

Dominican University New York cordially invites historians, scholars, and educators to its International History Conference on World War II in honor of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of that conflict. Located about midway between New York City and the U.S. Military Academy-West Point campus along the scenic Palisades Parkway and surrounded by historical sites spanning the Colonial Period to World War II, Dominican University provides a convenient and historically relevant site to gather for this special event. Its campus was once part of the sprawling Camp Shanks, which served as the U.S. Army's largest embarkation point for Soldiers heading to the European Theater of war. For those who shipped off to war from this military base, it became known affectionately as "Last Stop USA." Approximately 75% of the Soldiers who participated in the Normandy invasion known as D-Day passed through Camp Shanks. Late in the war and during the months that followed, the base processed nearly 300,000 German and Italian prisoners of war before it was decommissioned in 1946 and converted into public and private development. Dominican University's campus was part of this post-base development.

### Call for Papers:

We welcome paper and panel proposals across the full breadth of topics and issues relating to the greatest conflict in world history on the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its conclusion. We particularly welcome proposals on the following topics:

- Strategy, tactics, innovation
- Alliances and international relations
- Homefront
- Politics and propaganda
- Holocaust and displaced persons
- Peace settlements, reconstruction, renewal
- Legacies and lessons learned
- Military studies and pedagogy

Graduate students are welcome to apply. We are accepting two types of proposals, individual papers and panel discussions:

1. **Paper proposals** must be in the form of an abstract of no more than 300 words, a mini-abstract of 50 words or less that can be used in the conference program, a title of 25 words or less, a short author bio of no more than 100 words, and a list of 3-5 keywords. A standard paper session will run for 25 minutes with 5 minutes allotted for questions and answers.
2. **Panel proposals** must include three presenters with a moderator. Each presenter must submit a 300-word abstract, a mini-abstract of 50 words or less that can be used in the conference program, a title of 25 words or less, a short author bio of no more than 100 words, and a list of 3-5 keywords. Each presenter will be allotted 20

minutes after which the presenters may respond or ask questions of others. After this, panel moderators may open up the questions and discussion to include the audience.

**Tentative Schedule:**

- 28 May Registration and Evening Reception
- 29 May Key Keynote Address/Paper and Panel Sessions
- 30 May Paper and Panel Sessions
- 31 May Optional tours to New York City or U.S. Military Academy-West Point Campus

**Registration Fee and Lodging:**

The early registration fee is \$149 per person if paid by Friday, 28 February 2025. The standard registration fee of \$189 per person will apply if paid after 28 February. The registration fee includes the evening reception on the first evening of the conference, breakfast, lunch, and coffee service during both day sessions of the conference. The rates for graduate students are \$99 for early registration and \$139 for regular registration after 28 February.

On-campus lodging is available for an additional fee. Single rooms with single bathrooms are \$100 per night, and double rooms with a shared bathroom are \$50 per night. A conference discount also is available at nearby hotels at approximately a 10% discount from prevailing market rates. Please contact the conference organizers for assistance with off-campus lodging.

Registration fees may be paid online at <https://www.duny.edu/history-conference/> using the digital payment function or paid by checks made out to Dominican University New York. The physical mailing address is listed at the end of this announcement.

**Optional Tours:**

To facilitate exploration of the rich history and culture of the Lower Hudson Valley, we have organized two optional tours for Saturday, 31 May. Tours are provided by third-party vendors and are subject to market rates as the dates of the conference approach. We anticipate the following ticket fees for each tour: \$125 for New York City and \$60 for West Point. Please note that West Point remains an active military post. Special security protocols remain in place.

**Proposal Submission Process and Contact Information:**

All proposals should be submitted to Dr. Christopher Libertini at [christopher.libertini@duny.edu](mailto:christopher.libertini@duny.edu) no later than 28 February 2025. Please use this e-mail address or call (845) 848-4068 to ask for more information about the conference. You also may visit our conference webpage: <https://www.duny.edu/history-conference/>. The physical mailing address is Dr. Christopher Libertini, History Department-Casey Hall (Room 18), Dominican University New York, 470 Western Highway, Orangeburg, NY 10962.

We look forward to hosting you on our campus and gathering to share in robust historical discourse and good fellowship while remembering one of history's most significant events.