



Congress of History of San Diego & Imperial Counties
55th Annual History Conference * Friday, March 13, & Saturday, March 14, 2019
Conference Location: Portuguese Hall, Point Loma, San Diego, CA
www.CongressOfHistory.org

Request for Speakers

Have an idea for a talk? Contact conference co-chair Rosanne Goodwin (goodwin.rosanne@gmail.com) via email by October 3, 2019.

What stories of remarkable women do YOU want to share at the history conference? Talks can be about a specific woman, something that improved the lives of women, or some historical event that changed how women achieved and thrived.

This region has had many remarkable women, but are we aware of their accomplishments?

Almost 100 years ago, on August 18, 1920, the passage of the 19th Amendment declared that citizens of the United States shall not be denied the right to vote on account of sex. In 2020, for the 100th anniversary of this milestone, the Congress of History again celebrates the deeds of women of the region. Who were these women, and what are their stories? What did they do that positively impacted the lives of others? Are there women who, while well known, quietly did things that few know about? Are there women who were trailblazers or pioneers that have been forgotten by history but should be remembered? Is there a woman that we think we know, but we got it all wrong? Were there events, movements, or happenings led by women that ultimately created change in a certain industry or field? This conference explores the many facets and impacts of remarkable women of the San Diego region.

Historians, researchers, writers, and storytellers: Each year the Congress of History presents a history conference on topics that reflect our region. For the 46th Annual Conference in 2011 our theme was "They Made a Difference: The Unsung History of Women in the San Diego Region." At that conference we celebrated women getting the vote in California in 1911. We realized then that we just scratched the surface. You don't have to be a professional speaker, writer, or historian to submit a presentation. However, the focus of your topic should be 2000 or earlier (since this is a history conference). Are you writing an article or already an author? Chosen presenters are encouraged to bring their books related to the conference theme for sale at the conference!

Geographic Area: COH organization members range from southern Orange County to northern Baja California. Please use this region as your guide for proposing your historic talk.

Conference Format: 16-18 speakers over two days, each giving a 20-minute talk with 10 minutes for Q&A. Speakers must have a PowerPoint presentation (with lots of photos please, not so heavy on text).





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Presenter Abstract & Biography Form
 Email to goodwin.rosanne@gmail.com by October 3, 2019 to
 indicate your initial interest in sharing a topic.

(You may email answers to the 8 questions below to Rosanne Goodwin. You don't have to use this form.)

1. **Name of Presenter:** _____
2. **Phone Number / best time to call:** _____
3. **Email:** _____
4. **Organization representing, if any:** _____
5. **Draft Title of Your Talk:** _____
6. **This topic is a about a remarkable woman (or women) or something related to women in the history of the region, and it fits the conference theme because ...** (How does your topic fit the conference theme? Does the event take place by the year 2000 or earlier?)
7. **Please describe in a paragraph or two your proposed presentation.**
 (What woman [women]? What issue? What happened? When? Why is it interesting?)
8. **Speaker's Brief Biography** (Tell us about yourself. Have you written on your topic? Book for sale?).

Submitting a proposal does not guarantee being chosen to present.

Order of presentations: Because these are remarkable women in time, we may want to arrange the chosen topics to be presented in either chronological order or grouped in order of types of accomplishments. We hope speakers can be flexible on the date and time they speak.

- If I am chosen as a speaker, I can present on either Friday or Saturday. ___ Yes ___ No
- If chosen, I am NOT available on this day. ___ Friday ___ Saturday

The Congress of History is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. No speakers are paid. Conference speakers may attend the entire conference at no cost, and are given a one-year complimentary membership in the Congress of History for volunteering to share their knowledge.

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Suitability _____ Comments _____ Edits _____ [Possible Day _____ Possible Time _____]