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**SPECIAL KEYNOTE PANEL FEATURING KATHRYN
CRAMER BROWNELL, LEAH WRIGHT RIGUEUR, AND
LILY GEISMER**

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FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018

BREAKFAST/REFRESHMENTS: 9:00-9:30

PANEL I: 9:30AM-11:00AM

Bringing Foreign Policy Home

Chair: Dan DeFraia, Boston University

Joan Blanchfield, SUNY Albany: "Art, 'Soft Diplomacy' and Expanding Political Analysis"

Laurel Teal, Boston College: "Sugared Pineapples: The Story of how Cane Sugar Barons and Nebraskan Beet Farmers Delayed Hawaiian Annexation by Five Years"

Christopher Flanagan, Notre Dame: "'An Empire of Reason': Knowledge, Ignorance and the Constitution as Imperial Policymaking"

Comment: Brooke Blower, Boston University

PANEL II: 11:30AM-1:00PM

Grassroots Conservatism

Chair: David Shorten, Boston University

Ian Toller-Clark, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign: "Crime Scares and Austerity Measures: Mass Incarceration in Civil Rights Era Wisconsin, 1950-1972"

Jonathan Daniel Cohen, University of Virginia: "Panacea Politics: State Lotteries and Sunbelt Conservatism in the 1990s"

Calvin Snyder, Brandeis University: "Protection Rackets and Spectacles of Violence: The Underworld and the State in Interwar Los Angeles"

Comment: Lily Geismer, Claremont McKenna College

LUNCH BREAK: 1:00PM-2:00PM

PANEL III: 2:00PM-3:30PM

Reconsidering Progressive Politics

Chair: J. Seth Anderson, Boston University

Yukako Otori, Harvard University: "'Illegitimacy as a Child-Welfare Problem': Birth Registration and the U.S. Children's Bureau"

Matthew Heidtmann, Stony Brook University: "Undercurrents of Progress: Nelson Aldrich and the Concept of 'Conservative Reform' in Progressive Era America"

Kathryn Cundiff, Marshall University: "New Deal, Same Problems: Butter, West Virginia, and Subsistence Farmers During the Great Depression."

Comment: Bruce Schulman, Boston University

PANEL IV: 3:30PM-5:00PM

State Building in the Early Republic

Chair: Cari Babitzke, Boston University

Stephen Symchych, Oxford University: "John Gallison's Journals: Self-Portrait of a Third-Generation Federalist in Boston"

Patrick Browne, Boston University: "Garrisonian Abolitionism in Boston and how the 'men of wealth and means' influenced federal policy in the nineteenth century"

Max Matherne, University of Tennessee: "A Monopoly on Legitimate Virtue?: Second Thoughts on the Idea of a Party System"

Comment: Peter Drummey, Massachusetts Historical Society

KEYNOTE PANEL and REFRESHMENTS: 5:00PM

Kathryn Cramer Brownell (Purdue University)
Lily Geismer (Claremont McKenna College)
Leah Wright Rigueur (Harvard University)

SATURDAY APRIL 7, 2018

BREAKFAST/REFRESHMENTS: 9:00AM-9:30AM

PANEL V: 9:30AM-11:00AM

Historicizing Entertainment

Chair: Johnathan Williams, Boston University

Joshua Truelove, Boston College:

“‘Live From...America, it’s... Every Night!’:

The Vietnam War and the Explosion of Political Comedy”

Erin Shyr, University of Chicago:

“Orchestrating an American Identity: The Great War in Boston Symphony Hall”

Oscar Winberg, Åbo Akademi University:

“A Message Well Worth Delivering: All in the Family, Norman Lear, and the Politics of Television Entertainment”

Comment: Kathryn Cramer Brownell, Purdue University

PANEL VI: 11:00AM-12:30PM

Transnational Histories of US Politics

Chair: Sean Case, Boston University

Xiao Sun, Georgetown University: “China-U.S. Relations During the Boxer Rebellion (1900-1901): China’s Anti-Foreignism and U.S. Exceptionalism”

Ben Zdencanovic, Yale University: “‘It Would Be a Strange Paradox’: U.S. Global Economic Power and British Welfare State-Building, 1945 – 1951”

Mattie Webb, UCSB: “Morality & Policy: Economic Sanctions & the Demise of Apartheid South Africa”

Comment: William Keylor, Boston University

LUNCH and AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT
12:30PM