

**2025 UNDERGRADUATE HISTORY CONFERENCE**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025**  
**IDEASPACE, HELMKE LIBRARY**

- 9:00-9:20 AM Breakfast (coffee, bagels)
- 9:20-9:30 AM Opening Remarks (Dr. Richard Weiner)
- 9:30-10:15 AM Panel 1: World History and American Politics  
Samuel Frick (COM), "The Annexation of Texas: The Political Discussions and Challenges in US and Mexican Politics"  
Breehonie Felger (History/Anthropology), "Painting Powerful Lines: A Comparative Digest Between Rivera and Siqueros"  
Jaythen Haywood (History/Political Science), "Crushing Congolese Independence: The True Story of the CIA"  
Chair/Moderator: Dr. Deborah Bauer (History)
- 10:25-11:10 AM Panel 2: Celebrating Women's History Month: 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century European Women's History  
Marcy Treesh (English/WOST), "'A Tale of Our Own Times': Reality and Fiction in the Victorian Bigamy Novel"  
Alexis Shoda (History), "Women and Soviet Wartime Propaganda"  
McKenna Houser (History/Secondary Education), "From Austerity to Elegance: French High Fashion and the Feminine Identity (1939-1955)"  
Chair/Moderator: Dr. Ann Livschiz (History)
- 11:20-12:05 PM Panel 3: Race and American History  
Ryan Bentz (History/Political Science), "Klan Violence in the Reconstruction South"  
Brennen Maloney (History/Secondary Education), "Baseball's Relationship to the American War Effort during World War II"  
Veronica Johnson (History/Sociology), "'Let the People See': The Importance of Emmett Till's Death for Civil Rights"  
Chair/Moderator: Dr. David Schuster (History)
- 12:10-1:15 PM Lunch (pre-registration required)