40th Annual Susman Conference
“Narratives of Resistance: Challenges, Practices, and Possibilities”

Thursday, March 29th

Opening Address
6:00 p.m., Rutgers Academic Building West Wing, Room 6051

Dr. Camilla Townsend, Professor of History, Rutgers University
“What 1960s Conservatives Were Right About – and How Historians Can Yet Prove Them Wrong”

Dinner to follow.

Friday, March 30th

Welcome, Registration, and Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., Rutgers Academic Building East Wing, Third Floor Lobby

Session 1
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Panel 1: Media and the Arts – Technologies of Discipline and Resistance, Dr. Jackson Lears
Rutgers Academic Building East Wing, Room 3200


Nala Chehade (Virginia Tech), “The Politics of Palestinian Production: Self-Portrayals of Palestinian Refugees in Film”


Hannah Groch-Begley (Rutgers University), “‘Insane Delusions of the Most Profound Kind’: British Newspaper Coverage of Murder, Madness, And Gender in the First World War”

Panel 2: Party Politics and New Perspectives, Dr. Lilia Fernandez
Rutgers Academic Building East Wing, Room 3200

Benjamin Foley (Rutgers University), “Challenging the Wages of Whiteness: How the Young Patriots Organization formulated a ‘white revolutionary’ identity against the ‘pig power structure’ of American capitalism, racism, and imperialism”

Daniel Bottino (Rutgers University), “They Do, They Know Not What: The Agony of the American Loyalist on the Eve of Revolution, 1760-1776”
Benjamin Serby (Columbia University), “From Resistance to Liberation: Greg Calvert’s American Radicalism”

Session 2
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Panel 3: Public Critiques of Gendered Knowledge, Dr. Melissa Feinberg
Rutgers Academic Building East Wing, Room 3450

Doris Brossard (Rutgers University), “‘The “right” to indulge in the act of sexual intercourse’: Unmarried people, sex, and the laws on contraception in Massachusetts (1960- 1972)”

Jenny Ernie-Steighner (Rutgers University), “(Re)Conceptualizing Heart Disease: Gendered and Racialized Framings, 1772-1930”

Carie Rael (Rutgers University), “‘Because I have to’: Latina Mothers Against Police Brutality in Orange County, California”

Joe Kaplan (Rutgers University), “‘Change Is a Way of Life’: The Dynamic Political Thought of Assata Shakur”

Lunch
12:15 – 1:15, Rutgers Academic Building East Wing, Third Floor Lobby

Session 3
1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Panel 4: Beyond the Grave, Dr. Barbara Cooper
Rutgers Academic Building East Wing, Room 3450

Whitney Fields (Rutgers University), “Contested Grounds: The Grave, Community, and Resistance in the Antebellum South”

Joseph Williams (Rutgers University), “Black Eulogies and the Struggle for African American Freedom”

Qingfeng Nie (Rutgers University), “Resistance beyond Human Experience: Mnemonic Reconstruction of Resistance during the An Lushan Rebellion (755-763)”

Panel 5: Rethinking Space and Politics through Women’s Perspectives, Dr. Rachel Devlin
Rutgers Academic Building East Wing, room 3200


Hannah Leffingwell (NYU), “Respectability as Resistance: Women’s Wartime Memories of the École Normale Supérieure de Jeunes Filles (1936-1945)”
Jerrad Pacatte (Rutgers University), “‘Mobilizing the Women of Our Race:’ The Intellectual Visions of Victoria Earle Matthews and the Politics of Single Women’s Mobility in Jim Crow Era New York”

**Session 4**
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Panel 6: *Living with and Resisting the Violence of Colonization*, Dr. Chie Ikeya
Rutgers Academic Building East Wing, Room 3200

Eri Kitada (Rutgers University), “Resisting ‘Native Violence’: Japanese Settlers and Race-Gender Reconfiguration in a Philippine Frontier, 1900-1930”

Hannah Greenwald (Yale University), “Forced Labor and Narratives of Indigenous Women’s Resistance in Nineteenth-Century Argentina”

Celso Mendoza (Rutgers University), “‘Those who have been baptized, those who are believers in **dios** will transform [into animals]’: Juan Teton, the Would-Be Nahua Messiah of Early Colonial Mexico, and the Spiritual and Ecological Conquest”

Menika Dirkson (Temple University), “Slavery by way of Marriage: The Issue of Slave and Free Status for Married Couples in Colonial Venezuela, 1792-1794”

Panel 7: *Activism and Politics in the Postwar World*, Dr. Belinda Davis
Rutgers Academic Building East Wing, Room 3450

Brenna Yellin (Rutgers University), “Solving the Resettler Problem: Resettlers, **Heimat**, and German-ness in the Creation of the German Democratic Republic”

Elle Kaplan (Syracuse University), “Memory and Activism: The Campaign for California Historical Landmark Status for Manzanar, 1969-1973”

George Kimson (Columbia University), “Self-Criticism and the PLO: Imagining Palestine after Beirut”


**Coffee Break**
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Rutgers Academic Building East Wing Third Floor Lobby

**Keynote Address**
5:00 p.m., Rutgers Academic Building East Wing, Room 2225

Dr. Shannen Dee Williams, Assistant Professor of History, University of Tennessee Knoxville
“Confronting Archival Silences and Navigating Spiritual Landmines: Writing a History of Black Catholic Nuns in the Twenty-First Century”

Dinner to follow.