

**Arkansas Regional Conference, March 14, 2026,** at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR

**Host Chapter:** Eta Chi Chapter at Arkansas State University

The Eta Chi chapter of Phi Alpha Theta at Arkansas State University invites submissions and proposals for individual papers and complete panels for the upcoming regional conference. Papers from undergraduate and graduate students are welcome.

**Conference Theme: "250 Years of America and the World"**

The theme includes papers and panels that consider the United States' changing relationship with the world over the last 250 years. Topics regarding politics, diplomacy, war, migration, imperialism, trade, or culture are especially welcome. Papers and panels on other historical topics are welcome also.

Students are encouraged to submit work that they have done for previous courses or a work in progress from ongoing courses. All students of history are encouraged to present and participate, however only members of Phi Alpha Theta are eligible to compete for awards. Please note that new members are encouraged to present.

**Submission Requirements (and note the deadline: December 20, 2025)**

One-page paper and/or panel proposals should be emailed to Erik Gilbert at [egilbert@astate.edu](mailto:egilbert@astate.edu) by Dec. 20, 2025.

Proposals should include:

- The student's name and university email address
- The name of the university the student attends
- Status (undergraduate or graduate)
- PAT membership status (i.e. member or non-member)
- Paper or panel title
- Paper or panel abstract of up to 300 words
- Panel proposals should include separate proposal for each paper

**Timeline & Presentation Details**

Papers will be selected for presentation and organization into sessions based on themes in the abstract. Notification of acceptance will be made by email by Feb. 1, 2026. Final papers eligible for awards must also be sent to [egilbert@astate.edu](mailto:egilbert@astate.edu) by March 1, 2026 in a Word document.

Presenters should plan for a 20-minute presentation (roughly 9 to 10 pages or 2000-2500 words). There will be time after the presentations for questions.

There will be sessions in the morning, then a 1-hour break followed by afternoon sessions. The Keynote speaker will be announced by Feb. 1.

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