

2020 New England Graphic Medicine Conference
Call for Papers

MARCH 26-28, 2020

[Deadline: January 10, 2020]

Graphic Medicine is a genre, a field, a tool, a community, and a cause. It is large enough to accommodate all health and medical experiences, from that of the doctor to that of the patient – from that of a microbe to that of a planet.

Following the inaugural 2019 event organized by the Network of National Libraries of Medicine New England Region (NNLM NER), we are delighted to announce the 2020 New England Graphic Medicine Conference on the MCPHS University Boston campus. Paper, presentation, and panel proposals on Graphic Medicine in terms of the following topics are now being requested:

- Artist health
- Canonization
- Climate crisis
- Comics journalism
- Data collection and privacy
- Disability in the superhero genre
- Healthcare business
- Librarianship
- Narratology and literary theory
- Posthumanism
- Religion and faith
- Colorectal Cancer (March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month)
- Epilepsy (March 26th is #PurpleDay for Epilepsy Awareness)
- Historical illnesses (e.g. smallpox, malaria, Great Plague of London)
- *The Nib*, *The Annals of Graphic Medicine*, and other online GM sources



Additional topics will also be considered. Proposals of no more than 200 words should be submitted as Word documents to a.lewis@mcphs.edu with the Subject line *New England Graphic Medicine*. Please also include a relevant 1-2 page CV for each potential speaker. Specify whether the proposal is part of a planned panel or is being offered for placement at the organizers' discretion. Time blocks of 75 minutes (for full panels), 20 minutes (for individual papers), or 5 minutes (for "lightning talks") will all be considered and should be noted in the proposal.

Creative workshops will be considered as well, and interested artists should submit portfolio links along with the other materials listed above. Exhibitor opportunities may be available: contact a.lewis@mcphs.edu for potential details.

Organized by the MCPHS Center of Health Humanities, the 2020 New England Graphic Medicine Conference is also supported by the MCPHS University Libraries, the School of Healthcare Business, and the School of Professional Studies. Additional guidance and resources are provided by the NNLM NER.