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## Definig Ritual, Grad. Conf. (U Arizona, 25.1.02)

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#### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The University of Arizona's Thirteenth Annual Art History Graduate Student Association (AHGSA) Symposium, "Defining Ritual," provides a forum for graduate students in art history and related interdisciplinary fields such as visual culture, cultural studies, performance, etc., to present scholarly research and engage in intellectual debate. This year's symposium will examine the representation of ritual in the arts and ways in which art and ritual may relate to notions and constructions of personal and communal identity. What is ritual? How is it defined, depicted and deployed by artists? How is it received and internalized by audiences? What is the use and function of art within different practices? How might ritual relate to issues of race and gender?

Papers may address a multitude of Western and Non-Western topics: sacred and secular ceremonies, liminal experiences, cultural celebrations, daily and personal routines, social and family gatherings. Papers including discussions of performance art, music and photography concerning ritual are also encouraged.

One page abstracts of scholarly papers concerning all aspects of ritual accompanied by a curriculum vitae and a brief personal statement or letter of introduction will be accepted postmarked no later than November 16, 2001. Presentations are limited to twenty minutes and inter-disciplinary approaches are encouraged. University of Arizona graduate students will act as respondents and moderators for panel discussions. The Thirteenth Annual Symposium will be held in conjunction with the exhibition Defining Ritual at the University of Arizona's Lionel Rombach Gallery. The exhibition dates are January 9 - February 14, 2002 with an opening reception on January 18.

The symposium will be held at the University of Arizona on Friday January 25, 2002. This all-day event will consist of graduate student presentations and panel discussions, as well as a key-note speaker. Honorariums for travel funds or accommodations may be available.

Send to: 2002 AHGSA Symposium, c/o Courtney Hamrick; 2048A East 1st Street; Tucson, Arizona 85719. Prospective participants will be notified no later than November 30, 2001.

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Please direct inquiries to AHGSA President Courtney Hamrick at courtneyhamrick@hotmail.com or to Vice-President Elisha Fernandes at elisha@email.arizona.edu.

#### Reference:

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