

CALL FOR PAPERS & PANEL PROPOSALS:

BHC/OAH AFFILIATED PANEL 2026

As an affiliate group, the Business History Conference (BHC) has the opportunity to present a panel or roundtable at the 2026 Organization of American Historians (OAH) conference, bypassing the standard proposal process. The OAH conference will be held in Philadelphia from April 16-19, 2026.

We invite BHC members to submit complete panel or roundtable proposals on business history topics.

OAH Call for Papers

The 2026 OAH convention in Philadelphia welcomes proposals in all formats:

- Three-paper sessions
- Panels and roundtables
- State of the field
- Chat rooms
- Lightning rounds
- Workshops

While traditional formats like three-paper sessions and roundtables are encouraged, we urge innovative and interactive formats.

Themes

Although presentations related to the 250th anniversary of the U.S. founding are welcome, the OAH encourages proposals on **all themes and fields** in American history. This includes specializations by gender, race, sexual orientation, region, chronology, or area study.

Presidential streams of subjects may include:

- Legacy of the revolution
- Crisis for secondary history teachers
- Censorship, identity, and freedom of speech
- New challenges and opportunities for historical prose
- Fate of American public schools/universities
- Regional identities
- Artificial intelligence in research and writing
- Importance of elections and political parties
- Constitution in public discussion and protest
- Immigration
- Readership
- Politics of teaching American history
- Shocking events in historical consciousness
- Future of the United States and the OAH's role

Proposals may align with these themes but are not required to. The goal is to ask big questions about the past that inform the present.

Information Required for Each Session

- Session Title
- 100-word Abstract (for roundtable and/or each paper if panel)
- Speakers with full contact information (affiliation, email, phone, address) and participant role (chair, commentator, panelist, etc.)

Note on AV Equipment

Due to increased costs, AV equipment will only be provided in select rooms for sessions that specifically request it. OAH cannot provide AV beyond audio amplification for affiliate special events.

Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions is **March 21, 2025**. Please email your proposals to David Thomson at thomsond@sacredheart.edu.

BHC has a small fund to assist faculty in attending the meetings, if accepted.

Allocation of funds will be based on number of requests and need.