

Call for Papers

New Orleans at 300: The African American Experience, 1718-2018

The Journal of African American History (JAAH) is planning a Special Issue in honor of the Tricentennial of the City of New Orleans. Since its founding 300 years ago, the lives and experiences of African Americans have been central to the development of New Orleans. And yet outside of studies of antebellum slavery, the African American history of this city remains relatively under-explored and under-theorized by historians when compared to the histories of African-descended populations in colonial and postcolonial cities elsewhere in the Americas.

Positioned near the mouth of the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico, New Orleans has been embraced, in recent decades, by historians of the 19th-century Atlantic World as both an engine of the domestic slave trade and a port city at the crossroads of Europe, Africa, and the Americas. Yet the African American historiography of New Orleans *as a city*, particularly as a 20th-century city, employing the frameworks of urban history, has remained secondary to historical debates about 19th-century creoles, Americanization, prostitution, and tourism. For this Special Issue, the JAAH seeks scholarly essays exploring new themes on the African American experience in New Orleans, with special consideration given to studies that engage the late postbellum era and the entire 20th century. We are especially interested in new urban histories that engage and explore black political struggles, public and private institutions, street life, culture, and the modernizing city.

The guest editors, Dr. Mary Niall Mitchell and Dr. Connie Zeanah Atkinson, seek essays that take an interdisciplinary approach to the city's African American past. They welcome works that place New Orleans in local, regional, national, or global economic, political, social, and cultural contexts. Their aim is to assemble a collection of work that critically assesses and demonstrates broad theoretical perspectives on African Americans' role in the history of one of the most significant sites of African American life in the Americas.

Essays should be no more than 35 typed, double-spaced pages (12 point font), including endnotes. The *JAAH* uses the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 16th edition (Chicago, IL, 2010) for citations. Guidelines for manuscript submission are published in the *JAAH* and on the *JAAH* website: <http://www.jaah.org>; e-mail address for inquiries: vpf1019@aol.com.

Submitted essays will be peer reviewed. Your cover letter should include the title of your essay, name, postal address, e-mail address, and phone number. Your essay should begin with the title of the essay and should NOT include your name. Please send three (3) hard copies of your manuscript to:

Mary Niall Mitchell and Connie Zeanah Atkinson, Guest Editors
c/o V. P. Franklin, Editor
The Journal of African American History
University of New Orleans
Department of History
2000 Lake Shore Drive
New Orleans, LA 70148

Submission Deadline: 1 December 2017