

Dear Members of the Organization of Educational Historians:

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. These are indeed quite challenging times, and we are all adjusting to a very difficult “new normal.” I write to you now to let you know how the Organization of Educational Historians will continue to allow scholars from around the globe the opportunity to share their important research—after all, we are the keepers of the stories that will be told for decades and centuries to come.

The OEH Executive Board met to consider options for our Annual Meeting—typically held in-person in October. While some professional organizations are taking a “wait and see” approach for meetings in the fall, we unanimously decided that OEH needed to be proactive and develop an innovative virtual meeting for our members. This way, you can already decide to submit a proposal, knowing you won’t have to travel to make your presentation. We are sensitive not only to the great fears many of us have about traveling at all—even if the curve does (hopefully) flatten, but university travel budgets are simply non-existent for the most part, and it is an undue burden—particularly on junior faculty and students—to ask them to meet out of town. Also, we wanted to make sure we didn’t schedule an in-person meeting, only to have to cancel, leaving participants without a conference presentation to add to their portfolios and CVs.

So, with all of this in mind, we are announcing that the OEH Annual Meeting will be virtual. It will still occur on the same days—**October 2-3, 2020**. We are in the early stages of developing the program, but we anticipate having both synchronous and asynchronous sessions—allowing for maximum flexibility and participation. The goal is to provide everyone a great venue for their work—a space to connect with each other and share ideas. We are all becoming very accustomed to meeting online, and we know that we can expect great papers and presentations at our conference! Further, the good news is that this means a reduction in overall costs to participants. With our going virtual, the costs are now as follows:

Faculty Membership (includes a paperback copy of the <i>American Educational History Journal</i> )	\$80
Faculty Conference Registration	\$40
<b>Total for Faculty</b>	<b>\$120</b>
Student Membership (includes a paperback copy of the <i>American Educational History Journal</i> )	\$40
Student Conference Registration	\$20
<b>Total for Students</b>	<b>\$60</b>

Thus, for a relatively minimal cost, you can expect a great conference experience, the chance to connect with scholars across the nation and world, and an opportunity to present your work. The deadline to submit a conference proposal has been moved to **July 1, 2020**. We hope this gives everyone a chance to get through the spring semester and think about what they want to present. We will be in touch in the coming days/weeks with ongoing updates. In the meantime, please see the attached Call for Papers. Your research is important—we would love you to share it with us. Sending prayers and good thoughts to all!

Sincerely,  
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