

Junior Economic History Conference

Call for Papers

Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee

10–11 April 2027

The organizers of the inaugural Junior Economic History Conference invite submissions for a meeting to be held at Rhodes College, in Memphis, Tennessee, on 10 and 11 April 2027.

The goal of this initiative is to increase the opportunities that early-career economic historians have to present their work at length to their peers in the profession. In particular, seminar-length slots are relatively scarce at field-wide conferences, and few institutions hold seminars devoted specifically to economic history. This conference is designed to help close this gap.

Format. The agenda features ten papers over a day and a half. Each paper receives a full hour, and there are no parallel sessions. Presentations follow the norms of an economics seminar, with questions and interruptions throughout.

We ask that participants familiarize themselves with the work of everyone on the program by reading at least the introduction of each paper on the program. We encourage anyone who can to read further.

Costs. Participants will be provided with accommodation for the nights of 9 and 10 April and with meals for the duration of the conference. Participants are responsible for arranging and paying for their own travel.

Scope. We welcome submissions on any topic related to economic history, and from researchers at any kind of institution: liberal arts colleges, R1 and R2 universities, government agencies, and research institutions outside academia.

Eligibility. Submissions are open to junior researchers who hold a PhD. For scholars at a tenure-granting institution, “junior” means pre-tenure; for scholars at other institutions, “junior” means within ten years of obtaining the degree. There is no geographic or nationality restriction on submissions; however, we are unable to help with visa applications.

Submissions. Submissions are made through the form linked below. Given the seminar format and presentation length, we require a complete draft of the paper in PDF format, however preliminary. Extended abstracts or slide decks are not accepted as submission material and will not be considered. Nothing else is needed to apply.

[Click here to submit a paper](#)

Dates. The submission deadline is 30 November 2026. Decisions will be announced by late December 2026. The conference runs on 10 and 11 April 2027, and participants should plan to arrive on 9 April.

For any questions, please write to the organizers.

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