

**James Nadel**

Sefarad on Display: Spanish Representations of Sephardic Jews in the Post-Franco Era  
(Advisor: Hussein Fancy)

**Marisa Xheka**

MEMORY IN ALBANIA: From the National Liberation War to the Collapse of Communism  
(Advisor: Erdem Çipa)

**Gautham V.M.K. Madhira**

The Rise of the City of Lions: How Singapore’s Government Transformed Singapore into an Asian Tiger  
(Advisor: Victor Lieberman)

**Andrew Shin**

Locating King’s College Budo: A Study of Politics and Relationships in Colonial Buganda  
(Advisor: Derek Peterson)

**Jaclyn Kline**

More Than Housework: Domestic Discourses of Motherhood and the Limits of Comparative Women’s History in the CMS Yoruba Mission, 1900-1920  
(Advisor: Brandi Hughes)

**Jean-Pierre Seguin**

TEACHING REVOLUTION: Developing Autonomous Spaces Through Education in Chiapas, Mexico, 1994-2015  
(Advisor: Victoria Langland)

**Simone Gonzalez-Nagy**

Occasions of Sin – The Creation and Violation of Subversive Gender Identity in Argentina’s National Reorganization Process  
(Advisor: Jesse Hoffnung-Garskof)

**12:15 AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

- Stephen J. Tonsor Best Oral Presentation of Thesis Award
- James A. Knight Scholarship in History
- Elizabeth Sargent Lee History of Medicine Award
- Stephen J. Tonsor History of Ideas Undergraduate Honors Award
- John A. Williams History Award
- The Arthur Fondiler History Awards



*Refreshments provided in memory of Stephen J. Tonsor*

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**31<sup>ST</sup> Annual  
Honors Symposium**



**Senior Honors Thesis  
Research Presentations**

**Friday, May 1, 2015**  
9:00 am – 12:30 pm

The Gallery, Room 100  
Hatcher Graduate Library  
913 S University  
Ann Arbor, MI

# 31<sup>st</sup> Annual History Honors Symposium

## 9:00 Welcome & Introductory Remarks

Professor Brian Porter-Szücs—Chair, Honors Committee

## 9:05 THESIS PRESENTATIONS

### Mario Goetz

A Dream Derailed: Public Transit Policy in Southeast Michigan Late 1960s - Early 1980s  
(Advisor: Matthew Lassiter)

### Caroline Kowalski

Rules for Cross-Over Music: Motown's Rise to Popularity in the Sixties  
(Advisor: Matthew Countryman)

### Sarah Leddon

Shimmying Hips, Shifting Diplomacy: Carmen Miranda and the Good Neighbor Policy, 1941-1945  
(Advisor: Sueann Caulfield)

### Grant Simmons

Centerpiece to Empire – Understanding the New York Obelisk  
(Advisor: Michelle McClellan)

### Samuel Schotland

Making “Healthy” Height: A History of American Stature, 1885-1940  
(Advisor: Martin Pernick)

### Katheryn Johnson

No Poppies Grow – The Formation of a Group Identity and Fighting Myth of the 339<sup>th</sup> American Regiment in the Allied Expedition to Northern Russia, 1918-1919  
(Advisor: Valerie Kivelson)

### Rebekah Ross

“You Might as Well Laugh”: Jewish Humor and Identity in post-World War II American Fiction  
(Advisor: Deborah Dash Moore)

### Christopher Hunt

Glimpses of Agrarian Socialism: Anglophone Portrayals of the Collectivization of Agriculture in the Soviet Union during the First Five-Year Plan and Beyond  
(Advisor: Arsene Saparov)

### Liye Hong

Struggles Among Socialists: The Vietnam Policy of the USSR and China from 1950 to 1975  
(Advisor: Ronald Suny)

### Soumya Shastri

Creating an American Empire: A Diplomatic and Economic History of the Evolution of Iraqi-American Relations During WWII  
(Advisor: Juan Cole)

### Jack Fuller

“Philippine Independence:” American Colonial Policy and Legacy of the Reexamination Movement  
(Advisor: Matthew Lassiter)

### William Cowell

“Influential Centres of Disaffection:” Indian Students in Edwardian London and the Empire that Shaped Them  
(Advisor: Mrinalini Sinha)

### Ian Baker

“All In A Community Now?” South London During the Blitz, September - November 1940  
(Advisor: Kali Israel)

### Rachel Lerner

BUTLER'S BATTLE: WARTIME & THE NATURE OF COMPROMISE – An Analysis of British Educational Reform During World War II  
(Advisor: Brian Porter-Szücs)

### Mary Bridget Lee

Redefining Éireann: The Decline of Women's Rights in the Era of Irish Nationalism 1916-1937  
(Advisor: Brian Porter-Szücs)

### Benjamin Newman

*Die Mannschaft*: the Shattered Mirror of a Nation — German Identities and the Commercial Representation of the National Football Team from Reunification to the Present  
(Advisor: Dario Gaggio)

## 10:50 BREAK

## 11:10 Sara Ann Knutson

Bridges to Eternity: Women, Conversion, & Religion in Viking-Age Sweden  
(Advisor: Katherine French)

### Stephanie Leitzel

*May the Road Rise to Meet You*: Early Medieval Monastic Settlement along Ireland's Ancient Highways  
(Advisor: Paolo Squatriti)

### Leslie Teng

“Noble Knights, Bold, Proud, Valiant:” The Behavior of Romance Literature in Thomas Becket's Defense of the Church  
(Advisor: Katherine French)

### Dhananjaya Premawardena

“There are Many Brothers but Few Friends”: Damasus Dürr's Response to the Rise of Confessions in 16<sup>th</sup> Century Transylvania  
(Advisor: Dena Goodman)