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Call for Poster Session Proposals Western Museums Association 2015 Annual Meeting in San Jose, CA

Deadline for proposals: Friday, May 29, 2015

An opportunity to share ideas and projects with museum colleagues in an informal setting

Where: WMA 2015 Exhibit Hall **When:** Monday, October 26, 2015; 9:45 am – 10:30 am

Theme: Proposals should showcase how museums "Listen • Learn • Lead" in order to engage and transform communities.

Purpose:

- 1. To share with colleagues some of the most current work in our field, and engage in dialogue
- 2. To encourage emerging museum and small museum professionals to share their work
- 3. To showcase projects and research currently being undertaken in and for museums
- 4. To encourage museum professionals to seek principles that can guide efforts to improve practice

Who Can Submit a Proposal:

- 1. Graduate students and faculty in museum studies, public history, and/or related fields in the WMA region (AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, UT, WA, as well as Alberta, British Columbia, Mexico, and the Pacific Islands) who have done significant or promising work on museum-based projects or research
- 2. Emerging museum professionals with less than 5 years of experience in the museum field
- 3. Staff and consultants working in or with museums in California, the location of 2015 Annual Meeting

Presentation: Each presenter will prepare a poster, handouts, and other materials as relevant. Posters should be approximately 20x25 to 30x42 inches. WMA will provide easels to display posters. Presenters must be available to answer questions and talk about their projects/research on Monday, October 26, 2015, 9:45 am – 10:30 am. Annual Meeting attendees are invited to walk from display to display, read the posters and other materials, and interact with the presenters. Presenters must be knowledgeable about the projects/research study. If accepted, presenters will be sent guidelines for content, format and delivery of materials.

Submitting a Proposal: Download the 2015 Poster Session Proposal Form from WMA's website – <u>http://www.westmuse.org/2015-poster-rfp</u>. Submit completed forms or direct any questions to Lauren Valone, Program Coordinator, at <u>proposals@westmuse.org</u> by **Friday May 29, 2015**.

Selected presenters will be notified by July 6, 2015