

## "The Post-Obama Ethos: The Transnational U.S. in the Aftermath of Hope"

International Interdisciplinary Symposium  
Symposium Sponsors: Obama Institute & Georgia State University  
Host Institution: Georgia State University  
March 22 – 23, 2018

### Call for Papers

The English Department of Georgia State University and its departmental partners in collaboration with the Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies at the Johannes Gutenberg University (JGU) Mainz, and the Atlantic Academy (in Kaiserslautern) welcome proposals for this Spring 2018 Symposium on the topic of "The Post-Obama Ethos." Assembling a body of leading international scholars in interdisciplinary re-search and teaching areas, this symposium will explore the global importance of cultures, populations, poli-cies and discourses marked by the completion of the two term presidency of the 44th United States President, Barack Obama. The storm of political changes in the U.S. within days of President Obama's end of term have been felt widely. Nationally and internationally, President Obama's departure from office has coincided with a wave of social, political, economic, religious, and scientific changes. Panelists and speakers from fields across the humanities, law, public policy, the arts, and the social sciences will present critical perspec-tives of, and reflect on the immediate post-Obama period and the prospects of the global discourse of hope that will mark the legacy of the 44th U.S. President.

The *Journal of Transnational American Studies* (JTAS) editors, in attendance, will consider essays originat-ing out of this symposium for publication.

We welcome abstracts of 250 – 300 words that summarize papers that will critically engage ways to see and understand the era unfolding before us in the spirit of Barack Obama's "Audacity of Hope."

**Send Abstracts as Attachments to: [ewest@gsu.edu](mailto:ewest@gsu.edu)**

**Abstract Deadline: January 20, 2018**

**Notification: January 22, 2018**