

KAHL FOR PAPERS

The Mary Catherine Kahl Student History Conference

Saturday March 10th 2012

COVERSHEET for CONFERENCE PAPERS

The History Department of Towson University is proud to announce the fifth biennial conference for the presentation and discussion of student history papers, to be held in honor of Mary Catherine Kahl, former chair of the History Department. The conference gives students a forum where they can present their original historical research and discuss the work of their peers. This is an excellent opportunity for Towson students to learn how an academic conference works and to gain recognition for their work outside the classroom. Students majoring in disciplines other than history may apply as well provided their proposed paper addresses a historical theme or topic. Students pursuing interdisciplinary majors and/or minors also are encouraged to consider this opportunity.

Interested students should submit an application form (see below) by **January 15th 2012** to Dr. Alhena Gadotti and an electronic copy of the paper in a PDF format by **February 1st 2012**.

PART A: RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR PAPERS

1. Papers must be *genuinely historical* in nature.
2. Papers should be typed in a professional font (e.g. Times Roman, Arial, Calibri, etc.) and *cannot exceed 4,000 words*—not counting the words in the endnotes, bibliography, and any appendices. Authors must be able to read/present their paper comfortably in 20 minutes or less.
3. A digitized copy of all relevant documents in a PDF format must be submitted by the announced deadline of **February 1st 2012** to Dr. Alhena Gadotti [agadotti@towson.edu].
4. Papers *must have endnotes*—footnotes or scientific style notations are *not* allowed. The endnotes need to be carefully formatted according to *The Chicago Manual of Style*.
5. A formal bibliography, divided into *separate sections* for primary sources and secondary sources, must be attached to this paper. Sub-divisions within these two sections (e.g. periodical sources, newspapers) are permitted. Historiographical essays should also follow this basic two-part division in the bibliography, *unless all* the secondary sources are being treated as primary sources (and then they should be clearly labeled “Primary Sources.”)
6. There is no registration fee to present the paper at the Mary Catherine Kahl Conference. In order to have lunch at the banquet organized for the day, however, there is a \$30 fee.

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Paper Proposal & Abstract Form

(To be submitted to Dr. Alhena Gadotti by **January 15, 2012**)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY ALL PARTS BELOW:

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

YOUR STATUS: _____ UNDERGRADUATE

_____ GRADUATE

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NOTE: THIS FORM INDICATES YOUR OFFICIAL COMMITMENT TO PRESENT THE PAPER AT THE MARY CATHERINE KAHL CONFERENCE. IT ENABLES THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY TO DEVELOP AN EARLY FIRST DRAFT OF THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE FACULTY COMMENTATORS.

Paper title:

Briefly identify the central historical issue or problem that prompted your choice of topic:

Describe the contents of your paper concisely. (It is helpful if you use phrases like: "This paper focuses on; it is divided into parts; it analyzes , etc.)_____

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What is your main conclusion?

In two to four sentences, identify the kinds of sources you used for the paper. If foreign language sources were appropriate for the topic, briefly tell how you dealt with this issue.

Will you use technology in your presentation (Power Point projector, etc.)?