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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. We welcome posts from all participants, both affiliated with and not affiliated with Loyola.
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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

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 Hajdarpasic, 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

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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
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Symone Simmons:, University of Illinois at Chicago
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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 Wieneck, 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

Mitchell Smith, Ohio University

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!