

THINKING WITH EMPIRE



The 39th Annual Susman Graduate Conference
Department of History
Rutgers University
Friday, March 31, 2017

All events held at the Rutgers Academic Building, 15 Seminary Place

Breakfast: 8:00–9:00

Session 1: 9:00–10:25

Transnational Feminisms

Room 2200

Moderator: Belinda Davis

“Women Have No Fatherland To Lose, Rather A Country To Win:” East German Women During the Wende
Brenna Yellin, Rutgers University

“To Save Our Sisters Across the Seas—and Ourselves”: The Post-World War II International Visions of the National Council of Negro Women
Shaun Armstead, Rutgers University

Language, Literature, and National Identity

Room 2250

Moderator: Barbara Cooper

Language and the Desire for Origins
Yarden Avital, Rutgers University

“Which Indians?”: Imperial Intimacies and the National Domestic in Bowen’s Wartime London
Monica Stanton, Princeton University

Hyper-Documented: Globalization, Spatialization, and Information Structures in Imbolo Mbue’s *Behold the Dreamers*
Grace Afsari-Mamagani, New York University

Session 2: 10:30–11:55

Imagining Empire

Room 2200

Moderator: Seth Koven

Creating Welfare, Nursing Empire: Colonial Student Nurses in the NHS, 1944–1962
Catherine Babikian, Rutgers University

Webs of Identity and Memory: Australia's Federation Arches of 1901
Derek Boetcher, University of Florida

Promoting a "Particular Brand of Enlightened Colonialism" in a Time of
Decolonization: The Negotiation of The British Empire in the United Nations
Arena, 1946-1951
Naima Maggetti, Université de Genève

Negotiating Imperial Space
Room 2250

Moderator: Johan Mathew

Empire within Empire: Intra-Imperial Politics in the Territories of the British East
India Company in the Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries
Tiraana Bains, Yale University

On the Track of the Aghtamar Catholicos Khachadur III: Rethinking Intra-Imperial
Space of Ottoman Empire and Armenian Subjecthood
Emre Can Daglioglu, Clark University

Lunch: 12:00–1:30

Session 3: 1:30–2:55

Technologies of Imperial Bureaucracy
Room 2200

Moderator: Judith Surkis

Albert Londres and *Au bagne*: Popular Movements for Prison Reform in an
Imperial Context
Katie Sinclair, Rutgers University

Citizenship, Welfare, and Security: Managing Migration from North Africa in
Interwar France
Austin Cooper, University of Pennsylvania

Population Data, Sultanate, and Patriarchate: Using a New Source to Complicate
Our View of Ottoman and Armenian History
Daniel Ohanian, University of California, Los Angeles

Health, Knowledge and the Imperial

Room 2250

Moderator: James Delbourgo

Medicine and Politics Intertwined: The Liminal Position of Colombian Creole Elites

Lisette Varón Carvajal, Rutgers University

The Romanian Peasant in the Late Nineteenth Century as a Dialogue Between Western and Local Knowledge

Liliana Mutu-Blackstone, State University of New York, Stony Brook

Session 4: 3:00–4:25

Racial Justice as a Challenge to Empire

Room 2200

Moderator: Walter Rucker

Addressing Racial Discrimination in the 1930s: Using a Historical Case Study in Effectively Challenging Empire to Inform Contemporary Social Justice Efforts
Kristen Matteucci, Rutgers University

Confronting “The White Face and Power Base”: The Third World Caucus of Philadelphia’s Women Organized Against Rape, 1976-1989
Caitlin Wiesner, Rutgers University

Global Africa: The Construction of a Black World Through Pan-Africanism as Voiced by Twentieth Century Reggae
Xavier Macy, Rutgers University

Keynote Address: 4:30–6:00

Room 2400

“Sex Talk and the History of Post-Algerian France”

Dr. Todd Shepard, Associate Professor of History and Co-Director of the Program in the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Johns Hopkins University

Dinner to follow