Humanities Education and Research Association
Call for Papers
4-7 March 2020-The Palmer House
Chicago, Illinois

“The Humanities: Why They Matter, Why We Should Care”
The Humanities encompasses a vast story comprised of many stories. From the classics through the present day, from ancient times to the contemporary, the humanities as a discipline speaks through time, as a voice for many cultures, addressing many peoples. HERA invites research, papers, panels, and presentations embracing inclusivity in all aspects of the human conditions—including, but not limited to, race, class, gender, sexuality, age, veteran status, ability, power, ecology, sustainability. We encourage a wide and extensive representation of disciplines and interdisciplinary projects. Every field in the humanities, liberal & creative arts, and social sciences is appropriate. Our goal is to foster the sharing and expressing of the humanities as an urgently important human enterprise—helping to clarify the crucial immediacy of the humanities and why they should be encouraged, supported, and sustained.

HERA's Undergraduate Humanities Prize
A prize of $500 will be awarded to the best undergraduate conference paper that addresses race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality. Creative presentations, readings, and exhibitions are also welcomed. Undergraduate students applying for the prize, must indicate this on their submission abstract.

HERA Undergraduate Research Prize
A prize of $1,000 will be awarded to the best undergraduate conference paper (or divided among a panel of papers), sponsored by an attending professor (with a $500 prize awarded to the professor). See HERA's website for more details. Creative presentations, readings, and exhibitions are also welcomed.

Undergraduate students must apply for only one of the two undergraduate prizes.

Submissions are encouraged from educators at all levels (including undergraduate/graduate students) as well as all those with an interest in the arts and humanities. Proposals for papers, panels, or workshops (150-200 words) must be submitted through the conference submission portal on HERA's new website heraconference.com

Questions may be directed to the conference organizer, Marcia Green (mgreen@sfsu.edu)
Presentation time for individual papers is limited to 15-20 minutes.


The Palmer House has a special rate of $149 for conference attendees.