SENIOR THESIS WRITERS' CONFERENCE

30-31 October, 2014

Harvard University
Department of History

Robinson Lower Library &
Basement Seminar Room

***** DAY 1: THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER *****

1:00 – 3:00 PM

1. Empires and Economics in Asia **Lower Library**
Panel Chair: Prof. Ian Miller

(1:00-1:30) **Axel Snow**, "Cross-Cultural Consumption in Early Modern Japanese Department Store Cafeterias"
(1:30-2:00) **Joe Mazur**, "The Imperial Resistance: The British Army Aid Group in China, 1942-45"
(2:00-2:30) **Barbara Halla**, "A Gentleman's Agreement: The Politics of Informal Empire in Sarawak and North Borneo, 1848-88"
(2:30-3:00) **Hunter Fortney**, "When the Bottom Fell out of the Rice Bucket: The Effect of the Great Depression (1930-37) on the Three Primary Rice Exporting Countries in Southeast Asia"

2. Culture and Activism in a Transatlantic World **Basement Seminar Room**
Panel Chair: Prof. Elizabeth Hinton

(1:00-1:30) **Eileen Storey**, "Leagues of America's Pastime: Gender, Race, and Baseball during World War II"
(1:30-2:00) **Parker Grayson**, "Surviving a Medical Holocaust: The Re-Conceptualization of AIDS, Activism, and U.S. Scientific Research by ACT UP during the AIDS Crisis"
(2:00-2:30) **Owen Laub**, "Two Postwar Interpretations of the 'Language' of Surrealism: Adorno and Foucault"

3:00 – 5:00 PM

3. War, Work, and Society in American History **Lower Library**
Panel Chair: Dr. Brett Flehinger

(3:00-3:30) **Forrest Brown**, "Sudden War: The Miwok Indians and the California Gold Rush"
(3:30-4:00) **Gretchen Krupp**, "A Conscription for Civilian Labor: Women, Labor, and Political Ideology in the Austin-Wadsworth Bill of 1943"
(4:00-4:30) **Orme Thompson**, "Regulation for Energy Conservation: Carter's Mission to Restructure the American Energy System"
(4:30-5:00) **Katherine Aoki**, "Working Narratives in American Department Stores: The Merchant Prince, the Salesman, and the Stock Boy, 1880-1920"

4. Hunger for Intellect in Transatlantic Premodernity **Basement Seminar Room**
Panel Chair: Prof. Dimiter Angelov

(3:00-3:30) **Emery Poor**, "Gourmet, Glutton, Guide: Marcus Gavius Apicius in the Late Roman Period and Beyond"
(3:30-4:00) **James McGlone**, "Seeking and Guarding Truth: Augustine's Development on Religion and Civil Power"
(4:00-4:30) **Nathaniel Hay**, "Carthage on the Thames: Nationalism, Neoclassicism, and the French Revolution"
(4:30-5:00) **Matt Shuham**, "This Land is Our Land: Radical French Influence on Early American Conceptions of Property"

*** DAY 2: FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER ***

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

5. Religion and Democracy in Pre-Modern Europe **Lower Library**
Panel Chair: Dr. Daniel Jütte

(9:00-9:30) **Stefan Poltorzycki**, "The Problem of Democratic Empire: Monumentality and Resistant Speech in Ancient Athens and Revolutionary France"
(9:30-10:00) **Alicia Alvero Koski**, "'Perceptions of Medieval Queenship: Patronage, Warfare, and Legitimacy under Urraca of Léon and Castile"
(10:00-10:30) **Emma Rausch**, "Persecution from the Perspective of Protestant Dissent in Restoration England"
(10:30-11:00) **Nicholas Folger**, "The Spark that Ignited the Fire: Scottish Nationalism in the Bishops' Wars"

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

6. British Empire and its Aftermath in Africa and at Home **Lower Library**
Panel Chair: Prof. Emmanuel Akyeampong

(11:00-11:30) **Erica Byas-Smith**, "Contesting Tradition: Race, Gender, and Colonial Legacy in the Kenyan Female Circumcision Debate"
(11:30-12:00) **Juliet Bailin**, "The Other White Women: Emily Hobhouse, Millicent Fawcett, and the Reform of the Boer War Concentration Camps"
(12:00-12:30) **Breeanna Elliott**, "Women and the Precariousness of Freedom in Late Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century Zanzibar"
(12:30-1:00) **Caroline Breinin**, "Media through a Lens: How Kenyan, British, and American Newspapers Reported on Kenyan Post-Election Violence in 2007 and 2008"

7. Conflict and its Consequences in Europe and America **Basement Seminar Room**
Panel Chair: Prof. Andrew Jewett

(11:00-11:30) **Richard Rush**, "'To be Associated with Holy Job': Saints and their Alternatives in Late Antique Gaul"
(11:30-12:00) **Nicolai Astrup Wiik**, "Identity through Gunboats, Blockade, and Famine: The Second Battle of Copenhagen and its Impact on Emerging Norwegian Identity"
(12:00-12:30) **Nick Mendez**, "When Harvard Went to War: Ambulance Drivers, American Elites, and the U.S. Entry into World War I"
(12:30-1:00) **Daniel Barcia**, "Restless Liberty: A History of Florida's Armed Maroons and Slave Rebellion"

All participants, advisers, and moderators are invited to enjoy lunch from 1–2:00 PM in the Robinson Great Space.