2019 WESTERN HISTORY DISSERTATION WORKSHOP
Proposals from advanced Ph.D. candidates due March 10, 2019.

The 13th annual Western History Dissertation Workshop will be held **May 17-19, 2019**, at The Huntington, with housing at nearby at the Athenaeum, Caltech’s faculty club. This writing workshop offers vigorous dissertation support to advanced western history PhD students in a collegial group of 10-12 leading scholars from participating institutions across the United States, listed below. Applicants who are most likely to benefit from this workshop are those who have completed a few chapters of their dissertation and who expect to defend in the 2019-2020 academic year.

Selected participants will share a chapter **(of no more than fifty pages)** at the workshop and receive feedback from other participants and from senior scholars affiliated with the sponsoring institutions.

This year’s workshop is hosted by the Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West. **We will pay travel expenses for up to five advanced graduate students** writing a dissertation exploring any topic dealing with the history and culture of the American West. The workshop is co-sponsored by 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 Museum of the American West/University of California-Los Angeles Department of History; the Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West; the Hemispheric Institute on the Americas at the University of California-Davis; Stanford University; the Center of the American West/University of Colorado Boulder Department of History; the University of Nebraska Department of History; Penn State; the University of Kansas; and the Clements Center for Southwest Studies at Southern Methodist University.

To apply, please provide a brief cover letter, a short CV, and a dissertation prospectus/description of not more than two single-spaced pages. Your cover letter should indicate which chapter of your dissertation you intend to circulate for the workshop. Send all items in a single PDF document to icw@usc.edu. Please arrange for your dissertation adviser to send a letter of recommendation via email to Bill Deverell at icw@usc.edu as well; that letter should address the significance and the status of the dissertation to date.

**Applications are due March 10**, and participants will be notified of their selection by April 10. Selected applicants must submit a complete draft of a dissertation chapter for distribution to the group by April 15.

Questions about the workshop and/or application process should be directed to Bill Deverell (deverell@usc.edu).