The American Conversations Conference Committee invites presentation proposals from undergraduate and graduate students for our first annual student research conference at Oregon State University. The theme for this year’s conference is Citizenship and Crisis, and you are encouraged to submit proposals built on previous OSU coursework. Conference participation meets an eligibility requirement for recognition as “Research Fellow” on your final transcript.

Presentations will be 15 minutes each, and will be organized into 3-person panels lasting 1 hour. Prospective panelists are asked to submit 150-200 word abstracts in Word format, plus a list of 5 keyword tags to identify the topic(s) of your paper (e.g. area of study, research question, subject of analysis, methodology, or theoretical perspective). Proposals should include the title of your paper, your name, a short bio (<100 words), and email address. Please specify if you will need A/V support.

Deadline for submission is Saturday, March 21, 2015. Send proposals and any questions to centerforthehumanities@oregonstate.edu.

Presentation topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Nationalism; transnationalism; economic, agricultural, technological, or environmental citizenship; dissent and free speech; immigration; citizenship and education; regionalism and rurality/urbanity; indigenous perspectives; citizenship and the law

Possible research questions:

What are the obligations of citizens to the state and reciprocally, what are the obligations of the state to citizens? In the U.S.? Across the Americas?

How have particular cultural artifacts (in literature, art, film, TV, music, etc.) or artists represented, interrogated, or reimagined American citizenship and/or the complicated history of the U.S.?

How has the U.S.’s place in the world been debated?

How might American citizenship be understood in a hemispheric context?

How do notions of citizenship complicate or create racial, gender, ethnic, or species boundaries and connections?

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