

**THE 14th PROFESSOR ANDRZEJ BARTNICKI FORUM
FOR THE ADVANCED STUDIES OF THE UNITED STATES**

Bialystok, June 23-25, 2017

WAR IN AMERICAN HISTORY, MEMORY AND CULTURE

Call for Papers

On behalf of the organizers of PROFESSOR ANDRZEJ BARTNICKI FORUM FOR THE ADVANCED STUDIES OF THE UNITED STATES (hereafter THE AMERICAN FORUM), I would like to invite you to participate in its 14th edition entitled “WAR IN AMERICAN HISTORY, CULTURE AND MEMORY”. The conference will be held at the University of Bialystok on June 23-25, 2017.

The general aims of the event have remained unchanged:

- a) to provide an academic environment for Ph.D. students to present their research projects in American history, culture, and politics;
- b) to enable both young and established American History and American Studies scholars to present fragments of their current research work;
- c) to commemorate Professor Andrzej Bartnicki, the “founding father” of the American Studies Center at the Warsaw University and the new Polish school of American history.

Already in the colonial times North America was the arena of various conflicts and wars, and since its formation, the United States has been involved in a number of domestic and overseas military operations. All those distant and more recent events have become the inherent part of American history and collective memory. The images of war in the U.S. culture, especially in literature and art, constitute an important part of the nation’s past and memory. The expanded theme of war allows for the presentation of fresh research and interpretations of the most important wars and armed conflicts in U.S. history and for discussing their impact on American history, international relations and social experience.

We will discuss particular wars and their impact on American history since the colonial settlements and the War of Independence until the current times. The debates will focus on the main internal conflicts in American history as well as the international engagements, including both world wars and the US involvement in various post-1945 global conflicts.

As the year 2017 is the American centennial of WWI, special attention will be given to the United States involvement in that war, its role in the final victory and its longstanding impact on the American foreign policy and international relations in the 20th century. As the issue of memory of the “Great War” is topical in contemporary historical discourse, we also want to discuss the role of the federal government, the states and local communities in the celebrations and the memorialization of WWI and the creation of its image and collective memory (e.g. memorials, paintings, writings, films etc.).

The following list contains some potential topics to be addressed:

- the War of Independence (American Revolutionary War), 1775-1783
- the War of 1812
- the Mexican-American War

- Indian Wars (encounters of the settlers with the native Americans; U.S. territorial acquisitions etc.)
- the Civil War
- the Spanish-American War
- World War I
- World War II
- the Korean War, 1950-1953
- the Vietnam War, 1965-1975
- collective and individual memory and cultural representations of wars fought on the American continent and involving the U.S. military overseas.

The outline program of the 14th FORUM:

Day 1 (Friday, June 23) – inauguration and keynote speakers.

Day 2 (Saturday, June 24) – presentations and discussions of the outlines of Ph.D. and post-doc. projects (*habilitacja*); a plenary panel related to the Forum's leading theme.

Day 3 (Sunday, June 25) – presentation of papers related to the Forum's leading theme.

The papers should be delivered in ENGLISH, whereas the Ph.D. and post-doc. projects and methodological discussions may be presented either in POLISH or ENGLISH, according to individual preference.

All types of papers and presentation proposals should be submitted by May 1, 2017 to the following e-mail address: halka@uwb.edu.pl

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