

20th Anniversary of the ASA Material Culture Caucus: The Video

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Since its formation in 1994, the Material Culture Caucus of the American Studies Association (ASA) has bridged the gap between university-based and museum-based scholars to promote the study of material culture in American Studies programs. To celebrate its twentieth birthday, the Caucus sponsored a workshop on Friday November 7, 2014, during the ASA national meeting in Los Angeles.

In the spirit of fun embedded in the conference theme, Debby Andrews, Sarah Anne Carter, Estella Chung, Ellen Gruber Garvey, and Catherine Whalen challenged workshop participants to play a variant of the classic game, "Twenty Questions." Videographer Mark Escribano documented the event. To see how the workshop played out, and how such questions can inspire object-based exercises in the classroom or the museum, follow these links:

Watch the Twenty Years, Twenty Questions to Ask an Object video [here](#)

Read the Twenty Questions [here](#)

The Material Culture Caucus organizers wish to encourage participation in the 2015 Annual Meeting: "The (Re)production of Misery and the Ways of Resistance," October 8-11, 2015, Toronto, Canada. For more information on the Call for Papers, please read [our December post](#) and visit the [ASA website](#).