WHAT IS A BOUNDARY?

What is a boundary? A boundary is a border, a line, a division that not only separates but also gives shape and definition. Boundaries can be enabling, they can give a sense of knowing, of comfort and of identity. Staying within boundaries, however, can mean that you are unaware of possibilities that lie beyond them, potential new ways in which to be and think. Boundaries are complicated, filled with power dynamics and issues of inclusion and exclusion. Therefore, exploring the possibilities, discomforts, and ideas beyond the boundaries within which we have come to understand ourselves, our work and our ways of thinking can be exhilarating, terrifying and, for scholars, necessary.

As graduate and professional students, it is imperative that we network beyond the bounded circles and lines of thought to which we have become so accustomed, the boundaries of our disciplinary lenses, or our defined areas of geographical focus. How do those working in different disciplines see the same subject? To borrow from Jennifer Robinson (2015), how can we “think through elsewhere?” We suggest that one way is to provide spaces that are germane to the sharing and the generation of new ideas.

To this end, the Society of Graduate and Professional Students (SGPS) at Queen’s University is excited to call for graduate and professional students to present papers at the second annual Scholarship Beyond Boundaries conference happening online from March 20-21, 2021. As alluded to above, this conference aims to facilitate conversations between scholars of different disciplines through multidisciplinary and/or multi-spatial panels. By making participants aware of literature in other fields, or considering their work from different perspectives, these panel discussions have the potential to strengthen lines of inquiry and inspire new ones. As such, we are seeking presentations for our sponsored panels that avoid language that may not be understood beyond the boundaries of any specific discipline. Further, panelists who are selected will be encouraged to collaborate with their fellow panelists prior to the conference by sharing their papers and providing feedback on each other’s work.

CONFERENCE DETAILS:

Date: March 20-21, 2021
Location: Virtual
Registration Costs: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have decided to make the conference free for participants.
What’s included: Access to a two day conference including keynote speakers, panels, workshops, and awards.
Social events: Details will be released closer to the conference date.
HOW TO APPLY

If you would like to present at the SGPS Scholarship Beyond Boundaries Conference, we invite you to submit an application for one of our sponsored panels. Applications from diverse fields are encouraged in order to facilitate multidisciplinary conversations.

PANEL THEMES:

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- COVID-19: Policy for a Healthy Recovery — Sponsored by the School of Policy Studies
- Education, Gender, and Food Security — Sponsored by the Ban Righ Centre
- The Animal Turn: Beyond Species Boundaries — Sponsored by Animals in Philosophy, Politics, Law and Ethics
- Decolonizing Research and Scholarship for Social Change — Sponsored by the School of Graduate Studies
- Unpacking the *D* Word: The Power, Promise and Perils of the Term Diversity — Sponsored by Equity Services
- Tongues in Trees and Further Conversations — Sponsored by the Sonic Arts Studio and SAP Lab
- Writing Across Boundaries — Sponsored by Student Academic Success Services
- Shaping Ourselves and the World: Research, Graduate Studies and Public Transformation — Sponsored by the Faculty of Education
- Heritage, History, and Knowing the Past — Sponsored by the Kingston Historical Society
- Polarizing Views: Polar Regions and Discussions of Environmental Change — Sponsored by the ICELab
- Museal Re-imaginings for the 21st Century — Sponsored by the Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries, and Historic Sites
- Expanding Knowledge through International Connections — Sponsored by Queen’s University International Centre
- COVID-19: Impacts on Teaching, Learning, Research, and Student Wellness — Sponsored by the Office of the Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic)

PANEL FORMAT:

We strongly suggest the following format for multidisciplinary panels:
1. Panelist presentations (10-15 minutes each)
2. Discussion between panelists (15-20 minutes)
3. Audience questions (10-15 minutes)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

On the application form, you will be asked for the following:
1. Contact information
2. Which panel you are applying to
3. Abstract (250 words)
4. Brief personal bio (150 words)

Please submit all required information no later than 11:59pm on February 12, 2021. Early submission is strongly encouraged. Questions are welcomed and may be sent to scholarshipbeyondboundaries@sgps.ca.
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