

Thinking Globally, Thinking Locally: Contradictions, Connections, and Conceptions
Forty-Second Annual Warren Susman Graduate Conference
April 10th, 2020 Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey
Submission Deadline: January 15, 2020

The 42nd annual Warren Susman Graduate Conference welcomes papers from graduate students in history as well as other humanities disciplines that speak to the theme of the connections between global and local histories. We invite submissions for individual papers and panels from graduate students at all levels and in all departments. Proposals may cover all fields and approaches of historical scholarship and span all chronological and geographical boundaries.

Global history is a field that has recently come to prominence. Yet, scholars are divided about what exactly *is* global history. Histories of the local and the intimate bring into relief debates about the limits of historical understanding. By putting into dialogue these two distinctive approaches to history, we hope to illuminate their convergences, divergences, and entanglements, and the ways in which histories of the local may enhance histories of the global, and vice versa. We seek scholarship from all fields that helps us situate these two approaches in our understanding of history.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Entanglements between global and local narratives: individuals, institutions, and ideas
- Scales of history - space and temporality
- Approaches and methodologies of global and local history
- Histories of the intimate and of the structural
- Applications of global and local history

Abstracts of up to 300 words with a working title, as well as a one-page curriculum vitae, should be sent by January 15th, 2020 to susmanconf@history.rutgers.edu. Selected participants will be notified of their acceptance by mid-February. The conference will take place in the Rutgers Academic Building (West), in Rooms 6050 and 6051.

Please join us after the conference for a **keynote lecture given by Dr. Jennifer Brier**, (PhD Rutgers, 2002) Professor of Gender & Women's Studies and History at the University of Illinois Chicago. Dr. Brier's work focuses on the intersection between gender, race, and sexuality, with special interest in the history of HIV/AIDS. Her first book is titled *Infectious Ideas: U.S. Political Response to the AIDS Crisis* (University of North Carolina Press, 2009).

To foster a sense of community among graduate students at all levels, departments, and institutions, please join us for an informal pre-conference dinner, to be held Thursday April 9th at 5pm in Room 301 in Van Dyck Hall. Attendance is not required as we understand participants may be traveling and arriving at different times.

Please direct proposal submissions as well as any questions to susmanconf@history.rutgers.edu