

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE STUDENT HISTORY CONFERENCE

Program of Events

Registration Opens 8:30- 9:30 AM

Coffee, tea, and light refreshments for all conference attendees

Welcoming Remarks 9:30- 9:45 AM

Riddick Auditorium

David Zonderman, Interim Department Head

Session One 10:00- 11:30 AM

• **ANCIENT HISTORY** •

Room A

MODERATOR: CJ Rice

Nabataean History in a Numismatic Context

Christopher Mansfield, North Carolina State University

*Mechanics, Motivation and Magnitude: A Study of Glass Recycling
in the Roman World*

Ashley Jones, North Carolina State University

The Warrior's Banquet: Syssitia and Ancient Cretan Society

Jayd Lewis, North Carolina State University

COMMENTATOR: Richard Talbert

• **AMERICAN RELIGION** •

Room B

MODERATOR: Andrew Benton

The Lasting Significance of Popular American Deism

Rachel Spilvack, Fordham University

Mormon Community Worship in the 19th Century

Justin Bray, University of Utah

The Forgotten Evangelists: Popular Deism in Late Eighteenth Century America

Anderson Rouse, Clemson University

COMMENTATOR: Monte Hampton

• THE COLD WAR •

Room C

MODERATOR: Kelsey Zavelo

*Atomic Harvest: Marketing Atomic Agriculture to the American Public
1945-1970*

Chris Fite, University of South Carolina

*Agricultural Sales and the Making of Detente: The US-Soviet Wheat Deal
of 1972*

David Evans, University of North Carolina at Wilmington

COMMENTATOR: Nancy Mitchell

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• THE AMERICAN SOUTH •

Room D

MODERATOR: Susan Rodriguez

The Cold War Polio Epidemic: Select Integration in the Time of Jim Crow
Rebecca Lowe, North Carolina State University

*From Saxons to Slavery: Thomas Jefferson's Saxon Ideology and American
Expansion, 1776- 1820*

Cara Rogers, Rice University

Richard Blow's Black Letter Carriers: Hired Slave Labor 1804- 1829

Marcus Nevius, Ohio State University

COMMENTATOR: Dean Bruno

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Prospective Student Session

10:00-11:30 AM

Room E

Susanna Lee, Craig Thompson Friend, and David Zonderman

In Memoriam

11:30- 12:00 PM

Moderated by David Gilmartin



We are deeply saddened at the loss of two beloved faculty members, History Department Chair Jonathan Ocko and Professor Walter Jackson.

Lunch

12:00- 1:00 PM

Keynote Address: John M. Willis

1:00- 2:00 PM



*"The Government of Life and Death:
Mecca and the Origins of the Saudi State"*

Presented by John M. Willis from
the University of Colorado at Boulder

Session Two

2:00- 3:30 PM

• ANCIENT HISTORY II •

Room A

MODERATOR: Jayd Lewis

Dismantling Binaries: Romans versus Arabs

Heather Juliussen-Stevenson, University of Maryland

Thrasybulus and the Revival of Athenian Alliances in the Corinthian War

Nicholas Cross, City University of New York

Tigers of the South: How the Sun Family Organized S. China 220-280 CE

Nathan Love, Appalachian State University

COMMENTATOR: Rebecca Worsham

• THE CIVIL WAR •
Room B

MODERATOR: Cara Smelter

A Ghastly Circus Exhibition: Libby Prison after the War
Mandy Tompkins, Virginia Commonwealth University

A Matter of Vicious Habits: Civil War and Syphilis
Kyle Bjornson, University of South Carolina

Consent and Coercion in the Confederate Piedmont of North Carolina
Steffi King, North Carolina State University

COMMENTATOR: Mark Elliott

• RECENT HISTORY •
Room C

MODERATOR: Stacy Roberts

Blair, Bush, and Diplomacy in 2002-2003 Iraq
Joseph Stieb, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*The Next Time the World is Going Downhill: America and
the Ethiopian Famine*
Bethany Sharpe, University of Kentucky

Forcing Change: North Korea's Evolving Response to Human Rights Criticism
Rob York, University of Hawaii

COMMENTATOR: Klaus Larres



• TRAVEL NARRATIVES •

Room D

MODERATOR: Robert York

Polishness in the Eyes of Englishmen: Communicated Identity, Travel Writing, and Polish Nobility at the Commonwealth's End

Henryk Kowalski, Independent Scholar

Expectations Frustrated, Confounded, and Realized: The Experiences of Free Immigrants in Early Nineteenth Century New South Wales

Melanie Burkett, North Carolina State University

The City on the Main: English Travel Narratives of Frankfurt in the Early 19th Century

Jason Fleming, College of Charleston

COMMENTATOR: Susan Thorne

• LABOR HISTORY •

Room E

MODERATOR: Marianne Wason

Service, Support, Solidarity, Autonomy: UAW's Entry into Higher Education Clerical Organizing

Amanda Walter, Wayne State University

Radical Women Writers of the 1930s and the Proletarian Literature of the 1929 Loray Textile Mill Strike

Elisabeth Lee, North Carolina State University

COMMENTATOR: David Zonderman

Coffee Break

3:00- 3:45 PM

Session Three

3:45- 5:00 PM

• COLLEGIATE SPORTS •

Room A

MODERATOR: Amanda Jewett

College Football's Popularity: Viewership, Merchandise, and a National Passion

Matthew Himel, East Tennessee State University

"The Most Marketable Commodity Ever to Play Women's Basketball": Cheryl Miller and Women's Basketball's Commodification Project

Cat Ariail, University of Miami

COMMENTATOR: Chad Ludington

• 1960s AND 1970s CIVIL RIGHTS •

Room B

MODERATOR: Keith Jewett

The Racial Activism of Leontyne Price: Artist, Advocate and Activist
Drewry Wofford, University of Miami

African-American Soldiers and Racial Expectations in Vietnam
Cheryl Dong, North Carolina State University

COMMENTATOR: Adriane Lentz-Smith

• PUBLIC MEMORY •

Room C

MODERATORS: Robert James and Jessica Shilingford

One Volk, One Reich, Many Fredericks: Frederick II's Portrayal in the Third Reich
Eric Grube, Boston College

Kathy Ainsworth and the Politics of Identity
Michele Johnson, University of Arkansas

*Racism and Anti-Semitism: The Experiences of African American and Jewish
American Prisoners of War in World War II Europe*
Anna Anderson, University of Houston

COMMENTATOR: Craig Thompson Friend

• BRITISH TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION •

Room D

MODERATOR: Andrew Benton

*Dilly the Do-Do and Room 40: The Recruitment of Codebreakers During
World War I, 1914-16*

Andrew Avery, East Tennessee State University

*The Hidden Dreadnoughts: Development of the British Submarine Force
Prior to World War I*

Frank Boes, Armstrong State University

COMMENTATOR: Ross Bassett

• ART AND IDENTITY •

Room E

MODERATOR: Rebecca Lowe

The Strange Case of Robert Louis Stevenson
Austin Hilton, East Tennessee State University

Musical Furniture!: Art Nouveau and the Music of Erik Satie
Sarah Billheimer, North Carolina State University

*Loosely Christian: Religious Elements in Medieval and Early Modern Balladry
of England and Scotland*
Kira Lesley, Portland State University

The Conflict of the 'Negro in Art': Political Posturing in the Harlem Renaissance
Victoria Do, Armstrong State University

COMMENTATOR: Paul Fyfe

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Closing Session

5:00- 5:15PM

Alumni Night / Post-Grad Conference Social

March 28 at 7 pm

Village Draft House in Cameron Village

Please join faculty, alumni, prospective students, and presenters from the conference for a reception and alumni evening at the Village Draft House! We hope the reception will provide an opportunity for faculty and students to discuss how the conference went and it will act as a homecoming for NCSU alumni. Please feel free to bring a significant other or friend.

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