

SHAFR 2026
Draft Program

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

8:00am–10:30am SHAFR Council Meeting, Pfahl 102

10:00am–11:00am International Members Coffee Klatch

Sponsored by the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri

11:00am–12:30pm Session I

1. Migration and Tourism in Pacific Imperial Metropoles, Pfahl 230

Chair and Comment: Scott Laderman, University of Minnesota, Duluth

Sarah Steinbock-Pratt, University of Alabama

Circuits of Race and Empire: Elizabeth Calloway's Trans-Pacific Journey

Minah Kang, Johns Hopkins University

No Blank Slate: Infrastructure and Regional Assembly of U.S. Hegemony

Masako Hattori, National University of Singapore

The U.S. Military, Tourism, and Public Memory in Japan after World War II

2. U.S. Alliances and Defense Technologies in the Cold War, Pfahl 340

Chair and Comment: Anthony Eames, The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute

Toshihiro Higuchi, Georgetown University

The Submerged Divide: Nuclear Submarine Technology Transfer and the Transatlantic Politics of Security, Safety, and Secrecy, 1950–1965

Andrew J. Ross, Georgetown University

The First Space War? Military Communications Satellites and Anglo-American Military Cooperation in Southeast Asia

Austin R. Cooper, Purdue University

When an Oregon Dove Challenged the Pentagon Hawks: Rep. Charles O. Porter's (D-OR) Quest to Prevent Accidental Nuclear War in the 1950s

3. Shifting Sands of Allegiance: American Diplomacy and the Kaleidoscope of Allies in Cold War Vietnam, Pfahl 202

Chair and Comment: Alec Holcombe, The Ohio State University

Christopher Hulshof, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Fractured Partners: France, the United States, and the Ascendancy of Ngô Đình Diệm
Zachary Tayler, Ohio University

The Roadmap Not Taken: Why Normalization with Vietnam Stalled before 1995
Harry Hughen, The Ohio State University

Containment Recast: U.S.-China Collaboration in the Third Indochina War

4. Roundtable: We, the Specialist People: The Concept of Expertise in U.S. Foreign Relations, Pfahl 302

Chair: Nora Lessersohn, University of Southern California

Emily Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State University

Konstantin Dierks, Indiana University

Andrew Johnstone, University of Leicester

Hannah Peckham, University of Notre Dame

5. Conduits of Connection and Contention: People, Products, and Policy in U.S.-China Relations, Pfahl 330

Chair and Comment: **TBD**

Chuang Chen, University of Pittsburgh

Is the Perception of Threat by China Racialized?

Meirong Fu, Beijing Foreign Studies University

Reverse Brain Drain Revisited: Mobility Trends of U.S.-Based Chinese Scientists amid the
Aftermath of the China Initiative

Qiong Wu, William & Mary

Open Sesame: How Ginseng Made the Early American Presence in Canton

Qiaoyi Nie, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Deconstructing the “Trojan Horse” Rhetoric in U.S. Media Discourse on Chinese
Technology

6. Forging the Postwar Order: Strategy, Economy, and Transatlantic Relations, Pfahl 240

Chair and Comment: Alessandra Bitumi, University of Teramo

Melanie Sheehan, Hartwick College

Transnational Labor Relations, the European Recovery Program, and the Origins of the U.S.
Trade Adjustment Assistance Program

Audrius Rickus, University of Virginia

The Carter Shock: France, the 1977 Dollar Crisis, and the Fate of Transatlantic Relations

Matthew Conklin, Dartmouth College

From “Good War” to Grand Strategy: Wartime Coercion and the Domestic Politics of U.S.
Post-WWII Grand Strategy

7. Teaching with the CFR Survey, Pfahl 140

Sponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations

Chair: Christopher McKnight Nichols, The Ohio State University

Adriane Lentz-Smith, Duke University

James Lindsay, Council on Foreign Relations

Matthew Masur, Saint Anselm College

Molly Wood, Wittenberg University

12:30pm–1:00pm Refreshment Break

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1:00pm–2:30pm Session II

8. Fishbowl: A Retrospective on USAID: Legacies and Futures, Pfahl 302

Chair: David Engerman, Yale University

Kelly Fink, former USAID

Stephen Macekura, Indiana University, Bloomington

Christian Ruth, University of Florida

9. Gaming the System: Subaltern Actors and American Empire in the Early Twentieth Century, Pfahl 230

Chair: Kristin Hoganson, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Comment: Rebecca Tinio McKenna, University of Notre Dame

Alexander Insley, University of Missouri

“An Honor to His Race”: Walter Howard Loving, the Philippine Constabulary Band, and
African American Perceptions of Empire-Building in the Philippines

Zachary Logsdon, Purdue University

In the Eye of the Beholder: Governors’ Networks and the Politics of Colonial
Administration in Puerto Rico, 1913–1923

Reanne Zheng, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Imperium in Imperio: Chinese Community Leaders and Transimperial Resistance in San
Francisco and Hong Kong

10. He Changed How We Write History: Remembering Akira Iriye, Pfahl 240

Chair: Petra Goedde, Temple University

KC Johnson, Brooklyn College and CUNY Graduate Center

David Nickles, U.S. Department of State, Office of the Historian

Frank Ninkovich, St. John's University

David A. Rosenberg, Institute for Defense Analysis (ret.)

Michael Warner, U.S. Cyber Command

11. Law and Hegemony in the Postwar International Order, Pfahl 330

Chair and Comment: Robert Brigham, Vassar College

Avan Fata, London School of Economics and Political Science

Ordering the Postwar World? Anglo-American Cooperation on the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations

Kaitlin Findlay, Cornell University

Implementing Humanity: U.S. Wartime Bureaucracy and the Practice of International Law

W. Jason Vause, Texas A&M University

Recognizing Vietnamese Sovereignty while Adhering to International Law: America's Early Odyssey with the Geneva Conventions

12. Roundtable: New World Disorder: Global Security from the Cold War to the War on Terror, Pfahl 202

Chair: Joseph Stieb, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Matthew Frakes, The Ohio State University

Michelle Paranzino, U.S. Naval War College

Silke Zoller, Kennesaw State University

13. Power in Transition: Foreign Policy Shifts between Presidential Administrations, Pfahl 340

Chair and Comment: Laila Ballout, Wichita State University

Edward Kuntz, The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute

Lost Connections: John Gunther Dean's Lebanon Diplomacy, 1978–1981

Benjamin V. Allison, The University of Texas at Austin

“Like Calling a Chicken a Fish”: The Collapse of the Soviet-American Joint Communiqué on the Middle East, 1977

Maryum N. Alam, Dartmouth College

Time Horizons and Foreign Policy Change: Johnson, Nixon, and American Patience in Vietnam, 1963–1973

14. Empire, Resource Struggles, and Political Economy in a Century of Upheaval, Pfahl 140

Chair and Comment: Amy C. Offner, University of Pennsylvania

Chelsea Shields, University of California, Irvine

Kitchens as Frontlines: Domestic Labor, Decolonization, and the Politics of Oil Sovereignty

Christopher Dietrich, Fordham University

The Facts and the Law: Corporate Diplomacy and Progressive Dissent in U.S.-Mexican Relations, 1917–1927

Megan Black, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Salvage for Victory: Scrap Metal and the Circular Economy of World War II

Matthew Shutzer, University of California, Berkeley

A Total System: Islamic Modernism and American Carnage in the Buildings of Fazlur Rahman Khan

2:30pm–2:50pm Refreshment Break

Sponsored by the Department of History, The Ohio State University

2:50pm–4:20pm Session III

15. Constructivism and the New Histories of U.S.–Russian Relations, Pfahl 230

Chair: Brian Schoen, The Ohio State University

Comment: Frank Costigliola, University of Connecticut

Ivan Kurilla, The Ohio State University

The Other Within: Identity and the Uses of Diplomacy in U.S.–Russian Relations

Igor M. Tarbeev, Russian Academy of Sciences

The American Other for the Party Bosses: Soviet Americanists and U.S.–Soviet Relations during Détente

Victoria I. Zhuravleva, Russian State University for the Humanities

Visual Discourse as Identity Discourse: Representations of Each Other in Soviet and American Cartoons

Victoria Avanskaya, Russian Academy of Sciences

Feeling the Cold War: Emotions, Identity, and Imagining the Other

16. Roundtable: The U.S. in the World: Transnational and Global Histories, Pfahl 140

Chair: Benjamin A. Coates, Wake Forest University

Haris A. Durrani, Harvard University

Paul Kramer, Vanderbilt University
Zaynab Quadri, Yale University
Joel Suarez, Harvard University

17. Race, Labor, and Violence in the Shadow of Empire, Pfahl 202

Chair and Comment: Oli Charbonneau, University of Glasgow

Julianna Aguja, Yale University

From the Brewery to the Battlefield: Andrés Soriano's Patriotisms in WWII Philippines

Charlie Heffernan-Brown, University of Virginia

Sailors, Sex, and San Diego: The Life and Death of Allen Schindler

Kiki Zhao, University of California, San Diego

Sex, Intimacy, and Illicit Economies: "Bar Girls" and American GIs in Cold War Taiwan

18. Living Global Citizenship: Biographical Approaches to Midcentury Internationalism, Pfahl 240

Chair and Comment: Brooke L. Blower, Boston University

Sheyda Jahanbani, University of Kansas

"Garry Davis: World Citizen #1!": The Making of a Celebrity Internationalist

Victor McFarland, University of Missouri

Walter Levy and the Global Oil Market at Midcentury

Matthew Shannon, American University in Cairo

The Second World War and Justice William Douglas's Internationalist Turn

19. The United States and the Institutional Foundations of the Post-Cold War Order, Pfahl 330

Chair and Comment: Matthew Frakes, The Ohio State University

Stefano Chessa Altieri, SciencesPo Paris and Fondazione Gramsci

Lobbying with Rights: How U.S. Business Reframed Engagement and Supported China's WTO Accession after Tiananmen

Holly Harris, Southern Methodist University

Unfinished Order: Rebuilding Global Economic Governance with the Russian Federation

Ryan Singsank, University of Virginia

Complementary Security: The United States, the CSCE, and Europe's Post-Cold War Order, 1989–1992

20. Global Military Zones: Reverberations of the U.S. War in Vietnam, Pfahl 340

Chair and Comment: Christopher Hulshof, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Emilie Cuning, Emory University

Resistance Inside the Army: GI and Anti-War Activist Collaboration in Britain during the U.S. War in Vietnam

Aaron R. Jackson, Victoria University of Wellington

Caught between Nuclear Nationalisms: From French Nuclear Testing and the Vietnam War to the Collapse of ANZUS

Katherine Zien, McGill University

Training for Vietnam in Latin America

21. Fishbowl: Former Students Celebrate the Legacy of Peter Hahn, Pfahl 302

Chair: Brian C. Etheridge, Kennesaw State University

Paul Chamberlin, Columbia University

Nathan Citino, Rice University

Ryan Irwin, University at Albany, SUNY

Matthew Masur, Saint Anselm College

Amy Sayward, Middle Tennessee State University

Dustin Walcher, Southern Oregon University

5:00pm–6:30pm Plenary, Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum, Sullivant Hall, 1813 N High St, Columbus, OH

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The United States in the World at 250: Global Perspectives

Mario Del Pero, SciencesPo Paris

Ussama Makdisi, University of California, Berkeley

Kristin Oberiano, Wesleyan University

Juan Pablo Scarfi, Torcuato Di Tella University

Tamson Pietsch, University of Technology Sydney

6:30–8:00pm Welcome Reception, Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum, 1813 N High St, Columbus, OH

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FRIDAY, JUNE 26

8:00am–9:00am Breakfast

8:00am–9:00am *Diplomatic History* Editorial Board Meeting, Pfahl 102

8:00am–9:00am Past Presidents Breakfast, Bistro 2110, Blackwell Inn

8:30am–10:00am Session IV

22. The United States and the Americas in an Age of Revolution, Pfahl 340

Chair and Comment: **TBD**

Kaycie Haller, University at Albany, SUNY

Silviculture and Sovereignty: The Civilian Conservation Corps and the Politics of Nature in Puerto Rico, 1933–1942

David Johnson Lee, Adams State University

“It oughta be a novel”: Guatemalan Revolution and Counterrevolution in the Work of Miguel Ángel Asturias

Saul Leon Dubon, University of Texas at Dallas

El Salvador Ten Years before LaFeber Inevitable Revolutions: A Look at the United States and the Salvadoran Elections of 1972

Binay Prasad, Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, New Delhi

Global South amid Global Cold War: Indira Gandhi’s 1968 Visit to the Americas

23. Global Nuclear History: Reimagining Global Markets in the 1970s and 1980s, Pfahl 302

Chair and Comment: Alyssa Kreikemeier, University of Idaho

Jennifer Eaglin, The Ohio State University

Uranium and International Interests in Brazilian Nuclear History

Peter Soland, University of Houston-Downtown

Argentina’s Nuclear Development in Telescoping Contexts

Nicholas Misukanis, University of Maryland, College Park

From Brokdorf to Brazil: How Schmidt Went Nuclear Overseas

24. Roundtable: Do Individuals Matter for the History of U.S. International Relations and Why? Reflections of Working Biographers, Pfahl 202

Chair: Thomas Schwartz, Vanderbilt University

Brooke L. Blower, Boston University
Steven Brady, George Washington University
Diane B. Kunz, Independent Scholar
David Milne, University of East Anglia

25. Gender, Diplomacy, and Foreign Relations in Twentieth-Century America, Pfahl 240
Chair and Comment: Kaete O’Connell, Southern Methodist University

Riley Ford, Texas Christian University
 “Everything American”: Japanese Brides’ Schools and the Teachings of American Domesticity
Crystal Brandenburgh, Carnegie Mellon University
 “Even War is Better than Living Under the Domination of Hitler”: Eleanor Roosevelt’s Journey from Peace Worker to Human Rights Champion
Lauren Jacobsen-Bridges, University of North Texas
 “We Only Served American Wines”: Curating an American Palate

26. Roundtable: Revisiting U.S.–Russian Relations between Two Revolutions, 1861–1917: New Sources, New Questions, Pfahl 230

Chair: Lee A. Farrow, Auburn University at Montgomery

Ivan Kurilla, The Ohio State University
Brian Schoen, The Ohio State University
Ben Whisenhunt, DePaul University
Victoria I. Zhuravleva, Russian State University for the Humanities

27. Roundtable: Finding Common Ground at High Altitude: Graduate Reflections on the 2025 Clements Center Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft, Pfahl 330

Sponsored by the Clements Center for National Security, The University of Texas at Austin

Chair: Mark Lawrence, The University of Texas at Austin

Sanghyun Han, Georgia Institute of Technology
Ryan R. Kroells, Tufts University
Ryan Metz, The Ohio State University
Mina Rigby-Thompson, London School of Economics and Political Science
Adam Saxton, University of Chicago

10:00–10:20am Refreshment Break

Sponsored by the Office of International Affairs, The Ohio State University

10:20am–11:50am Session V

28. Currencies of Friendship: Iranian Agency in Détente, 1970–1979, Pfahl 202

Chair: Roland Popp, Military Academy at ETH Zurich

Comment: Matthew Shannon, American University in Cairo

Hannah Ahlblad, Harvard University

Royal-Atomic Romance: The Reciprocal Dependence of Pahlavi Iran and MIT, 1973–1977

Jack Roush, London School of Economics and Political Science

David Rockefeller and the Restructuring of U.S.-Iran Relations after 1973

Vittorio Felci, Wenzhou-Kean University

Iran's Détente with Hungary, 1970–1978

29. The Business of American Military Power, Pfahl 102

Chair and Comment: Jeremi Suri, The University of Texas at Austin

Brian Conway, SUNY Old Westbury

Bread & Bombers: American Diplomacy Concerning Military Bases in Morocco, 1950–1963

Arthur Braswell, Duke University

Containing Anti-Communism: The Cuban Exile Army Program in South Carolina

Bruce Ferrell, Texas A&M University

Winning At War and Business: A Comparative Intellectual History of the Ideas about Strategy-Making Between the U.S. Military and Corporate America During the 1990s

30. Fishbowl: New Methodologies from the 4th ed. of *Explaining the History of American Foreign Relations*, Pfahl 140

Sponsored by Cambridge University Press

Chair: Frank Costigliola, University of Connecticut

Gretchen Heefner, Northeastern University

Kristin Hoganson, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Julia Irwin, Louisiana State University

Stephen Macekura, Indiana University, Bloomington

Elsbeth Martini, Montclair State University

Christopher McKnight Nichols, The Ohio State University

Kristin Oberiano, Wesleyan University

Megan Threlkeld, Denison University

31. Roundtable: America as a European Power? The Dissolution of Yugoslavia and the Evolution of Transatlantic Relations in the 1990s, Pfahl 230

Chair: David Fitzgerald, University College Cork

Drew Brozovich, Southern Methodist University

September Gering, Kansas State University

Charles D. Laubach, The Ohio State University

32. Declarations of Interdependence: Africa, Sovereignty, and U.S. Power, Pfahl 330

Chair and Comment: Jeannette Eileen Jones, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Michael Bakare, Geneva Graduate Institute

Aid, Autonomy, and Interdependence: Cold War Financial Diplomacy and the Politics of Sovereignty in Nigeria, 1946–1970

Kate Burlingham, California State University, Fullerton

Land Transfer and Fading Sovereignty: The Acquisition of ABCFM Missionary Lands in Angola

Mora McLean, George Washington University

“Dangerous for All Concerned”—(Don’t) Go Back to Africa

33. The United States in a World of Colonial Empires, Pfahl 302

Chair and Comment: Marc Frey, University of the Bundeswehr, Munich

Jonas Anderson, University of the Bundeswehr, Munich

Partners in Empire: American Business Interest in the Congo Free State

Anne Foster, Indiana State University

Empire and the Challenges of Opium Prohibition, 1925–1940

Maximilian Klose, University of Freiburg

The Samoan Crisis and the Rise of American Imperial Masculinity, 1885–1889

Stephen Tuffnell, University of Oxford

The Transimperial Ticonderoga: World Cruising, Knowledge-Making, and the Emergence of U.S. Steam Empire

34. Networks of Influence: Non-State and Mediating Actors in the Making of Twentieth Century U.S.–China Relations (A Panel in Memory of Warren Cohen), Pfahl 340

Chair and Comment: Meredith Oyen, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Zhenyan Lu, King’s College London

Exporting Openness: American Men on the Spot, the Anglo-Japanese Alliance Crisis, and the Making of Open Diplomacy in East Asia in 1921

Jiesheng Li, Nanjing University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Rockefeller Foundation and the Institutionalization of American Knowledge on Chinese Studies, 1920–1937

Liye Hong, George Washington University

Building the Bridge to Beijing: The Formation of the Romanian Back Channel during the Johnson Administration and Maurer’s Mediation Mission to China in 1967

Paul Rubinson, Bridgewater State University

“Educating 500-Million Chinese People about the Holocaust”: American Jews and Zionism, 1975–1985

35. Conditions for “Success”: U.S. Power, Local Factors, and Postwar U.S.-Japan Relations, Pfahl 240

Chair and Comment: Dayna Barnes, National Defense University

Noriko Kawamura, Washington State University

New Perspectives on Emperor Hirohito’s Cold War under the U.S. Occupation

Michiko Takeuchi, California State University, Long Beach

Guiding Democracy: Japanese Feminists Granting America the Image of the World’s Civilizing Force

Masami Kimura, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

An Anticommunist Nexus: Social Democrats against Soviet Modernity

12:00pm–1:30pm Bernath Lecture and Awards, Ballroom

Sponsored by the Virginia Tech History Department and College of Liberal Arts

Suffering and Sovereignty: Reflections on Humanitarianism, Human Rights, and Refugee Politics

Amanda Demmer, Virginia Tech

1:45pm–3:15pm Session VI

36. Laos and the Cold War, Pfahl 102

Chair and Comment: Rob Rakove, Stanford University

Mike Rattanasengchanh, Council on Foreign Relations and Midwestern State University

Lao Bombing Lao, with U.S. Help, 1964–1965: Souvanna Phouma’s Reluctance to Work with Lyndon B. Johnson’s Administration

Susan Boot Caolo, Independent Researcher

Lao Veteran Legacy Preservation

Allie Soisouvanh Price, University of Texas at San Antonio

The Secret War Was Not So Secret to Us

37. Lightning Round: Artificial Intelligence & Archival Interpretation: Critical Reflections on Method and Power in International and U.S. Foreign Relations History, Pfahl 140

Sponsored by SHAFR's Committee on Digital Resources and Archival Sharing

Chair: Lydia Walker, The Ohio State University

Warjio Warjio, Universitas Sumatera Utara

Algorithmic Histories and Archival Sovereignties: Navigating AI-Human Tensions in Indonesia's Diplomatic Past

Kate Burlingham, California State University, Fullerton

Archives, Colonization, AI, and U.S. Foreign Relations

Bharti Chhibber, University of Delhi

Gaps in the Archive: AI, Silences, and the Scope of U.S. Foreign Relations

Zoe LeBlanc, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Modeling International Information Politics: Forms and Formats of Cold War and Third World Periodicals in the HathiTrust Digital Library

Lucas Avelar, Clemson University

Machine-Learning the Language of Empire: Word Embedding Models and the Computational Analysis of U.S. Visions of Pan-America in Turn-of-the-Century Newspapers

38. Women, Power, and U.S. Foreign Policy: Gendered Contestations of American Influence Across the Twentieth Century, Pfahl 202

Chair: Molly Wood, Wittenberg University

Comment: Bradley Simpson, University of Connecticut

Luah Tomas, York University

Contesting the Good Neighbour: A Brazilian Woman's Fight against U.S. Influence, 1936–1942

Natali Francine Cinelli Moreira, University of São Paulo and King's College London

From Containment to Opportunity: Cold War Politics and the Institutionalization of Women's Rights in U.S. Foreign Policy in the 1970s

Aiza Khan, University of California, Los Angeles

Undermining Imperialist and Islamist Interests: The Women's Action Forum in Pakistan

Thalia Ertman, University of California, Los Angeles

Protesting Nuclear Imperialism: The Transnational Women's Peace Camp Movement

39. Roundtable: Historical Perspectives on Civil-Military Relations, Pfahl 230

Chair: Shaul Mitelpunkt, University of York

David Fitzgerald, University College Cork

Justin Hart, Texas Tech University
Amy Rutenberg, Iowa State University

40. Faithful Ambassadors: American Missionaries and Informal Diplomacy, 1850–1950, Pfahl 240

Chair: Emily Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State University
Comment: Jeannette Eileen Jones, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Mark Edwards, Spring Arbor University

Global Housekeeping: The Social Gospel, Women, and Foreign Missions, 1880–1920

Hafiz Abid Masood, International Islamic University Islamabad

A Kentucky Missionary in Nineteenth Century Lahore: Charles William Forman and the Educational Foundations of U.S.–Pakistan Relations

Jahan Zeb Ahmed, University of California, Santa Barbara

Presbyterian Pedagogies and Postcolonial Print Diplomacy: The Franklin Book Program in Pakistan

Ahmet Kaan Akyüz, Binghamton University, SUNY

Missionary Diplomacy and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Ottoman Empire, 1908–1918

41. Expanding the Conversation: Publishing U.S. Foreign Relations in a Diverse Journal Landscape, Pfahl 302

Sponsored by SHAFR's Graduate Student Committee and Cambridge University Press

Chair: Hayden Kolowrat, *Journal of American History*

Petra Goedde, *Diplomatic History*

Julia Irwin, *Journal of Disaster Studies*

Lori Maguire, *Cold War History*

Sarah Snyder, *Modern American History*

Mitch Lerner, *Journal of American-East Asian Relations*

42. Localized Responses to U.S. Hegemony in an Interdependent World, 1970s–1980s, Pfahl 330

Chair: Kristin Oberiano, Wesleyan University

Comment: Dante LaRiccica, Yale University

Valeria Benko, Freie Universität Berlin

“Columbus in the World, the World in Columbus”: Ordinary Americans, the Talk of Town, and the Rise of Global Interdependence, 1972–1976

Kristen Soer, The Ohio State University

Beyond “Japan-U.S. Imperialism”: The Transpacific New Left and the Unexplored Question of Okinawan Sovereignty, 1969–1972

Maud Rijks, Leiden University

Translocal Activism over Binational Waters: The Case of the Great Lakes in the 1980s

43. The U.S. Canal in Panama or Panama's Canal?: Domestic and International Perspectives on U.S. Colonization and Retrenchment in Panama, Pfahl 340

Chair: Michael E. Donoghue, Marquette University

Comment: Katherine A. Zien, McGill University

Graydon Dennison, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

As If It Were Sovereign: U.S. Imperial Expansion in the Canal Zone and Republic of Panama

Aaron Coy Moulton, Stephen F. Austin State University

Keeping the Canal from the Communists: U.S. Zionians and the U.S. Conspiratorial Right

Aileen Teague, Texas A&M University

Bush, the Christmas Invasion, and Canal Administration, 1989–1993

3:15–3:35pm Refreshment Break

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3:35pm–5:05pm Session VII

44. The Language of War and Occupation, Pfahl 102

Chair and Comment: Andrew Preston, University of Virginia

Razan Bayan, University of Notre Dame

Distance or Defense? Rhetoric and the Question of Occupation in Guantanamo Bay and Abu Ghraib, 2001–2006

Michael E. Neagle, Nichols College

From Bandit to Terrorist: A Rhetorical Analysis of America's Long War on Terror

Michael McGalliard, University of California, San Diego

Before America First: The Antiwar Left on the Eve of World War II

45. Negotiating Aid in a Divided World, Pfahl 230

Chair and Comment: **TBD**

Alexey Chernyavskiy, University of Houston

Stop the Polemics: The Soviet Decision-Making Process on Military Aid to Vietnam, 1964–1965

Jeremy Rich, Marywood University

Crossing (White) Lanes: Mennonite Volunteers and the American State in the Congo, 1964–1980

Charles Sharpe, Royal Military College of Canada, Saint-Jean

Canada and the Creation of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, 1942–1943

46. Cold War Technoscience Diplomacy: From Remote Reaches to Traditional Centers, Pfahl 202

Chair and Comment: Victor McFarland, University of Missouri

Kapil Patil, Shiv Nadar University

Nuclear Techno-Science & Diplomacy in Postcolonial India, 1953–1965

Ronald E. Doel, Florida State University

Technoscience Diplomacy in Cold War Sub-Saharan Africa: How the International Geophysical Year Affected Ghana and Former British Colonies

Emma Armstrong, Southern Methodist University

Construction Technology and Geophysical Science Struggles in the High Arctic: The Truman Administration and Knowledge Production during the Cold War

47. Fishbowl: Tales from the Classroom and Beyond: A Discussion on Teaching United States Foreign Relations in Today's Higher Education Environment, Pfahl 302

Sponsored by SHAFR's Teaching Committee

Chair: Molly Wood, Wittenberg University

Brian C. Etheridge, Kennesaw State University

Phyllis Soybel, College of Lake Country

Carl P. Watts, Air University

48. Roundtable: Banal Strategy: Rethinking Power and Bureaucracy in U.S. Foreign Relations History, Pfahl 330

Chair: Ryan Irwin, University at Albany, SUNY

Alvita Akiboh, Yale University

Justin F. Jackson, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Mary Mitchell, New Jersey Institute of Technology

Nicole Phelps, University of Vermont

49. Preserving Hegemony, Pursuing Sovereignty: The Political Economy of U.S. Empire and Global South Development, 1960s–1990s, Pfahl 340

Chair and Comment: Christopher Dietrich, Fordham University

Vivien Chang, Dartmouth College

Rising Expectations: Economic Diplomacy and the Struggle to Define the “Decade of Development”

James Spencer Tompkins, Fordham University

Negotiating Development: Embraer’s Export Drive and the Collision of Brazilian State Capitalism and U.S. Neoliberalism, 1972–1983

Jonathan Ng, College of Charleston

Neoliberal Militarism: The Global Arms Trade and Neoliberal Turn, 1980–1988

50. Power, Sovereignty, and Intervention in U.S.-Latin American Relations, 1948–1971, Pfahl 240

Chair: Alan McPherson, Temple University

Comment: Thomas C. Field, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

James Irving, University of New Hampshire

Nonintervention and U.S. Policymaking during the Costa Rican Civil War of 1948

José Victor de Lara, University of São Paulo

Heralds of Modernization: The Alliance for Progress and the Consolidation of Brazil’s Military Dictatorship, 1962–1967

Joseph Edward Johnson, Temple University

Charting a Course: Surveying the Sea-Level Canal and U.S.-Panamanian Relations, 1964–1971

51. Roundtable: The United States and the Shifting World Order, Pfahl 140

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Chair: Richard Immerman, Temple University

Gretchen Heefner, Northeastern University

Daniel Immerwahr, Northwestern University

Jeremi Suri, The University of Texas at Austin

Aileen Teague, Texas A&M University

5:00pm–6:00pm Cornell University Press’s “The United States in the World” 20th Birthday Celebration, Pavilion

Sponsored by Cornell University Press

5:00pm–6:00pm Life Members Reception, TBD

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5:00pm–7:00pm Graduate Student Mixer, TBD

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6:00pm–9:00pm Social Event at High Bank Distillery Co, 1051 Goodale Blvd, Columbus, OH

Sponsored by the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

8:00am–9:00am Breakfast

8:30am–10:00am Session VIII

52. Space Lawyers, Celebrity Chefs, and University Students: Transnational Actors, Interdependence, and Sovereignty during the Cold War, Pfahl 330

Chair: Peter L. Hahn, The Ohio State University

Comment: E. Kyle Romero, University of North Florida

Gabriela Radulescu, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

All Sovereign Beings in the Universe: American Rocket Society vs. Soviet Intelligence

Margie Tang-Whitmore, University of Minnesota

A Culinary Reunion: Chinese American Celebrity Chefs and Homecoming Trips to China Post-1972

David M. Wight, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

From the Shores of Tripoli: Libyan Students in the United States and the Regime of Muammar Gaddafi

53. Roundtable: The Pleasures and Perils of Biographies, Pfahl 140

Chair: Andrew Kirkendall, Texas A&M University

Thomas C. Field, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Renata Keller, University of Nevada

Alan McPherson, Temple University

Sarah Steinbock-Pratt, University of Alabama

54. Roundtable: New Legal Histories of America, Race, and the World, Pfahl 202

Chair: Jeannette Eileen Jones, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Keziah Anderson, Harvard University
Jerry Chen, Harvard University
Annabelle L. Lyne, University of Kansas
Katie Wu, University of Virginia

55. Power and Purpose: Counterintuitive Approaches to Grand Strategy, Pfahl 240

Chair: Kelly M. McFarland, Georgetown University
Comment: Mary Ann Heiss, Kent State University

James R. Stocker, Trinity Washington University
Energy Resources and U.S. Grand Strategy in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century
Roland Popp, Military Academy at ETH Zurich
Modernization into Repression: Counterinsurgency as Grand Strategy during the Kennedy Administration
Daniel Chardell, The University of Texas at Austin
Humanitarian Improvisation: Rethinking Operation Provide Comfort, Atrocity Prevention, and Post-Cold War Grand Strategy

56. The Values, Virtues, and Vices of Foreign Aid: Domestic Politics and the Reimagining of U.S. Overseas Assistance, 1945–2025, Pfahl 302

Chair and Comment: Stephen R. Porter, University of Cincinnati

Alex Ferguson, University of Sheffield
Seeing is Believing: Congressional Visits and the Debate Over Foreign Aid in Indochina, 1950–53
Richard M. Balzano, Springfield College
Resurrecting Dulles: The Reagan Administration's Redefining of Human Rights and Rebranding of Cold War Objectives in Latin America
Emma S. Downing, University of Maryland
USAID in the Culture Wars: How Examining the U.S. Agency for International Development's Tumultuous Past Can Help Us Understand Its Uncertain Future

57. Beyond Missionaries: American Engagements in the Nineteenth-Century Ottoman World, Pfahl 340

Chair and Comment: David Atkinson, Purdue University

Stacy E. Holden, Purdue University
Edith Wharton and the Remaking of American Mental Maps of the Mediterranean Region
Andrew Priest, University of Essex

Exploration, Excavation, and Expertise: The Early Years of the Egypt Exploration Fund
Andrew Patrick, Tennessee State University

The Evolution of Trade Relations between the United States and the Ottoman Empire
Maureen Connors Santelli, Northern Virginia Community College

Greece for the Greeks? Gregory Perdicaris and American Aspirations for an Independent
Greece

10:00am–10:20am Refreshment Break

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10:20–11:50am Session IX

**58. Roundtable: The U.S. and the Middle East: Recent Events and Future Prospects, Pfahl
140**

Chair: Nathan Citino, Rice University

Nora Lessersohn, University of Southern California

Douglas Little, Clark University

Doug Rossinow, Metro State University

Kelly J. Shannon, Georgetown University

**59. Negotiated Authority: Sovereignty, Hegemony, and the Politics of Infrastructure
Development in Postwar Latin America, Pfahl 340**

Chair and Comment: Richard M. Balzano, Springfield College

Carlotta Wright De La Cal, University of California, Berkeley

Managing the Line: Labor Politics, Foreign Aid, and the 1942 U.S. Railway Mission to
Mexico

Chris Choe, University of Georgia

Peace Brokered and Broken: Economic Developmentalism and the Sea-Level Nuclear Canal

Andrew Robert Long, Mississippi State University

The Price of Freedom: U.S. Foreign Aid in 1950s Chile

60. Roundtable: Bill Burr, Nuclear History, and Kissingerology, Pfahl 302

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Chair: Bradley Simpson, University of Connecticut

Carolyn (Rusti) Eisenberg, Hofstra University

Jonathan R. Hunt, U.S. Naval War College

David A. Rosenberg, Institute for Defense Analysis (ret.)
Svetlana Savranskaya, National Security Archive

61. Humanitarians against Empire? The Contested Meaning of Humanitarianism during the Cold War, Pfahl 202

Chair and Comment: Melani McAlister, George Washington University

Benjamin A. Coates, Wake Forest University

“Unholy Laws Which ... Estrange Us from Our Fellow Man”: A Quaker Action Group, Sanctions Evasion, and Humanitarian Aid to North Vietnam, 1966–1973

Theresa Keeley, University of Louisville

Intentional Conflict Avoidance as Advocacy: NYC vs. the Johnson White House in Caring for War-Injured Vietnamese Children

Brian Mueller, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

“We Do Not Want to Be Refugees Any Longer”: U.S. Solidarity Activists Aid the Victims of Reagan’s War in El Salvador

62. The “Global Commons” in an Era of Decolonization: International Law and Sovereignty in Oceans and Outer Space, Pfahl 230

Chair: Elisabeth Leake, Tufts University

Comment: Megan Black, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Haris A. Durrani, Harvard University

Orbital Squatting: The Origins of Space Object Registration in the Global Cold War

Grace Easterly, University of Connecticut

Negotiating Neutrality: The 1977 Panama Canal Treaties and the Limits of Postcolonial Sovereignty

Sonya Schoenberger, Stanford University

Enclosing the Oceanic Commons: The Ever-Shifting Boundaries of the High Seas and International Seabed

Cris van Eijk, Newcastle University

Early Space Lawmaking as Environmental Discourse, 1957–1967

63. The Cold War Cultural Diplomacy of College Students, Pfahl 102

Chair and Comment: Andrew Johnstone, University of Leicester

Laura MacDonald, Michigan State University

The Musical Theatre Diplomacy of American College Students: A Survey of USO Tour Participation in the Cultural Presentation Program in Asia, 1960–1968

Diana Cucuz, Toronto Metropolitan University

The College Aged Guide: Selling Consumer Culture and Capitalism through U.S.
Exhibitions in the Soviet Union
Alisa Kuzmina, University of Minnesota
“The Emigres’ Indiana Connection”: U.S. Campus Responses to Soviet Emigration Policy

64. Roundtable: Rethinking the Second World War and Its Legacy, Pfahl 240

Chair: Mary L. Dudziak, Emory University

Paul Chamberlin, Columbia University
Alfred Peredo Flores, Harvey Mudd College
Ruth Lawlor, Cornell University
Tejasvi Nagaraja, Cornell University

65. Roundtable: Going Public: Bringing History to Wider Audiences, Pfahl 330

Chair: Christopher McKnight Nichols, The Ohio State University

Daniel Immerwahr, Northwestern University
Mark Lawrence, The University of Texas at Austin
Lisa Namikas, Baton Rouge Community College
Aileen Teague, Texas A&M University

12:00pm–1:30pm Presidential Address and Awards Luncheon, Ballroom

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The U.S. in the World at 250: A View from a Bloody Borderland

Jay Sexton, University of Missouri

1:45pm–3:15pm Session X

66. American Identities and State Power, Pfahl 102

Chair and Comment: **TBD**

Matthew Rohn, George Washington University
The Second State Department: The Office of Indian Affairs and the Making of American
Foreign Policy Bureaucracy
Eric Rutkow, University of Central Florida
Prohibition “Refugees” and the Rise of “Volstead Resorts”

67. Infrastructures of American Global Power, Pfahl 202

Chair and Comment: Diana J. S. Martinez, University of California, Berkeley

Austin Carson, University of Chicago

Infrastructures of Intelligence and Host Backlash in the American Cold War

Olivia Wynne Houck, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

From Stepping Stones to Outposts: Iceland, Greenland, and a Shrunken Atlantic Ocean during the Second World War

Boyd Ruamcharoen, Harvard University

Building a Weatherable Empire: How the Infrastructure of U.S. Planetary Power Created a Paradox of Durability, 1945–1960

68. Shifting the Balance: Multidimensional Security and the Crisis of the Bipolar Order, 1977–1992, Pfahl 340

Chair: Jonathan R. Hunt, U.S. Naval War College

Comment: Alessandro Leonardi, Roma Tre University

Berk Cebeci, Temple University

Double-Edged Diplomacy: U.S. Nuclear Statecraft Between the Atlantic Alliance and the USSR, 1981–1986

Eva Palo, Università di Napoli “L’Orientale”

Europe’s Forgotten Architects of Détente: EPC and WEU in the Making of Neglected Arms Control Regimes and Their Impact on Security

Mattia Ravano, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

The Quiet Making of a Crisis: The Carter Administration, East-West Relations and the Polish Debt Spiral

Keegan Lundman, University of Kansas

Détente and Soviet American Trade: Energy Development Landscapes in a Shifting Cold War World

69. The Politics of Disaster Assistance in the Americas, Pfahl 230

Chair and Comment: Julia Irwin, Louisiana State University

Claudia Kedar, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Fighting the Cold War through Disaster Assistance: The World Bank, the United States, and Chile in the early 1970s

Grazia Sciacchitano, University of Florence and Norwegian University of Sciences and Technology

Disaster Relief under Franco: Aid, Politics, and International Engagement during the 1960s

70. Crisis and Complicity in the 1970s, Pfahl 240

Chair and Comment: TBD

Louise Kettle, University of Nottingham
The Other Iranian Hostage Crisis

Yixin Tian, University of Oxford

“Compañero presidente?” Mexico and the Chilean Revolution in the Shadow of Nixon

71. Roundtable: Global Politics and Social Movements, Pfahl 302

Chair: Penny Von Eschen, University of Virginia

Jessica Levy, Purchase College, SUNY

Tejasvi Nagaraja, Cornell University

Joseph Parrott, The Ohio State University

Bradley Simpson, University of Connecticut

72. U.S. Expansionism, the Wars of 1898, and Their Legacies, Pfahl 330

Chair and Comment: Justin F. Jackson, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Robert Diaz, University of Michigan

Vigorous and Strong in Mind and Spirit: Obstetrics, Pediatrics, and Independence in the U.S.
Occupied Philippines, 1900–1921

David Marthy, University of North Carolina and U.S. Military Academy

Reclaiming the Losses of Empire: Federal Efforts to Repatriate the Military Dead, 1898–
1902

Mark Lewis Reynolds, University of California, Riverside

“The American Egypt”: Famine Relief and the Politics of Imperial Comparison in Cuba

Micah Wright, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Puerto Rican Irregulars, the War of 1898, and Model Colonial Subjects

73. Sovereignty and Empire: Violence, Recognition, and Everyday Life in Cold War Korea, Pfahl 140

Chair and Comment: Mitch Lerner, The Ohio State University

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Syrus Solo Jin, New York University

Culturally Relativistic U.S. Empire: Military Advisors and Their Embrace of Sovereignty

Tarak Barkawi, Johns Hopkins University

Soldiers’ History Writing and the American War in Korea

Dong-Il Shin, University of Maryland, College Park

Knowing, Filing, and Killing: American Complicity, Korean Sovereignty, and the Geochang
Massacre

Jieon Yoo, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Sensing Sovereignty: Everyday Encounters with the U.S. Empire in Cold War Korea

3:15pm-4:15pm Closing Reception, Pavilion

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