

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ETHNIC STUDIES, INC.
2009 CONFERENCE**



**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/PROPOSALS
37th Annual National Conference
April 2 – 4, 2009
Hilton Mission Valley
San Diego, California**

BORDERS AND BOUNDARIES

The National Association for Ethnic Studies invites abstracts/proposals for papers, panels, workshops, or media productions from people in all disciplines and interdisciplinary areas of the arts, business, social sciences, humanities, science and education on issues of ethnicity. How do borders of race and ethnicity define our lives? How are they part of our individual and collective thinking? How do they become internalized, politicized and turn into boundaries? In contrast, how do issues of race and ethnicity defy demarcation? How do race and ethnicity challenge the interests and power struggles implicit in shaping borders and boundaries? How do race and ethnicity affect the collapse and/or transgression of borders and boundaries?

The conference will create a lively forum for the discussion of issues related to ethnic communities, including, but not limited to the following: artificially (en)forced borders; physical and sexual borders; transracial relationships—marriage, adoption; hybrid identities; diasporas; economic boundaries; globalization; outsourcing of labor; boundless technologies; immigration; xenophobia and nationalism; citizenship; racial profiling; borderlands; national security; disaster response; human trafficking; allegiances and affiliations; policing borders and vigilante groups; borders of language and epistemologies; genre-blurring in the visual arts and literature; cross influences in music; and transnational social movements.

Two-hundred-fifty-word abstracts/proposals should be submitted by **October 15, 2008**, which relate to any aspect of the conference theme, with the participant's institutional affiliation and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address. The abstract/proposal must indicate whether the presentation is an individual paper, co-authored paper or a complete panel presentation and if a/v equipment is needed. All program participants must pay full conference registration and 2009 NAES membership dues.

**Abstracts must be submitted electronically to:
<http://www.ethnicstudies.org/conference.htm>**

Select the "Submit Abstract" link to proceed to the online submission form.

***NOTE:** A separate abstract must be submitted for each presenter (including co-authored papers, roundtable presentations and pre-arranged panels) with complete contact information. Additionally, pre-arranged panel presentations **MUST** provide a chair for their session.*

For questions about submission, please contact the National Office at naes@wwu.edu or 360-650-2349 or Program Chair, Ashton W. Welch at awelch@creighton.edu or 402-280-2657

For more information about the conference and NAES, visit <http://www.ethnicstudies.org>