

# The Politics of Protest :

*Dissent, Interest Groups, and the  
Loyal and Disloyal Opposition in U.S. Political History*

THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOSTON UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT AMERICAN POLITICAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

## FRIDAY, APRIL 11

PHOTONICS BUILDING, ROOM 901, 8 ST MARY'S ST.,  
BOSTON, MA

9:00 AM

Registration, coffee, & breakfast

9:30–11:30 AM

### PANEL 1: LEGISLATING BODIES: PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC INTEREST

**Commentator:** Seth Blumenthal (Boston University)

Eugene Hillsman (Princeton): *Marijuana Policy in the Carter Administration*

Ry Marcattilio-McCracken (Oklahoma State): *Biopolitics and Mental Health in Kansas: The Beloit Industrial Girls' School and Kathryn O'Loughlin McCarthy, 1937-38*

Courtney Thompson (Yale): "Directly at War with the Gallows": *Phrenological Protest against Capital Punishment in 1840s and 1850s America*

Allison Vander Broek (Boston College): "The Other Right-to-Lifers": *The Pro-life Left in the Antiabortion Movement, 1978-1987*

11:30 AM–12:45 PM

Lunch

Attendees are invited for lunch in Rm 504, 226 Bay State Road.

12:45–2:15 PM

### PANEL 2: CHALLENGING THE SYSTEM: RADICAL THOUGHT AND PROTEST FROM THE PROGRESSIVE AGE THROUGH THE 1960S

**Commentator:** Aaron Lecklider (UMass-Boston)

Rachel Marlena Stevens (Binghamton): *The Ties That Bind: Annis Ford Eastman's Religious Influence on her Secular, Activist Children*

Peter Blackmer (UMass-Amherst): *Riots or Rebellions?: Community-Based Activism and the Harlem Uprisings of 1964*

Spencer Kuchle (UMass-Amherst): *Can You Hear Me Now?: WBCN's Progressive Radio and the White Racial Frame*

2:30–4:00 PM

### PANEL 3: BUILDING AND CONTESTING THE REVOLUTIONARY SETTLEMENT

**Commentator:** Brendan McConville (Boston University)

Tao Wei (SUNY Stony Brook): "Such Magnanimity and Liberality Will Be Productive of 'Lasting Peace)": *Dutch Radicals, British Dissenters, and the Radical Networks of Henry Laurens in the Atlantic World, 1779-1784*

Brett Palfreyman (Binghamton): *The Case of the Non-Jurors in Pennsylvania*

Noah Eber-Schmid (Rutgers): *Dissensus and Daniel Shays: Perception, Democratic Politics, and Insurrection in the Regulation of 1786-1787*

4:00–5:00 PM

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

LISA MCGIRR (HARVARD UNIVERSITY)

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## SATURDAY, APRIL 12

PHOTONICS BUILDING, ROOM 901, 8 ST MARY'S ST.,  
BOSTON, MA

9:00 AM

Coffee & breakfast

9:30–11:00 AM

### PANEL 4: MONEY MATTERS: HARNESSING THE POWER OF THE MARKET

**Commentator:** Louis Ferleger (Boston University)

Ben Zdencanovic (Yale): "The Invisible Congress": *The American Real Estate and Building Lobby, Transatlantic Housing Policy, and the Making of Free Enterprise Conservatism, 1943 – 1949*

Amy Smith (University of New Hampshire): "Ambition's Airy Hall": *Black Abolitionists, God, and Mammon in 19th century Portland, Maine*

David Shorten (Boston University): *Fighting For A "Hand-Up, Not A Hand-Out": The National Business League and Black Business Advocacy, 1960-1969*

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

### PANEL 5: SENDING A MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON: RELATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE 19TH CENTURY

**Commentator:** Nina Silber (Boston University)

Jonathan Crider (Temple): *The Emergence of Factional Politics in Frontier Florida, 1821-1827*

Glen Olson (CUNY): *Dysfunctional Empire: The Utah War and Sectional Politics*

Sarah Bowman (Yale): *Of Vultures and Vindication: Reconstruction Narratives of the North*

12:30 PM

Lunch & Announcement of 2014 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Prize