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Welcome

Welcome to the ninth annual Graduate Conference on Power and Struggle, hosted by The University of Alabama’s Graduate History Association and the Department of History with generous support from the Bankhead Fund and the Summersell Center for the Study of the South. The organizing committee is excited about this year’s conference. Our eight panels contain twenty-one participants representing eleven universities from across the United States. Today’s panels demonstrate the numerous ways power and struggle, and authority and resistance, shape human history. We hope that this conference will foster friendships, sharpen ideas, and spur continued work along unique and imaginative lines of historical research. Once again, welcome to The University of Alabama, and thank you for your participation.

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**Session 4: Saturday, 2:45 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Spreading the American Civil War (Summersell)**

“Searching for Dixie in the Rio Doce Valley: Confederate Exiles in Brazil, 1867-1873”  
*Chase McCarter, University of Alabama*

*Thomas Jamison, Harvard University*

“"In No Sense of the Word Were They Beaten": Interpretations of the Battle of Gettysburg in the Press”  
*Kevin McPartland, University of Alabama*

**Commentator:** Dr. Harriet Amos Doss, University of Alabama, Birmingham  
**Moderator:** Adam Petty

**Constructing Ethnicity Through Rhetoric (Room 252)**

“Founding Fuhrers: American Fascists and Reality, 1930-1941”  
*David Ferrara, University of Alabama*

*Spencer York, University of Alabama*

**Commentator:** Dr. Monique Laney, Auburn University  
**Moderator:** Caroline Gray

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Schedule Overview

Friday, September 22nd: Ninth Annual Conference on Power and Struggle (Smith Hall)

Registration: 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Reception: 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Dinner: 6:00 PM-7:00 PM
Keynote Address: 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 23rd: Ninth Annual Conference on Power and Struggle (tenHoor Hall)

Registration and Breakfast from Panera Bread: 8:00AM - 9:00 AM (Pancake Room)

Session 1: 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM
Break 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM (Pancake Room)
Session 2: 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM
Lunch from Newk's Eatery: 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM (Pancake Room)
Meal provided by the Summersell Center for the Study of the South
Session 3: 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM
Break: 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM (Pancake Room)
Session 4: 2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

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Religious Battlegrounds (Summersell)

“Not Blind, but Blurred: Western Europe’s Mixed Reception of the Hussites’ Military Legacy”
A. Kenneth Deaton, University of Alabama

“Redrawing the 'Blueprints' for the Early Church: Changes in Christadelphian Historical Ecclesiology During the Movement’s First Two Generations”
John Young, University of Alabama

Commentator: Dr. Daniel Riches, University of Alabama
Moderator: Kris Roberts

The Politics of Intervention (Room 252)

“The Intelligence Failures that led to the 1953 Uprising in East Germany”
Steven Collins, University of North Texas

"The Wolf Against the Bear: Myth, Memory, and Commemorating the 1944 Chechen Deportation"
Christina Baxter, Mississippi State University

Commentator: Dr. George Liber, University of Alabama, Birmingham
Moderator: Blake McKinney
Session 2: Saturday, 10:30AM – 11:45 AM

**Violence Upon the Body (Summersell)**

*Lindsay Silver, Louisiana State University*

“On the Wings of Angels: Embracing a Liberatory Hermeneutic of the Qur’anic Discussion of Angels to Advance the Struggle of Gender Nonbinary Muslims”  
*Sheereen Masoud, Temple University*

**Commentator:** Dr. Heather Kopelson, University of Alabama  
**Moderator:** Mark Folse

**Negotiating Race in the South (Room 252)**

*Marie Williams, University of Arkansas*

“"All of You Have the Ability to Be in Congress Next January": John Grenier and the Reemergence of the Alabama Republican Party in the 1960s”  
*Adam Carson, University of Arkansas*

“"The Habits of Industry": The Struggle Over Child Labor in the Aftermath of Emancipation, 1863-1877”  
*Alan Mattay, University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

“Harwell G. Davis and the End of Alabama’s Convict Leasing System”  
*Emily Moses, Mississippi State University*

**Commentator:** Dr. Thomas Ward, Spring Hill College  
**Moderator:** Virginia Cain

Session 1: Saturday, 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

**The Power of a Woman (Summersell)**

“Portrait of a Suppressed First Lady: The Gilded Cage of Frances Cleveland”  
*Kathryn Beasley, Florida State University*

“Speaking Truth to Power: Emma Goldman, An Anarchist During the Progressive Era”  
*Amanda "Dettay" Bielizna, Providence College*

“"When That Fatal Knot is T'yd": Marriage and Enlightenment in Britain’s Long Eighteenth Century”  
*Kara Barker, University of North Florida*

**Commentator:** Dr. Sarah Duncan, Spring Hill College  
**Moderator:** Louann Sabatini

**Usurping the Masculinity of War (Room 252)**

“American Defectors: William Martin, Bemon Mitchell, and the Ideological Seduction of the Cold War”  
*Christina Gusella, Mississippi State University*

“Glamour Girls: American Print Media Discourses on Women's Corps During World War II.”  
*Brittany Huner, University of Colorado, Denver*

“Setting Europe Ablaze: Impediments to the Agency of Female British Spies of WWII”  
*Daniele Wirsanski, Florida State University*

**Commentator:** Dr. Holly Grout, University of Alabama  
**Moderator:** Margaret Montgomery