Inaugural Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Conference

May 14, 2005

THE CREATION, CULTURE, AND MEANING OF COMMUNITY:
A GRADUATE HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

Sponsored by the LUC History Graduate Student Association
The HGSA Conference Organizing Committee would like to thank all of the departmental staff, faculty and student volunteers for the participation and assistance with this event. We especially want to thank all of the students from outside of Loyola and the Chicago who have traveled great distances to attend and whose participation has made this event a success.

Thank You.

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Dejan Kralj

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Greetings Fellow History Graduate Students!

On behalf of the Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Association and the Department of History, I would like to welcome all of you to the Inaugural Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Conference. The traditional mission of Loyola’s History Graduate Student Association has been 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 the graduate students. However, this year’s conference, highlighting the theme “The Creation, Culture, and Meaning of Community,” represents our foremost attempt to reach out and to embrace the wider academic community by bringing together over twenty-five aspiring historians, whose works chronologically span from the early medieval era to the end of the twentieth century, and encompass a diversity of subject areas including cultural, social, race, gender, ethnic, and public history. It is our hope that today’s event will be in the first in a long line of conferences that provides graduate students of diverse subject areas and institutions an opportunity to critically evaluate and engage not only with the past, but with each other as well. Once again, I would like to welcome you and thank all of you for your role in helping us make this day a success.

Sincerely,

Dejan Kralj
President, LUC History Graduate Student Association
9-10:45 a.m.

**Race and Community in 20th Century America**  
*Crown Center 530*

Chair: Paula F. Pfeffer, Professor of History, Loyola University Chicago

Papers:

- "The Great and Continuing Pressure of Migration’: Neighborhood Politics in Chicago’s Bronzeville, 1937-1956"
  Jeffrey L. Helgeson, University of Illinois at Chicago

- “Separate Missions: A Parish History of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Detroit, Michigan, 1920-1950”
  Thomas C. Henthorn, Michigan State University

  Jennifer Searcy, Loyola University Chicago

Comment: Christopher E. Manning, Assistant Professor of History, Loyola University Chicago

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**The Values of Community**  
*Crown Center 434*

Chair: Jennifer R. Bridge, Loyola University Chicago

Papers:

- "The Last Acre Expanded: Environmental Preservation in the Calumet Region since 1966”
  Samuel Barnett, University of Illinois at Chicago

- "Pageant of Youth:’ Imagining Catholic Community at Loyola University Chicago, 1923-1941”
  Rae Sikula Bielakowski, Loyola University Chicago

- “Democratic Representation as a Goal for Public Historians: Theory, Practice, and Possibility”
  Lara Kelland, University of Illinois at Chicago

Comment: Patricia Mooney-Melvin, Associate Professor of History, Loyola University Chicago
9-10:45 a.m.

**Gender: A Transnational Perspective**  
*Crown Center 334*

**Chair:** Elizabeth Hoffman, Loyola University Chicago  

**Papers:**  
“Repainting the Past: Women, Art & Power in the Third Reich”  
Catherine D. Griffis, Independent Scholar  

“Diseased Youths and Weak Men: Masturbation and Masculinity in America, 1646-1879”  
Catherine R. Maybrey, Loyola University Chicago  

“The Young White Male Identity Revolt: Challenging Hyper-Masculinity Ideals through Hair, 1964-1969”  
Elizabeth A. Myers, Loyola University Chicago  

**Comment:** Suzanne Kaufman, Associate Professor of History, Loyola University Chicago
11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Government and Reform in a Trans-Atlantic Context
Crown Center 530

Chair: Catherine R. Maybrey, Loyola University Chicago

Papers:
“The Patria and the Panza: the Hungry Community of Spain”
Beth Marie Forrest, Boston University

“Douala Under Colonial Rule, 1914-1922: Continuity and Change”
Nchinda Z. Nchinda, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

“The Post-World War II Veterans Housing Crisis: A Failed Vision for Public Housing”
Phyllis M. Santacroce, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Comment: Domenico Ferri, Independent Scholar

Highbrow/Lowbrow: the Dissemination of Culture in America
Crown Center 434

Chair: Cord A. Scott, Loyola University Chicago

Papers:
“French Desserts on the Menu in Nineteenth-Century America”
Kara S. Nielson, Boston University

“The Predicament of Plenty: Intellectual Responses to American Affluence, Leisure, and ‘Consumptionism’”
Joseph P. Renouard, Emory University

“A Rendezvous with Destiny: FDR’s fireside chats and their place in the evolutionary relationship between the Office of the President and the American People”
Brendan M. Cunningham, Loyola University Chicago

Comment: Dina M. Berger, Assistant Professor of History, Loyola University Chicago

11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
The Early Middle Ages
Crown Center 334
Chair: Kirsten DeVries, Loyola University Chicago

Papers: “Political Ideology in Constantinian Iconography”
Andrew Donnelly, Loyola University Chicago

“Frankish Penitentials as a Source for the History of Emotions”
Thomas Greene, Loyola University Chicago

Comment: Barbara H. Rosenwein, Professor of History, Loyola University Chicago

1-1:45 p.m.
Lunch
Crown Center Atrium

Keynote Welcome: Susan E. Hirsch, History Department Chair,
Loyola University Chicago

2-3:45 p.m.
The Historian’s Craft
Crown Center Auditorium

Moderator: Dejan Kralj, Loyola University Chicago

Panelists: Lewis Erenberg, Professor of History, Loyola University Chicago
Harold L. Platt, Professor of History, Loyola University Chicago
Barbara H. Rosenwein, Professor of History, Loyola University Chicago

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4-5:45 p.m.
United States Popular Culture
Crown Center 530

Chair: Jennifer Searcy, Loyola University Chicago

Papers: “Bridging the Generation Gap: Little Orphan Annie and Depression Era Nostalgia for the Child”
Stella A. Ress, Loyola University Chicago
**Spy World: the Image of the CIA in Children’s Media**
Cord A. Scott, Loyola University Chicago

“Deviant Morality: Lenny Bruce’s ‘Sick’ Comedy and American Society”
Neal C. Parker, Loyola University Chicago

Comment: Patrick Mallory, Loyola University Chicago

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**War and Its Aftermath**
*Crown Center 434*

Chair: Theodore Karamanski, Associate Professor of History, Loyola University Chicago

Papers: 

“Chicago and the Civil War: Memorialization and Memory in a Northern Community, 1863-1900”
Jennifer R. Bridge, Loyola University Chicago

“American Sheet Music Imagery During the Spanish-American War”
Ken Kasperski, Loyola University Chicago

“The Tractable Savage: Native Americans, Identity, and Popular Support for the Philippines-American War”
Dawn Ottevaere, Michigan State University

Comment: Robert O. Bucholz, Associate Professor of History, Loyola University Chicago

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**Late Medieval History**
*Crown Center 334*

Chair: Frances Mitilenos, Loyola University Chicago

Papers: 

“Straws in the Wind: Economic crisis in early Fourteenth-Century England”
Daniel O’Gorman

“Nicolas Eymeric’s Question 43, On Those Who Invoke Demons: A Fourteenth-Century Inquisitor’s View of Magical Practice”
Jilana Ordman, Loyola University Chicago

“Noah’s Wife: The Use of Secondary Characters in Corpus Christi Cycle Plays”
Jennifer Stalec

Comment: Robert Bireley, Professor of History, Loyola University Chicago
6-9 p.m.

Post-Conference Reception

Hamilton’s Pub
6341 North Broadway
(1/2 block south of Devon)