The 20th Annual Milton Plesur Graduate History Conference

University at Buffalo
State University of New York
Saturday, April 2, 2011
9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Keynote Address
12:15 – 1:15 PM

Dr. Jelani Cobb
Spelman College

Registration and Welcome
8:30 – 9:00 AM

Literary Texts and Politics in England
9:00 AM

Moderator: Dr. Claire S. Schen
Associate Professor, History
University at Buffalo

Justin Donohoe, UB: "Welcome to Sherwood: Robin Hood and Nineteenth-Century English Popular Culture"


Rachel Moore, UB: “Bended Knee': Chivalry and Political Realism in Richard II"

Historiography
9:00 AM

Moderator: Dr. Craig Miller
University at Buffalo


Carolyn Pitcairn, Edinboro University: “Throughout Massachusetts Bay: A Look at Puritan Historiography”


Break
10:00 – 10:15 AM

African-American History
10:15 AM

Moderator: Dr. Jelani Cobb
Associate Professor, History
Spelman College

Kush Bhardwaj, UB: “Carving Out Creative Space: Conflict and Hip Hop Culture in Buffalo”

Aaron Lefkowitz, UB: “Jazz Cultural Histories: From New Orleans to Hip Hop”

Steve Peraza, UB: "Kidnap or Recapture?: The Burden of Proof and Fugitive Slave Law in Washington, D.C. before 1850"
19th Century U.S. History
10:15 AM

Moderator: Dr. Tamara Plakins Thornton
Professor, History
University at Buffalo

Michael Davis, University of Cincinnati: “Middle Class Radicals: American Antimasonry and the ‘Jacksonian’ Revolution”

Richard Tripodi, UB: “For the Benefit of so Comparatively Few’: Bankruptcy, Insolvency and the Politics of Debt, 1789-1820”

Andrea Short, UB: “James K. Polk: A Presidency of Miscalculations”


Break
(Light lunch will be served)
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

Academic History
1:15 PM

Moderator: Dr. Patricia Mazón
Associate Professor, History
University at Buffalo

Kendall Garton, Queen’s University: “Pop Goes the Sunday School: Popular Culture and Postwar Religious Education in Ontario”

Elisabeth George, UB: “Stonewall and UB Women’s Studies”

Marta Marciniak, UB: “Teaching Poland to American undergraduates of Polish descent: ethnicity, politics and identity in the context of transnationally oriented scholarship”

Rick Mikulski, UB: “Interactions between American and English Classical Scholars in the Early Nineteenth Century”

Local/Urban History
1:15 PM

Moderator: Dr. Michael Frisch
Professor, American Studies
University at Buffalo

Tom Giles, Edinboro University: “Madams, Reformers, and Jurists: Women’s role in the Mayor Kitts Scandal.”

Andrew Reiser, University of Houston: “The Grand River Iroquois Struggle for Sovereignty in Geneva”

Allison Ward, Queen’s University: “Women and Socialists and Progressive Reforms, Oh My! Rethinking Radicalism in Depression-Era Hamilton”

Steven Weiser, UB: “Soldiers, Sailors, Workers, and Farmers Council of Buffalo in 1919”

Break
2:30 – 2:45 PM

Asian History
2:45 PM

Moderator: Dr. Roger Des Forges
Professor, History
University at Buffalo

Philip Guingona, UB: "Peeking over the Picket Fence: China, the Philippines and the Fifth Far Eastern Championship Game, Shanghai 1915"

Amanda Ocasio, Brooklyn College: “Reinventing Bhabhi”- What Stands to be Learned from “Savita Bhabhi” and Other Works of Indian Pornography?

Violetta Ravagnoli, UB: “Chinese Immigrants and the 2007 Uprising in Milan”
Laura Stafford, UB: “Commemoration on a Peninsula: A Comparison of the British, ANZAC, French and Turkish Memorials on the Gallipoli Peninsula”

Intellectual Activism
2:45 PM
Moderator: Mark Lempke
University at Buffalo


Ilaria Scaglia, UB: "'Intellectual Combatants' for Peace: The 1920s and 1930s Roots of 'Functionalism' and 'Practical Cooperation'”

Adam Welch, University of Toronto: "'The litter of your invasions': Displacing the centre, conceptual art and Canada”

Break
4:00 – 4:15 PM

Women’s History
4:15 PM

Moderator: Dr. Sasha Pack
Associate Professor, History
Director of Graduate Studies, History
University at Buffalo

Mei-Ying Chang, Rutgers University: “Sexy ‘Masculinity’: the Relationships between Cigarettes and Cosmetics, and the Shaping of 1920s Women’s Modernity”

Jennifer Loft, UB: “The changing state of the Iroquois economy: Gendered effects generated by the processes of colonization”

Rasel Madaha, UB: “African feminism”

Kenneth Wace, McMaster University: “Godey's Lady's Book in Antebellum America: Empowering or Oppressive?”

Medical History
4:15 PM

Moderator: Dr. Michael Rembis
Visiting Scholar, History
University at Buffalo

Heather Bennett, Drew University: “‘You'll Make a Stir, I Can Tell You’: The First Medical Women in Britain and The Antivivisection Campaign”

Averill Earls, UB: "Piecing Together the Pedophile Priest"


Sarah Handley-Cousins, UB: “The Real War Will Never Get in the Books:’ Language and Wounds in the American Civil War”

Jake Newsome, UB: "Eliminating the Unfit: America's Crusade to Forge a Master Race"

Closing Remarks
5:30 PM

Thanks for coming!