

Call for Papers



Association for **Borderlands Studies**

Bridges or Walls? The Case for Open Borders in the XXI Century

2017 Annual Conference

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San Francisco, California, United States

Hyatt Regency San Francisco (Embarcadero)

Since September 11, 2001 there has been a notable effort to reinstate borders in the world. In the past few years, we have observed the resurgence of physical borders that are reminiscent of the Roman Hadrian's Wall or the Great Wall of China. At the same time, ideological borders are being built at many levels and in different parts of the globe. Examples of these trends are: the emergence of strong nationalist movements in Europe, the United States, and some Asian nations; Brexit; the rise of right-wing parties in Europe and the United States; the renewed rivalry between China, Russia and the United States; and the humanitarian crises of Western Asian war refugees, and African and Central American refugees from violence and poverty. The emergence of multiple walls and the re-bordering process, going on in Europe and undermining the very idea of the European Union, is emblematic in this regard.

Such trends are totally opposite to the forces of globalization that seemed to be unstoppable at the end of last century. They also appear to be incompatible with hybrid identities, economic prosperity, and human liberty. Hence, there seems to be a case for open borders in search for greater prosperity, peace and freedom in the world today. In such a context, the Association for Borderlands Studies invites proposals for individual papers and complete panels that directly address these issues and focus on the theme for the 2017 annual conference: "***Bridges or Walls? The Case for Open Borders in the XXI Century***". Papers and panels on *all* topics and areas concerned with border studies are invited but the program committee will particularly welcome works related to the global challenge of whether we should be building bridges or walls in the present times.

Alongside regular sessions, there will be plenary sessions on the following topics:

- Brexit and the "re-bordering" process in Europe
- *Who Are We?* 2016 U.S. Presidential Elections and the Challenges to America's National Identity (Revisiting Samuel Huntington)

- New Walls and “New Nationalisms”: Experiences from All Over the World
- Borders and Refugees: Western Asia, Africa and Central America

Please include the following information in your proposal:

- Title of presentation
- Name, affiliation, mailing address, telephone number and email address
- Other authors
- Abstract not to exceed 200 words
- Panel proposals should include abstract of the panel and information of each paper and author

Scholars willing to serve as moderators or discussants should also please indicate their interest in the proposal.

The deadline for abstracts is December 1, 2016. The letter of acceptance will be sent to you by email no later than January 30, 2017. Please note that to receive the certificate of participation you must have paid the WSSA registration fee and the ABS 2017 membership.

Please submit proposals for panels and papers through the WSSA website at <http://www.wssaweb.com/sections.html> (submission system will open on Oct 1, 2016).

2017 ABS Program Advisory Committee:

Patricia Barraza (Autonomous University of Ciudad Juárez, Mexico); *Kimberly Collins* (California State University, San Bernardino, USA); *Irasema Coronado* (University of Texas at El Paso, USA); *Victor Konrad* (Carleton University, Canada); *Tony Payan* (Autonomous University of Ciudad Juárez, Mexico and Rice University, USA); *Kathleen Staudt* (University of Texas at El Paso, USA).

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Call for RISC sponsored

BEST PAPER AWARD

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This year, again, the ABS is delighted to offer a best paper award. This award is the creation of Professor Harlan Koff, President of the Consortium for Comparative Research on Regional Integration and Social Cohesion (RISC, University of Luxembourg). RISC is proud to sponsor a yearly best paper award to be presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS).

The award, selected by a committee of scholars from the ABS and the RISC Consortium, will recognize the best paper submitted by the deadline, and presented in person by at least one author and conference participant duly registered at the WSSA and ABS annual conference.

The award committee will only consider ABS original conference papers on the theme: "***Bridges or Walls? The Case for Open Borders in the XXI Century***".

The paper selected for this award will be submitted for publication in the journal *Regions & Cohesion*. The author(s) will also receive a certificate and 250 Euros.

Submissions are to be sent by **March 3, 2017** to **Dr. Francisco Lara-Valencia**, at fcolar@asu.edu.

Members of the RISC Award Committee will evaluate the paper towards the award and cash prize, yet the ABS reserves the right not to grant prizes if papers are not of adequate professional quality.

2017 ABS Best Paper Award Advisory Committee:

Christophe Sohn, Chair (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research, LISER, Luxembourg), *César Fuentes* (Colegio de la Frontera Norte, COLEF-Ciudad Juárez, Mexico), and *Adriana Dorfman* (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil).

Call for Student Participation

BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARD

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The Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS) extends a special invitation to graduate and undergraduate students who are interested in borderland issues to take part in our upcoming meeting. Towards this goal, we are happy to announce the continuation of our ***Student Paper Competition in which four*** cash awards will be offered to the best student papers presented at the conference.

- \$250 U.S. for best graduate student paper
- \$125 U.S. for second place graduate paper
- \$150 U.S. for the best undergraduate student paper, and
- \$75 U.S. for the second place undergraduate paper.

In addition to these cash awards, the first place graduate paper will be automatically considered for publication in the *Journal of Borderlands Studies* (JBS).

The specific guidelines of this paper competition are as follows:

- 1) Papers must be sole-authored by the student submitting the paper, not co-authored with a faculty advisor or other student(s).
- 2) Papers must be original work developed as a conference research paper, not a project report for funded work.
- 3) Manuscripts should be no longer than 25 pages, double-spaced with 12 point text and 1 inch margins, or approximately 6,000 words in length. Manuscripts should also comply with the guidelines for articles to be submitted to the *Journal of Borderlands Studies* (JBS); consult <http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/rjbs20#.UjdNR2QY140> for these formal guidelines.
- 4) Students must present the paper at the conference to qualify for the prizes.

Students must also be full time students and current members of the ABS at the time of the conference, although students can certainly join as part of the registration process. **We ask that students have their faculty advisor confirm their student status and level of study at the time the paper is submitted via email communication to Dr. Francisco Lara-Valencia, at fcolar@asu.edu.**

Students must submit a typed, professional quality manuscript to **Dr. Lara-Valencia** by **March 3, 2017**. Members of the Committee on Student Participation will evaluate the written document

towards the award of the cash prize, yet the ABS reserves the right not to grant prizes if papers are not of adequate professional quality. For further information, feel free to contact Dr. Lara-Valencia.

2017 ABS Best Paper Student Competition Committee:

Laurie Trautman, Chair (Western Washington University, USA), *T. Mark Montoya* (Northern Arizona University, USA), and *Naomi Chi* (Hokkaido University, Japan).