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Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the 15th APhi Graduate Student Conference. We're glad you could join us and are looking forward to a great meeting!

Special Thanks to:

The BU History Department, Professor Heather Ann Thompson, Cady Steinberg, Elle Nicoletti, our Commenters, and our Student Organizing Committee.

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Friday, March 21st

**John and Kathryn Silber Administrative Center
Kenmore Room**

1 Silber Way, Boston, MA 02215

9th Floor

Breakfast: 8.30am

Panel One: 9.30am – 10.45am

Violence Within and Between Communities

CHAIR: Cole Parker, Boston University

Ciara Garcha, Trinity College, University of Cambridge

“Holding ‘The Hindus of the Pacific Coast in a Bondage of Fear’:
Diasporic Violence, Immigration, and the Ghadar Party in the
1930s”

Jake Newbury, University College London

“Arrowhead Ranch and Racial Violence Outside of Phoenix’s
Metropolitan Frontier”

Will Kirsch, Northwestern University

“‘United, White, and Proud’: Creative Violence in the White
Power Skinhead Movement”

COMMENT: Jilene Chua, Boston University

BREAK: 10.45am – 11.00am

Panel Two: 11.00am – 12.15pm

How Policies Institutionalize Violence

CHAIR: Jenna Hagan, Boston University

Christopher G. Pascale, Stony Brook University

“Death by 1,000 Strokes of the Pen”

Nicole Adrian, University of Pennsylvania

“Harvesting Credit: U.S. Farmers and Farm Credit Administration
Mortgage Policy, 1916-1937”

Heather Redmon, Louisiana State University

“The Political Violence of Lower Mississippi River Levees”

COMMENT: Sarah T. Phillips, Boston University

LUNCH: 12.15pm – 1:30pm

Panel Three: 1:30pm – 2.45pm

Violence and Political Development

CHAIR: Abigail Strayer, Boston University

Cassandra B. Farrell, George Mason University

“Effigies and Theatrical Processions in Virginia: The Stamp Act Crisis”

Hugh Wood, Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge

“Legitimacy Work: Thinking Through a Concept”

Razan Bayan, University of Notre Dame

“Carceral Torture During the War on Terror as a Historian’s Endeavor”

COMMENT: Bruce Schulman, Boston University

BREAK: 2.45pm – 3.00pm

Panel Four: 3.00pm – 4.30pm

Resistance and Organizing

CHAIR: Henry M. J. Tonks, Boston University

Emma Thigpen, Louisiana State University

“The Murder that Ended a 30 Year Legislative Stalemate:
The Jupiter Incident and Louisiana’s Right-to-Work Law”

Emilie Cunning, Emory University

“Exiles of Conscience: Transatlantic Anti-War Networks in the
United States and Britain During the Vietnam Era – A Case Study
of the Union of American Exiles in Britain, 1969-1973”

Hannah Ku, University of Massachusetts Amherst

“Fraternally Yours: Incarcerated Organizing during ‘Alabama’s
Attica’ in the 1970s”

Sarah R. Meiners, Cornell University

“‘We Continue Without Freedom’: Cuban Refugee Protest in
Panama as Policymaking”

COMMENT: Gretchen Heefner, Northeastern University

BREAK: 4.30pm – 4.45pm

KEYNOTE: 4.45pm – 6.00pm

Heather Ann Thompson

**Frank W Thompson Collegiate Professor of History
and Afroamerican and African Studies
University of Michigan**

**“Resentment and Rage: Rethinking the Relegitimization of White
Violence and Vigilantism in Recent American History”**

RECEPTION: 6.00pm

Immediately following the conclusion of the keynote address, you are invited to join us at a reception in the Metcalf Trustee Center Lounge at 1 Silber Way.

Saturday, March 22nd

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Breakfast: 9.00am

Panel Six: 10.00am – 11.15am

When the State is Up to No Good

CHAIR: Tyler Quebedeaux, Boston University

Andrew G. Palella, Boston College

“The Black Legion: J. Edgar Hoover and Fascism in the Depression Era”

Ava Wells, Princeton University

“Right-Wing Extremism and the Police in America: Lessons from the Historical Past for the Policy Present”

Jesse Robertson, Harvard University

“Theater of War: Militarizing of the California Desert”

COMMENT: Bruce Schulman, Boston University

BREAK: 11.15am – 11.30am

Panel Seven: 11.30am – 12.45pm

Violence and Control

CHAIR: Germayne Eaton, Boston University

Vipanchika Sahasri Bhagyanagar, Purdue University

“Better Prison, Disappearing Prisoner: Politics of Archives and the Medical Experiments in McNeil Island Prison, 1952”

Megan Knighton Scofield, Stony Brook University

“Dangerous Predictions: Student Counseling, Guns, and Campus Safety at the University of Texas, 1966-1969”

Jacob A. Bruggeman, Johns Hopkins University

“The ‘Hacker Crackdown’ Revisited: Regulating Criminality in the Networked World”

COMMENT: Katherine Rye Jewell, Tufts University

LUNCH: 12.45pm – 2.00pm

PAPER AWARD AND FAREWELL: 2.00pm — 2.15pm

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