through a large and geographically diverse interview study with transgender men that contemporary U.S. masculinity is deeply embedded in the spaces and places men move in their everyday lives and is inseparable from race and sexuality.

Dr. William David Foster 2020 Conference Scholar-in Residence to deliver plenary address

David William Foster is a Regents Professor of Spanish and women and gender studies at Arizona State University. He has written extensively on Argentine narrative and theater, and he has held Fulbright teaching appointments in Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay. He has also served as an Inter-American Development Bank professor in Chile. Foster has held visiting appointments at Fresno State College, Vanderbilt University, University of California-Los Angeles, University of California-Riverside, and Florida International University. He has conducted six seminars for teachers under the auspices of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the most recent in Sao Paulo in summer 2013. In 2010, Foster was honored for his lifetime work on Argentine culture by the Centro de Narratoloia at a program held at the Argentine National Library. He is past president of the Latin American Jewish Studies Association.

Call for Papers: Masculinities in Transition

The 2020 AMSA conference will focus on transitions. In the context of scholarship on men and masculinities, “transition” can mean many things. We may ask how critical studies of men and masculinities are changing, how discourse around men and masculinities are changing, how men’s lives are changing, or even how AMSA itself is changing – to name only a few of the directions that “transition” may take us in. “Transition” also carries specific connotations in relationship to transgender people, Trans Studies, and Queer Studies. In hosting this meeting, we invite and embrace all of these various meanings. While we welcome proposals that address “transitions” in any relationship to men and masculinities, we especially encourage proposals that address the following themes:

- Transitions in men's lives - including, but not limited to, transitions in health, economics, politics, migration/citizenship status, and aging
- Transitions in discourse around men and/or masculinities
- Trans and queer men and masculinities
- Efforts to encourage various forms of transition - including, but not limited to, social and political movements, non-profit and NGO programming, education, and therapeutic or medical efforts.

While we strongly encourage submissions on the themes of the conference, there will also be sessions dedicated to broader topics related to the critical study of men and masculinities. Please feel free to submit abstracts that fit the broader remit of AMSA. We welcome contributions from all disciplines and traditions across the globe.

PAPERS, PANELS, POSTERS & ARTWORK

Individual paper and poster abstracts should be 250-300 words and include 4-6 clearly indicated keywords. Proposals for a full panel must include a 250-word abstract of the panel, and 150-word abstracts of all papers proposed. Abstracts must be submitted by **December 1, 2019**. Those who submit paper, poster, and panel proposals will be notified of the status of their submission by January 15, 2020. If your paper is not accepted, you may be offered the opportunity to present as a poster instead.

PRECONFERENCE AND CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

As in previous years, we welcome productive and engaging workshops that complement this year's theme or the broader themes of AMSA. In particular, we are looking to include workshops that center on professionalization that will assist students and scholars with their future careers in and outside of academia. Those proposing workshops can either apply for three-hour pre-conference workshops or one and half hour conference workshops.

Workshops might include:

- Publishing in Academia
- Writing in Academia and for other audiences
- Interdisciplinary writing and research
- Academic career development
- Alternative Academic Careers (Alt-Ac)
- Teaching and postgraduate supervision
- Grant writing and project development
- Working with communities, and community and industry partners
- Networking and collaboration
- Working with the media

Workshop abstract summaries must be 500 words, with an additional breakdown that outlines what the workshop will cover, and three bullet points that illustrate what participants will learn and takeaway from attending this workshop. Additionally, we welcome workshops that deal with the themes listed in the call for papers and posters. We ask that workshop organizers keep in mind the interdisciplinary audience of AMSA. Workshop abstract summaries and outlines must be submitted by **December 1, 2019**. Those who submit workshop proposals will be notified of the status of their submission by January 15, 2019.

Submit your proposals at <https://forms.gle/FzpT1MwTmL9iDEMK9>. There will be a call for applications for the [Loren Frankel Scholarship](#) to follow. Please consult the AMSA website for further details.

All individuals invited to present must register for the conference no later than February 15, 2020. Failure to do so will result in removal from the conference program.