



SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL ARCHEOLOGY

Call for Paper Abstracts and Session Proposals 46th Annual Conference Houston, Texas, May 18-21, 2017

The Society for Industrial Archeology invites proposals for presentations and poster displays at the 46th Annual Conference on Saturday, May 20, 2017, in Houston, Texas. The conference hotel will be the Houston Marriott Medical Center and presentation sessions will be held at the hotel.

Presentations on all topics related to industrial archeology, technology, social change related to industry, and historic industrial structures and bridges are welcome. Papers about regional industries and transportation along the Texas Gulf Coast are particularly encouraged. Poster displays can be on works in progress. All presentations and poster displays should offer interpretation and synthesis of data.

Presentation Formats: Proposals may be for individual presentations 20 minutes in length, a group of three or four presentations on a common theme filling a 90-minute session, or a 90-minute panel discussion (formal moderator optional, but encouraged). SIA will provide computers, data projectors, screens, microphones, and speakers as needed in each presentation room. Posters will be on display all day Saturday with a dedicated time for poster presenters to be present at their poster for discussion.

Proposal Formats: Proposals should be submitted online at <http://www.sia-web.org/sia-46th-annual-conference/> unless special arrangements have been made. Each proposal must include:

1. The presentation **title** (you will indicate which type – single paper, session proposal, or poster – on the submission form)
2. A 300-500 word **abstract** for the paper with detailed framing, findings, and conclusions
3. **Contact information** including name, affiliation, email address, mailing address, and telephone number for each presenter
4. A brief **biographical statement** of 75-150 words for each presenter
5. The **software** (incl. version) used to create your presentation and any additional audio-visual requests beyond the standard equipment listed above.

Please be aware that facilities for presenting media formats other than Microsoft *PowerPoint* (.ppt/.pptx), OpenOffice Open Document Format Presentation (.odp), and Adobe *Acrobat* (.pdf) may not be available. In particular, please note on the form whether access to the Internet is crucial for your presentation (e.g., media embedded vs. linked to the Web).

For 90-minute themed sessions or panel discussions, the organizer should submit a title and a brief description of the theme, along with all above information together as a group as prompted on the online submission form. If any of these items is missing, the proposal cannot be considered. Note that the above word counts apply separately to each presenter in a group.

Presenters are encouraged to transform their presentations into articles for *IA: The Journal of the Society for Industrial Archeology*; No conference proceedings are published.

The deadline for proposals is February 17, 2017.

To submit your proposal and for further information, go to the online form located at

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For questions please contact **Saul Tannenbaum**, SIA Presentations Committee Chair, saul@tannenbaum.org.