

DAY TWO - WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 (CONTINUED)

**PANEL FIVE, 4PM**

*Chair: Professor Caitlin Fitz  
Department of History*

**NATHAN ENFIELD**

“Frontier Philosophy: Samuel Williams, Nathaniel Chipman, and the Formation of America’s Social Contract”

Adviser: T.H. Breen, History

**JONATHAN ALLEN GREEN**

“Revolution and the Ancient Constitution: Friedrich von Gentz, John Quincy Adams, and the Nature of the American Republic”

Adviser: Stephen Presser, Northwestern Law

**NICK RUGE**

“William Bingham and the Land Speculation Moment in 1790s Maine: Class Tensions and the Democratic Impulse in Early America”

Adviser: T.H. Breen, History

*– Refreshments to follow each session –*

**SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

Professor Carl Smith, 2011-2012 Honors Coordinator  
Professor Ivy Wilson, Director of the Program in American Studies  
Natasha Dennison, Program Assistant

THE PROGRAM IN AMERICAN STUDIES

**SENIOR SYMPOSIUM**

*A Celebration of the Scholarship of the  
American Studies Class of 2012*

Tuesday, May 29, 2012  
Wednesday, May 30, 2012  
Hagstrum Room  
University Hall 201

DAY ONE - TUESDAY, MAY 29

**PANEL ONE, 2PM**

*Chair: Professor Martha Biondi*

*Departments of African American Studies and History*

FARAH DAYAH

“Performing America: Examining the U. S. Government’s Export of Alvin Ailey’s *Revelations* during the Cold War”

Adviser: Harvey Young, Theatre

EMERSON GORDON-MARVIN

“Walter Rodney’s Theoretical and Practical Approaches to Race and Class”

Adviser: Brian Edwards, English

JOSHUA LEVIN

“Commemorating Slavery in the ‘Temple of Liberty’: Emancipation Hall and the Disavowal of Slavery’s Afterlife”

Adviser: Kate Masur, History

**PANEL TWO, 3PM**

*Chair: Professor Michael Sherry*

*Department of History*

HAYLEY ALTABEF

“The Discovery of Adolescence and the Progressive Fight Against Cocaine Use in Chicago from 1904 to 1907”

Adviser: Henry Binford, History

MICHAEL ELSER-ROONEY

“High School Football, the Daily Press, and the Creation of Meaning in Chicago’s Prep Bowl: 1927-1943”

Adviser: Janice Radway, Communication Studies

NORA GANNON

“A People’s History of Agent Orange: Vision, Corporeality, and Victimhood Forty Years Later”

Adviser: Michael Allen, History

**PANEL THREE, 4PM**

*Chair, Professor Nicola Beisel*

*Department of Sociology*

JONATHAN CLOW

“The Value of Prisons: Debate over Prison Privatization in 1980s Tennessee”

Adviser: Dylan Penningroth, History

ADAM EMILE MASUROVSKY

“Politics of Hazard: The National Discourse and Grassroots Dynamics of the Environmental Justice Movement”

Adviser: Al Hunter, Sociology

ZACHARY RATNER

“Welcome to the Solar Age’: Sun Day and the Evolution of American Environmentalism”

Adviser: Michael Allen, History

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**PANEL FOUR, 3PM**

*Chair: Professor Ivy Wilson*

*Department of English and Director of the Program in American Studies*

GABRIEL G. BROTMAN

“Strategy and Competition at the Dawn of the Digital Century: Strategic Alliance Formation in the United States Newspaper Publishing Industry, 1994-2000”

Adviser: Pablo Boczkowski, Communication Studies

ANDREW LEVIN

“Throwing Spaghetti at the Wall: The C.B.O.E. 100 Index Option Contract, Financial Journalism, and Popular Perceptions of the Derivatives Market from 1982 to 1986”

Adviser: Brian Edwards, English

AMANDA LITMAN

“Running Like a Girl: Analyzing Women Candidates’ Gender Presentation in Political Advertising from 2002 to 2010”

Adviser: Angela Ray, Communication Studies