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Message from the President

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a great honor to serve as president of CANE, even in this unprecedented academic year when we all face so many challenges in our professional and personal lives. Speaking on behalf of the organization, I thank you for your support of CANE, and your engagement with our shared discipline in so many ways that benefit our New England communities.

The recent months have been busy indeed, but you may have noted that CANE is keeping busy too. If you attended the pedagogical Zoom sessions sponsored by CANE's Educational Programs, I hope you found them edifying. In addition, CANE is currently developing new scholarships designed to increase diversity among the members of our scholarly community - more details about those will be announced soon. Now CANE gets ready to prepare for the annual meeting in 2021.

It may come as no surprise, but due to the global pandemic, the CANE Executive Committee has elected to hold our annual meeting as a **virtual meeting via Zoom on March 13 and 20 (consecutive Saturdays) in 2021**. As we all saw at the *first* virtual CANE annual meeting, virtual meetings can be just as enlightening and lively as in-person meetings. The 2021 virtual annual meeting will have paper sessions, workshop sessions, themed panels, at least one special guest-speaker, happy hours hosted by affinity groups, and an awards ceremony.

For the 2021 meeting, we will ask you to register, and one purpose of that is to ensure that we can hold our annual Business Meeting at the event. We all missed that opportunity to come together and do the important business of voting on CANE initiatives and ballots, of honoring our award recipients, and of remembering fondly those members of CANE we have lost; we will regain that opportunity in March of 2021. More information on the meeting will emerge in the coming months.

I invite you to **submit your proposal** for an individual paper, workshop, or panel of papers by **December 15, 2020**. The submission link is now on the CANE website. The ability to submit a panel of papers is a new feature of the 2021 annual meeting. This grants the opportunity for a group of three to four presenters to submit papers on a pre-established, self-determined topic or theme. A panel may include a respondent or discussant as well (but then please limit the number of papers to three). Please note that up-to-date CANE membership is a requirement to submit an abstract, so be sure to join CANE or renew your membership for the 2020-2021 academic year. You will hear the decision about your submission by late January, 2021.

Finally, please note the many award and scholarship opportunities that CANE has to offer, including our annual writing contest for New England high school students, and an award to cover the cost of meeting registration for first-time attendees.

Thank you for your ongoing support of CANE, and for your teaching, scholarship, and creative engagement with the discipline we all cherish.

Sincerely,

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