

PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORIANS' GUILD CONFERENCE

CENTURY 21 SEATTLE WORLD'S FAIR: THE FUTURE IN 1962

DATE: MAY 11-12, 2012

Reception

May 11 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Northwest Rooms, Seattle Center

Conference

May 12 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

The Conference features presentations of papers examining the impact and importance of Seattle's 1962 World's Fair. Admission includes special luncheon lecture, the screening of the new KCTS9 documentary featuring footage from the Fair, walking tours of the Seattle Center grounds led by the Museum of History & Industry and the Seattle Architecture Foundation, docent-led tours of the new Museum of History & Industry exhibit.

The Pacific Northwest Historians' Guild has placed an open call for submissions to present at this year's conference. The Guild encourages papers which consider any and all aspects of the Fair, with a preference for new research and diverse voices. Presentations should be about 10-15 minutes long and can include photographs, video, slides or other media to support the subject. Presentations will be grouped into sessions that address particular themes of the Fair and the era. The audience will be encouraged to join in the discussion of each panel's presentations and themes.

How to submit a paper topic:

- Write a one page proposal that includes a title for your presentation (not to exceed 250 words). Application here.
- Include information about the type of presentation (paper, visual presentation, panel?).
- Tell us your audio-visual needs.
- Include a short biography of the presenter with contact information.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS : January 31, 2012

Conference planners are open to all suggestions. Here are some ideas to get your research juices flowing:

- Futurism—what is it and why did it become so important for Seattle?
- 1960's politics; how could Century 21 happen in Seattle; why did it happen here?
- The beginnings of the Space Race and its implications
- Internationalism and the presence and influence of foreign governments at the Fair
- Race and gender issues
- Food at the Fair
- Who attended the Fair
- Science, the "new frontier"; role of Boeing in the Fair; computer technology
- 1960's style and how the Fair embodied these new styles
- The Space Needle
- The Gayway and other attractions
- City planning, transformation of the site from native occupation to civic center
- Architecture, art, and design of the Fair; the role of Northwest artists at the Fair
- Legacy of the Fair: what does it all mean?
- Social history of the Sixties
- Comparisons to other worlds fairs including the Alaska Yukon Pacific Expedition

And more! All subjects related to the Fair are *fair game*.

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SAVE THE DATE AND START YOUR RESEARCH ENGINES!

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PRESENTER'S NAME _____

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PRESENTATION TITLE _____

DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION

AUDIO-VISUAL NEEDS

BIO OF PRESENTER

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