



American Studies Association of Kyrgyzstan

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IDEAS AND APPROACHES FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING AMERICAN STUDIES

The 8th Annual American Studies Symposium in Central Asia, May 12-14, 2011, Naryn State University

Call for Papers

Deadline for submission: March 25, 2011

May 12-14, 2011

Naryn State University

Naryn, Kyrgyz Republic

The American Studies Symposium gathers hundreds of experts working in the field of American Studies in Central Asian higher educational institutions. It serves as a platform for experts to share their experiences in curriculum and syllabus development, critical thinking, teaching methodologies as related to American Studies as well as to discuss genesis, current development and prospects of American Studies as a new academic discipline in Central Asia.

The Symposium provides opportunities for a variety of activities, such as “sharing meetings” for the exchange of experiences, ideas and feelings, group discussions, and dialogues that centers upon the curriculum, instruction and student learning. It also gives a great opportunity to support educational exchange between the United States and Kyrgyzstan.

This year, the Naryn State University in collaboration with the University of Central Asia in Kyrgyzstan hosts the 8th Annual American Studies Symposium in the city of Naryn, Kyrgyzstan. The goal of this year’s Symposium is: 1) to discuss effective strategies and new methods of teaching in the field of American Studies; 2) to analyze challenges and perspectives of American Studies in Central Asia; 3) to exchange ideas and cultural experiences pertaining to the said program or discipline; 4) to enhance educational and cultural relationships between Kyrgyzstan and U.S.

The host university - the Naryn State University – kindly invites students, scholars and faculty members to forward their contributions to Symposium organizers. The themes of Symposium include:

- Curricular development on American Studies
- Innovative technologies in the field of American Studies
- Faculty development
- The role of American culture, society and its influence on Kyrgyzstan
- Aspects of educational systems of the United States and Kyrgyzstan
- Issues of Gender, Sexuality and Social class in the United States and Kyrgyzstan
- American Studies: An Intercultural Exchange
- Socio-economical changes taking place in the United States and Kyrgyzstan
- Current issues pertaining to globalization of American Studies.

Type of Session (check box): All sessions are 15 minutes in length.

- Paper Presentation Workshop/Demonstration Poster Session

Requirements for Submission: (All papers must be typed and submitted in English).

Format: 12 pt. MS Word

Spacing: Double-spaced text

Length: 200-500 word description, excluding brief description of the author/presenter

Font: Times New Roman, 12-point

Format of Abstract/Proposal: The title of the article should be centered on the proposal in bold letters. The name of the primary author, educational institution, and city should then be listed in regular text. The main text of the proposal should begin thereafter. If a joint presentation, please list below the same information as above for your co-presenter(s).

Equipment Needed (check as many boxes as needed):

- Flipchart Whiteboard Projector
 Computer Tape/CD player DVD player/ TV set
 Other (please specify)

The American Studies Association of Kyrgyzstan will notify selected papers and descriptions of presentations by April 20, 2011 which will be published in the Conference Proceedings. All travel, food and accommodation expenses of paper/proposal presenters from Kyrgyzstan will be covered by the Association.

Your papers/proposals should be sent to both e-mail addresses as an attachment no later than **March 25, 2011**: ascommittee.kg@gamil.com (Committee for American Studies Symposium) narynkul@rambler.ru or narychorobaeva@mail.ru; (Narynkul Chorobaeva, Dean of Faculty of Philology, Naryn State University); Contact phone: office (+996 3522 50801); cell phone(0555 085050)