Harvard University
Department of History

SENIOR THESIS WRITERS' CONFERENCE
November 2–3, 2017

***** DAY 1: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 *****

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Panel 1, Global Histories of Political Economies **Lower Library**
Chair: Prof. Fredrik Logevall

Theo Serlin: "Poverty and Un-British MPs: Transnational Politics and Economic Thought in Britain and India, 1885–1936"
Gilbert Highet: "When Philosophers Become Princes: Henry Kissinger's Dual Crises of 1974"
Tyler Spear: "Rising Tiger, Cowering Bulldog: The British Reformulation of Empire in Malaya and Singapore, 1945–1956"

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3:00 – 5:00 PM

Panel 2, Policing and Law in Modern United States History **Lower Library**
Chair: Prof. Elizabeth Hinton

Nick Barber: "'The Court's Gotta Eat': Louisiana's Public Defenders and the Rise of Mass Incarceration from *Gideon* to Katrina, 1963–2006"
August Stover: "Integration, Carcerality, and Resistance: The Development of School Policing in 1970s Boston"
Blake Paterson: "Out of the Closet, into the Voting Booth: Gay Protest and Politics in Houston, 1975–1985"
Helen Cummings: "The Gang Truce between the Los Angeles Crips and Bloods, 1992"

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Panel 3, Histories of Extremes **Basement Seminar Room**
Chair: Dr. Brett Flehinger

Isabella Huber: "'The Democracy Never Despairs of the Republic': Copperheads and Democrats in the Civil War North"
Henry Scott: "Global Warming as Political Impasse: The Limits of Data, Visuality and Rational Discourse in the Twenty-First-Century U.S. Public Sphere"
Hannah Wexner: "Fire and Brimstone and Hydrogen Bombs: Narratives of the Apocalyptic in the Civil Rights Era"

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***** DAY 2: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 *****

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Panel 4, Learning, Education, and Access **Lower Library**
Chair: Prof. Jane Kamensky

Theodore Delwiche: "*In silvis Academia surgit*: Latin Learning in Seventeenth-Century New England"
Rebecca Brooks: "The Federalist Papers and their Intellectual Influences: The Making of American Constitutional Discourse and Method"
Gemma Collins: "'Aid the Downtrodden Sex!': College Access and Suffrage Activity at Radcliffe College"
Alicia Hamilton: "Black Child Matters: A Historical Analysis of June Jordan's Books for Black Kids in a White World, 1969–1972"

Panel 5, Media, Memory, and Representation **Basement Seminar Room**
Chair: Prof. Charles Maier

Sophie Kissinger: "'Denizens of the Underworld': The American Press and the War on Drugs, 1971–2001"
Ignacio Sabate: "Protecting the Press: NGOs' Strategies for Defending Journalists against Violence in Colombia, 1982–2000"
Raya Koreh: "Holocaust Collective Memory and US-Israel Relations, 1960–1976"
Matthew DeShaw: "The Fluid City: Power and Memory in the Classical Western Mediterranean"

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3:00 – 5:00 PM

Panel 6, Expertise and Science in the Twentieth Century **Lower Library**
Chair: TBD

Sarah Angell: "The Woman He Loved: Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty and the Americanization of the Global Fight against Economic Inequality in the 1960s"
Ikenna Ugboaja: "The Astronomers' Revolt: Project West Ford and the Polarization of the American Scientific Community, 1958–1964"
Gal Koplewitz: "In Gut We Trust: Economic Authority and Antitrust in the U.S., 1900–1914"
Matthew Crowley: "U.S. Economic Crisis in Context of the Global Economy: Analyzing the Creation of the Federal Reserve and U.S. Central Banking, 1890–1930"

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Panel 7, Forging Modern Communities **Basement Seminar Room**

Chair: Dr. Shaun Nichols

Colleen McGovern: "Drink, Space and Nation: Nineteenth-Century Pubs and Republican Political Movements in Ireland"

Lulu Chua-Rubenfeld: "Uptown, Downtown, and In-Between: The Fusion of Wealth and Learning in the Forging of a New Jewish American Identity in Early Twentieth-Century New York"

Madeline Lear: "To Suffer for the Love of God: Discipline and Spirituality in the Life of an American Catholic Sister, 1869–1973"

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