



Harvard University  
Department of History

## SENIOR THESIS WRITERS' CONFERENCE

### October 31 & November 1, 2019

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\*\*\* DAY 1: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 \*\*\*

3:00–5:00 PM

#### Panel 1: Women in Twentieth-Century National and International Movements

Chair: *Dr. Carla Heelan*

History Conference Room

- Kathryn Kuhar:** “Passport, Periodicals, and Performances: How American Suffragists Engaged with the Women’s Suffrage Movement in England, 1910–1914”
- Ariella Kahan:** “Friends or Foes? Palestinian Arabs in the Eyes of American Women Zionists, 1929–1948”
- Charlotte Watts:** “Waging War and Warring Wages: Economic Nativism, Women’s Labor, and the Minimum Wage System, Massachusetts, 1912”

#### Panel 2: Diplomacy and Warfare across Contexts

Chair: *Professor Serhii Plokhii*

Basement Seminar Room

- Emma Potvin:** “‘He has no other court than his proper sentiment’: Ceremony and Conduct in Restoration French Diplomacy”
- Drake Marshall:** “A Great Experiment and the Making of Modern War: Information Dissemination and Combined Arms Tactics at the Battle of Cambrai”
- Michael Scherr:** “Last Axis Standing: The Evolution of North Korean Sanction Evasion”
- Christopher Vassallo:** “Meeting the Soviet Challenge: Joint Chiefs, Policy Planners, and the Lessons of History, 1946–1949”
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\*\*\* DAY 2: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 \*\*\*

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

#### Panel 3: Institutions and Resistance during War and Peace

Chair: *Dr. Brandon Bloch*

History Conference Room

- Jackson Grigsby:** “Reexamining Agency, Resistance, and Revolt at the Sobibór Killing Center”
- Julie Ngauv:** “Roots of Resistance: How the People of Cambodia Survived Genocide through Quiet Acts of Rebellion”

- Julia Schroeder:** “‘Destitute of alle maner of remedie’: Chancery Petitions in Fifteenth-Century England”
- Nicholas Durham:** “All in Favor? Zionism, U.N. Resolution 3379, and Insidious Racism in a New World Order, 1975–1992”

**1:00–3:00 PM**

**Panel 4: Defining the Group: Case Studies on Categorizations and Boundaries**

*Chair: Prof. Kirsten Weld*

**History Conference Room**

- Carter Wilcox:** “Roman Britain and I.B.M. Watson: Revealing Archeological Patterns Hidden in Plain Sight”
- Kevin Blacutt:** “The Impact of the Age of Andean Insurrection on Processes of Racialization in Colonial Peru”
- Kenard Dillon:** “Brazil’s Yellow Peril: Japanese Immigrants and Assimilation in the Era Vargas, 1930–1945”
- Maria Victoria Paredes:** “Cubanness in Continuity: The Evolution of the Cuban Identity throughout the Twentieth Century”

**Panel 5: Constructing and Contesting the Modern United States during the Long Twentieth Century**

*Chair: Prof. Lisa McGirr*

**Basement Seminar Room**

- Perry Arrasmith:** “National Power and Territorial Fear: Irrigation, the United States Senate, and the Formation of a More Western Union, 1888–1893”
- Sophie DiCara:** “Locked in Bridgewater: Ethnic Tensions, Labor, and the Emergence of the Carceral State in Massachusetts, 1854–1933”
- Gabriela Siegal:** “The Practical Turned Sexual: An Analysis of 1950s Female Consumer Culture in the United States”
- Alison Peikin:** “‘We have not come home yet’: The Political Status and its Filmic Misrepresentation of Disabled Vietnam Veterans in the Late 1970s”

**3:00–5:00 PM**

**Panel 6: Unequal Access: Law, Justice, and Citizenship**

**History Conference Room**

*Chair: Prof. Derek Penslar*

- Oliver Sughrue:** “‘Condemned only upon circumstances’: Imperial Piracy and Justice in the Early British Atlantic”
- Justin Curtis:** “Three-Fifths of a Nation: Antislavery Perspectives on Slave Representation and Black Citizenship, 1776–1876”
- Lily Piao:** “Lost in the Shadows: East Asian Women in the U.S. Legal System”
- Isabella Kwasnik:** “Law and Injustice? Private Property Restitution in Post-1989 Poland”

**Panel 7: Empires and Internationalism in the Crucible of War**

**Basement Seminar Room**

*Chair: Prof. Mary Lewis*

- Alexandra Todorova:** “The Aryan Vikings of Hedeby: Danish Archeology in the Shadow of the Third Reich”
- Lawrence Gu:** “A Pan-Asianist Search for the ‘Third Way’: Japanese Intellectual Landscape and Sino-Japanese Relations, 1949–1960”
- Victoria Márquez:** “Nation in the Area: America’s Increasing Internationalism through the Lens of World-War-I Era Speeches”
- Nicholas Danby:** “Engulfing the Gulf: Ronald Reagan and American Strategy during the Iran-Iraq War”

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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.***