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Shifting Identities:
Past, Present, and Future

25th Annual Milton Plesur Graduate Conference

April 1, 2016
12:30 PM – 5:00 PM
April 2, 2016
9:00-AM- 5:00 PM

University at Buffalo
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Saturday Morning

8:30AM- 9AM: Registration, O’Brien Antium

9:00AM – 10:15AM

O’Brien 210:  
Questions of Religion and Mortality  
*Chair: Dr. Erik Seeman, UB*

Iris Liu, U Toronto, “Jonah Was a Prophet – Wisdom and Prophetic Identity”

Erika Ruhl, UB  
“Infant Mortality, Child Burials, and Social Constructions of Childhood in Early Modern Finland”

Katie Maguire, U Toronto,  
“Demonic Owls?: Philological Considerations of Demonology in 4Q510, 1:4-6”

O’Brien 212:  
Transnational Identities  
*Chair: Kathryn Lawton, UB*

Joe T. Schutz, Binghamton “18th Century Migrations to Taiwan during the Qing Empire”

Mope Lola Ogunbawale, UB  
“Nigerian Rap Music in a Transnational Lens, 1950s-Present”

Xiangli Ding, UB, “War and Hydroelectric Projects in Southeast Asia”

10:30 AM- 11:45 AM

O’Brien 212:  
European Identities  
*Chair: Dr. Kari Winter*

David Attali, CUNY Hunter College  
“Women Metaphysicians in the Enlightenment Tradition and Philosophical Canon”

Jennifer Futtermann, U Toronto:  
“Isabel I and Mary I of England, Spanish identity vs. English identity”

Ann Abney, U Maryland, “German Education Post-Reunification”

Saturday Afternoon

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Lunch

Flag Room (Student Union): Lunch

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM

O’Brien 212:  
*Dr. Bridget Chesterton, SUNY Buffalo State*

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM

O’Brien 209:  
Politics and Hegemonic Narratives  
*Chair: Averill Earls*

Timothy O’Toole, UB  
“Preventing a Third World War: Post-War Planning for Germany, the Morgenthau Plan, and the Power of American Public Opinion”

Bianca Romagnoli, Toronto, “Help Me Padre, You’re My Only Hope: An Examination of the Changing Necessities for Chaplains in the Canadian Forces”
Saturday Afternoon

2:45-4:00 PM

O’Brian 210: Confessional Politics
Chair: Elisabeth George
Keelin Pringnitz, U Ottawa

Day Lane, U Missouri,
“Dorothy Day and the Cultivation of a Catholic Workers’ Identity”

Hugo Marquez, Rutgers
“Religion, Sodomy, and Sexuality in 14th-century France”

O’Brian 212: Disability
Chair: Dr. Michael Rembis, UB
Kathryn Lawton, UB History
“Deinstitutionalization and Independent Living for People with Disabilities”

Shuko Tamao, UB History
“Exploring the Visual Rhetoric of Postwar American Asylum Expose Photography”

Fred Harold Jensen, UB English
“Animals, Autism, and Liminality”

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

O’Brian 210: Graduate Student Roundtable, “Digital History in Buffalo”

Katie Smyser
Averill Earls
Sarah Handley-Cousins
Elizabeth Masarik
Thomas Buttaccio

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Flag Room (Student Union): Dinner and Closing

Friday Afternoon

12:30 PM- 1:00 PM REGISTRATION
FIFTH FLOOR PARK

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

Park 532: Roundtable on Identity, "Defining the Other: Sexuality, Gender, and Disability"

Dr. Susan Cahn
Dr. Patrick McDevitt
Dr. Michael Rembis
Dr. Victoria Wolcott

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Talbert 115: Keynote Speech, “What We Talk About When We Talk About Identity”

Dr. Jonathan Dewald

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Dinner Reception at Pearl Street Grill and Brewery

Location: 76 Pearl Street, Buffalo, NY 14202

Cocktail hour: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Dinner: Serving begins at 7:30 PM

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Park 545:
Identity in the Early American Republic
Chair: Dr. Jason Young, UB

Rachel Carpenter, UB
Anthropology “Shifting Identities in Response to the Philadelphia Yellow Fever of 1793”

Andrea Nero, UB History “Indian Presence in the American Philosophical Society, 1769-1800”

Park 532:
Westward Expansion and Imperialism
Chair: Dr. Don Grinde

Luis Vargas, UB History “United Against Imperialism: African American Newspapers Debate the United States Occupation of Haiti, 1915-1934”

Jonathan O’Brien, UB History “Don’t Touch Me: Layered Racisms as Tools of Empire in the American Philippines, 1898-1916”

Dan Wallace, UB History “The Linked Projects of Sectional Reconciliation and Westward Expansion”

2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

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