

CALL FOR PAPERS: SIGCIS 2010 Workshop-Materiality and Immateriality in the History of Computing

Deadline: July 1, 2010

The Society for the History of Technology's Special Interest Group for Computers, Information and Society (SIGCIS – <http://www.sigcis.org>) welcomes submissions for its latest one day scholarly workshop on Materiality and Immateriality in the History of Computing. The workshop will be held in Tacoma Washington all day on Sunday, October 3 2010. This is the final day of the annual SHOT meeting. SHOT has reserved that day for SIG events and therefore the symposium will not overlap scheduled sessions in the main program. For details on the main SHOT meeting see http://www.historyoftechnology.org/annual_meeting.html.

In keeping with the conference theme contributions that consider material aspects of the history of information technology (people, things, places, physical technologies and their relationship to work, practice, users, standards, and so on), immaterial aspects of the history of computing (logical standards, program code, theory, virtual technologies/environments/communities) or the relationship between the two are particularly welcome. However our practice is to welcome contributions on all topics related to the history of computing whether or not there is an explicit connection with the annual theme. Our membership is interdisciplinary and proposals are expected from the perspectives of business history, labor history, social history, science studies and the history of science as well as from historians of technology.

Proposals for entire sessions and individual presenters are both welcome. We hope to run special sessions featuring dissertations in progress and other works in progress. The workshop is a great opportunity to get helpful feedback on your projects in a relaxed and supportive environment. All proposals will be subject to a peer review process.

All submissions should be made via the web by 1 July, 2010. Limited travel assistance for graduate students is available. For full information including detailed submission requirements please go to <http://www.sigcis.org?q=workshop10>.

Questions should be addressed to Jeffrey Tang who is serving as chair of the workshop organizing committee. Email tangjd@jmu.edu.