**British Association for American Studies**

**Application to Organise and Host Postgraduate Conference 2015**

BAAS invites applications to organise and host the annual BAAS Postgraduate Conference in November 2015. Applicants must be from postgraduates registered at a UK University, with the conference to be held at their home institution. Further information regarding the conference, the process of organisation, and requirements of organisers can be found on the following page.

Please complete the form below and email—with a signed endorsement from a faculty member—to Rachael Alexander at rachael.alexander@baas.ac.uk before Friday 13th February, 2015.

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| **Name(s):** |
| **Institution:** |
| **Contact Details (including email and university address):** |
| **Name of faculty member endorsing application:** |
| **Please outline why you wish to host the BAAS Postgraduate Conference at your home institution; including details of available conference facilities and possible sources of available funding to which you will apply (no more than 400 words). Please note, the BAAS Postgraduate Conference usually comprises between fifty and seventy delegates:** |

**Information on the BAAS Postgraduate Conference**

The primary aims of the BAAS Postgraduate Conference are: to facilitate a friendly environment in which postgraduate researchers in American Studies can present their work and gain constructive feedback; to provide a useful training and development opportunity for those who attend; to increase awareness of the association amongst American Studies postgraduate researchers, and to foster links between the American Studies postgraduate community. For more information on previous BAAS PG conferences, please follow the links below:

2014 – University of Sussex

Theme – Protest: Resistance and Dissent in America

http://protestinamerica.wordpress.com/

2013 – University of Nottingham

Theme – “Homeward Bound”: Nation, Belonging, and the American Home

https://amcannotts.wordpress.com/

Following a successful application, the full organising committee will have a face to face meeting (at their institution) with the Postgraduate Representative, Rachael Alexander. During this meeting, essential information regarding general organisation, deadlines, and timeframes for the completion of tasks will be discussed. In general terms it is expected that: a finalised Call for Papers will be ready for circulation by the end of June; plenary speaker(s) will be invited and confirmed by then; promotion of the conference via social media and traditional outlets will begin at the same time; the submission deadline will be mid-September; and a draft programme will be circulated at the beginning of October. More specific details will be discussed and agreed upon at the meeting.

This meeting will also provide an opportunity for the organisers to ask any questions they may have and to clearly delineate the roles of the organising committee. The organising committee will be expected to email the PG Rep with a brief report on progress on a monthly basis, and to keep the PG Rep informed of any issues which arise.

For any further information, please contact Rachael Alexander, rachael.alexander@baas.ac.uk.