

**Call for Proposals for the symposium: “A Critical Rediscovery of the Northern Rockies”**

The College of Art and Architecture at Montana State University is sponsoring a one-day symposium entitled “A Critical Rediscovery of the Northern Rockies” on October 12, 2013.

We are interested in all perspectives on regionalism and encourage proposals from the arts, humanities, social sciences, and physical sciences. The symposium is intended to engage the variety of disciplinary practices that contribute to our understanding of where we live and how the Northern Rockies informs our research and creative work.

The symposium will investigate the possibilities of regionalism and sense of place, and engage in MSU’s goal of furthering interdisciplinarity across campus.

We are looking forward to receiving proposals for scholarly papers as well as exhibitions and performances in many media. We seek participation from multiple disciplines, including those represented in the CAA [art--including studio arts & design--film, music, and architecture] and geography, history, philosophy, literary studies and other disciplines that are engaged in the topic.

Image-makers and research scholars may wish to present lens-based research incorporating themes/inspiration relevant to the Northern Rockies. Papers, group or solo screenings, exhibitions, and cross-disciplinary projects are all welcome. For scholars in the humanities and social sciences, this is a great opportunity to share your research interests on the Northern Rockies with your MSU colleagues and focus your proposal and ideas on the notion of regional identity and how practices and methods within your disciplines can be used to explore that concept in various ways...both conventionally and unconventionally!

Proposals will be blind peer-reviewed by a multi-disciplinary steering committee. Accepted abstracts will be grouped into sessions and participants will be encouraged to discuss their work with each other prior to the symposium. Accepted works, in relevant formats, will be published on a website prior to the symposium, circulated to all participants, and then discussed in a series of moderated panel sessions. We hope the symposium will be a day of intense conversation.

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Date: Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> 2013

Location: Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana

**TIMETABLE**

Abstracts of Proposals due	May 24th
Abstracts accepted notification	June 3rd
Abstracts circulated to discussion groups	June 21st
Submission and revision of final proposals placed on symposium web site	July 29th

- There will be a hard copy publication as well as a digital publication
- Proposals should include a title, list of authors/presenters, contact information, a short c.v. and a 1-page abstract. Please send proposals to: Professor Ralph Johnson [ralphj@montana.edu] or Teaching Professor Barry Newton [barry.newton@montana.edu]