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**COMMUNITIES AND
CONFLICT:
HISTORY AS CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

March 22-23, 2024
Mississippi State University
Department of History



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FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- 3:15 PM** **Shuttles from Hotels to McCool Hall**
- 3:30PM-4:30PM** **Registration**
McCool Hall, Room 126
- 4:30PM-4:45PM** **Welcome: Dr. Susanna De Stradis, Dr. Susannah J. Ural**
McCool Hall, Room 128
- 4:45PM-5:30PM** **PANEL: Mississippi State Faculty**
Professional Training in History: Recollections, Reflections, Outlooks
Dr. Anne Marshall
Dr. Jim C. Giesen
Dr. Mary Kathryn Barbier
Dr. Susannah J. Ural, moderator
McCool Hall, Room 128
- 5:30PM-5:50PM** **Extended Registration**
McCool Hall, Room 126
- 6:00PM-7:00PM** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
“Sing, Unburied, Sing’: Slavery, the Confederacy, and the Practice of Epidemiology”
Dr. Jim Downs, Gilder Lehrman National Endowment for the Humanities
Professor of Civil War Studies and History, Gettysburg College
McCool Hall, 100 Rogers Auditorium
- Shuttle Service from McCool to Banquet
- 7:15PM** **CONFERENCE BANQUET**
The Little Dooley, Fellowship Place
100 Fellowship Street, Starkville
- Shuttle Service from Banquet to Hotels

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

8:00AM **Shuttles from Hotels to McCool Hall**

8:00AM-8:45AM **Registration and Light Breakfast**
Coffee and bagels provided
McCool Hall Atrium

9:00AM-10:45AM **SESSION I**

COMMUNITIES AND CONFLICT IN SOUTHERN HISTORY

Comments by Dr. Andrew F. Lang
McCool Hall, Room 234

Caedmon Kollmer-Dorsey, Macalester College

“Liberty and Slavery: Squaring Liberalism with Human Bondage in the Life of Pierre Soulé”

Michael Ermis, Baylor University

“Strangers in Stange Land: Clashes between Anglo and Czech Cultures in Texas”

Stratis Bohle, Virginia Tech

“The Collapse of a Southern Classic”

COMMUNITIES AND CONFLICT IN HISTORIES OF GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Comments by Dr. Ann Daly
McCool Hall, Room 126

Wilbur Dodderidge, Kansas State University

“Between Pleasure and Poise: Martial's Transformation and Critique of Roman Society Through Epigrams”

Zoe McGuirk, Dartmouth College

“‘No Civilised Country’: Women, Infanticide, and Autonomy in Victorian England”

Morgan Steiner, Wilkes University

“God Save the Queens: A Historical Analysis of Punk & Second-Wave Feminism in the UK”

Eliza Farriss, Colgate University

“‘A Sinister Darkness’: Vanessa Guillén, Murder, Cover-Up, and a Desperate Call for Justice and Reform in the United States Military

COMMUNITIES AND CONFLICT IN THE SHORT TWENTIETH CENTURY

Comments by Dr. Richard Damms

McCool Hall, Room 128

Haley Garrison, Murray State University

“The Tennessee Valley Authority, Kentucky Dam, and Land Between The Lakes”

Genesis Peña-Lozada, University of Kentucky

“Superb Call to Service: How Alben W. Barkley Helped Shape A Victorious 1948 Democratic Party Ticket”

Ethan Allen, Murray State University

“Breaking Barriers and Building Tensions: The 1948 Election and the Civil Rights Movement”

Ava McKallip, University of Alabama

“The Diplomacy of Racial Exclusion: Shih Fan Ting and the Influence of International Students on the United States During the 20th Century”

10:45AM-11:15AM Coffee Break

McCool Hall Atrium

11:15AM-1:00PM SESSION II

COMMUNITIES AND CONFLICT IN WORLD WAR II

Comments by Dr. Mary Kathryn Barbier

McCool Hall, Room 126

Matthew R. Graves, Murray State University

“Operation Torch: The Controversial Allied Invasion of North Africa”

McKenzie Quertermous, Murray State University

“The Nuremberg Trials: Shaping the International Courts”

Rachel Kahng, Dartmouth College

“The Reoccupation of Hong Kong: An Examination of the Approaches and Attitudes of the British Military Administration”

COMMUNITIES AND CONFLICT IN MEDICINE

Comments by Dr. Matt Lavine

McCool Hall, Room 128

Cheyenne Douthitt, Tennessee Tech University

“History, politics, and variolation vaccination hesitancy in the American South during the American Civil War”

Morgan Sweeney, Arkansas State University

“Arkansas, 1918: The Influenza Pandemic, World War One, and Camp Pike”

Robert John (R.J.) Mahar, Muhlenberg College

“Playing with Fire: A History of Video Game Moral Panic”

COMMUNITIES AND CONFLICT: THE “OTHER” IN EUROPEAN HISTORY AND BEYOND

Comments by Dr. Alexandra Hui

McCool Hall, Room 234

Ty Stricklin, Mississippi State University

“The Necessity of the Other: Europe and the ‘Orient’”

Jacob Oldshue, Mississippi State University

“Fire in the Mountains: A History of Relations Between the Russian State and the Northern Caucasus”

Zhenzhao Jiang, Smith College

“Perspectives on Early Qing Manchuria and Russo-Chinese Interactions: Insights from Yang Bin's ‘A Concise Record of the Willow Palisade’”

Madison Cothorn, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

“Aristotle's *Politics*, the Industrial Revolution, and the Myth of Meritocracy”

1:00PM-2:15PM

LUNCH

McCool Hall Atrium

Sandwiches, Salads, Desserts, and Vegetarian Quiche

2:30PM-4:15PM

SESSION III

COMMUNITIES AND CONFLICT IN THE COLD WAR

Comments by Dr. Stephen Brain

McCool Hall, Room 234

Angela Henle, The University of Alabama

“Sticky Labels: CARE Packages and the Politics of Foreign Aid During the 1956 Hungarian Revolution”

Jason Schaefer, Murray State University

“The Beginning of the End”

Polina Rafailova, Bard College

“(Un)Desirable Inception: Smolny College and the Intellectual History of Post-Soviet Russia”

COMMUNITIES AND CONFLICT IN RELIGIOUS HISTORY

Comments by Dr. Mark D. Hersey

McCool Hall, Room 126

Rose Doyle, Mississippi State University

“‘Certaine Detestable Acts, Called Witchcraft and Sorceries’: The Salem Witch Trials and the Life of Mary Easty”

Savannah Johnson, Murray State University

“The American History of Christian Serpent Handling: A Snake Tale”

Lila O’Leary, Occidental College

“Saving the World Through Music: Evangelical Missionary Musicians and US Empire, 1975 – 1995”

Reagan Kimzey, Macalester College

“‘There’s No Dang Hymnals in the Churches Anymore’: How the Southern Baptist Church Uses Music to Reach Different Generations”

COMMUNITIES AND CONFLICT IN HISTORICAL MEMORY

Comments by Dr. Julia Osman

McCool Hall, Room 128

Reece Pockat, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

“The Last True Roman: A Thematic Approach to the Influence of Justinian the Great on Early Medieval Byzantium (527-1025 CE)”

Emma Rawls, University of Southern Mississippi

“Mobile’s Azalea Trail Maids: White Women and the Lost Cause”

Amna Arain, University of Rochester

“Fascist Archaeology: The Propagandistic Invasion of Academia”

Lena LaPierre, Bates College

“Transforming Ivan the Terrible: History, Memory Politics, and Monuments in Putin’s Russia”

4:15PM-4:30PM Conclusion and Farewell

McCool Hall Room 126

4:30 PM Shuttle from McCool Hall to Hotels