Call for Papers
The Ninth Postal History Symposium
June 2, 2016
Jacob Javits Convention Center, New York City
World Stamp Show – NY 2016

Theme of the Symposium:
“How Postal Treaties Influenced Post Office Reforms”

Sponsored by
American Philatelic Society, American Philatelic Research Library,
Smithsonian National Postal Museum

Deadline for proposals — extended to February 15, 2016

The symposium seeks papers addressing any aspects of treaties affecting Universal rates and carriages and their resulting impact on post office reforms. How was payment or reimbursement to other countries to transport and deliver it accomplished? What were the differences between French and British Treaty implementation? What was the impact of the UPU on postal regulations?

Proposals for symposium papers may be submitted either as individual papers or in panels. Proposals should be no more than one page and be accompanied by a one-page curriculum vita with contact information (e-mail, phone, and address).

Please e-mail complete proposals to symposium@stamps.org by February 15, 2016. Notification of accepted papers will be issued in early March. Papers must be submitted by May 1, 2016. Conference papers will be posted on the American Philatelic Society and National Postal Museum websites.

Proceedings of the Symposium will be considered for publication by the Smithsonian Institution Press and for the David Straight Award, which includes a cash award and a stipend to attend the following Postal History Symposium.
About the Postal History Symposium

The Postal History Symposium gathers together scholars, philatelists, and the interested public, integrating philately and the history of postal operations within the broader context of history. The Symposium promotes research and brings national visibility to scholars, libraries, and resources.

The American Philatelic Society, American Philatelic Research Library, and the Smithsonian National Postal Museum jointly produce the Symposium, which has been held since 2006.

Past Symposium themes:

September 12–14, 2014, American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte, PA
**Eighth Postal History Symposium: The Development of Transoceanic Air Mail Service**
*held in conjunction with Aerophilately 2014, a national all-air mail philatelic exhibition with FIP recognition and worldwide participation hosted by the American Air Mail Society*

November 2–4, 2012, American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte, PA
**Seventh Postal History Symposium: Blue & Gray: Mail and the Civil War**
*held in conjunction with U.S. Classics 2012, a philatelic exhibition hosted by the United States Philatelic Classics Society*

September 16–18, 2011, American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte, PA
**Sixth Postal History Symposium: How Commerce and Industry Shaped the Mails**
*held in conjunction with the United States Stamp Society 85th Anniversary Celebration*

September 30–October 1, 2010, Smithsonian National Postal Museum, Washington, DC
**Winton M. Blount Symposium on Postal History: Stamps and the Mail: Imagery, Icons, & Identity**

October 30–November 1, 2009, American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte, PA
**The Fourth Postal History Symposium: Post Office Reform**
*held in conjunction with U.S. Classics 2009, a philatelic exhibition hosted by the United States Philatelic Classics Society*

September 26–27, 2008, Smithsonian National Postal Museum, Washington, DC
**Winton M. Blount Symposium on Postal History: When the Mail Goes to War**

October 21–22, 2007, American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte, PA
**Second Postal History Symposium: Further, Farther, Faster: Transportation Technology and the Mail**
*held in conjunction with Aerophilately 2007, an all-air mail exhibition sanctioned by the American Air Mail Society*

November 3–4, 2006, Smithsonian National Postal Museum, Washington, DC
**Winton M. Blount Symposium on Postal History**

View papers & presentations from the Symposium at [http://stamps.org/Postal-History-Symposium](http://stamps.org/Postal-History-Symposium) and [http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/symposiums/index.html](http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/symposiums/index.html)

Selected papers from the first six Symposia were published by the Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Press. Copies are available, in either soft bound or electronic file from [http://www.scholarlypress.si.edu](http://www.scholarlypress.si.edu)