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Louisiana State University

Baton Rouge, Louisiana



Friday, March 25

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Hill Memorial
Library
10:00-11:00am

Registration

The Lecture Hall
Hill Memorial
Library
11:00-12:30pm

Graduate Student Luncheon

Panel 1: Faith and Empire: New Approaches to
Transnational History

102 Audubon
Hall
1:00 – 3:00pm

Commentator: Dr. David Lindenfeld, Louisiana State
University

*“A Change in the Wind: The Legacy of Spain’s 1628
Treasure Fleet and its Capture”*
- Benjamin Duerksen, Texas A&M University

*“Fighting Imperialism with Imperialism: Walter
Murray Gibson’s Failed Attempts at Empire Building”*
- Spencer McBride, Louisiana State University

Panel 2: Politics and Culture in the New South

112 Audubon
Hall
1:00-3:00pm

Commentator: Dr. Alecia Long, Louisiana State
University

*“Elite Rurality and Agrarian Thought in Twentieth-
Century South Carolina”*
- Alan Harrelson, Mississippi State University

*“Kill That Snake’: Louise Johnson and Her Fight
against the ERA in Louisiana, 1972-1982”*
- Yvonne Brown, Louisiana State University

“Kingfish Rising”
- Adelaide Hair, Louisiana State University

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108 Audubon Hall
3:00-3:15pm

Break and Refreshments

Panel 3: New Perspectives on Manumission and Freedom in the Antebellum South

112 Audubon Hall
3:15 - 5:15pm

Commentator: Michael Frawley, Louisiana State University

“Honesty, Industry, and Integrity: An Analysis of Free Black Residency Petitions in Antebellum Harris County, Texas, 1838-1863”

- John G. Marks, Rice University

“Interracial Interaction and Reputation: Free Black Life in Bedford County, Virginia, 1800-1850”

- Ashley Schmidt, James Madison University

“By Her Own Labours?: Free African American Women in Antebellum Williamson County, Tennessee”

- Elizabeth J. Wood, Lynchburg College

Panel 4: Nineteenth-Century Europe, Broadly Defined

102 Audubon Hall
3:15- 5:15pm

Commentator: Dr. Suzanne Marchand, Louisiana State University

“Orientalists Without An Orient: Algeria, Colonial Encounters and The Making of Oriental Modernism in Nineteenth-Century France”

- Gavin Murray-Miller, University of Virginia

“Love, Marriage, and Modernization in Nineteenth-Century Austria: What the Mixed Marriage Debates in the 1830s Say about the Habsburg Monarchy”

- Scott Berg, Louisiana State University

“Alfred von Waldersee: Intrigue and Insecurity in Imperial Germany, 1883-1891”

- Wade Trosclair, Louisiana State University

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Energy, Coast & Environment Building Lobby
6:30-7:15pm

Registration

Keynote Address: Dr. Thomas J. Sugrue

Dalton J. Woods Auditorium, Energy Coast & Environment Building
7:30 - 8:30pm

David Boies Professor of History and Sociology, University of Pennsylvania

Title: “Jim Crow’s Last Stand: The Struggle for Racial Equality in the North”



Dr. Thomas J. Sugrue is the David Boies Professor of History and Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. A Specialist in twentieth-century American politics, urban history, civil rights, and race, Sugrue earned his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1992.

Dr. Sugrue is the author of *Not Even Past: Barack Obama and the Burden of Race* (Princeton University Press, 2010) and *Sweet Land of Liberty: The Forgotten*

Struggle for Civil Rights in the North (Random House, 2008), as well as numerous other books and articles. His first book, *The Origins of the Urban Crisis* (Princeton University Press, 1996), won the Bancroft Prize in American History, the Philip Taft Prize in Labor History, the President’s Book Award of the Social Science History Association, and the Urban History Association Award for Best Book in North American Urban History. In 2005, Princeton University Press selected *The Origins of the Urban Crisis* as one of its 100 Most Influential Books of the past one hundred years and republished it as a Princeton Classic.

The Rotunda, Energy, Coast & Environment Building
8:30-9:30pm

Reception

Saturday, March 26

108 Audubon Hall
7:00 - 8:00am

Registration

Panel 5: Antebellum Political Culture and Fighting the Civil War

104 Audubon Hall
8:30 - 10:30am

Commentator: Dr. Benjamin Cloyd, Hinds Community College

“Dark Prince of the South: Judah P. Benjamin and the Coming of War”

- Geoffrey Cunningham, Louisiana State University

“Our Government is Controlled by the Trickery of Politicians’: The Problem of Partisanship during the Secession Crisis”

- Michael D. Robinson, Louisiana State University

“Patrick Cleburne: Unsung Hero of the West”

- Gracjan Kraszewski, Mississippi State University

“Can We Trust Them?: Native Northerners in the Confederate Armies”

- David Ross Zimring, University of Virginia

Panel 6: The Effects of Nazism and Communism on European Politics

112 Audubon Hall
8:30 - 10:30am

Commentator: Dr. Meredith Veldman, Louisiana State University

“Between a Rock and a Hard Place: A Look at the ‘Godfather’ of Poland, Jozef Pilsudski, and Poland’s Foreign Policy with Russia and Germany, 1926-1935”

- Kathryn L. Beasley, Valdosta State University

“Holocaust Scholarship in Communist East Germany: A Methodological Study”

- Kyle S. Blank, University of Mississippi

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“An Ever Closer Union? European Integration in the Second Half of the Twentieth Century”

- Jennifer Popowycz, North Carolina State University

Panel 7: Survey of American Identity: Religion, Masculinity and Politics

114 Audubon Hall
8:30 - 10:30am

Commentator: Dr. Gaines Foster, Louisiana State University

“Those Pagan and Popish Neighbors, that are making the Inroads of a Bloody War upon us? These are our Declared Enemies”

- Karen L. Gauthier, University of Kentucky

“A Man-Made God for a Self-Made-Man: American Masculinity through the Lens of the Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin”

- Travis Jaquess, Texas Tech University

“The ‘demon rum’: The Cultural Influence of Rum in Political Identity”

- Vanessa Varin, Louisiana State University

108 Audubon Hall 10:30 - 10:45am

Break and Refreshments

Panel 8: Civil Rights and the Struggle for Equality

112 Audubon Hall
10:45 - 12:45pm

Commentator: Dr. Sharlene Sinegal DeCuir, Xavier University of Louisiana

“The Southern Jim Crow Experience of Northern Black Americans in the All-Volunteer U.S. Marine Corps, 1942-1944”

- Cameron D. McCoy, Texas A&M University

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“We Will Not Be Moved!': A Triumph of African American Grassroots Protest over Highway Construction in New Orleans in 1970”
- Joshua Goodman, Tulane University

““We Built This City on Residential Segregation: The Far-Reaching Effects of Baltimore's Housing Discrimination”
- Sara Patenaude-Schuster, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

“Southern Magnolias and Orange Lilies: Working-Class Women's Reactions to Integration”
- Misti Harper, University of Central Arkansas

Panel 9: Militarism and Modern British Identity

102 Audubon Hall
10:45 – 12:45pm
Commentator: Dr. Heather Thornton, Louisiana State University

“No Labour is Too Arduous': Sir Jacky Fisher as First Sea Lord and the Development of the Battle Cruiser”
- Bradley Cesario, Texas A&M University

“National Identity, British Identity and the German Other”
- William Bertolette, Louisiana State University

“Short Shrift: Putting India Back into Interwar British History”
- David Lilly, Louisiana State University

Panel 10: Understanding How We Absorb Information: 20th Century American Film, Television and Print

114 Audubon Hall
10:45 - 12:45pm
Commentator: Dr. Charles Shindo, Louisiana State University

“The Victims Are Doing it for Themselves: The Right Rejects the State in 1970s Cinema”
- Terry Wagner, Louisiana State University

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“Making the False Plausible': The Andy Griffith Show, Southern Stereotypes and Historical Memory”
- Sara K. Eskridge, Louisiana State University

“From American Beauty to Cheese Pudding: Good Housekeeping and the Shift to the Chemistry of Cooking”
- Kristi Whitfield, Louisiana State University

Lunch: The Academic Job Market

104 Audubon Hall
1:00 – 2:00pm
Panelists:
- Dr. Victor Stater, Chair, LSU Department of History
- Dr. Maribel Dietz, Associate Professor, LSU Department of History
- Dr. Andrew Burstein, Manship Professor, LSU Department of History

Panel 11: Gender History: Education, Medicine and Agency in America

112 Audubon Hall
2:15 – 4:15pm
Commentator: Dr. Nancy Isenberg, Louisiana State University

“Women's Education and Politics in the Antebellum South: A Reassessment of the Haralson Family Letters”
- Alan Forrester, Louisiana State University

“Quilts and Quilting as a Means of Women's Reaction to the Civil War”
- Sharon Price Fairbanks, University of Memphis

“Gendered Conceptions of Disease and Treatment: The Threats and Neutralization of 'Female Hysteria' and Pulmonary Tuberculosis During the Fin de Siècle”
- Ashley Baggett, Louisiana State University

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Panel 12: Forming and Maintaining African and African-American Identity in a Colonial World

102 Audubon Hall
2:15 - 4:15pm

Commentator: Dr. Gibril Cole, Louisiana State University

“On Nativism and Indigenusness in Eastern Zaire: The Question of Identity in the Kivu”

- Joseph Michael Snyder, West Virginia University

“‘Upon This Rock We Shall Build Our Hopes’: American Social Character in the Development of an Americo-Liberian Identity, 1824-1847”

- Andrew Wegmann, Louisiana State University

“And He Explained the Story About How Blacks Came from Glory’: The Correlation Between West African Griot Traditions and Hip Hop Music”

- Stuart Tully, Louisiana State University

Panel 13: Nineteenth-Century Religion and the Sectional Crisis

114 Audubon Hall
2:15 – 4:15pm

Commentator: Matthew J. Hernando, Louisiana State University

“Religious Discipline and the Limits of Anti-Slavery in Piedmont North Carolina”

- Christopher A. Graham, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

“‘Illumined with the Light of the Everlasting Gospel’: Missionizing the Mississippi in the 1810s”

- Christine Croxall, University of Delaware

“Radical Thoughts: Abolitionist Messages in 19th Century American Sunday School Literature”

- Rebecca McGehee, University of West Florida

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“The Importance of ‘Having Done Something’: Negotiating Opposition to Anti-slavery Thought and Action”

- Elizabeth Sponheim, Vanderbilt University

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4:15 - 4:30pm

Break and Refreshments

Panel 14: Insurrection and the Master Class in Southern History

112 Audubon Hall
4:30 - 6:30pm

Commentator: Nathan Buman, Louisiana State University

“‘The Blacks have been taught an important lesson—their weakness’: Insurrection, Conspiracy and Reaction in the Lower Mississippi Valley, 1795-1811”

- Patrick Luck, Johns Hopkins University

“Frederick Stanton: Cotton Factor, Super Planter, and the Natchez Nabobs”

- Kaisha Arnold, University of California at Northridge

“The Heart of the Master Class; or, The Politics of Domestic Affection in the Plantation South”

- Michael E. Woods, University of South Carolina

Panel 15: Education, Information and the Court in Early Tudor England

114 Audubon Hall
4:30 – 6:30pm

Commentator: Keith Altazin, Louisiana State University

“Medical Humanism: How One Man Changed the Medical Landscape of Tudor England”

- Erin Halloran, Louisiana State University

“Regina Anna prospere!/: The Legitimizing Coronation Ceremony of Anne Boleyn”

- Valerie Schutte, University of Akron

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“Protestantism, the Court, and the Commons: Battling the Devil’s Sophistry”

- Allison Cooper, Louisiana State University

Panel 16: Domestic and Foreign Policy in Postwar America

104 Audubon
Hall
4:30 - 6:30pm

Commentator: Dr. David Culbert, Louisiana State University

“Johnson in Camelot: A Comparison of US Foreign Policy in Guatemala under the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations”

- David Brennan Tomlins, Texas A&M University

“The Influence of Japanese Detention on Internal Security Legislation”

- Marc Patenaude, Louisiana State University

“Wanted, Needed on That Wall: Paul Blanshard and Liberal Anti-Catholicism in Postwar America”

- Bryan Kessler, Virginia Commonwealth University

“In Solidarity: Reagan’s Influence on the Polish Trade Union Movement and an Analysis of His Overall Impact on Ending the Cold War”

- Jennifer Perrett, Louisiana State University

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