

# The Grateful Dead Area at the 2015 Southwest Popular Culture and American Culture Association Conference

## Call For Papers

Submission Deadline: November 1, 2014

<http://southwestpca.org/>

The 36th annual SWPACA conference, “Many Faces, Many Voices: Intersecting Borders in Popular and American Culture,” will take place in February 11–14, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel & Conference Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Panels are now forming for the Grateful Dead Area of the SWPACA. This year marks the eighteenth year of the Grateful Dead Area and coincides with the band’s fiftieth anniversary. We welcome papers and presentations on all aspects of the Grateful Dead phenomenon and its contexts, including music, lyrics, fan culture, the 1960s, the counterculture, poster art, and more. The Dead Area is interdisciplinary and welcomes contributions from all disciplines and theoretical perspectives. Presentations in past years have represented more than 26 fields, including musicology, literary criticism, history, anthropology, sociology, archival science, business theory, communications, museum studies, and many more.

The submission deadline is November 1, 2014. Submit proposals for either individual presentations or full panels through the SWPACA database at:

<http://conference2015.southwestpca.org>

Full panel submissions need to include 3 or 4 papers (with each abstract submitted on a separate proposal form).

Include a 100 to 250 word abstract with a two-part working title (as well as a brief bio, no more than 150 words) for each potential presenter.

Please note that the SWPCA does not accept previously presented (or published) papers, and that only one presentation per person per year is allowed.

Professors, independent scholars, teachers, and professionals are encouraged to participate. Graduate students are particularly welcome at the conference, which offers awards for the best graduate papers. Please see <http://southwestpca.org/conference/graduate-student-awards/>

In addition, please check out the organization’s new peer-reviewed, quarterly journal: *Dialogue: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Popular Culture and Pedagogy*. (Find more information at <http://journaldialogue.org>.)

Please email queries to Grateful Dead Area Chair Nicholas Meriwether at [nicholasmeriwether@gmail.com](mailto:nicholasmeriwether@gmail.com). Please include “SWPACA Grateful Dead Area” in the email’s subject line.