

CALL FOR PAPERS AND SESSION PROPOSALS

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VIRGINIA HUMANITIES CONFERENCE

March 19-20, 1999

on the campus of Mary Baldwin College

ANTICIPATING THE END: The Experiences of the Nineties

The Virginia Humanities Conference invites you to join us in a conference examining the final decades of a variety of centuries and at least two millennia: the 1990s, of course, but also the 1890s, 1790s, 1590s, 990s and so on.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- struggle and change
- discovery & expectations of "new worlds"
- disaster and demoralization
- decadence and loss
- revolution and renewal
- empire, colonialism and post-colonialism
- apocalypticism and prophetic belief
- racial and sexual identities
- cultural constructions of time
- utopias and dystopias
- diaspora and "imaginary homelands"
- visions of judgment/doomsday
- millennial movements
- symbols and illusions of the end
- turn of the century/fin de siècle
- representations of doubleness
- new heaven and earth
- eschatology & popular culture

Papers, panels, and performances are invited from the full range of the humanities- art, music, theatre, literature, history, philosophy, and religion- as well as from the social and natural sciences and mathematics.

We are interested in papers and alternative presentations that explore the experiences, discoveries, creations, and changes of these final decades in a variety of cultural contexts and from the perspectives of a variety of disciplines. Graduate and undergraduate student papers are also welcome.

Presentations should be 20 minutes long. Presenters are invited to share copies of their papers/presentations with conference participants through the published Proceedings of the conference.

Participants may submit proposals for papers, panels, and performances in the form of one-to-two page abstracts to:

Susan Blair Green, President, Virginia Humanities Conference,
MBC/PVCC Cooperative Program, 501 College Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22902-7589
URL: <http://www.mbc.edu/professional/vhc/home.html> • email: sbgreen@cit.mbc.edu

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Stephen Arata (University of VA), Aestheticism & Empire
Sibley Towner (Union Theological Seminary), Millennial Misfortunes

DEADLINES:

NOVEMBER 15, 1998 FOR ABSTRACTS • FEBRUARY 15, 1999 FOR COMPLETED PAPERS
participants whose proposals are accepted will be notified by December 15, 1998