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HISTORY *in the* World

ENGAGING COMMUNITIES, CONNECTING SCHOLARSHIP



FEB 22 & 23, 2025

CORBOY LAW CENTER / CHICAGO, IL

Welcome to Loyola!

Schedule of Events



HGSA PRESIDENT LINDSEY MEZA

On behalf of the HGSA, I would like to welcome you to the Windy City and sincerely thank you

for your participation in our annual conference. Our 2024-25 board has been actively engaged in furthering our reach in our local Chicago community and in the international history community. This year, we have reinstituted the Public History Lab, a program aimed at connecting graduate students to local public history projects; and the Lakefront Historian, an online student-run public history blog. This conference has played a large part of our mission to further representation and participation in public history and we are excited to finally see it come to fruition!

2024-25 HGSA OFFICERS

Lindsey Meza, President
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Eleanor Carter, Conference Co-Chair
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HGSA FACULTY ADVISOR

Dr. Benjamin Johnson

WIFI INFORMATION

LUC - GUEST network allows access for 72 hours.

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Please scan the QR code at right for presenter biographies!



CONFERENCE CHAIRS CONNOR BARNES & ELEANOR CARTER

We are so excited to finally welcome you to Loyola's Water Tower Campus for a weekend of fantastic presentations about history in the world! We'd like to extend a big thanks to everyone who helped us organize this conference -- especially David Hays, Tim Libaris, as well as our public history



panelists. We hope you'll all join us for a tour at the Driehaus Museum on Saturday afternoon, followed by a reception at Pippin's Tavern in the evening, to celebrate our history work, scholarship, and each other!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR STUDENT & FACULTY VOLUNTEERS!

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO THE DRIEHAUS MUSEUM



Saturday, February 22

8:30 - 9:00am	Registration & Coffee KASBEER HALL
9:00 - 9:30am	Opening Remarks KASBEER HALL
9:30 - 11:15am	Panel Presentations CORBOY LAW CENTER CLASSROOMS
11:30a - 12:30p	Lunch KASBEER HALL
12:30 - 1:30pm	Keynote Address: Sherman "Dilla" Thomas KASBEER HALL
1:45 - 3:15pm	Plenary Panel: Public History Theory in Practice KASBEER HALL
3:30 - 5:00pm	Museum Visit: The Driehaus Museum THE DRIEHAUS MUSEUM, 50 E Erie St, Chicago
5:00 - 6:30 pm	Reception PIPPIN'S TAVERN, 39 E Chicago Ave, Chicago

Sunday, February 23

9:00 - 9:30am	Registration & Coffee KASBEER HALL
9:30 - 11:15am	Panel Presentations CORBOY LAW CENTER CLASSROOMS
11:15a - 12:00p	Undergraduate Poster Presentations KASBEER HALL
12:00p - 1:00p	Lunch KASBEER HALL
1:00 - 2:15pm	Plenary Panel: Journalism & Public History KASBEER HALL

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Plenary Panels



SATURDAY, FEB 22ND, 12:30 – 1:30pm

Keynote Speaker:
Shermann “Dilla” Thomas

CHICAGO PUBLIC HISTORIAN

INTRODUCTION: Dr. Christopher D. Cantwell

History in the World: Public History Theory in Practice

SATURDAY, FEB 22ND, 1:45 – 3:15pm



Tiff Beatty
Associate Director, National
Public Housing Museum



Dr. Franklin Cosey-Gay
Co-founder, Chicago Race Riot
1919 Commemoration Project



Sue Bennett
Chief of Interpretation,
Pullman NHP

Public History & Journalism

SUNDAY, FEB 23RD, 1:00 – 2:15pm



Logan Jaffe
Reporter, ProPublica
Public History MA student



Cam Rodriguez
Reporter, New York Times



Robert Loerzel
Freelance journalist

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Paper Presentations

SATURDAY, FEB 22

Memorializing Place: Projects in Public History

CORBOY LAW CENTER RM 601

Oral History of Memorialization and Place at Columbine High School

Riley Burkhart, Loyola University Chicago

Hear Our Stories Preserved: An Oral History Project in Rural Eastern Kentucky

Kyle Robert Alvey, Marshall University

Analysis of Previous Exhibition: “European Medieval Manuscript Leaves: Varieties of Script and Content from the Jim Sims Collection”

Casey Welby, Loyola University Chicago

New Campus Cartographies: The University as Public History Site

Andrew Nicholas Hardy, UC Berkley

COMMENTATOR: Haley Carlton, The Driehaus Museum

MODERATOR: Connor Barnes, Loyola University Chicago

Gender & the Family in American Life

CORBOY LAW CENTER RM 602

Vitriol, Villany, and Violence: The Role of Media Misinformation in Promoting Transgender Killing

Christy-Lynne Lapine, Northern Illinois University

An Analysis of Early Modern Legal Cases Concerning Infanticide in London

Ruth Gibbs, University of North Texas

“A Name Alone Does Not a Birth Center Make”: The Business of U.S. Birthing Centers, 1950-1990

Samuel E. Leibovsky, Purdue University

Finding Feeble-Mindedness: An Intersectional Analysis of Progressive-Era Chicago State Legislation

Ana Bittner, Loyola University Chicago

COMMENTATOR: Dr. Michelle Nickerson, Loyola University Chicago

MODERATOR: Minela Muminovic, Loyola University Chicago

Voices of Resistance in the Built Environment

CORBOY LAW CENTER RM 422

Walker’s Point: How Queerness of the Built Environment Created Community

Jonathan White, Loyola University Chicago

“Always Respect Butterflies”: Chicago’s Response to the AIDS Epidemic, 1981-2000

Alexis I. Garcia, Loyola University Chicago

Levis, Shotguns, and Cross Streets: How Gang Members Changed Black Power in L.A.
Randy Omar, University of California - Irvine

Invisible Defenders: Institutional Racism and Early American Air Base Defense
Jay Bateman, Univeristy of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

COMMENTATOR: Dr. D. Bradford Hunt, Loyola University Chicago
MODERATOR: Hannah Fuller, Loyola University Chicago

National & Transnational Narrative-Building

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Environment and National Identity in World History: The Niger River and Formation of Nigeria, 1788 - 1914
Kingsley C. Ezeuwa, Marquette University

The Role of the Rohingya Refugee Community Organization: A Case Study of the Rohingya Cultural Center in Chicago
Md Firoz Hasnat, Northern Illinois University

American Wars and American Libraries
Bailey Blomquist-Dege, University of Wisconsin - Madison

COMMENTATOR: Dr. Alice Weinreb, Loyola University Chicago
MODERATOR: Michael Connolly, Loyola University Chicago

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Theory & Practice in Public History Education

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Creating Educational Materials for the Hendrick I. Lott House
Brenna Moran, New York University

French Museums and Modern Education: Fostering a National Identity
Marty McKew, The Ohio State University

Echoes of Justice: The Culture Politics of Civil Rights -- Public History in Wisconsin
Rosemary Akpan, Marquette University

COMMENTATOR: Dr. Patricia Mooney-Melvin, Loyola University Chicago
MODERATOR: Eleanor Carter, Loyola University Chicago

New Directions in Cultural History

CORBOY LAW CENTER RM 602

“Reconnections: The Aquatic Journey from Africa to U.S. Olympic Gold”
Yvonne R. Bradley, Howard University

“Eight Men Out” and the Memory of the 1919 Black Sox Scandal
Andrew Medlock, Loyola University Chicago

“In Memorandum”: World War One and the Unknown Soldier
Taylor Smith, University of Kentucky

COMMENTATOR: Dr. Elliott Gorn, Loyola University Chicago
MODERATOR: Shannon Honl, Loyola University Chicago

Negotiating Representation: Imagining Latin America in the United States

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Cold Fronts: The Racial Politics of Refrigeration and Beef at World Fairs, 1889-1907
Dominique García, University of Maryland - College Park

“A Weaker Nation”: The U.S.’s Views on Mexico During the Mexican-American War
Thomas W. Piorkowski, Northern Illinois University

Publishing, Producing, and Pioneering: The Representation of Latinx Women in Southwestern American Media from 1840 to 1920
Katrina Partlow, Loyola Univeristy Chicago

COMMENTATOR: Dr. Angélica Márquez-Osuna, Loyola University Chicago
MODERATOR: Lindsey Meza, Loyola University Chicago

Indigeneity & Colonization in the Long Twentieth Century

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Legislative and Bureaucratic Violence: Colonization, Whitening, and Belonging in Bolivia 1930-1960
Paul Ribera, University of Illinois - Chicago

The Influence of Colonialism on Post Colonial Nigerian Governance and Identity
Omolusi Toluwalope, University of Illinois Springfield

Making Montaukett: Kinship, Race, and Recognition
Robert Justice, New York University

ASCIM: A History of Community Development in the Paraguayan Chaco
Samuel Boucher, University of Iowa

COMMENTATOR: Dr. Benjamin Johnson, Loyola University Chicago
MODERATOR: Ivan Guzman, Loyola University Chicago



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