The Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc. (A.R.T.) is announcing a **Call for Proposals** for the 2016 New York Archives Week Symposium. The full-day symposium on *Archives and Politics* will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2016 in New York City.

The day will focus on presentations and panel discussions, interviews, studies, strategies, research, analyses, and use studies, with the aim of bringing together archivists, industry experts, records managers, librarians, museum professionals, professors, scholars, academic researchers, and the general public.

Possible areas of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

* Women’s suffrage
* Voter enfranchisement or disenfranchisement
* Voter registration, voting zones
* Polling records
* Political advertising
* Municipal, city, borough, and state government records
* Congressional records
* Political agitation and protests
* The intersection of labor and politics
* International elections
* Media coverage of elections
* What sorts of records are made confidential and why?
* Freedom of Information Act requests and confidential records
* What sorts of political records are used and how have they been re-purposed?

Guidelines:

* The day will be divided up into four sessions between 60 and 90 minutes.
* Individual papers or entire panel proposals will be accepted.
* All individual presentations will be a maximum 20 minutes long.
* Each session will have a Q&A period at the end.
* Submissions must include: title, name of author and institutional affiliation (if applicable), email address, phone number, abstract (250 words max), and indication of technological requirements.

Event Date: Thursday, October 20, 2016

Location: TBD New York, NY

Submission Deadline: August 30, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.

Email Proposals to: education@nycarchivists.org

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