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Peoples, Publics, and Places of the Souths
Southern American Studies Conference

Georgia State University, February 17-19, 2011

Georgia State University will host the SASA 2011 conference, *Peoples, Publics, and Places of the Souths*, in downtown Atlanta. We are excited to host a conference on the U.S., Hemispheric, and Global Souths in a city where they so prominently converge. Atlanta began as railroad junction designed to link the regions of the United States, and via their ports, the Atlantic and Pacific worlds. It is now a cosmopolitan metropolis, the home of migrants and settlers from around the globe and the nation's busiest airport. Atlanta, which some postulate is shorthand for Atlantica-Pacifica, has served and continues to serve as a crossroads, a switching point, and a terminus of the three souths.

We invite our colleagues in American Studies, Southern Studies, and all related fields of study to join us in interdisciplinary investigations of the interconnections among the U.S., Hemispheric, and Global Souths. As always, we encourage graduate students to present papers. SASA's Critoph Prize is an award for the best graduate student paper given at the conference; it includes a certificate and a check for $250 as well as recognition at the next SASA meeting. While we hope to attract a host of comparative, cross-cultural, transnational and transregional projects, we are open to a wide range of topics, panels, and presentations. Topics might include: Plantation economies and post-plantation cultures; Port cities, maritime networks, and aquatic regions; African-American return South migrations; Food ways, culinary cultures, sustainable agricultures; Queer capitals and communities; Vernacular architecture and regional identities; Questioning the solid South; Public cultures, public performances; Transregional and transoceanic artistic, cultural, and literary relations; New World and New Southern Studies; Monuments, memorials, and museums; Creole languages and lifeways; Post-First/Third World theorizations; Social movements across borders; Obama and the Three Souths; Postcolonialism and the U.S. South; Occupied territories and contested terrains; Political ecologies and economies; Indigenous nations and Native networks; African-American perspectives on the Souths; Southern Silicon Valleys.

Please send proposals that include a 150-200 word abstract and a one-page C.V. for each participant on an individual or session proposal to Christine
Skwiot at cskwiot@gsu.edu. Deadline: September 15, 2010. Christine Skwiot, Assistant Professor of History, Co-Chair, Program in World History and Cultures, Advisor, B.I.S. in International Studies, Department of History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia.