

Material Culture Across Disciplines Graduate Student Conference

Conference Date: March 8, 2019, University of Wisconsin—Madison
Proposal Submissions Deadline: December 16, 2018

The Material Culture Studies Program and the Department of Art History invite you to submit proposals and attend a free one-day interdisciplinary graduate student conference focusing on how material culture is engaged across the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

UW-Madison currently offers 154 Master's, 4 MFA, and 109 Doctoral programs, many of which interact with the study of material culture in their own distinct theoretical and methodological approaches. The goal of this conference is two-fold: 1) To share new scholarship with peers from across multiple disciplines as it relates to material culture; 2) foster a sense of academic community through shared interests in material culture methods across a wide and diverse range of disciplines and approaches.

Abstracts are due via e-mail on Sunday, December 16, 2018, and should be sent to Jared Schmidt at: jschmidt29@wisc.edu. Please include your title, 200-word abstract, your preferred name, your departmental affiliation, and contact information as a PDF. The abstract should explicitly address the ways your paper engages with material culture methods, broadly defined. Notice of acceptance will be sent Sunday, January 13, 2019.

Panels will be formed by a committee of material culture studies faculty and students at UW-Madison, each scheduled to last one hour and forty-five minutes. Each panelist should prepare to deliver presentations of no more than *twenty minutes* in length. Panels will consist of three individual presenters, permitting for approximately thirty to forty-five minutes dedicated to discussion. Organized panels are encouraged but not necessary. For individuals proposing an organized panel only one submission is required and should be submitted by the panel's chair. Please include all information listed above for each participant, as well as a 200 word abstract for the panel and title.

Please feel free to contact the conference organizers with any questions:
Jared Schmidt (jschmidt29@wisc.edu), or Dr. Ann Smart Martin (asmartin@wisc.edu).