

Boston University Department of History

American Political History Institute



CALL FOR PAPERS: 9th Annual Graduate Student Conference

The Public-Private Divide in U.S. History

March 31 – April 1, 2017
Boston, MA

Keynote Speaker:
Kimberly Phillips-Fein (NYU)

The Boston University American Political History Institute (APHI) welcomes submissions for its ninth annual graduate student conference, exploring the public-private divide in U.S. history.

The conference organizers espouse a broad definition of “public-private divide” that encompasses any interactions between state and non-state actors, whether those interactions have cultural, economic, or political significance. Topics might include, but certainly are not limited to, the developmental state, changing notions of privacy and rights, interactions between church and state, culture wars, philanthropy in America and the world, neoliberalism, and many others. We encourage papers that address any time period in American history.

One outstanding submission will receive the APHI Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Prize, which includes a \$1,000 cash award. All presenters must be current graduate students. Professor Kimberly Phillips-Fein (NYU) will provide a keynote speech, and distinguished faculty will serve as commentators for each panel.

Individual paper or panel proposals should be submitted in the form of a 300-500 word abstract by Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Please include a one-page C.V. along with your proposal, and send to David Shorten at dshorten@bu.edu. Please visit the conference webpage at sites.bu.edu/aphi/grad-conference for more information