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Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the 13th APhi Graduate Student Conference. We're glad you could join us and are looking forward to a great meeting!

Special Thanks to:

The BU History Department, Professor Chad Williams, Cady Steinberg, Molly German, our Commenters, and our Student Organizing Committee.

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Friday, April 21st

**John and Kathryn Silber Administrative Center
Kenmore Room**

1 Silber Way, Boston, MA 02215

9th Floor

Breakfast: 8.00am

Welcome: 8:45am

Panel One: 9.00am – 10.15am

Slavery and Freedom in the Civil War Era

CHAIR: Meredith Barber, Boston University

Justin L. Brooks, Harvard University

“A Burden on/of Black Freedom: The Freedmen’s Bureau and Free Labor, 1863-1868”

Nkili L. Cooper, Rice University

“‘Now You Call My Children your Property’: How Formerly Enslaved Men Defined Freedom Through Fatherhood, 1850-1880”

Cameron Sauers, University of Kentucky

“Revolutionary Gone Backwards: James Beecher and the Undoing of Black Land Holding on the South Carolina Sea Islands”

COMMENT: Patrick Browne, Boston University

BREAK: 10.15am – 10.30am

Panel Two: 10.30am – 11.45am

Crises in Early and Antebellum American History

CHAIR: Greg Tirenin, Boston University

David G. Armstrong, George Mason University

“A Mischievous Legislature: The Jacksonborough Assembly of South Carolina, January-February 1782”

Courtland D. McEneny Ingraham, The George Washington University

“Establishing an Institution ‘As Perfect as Possible in Its Formation’: John Jay’s Extrajudicial Activities and Their Impact on the Supreme Court”

James Irving, University of New Hampshire

“New England’s General: Franklin Pierce and the Politics of Military Service during the Mexican War”

COMMENT: Charlotte Carrington-Farmer, Roger Williams University

LUNCH: 11.45am – 12.30pm

Panel Three: 12.30pm – 1.45pm

Constructing and Deconstructing the American State

CHAIR: Warren Dennis, Boston University

Rachel Birch, George Mason University

“Water Rights and Civil Rights: Politics, Power, and Potatoes”

Nathanael Mickelson, University of Georgia

“The Rebirth of Alchemy: The Congressional Origins of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934”

Varsha Venkatasubramanian, University of California-Berkeley

“No Country for Old Dams: Dam Failures, Federal Regulation, and the Bureau of Reclamation’s Rebirth”

COMMENT: Andrew Robichaud, Boston University

BREAK: 1.45pm – 2.00pm

Panel Four: 2.00pm – 3.15pm

“American” Identities: Nationhood, Citizenship, and Immigration

CHAIR: Keara Seabold, Boston University

Conor William Howard, Indiana University

“Imagining a ‘Settler Indigeneity?’: Blood, Tears, and Landownership on Maine’s Coast in the Early-Nineteenth Century”

Hannah Ku, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

“How America Turned Against Their Own: The Politics of Conditional Citizenship, Confession Programs, and Asian American Lives during the Cold War”

Samuel Niu, Columbia University

“Debating the Other Chinese Question: Power, Politics, and the Problem of Labor at the 1869 Memphis Labor Convention”

COMMENT: Brooke L. Blower, Boston University

BREAK: 3.15pm – 3.30pm

Panel Five: 3.30pm – 4.45pm

Culture Amid Crisis

CHAIR: Henry M. J. Tonks, Boston University

Meghan Townes, Boston University

“He comes and goes when he pleases”: The Fluid World of the Chesapeake Oysterman, 1870-1900

Isabella Villarinho Pereyra, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

“A Religious Cold War: Family Rosary Crusade and Anticommunism in Brazil, 1962-1964”

Dennis J. Wieboldt III, Boston College

“The ‘Poisonous Fruit’ of Global War: How European Philosophy Shaped an American Catholic Political Movement, 1941-1944”

COMMENT: Chad Williams, Brandeis University

BREAK: 4.45pm – 5.00pm

KEYNOTE: 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Chad Williams, Brandeis University

“W. E. B. Du Bois and the First World War: Reckoning with Crisis and Catastrophe”

RECEPTION: 6.00pm

Immediately following the conclusion of the keynote address, you are invited to join us at a reception at the BU Castle.
225 Bay State Road.

Saturday, April 22nd

**Rajen Kilachand Center for Integrated
Life Sciences and Engineering**

610 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215

Breakfast: 9.00am

Panel Six: 9.30am – 10.45am

Cold War Crises at Home and Abroad

CHAIR: Cole Parker, Boston University

Emilie Cunning, Emory University

“‘They were the first ones to go’: Project 100,000 and the Making of the Militarized War on Poverty”

Olivia Dale, University of Kentucky

“LBJ’s Lost Legacy: How an Internal Crisis Became an International Catastrophe”

Conor D. Hodges, Yale University

“‘An Equal Threat at Home’: Defense Intellectuals, the Urban Crisis, and the Cold War Origins of the Criminal Justice System”

COMMENT: Michael Holm, Boston University

BREAK: 10.45am – 11.00am

Panel Seven: 11.00am – 12.15pm

U.S. Politics since the 1960s

CHAIR: Jenna Hagan, Boston University

Rachel McGough, Loyola University Chicago

“The Power of Administration: Southern Women in Elected Executive Offices”

Mia Michael, Boston College

“From Crisis to Collective Action: Essential Workers’ Mobilization in Massachusetts During the 1980s”

Caleb I. Smith, Brandeis University

“All Our Hopes are Tied with You: Chicago, the National Black Political Conference of 1972, and the Battle to Control Black Politics”

COMMENT: Cari Babitzke, Boston University

LUNCH: 12.15pm – 1.00pm

Panel Eight: 1.00pm – 2.15pm

Voices of Protest

CHAIR: Tyler J. Quebedeaux, Boston University

Maya González, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

“Staging the ‘Chorus of Civilization’: Public Displays of Justice in Holocaust Protest Performance”

Warren Dennis, Boston University

“Entangled Crises: Energy and Masculinity in the 1970s”

Emily P. Irvine, University of Maryland-College Park

“Nuclear Crisis: A Study of the Nevada-Semipalatinsk Movement’s Role in Nonproliferation”

COMMENT: Katherine Jewell, Fitchburg State University

PAPER AWARD AND FAREWELL: 2.30pm — 2.45pm

