CALL FOR PAPERS

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE PRESENTS
THE SEVENTH ANNUAL OPEN BOOKS – OPEN MINDS
STUDENT CONFERENCE

Topic: Ta-Nehisi Coates’s Between the World and Me

Friday, April 13, 2018
Papers and Roundtables: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, GAIGE HALL
Keynote Lecture: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, GAIGE 100
Lunch: 12:15-1:15 PM, GAIGE 200

Rhode Island College’s Open Books – Open Minds Program is calling for paper, panel, roundtable, or other creative proposals to be presented at our Seventh Annual Student Conference. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to submit proposals. Instructors are encouraged to submit collaborative proposals for student panels or innovative formats. We invite students to share their writing, research, and creative projects on any topic related to this year’s common book, Ta-Nehisi Coates’s Between the World and Me. We welcome submissions from any academic discipline as well as interdisciplinary approaches.

We especially invite FYS and FYW students and faculty to use their imaginations to design creative ways to present their work—through posters or other visual displays, skits or dramatic performances, poetry readings, videos, interactive roundtable discussions or paper panels. Explore the possibilities!

OBOM also invites students to present projects at the College-Wide Poster Session, sponsored by the Center for Research and Creative Activity (CRCA): Monday, April 23, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, in the Murray Center. To submit a poster, register at https://www.ric.edu/crca/posters.php by March 30.

To submit a proposal for a paper, panel, or roundtable discussion, email a 250-word abstract to bhawk@ric.edu with OBOM PROPOSAL in the subject line. The deadline for submissions is March 23.

Please include the following with your proposal:

**STUDENT SUBMISSIONS**
- The name of the presenter(s)
- The title of your paper or project
- Type of presentation: paper or creative format
- A 200-250 word abstract (a brief description that concisely identifies your topic and approach)
- A faculty sponsor (or the name of the professor and the course in which you did the research)

**FACULTY SUBMISSIONS**
- The name of the faculty facilitator
- The names of the student presenters
- The title of the course in which students have researched this topic
- Type of presentation: panel or creative format
- A brief description of the proposed presentation (200-250 words)
- The title of the course in which students have researched this topic

Undergraduate papers will be allotted 10-12 minutes each (time for approximately 1000-1250 words or four-five pages, double-spaced); graduate student papers will be allotted 15 minutes. We will accept proposals for already-formed panels (one hour per session) or for individual papers, which we will group by topic. Inquiries about presentation ideas are welcome!

For more information about these and other spring events, see www.ric.edu/crca and www.ric.edu/obom.