

SOUTHERN ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY

(EXTENDED) CALL FOR SESSIONS/INDIVIDUAL ABSTRACTS

ETHNOCENTRISM IN ITS MANY GUISES

Courtyard Marriott Carrollton, Georgia
Thursday, March 23 – Saturday, March 25, 2017
Abstracts due February 15 (Second Call)



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

BORDERS AND BRIDGES: MIGRATION, ANTHROPOLOGY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Dr. Christine Kovic (Univ of Houston-Clear Lake)

Christine Kovic, Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, has conducted research in the areas of human rights for the past twenty years. She is author of *Mayan Voices for Human Rights: Displaced Catholics in Highland Chiapas* (University of Texas Press), *Women of Chiapas: Making History in Times of Struggle and Hope* (co-editor with Christine Eber, Routledge), and a series of articles and book chapters. Her current research addresses the intersection of human rights and immigration, with emphasis on Central American migrants crossing Mexico, migrant deaths at the U.S.-Mexico border, and on the organizing efforts of Latina/os in the United States.

Kovic is the recent recipient of the University of Houston President's Research Fellowship Award for her academic scholarship, a Houston Peace and Justice Center award for work to document migrant deaths in South Texas, and an earlier Rockefeller Residential Fellowship from the University of Florida for the program "Religion in the Americas."

Ethnocentrism at its most extreme is the belief that one's own beliefs and practices are superior to another's, that another group is inferior or substandard to one's own. The **2017 SAS Annual Meeting Keynote Theme** encourages us to consider the challenges of ethnocentrism *in all its many Hydra-headed guises* as it intersects with racism, sexism, xenophobia, religion, politics, education, and more.

We encourage submissions from **diverse individuals** (faculty, students, independent scholars, and the interested public) and **from all anthropological subfields** (social, cultural, and applied anthropologists, archaeologists, biological/ physical anthropologists, linguists) and others across the humanities and social sciences.

Organized Sessions – Organizers are responsible for submitting the session title and abstract (of no more than 250 words), keywords, length of session, session member names and roles. Presenters are responsible for submitting their own individual abstracts (up to 150 words), paper title, and keywords.

Individual Paper or Poster – Paper and Poster submissions should begin with paper or poster title, author's name (listed last name first in capital letters, first name) followed by affiliation. The abstract should consist of no more than 150 words.

Information regarding registration and proposal submission is available at www.southernanthro.org/annual-meeting/.

Program Co-Chairs: Dr. Marjorie Snipes (UWG), Dr. Betty Duggan (UTC, USF), and Dr. Brandon Lundy (KSU).

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