WESTERN HISTORY DISSERTATION WORKSHOP
For advanced Ph.D. candidates

The eleventh annual Western History Dissertation Workshop will be held Saturday, May 28, 2016, at Southern Methodist University’s satellite campus in Taos, NM.

This year’s workshop is hosted by the William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies at SMU, with co-sponsorship provided by the following centers and institutes: the Howard R. Lamar Center for the Study of Frontiers and Borders at Yale University; the Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest at the University of Washington; the Center for the Southwest at the University of New Mexico; the Autry National Center/University of California-Los Angeles Department of History; the Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West; the Research Division of the Huntington Library; the Hemispheric Institute on the Americas at the University of California-Davis; Stanford University; the Center for the American West/University of Colorado-Boulder Department of History; and the Center for Great Plains Studies/Department of History at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

We will pay travel expenses for up to five graduate students at an advanced stage in writing a dissertation exploring any topic dealing with the history and culture of the American West. Participants will have the opportunity to present a chapter (of no more than fifty pages) at the workshop and to receive feedback from other participants and from senior scholars affiliated with the sponsoring institutions.

To apply, please provide a brief statement of intent to Ruth Ann Elmore at the Clements Center for Southwest Studies at SMU (raelmore@smu.edu). We will then furnish details on how to upload your application. Full applications will require a brief cover letter, a short CV, and a dissertation prospectus/description of not more than two single-spaced pages. Please also arrange for your dissertation adviser to send a letter of recommendation to the email address above; that letter should address the significance and the status of the dissertation to date. Applications are due by March 4, and participants will be notified of their selection by April 1. Questions about the application process should be directed to Ruth Ann Elmore.

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