



# SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL ARCHEOLOGY

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## Call for Paper Abstracts and Session Proposals 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Kansas City, Missouri, June 2-5, 2016

The Society for Industrial Archeology invites proposals for presentations and poster displays at the 45th Annual Conference on Saturday, June 4, 2016, in Kansas City, Missouri. This year's conference will also incorporate the 25<sup>th</sup> Historic Bridge Symposium. The conference hotel will be the Westin Crown Center and presentation sessions will be held at the hotel.

Presentations on all topics related to industrial archeology, technology, social change related to industry, and historic industrial structures and bridges are welcome. Papers about regional industries and transportation in the Missouri River valley and the Prairies are particularly encouraged. Poster displays can be on works in progress. All presentations and poster displays should offer interpretation and synthesis of data.

**Presentation Formats:** Proposals may be for individual presentations 20 minutes in length, a group of three or four presentations on a common theme filling a 90-minute session, or a 90-minute panel discussion (formal moderator optional, but encouraged). SIA will provide computers, data projectors, screens, microphones, and speakers as needed in each presentation room. Posters will be on display all day Saturday with a dedicated time for poster presenters to be present at their poster for discussion.

**Proposal Formats:** Proposals should be submitted online at <http://www.sia-web.org/sia-45th-annual-conference/> unless special arrangements have been made. Each proposal must include:

1. The presentation **title** (you will indicate which type – single paper, session proposal, or poster – on the submission form)
2. A 300-500 word **abstract** for the paper with detailed context/background, findings, and conclusions
3. **Contact information** including name, affiliation, email address, mailing address, and telephone number for each presenter
4. A brief **biographical statement** of 75-150 words for each presenter
5. The **software** (incl. version) used to create your presentation and any additional audio-visual requests beyond the standard equipment listed above.

Please be aware that facilities for presenting media formats other than Microsoft *PowerPoint* (.ppt/.pptx), OpenOffice Open Document Format Presentation (.odp), and Adobe *Acrobat* (.pdf) may not be available. In particular, please note on the form whether access to the Internet is crucial for your presentation (e.g., media embedded vs. linked to the Web).

For 90-minute themed sessions or panel discussions, the organizer should submit a title and a brief description of the theme, along with all above information together as a group as prompted on the online submission form. If any of these items is missing, the proposal cannot be considered. Note that the above word counts apply separately to each presenter in a group.

Presenters are encouraged to transform their presentations into articles for *IA: The Journal of the Society for Industrial Archeology*; No conference proceedings are published. We are considering audio podcasting the sessions, but and if we do stream the sessions, prior written consent must be obtained from each presenter.

**The deadline for proposals is February 15, 2016**

**To submit your proposal and for further information, go to the online form located at**

<http://www.sia-web.org/sia-45th-annual-conference/>

For questions please contact

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- **Kitty Henderson**, Executive Director of the Historic Bridge Foundation, [kitty@historicbridgefoundation.com](mailto:kitty@historicbridgefoundation.com), for questions regarding the 25th Historic Bridge Symposium