

# Call for Papers – 2019 Symposium on Cryptologic History

The National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS) Center for Cryptologic History (CCH) and the National Cryptologic Museum Foundation (NCMF) invite proposals for papers to be presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> biennial Symposium on Cryptologic History which will take place October 17 – 18, 2019. The Symposium will be held at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory's Kosiakoff Center in Laurel, Maryland. Following the Symposium on Saturday October 19th, attendees will be given an opportunity to tour the National Cryptologic Museum and participate in a workshop on researching cryptologic history sources.

The theme for the 2019 Symposium on Cryptologic History is **"From Discovery to Discourse."** Since 1990, the Symposium on Cryptologic History has served as an opportunity to present historical discoveries found in unclassified and declassified Intelligence Community records and engage in scholarly discussion about their significance to cryptologic history. All topics relevant to the history of cryptology, signals intelligence, technology, and national security are welcome. An interdisciplinary approach is encouraged. Topics anchored by anniversary events are traditionally well-received by attendees. Just two examples of significant anniversaries in 2019 include the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the British Government Code and Cypher School (now known as the Government Communications Headquarters or GCHQ) and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of NSA/CSS' predecessor, the Armed Forces Security Agency. Submissions from those who are new to the field, particularly graduate students, are particularly welcome. This will ensure the variety and diversity of exchange that has been the hallmark of this event.

## Purpose

The Symposium on Cryptologic History is an occasion for historians (and others) to gather for reflection and debate on relevant and important topics from the cryptologic past. Regular speakers include historians from CCH, the Intelligence Community, the defense establishment, the military services, scholars from American and international academic institutions, veterans of the cryptologic profession, graduate and undergraduate students, and the interested public. Past symposia have featured scholarship that set out new ways to consider our cryptologic heritage. The conference provides many opportunities to interact with leading historians and other experts. The mix of practitioners, scholars, and interested observers guarantees a lively debate that promotes an enhanced appreciation for past events.

## Proposals

The proposals and papers must be unclassified. Proposals for single presentations or full panels are welcome. CCH staff may form panels from single presentations with like topics. Presenters should be prepared to speak for approximately 15-20 minutes; proposals for a longer time slot should include a strong justification and will be considered, but not guaranteed.

Single presentation proposal package should include the following:

- A presentation title
- A presentation abstract of no more than 500 words
- The amount of time required for the presentation
- A 150-word biographical sketch of the speaker which will be used in the published program
- A complete CV for the speaker
- Full contact details of the speaker (address, email, telephone number)

Full panel proposals with more than one speaker should include all of the above plus a short explanation of the panel's theme.

Please submit your proposals by Monday, February 4, 2019 to the Symposium on Cryptologic History's program coordinator, Ms. Sarah Parsons, via email or mail:

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Address:         Center for Cryptologic History (CCH)  
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Proposals received after February 4, 2019 will be considered on a space-available basis. CCH will notify you about the final status of your proposal by May 6, 2019, but may contact you for discussion before that date. If accepted, all slide decks and other technology requirements must be submitted to CCH by September 23, 2019.

## Estimated Costs

Registration costs for the 2019 Symposium have not been finalized at this time, but for planning purposes the costs in 2017 were as follows:

Rate	Fee
Standard	\$75 / day
Student (with student ID)	\$35 / day
Speaker – Non-US Government Employee	\$0 on speaking day; Standard/Student rate on additional day
Speaker – US Government Employee	Standard/Student Rate each day

The registration fee includes daily lunch plus morning and afternoon refreshments on October 17 – 18. Admission to the workshop at the National Cryptologic Museum on Saturday, October 19th is free to all attendees. There is no sponsored event hotel and CCH cannot make lodging or transportation recommendations. Lodging and transportation arrangements are the responsibility of each attendee. Questions should be directed to Sarah Parsons at cchevents@nsa.gov or 301-688-2336.