



Harvard University
Department of History

SENIOR THESIS WRITERS' CONFERENCE

November 1-2, 2018

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

12:00 – 2:00 PM

Panel 1: Twentieth-Century United States Politics

Robinson Hall 107

Chair: Prof. Lisa McGirr

- Bailey Colfax:** "Hunting the Super-Predator: The Criminalization of Children of Color in America, 1992-2001"
- Katherine Mann:** "Abortion in Prime Time: How 1970s Sitcoms Helped Shape U.S. Public Opinion & Political Advocacy"
- Sunaina Danziger:** "Nazis in America: The U.S. Intelligence Programs that Shaped the New Global Order, 1944-1949"
- William Strang:** "Absent at the Creation: The State Department in "Free" China, 1947-1950"
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1:00 – 3:00 PM

Panel 2: Expertise and Science in the Twentieth Century

Lower Library

Chair: Prof. Kirsten Weld

- Molli Goetz:** "Hearts, Minds, and Bodies: The Relationship between Public Health and State Power in 1970s Oman"
- Robert Hope:** "The Refinery of Eden: Abadan and the Global Petroleum System of the Early Cold War, 1943-1957"
- Hunter Worland:** "The Space Station, Euro, and Bridge to Nowhere: Development, Identity, and Modernity in French Guiana"
- Richard Yarrow:** "From Chlorophyll to Chemical Weapons: Evaluating Nationalist Ideologies of German Scientists in the Midst of World War I"
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3:00 – 4:30 PM

Panel 3: Religion and Politics in United States History

Lower Library

Chair: Dr. Zachary Nowak

- Jackson Gates:** “Self-Interest and Interest-Transcendent Values: Quaker Abolitionism and Selective Humanitarianism in the American Antislavery Movement, 1770-1860”
- Thomas Elliott:** “Pledging Allegiance: Religion and Federal Anti-Communism in the United States in the Early Cold War, 1950-1954”
- Abraham Moffat:** “The Defender and His Faith: Rex E. Lee and the Latter-day Saint Relationship with the United States Constitution, 1970-1996”

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Panel 4: Modern Internationalisms

Robinson Hall 107

Chair: Prof. Erez Manela

- Radhika Goyal:** “Asia Beyond Pan-Asianism: Kalidas Nag and his "Greater India" aspirations, 1921 - 1946”
- Jonah Lefkoe:** ““Make Ourselves a Law”: The Washington Conference of 1921 and the New Theater of Geopolitics”
- Jules Qiu:** “The 1832 Voyage of Lord Amherst: A Microhistorical Research of Social Communication in Late Imperial China”
- Richard Tong:** ““So Cald Civilized Nations”: Anglophone Legal and Political Internationalism in the Early Twentieth Century”

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

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Panel 5: Ideas and Institutions in the Twentieth Century

Lower Library

Chair: Prof. Charles Maier

- Sophie Mehta:** “Front Organizations, Back Doors, and Hidden Agendas: Deconstructing the Indian Congress for Cultural Freedom, 1950-1960”
- Neil Reilly:** “Illiberal Liberalization: The Common Agricultural Policy’s Role in Shaping the EU and the WTO”
- Arthur Schott Lopes:** ““A Unity of Sentiment and Culture”: Gilberto Freyre and the Postcolonial Nation-State, 1902-1963”
- Wonik Son:** “UN Humanitarian Images and the Construction of Global Disability”

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

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Panel 6: U.S. Politics and Economics during the Long Nineteenth Century

Lower Library

Chair: Dr. Brett Flehinger

Andrew Lobel: “‘The Prince of Speculators’: William Duer and the Panic of 1792”

Zachary Gardner: “The Plight of the Plainfolk: The Transformation of Yeoman Society in Jackson County, NC, 1850 - 1870”

Andrew Wilkins: “A Political Paradox: The Mobilization of the German Forty-Eighters to the Republican Party in the 1860s”

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Panel 7: Contesting and Constructing Empire in the 19th and 20th Centuries

Robinson Hall 107

Chair: Prof. Terry Martin

Philip Balson: “Confrontation and Escalation: Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Making of Modern Southeast Asia”

Virginia Call: “Imagining the American Empire: Political Cartoons of the Spanish–American War”

Sierra Nota: “Make Way for The Railway: Transit-Oriented Urban development in Irkutsk, 1890-1920”

Benjamin Schafer: “Empire of Good Neighbors: Cultural, Diplomatic, and Commercial Empire-Building at the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo, 1901”

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

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Panel 8: Representation and Identity from the Middle Ages to Modernity

Lower Library

Chair: Prof. Daniel Smail

Hannah Feldman: “Deprived of a Throne?: Royal Wives in Ninth-Century Wessex”

Leila Hirschfeld: “Retaking the Fortress: Josephus, Yadin, and the Meaning of Masada”

Jacob Link: “Russian-American Identity Formation in Early Twentieth-Century New York”

Will Morris IV: “Chinatown Boy: Professor Tunney Lee’s Early Life From Taishan to Resurrection City”

Panel 9: Law and Policy across Contexts

Robinson Hall 107

Chair: TBD

- Hannah Hess:** “Reinventing Ambulatory Marriage in Saudi Arabia: The 1990s Social, Legal and Religious Factors which Modernized an Ancient Arabian Marriage Form”
- Jacob Russell:** “American Augustus: Lincoln’s Constitutional Dictatorship that Saved the Republic”
- Cole Guyre:** “Revolution and Repeal: Avant-Garde Civil War Monetary Policy in the North, 1862-1875”
- Isaac Walker:** “A Crisis of Their Own Making: Frontier Policy and Military Fortifications in the Collapse of the Byzantine East, 502-717”

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