“Calibrating Culture: Historical (Re)Readings in Film, Print, and Other Media”

June 6 - 7, 2014

Drew University

Madison, New Jersey

The graduate program in History and Culture at Drew University is pleased to announce that the Second Annual Dean Hopper New Scholars Conference is accepting submissions for paper presentations. The theme of this year’s conference is “Calibrating Culture: Historical (Re)Readings in Film, Print, and Other Media.” This multi-day conference, which will be held June 6-7, 2014, on the campus of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, will explore the intersections and interactions between media and culture throughout history. The conference aims at fostering an interdisciplinary discussion of the influence of culture on society and welcomes works from various disciplinary backgrounds, though papers with an historical dimension are encouraged. The conference will construe media broadly, and welcomes submissions which address the production, dissemination, and reception of various creative endeavors. Paper themes may include, but are not limited to:

Film, television, radio, print, books, newspapers, visual art, and photography

Culture as an ideological apparatus

Methodologies of book history, film history, visual culture, etc.

Tracing changes in audience reception over time

Issues of author and audience migration, transmigration, culture, and geography

Popular culture versus high culture

Mainstream culture versus marginalized/subculture

Media as documentation versus media as a transformative force

The conference will be accepting submissions from current graduate students and early career scholars. Both individual and panel submissions will be accepted. Panels will be small to promote an intimate and engaging discourse on media and culture. Presentation proposals should include an abstract of no more than three hundred words explaining the topic, main argument, and methodology of the project. In addition, proposals should include the presenter’s current curriculum vitae as well as any audio or visual requirements needed for the presentation. Individual papers should not exceed 20 minutes in delivery.

Paper submissions and general inquiries should be directed to: conferencesubs@drew.edu

Deadline for Submissions: February 7, 2014

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