



HGSA
Undergraduate
History Conference

April 19, 2024
9:00 – 3:30 | The 90

Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Jacob T. Wood, PhD
Independent Historian,
Docent at the Mary Todd Lincoln House
April 19th, 3:40 - 4:00
The 90, Room 120, Private Dining

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Schedule:

9:00-10:00: Breakfast, Exhibitors & Registration

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10:00-11:15: Session 1

Concurrent Panel 1A:

“Kentucky in Crisis: Political Studies of the Commonwealth”

Moderator – Olivia Dale | *The 90, Room 202*

Presenters:

- Genesis Pena-Lozada: “Superb Call to Service: How Alben W. Barkley Helped Shape A Victorious 1948 Democratic Party Ticket”
- Greg Goldie: “Operation Boprot: Horse Racing & Corruption in Kentucky”
- Jasmine Velez: “The Red Embrace: How Workers in Harlan and Bell County Embraced Communist Labels”

Concurrent Panel 1B:

“Global Studies: Animals on Trial, Epidemic Invasions, and Intellectual Rebirth”

Moderator – Abi Stephens | *The 90, Room 219*

Presenters:

- Jed Chew: “The mare murdered her”: Deodands, English Common Law, and the Position of Animals within the Moral Universe of Early Modern Europe”
- Jenna Perkovich: “Smallpox in the New World”
- Alex Rahbany: “Origins of Capitalism in Renaissance Italy”

11:30-12:45: Session 2

Concurrent Panel 2A:

“The Impact of Labor and the Environment”

Moderator – Jacob Johnson | *The 90, Room 202*

Presenters:

- Caroline Silagy: “It All Starts with a Name: The Digital Access Project, Emancipated Communities, and Future Applications.”
- John David Willoughby: “The Floods of April 1977: How Strip Mining Exacerbated the Housing Crisis”
- Victoria Camacho: “They Built This Town: Legacies of Immigrant and Migrant Miners in Lynch, Kentucky”
- JD Willoughby, Cader Powell, and Ella Bratcher: “Cholera in Lexington: The Overlooked Stories of Enslaved Black Residents”

Concurrent Panel 2B:

“Race, Gender, and the Environment in the World Wars”

Moderator – Taylor Smith | *The 90, Room 219*

Presenters:

- Aaron Meredith: “Influenza”
- Grace Yi: “Our Model Ally China: American Home Front Contributions to Shifting Stereotypes of Chinese Throughout World War II”
- Emilyn Williams: “Empty Lots Through the Ages”
- Riley Simmons: “*Was I Ever In Love*: International Marriage In World War II”

1:00-2:00: Lunch and Exhibitors

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2:15-3:30: Session 3

Concurrent Panel 3A:

“Studies of Race: Slavery to Black Marxism”

Moderator – Garrett Freas | *The 90, Room 202*

Presenters:

- Tantalissia Champs: “Furthering Research Through the Digital Access Project”
- Andrew Chan: “Asian American Radicalism in the 20th Century, its 19th century precedent, and its Correlation with Cedric Robinson’s *Black Marxism*”

Concurrent Panel 3B:

Poster Session

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Presenters:

- Rachel Herrin: “A case study of John Wesley Hunt’s Enslaved individuals from 1796 to 1835”
- Arshiya Jeelani: “Moonshine in the Mountains: The Politics, Violence, and Social Views on Moonshine and Appalachian Stereotypes
Graduate Student Presenter
- Ari Ribeiro Santana: “Amiri Baraka, Cuban Revolution and the Multiple Forms of Diaspora”
Graduate Student Presenter

3:30-5:00: Awards Ceremony and Keynote Speaker

The 90, Room 120, Private Dining

Please join us for the History Department's Spring Awards Ceremony, featuring keynote speaker Jacob Wood.

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