Seventh Annual Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Conference

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Culture and Politics in History: A Twenty First-Century Perspective

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Schedule of Events for Saturday, April 2
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The HGSA Conference Organizing Committee would like to thank all of the departmental staff, faculty, and student volunteers for their participation and assistance with this event. We especially want to thank all of the students and commentators from outside of Loyola and the Chicago area who have traveled great distances to attend and whose participation have made this event a success.

Thank you.

We would like to invite all conference participants and volunteers to our post-conference reception. It will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 in Regents Hall, and will include complimentary drinks and hors d’oeuvres.
Greetings, Fellow Graduate Students!

On behalf of the Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Association and the Department of History, I would like to welcome you to the seventh annual Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Conference. The mission of Loyola’s History Graduate Student Association is to represent the interests of the history graduate students to Loyola faculty, staff, and administration, as well as to cultivate academic excellence and community amongst graduate students.

Our Seventh annual conference brings together history graduate students who are working on a variety of topics ranging from nineteenth-century medicine to the post-war politics. In addition to panels on Saturday, this year we are pleased and honored to welcome Dr. James D. Schmidt of Northern Illinois University, who is delivering our keynote address immediately following lunch. The conference provides graduate students the opportunity to engage with the past, but also with each other.

I would especially like to thank the commentators both from Loyola and those who are unaffiliated with Loyola who are here simply for the joy of interacting with graduate scholars.

Again, welcome to Loyola and thank you for your participation in our conference.

Sincerely,

Justin Eliot Dickerson, President

Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Association
### 3-8:45 a.m.

**Registration/Continental Breakfast**  
*Regents Hall, in Lewis Towers*

### 9-10:45 a.m.

**Medicine, Health, and the Body in Late Nineteenth-Century America**  
*Corboy Law Center, Room 202*

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| “Civil War Veterans and Mental Health Benefits”  
Jonathan Matthews, Eastern Illinois University | Dr. Jo N. Hays, Professor Emeritus, Loyola University Chicago |
| "Dealing in the Dead: The American Civil War and the Birth of the Funeral Industry."  
Erin Feichtinger, Loyola University Chicago |  |
| “An Act to Prevent Procreation of Confirmed Criminals: The Origins of Sterilization in Indiana”  
Laura Mondt, Eastern Illinois University |  |

### The Conservative-Political Response to Changing Social Mores in the Second Half of the Twentieth Century**  
*Corboy Law Center, Room 208*

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Matthew Yates, Ohio State University | Dr. Rene Luis Alvarez, Professor, Northeastern Illinois University |
| “Against all Isms”: Textbooks, Politics, and Conservative Alliances in the Era of Civil Rights, 1950-1964”  
Kevin Boland Johnson, Mississippi State University |  |
9-10:45 a.m.

**Death and Progress: The Advances of Technology during Times of War**
*Corboy Law Center, 211*

Papers:

“’The Reaper is to the North...’ the Genesis of a Lie”
Daniel Ott, Loyola University Chicago

“Mobilizing Transistors: Semiconductor Development and Cold War Identities”
Eric Schuster, Loyola University Chicago

Comment: Dr. Theodore Karmanski, Professor, Loyola University Chicago

11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

**American Legal Questions and Dilemmas**
*Corboy Law Center, Room 202*

Papers:

“Baptist Theology and Religious Liberty in the American Founding Era”
Rosa Grant, University of Northern Iowa

“The Early Supreme Court and the Challenges of Riding Circuit”
Dale Yurs, University of Northern Iowa

“Defining White: The Arbitrary Nature of Race as a Legal Dilemma”
Christopher Kernc, Eastern Illinois University

Comment: Dr. James D. Schmidt, Professor, Northern Illinois University
Housing and Race in America’s Cities
Corboy Law Center, Room 208

Papers:
“The Politics of Citizenship: Illegal European Immigration and Citizenship in 1920s Detroit”
Ashley Johnson, Northwestern University

“Konklaves, Krosses, and Kanvassing: The Ku Klux Klan in Fargo, North Dakota, 1924-1927”
Trevor Magel, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

“Crossing to Westlake Terrace: The Rise and Fall of Public Housing in Youngstown, Ohio”
Sean Posey, Youngstown State University

Comment: Dr. Elizabeth Fraterrigo, Professor, Loyola University Chicago

Manhood: Bodies, Space, and War in Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century America
Corboy Law Center, Room 211

Papers:
“Honor and Blood: Brooks, Sumner, and Conceptions of Masculine Bodies in Nineteenth-Century America”
Jake Friefeld, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

“Manhood on the Home front: Domestic Mobilization, Masculine Subculture, and Changing Gender Roles in World War Two America”
Brandon Locke, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Comment: Dr. Prudence Moylan, Professor, Loyola University Chicago
12:45-2:45 p.m.

Lunch/Keynote Address

*Regents Hall in Lewis Towers*

1:45-2:45

**Keynote Address:**
Dr. James D. Schmidt, Professor of History at Northern Illinois University will be presenting *Childhood, Violence, and Law: Doing Research That "Matters".*

Welcome: Suzanne Kaufman, Professor, Loyola University Chicago

3-4:45 p.m.

**Political Identity in an Evolving Postwar America**

*Corboy Law Center, Room 202*

**Papers:**

- “Marilyn meets Shirley: the Double Consciousness of Female Teenage Jews in the 1950s and 1960s”
  Anne Warshaw, Dominican University

- “Catholicism and the Police in Postwar Chicago”
  Megan Adams, University of California-Berkley

- “New Refugees in the United States: The Case of the Somali Diaspora”
  Tyler Miller, Western Michigan University

**Comment:** Dr. Christopher Manning, Professor, Loyola University Chicago
3-4:45 p.m.

Politics in Postwar America
Corboy Law Center, Room 208

Papers:

“Redress and Reparations: The Japanese American Internment”
Crystal Abbey, Eastern Illinois University

“The Origins of the Federal Loyalty-Security Program and the Changing Nature of 'Subversive’”
John Goldsworthy, Eastern Illinois University

Thomas Kiely, Eastern Illinois University

Comment: Eric Schuster, Loyola University Chicago

Music and Migration
Corboy Law Center, Room 211

Papers:

”'The Mysteries of a Hobo's Life:" Tramping in the Masculine Imagination”
Amelia Serafine, Loyola University Chicago

“Blues and the Great Migration”
Anthony DiLorenzo, Loyola University Chicago

”'By Day I Make the Cars, By Night I Make the Bars”: Popular Country Music Tales of Dislocation, Nostalgia, and Adjustment in the 1960s Urban North”
Devin Hunter, Loyola University Chicago

Comment: Dr. Sandra Frink, Professor, Roosevelt University