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  
*The 90, Room 120, Private Dining*

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:
- 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”
• 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
The 90, Room 120, Private Dining
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**
*The 90, Room 219*

**Presenters:**
- Rachel Herrin: “A case study of John Wesley Hunt’s Enslaved individuals from 1796 to 1835”
  *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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