



Mid-America American Studies Association 2016 Conference

BATTLEGROUND MIDWEST

Defining Who and What Matters in the U.S. and Beyond

Friday, Saturday, March 4-5, 2016

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, LAWRENCE, KS

FEATURED PLENARY PANELISTS:

Ben Looker, *president, Mid America American Studies Association*

David Roediger, *president, American Studies Association*

Robert Warrior, *president-elect, American Studies Association*

The major issues of the 21st century are being fought in the backyards of the Midwest, the geographical U.S. center. Since the last gathering of the Mid-America American Studies Association, this region has drawn international attention and mass organization around Ferguson, Missouri, police brutality, and varied forms of structured violence; unequal taxation and declining school districts; a rise in poverty among the urban, suburban, and rural populations; union busting and ruthless assaults on public education; immigration and human trafficking; religious freedom, academic intellectual censorship; women's and LGBTQ rights and protections; and growing hunger and deprivation that do not discriminate between Native American, African American, Latina/o, Asian American, and white children.

MAASA welcomes papers, proposed panels, roundtables, poster sessions, and other session formats from students, faculty, and activists. Adherence to the 2016 theme is encouraged but not required. All paper and session topics will be considered.

Please send queries and submit 1-2 page paper abstracts and proposed panel, roundtable, poster and other sessions by NOVEMBER 30, 2015 to:

<https://americanstudies.ku.edu/2016-conference-call-paperssessions>