



## **2023 New Jersey History & Historic Preservation Conference: Call for Sessions**

The Friends of New Jersey Heritage along with our co-hosts are pleased to present the 2023 New Jersey History and Historic Preservation Conference: FUN AND FURY to be held in June.

Help shape the New Jersey History and Historic Preservation Conference, the annual state-wide educational and networking opportunity for history and historic preservation professionals and volunteers in the fields of architecture, planning, heritage site and museum management, public history, archaeology, municipal preservation commissions, county heritage offices, developers, students, and more. Submit proposals for sessions by **Friday, November 18, 2022**.

### **Conference Proposals:**

A proposal may be submitted by an individual who is a moderator and/or speaker or by an individual who is not participating but is willing to help coordinate the session. Sessions are 75 minutes in length and typically consist of a moderator and ***no more than three speakers***, generally held in a classroom setting. The conference will offer concurrent sessions of this type. If selected, the individual who proposed the session will be responsible for confirming speakers, creating the content of the session, and ensuring that the session is appropriately implemented.

### ***New for this year: Lightning Sessions!***

In addition to standard sessions, this year's conference will introduce *Lightning Sessions*. These sessions are designed to be 10 minutes in length focusing on new or innovative ideas and topics that stimulate discussion among participants.

### ***Suggested Topics:***

This year's conference will primarily focus on heritage tourism and climate change in addition to historic site management. Proposals that emphasize diverse figures, events, and narratives are *strongly* encouraged. Suggested topics of interest are, but are not limited to:

Heritage Tourism Development: Proposals may include but are not limited to roundtable discussions of visitor experiences at historic sites and museums; how to re-interpret and expand the historical narrative at historic sites and museums; examples of organizations that are successfully increasing visitation; advocating for stronger representation of heritage resources in tourism; innovative and robust educational programs; and tips and tools for marketing heritage destinations.

Climate Change: Proposals may cover disaster planning, risk assessment, and risk management; models of innovative rehabilitation of historic sites; making historic buildings energy efficient; and case studies that demonstrate innovative techniques to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Historic Site Management: Sessions may cover non-profit board development, capacity building, and engaging members and volunteers; financial management, reporting requirements and

alternative fundraising efforts; and working with consultants and contractors on historic preservation projects. Special consideration will be given to sessions geared towards small, volunteer-run historical societies and house museums.

### **Submissions:**

Please submit session proposals online by the deadline of **Friday, November 18, 2022**. Your submission will be reviewed by the Conference Advisory Committee, and you will be notified by January 2023 as to whether your proposal has been accepted. Session proposals *must* include:

- Proposed title
- Concise description of the session. Please include in your description, session format, and target audience(s).
- A *one* paragraph bio, credentials, and headshot for the moderator and each presenter
- A/V requirements
- Contact information

The Conference Advisory Committee will only review complete proposals that have written summaries and identified speakers.

For more information, please visit: <http://ow.ly/Tk5J50L0T1A>. To submit a proposal, please visit: <http://ow.ly/Spra50L1f8J>.

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