



AZ Undergrad History Research Symposium 2025

“Prospecting the Past”

Panel Presentations

Saturday, April 26th
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
UA Libraries, 2nd floor
(CATalyst Studios)

Panels Include:

- Contagion, Curiosity, and Cruelty:
Exploring Human Experiences through the
History of Medicine
- Trans-Atlantic Strategies of Resistance
from Congo to California
- Canvas, Carvings, Quills, and Queens:
History Through European Art and
Literature
- Imperial Symbols, Cultural Memory, and
Gendered Narratives in East Asian History
- All Creatures Great and Small:
Environmental and Animal History in
Medieval Europe
- Violence, Ritual, and Civic Life in Classical
Antiquity
- All History is Local: Community
Organizing, Corporate Interests, and
Campus Culture in Arizona

...and more!



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April 25-26, 2025
University of Arizona

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

Friday, April 25

Location: Bear Down Gymnasium
Participants/Invited Attendees Only

5:00-6:30 PM: **Keynote Dinner**

"Adventures in the Archives—and Beyond"

Speaker: Dr. Megan Kate Nelson, 2024–2025 Rogers Distinguished Fellow in 19th-Century American History at the Huntington Library (San Marino, CA)

7:00-9:00 PM: Game Night!

Saturday, April 26

Location: Main Library, 2nd Floor
Open to the Public

8:30-9:00 AM: Breakfast

9:00 AM-5:00 PM: UA Press Book Exhibit

9:00-10:30 AM: Session 1

1. From Banquets to Biodiversity: Culinary Connections to Identity, Class, and Colonial Legacies

Room B201

"Getting Boozy: Alcohol and Booze in the Global Middle Ages"

Naomi Heit, History

"Roman Food and the People: The Opulent and The Common"

Milan Riha, Engineering

"Bread: An Exploration of Ingredients, Technology, and Techniques in the Global Middle Ages"

Lauren Redman, Information Science & eSociety

"The Remaking of Corn"

Daniel Herrera, Latin American Studies

Chair: Dr. Benjamin Lawrance

2. I Saw Lizzie Proctor Speaking with the Devil!: Exploring Social History Through Arthur Miller's The Crucible
Room B252

"The Contagious Curse: Mass Hysteria's Place in History and the Modern Day"
Abigail Marsters, Psychological Sciences

"The Witch's Curse: Unraveling Gendered Power and Social Control in Historical Witch Hunts"
Mina Khatibi Noori, Political Science

"Fear And Power: Examining the Crucible and Mao's China"
Reese Wick, Pharmaceutical Sciences

Chair: Dr. Patrick Baliani

3. Trans-Atlantic Strategies of Resistance from Congo to California
Room B254

"Six Days of Spring: The 1992 Los Angeles Uprising as America's 'First Multiethnic Riot'"
Daniel Cervantes, History

"Mentha Morrison, Her Pleas, and the U.S. President"
Stacy Lewis, History

"The Pro-Leopoldian Narrative"
Matthew Lee, History

Chair: Dr. Katie Hemphill

10:45 AM-12:15 PM: Session 2

4. Canvas, Carvings, Quills, and Queens: History Through European Art and Literature
Room B201

"Gérôme's Cleopatra: A Study in Historical Accuracy"
Isabella Warfield, History

"Performed Labour: Tracing Wifhood through Hendrick Goltzius"
Grace Waldrip, Art History & Creative Writing (Classics minor)

"The Magic Chessboard Adventure: A Journey Through Chess in the Middle Ages"
Liora Wilkins, Mechanical Engineering

Chair: Dr. Ute Lotz-Heumann

5. Negotiating Identity through Music and Art in the 20th Century

Room B250

"From Jazz, Gospel, and Rhythm and Blues to Rock and Roll: How African American Music Was Fundamental to Rock and Roll"

Will Martin, Anthropology & History

"Changing Gender Dynamics in Mexican Popular Music"

Alison Kafton, Arts in Music

Including Panel Chair Remarks on Personal Scholarship

Chair: Dr. Liliana Toledo Guzman

6. Imperial Symbols, Cultural Memory, and Gendered Narratives in East Asian History

Room B252

"Chigo, Entertainment, and Government in Edo Japan"

Elizabeth Watson, Interdisciplinary Studies

"A Study on Intergenerational Trauma and History: Korean Han"

Cymone Van Marter, Film and Television & East Asian Studies

"Kibyōshi: Crafting the Cultural Memory of Edo"

Fiona Edwards, Linguistics & East Asian Studies

"'Emperor-ism' in Bakumatsu Japan"

Alexander Pena, History & Computer Science

Chair: Dr. Fabio Lanza

7. Contagion, Curiosity, and Cruelty: Exploring Human Experiences through the History of Medicine

Room B254

"Interacting with Disease in Tokugawa Japan"

Cymbeline Hale, East Asian Studies & Mechanical Engineering

"Mortal Memories"

Madeline Boose, History & Global Studies

"Beyond the Battlefield: The Dark Legacy of Nazi Medical Experiments During the Holocaust"

Hannah Redman, History & Pre-Medicine

"Historical Evolution of Mental Illness: Sherwood Anderson's Pioneering Exploration of Loneliness"

Lilyana Elaine Sabo, Psychological Sciences & Criminal Justice Studies

Chair: Dr. Ryan Kashanipour

12:30-1:30 PM: Lunch

1:30-3:00 PM: Session 3

8. Democracy vs. Authoritarianism on the World Stage: From Individual Resistance to Institutional Complacency

Room B201

"A Silent Rogue Elephant: The Church Committee and Secret NSA Operations 1960-1976"

James Christensen, History

"Clientelism & Corruption: Barriers to Women's Political Advancement in Autocratic Regimes"

Hannah Kempen, Political Science & Physics

"Strategic Interests: NATO and The Russo-Georgian War of 2008"

Braden Hoffman Diaz, History & Psychology

"Stories of Resilience From the Battle of the Bulge"

Elena Parker, History

Chair: Dr. David Gibbs

9. American Social and Political Transformations from Antebellum to Reconstruction

Room B250

"The Civil War and Reconstruction: A Foundation for Women's Rights"

Amy Filippone, History

"Coverage of the Sectional Crisis in Richmond Newspapers, 1860-1861"

Nathan Davis, Education Leadership

"The Complex Legacy of Leland Stanford"

William Babbitt, Political Science Major (History minor)

Chair: Dr. Katherine Morrissey

10. All Creatures Great and Small: Environmental and Animal History in Medieval Europe

Room B252

"Rivers, Lakes and Streams: the Waterways of Medieval People's Backyards"

Matthew Lee, History

"Here Be Monsters: An Exploration of People and Water from 700-1600 A.D."

Kat Moore, Anthropology & History

"The Breeds Behind the Hunt"

Rylie Hatcher, History

Chair: Dr. Beth Plummer

11. Violence, Ritual, and Civic Life in Classical Antiquity

Room B254

"Vitriol in Northern Italy: Gallic Conflicts from 390-61 B.C.E."

Ehren Morrissey, History

"The Fanum Voltumnae"

Amelia Thomas, Classics & Economics

"Three's a Crowd: Third Places in the Roman Empire During Imperial Rome"

Gemmalee DyerMok, Classics & Anthropology

Chair: Dr. John Bauschatz

3:15-4:45: Session 4

12. Roll the Dice, Check the King, and Loose the Hounds: Medieval Recreation Reimagined through Maker Projects

Room B201

"Medieval Chess Game"

Elizabeth Iiams, PPEL

"Gambling with Fate: Researching Historical Contingencies by Choosing Your Own Adventure"

ILY Guy, Molecular and Cellular Biology

"The Importance of Hunting in Medieval English Aristocracy"

Quinn Kiesow, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

"Playing with Gender Dynamics in the Medieval Hunt"

Clara Leach, History

Chair: Dr. Paul Milliman

13. Land, Identity, and Colonialism in North America

Room B250

"NAGPRA's Legacy: Repatriation in the Era of Decolonization"

Aurora Levy, History

"More is More: The Process of Blending Disciplines and Knowing When to Evolve"

Alyssa Wood, History

"Resilience and Nationalism: The Republic of Haiti"

Chrys Walton, History & French

Chair: Dr. Katherine Morrissey

14. Contested Crossings: Policy Debates in 21st Century U.S. Immigration Law

Room B252

"The Criminalization of Migrant Aid Groups"

Tillie Douglas, Global Studies

"Is TPS in Danger with New Government Officials in Office"

Angela Valencia Durazo, Mexican American Studies

"Detained Dreams: Immigration Detention and Policy under the Bush, Obama, and Trump Administrations"

Louise Catherine Taylor, Political Science & German studies

Chair: Dr. Erika Perez

15. All History is Local: Community Organizing, Corporate Interests, and Campus Culture in Arizona

Room B254

"Understanding Urban Renewal: A History of Sears, Segregation, and the American City"

Lucy Parsons, History

"Collegiate Aspirations and the Significance of Cultural Heritage in the University of Arizona APASA Space"

Kieran Lee, East Asian Studies

"The Women of Arizona's Fight for Equality"

Sabrina Bates, History & Literacy Leadership and Innovation

"River Left: Competing Claims to Recreation Management in Western Grand Canyon"

Jonathan Goodman, Geography

Chair: Dr. Michelle Berry

4:45-5:00 PM: Raffle & Symposium Close

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