President's Message

Fa-ti Fan

I had wanted to write a cheerful message, as the long, gray winter has lightened up outside my window. It is early March. Snow is melting. However, as I am looking at the computer screen, I can hardly concentrate as the images of carnage stare back at me. Horrors of war. I am sure that many members of our Society share my worries and concerns. Some might even have been directly impacted. I hope that every member of our community is safe and sound.

The Society has accomplished many tasks in the past couple of months. Thanks to the excellent work of the Committee on Publications, we have selected the University of Chicago Press as our publisher. We have worked closely with the UCP for many years, and we are happy that we’ll be able to build on this experience and foundation.

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President's Message Continued

We are in the process of finalizing an agreement to move the Executive Office to Philadelphia, where both the Science History Institute and the University of Pennsylvania will host the office. More information will be forthcoming soon. We thank the University of Notre Dame for its support of our Executive Office for many years.

The Call for Proposals for our Annual Meeting is out. The meeting will take place in Chicago this November. The Committee on Meetings and Programs, the Program co-chairs (Don Opitz and Jaipreet Virdi), the Local Arrangements team, the Executive Committee, and the Executive Office all have been working hard in preparation for the conference. In many ways, the Annual Meeting is the most important event and function of the Society. It is like a big family reunion, a happy, and celebratory one. It is above all an exciting intellectual event. The pandemic forced the previous two meetings to go online, and those meetings were tremendously successful in many ways. However, a family reunion works best when people can share coffee and meals. We are optimistic that this year’s meeting will be able to take place onsite. I hope to see many, many of our members there. Of course, we will also make sure that people who are unable to come to Chicago can participate online.

Volunteerism is essential to the success of a scholarly association like HSS. I am happy to report that our community is full of public spirit, ideas, and enthusiasm.

This may be an appropriate time to highlight our Sponsor-a-Scholar Program. Here is a link to the website: https://hssonline.org/page/sponsorascholar

If you know international scholars who meet the criteria of the program, please encourage them to apply. We are eager to welcome them to HSS and the annual meeting.

We have fully staffed our committees. I sincerely thank those who recently rotated off a committee, and I welcome those who have just joined. I’m extremely grateful for your dedication and volunteerism. Although we are unable to place all of our volunteers for now, we will let you know whenever a suitable opportunity becomes available. Volunteerism is essential to the success of a scholarly association like HSS. I am happy to report that our community is full of public spirit, ideas, and enthusiasm.

We have opened new channels of communication among the many committees and caucuses, and we are scheduling a meeting for all of the chairs. We aim to coordinate our plans and goals for next academic year and work closely together.

To conclude this letter, I would like to quote George Sarton’s remark that “[t]he study of history, and especially of the history of science, may...be regarded, not only as a source of wisdom and humanism, but also as a regulator for our consciences: it helps us not to be complacent, arrogant, too sanguine of success, and yet remain grateful and hopeful, never to cease working quietly for the accomplishment of our own tasks.” In this difficult time, as the pandemic and war stalk the lands where many of our members live, Sarton’s words have gained new meaning and relevance.

Indeed, most scholarly work is done quietly, yet sometimes we must speak up.
As the Northern Hemisphere enters spring, it’s a stark reminder to me of the optimism that I have as HSS moves forward in 2022. It also is a reminder of a geographic bias that informs the way we make decisions or plan our future. That systems and platforms are built with a certain population in mind.

In my hometown of Los Angeles, on the southern side of the city there is a wonderful trail that takes you up to a platform at the Baldwin Outlook. The platform is designed to have the viewer gaze upon the basin, you look out from the Hollywood Hills then east to Downtown. It’s a beautiful sight, the city, the landmarks you know from the movies, painted in full.

At the back of the Outlook is a parking lot. The view there looks south: you can see LAX and some of the historically Black and Latino/a areas of Los Angeles. The platform wasn’t designed so that your gaze could land on these neighborhoods in awe; they were meant to be ignored as you parked your car.

It’s with this in mind that we are making changes at HSS, to better see all the members of our society and the community of historians of science. It’s why we are accepting native language abstracts for the 2022 Annual Meeting, why we have revamped our website, and why we are developing programs and programming that can benefit members at any stage in their careers.

We are in the early stages of planning our first ever Interdisciplinary Summer School, a program aimed at Ph.D. students and early career scholars. We are looking at programming for retired members, for members who are entering administrative roles and diversifying our publishing program with our new contract with the University of Chicago Press.

These new programs are coming, designed with a wider, more inclusive gaze. This will allow us to think differently and make sure the program isn’t designed with just one population in mind.

Note from the Executive Office

John Paul Gutierrez

Accessing Isis

Accessing Isis, Osiris, and the Isis Bibliography from the new HSS website is just a few clicks away.

First, log in to hssonline.org. Once logged in, you will arrive at your Profile page. Click the green HSS logo at the top left corner of the page, which will bring you back to the HSS homepage. As a member who has paid their dues and has signed into their profile, you now have full access to the HSS site –—this includes access to both Isis and Osiris!

To start reading, hover your mouse over the Publications tab. A number of selections will appear. Hover over the Isis & Osiris tab so that a single selection, called Member Journal Access, appears. Click on Member Journal Access.

This will bring you to a page with a button that says “Read Isis” and another that says “Read Osiris” — select whichever journal you’d like to read. Remember, this page will only be visible to HSS members signed into their accounts, so be sure you’ve signed in first.

From there, you’ll be brought to the familiar University of Chicago Press website where you will be able to read the current issues of each journal and peruse the archives.
In this moment when there are many difficult conversations happening in the academy around issues of diversity, inclusion, and sexual harassment, we write to make clear that we believe that it is important to keep an open conversation on these important issues with members of our Society. To facilitate such conversations we’d like to post short letters explaining our ideas, positions, and plans whenever necessary or helpful in the future.

In this letter, we wish to affirm our commitment to building a safe and inclusive environment for all our members, especially students, early career scholars, and individuals from groups that have been historically marginalized. We recognize that members of these groups can be vulnerable to power differentials in academia. We also understand that it can be difficult for such members to initiate the process of mediation or filing a complaint. We take these concerns very seriously, and we are taking action to address them. We will work with the committees, caucuses, and interest groups to create safe and inclusive spaces and structures for accountability. We will ensure the accessibility of the relevant resources and mechanisms, such as the Ombudspersons and the Respective Behavior Policy that we already have in place. We are ready to support any other programs that foster conversations on these important issues. And, of course, we welcome ideas, comments, and suggestions from members.

Thank you, and let’s work together to build a safe, inclusive, and vibrant community.

Evelynn Hammonds and Fa-ti Fan

“History of science” approved as an Undergraduate Major in China

Christine Luk, HSS member and professor at Tsinghua University, brings us news of the profession. On 22 February 2022, the Chinese Ministry of Education announced a “Catalogue of Undergraduate Majors in Institutions of Higher Education,” which listed the changes to undergraduate majors in universities throughout China. A total of 1961 majors were added to the list and 804 majors were dropped. “History of science” is one of the new majors to be offered under the discipline of “history” with a normative study period of 4 years.

The announcement also pointed to another significant change in the status of the history of science in China. Even though “history of science” has been recognized as an interdisciplinary field in the past, it has been officially categorized as an area of study in the “natural sciences.” Under the old regulations, students who pursued undergraduate work in history of science were holders of a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree. The establishment of “history of science” as an undergraduate major under the discipline of “history” now places the field in the arts and humanities rather than in the natural sciences. The changes contained in the announcement will allow the history of science in China to align more closely with how the field is conceived globally. Starting from the next academic year, all public universities in China can offer their own history of science undergraduate major programs within a bachelor of arts degree and admit high-school students directly from the national college entrance exam (known as gaokao). Previously, only minor or certificate programs in history of science were offered for admitted undergraduate students majoring in science or engineering. Universities with a history of science major will offer a whole new package of undergraduate courses that may lead to a considerable increase of undergraduates pursuing the field, which may in turn lead to new teaching appointments.

Tsinghua University played a major role in bringing about the accreditation of history of science as an undergraduate major program in China. For more on the news and the catalog, visit the Ministry of Education official homepage: http://wap.moe.gov.cn/jyb_xwfb/gzdt_gzdt/s5987/202202/t20220224_602160.html
After much discussion and debate, the Committee on Publications (CoP) voted in favor of continuing with the University of Chicago Press as HSS publisher for its next contract. The CoP is unanimous in our belief that the University of Chicago Press is a good partner for HSS, and that the Press shares our scholarly values and has demonstrated a commitment to learned societies and the humanities.

Process

In August 2021, the CoP issued a Request for Proposals to publish Isis and Osiris. Six publishers responded. We considered bids from four publishers. Following the review of their written proposals, we met with each press over Zoom, listening to their presentations and asking questions about their Open Access plan, their vision for our journals, their ability to expand our international reach, and their editorial process. Those meetings were also attended by Alex Csiszar (a previous CoP Chair), HSS Editors Alix Hui and Matt Lavine, HSS President Fa-ti Fan, HSS Executive Director J.P. Gutierrez, and members of the HSS Executive Committee.

The committee also solicited and received written input from the HSS Editors, the Osiris Editors, and the HSS Bibliographer. After the full committee voted on a recommendation, we held an open Q&A session with the HSS Council, in order to provide a forum for questions about the recommendation and the tender process in general.

Continuing with University of Chicago Press

Our general feeling as members of the Committee on Publications, which we have often heard expressed from the membership at large, is that a not-for-profit university press better aligns with our values. The University of Chicago Press offers superior attention to the quality of editorial services. The HSS Editors strongly supported the decision to remain with UCP, citing universally positive experiences with them.

Although the committee members were impressed with the proposal from Chicago, we will continue to monitor areas of particular concern for the future of the journals. In particular, we are interested in the evolving stance on Open Access, and how it impacts our journals and members. We also hope to work with the Chicago on expanding the international reach of our journals.

We are thrilled to continue our relationship with the University of Chicago Press, and we look forward to celebrating our continued partnership at the HSS Annual Meeting in Chicago this year.

Committee on Publications:
Aileen Fyfe (Past CoP Chair)
Evelynn Hammonds (HSS VP and ex-officio member of CoP)
Patrick McCrory (joined 1 Jan 2022)
Jennifer Rampling (CoP Secretary)
Sigrid Schmalzer (CoP Chair)
Dora Vargha (joined 1 Jan 2021)

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The current issue of *Isis* features an article by Dr. Claire Brock of the University of Leicester titled “Surgery, Success, and the Role of the Patient in Cleft Palate Operations, circa 1800–1930.” This article is free to read in March. In it, Dr. Brock considers patients’ agency in determining the success of cleft palate surgeries, and reflects on what this means for historians of medicine as they study surgical outcomes. Our graduate assistant, Aaron Jackson, posed some questions for her.

**AARON JACKSON:** What first drew you to study the history of cleft palate surgeries? Were you interested in cleft palates in particular, or were you looking for a case study emblematic of a broader point, and if so why or what were those points?

**DR. BROCK:** I’ve been exploring patient records since researching my previous book (*British Women Surgeons and their Patients, 1860–1918*), and was fascinated by the amount historians can learn about everyday life from them. They’re not only about sickness, health, and scientific and technological developments, but family situations, work, living conditions. I’m also interested in what surgery can and can’t do, and the implications of this for the real lives of individuals in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The development of operations on cleft palates stood out for me as surgery which ostensibly improved lives, but which also scarred those born with these initially invisible deformities. There’s a level of sheer frustration about procedures experienced by surgeons which is palpable from their writings and case notes.

What were some interesting finds you came across in your research? Anything unexpected or any “lightbulb moments” that made you take your article in a particular direction?

This was very much an article influenced by the pandemic. When we were restricted in what we could do, daily walks in Epping Forest with my partner, Ben, meant I could think out loud and talk through my ideas with him, and it was an enormous help in clarifying my focus. I wanted to write about surgical developments in relation to child patients, but realized that I was trying to cram too much into one piece, and couldn’t have only a small section on cleft palate surgery because it was too important to my argument. That’s how this article came into being.

Were there any fun anecdotes or perhaps points you are passionate about that you couldn’t include in the article but want to share with your readers?

It was very hard to keep this article to word limit, because there were so many fascinating examples in the records, and I have many hundreds of pages of notes on this area. With more space, I would have considered further the patients themselves, traced more their lives into adulthood. One of the surgeons whose work I explored, James Berry, had updates added to case notes, so it’s possible to see what happened to some patients and the employment they went on to take up. There were also some amazing images, photographs, and drawings of the surgical process—something I’d like to explore further.

Because of the pandemic, there has been a growing interest among our readers in the history of medicine. You entered the pandemic era with this research fresh in your mind. Were there any points from your research that resonated with you as you lived through the pandemic?

The most obvious point would be that healthcare inequalities and access to treatment—key aspects of my article—have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Historians can contribute a great deal to discussions by exploring the ways in which these have developed, and how they can be addressed. But it was also evident that early twentieth-century working-class parents fought for their children’s right to be operated upon—even if this took years. It’s important to recognize that patients were rarely passive when searching for surgical treatment.
Member News

Bruce J. Hunt (University of Texas at Austin) received the 2021 Houck Award for Documentation from the Antique Wireless Association for his "prolific writings on the history of undersea cables" and particularly for his book Imperial Science: Cable Telegraphy and Electrical Physics in the Victorian British Empire (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021). Since its founding in 1952, the AWA has evolved into a leading organization for the history of telecommunications of all kinds.


Kristine Palmieri was awarded a Gerda Henkel Fellowship for the History of Knowledge and the History of Science at the Interdisciplinary Center for Research on the European Enlightenment/Interdisziplinäres Zentrum für die Erforschung der Europäischen Aufklärung (IZEA) in Halle. She is thrilled to be returning to Germany in Spring/Summer 2022.

Jesus Catala-Gorgues was appointed president of the Societat Catalana d'Història de la Ciència i de la Tècnica (Catalan Society for the History of Science and Technology), February 25, 2022


Art and science are widely seen as being completely separate from each other, but that is far from the case. Hans and Barbara Haubold explore how a group of 19th century American landscape artists was inspired by the rapid pace of scientific progress at the time, and how their changing motives were reflected in scientific debates. They also show how the latest advances in technology could help to deepen our understanding and appreciation of artwork and its evolution throughout history. Read their article here: https://researchfeatures.com/art-science-connecting-motives-research-landscape-painting-19th-century/

On 21 February Minakshi Menon delivered a keynote lecture at the Humboldt Forum in Berlin. The lecture, "Decolonizing herbarium collections," was part of the theme of "Gardens of Empire." The Humboldt Forum has launched a new series, "99 Questions," which focuses this year on the subject of "Colonialism and Coloniality". From the Humboldt Forum website: “Gardens of Empire” is a digital conversation on the colonial legacy of the (natural) sciences and its pervasive manifestations in museums, archives, and collections. Thinking through plants, herbariums, gardens, specimens, and with extractive zones and social ecologies, the conversation will look at the entanglement of knowledge production and colonial extractivism.” Here's a link to the Youtube video of the event: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mm0A9uZ8zQ

Pamela O. Long's Engineering the Eternal City (Chicago, 2018), as a benefit of the Bridge Prize, has been translated into Italian: Recostruire la citta’ eterna: Infrastrutture, topografia e saperi nella Roma del Cinquecento (Rome: Viella, 2021).

Garland E. Allen and evolutionary population geneticist Alan Templeton, emeritus professors in the Biology Department at Washington University, recently published a co-authored chapter, “Race and Science, 1920-Present,” in the Bloomsbury Press's encyclopedia A Cultural History of Race in the Modern and Genomic Era (Tanya Golash-Boza, ed; November 2021): pp 71-86. It examines a number of methodologies and claims that try to establish that the boundaries of what have traditionally been called “races” in the human species have a deeper, and socially significant, biological basis. Historically, the term "race" has been equated with taxonomic sub-species. From Mendelian, biometric, and pedigree analysis to modern DNA sequencing technologies, none of these results have ever been borne out: human populations show such tight clusters that they cannot be separated into distinct groups by any of the criteria applied to non-human species. The authors also suggest that such claims keep appearing because they serve some political/social purpose related to events in the period in which they arise. As Gar Allen writes, “Such collaborations are always both fun and highly educational as I gain much from the perspectives brought in from colleagues in other disciplines.”
Alain Touwaide of the Institute for the Preservation of Medical Traditions has recently published new contributions on the history of botany, with three essays in the Cultural History of Plants edited by Annette Giesecke and David Mabberley (6 volumes). In Volume 1, on classical antiquity, he wrote the chapter on “Plants and Medicine” (pp. 109-130). In Volume 2 (The Post-Classical Era), which he edited, he contributed an introduction, not limited to a presentation of the volume and its chapters, but an original piece in itself. He also wrote the chapter “Plants as Luxury Foods.”

Dipayan Pal has earned National Champion (First Prize) in the Annual Decision Making/Teaching Case Study Competition with the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) (2021). The award was instituted in the year 1957, and is given for the best case study writing before the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of IIPA, which was presided over by the Honourable Vice President of the Union of India.


A new paper (in press) by Donald Forsdyke (Queen's University, Canada) in the Journal of Genetics marks the centenary of J. B. S. Haldane's famous "rule" paper describing (for humans) the greater incidence of sterility in the male sex. It argues that the broad application of the term "idiopathic" to many undiagnosed cases of male infertility is unwarranted. Following "Haldane's rule" such cases often reflect the operation of natural quality-control mechanisms operating on gametes that are auditioning for passage into the next generation. Implications for Roe-v-Wade are discussed.
Chicago, Illinois, USA
17–20 November 2022

Deadline for Proposals: Sunday 24 April, 2022 11:59pm PDT

The History of Science Society (HSS) will hold its 2022 annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois, USA. Although the meeting format is being planned for in-person attendance, proposals for virtual presentations will also be considered.

Our conference theme is Sustainability, Regeneration, and Resiliency. We invite submissions on any topic in the history of science, but we especially encourage proposals of organized sessions and roundtables that address aspects of the conference theme, that may include, but are not limited to

- Decolonial approaches to environmental justice
- Intersections between technoscience, colonialism, and climate change
- Science in urban environmental policies and practices
- Biodiversity, ecological restoration, and environmental sciences
- Public health, biomedicine, and science policies
- Indigenous knowledges and practices
- Sustainable practices in historical scholarship and teaching
- Accessibility and work/life balance in the professions
- Justice-based approaches to disability and resiliency
- Diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in science, technology, and medicine
- How research in specific areas of the history of science may draw upon principles and methods of sustainability, regeneration, and resiliency

We look forward to your submissions! The following guidelines explain the available options for proposals in more detail.
Guidelines

- You may appear only once on the program as a presenter in a regular session or roundtable—i.e., as a speaker or commentator. However, you may appear as a presenter and organizer or chair (or both organizer and chair).
- Anyone who appears on the program must register for the meeting. Failure to pay the registration fee will result in removal from the program.
- All abstracts must be 2,000 characters or fewer (about 250 words).
- We encourage submission of proposals for sessions, roundtables, individual papers, flashtalks, and posters for in-person presentation.
- To facilitate an inclusive environment and promote international participation, we encourage submissions in languages other than English, accompanied by a translated English version. Accepted presentations will also be required to provide, if necessary, English translations.
- We will consider requests for hybrid panels that include a mix of in-person and virtual presentations as a rare contingency or for purposes of accessibility if not all presenters are able to come in-person. Sessions organizers should note whether a virtual component is proposed. We will also consider requests for delivery of pre-recorded presentations on the condition that at least one member of the associated panel will be present in Chicago to show pre-recorded presentations to in-person attendees. Session organizers are responsible for securing pre-recorded talks and making sure that these talks are the proper length and meet technical requirements.
- All accepted presenters consent to having their sessions delivered in a fully virtual format in the event that Chicago 2022 cannot take place as an in-person meeting, and the meeting is converted to a fully digital event. Should this be the case, sessions normally 90 minutes in length will be shortened to 75 minutes, and the maximum length of presentations will need to be shortened to fit this new allotted time accordingly.
- The Program Chairs will make decisions on proposals accepted for the program using the following criteria:
  - intellectual merit and quality, distinctiveness (to ensure balance in the program), sponsorship by forums or caucuses, non-duplication of speaking roles, frequency of speakers’ past acceptances in recent programs (2020 and 2021), and inclusion of diversity of participants in terms of demographics that include gender, career stage/track, geographical location, and institutional affiliation. The Program Chairs strive to accept as many proposals that meet the review criteria as can be accommodated given space and scheduling constraints.
- Organizers who wish to include more than 4 presentations (including a commentary) in their session may propose a double session or roundtable. Those proposals should be submitted as two distinct submissions, with each clearly identified as “Part 1” and “Part 2” in the titles.

Demographic Data

Driven by our mission “to foster interest in the history of science,” the HSS collects demographic information to understand the composition of its submitting proposers, members, and meeting attendees; to identify under-served and under-represented communities; to formulate strategies to increase representation across communities; and to communicate aggregate, anonymized demographic data to its members and the public. We are cautious of the exploitation made possible by demographic data collection. Therefore, we are committed to collecting information in a manner that is voluntary, allows for self-description, and is purposeful. The information will be kept confidential, and any reporting of it will be in the aggregate and anonymized. The Program Chairs will take into consideration certain demographics in making decisions about the program, in an effort to achieve balance and diversity in the program.

Respectful Behavior Policy

All participants and attendees of the HSS Annual Meeting, whether participating in-person or virtually, are expected to act in accordance with the Respectful Behavior Policy, which can be read here.

Statement on Scholarly Conduct

HSS believes scholarly conduct should adhere to the highest ethical and professional standards. The Society expects contributors to its publications and meetings to present original work that respects the integrity of the research process and that conforms to rigorous standards in the citation and acknowledgment of the work of other scholars. The American Historical Association’s Statement on Standards of Professional Conduct is a useful guide.
We hope to be able to offer National Science Foundation travel grants to graduate students, independent scholars, and recent PhDs (degree in the past 5 years) who are participating in the meeting. Only US citizens or those studying at US institutions are eligible for NSF grants. More information will be available closer to the conference date.

HSS will offer a limited number of travel grants for students, independent scholars, and recent PhDs who are participating in the meeting, but who are ineligible for NSF grants. Dependent care grants (up to US$250) will be offered for those who need such assistance. These grants are available to defray the costs of care either at home or at the meeting site.

Strategies for Organizing Sessions and Roundtables
To encourage and aid the creation of sessions and roundtables with strong thematic coherence that draw upon historians of science across institutions and ranks, the HSS has created a collaboration form to submit proposals in need of panelists and an Airtable to review submitted proposals. Anyone with a session, presentation, or roundtable idea seeking collaborators should post and consult the postings on the Airtable to round out a prospective session. Submitting your presentation as part of a session increases the chances for it to be accepted.

Grants Opportunities

Travel Grants
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For information on these grants, please contact us via email.

Edward Gerjuoy/John Michell Award
Thanks to a generous gift by HSS Member Virginia Trimble, the Society will offer an award of US$500 for the best abstract submitted by an independent scholar, or a scholar working at an institution whose institution does not consider them to be affiliated or employed as a working historian. If you meet this criteria and would like to be considered, please inform your organizer or select this option on the submission form.

Submission Types

Contributed Paper
A standalone presentation no longer than 20 minutes. Accepted contributed papers will be assigned to a session with other contributed papers with similar themes.

Organized Session
A panel about a common theme, consisting of an organizer, chair, and presenters: presenters may include three speakers and a commentator, or four speakers with no commentator. The session organizer submits all abstracts, and each presenter and, if relevant, commentator, must provide their personal profile information individually. As a session organizer, please make sure that all of your presenters submit the required information accordingly, as the organized session submission will only be accepted by the system once all this information is complete. If sessions include speakers that will present virtually, organizers should indicate so in the abstract; again, at least one participant in the session must be present in-person to manage delivery of any virtual presentations.

Roundtables
Roundtables are panels that facilitate dialogue on topical issues related to professional practice, historiographical themes, or broader social/political/cultural impacts of science and/or historical practice. Roundtables may include up to six speakers (including commentator, if desired) who speak for short periods (typically five minutes), leaving ample time for exchanges with the audience. Roundtable participants may not present in another session or roundtable.
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“Futures” Roundtables
Roundtable proposals that intend to engage participants and attendees in conversations concerning the “future of the field,” “future of the profession,” “future of the Society,” “future of ...” (etc.), of broad interest to our community can be identified as “Futures” proposals in the title and abstract, for consideration of designation as such in the program. Alignment with the conference theme, “Sustainability, Regeneration, and Resiliency,” is especially encouraged for these proposals. Only a limited number of such roundtables will be designated as “Futures” events. Any submissions that are not accepted as “Futures” roundtables will still be considered for inclusion in the program as regular roundables.

Flashtalks
As part of a special Presidential Session, the HSS invites graduate student proposals for flashtalks. The president of HSS will evaluate abstracts and moderate the session. These flashtalks will be presentations of five minutes or less with a slide, followed by discussion. Proposals require only a title and a short abstract. Flashtalk speakers are not permitted to present in other sessions or roundtables.

Posters
We welcome proposals for poster presentations to be given in person during a poster session, which may be scheduled in conjunction with a social event during the program. Poster submissions also require a brief abstract that should include information about the physical or electronic format of the poster. Because the poster session will be conducted as an open exhibit, presenters (and co-presenters) need not plan a formal presentation conforming to a time allotment, but rather be prepared to deliver brief talking points or pitches, and to engage attendees who visit the poster in conversations regarding the content of the research highlighted by the poster.

Authors’ Book Pitches
We invite authors of monographs and editors of collective volumes published in the history of science, technology, and medicine in 2021 or 2022 to promote their work in the community. This practice affirms our commitment to diversity and inclusion, and provides accessibility for self-promotion when in-person interaction and exchange may be limited. Authors should send to the HSS Executive Office (through this form) a 3-minute video with captions and/or transcripts, summarizing the contents of their recent publication. See further guidelines for preparing your video here. We will feature the Authors’ Book Pitches on our website during the course of the meeting (and likely at the book exhibit in person), and these will be deleted when we close our conference.

Health and Safety
The ebbs and flow of the pandemic has made it difficult to predict the prevalence of COVID-19 at any given point in time. Attendees participating in-person in Chicago will be required to be fully vaccinated, boosted, and masked during the meeting, and follow all local health policies made by the Chicago and Cook County Departments of Health. We will notify attendees on any changes in the health protocols of our host city nearer to the Meeting date.