

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

UNDERGRADUATES INC. hosted by RRGSC 2013

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

April 5 and 6, 2013

Keynote Speaker: Tycho de Boer, Assistant Professor of History at St. Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona, will speak on THE HISTORY OF ROCK'N ROLL*

In an effort to promote UNDERGRADUATE research, the English and History departments at North Dakota State University (Fargo, ND), St. Mary's University of Minnesota (Winona, MN), and Iowa State University (Ames, IA) have joined forces and invite you to participate in the first-ever meeting of UNDERGRADUATES INC.

To get us started, we asked NDSU's English Graduate Organization to include us in their conference proceedings this year. They happily obliged and graciously invite you to join them as they celebrate the 10th anniversary of their conference, the RED RIVER GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE.

If you are an undergraduate student in English, History, American Studies, and Cultural Studies, this call is for you! And if the answer to any of the following questions is "yes," then we encourage you to submit a proposal:

- Are you interested in graduate school?
- Do you love reading, writing, and critical thinking?
- Are you considering a career in academia and would you like to gain some professional experience, working with academics/seeing how academics work?
- Do you have a term paper coming up, are you currently working on a paper, or have you already finished a paper that you're really proud of?
- Have you ever spent an hour or two talking with your friends about your History, English, American Studies, or Cultural Studies classes? What you learned? What surprised you? What you want to explore in more depth?
- Are you interested in meeting new people with similar goals and interests and hearing what they have to say?
- Do you want to continue conversations that begun in the classroom? And share your thoughts with peers?
- Would you be interested in workshopping your papers, with peers, graduate students, and

professors?

NDSU's English graduate students invite you to do all that and more: join them this year at their annual meeting! Any and all topics are welcome! Show us what you've done, what you want to do, and what you've been thinking about.

More information may be found at <http://english.ndsu.edu/rrgsc>.

Talk to your teachers and think about submitting an individual proposal or organize a panel with your peers and classmates. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Do you still have questions? Want to know more? Feel free to contact one of our UNDERGRADUATES INC.'s Faculty Advisors:

Dr. Verena Theile, Assistant Professor of English @ NDSU: verena.theile@ndsu.edu
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Dr. Erin Mae Clark, Assistant Professor of English @ St. Mary's: eclark@smumn.edu
Dr. Tycho de Boer, Assistant Professor of History @ St. Mary's: tdeboer@smumn.edu
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The conference will be held Friday, April 5th, and Saturday, April 6th, 2013, on the North Dakota State University campus in Fargo. There is a registration fee of \$20.00 for conference participation. This registration fee includes conference materials, workshop participation, and Saturday's lunch. Payment information will be communicated via email upon receipt of your submission, and important conference updates will be periodically sent to presenters via email.

To alert us of your interest in this conference, please send panel proposals for 3-4 participants (1000 words max) or individual abstracts (500 words max) via e-mail attachment (.doc, .docx, or PDFs only, please) to both verena.theile@ndsu.edu and david.silkenat@ndsu.edu

The deadline for all proposal is March 1, 2013. We will respond to submissions and issue official invitations by March 15, 2013. Please specify technology needs (laptop, projector, ELMO) at the bottom of your proposal.

We're looking forward to hearing from you!

*Dr. Tycho de Boer (Ph.D. Vanderbilt University, 2002) is an Assistant Professor of History at Saint

Mary's University of Minnesota.

Dr. de Boer teaches early American history, Latin American history, environmental history, and the history of Rock and Roll. His master's thesis, completed at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands, was entitled "White Trash: The Containment of Depravity." He earned his Ph.D. in American History at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN in 2002. His dissertation, "The Corporate Forest: Capitalism and Environmental Change in Southeastern North Carolina, 1760-1940," was published as *Nature, Business, and Community in North Carolina's Green Swamp* (2008) by the University Press of Florida. Dr. de Boer is currently working on a history of falconry in the United States.