



Eleventh Annual  
Loyola University Chicago  
History Graduate Student Conference  
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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!*

# Welcome

Dear Fellow Graduate Students,

Welcome to the Eleventh Annual Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Conference! On behalf of the Loyola History Graduate Student Association (HGSA) and the Department of History, I would like to thank you for taking part in this conference and supporting your fellow scholars. We strive to foster a collegial environment at this conference, offering a forum for graduate students to share their work, receive feedback from professors and peers, and gain experience presenting at an academic conference. This conference represents one of the most important ways in which HGSA carries out its mission to cultivate academic excellence and community among graduate students.

We dedicate this year's conference to the memory of Victoria McManus. Victoria was set to begin the Public History MA program at Loyola this fall before her sudden death earlier this year. Victoria was a motivated scholar, earning the James F. Zabun prize at Emory College, an award given annually to the graduating senior history major who has achieved the best overall record in American history courses. Victoria's commitment to social justice, intellectual curiosity, and sense of humor assured that she would fit well within our graduate student community. Although we are deeply saddened that she is not with us today, we hope that her memory will inspire us and others to pursue their passions.

Our eleventh annual conference brings together graduate students from around the country whose work represents the best of emerging scholarship on a variety of subjects and methodologies. This year's lunch panel and Public History Roundtable engage with the larger theme of silences in history, offering different perspectives on preserving and interpreting the stories of silenced or underrepresented groups in history. We invite all attendees to join in the discussion during these panels.

I would like to thank the Conference Committee for all their work in organizing the conference. I offer a special thank you to our commentators for giving their time and expertise to make the conference a valuable learning experience for graduate students.

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

Sincerely,

Katherine Macica

President, Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Association

# Conference Information

## Registration

On-site registration is available in Kasbeer Hall, 15th floor, Corboy Law Center, located at 25 East 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. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided for conference participants and volunteers. 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 LoyolaHistory, and the password is luc540485.

## Conference Hashtag



We invite conference attendees to tweet their thoughts and engage in dialog via Twitter. Please use #HGSA2014.

## Public History Roundtable

The Public History Roundtable, *Interpreting "Others" on Jekyll Island: A Voice for Workers, Women, and Children*, will take place during the third session, from 2:45 to 4:30 p.m. Five graduate students from Middle Tennessee State University will discuss exhibits they produced for Jekyll Island National Historic Landmark District and the challenges they encountered in their attempts to interpret overlooked Jekyll Island inhabitants. After their presentations, conference participants will have the opportunity to discuss the challenges of interpreting underrepresented voices in public history work. All conference attendees are welcome.

## Blog

Want to share your thoughts and experiences about the conference after the conference is over? Consider writing a post for the conference blog ([loyolahistoryconference.com](http://loyolahistoryconference.com)). If you're interested, please contact us at [hgsa@luc.edu](mailto:hgsa@luc.edu). We welcome posts from all participants, both affiliated with and not affiliated with Loyola.

## Conference Schedule

<b>Time</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Location</b>
8:00-8:45 a.m.	Registration	Kasbeer Hall
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	Negotiating Womanhood in 19th-Century America	208
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# Conference Program

**8:00-8:45 a.m.**

***Registration and Continental Breakfast***

Kasbeer Hall, 15th Floor, Corboy Law Center

**9:00-10:45 a.m.**

***Postwar Identity in Europe***

Corboy Law Center 206

**Papers:**        *"To Order and Life!": Local German Newspapers in the French Occupation Zone, 1945-1949*  
Guy Aldridge, Ohio University

*Yankees, Krauts, and Bolsheviks: National Identity and U.S.-Soviet Relations, 1945-1948*  
Liam Brew, Loyola University Chicago

*Mothers of the Turks: Feminists, Foreigners, and Everyday Integration in a Globalizing West Germany*  
Michelle Kahn, Stanford University

**Comment:**    Edin Hajdarasic, Loyola University Chicago

**Moderator:** Micaela Castillo, Loyola University Chicago

**9:00-10:45 a.m.**

***Recovering Religious Frontiers***

Corboy Law Center 207

**Papers:**        *Iroquoians, Jesuits, and Conversion in Colonial America*  
Meagan McChesney, Loyola University Chicago

*Imagining the Catholic American Empire in the West*  
Jeffrey Wheatley, Northwestern University

**Comment:**    Stephen Schloesser, S.J., Loyola University Chicago

**Moderator:** Charles Heinrich, Loyola University Chicago



**9:00-10:45 a.m.**

***Laying Down the Law: Turning Points in Legal History***

Corboy Law Center 208

**Papers:** *Blurred Lines: Medical Knowledge, Literary Description, Personal Experimentation and the Origins of Cannabis Prohibition, 1984-1865*  
Adam Rathge, Boston College

*A Not So Rosy City: Attempts to Regulate Prostitution and Venereal Disease in World War II-era Portland, Oregon*  
Chloe Tull, Ohio State University

**Comment:** Elizabeth Matelski, Milwaukee County Historical Society and Jewish Museum Milwaukee

**Moderator:** Rachel Boyle, Loyola University Chicago

**9:00-10:45 a.m.**

***War and Society in World War II***

Corboy Law Center 209

**Papers:** *Occupying Nature: American Soldiers and the German Environment*  
Douglas Bell, Texas A & M University

*A Defective Covenant: Abandonment of Faith Among Jewish Survivors of the Holocaust*  
Jennifer Lassley, University of Nebraska at Omaha

*Wings of Production, Wings of Destruction: Boeing Aircraft in the Pacific Northwest and Europe in World War II*  
Katherine Macica, Loyola University Chicago

*Kenneth Gibson's World War II Letters*  
O. Eliot Pope, Loyola University Chicago

**Comment:** Alice Weinreb, Loyola University Chicago

**Moderator:** Kelly Schmidt, Loyola University Chicago

**11:00-12:45 p.m.**

***Cityscapes: Art and Urban Imagination***

Corboy Law Center 206

**Papers:** *Commercializing the Skyline: Corporate Skyscrapers, Urban Development, and Civic Identity in Philadelphia, 1925-1933*  
Craig Lee, University of Delaware

*The Business of Creativity: The Murals of Rogers Park*  
Jennifer Pederson, Loyola University Chicago

*Dreamscapes in Chevrolet Suburban Carryall Advertisements, 1957-1979*  
Samantha Smith, Loyola University Chicago

**Comment:** Patricia Mooney-Melvin, Loyola University Chicago

**Moderator:** Katherine Macica, Loyola University Chicago

**11:00-12:45 p.m.**

***Empire-Building in the Caribbean***

Corboy Law Center 207

**Papers:** *“The life of the body and of the soul” : Narratives of Saintliness and Blackness in Late Colonial Mexico*  
Krystle Farman, City University of New York

*Between Swamp and Sea: Bahamian Visitors to Southeast Florida before Miami*  
Devin Leigh, Loyola University Chicago

*Mexico’s “Mines of Vegetable Wealth” - Dr. Henry Perrine, Plant Smuggling, and Jacksonian Colonization of South Florida, 1816-1840*  
Andrew Siebert, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Comment:** Suzanne Kaufman, Loyola University Chicago

**Moderator:** Anthony Di Lorenzo, Loyola University Chicago



**11:00-12:45 p.m.**

***Negotiating Womanhood in Nineteenth-Century America***

Corboy Law Center 208

**Papers:**        *“The game will make our women do sadly unwomanly things”*: *Negotiating Women’s College Basketball in its First Twenty-Five Years*  
Hillary Anderson, Texas A & M University

*Making Waves: Women’s Bathing Dress in 1850s America*  
Annette Becker, University of North Texas

*Reinterpreting Margaret’s Death: Moments of Crisis and Resolution in a Southern Elite Woman’s Diary*  
Lindsey Cantwell, University of Colorado, Boulder

**Comment:**     Sandra Frink, Roosevelt University

**Moderator:**  Amelia Serafine, Loyola University Chicago

**11:00-12:45 p.m.**

***Shifting Borders, Shifting Identities***

Corboy Law Center 209

**Papers:**        *“The Cape Verdean Who Emigrates Never Puts Down Roots”*: *Slavery, Colonialism, and Transnationalism in Shaping Cape Verdean Identity*  
Janelle Edwards, Michigan State University

*Unstable Empire: Russia and the Southern Steppe*  
Travis Gray, University of Texas at Austin

*Civil War Borderlands: Escape, Exodus, and Relocation for the Enslaved Peoples of Indian Territory*  
Michael McLean, Boston College

**Comment:**     John Pincince, Loyola University Chicago

**Moderator:**  Chelsea Denault, Loyola University Chicago

**12:45-2:30 p.m.**

***Lunch and Featured Panel***

Kasbeer Hall, 15th Floor

**Welcome:** Michelle Nickerson, Loyola University Chicago  
Associate Professor of History and Graduate Program Director

**Panel:** ***Changing Strategies for Collecting, Sharing, and (Re)telling LGBTQ Histories***  
This panel will focus on how methods of collecting, writing, and sharing LGBTQ histories have changed over the past thirty years. Our panelists will provide their perspectives and respond to audience questions. Live-tweeting your thoughts and questions is encouraged! #HGSA2014

**Panelists:** Jill Austin, Chicago History Museum  
*Pronouns: she/ her*  
Dr. John D’Emilio, University of Illinois at Chicago  
*Pronouns: he/ his/ him*  
Symone Simmons:, University of Illinois at Chicago  
*Pronouns: S/ Symone/ they*  
Jakob VanLammeren, Leather Archives and Museum  
*Pronouns: he/ him*  
Dr. Michelle Wright, Northwestern University  
*Pronouns: she/ her*

**Moderator:** Adam Widera, Loyola University Chicago

**2:45-4:30 p.m.**

***Black Gold Goes Global***

Corboy Law Center 206

**Papers:** *In Search of “Equitability:” Iran and APOC, 1927-1933*  
Gregory Brew, Georgetown University

*Discovery and Disillusionment: A German Oil Company’s Bid for Souédie*  
Nicholas Ostrum, Stony Brook University

*Standardizing the Bayou: How Technology, Labor and Land Forged Louisiana’s Oil Boom, 1901-1920*  
Henry Wiencek, University of Texas at Austin

**Comment:** Benjamin Johnson, Loyola University Chicago

**Moderator:** Carl Ewald, Loyola University Chicago

**2:45-4:30 p.m.**

***Monuments and Memory***

Corboy Law Center 207

**Papers:** *Volunteer Historians: The Value of Amateurs in Public History*  
Jennifer Joyce, New York University

*A Comparison of Immigrant Perception and Experience*  
Mia Michael, Marquette University

*Interpreting the African American Experience: Slavery, Civil War, and Reconstruction in Jackson County, Alabama, 1819-1870*  
Brad Miller, Middle Tennessee State University

**Comment:** Theodore Karamanski, Loyola University Chicago

**Moderator:** Matthew Sawicki, Loyola University Chicago

**2:45-4:30 p.m.**

***Race and Space in Urban America***

Corboy Law Center 208

**Papers:** *“Raising a Big Stink:” Urban Space, Energy Conflict, and the Detroit Incinerator*  
Chelsea Denault, Loyola University Chicago

*“Oriental Palaces”: Chin F. Foin, Chinese-American Restaurants, and Racialized Space in Chicago, 1903-1929*  
Samuel King, University of South Carolina

*The Voice of Society’s Basement: The Hobo Press and Transient Men Making Space on the Bowery, 1930-1965*  
Nathan Tye, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Comment:** Elliot Gorn, Loyola University Chicago

**Moderator:** Margaret McClain, Loyola University Chicago

**2:45-4:30 p.m.**

***Radicalism and Reaction in Twentieth-Century America***

Corboy Law Center 209

**Papers:** *Toledo's Students for a Democratic Society: Violent Radicals or Peaceful Protesters*  
Nicholas Brown, University of Toledo

*A White House Front with Honest Convictions: The Citizens' Committee for Peace with Freedom in Vietnam and the Johnson Administration, 1967-1968*  
Mitchell Smith, Ohio University

*College and Welfare Protests, Suburban Responses, and State Legislator Actions: The Making of the Silent Majority in Madison, Wisconsin 1966-1972*  
Ian Toller-Clark, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana

**Comment:** Christopher Manning, Loyola University Chicago

**Moderator:** Devin Hunter, Loyola University Chicago

**2:45-4:30 p.m.**

***Public History Roundtable:***


***Interpreting "Others" on Jekyll Island: A Voice for Workers, Women, and Children***

Corboy Law Center 305

**Panel:** This roundtable features five graduate students from Middle Tennessee State University who will discuss exhibits they produced for Jekyll Island National Historic Landmark District and the challenges they encountered in their attempts to interpret overlooked Jekyll Island inhabitants. After their presentations, the roundtable will open up to audience discussion of the challenges that historians face in interpreting underrepresented voices in public history.

**Presenters:** Caleb Knies, Middle Tennessee State University  
Rachel Lewis, Middle Tennessee State University  
Kayla Pressley, Middle Tennessee State University  
Jenna Stout, Middle Tennessee State University  
Olivia Lane Tillner, Middle Tennessee State University

**Moderator:** Elizabeth Fraterrigo, Loyola University Chicago



**4:45-5:45 p.m.**

***Reception and Awards***

Kasbeer Hall, 15th Floor

**Awards:** Katherine Macica, HGSA President  
Prizes will be awarded to the top two presentations, plus an honorable mention for the top Loyola presentation

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

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