EXPLORING CRISIS: 2018 WOMEN’S AND GENDER HISTORY SYMPOSIUM
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Theme: Exploring Crisis
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The current political climate presents significant threats, such as the resurgence of white supremacy and racism, xenophobia, Islamophobia, ableism, and heterosexism, as well as attacks on humanitarian and scientific knowledge. These challenges intersect with and complicate the global debate over climate change, economic disparity, and war and conflict. For these reasons, many feel that we are in a time of unprecedented crisis. There is an urgent need for historical discussions to situate the current milieu within the long trajectory of history. Therefore, the 18th annual Women’s and Gender History Symposium at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign seeks graduate papers that foreground histories of women, gender, and/or sexuality, and seek to understand, explore, confront, or interpret various forms of crisis. We welcome papers from a broad range of time periods, disciplines, and methodologies that engage but are not limited to the issues in the mind-map below:

We will invite Professor Pernille Ipsen from the University of Wisconsin-Madison as keynote speaker for this year. Accepted papers will be grouped for presentation, and participants will engage in critical and productive discussions with fellow aspiring historians, as well as with faculty from UIUC, including Antoinette Burton, Kristin Hoganson, and Ikuko Asaka.

Please submit proposals (200-300 words in length) together with a CV to gendersymp@gmail.com by January 26, 2018.