

# ME HISTORY



Commencement  
**2023**



## Opening Remarks

Angela D. Dillard

Department Chair

Richard A. Meisler Collegiate Professor of Afroamerican & African Studies, History, and in the Residential College



## Student Speaker

Elizabeth Celia Yoon

History Class of 2023

## Undergraduate Teaching Award

Nina Naffziger

Co-President, University of Michigan History Club

## Undergraduate Award for Leadership and Service, LSA Honors Awards, History Honors Awards

Perrin Selcer

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Associate Professor

Kate Wroblewski

Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies

Lecturer



## Keynote Address: Know Where You Stand

Deirdre de la Cruz

Associate Professor

Deirdre de la Cruz is a historian and cultural anthropologist of the Philippines, with an interest in the transformation of religious sensibilities, beliefs, and phenomena in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. She is the author of *Mother Figured: Marian Apparitions and the Making of a Filipino Universal* (University of Chicago Press, 2015). Professor de la Cruz co-directs ReConnect/ReCollect, an interdisciplinary collaboration of faculty, curators, and students aiming to develop reparative and decolonial approaches to U-M's vast collection of Philippine archival and museum materials.

## Recognition of Graduates

Victoria Langland

Associate Professor

Matthew Spooner

Assistant Professor

**University of Michigan**  
**Department of History**  
**Class of 2023**

Alok Amit Abhilash • Sophia Pauline Afendoulis • Sundus Al Ameen

John Luke Albritton • Lily Anderson • Laurel Elizabeth Baty

Cory Allen Beebe • Kathleen Elizabeth Begley • Miles Taylor Bolton

Andrew Steven Borre • Carson Brown • Bailey Iliana Burke

Diego Sanchez Burks • Zachary Charette • Lucas Tremel Cole

Lauren Rae Constantine • Gabriella De Martinis

Maureen Elizabeth Diehl • John Francis Dillon • Clara Joy Dobos

Payton Joseph Don • Jayde Lora Emery • Madeleine Farmer

Tyler M. Firestone • Alexander David Franchi • Eli Friedman

Timothy James Gates • Alexander Thomas Gildea

Cari Michelle Griffin • Aidan Griffiths • Kuo Guang • Jordan Halpern

Ciara Rebecca Harris • Paige Harris • Patience Sierra Harris

Carson Allen-Tucker Hearit • Paige Christine Hodder • Spencer Hsieh

Porter James Hughes • Elizabeth Jiwoo Hwang

Roderick Allan Johnson, Jr. • Gavriella Kamens • Jaden Katz

Scott Samuel Kauffman • Ruby Kaufmann • Ryan William Keiper

Edward Clark Keogh • Kevin Klein • Emily Anne Kopp

Claire Elise Kowalec • Nour Kurdi • Luke Michael Kurfess

Madeleine Christine Lee • Alexander Maxwell Leichter

Maxwell Nile Azzou Lessins • Olivia Lohmeyer

Bennett Webster Lowe • Samuel James Cameron Mackey  
Alexander Joseph Majie • Ryan T. Marine • Elizabeth Hope Marshall  
Sadie Jane Mauger • Drew May • Eryn Elisabeth McMullen  
Drew Robert Meinecke • Joshua Messe • Giselle Ellenne Mills  
Samuel Allen Minzey • Michael Allen Mireles, Jr.  
Jason Alexander Mosebach • Michael James Moss • Davis Moyer  
Grant Mullins • Hunter Alton Neff • Kathy Nguyen • Thomas Pazik  
Evelyn Plonsker • Susanna Popescu • Leo Ackermann Purcell  
Dominik Riezler • Emily M. Ripper • McKeathan Robertson  
Nomi Rosen • Michael Rouleau • Lisa Ryou • Samuel Dakota Schmitz  
Thomas Robert Schneider • Rebecca Scognamiglio  
Jason Robert Seekamp • Zachary Lisle Sessions • Colleen Sharkey  
N'Dea M. Shelton • Elisa Solorzano • Madeleine Sosa  
William Robert Stieg • Miriam Strauss • Elizabeth Turczi  
Joseph William Turner II • Jade Turner • Bennett Walling  
Drew Waters • Ava Thompson Wells • Michael Sean Wilson  
Brianna Wyatt • Jiahao Yang • Elizabeth Celia Yoon  
Ian Samuel Young • Anna Madeleine Kastigar Zenk • Yichuan Zhang  
Noah Zimmerman