



**National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS)
Midwest FOCO Conference
“Latinas & Latinos in the Midwest: Past, Present, and Future”**

**October 23-25, 2014
University of Missouri - Kansas City**

Call for Papers

The conference theme – Latin@s in the Midwest: Past, Present, and Future -- recognizes the rich historical and growing presence of Latin@s in this region. Our goal is to promote awareness and further develop knowledge and analysis of historic, current, and future developments that impact the Latin@ population. Of particular interest is the need to strategize for collective empowerment and leadership of Latin@s in the Midwest and to support collaboration between community leaders and scholars. Also, the conference would like to acknowledge the significant contributions from our Midwest Latin@ and Chicana@ Studies Centers, Departments, and Programs and we particularly welcome their presence and participation. **NOTE:** We also strongly encourage development of proposals to host the 2015 NACCS Midwest FOCO Conference for presentation at our business meeting to be held on Saturday.

We invite papers, panels, round tables, and workshops from a diversity of disciplines, theories, and methods to explore the presence of Latin@s in the Midwest from historical, current, and future trends. Topics may include the following but are not limited to this list. We welcome proposals to present scholarship and/or organizing strategies in the following areas:

- History
- Immigration - Demography
- Community Organizing and Strategizing
- Linking the Academy to the Community
- Culture--Traditional, Popular, Representation
- Literature - Arts
- Youth - Educational needs and developments
- Nonprofits serving Latin@s
- Public Policy - Politics
- Latinas/Chicanas
- Leadership
- Latin@ Studies, Chicana/o Studies, and/or Ethnic Studies Programs and Centers
- Business – Philanthropy
- Inequality

In keeping with the NACCS vision, we strongly encourage students, community and professional leaders and participants from a variety of backgrounds, contacts, and relationships working with or participation in their Latin@ communities and the academy.

Sessions will last 1 hour and 15 minutes. Proposals should be 150-word abstracts and indicate what type of session is being proposed (e.g. paper, workshop, panel, etc). Individual presentation proposals are equally encouraged. Each proposal must include a 50-word bio and contact information for each participant in the session.

Papers/Proposals must be submitted via *Submittable* to:

<https://naccsmidwestfoco.submittable.com/submit>

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Submission Deadline: Midnight - SEPTEMBER 1, 2014

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