



Call for Proposals 2018:

Liberty Con 2018 - Embracing Equity in a Global Society

The 17th annual Underground Railroad Public History Conference
Organized by Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region, Inc. in
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Embracing equity in a global society is a struggle and an affirmation. In our increasingly polarized society, the symbol of the 19th century Underground Railroad movement and its abolition activists challenge us to publicly reflect and act upon the legacy of the institution of slavery in contemporary times. Elements in society that oppose equity such as racism and discrimination must be challenged, overcome, and corrected. We invite proposals that address these themes with consideration of recognized freedom struggles both past and present. Proposals that articulate a path forward in embracing equity in a global society are welcomed. Additionally, proposals that address application of the Liberty Con 2018 theme in classroom settings are encouraged.

Workshop presentation topics aligned with this theme might include:

- ◆ Parallels: Sanctuary cities, immigration, enslavement, underground railroad, and freedom seekers
- ◆ Misogyny, news fakery, and tipping the scales against justice past to present
- ◆ Rethinking history: Haiti came before Waterloo
- ◆ Are You Ready to Take On A Refugee Family?
- ◆ Roots of the Second Amendment and Mass Incarceration in the Threat of Slave Rebellions
- ◆ Unsung Historical Figures Who Were Role Models for Justice and Equity
- ◆ Citizen Actions to Affect Change: Past, Present and Future
- ◆ Is Racism Operative in How We Tell the Story of Freedom Seekers and the Underground Railroad?
- ◆ How Do I Teach about Equity in A Global Society in the Classroom?
- ◆ Underground Railroad Flight Stories Within Our Communities
- ◆ Modern Political Echoes of 19th century Slavery Controversies

Proposals on Related Questions are welcome. Proposals will be reviewed for originality and uniqueness. Submitters will be notified promptly.

Proposals should include: (1) title, (2) brief content description, (3) type of presentation (roundtable or workshop), (4) name and full contact information, including personal title and affiliation of presenter/facilitator, (5) target audience (youth, adult, multi-age), and (6) technology needs.

**Proposals should be submitted by October 30, 2017 to LibertyCon2018@gmail.com or
postal mailed to Liberty Con Proposal/URHPCR, 194 Livingston Avenue, Albany, New York 12210**

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