



Blacks in Boston Conference CALL FOR CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Black Bostonians and the Media”
Friday, 6 April 2018

Blacks in Boston is a series of conferences conceived of by former Boston College Black Studies Director Amanda V. Houston. Held in 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1996, 2000, and 2016, these conferences have addressed subjects such as blacks in metropolitan Boston, the struggle for equal education, the relationships between Irish and black Bostonians, and the role of immigrants of African descent in the development and evolution of Boston’s black communities.

The 2018 theme is designed to encourage an examination of the media and Boston’s black communities from historical, contemporary, and prospective angles. At a time when the media as foundational sources of information are being buffeted by ideological and political assaults, new economic realities, and rapid technological change, it is important that we examine the effect of these changes on both traditional and cutting-edge forms of news delivery and the consequences for black Bostonians. Conference organizers encourage submissions on all topics relating to black Bostonians and the media, including the following:

- The history of print, radio, and television journalism in black Boston
- Traditional media, new media, and social movements
- Social media and community-building
- Hashtag activism
- Citizen journalism and black communities
- The future of subscription-based print media
- Boston's place in the national and global mediasphere

The conference organizers encourage submissions from scholars (graduate students are welcome), journalists, community activists, and others. All submissions must include paper abstract (not to exceed 250 words) and C.V. or resume that includes preferred email address and phone number.

All proposal materials must be submitted by **Friday, December 15, 2017, 11:59 pm EST** via INTERFOLIO at <http://apply.interfolio.com/43102>.

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