



Harvard University  
Department of History

**SENIOR THESIS CONFERENCE**  
**NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 2022**

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**DAY 1: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3**  
**1-3 PM**

**Panel 1: Law, Politics, and Migration in North America**

*Moderator: Prof. David Spreen*

Location: Robinson Hall Conference Room

- Julian Habermann:** “Stamped Out: Ineligibility in the Origins of the Immigration System, 1880–1920”  
**Sam Lowry:** “Courts, Commerce, and Child Labor: The Creation of a New Constitutional Order”  
**Michael Vassallo:** “A Clash of Three Governors: White Backlash, Southern Conservatism, and the Long Death of Georgia’s White Primary”  
**Nithyani Anandakugan:** “Turning Tides: The 1986 Sri Lankan Boat Migration to Newfoundland and Questions of Rescue in International Law”

**3-5 PM**

**Panel 2: Society, Economics, and Culture in the Global Postwar**

*Moderator: Dr. Aaron Bekemeyer*

Location: Robinson Hall Conference Room

- Mary Julia Koch:** “Going Nuclear: The American Family in the Cold War”  
**A.J. Dilts:** “‘Separate Sovereignty’: W. Averell Harriman and the Kennedy Administration’s Intervention in Vietnam”  
**Dash Wasserstein:** “A Match Made in Heaven: Reconciling Neoliberalism and Nationalism in the Reagan Era”  
**Hannah Thurlby:** “‘All Our Children’: The Impact of China’s One-Child-Policy on the American Family in the 1990s”

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**HONORING THIS YEAR’S COHORT OF THESIS WRITERS!**

**ROBINSON HALL GREAT SPACE**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, AT 5PM**

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**DAY 2: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4  
10 AM–12 PM**

**Panel 3: Capital, Energy, and the State in the Making of the Anthropocene**

*Moderator: Prof. Ian Miller*

Location: Robinson Hall Conference Room

- Paige Proctor:** “Stewards of a Nation: The Political Significance of Agrarian Communities in Industrializing England”
- Ua Alencastre-Galimba:** “‘Guano Land’: Native Hawaiian Interactions with the Guano Industry in the Late Nineteenth Century”
- Michael Wallace:** “‘Davy Crockett in Yellowstone’: Mission 66, the National Park Service, and the Creation of Modern Environmentalism, 1954–1966”
- Kailas Amin:** “Historical Perspective on the Development of the American Power Market, 1996 to the Present”

**Panel 4: National Ideals, Conflicts, and Struggles in the 20th Century**

*Moderator: Prof. Terry Martin*

Location: Robinson Hall, Basement Seminar Room

- Henry Bellew:** “The Impact of Political Violence and International Fascism on the Electoral Failure of the British Union of Fascists”
- Andres Mendoza:** “Otherness, Isolation, Autonomy: Dissident Spanish Clergy, 1931–1939”
- Charlotte Sack:** “‘An organ of social democracy’: The Rise of the Public Library in Postwar America”
- Alexander Lee:** “‘We the Soviet People’: Civic Belonging and *Sovetskii Narod* Discourse under the Conditions of Late Socialism”

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**1–3 PM**

**Panel 5: Citizenship, Legal Personhood, and Demography**

*Moderator: Prof. Daniel Smail*

Location: Robinson Hall Conference Room

- Alaina Harris:** “‘What’s in a name?’: An Analysis of Personal Names in Post-Conquest England, 1066–1216”
- Kevin Wang:** “The Roman Law of Slavery in Late Medieval Europe”
- Enrique Sanchez:** “‘Why Fear Sterilization?’: Population Control and Family Planning in Puerto Rico during the Mid-Twentieth Century”
- Alexander Tam:** “To Be a Citizen: Rights, Obligation, and Belonging at the Social Margins of the Confederacy”

**Panel 6: Knowledge, Education, and Art in North America and Asia**

*Moderator: Prof. Lisa McGirr*

Location: Robinson Hall, Basement Seminar Room

- Katherine Enright:** “From Natural History to National Heritage: The History and Politics of Displaying Colonial-Era Natural History in Singapore Museums”
- Emily Axelsen:** “‘You Are Involved Unless You Stop It!’: Museum Response to Artist Mobilization in the 1970s New York City Feminist Art Movement”
- Ibrahim Mammadov:** “Book Virgins: How America Came to Forget Reading and Writing”
- Aiyana White:** “What was Given and What was Owed: Foreign Influence and Intervention in Japanese Women’s Education, 1930–1955”

**3–4:30 PM**

**Panel 7: Spatial and Environmental Histories of Land, Movement, and Industry**

*Moderator: Prof. Emma Rothschild*

Location: Robinson Hall Conference Room

- Oliver Riskin-Kutz:** “Feral Cattle, Wild Swamps, and Ungovernable People: An Environmental History of the French and Spanish Settlement of Louisiana in the Eighteenth Century”
- Tadhg Larabee:** “Sublime Histories, Historical Sublimes: Landscape, Technology, and Modernity in Nineteenth-Century Ireland”
- Uday Schultz:** “Ironbound: Freight Transport, Industrial Change, and the Urban Roots of the Logistics Economy in Newark, New Jersey”

**3–5 PM**

**Panel 8: Empire and Diplomacy: Four Case Studies**

*Moderator: Prof. Erez Manela*

Location: Robinson Hall, Basement Seminar Room

- Joseph Kester:** “Presentation versus Reality: Comparing Portrayals of the Emperor in Rome and Byzantium”
- Karina Halevy:** “Woven into War: A Computationally Augmented History of Sephardi Jewish Women in the Late Ottoman Empire, 1877–2000”
- Rom Blanco:** “Philippines-China Diplomatic Relations: Lessons from the Immediate Post-War Era (1946–1986)”
- Ryan Santos:** “‘The outsourcing of freedom’: Filipino Operatives in the Origins of the American War in Indochina, 1954–1962”

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