



Harvard University
Department of History

SENIOR THESIS WRITERS' CONFERENCE

November 2–3, 2017

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

1:30 – 2:30 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”
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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”
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3:00 – 4:00 PM

Panel 3: Histories of Extremes

Basement Seminar Room

Chair: Dr. Brett Flehinger

- Hannah Wexner:** “Fire and Brimstone and Hydrogen Bombs: Narratives of the Apocalyptic in the Civil Rights Era”
- Henry Scott:** “Global Warming as Political Impasse: The Limits of Data, Visuality and Rational Discourse in the Twenty-First-Century U.S. Public Sphere”

***** 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 American Jewish-Israeli 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: Dr. Shaun Nichols

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: Prof. James Kloppenberg

Colleen McGovern: “Drink, Space and Nation: Nineteenth-Century Public Houses and Republican Political Movements in Ireland”

Lulu Chua-Rubinfeld: “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 a Catholic Sister in Oregon, 1869–1973”

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