

HISTORIANS



*“Crossing Boundaries, Making Connections:
American Slavery and Antislavery Now and
Then Conference*

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
Cincinnati Ohio
September 19-21, 2013

GUIDELINES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

Prior to the Conference:

- Formal papers (except those of keynote speakers and speakers giving personal survival testimonies) should be posted on the Historians Against Slavery website by **August 15, 2013**. All papers will be made available for all participants to read before the conference.
- *We ask that all participants read and reflect on all of this material in advance of the opening of the Conference. Doing so is crucial to ensure your effective participation in and contribution to the Conference.*

During the Conference:

- *Instead of panelists formally reading papers, presenters will be giving only abbreviated summaries of their topics as preludes to extended discussions involving all participants.*
- Discussions in every session have the goal of developing interdisciplinary knowledge, agenda-setting, and coalition-building between educators, activists, survivors, and students that deepen our understanding of the many manifestations of slavery in the 21st Century and how to combat it.
- Each session will produce a summary report on major questions and points raised during Q & A, as well as points of agreement, disagreement, and action steps identified. Those reports will become the basis for developing ongoing post-Conference projects and collaborations.
- This Conference is designed to be a cumulative experience, moving from a Friday devoted to the challenge of understanding slavery to a Saturday focused entirely on ways of combating slavery. Therefore, all participants are urged in the strongest terms to participate in the Conference from start to finish— from the opening keynote Thursday evening through the concluding session.

Thank You!