12TH ANNUAL
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO
HISTORY GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 14, 2015
Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the Twelfth Annual Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Association Conference! On behalf of the Loyola History Graduate Student Association (HGSA), I thank you for taking part in our conference, now in its twelfth year.

For over a decade, the HGSA has represented the interests of the history graduate students to Loyola faculty, staff, and administration and cultivated academic excellence and community within the history graduate student body. The HGSA conference began as a way for Loyola students to gain experience organizing, running, and presenting at an academic conference and this event remains one of the most important ways in which HGSA carries out its mission. We are proud of the conference and thankful that we have the opportunity to organize this event year after year.

Our twelfth conference features presenters and panelists from across the United States whose work represents the best of emerging scholarship on a wide array of historical topics. The participants on this year’s lunch panel seek to provide historical context and foster constructive dialogue about state-sanctioned violence, a complex issue with pressing contemporary implications. Participants at this year’s Public History Roundtable, now in its fifth year, will explore cutting-edge public history projects underway in the Chicago area and consider how these projects contribute to our field’s understanding of history at work. We invite all conference attendees to participate in the discussion at these panels.

I would like to thank everyone who made today possible, including HGSA’s conference committee and volunteers, faculty commentators and panelists, and graduate student presenters. I would especially like to thank the conference committee co-chairs, Fazila Kabahita and Amelia Serafine, who led this year’s effort and without whom the twelfth HGSA conference would not have been possible.

Thank you for participating in our conference and welcome to Loyola University Chicago.

Sincerely,
Hope Shannon
President, Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Association
Acknowledgments

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The HGSA Conference Committee would like to thank all of the History Department staff, faculty, and student volunteers for their participation in and assistance with this event. This conference would not be possible without you.

We especially want to thank all of the students from outside of Loyola and the Chicago area who have traveled great distances to be here today and whose participation has made this event a success.

Thank you!
Conference Information

Registration
On-site registration is available in Kasbeer Hall, 15th floor, Corboy Law Center, located at 25 E. Pearson street. Participants who pre-registered can pick up their name tag at the registration desk. The registration desk will be staffed all day and volunteers will be available to help should you have any questions.

Meals and Refreshments
Coffee, tea, and water will be available in Kasbeer Hall throughout the day. Lunch is provided for conference participants and volunteers. We ask that guests who would like to attend the lunch panel please register for lunch. The post-conference reception includes complimentary beverages and light hors d’oeuvres. We encourage all conference attendees to join us at the reception.

Wi-Fi
Free Wi-Fi is available for conference attendees. The username to access the Loyola network is history, and the password is luc608709.

Conference Hashtag
We invite conference attendees to tweet their thoughts and engage in dialog via Twitter. Please use #HGSA2015.

Public History Roundtable
The Public History Roundtable, Chicago Public History in Motion, will take place during the third session, from 2:45 to 4:30. This roundtable discussion will focus on three public history projects currently underway in Chicago: History Moves, a community-curated museum on wheels; the National Public Housing Museum, a museum dedicated to the history of American public housing and its residents; and “Documenting Women’s Activism and Leadership in Chicago, 1945-2000,” an archival project to document and share the history of women’s activism. After brief presentations by the featured speakers, conference participants will have the opportunity to discuss issues related to local history and community engagement in public history practice. All conference attendees are welcome to participate.

Blog
Want to share your thoughts and experiences about the conference after it’s over? Consider writing a post for the conference blog (loyolahistoryconference.com). If you’re interested, please contact us at hgsa@luc.edu. We welcome posts from all participants, both affiliated with and not affiliated with Loyola.
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Registration and Continental Breakfast
Kasbeer Hall, 15th Floor, Corboy Law Center

9:00-10:45 a.m.

Session 1

Trash, Fire, and Bombs: Urban Environmental History in the U.S.
Corboy Law Center 206

Papers:  
- *Destroy What Destroys You: The Discourse of Environmental Politics in Detroit*  
  Chelsea Denault, Loyola University Chicago
- *Fortress City: Seattle and the Waging of World War II*  
  Katherine Macica, Loyola University Chicago
- *The Spark That Ignited an Explosion: How the Chicago Fire of 1871 Gave Rise to Suburban Communities and Created a Metropolis*  
  Patrick Fox, Loyola University Chicago

Comment:  
Dr. Harold Platt, Loyola University Chicago
Moderator:  
Will Ippen, Loyola University Chicago

9:00-10:45 a.m.
Shifting Perspectives: Energy, Economy, and Ideology in the Post-World War II World
Corboy Law Center 207

Papers:  
- *Mountains of Memory: Collective Memory, Anti-Mountaintop Removal Activism and the Struggle for the Coal River Valley, WV*  
  Carl Ewald, University of Illinois at Chicago
- *Republican Depression: The Politics of Business Climate in Michigan, 1954-1959*  
  Michael Niemi, Miami University
- *A Nuclear Nation: Perspectives on Nuclear Power in Japan*  
  John Billimack, University of Illinois at Springfield

Comment:  
Dr. Elliot Gorn, Loyola University Chicago
Moderator:  
Adam Widera, Loyola University Chicago
Session 1

9:00-10:45 a.m.

Race and Gender in the Early Twentieth Century U.S.
Corboy Law Center 208

Papers:  “No Longer Afraid of the Bogey Man”: Black Chicago’s Fight Against the 1920s Ku Klux Klan
Matthew Amyx, Loyola University Chicago
The Respectable Mob: Gender Violence and Capitalist Terror, San Diego, 1912
Tariq Khan, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Coutural Concerns: Fundamentalists, Fashion, and the New Woman
Joanna Kelly, Boston College

Comment:  Dr. Sandra Frink, Roosevelt University
Moderator:  Lauren O’Brien, Loyola University Chicago

9:00-10:45 a.m.

Fault Lines and Fissures in the African Past
Corboy Law Center 209

Paul Vig, University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Locating “The Body” within Kikuyu and Western Gender Ideologies
Gabriale Payne, University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Conceiving a Hierarchy of Power: Visions for Colonization before Colonialism
Jessica Farrell, University of Minnesota Twin Cities
“Apartheid, Sugar Coated in Democracy”: Non-Racialism in South African Sport and the Emptiness of Democracy
Virgil Slade, University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Comment:  Dr. Kim Searcy, Loyola University Chicago
Moderator:  Rachel Boyle, Loyola University Chicago
11:00-12:45 p.m.

Communism and the Politics of Language in Pre-War Europe
Corboy Law Center 206

Papers:  
- Capitalism on Trial: “The Great Communism Trial of 1925”  
  Nathan Moore, George Mason University  
- “The East Sleeps No Longer:” Language Reform in Turkey and the Soviet Union, 1926-1935  
  Wesley Lummus, University of Minnesota

Comment:  
Dr. Marek Suszko, Loyola University Chicago

Moderator:  
Kelly Schmidt, Loyola University Chicago

11:00-12:45 p.m.

Growing Pains: Expansion and Division in Nineteenth-Century America
Corboy Law Center 207

Papers:  
- The Drive for Expansionism: A Study of the Mexican-American War and the Fulfillment and Consequences of Manifest Destiny  
  Guillermo Andres Camacho, Missouri State University  
- “The Strength of a Nation Derives from the Integrity of the Home”: The Presidential Election of 1828 in East Tennessee as Portrayed by the Knoxville Enquirer  
  Laura Ellyn Smith, University of Mississippi  
- “A Good Country for a Poor Man to Grow Up In”: Manhood and Personal Economy in Jacksonian Illinois  
  Matthew Sawicki, Loyola University Chicago

Comment:  
Dr. Theodore Karamanski, Loyola University Chicago

Moderator:  
Kyle Mathers, Loyola University Chicago
Session 2

11:00-12:45 p.m.
The LGBTQ Communities and the New Left in the Midwest
Corboy Law Center 208

Marc Arenberg, The Ohio State University

Young Patriots and Old Traumas: White Radicals in Chicago’s Uptown, 1963-1975
Billy Keniston, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Comment:  Dr. Michelle Nickerson, Loyola University Chicago
Moderator:  Lucas Coyne, Loyola University Chicago

11:00-12:45 p.m.
Rocket Boys, Gypsy Coeds, and New Media: Making History Public
Corboy Law Center 209

Papers:  Gypsy Coeds Ride the Silver Streak
Maggie McClain, Loyola University Chicago

How to Create a Digital Humanities Project on a Graduate Student Budget
Christine Spaulding, Miami University

Rocket Boys: Under the Earth to Out of this World
Lindsey Fisher, Youngstown State University

Comment:  Dr. Patricia Mooney-Melvin, Loyola University Chicago
Moderator:  Julia Lacher, Loyola University Chicago
12:45-2:30 p.m.
Lunch and Featured Panel
Kasbeer Hall, 15th Floor

Welcome: Dr. Michelle Nickerson, Loyola University Chicago
Associate Professor of History and Graduate Program Director
Hope Shannon, Loyola University Chicago
President, History Graduate Student Association

Panel: State-Sanctioned Violence: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Choices
This timely conversation builds on the longstanding urgent discourse on state-sanctioned violence in the U.S., now further intensifying in response to growing mass incarceration and the burgeoning Black Lives Matter movement. This panel aims to place state-sanctioned violence in a transnational and transhistorical context while also considering actions to take in the present, particularly in a university setting.

Panelists: Sheila Bedi, Northwestern University
Clinical Associate Professor of Law, Attorney at Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center
Dr. Kathleen Belew, University of Chicago
Assistant Professor of History
Rachel Caidor, University of Illinois at Chicago
Assistant Director, Campus Advocacy Network at UIC; Co-Curator of “Blood at the Root: Unearthing the Stories of State Violence Against Black Women”
Dr. Kim Searcy, Loyola University Chicago
Associate Professor of History

Moderator: Rachel Boyle, Loyola University Chicago
Session 3

2:45-4:30 p.m.
Public History Roundtable: Chicago Public History in Motion
Corboy Law Center 305

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Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Brier, Principal Investigator/Curator, History Moves
Dr. Brad Hunt, Board Member, National Public Housing Museum
Mary Ann Johnson, President, Chicago Area Women’s History Council

Moderator: Ruby Oram, Loyola University Chicago

2:45-4:30 p.m.
Power and Performance in Early Modern England
Corboy Law Center 206

Papers: “The Devil’s School House”: Sensual Concerns and the Theater in Elizabethan England
Clint Rodgers, Miami University

A Contemporary Ophelia Reads the Sonnets
Vicki J. Simpson, University of Northern Iowa

Proud to Be British: A National Identity of Propaganda
Leah Henning, Loyola University Chicago

Comment: Dr. Robert Bucholz, Loyola University Chicago
Moderator: Matthew Amyx, Loyola University Chicago
Session 3

2:45-4:30 p.m.
Postwar American Foreign Policy
Corboy Law Center 207

Papers:  
The Korean Children of American GIs and the Origins of Intercountry Adoption  
Yuri Doolan, Northwestern University

“To the Needy”: Humanitarian Relief and Human Rights in the Horn of Africa  
Christian Ruth, University of Kentucky

Avenue of the Americas: Transnational Circuits of Post-World War II Urban Renewal  
Marcio Siwi, New York University

Comment:  
Dr. John Pincince, Loyola University Chicago
Moderator:  
Kris Maldre-Jarosik, Loyola University Chicago

2:45-4:30 p.m.
Sermons and Sorcery: Faith Practices in North America
Corboy Law Center 208

Papers:  
For Calling Her a Witch: The Life and Trials of Jane James of Marblehead, c. 1600-1669  
Tim Holliday, University of Pennsylvania

Ministering to the Borderland - Itinerant Preachers and the U.S./Canada Boundary  
John Morton, Boston College

Comment:  
Dr. Kyle Roberts, Loyola University Chicago
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Katherine Macica, Loyola University Chicago
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**Awards:** Hope Shannon, HGSA President
Awards will be presented to students with the top two presentations, plus an honorable mention award for the best presentation by a Loyola student

**Reception:** Complimentary beverages and light hors d’oeuvres will be provided

Thank you for attending the Twelfth Annual Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Conference! We hope to see you again next year!