

Rethinking American Political History
Boston University Graduate Student Conference

Saturday, March 21

9:00A.M.-10:30 A.M- Panel 1: “Reconsidering the 1972 Election”

Chair: Katie Brownell

Commentator: Bruce Schulman, Boston University

Mark Nevin, University of Virginia. “Outflanking the Antiwar Movement: President Nixon, Polling, and the Battle for Control of Public Opinion.”

Ross Nicolson, Oxford University. “Young People and the Democrats”

Seth Blumenthal, Boston University. “Reshaping the Democratic Coalition: Frank Mankiewicz and George McGovern’s Presidential Campaign, 1972.”

10:45 A.M.-12:15 P.M.-Panel 2: Knowledge and Power: Expertise in American Foreign Policy

Chair: David Atkinson

Commentator: Andrew Preston, Cambridge University

Anna Armentrout, U.C. Berkeley. “Experience, Expertise, and American Political Culture: Vietnam Veterans and American Students Abroad in the 1960s and 1970s.”

D.J. Cash, Boston University. “‘History has begun a new chapter’: The American Intellectual Community and the Outbreak of the Korean War”

Simon Stevens, Columbia University. “Interdependence, World Order, and the Intellectual Origins of Jimmy Carter’s Foreign Policy”

1:15 P.M.- 2:45 P.M.- Panel 3- Race and Political Identity in the 1970s

Chair: Lily Geismer

Commentator: David Quigley, Boston College

Joe Merton, Oxford University. “Ethnic Power! The Rise and Fall of the Politics of White Ethnicity”

Leah M. Wright, Princeton University. “Black Republicans”

Drew Meyers, University of Michigan. The Politics of Peace and Quiet: Senior Rights and the Battle over Age-Restricted Housing in Arizona, 1974-1989

3:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M.- Keynote Address by Matthew Lassiter University of Michigan, “Political History beyond the Red-Blue Divide.”

Sunday, March 22

9:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M.- Panel 4: Expanding the Civil War: Race, Violence, Women, and Abolition

Chair: Jonathan Koefoed

Commentator: William Leeman, Providence College

Kellie Carter Jackson, Columbia University. "Force and Freedom: Black Abolitionists and the Politics of Violence, 1850-1861."

Lori Satter, University of Massachusetts. "Re-Imagining Race in the Nineteenth Century Woman's Suffrage Movement through the Eyes of a Visionary: Paulina Wright Davis and the First National Woman's Rights Convention."

Millington Bergeson-Lockwood, University of Michigan. "A 'Democrat' within the true meaning of the word:" Edwin Garrison Walker and African American Independent Politics in Boston, Massachusetts, 1867-1901."

11:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.- Panel 5: Colonial New England Politics

Chair: Zack Smith

Commentator: Conrad Wright, Massachusetts Historical Society

Charlotte Carrington, University of Cambridge. "Seventeenth-Century Town and Gown Politics: Harvard College and Cambridge, Massachusetts."

Amanda Matthews, Boston University. "Patriots and Tories, Law and Order: John Adams, Attorney, and the Boston Massacre"

1:00 P.M.- 3:00- Panel 6: Sex and the Family

Chair: Kate Jewell

Commentator: Aaron Lecklider, Harvard University

Clay Howard, University of Michigan. "Sunbelt Growth, Sex Education, and the Politics of "Straightness" in the San Francisco Bay Area, 1945-1970."

Lauren J. Gutterman, New York University. "'The House on the Borderland:' Pulp Novelist Valerie Taylor and the Lesbian Wife in Postwar America"

Betty Luther Hillman, Yale University. "'You Can't Tell the Boys from the Girls': Gender Presentation in the 1960s Counterculture and the New Left."

Anne Blaschke, Boston University. "Manhood, Feminism, and Sports: American Race and Gender Politics At the 1968 Olympic Games."