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Registration /Coffee and Refreshments: 8:00-8:30
Swen Parson Hall, Room 258

Opening Remarks
Swen Parson Hall, Room 170
Katrina Chludzinski, Conference Chair

Session I: 9:00-10:15

Tradition and Modernity in Asia
Swen Parson Hall, Room 155
Chair: Dr. Anita Andrew (Northern Illinois University)
Molly Kroker (Northern Illinois University): “Employing Confucianism to Re-establish Legitimacy During the Deng Xiaoping Era.”

Languages of Law
Swen Parson Hall, Room 150
Chair: Dr. James D. Schmidt (Northern Illinois University)
John Alcade (Northern Illinois University): “The Language of Impotence: English Language Fluency and Cultural Performance in Incompetence Cases.”
Timothy Crimmins (University of Chicago): “James Q. Wilson and Mass Incarceration.”
Eric Griffin (Marquette University): “This is the Only Country it Could Have Happened In: The Bisbee Deportation of July 12, 1917.”

Roundtable: “Global Human Rights & History” at 4:30-5:30
Swen Parson Hall, Room 188
Moderator: Dr. Mark Philip Bradley (University of Chicago)
Participants: Dr. Beatrix Hoffman (Northern Illinois University), Dr. Heidi Fehrenbach (Northern Illinois University), Dr. Trude Jacobsen (Northern Illinois University),

Closing Remarks and Awards: 5:45-6:00
Swen Parson Hall, Thurgood Marshall Gallery
Dr. Sean Farrell, Faculty Adviser, History Graduate Student Association
Reception 6:00-7:00
Swen Parson Hall, Thurgood Marshall Gallery

Professor Mark Philip Bradley

Mark Philip Bradley is a Bernadotte E. Schmidt Professor of International History at the University of Chicago, where he is also the Director of the Pozen Family Center for Human Rights. Professor Bradley specializes in twentieth-century U.S. international history, the global history of human rights politics, as well as postcolonial Southeast Asia. He is the author of numerous books on Vietnam, the United States, and the modern world. In 2002 the Association for Asian studies awarded him the Harry J. Brenda Prize for his work, Imagining Vietnam and America: The Making of Postcolonial Vietnam, a work that reconceptualized the role of Cold War politics in the history of United States-Vietnamese relations. Some of his other titles include Vietnam at War and The United States and Global Human Rights Imagination.
New Perspectives on the American Midwest
Swen Parson Hall, Room 173
Chair: Dr. Stanley Arnold (Northern Illinois University)
Christopher Slaby (University of Wisconsin-Madison): “The Art of Commemoration: C.V. Porter’s Historical Markers of the Black Hawk War.”

Categorizing Subservience: State, Slavery and Servitude in the Atlantic World
Swen Parson Hall, Room 173
Chair: Dr. Amy Powers (Waubonsee Community College)
Patrick Bethel (Marquette University): “ ‘A general and indiscriminate stigma: Government Surveillance and The Irish Orphan Emigrant Scheme.”
Justin Iverson (Northern Illinois University): “Barly and Appealing, yet Unsavory: The Physical and Personal Qualities of Atlantic Slave Revolt Leaders, 1733-1841.”

Coffee Break: 10:15-10:30

The Limits of Imperial Identity
Swen Parson Hall, Room 187
Chair: Dr. Ismael Montana (Northern Illinois University)
Michael Jacobs (University of Wisconsin-Madison): “Austro-Hungarian Public Opinion towards Serbia During the 1908 Bosnian Crisis.”
Kevin Luginbill (Northern Illinois University): “Irish Nationalists and British Reformers: The Limits and Failures of the Imperial Unity Debate.”
Kate Mower (University of Utah): “How the Third Sacred War Made Evident the Panhellenic Abilities of the Delphic Amphictyony.”

Coffee Break: 4:15-4:30

New Histories of the American West
Swen Parson Hall, Room 173
Chair: Dr. Eric W. Mogren (Northern Illinois University)
Jessica Young (University of Utah): “The Power of Words: Plural Wives’ Rhetoric About Polygamy During the Mormon Underground.”
Aaron Hyams (Marquette University): “Cannabis Farming and Bootlegging on the Flathead Reservation and the Unintended Consequences of Social Engineering under Allotment.”

Session II: 10:30-11:45
Constructing Histories of Health and Disease
Swen Parson Hall, Room 150

Chair: Dr. Beatrix Hoffman (Northern Illinois University)

Samantha Bohlin (Northern Illinois University): “Oh! What are You Going To Do with Me?: The Treatment of Mental Illness in Europe and the United States of America, 1750-1850.”

Mikee Ferran (University of Utah): “Never Trust a Man in Uniform: Venereal Disease and Masculinity in World War II Texas.”


Genocide and the Modern World
Swen Parson Hall, Room 155

Chair: Dr. Sean Farrell (Northern Illinois University)

Sam Baum (Murray State University): “Genocide in The Spanish Civil War.”


Tracey Newport (Murray State University): “Counting Bodies like Sheep: The Causes of the Extermination of the Nama and Herero People.”

The 3rd Annual Alfred F. Young Keynote Address
1:30-2:30 Swen Parson Hall, Room 188

“The United States and Global Human Rights Imagination”
Mark Philip Bradley
Bernadotte E. Schmitt Professor of International History & Director for the Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, University of Chicago

Session III: 2:45-4:15

Writing War
Swen Parson Hall, Room 155

Chair: Dr. Aaron Fogleman (Northern Illinois University)

B.J. Marach (Northern Illinois University): “Textbooks and Traitors: Repelling the Southern Ideological Invasion of the North.”

David Harrisville (University of Wisconsin-Madison): “Writing Home from the Eastern Front: Narration and Identity in Hitler’s Army.”

L. Bao Bui (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign): “A Splendid Looking Letter: Civil War Soldiers and Epistolary Connoisseurship.”

Controversy, Democracy and Human Rights in Modern Foreign Policy
Swen Parson Hall, Room 150

Chair: Dr. Kenton Clymer (Northern Illinois University)


Logan Mark Lake (Central Michigan University): “Standing with Hope in Darkness: Costa Rican Democracy During the Cold War.”


Lunch: 11:45–1:15 Thurgood Marshall Hall
Complimentary lunch for registered participants

“Workshop on the Graduate School Experience in the Liberal Arts and Sciences: Undergraduate Complimentary Luncheon”
11:45-1:15 Swen Parson Room 170

Coffee Break 1:15–1:30