

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The annual meeting of the

Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (WSECS)

February 12-13, 2016 • University of California, Riverside

Keynote address by Dr. Paula Radisich, Whittier College



We invite submissions from all disciplines for the 2016 WSECS conference focused on the theme of “Encounter(s).” We invite proposals for papers that address encounters ranging from the political to the intimate and from commerce and migration to literary and artistic productions in the long 18th century (late 17th to early 19th centuries).

Papers should be 15-20 minutes long. The program committee will cluster 3-4 individual papers to a 75-minute panel, including 15 minutes for Q&A following the last paper. Submission of proposals for pre-formed panels should follow this format. We especially welcome submissions by graduate students and independent scholars. All paper topics will be considered.

DEADLINE: October 1, 2015. Please provide a narrative proposal of 250-300 words. Include contact information, name, institutional affiliation, title of your paper, email address, and any audio/visual needs. Proposals for pre-formed panels should include the same info for each presenter, and a cover page with the panel title, topic, and statement of how the papers speak to that topic. Designate one person as the liaison with the program committee.

Send submissions to **both** Dr. Aurora Wolfgang (aurora@csusb.edu) and Dr. Linda Tomko (lindawsecs@yahoo.com).

The conference program committee members are Aurora Wolfgang, CSU San Bernardino, French; Linda Tomko, UC Riverside, Dance; Ted Ruml, CSU San Bernardino, English; George Haggerty, UC Riverside, English; and Jonathan Eacott, UC Riverside, History.

We will notify presenters of their papers' acceptance by the end of October 2015. Conference registration and WSECS membership fees are due by December 1, 2015 for those on the conference program.

The keynote address will begin Friday, February 12 at 1 PM. Panels will follow with drinks reception 7-8 PM. Saturday, February 13, panels begin at 9 AM; lunch will be hosted by WSECS. Final panels will conclude by 6 PM. Full details about the conference, accommodations, and area attractions will be published on the WSECS website: www.wsecs.org.

Illustration: Ivan Petrovich Argunov, *Portrait of Kalmyk Girl Annushka* (1767)



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