

**Call for Proposals**  
**The Boston Seminar on African American History**  
**Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Mass.**

*Deadline: October 1, 2018*

The Boston Seminar on African American History invites proposals for sessions in its Spring 2019 series. The Seminar involves discussion of pre-circulated works in progress, especially article or chapter-length papers (20-40 pages), focusing on any aspect of African American history and culture from the era of first contact through the present day. Papers comparing the American experience with developments elsewhere in the world are welcome, as are cross-disciplinary studies.

Programs will take place on the third Thursday of January, February, and April. The “Boston” in our name signals not the topics we address, but the numerous academic institutions in Boston, Cambridge, and greater New England whose students and faculty regularly gather around our seminar table. The sessions are widely announced on H-Net and in our publications and are well attended, often attracting more than two dozen participants.

Each session focuses on the discussion of a paper distributed to seminar registrants at least three weeks before the program. Authors must have their papers ready for circulation at this time. The essayist and an assigned commentator will each have an opportunity for remarks before the discussion is opened to the floor. Seminars meet for approximately 90 minutes and are followed by a light buffet supper that offers further time for networking.

We invite proposals (500 words) and CVs from interested researchers. In your proposal, please indicate when your paper can be available for distribution. Advise us of any special scheduling conditions, such as a planned trip to Boston or an extended period when you cannot make a presentation. The steering committee will consider all proposals for the available session slots, and proposers will be notified by early November.

Please submit your proposals by October 1, 2018 to Alexis Buckley, ([abuckley@masshist.org](mailto:abuckley@masshist.org)), Research Coordinator at the Massachusetts Historical Society.

For more information on the Boston Seminar on African American History series, visit the seminar’s webpage, <https://www.masshist.org/calendar/seminars/african-american-history>.