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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
State University of New York

Saturday Morning

8:30AM- 9AM: Registration, O'Brian Antium

9:00AM – 10:15AM

O'Brian 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'Brian 212:

Transnational Identities

Chair: Kathryn Lawton, UB

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

Mopelola Ogunbawale, UB

"Nigerian Rap Music in a Transnational Lens, 1950s-Present"

Xiangli Ding, UB, "War and

10:30 AM- 11:45 AM

O'Brian 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"

O'Brian 209

Defining the American Citizenry

Chair: Sarah Handley Cousins, UB

James F. Taylor III, SUNY

Brockport, "Bondage and Freedom: The Conceptualization of Slavery and Liberty in Frederick Douglass's Antebellum Political Thought"

Hang Le-Tormala, U Kansas,

"Vietnamese Amerasians: From Nationless Victims of War to a Transnational Community of Peace"

Saturday Afternoon

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Lunch

Flag Room (Student Union):

Lunch

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM

O'Brian 212:

Plenary Talk, "The Kimbalitos Serenaded: The Plan Kimball, Cold War, and Medicine in Paraguay 1956-1964"

Dr. Bridget Chesterton, SUNY Buffalo State

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM

O'Brian 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"

William Wynkoop, UB,

"America in Afghanistan in the Nineteenth and Twentieth"

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
"Maintaining Religious Identity in
Competitive Sport: Sampling Wojdan
Shaherkani in the London 2012
Olympics"

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

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'Brian, 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"

2:15 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