

2021 History Honors Symposium



At the annual **History Honors Symposium**, the History Honors students gather with friends, family, and faculty advisors to commemorate a remarkable occasion: the completion of their theses. This year, we find ourselves online and socially distanced. We invite you to celebrate with us virtually on **April 30, 2021, at 11:00 AM**.

The History Honors Symposium is open to History Honors students, friends, family, and History faculty and staff. Please message elizabac@umich.edu for registration information.

[Link here to visit U-M History's virtual Undergraduate Commencement webpage.](#)

Symposium Program

Welcome and Congratulations



James W. Cook
History Department Chair
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Matthew Spooner
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Assistant Professor of History

Thesis Presentations

Charlotte Abrams

Kicking up the Dust: How the Yom Kippur War Reshaped Israeli Nationalism
Advisor: Juan Cole

Katelyn Albrecht

Dissecting the Makhzen and Narrative Construction by the Moroccan Monarchy
Advisor: Joshua Cole

Basil Alsubee

From the Rebellion to the Naksa: Detroit's "Third World" Coalition and the Politics of US Minority History-Telling
Advisor: Hakem Al-Rustom

Mikayla Bird

"Blessed are the Peacemakers": Radical Pacifism and the 1970 Flower City Conspiracy
Advisor: Stephen Berrey

Isabella Buzynski

Urban Spaces and Sacred Places: The Lived Religion of Polish Catholic Laity in Detroit, 1870-1939
Advisor: John Carson

Miranda Chambers

A Credulous Skeptic: Popular Medicine and Women's Medicine in Pliny the Elder's Natural Histories
Advisor: Ian Moyer

Haleigh Cotton

"She had cheated the father of his hopes": Abortion and Contraception in Ancient Greece and Rome
Advisor: Katherine French

Alexander Gavulic

Legacy: The Immigration Act of 1924 and Those Who Opposed Its Passage
Advisor: Ian Shin

Chase Glasser

For King and Country: Fighting the War on Terror in an Alien Environment
Advisor: Jonathan Marwil

Gabriela Glueck

Chernobyl and the German Democratic Republic: How the Structure of East German Environmentalism Came to Inform the Peaceful Protests
Advisor: Matthew Spooner

James Hutchins

Russian Tour Revisited: The University of Michigan's Cold War Musical Diplomacy
Advisor: Kira Thurman

Izzie Kenhard

Boys Club: The Culture of Misogyny and Violence within the Detroit Police Department in the Post-Uprising Era
Advisor: Matthew Lassiter

Nisreen Khokhar

Gender, Power, and Memory: The Legacy of Yemen's Little Queen of Sheba
Advisor: Kathryn Babayan

Silas Lee

The Old Men of the Lakes: How Great Lakes Ships and Sailors Transformed the Frontier
Advisor: Matthew Spooner

Maria LoCicero

Tale of the Taylors: An Exploration of Race and Family in the Atlantic World (~1760-1815)
Advisor: Matthew Spooner

Jillian Luciw

The Cass Corridor: The Harbinger of Detroit's Garage Rock Renaissance
Advisor: Howard Brick

Caroline Martin

The New Public Square: An Analysis of Historians' Activity on Twitter
Advisor: Ian Shin

Eliana Metni

Playing the Long Game—The Framework and Fortunes that Changed the Course of Campaign Finance Jurisprudence
Advisor: Gregory Dowd

Henry Newman

The Poor, The Profiteers, and the Precedent: The Rise of Slavery in 17th Century Virginia
Advisor: Gregory Dowd

Ananya Satyawadi

Kids Are Thugs: The Case of Youth Crime in Detroit During the War on Drugs
Advisor: Heather Ann Thompson

Julia Silverman

Painlessness in Childbirth: The Rise and Fall of Twilight Sleep in the United States
Advisor: Henry Cowles

Conor Smith

Dialectics of the Future: Historical Narrative and Political Imagination in Greece from the Axis Occupation to the Civil War
Advisor: Dario Gaggio

Rohit Soman

The Stories They Tell Themselves: Legal Narratives in the Supreme Court and *Floyd v. New York* about Stop-and-Frisk and Policing
Advisor: Emily Prifogle

Sofia Spencer

Blood and Parchment: Magic and Writing in Early Modern England
Advisor: Valerie Kivelson

Eric Wroldsen

Mercury and Mars: American Merchant Sentiment in the Buildup to and During the War of 1812
Advisor: David Hancock

Isabel Zuniga

De un pájaro las dos alas: Conversations with Cubans in Puerto Rico on Cuban Identity and Their Collective Narrative
Advisor: Jesse Hoffnung-Garskof

Announcement of Awards

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