
Thursday, 15 September

9:35-10:50

Session 1: Religion, Law, and the State in the Late 18th and Early 19th Centuries
Chair: TBA
Sarah Crabtree, “Conscientious Objection during the American Revolution” (SFSU History Department)
Linda Przybyszewski, “Competing Constitutional Traditions on Church and State: The Northwest Ordinance and the Cincinnati Bible War” (University of Notre Dame History Department)

Session 2: Sex, Speech, and the U.S. Military
Chair: Elizabeth Brown (SFSU Criminal Justice Studies)
Johnny Symons, “Ask Not” (SFSU School of Cinema)
Jonathan Lurie, “Military Justice and the Aftermath of Don’t Ask/Don’t Tell: Uneasy Lies the Marriage Bed” (Rutgers University, Newark, History Department)
Aaron Belkin, “Civil-Military Relations and the Repeal of the Transgender Ban” (Palm Center)

11:00-12:15

Session 3: Keynote Presentation: Ana Raquel Minian, “Fighting for Undocumented Migrants’ Rights”
Chair: Marc Stein (SFSU History Department)
Welcome: Andrew T. Harris (Dean, SFSU College of Liberal and Creative Arts)

Ana Raquel Minian is an assistant professor in the Department of History and the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity at Stanford University in Palo Alto. She is the author of “‘Indiscriminate and Shameless Sex’: The Strategic Use of Sexuality by the United Farm Workers,” published by American Quarterly in 2013. Her current book project, tentatively titled “Undocumented Lives: Mexican Migration to the United States 1965-1986,” explores the late-twentieth-century history of Mexican undocumented migration to the United States, the growth of migrant communities, and bi-national efforts to regulate the border.
12:35-1:50

Session 4: Black Lives Matter and Racialized Policing
Chair: Teresa Carrillo (SFSU Latino/Latina Studies)
Wanda Johnson, “Oscar Grant’s Life Matters: A Mother’s Perspective and a Foundation’s Work” (Oscar Grant Foundation)
Melissa Guzman, "Living with Ghosts: Confronting Racism, Fear, and the Lingering Presence of People Who Were Taken from Us” (SFSU Latino/Latina Studies)
Cesar (Che) Rodriguez, “What Is To Be Done: Sketches on Moving Beyond Extrajudicial Police Murders” (SFSU Criminal Justice Studies)

2:10-3:25

Session 5: Race Preferences in Public University Admissions: Fisher v. University of Texas
Chair: Martin Carcieri (SFSU Political Science Department)
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Kurt Nutting (SFSU Philosophy Department)
Belinda Reyes (SFSU Cesar Chavez Institute for Public Policy)

4:00-5:20

Session 6: Keynote Presentation: Boyd Cothran, “‘Murder of Malice Aforethought’: African and Native American Rights on Trial after the Civil War”
Chair: Marc Stein (SFSU History Department)

Boyd Cothran is an associate professor of history at York University in Toronto. He is the author of Remembering the Modoc War: Redemptive Violence and the Making of American Innocence (University of North Carolina Press, 2014), which received the 2015 Robert M. Utley Prize for the best book in military history from the Western History Association. He is currently working on a book that will bring Indigenous history together with women’s history, African American history, and environmental history to explore the battle between the dreams of an expansive federal government and the realities of entrenched local jurisdiction in America in the decades following the Civil War. The book is tentatively titled "Worst Weekend: How a Series of Forgotten Events Changed the Course of American History after the Civil War.”

5:30-6:30

Reception
Friday, 16 September

9:35-10:50

Session 7: Higher Education Rights and Wrongs
Chair: Darius Bost (SFSU Sociology and Sexuality Studies Department)
David Reichard, “‘Help Set Gays Free’: California Gay and Lesbian College Students and Gay Rights Talk in the 1970s” (California State University Monterey Bay Division of Humanities and Communications)
Marla Ramirez, “VAWA and FAFSA: A Little Known Right for Qualified Immigrant Students” (SFSU Sociology and Sexuality Studies Department)
Liz Jackson, “New McCarthyism: The Suppression of Palestinian Rights Advocacy in the United States” (Palestine Legal and Center for Constitutional Rights)

Session 8: Lawyers Left and Right in Mid-Twentieth Century U.S. History
Chair: TBA
Bill Issel, “Righting Wrongs: A Story of National Security Politics in World War II San Francisco” (SFSU History Department)
Camilo Lund-Montano, “Defending the Revolution: Lawyers and Advocacy for Radical Change in the United States” (University of California, Berkeley, History Department)

11:00-12:15

Session 9: “Parenting Rights and Wrongs”
Chair: Catherine Kudlick (SFSU History Department and Longmore Institute)
Ella Callow, “Disability, Law, and Contested Parenting: Legal Expressions of Cultural Zeitgeist, 1914-2015” (National Center for Parents with Disabilities and their Families and Through the Looking Glass)
Emily Beitiks, “How Growing Up With a Disabled Mother Made Me a (Better) Person” (Longmore Institute)

Session 10: New Perspectives on the Philosophy and Politics of Law
Chair: Trevor Getz (SFSU History Department)
Paul Michael Whitfield, “Kierkegaardian Reflections on Self and State” (SFSU Philosophy Department)
Jessica Tiju, “Anti-Trafficking Laws: Restructuring Social Justice outside Neoliberalism” (SFSU Women and Gender Studies)
Session 11: Disability Rights and Wrongs
Chair: Anita Silvers (SFSU Philosophy Department)
Katie Murphy, “Reasonable Accommodations: How Two Words (and Centuries of Intellectual Hierarchy) Challenge Disability Access in Higher Education” (SFSU)

Session 12: Teaching the Constitution in the SFSU Paralegal Studies Program
Chair: Vince Avellino (SFSU Paralegal Studies Program)
Vince Avellino, “Constitutional Concerns in Teaching Legal Ethics, Bankruptcy, and Probate” (SFSU Paralegal Studies Program)
Ruth Astle, “Administrative Law and the Constitution: A View from the Administrative Law Bench” (Golden Gate University Ageno School of Business)
Cheryl Feiner, “Family Law/Constitutional Law” (California Attorney General’s Office)
Mali Kigarasi, “Employment Rights and Responsibilities under the U.S. Constitution” (U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission)

Session 13: “Title IX and the New Civil Rights Movement for Gender Equity”
Chair: Deb Cohler (SFSU Women and Gender Studies)
Luoluo Hong (SFSU Vice President and Title IX Coordinator)

Session 14: Reception and Roundtable on Constitutional Law and the Presidential Election
Chair: Marc Stein (SFSU History Department)
Boyd Cothran (York University History Department)
Ana Raquel Minian (Stanford University History Department and Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity)
Additional participants TBA

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