World History Symposium:
Politics, Culture, and Economy
Across Time and Space

April 10, 2015
Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art
Auburn University
**Schedule**

9:30 to 9:45  Welcome Message

9:45 to 10:45  War, Work, and Business in the Pre-Modern World  
**Moderator: Paul Fox**
- The (Other) Civil War: Brother Against Brother in Ancient Mesopotamia, Michael Kozub
- Work and Wages in Early Islamic Egypt, Matt Malczycki
- How to Succeed in Business While Really Trying: The East India Company in World History, Rupali Misra

10:45 to 11:00  Break

11:00 to 12:00  Global Circulation of Goods, People, and Ideas  
**Moderator: Linda York**
- China and the Consumer Revolution in the West, Donna Bobanan
- Migration, Murder, and Mayhem: Mobile, Alabama and the World, aka, I’m Blaming It All on Joe, Jennifer E. Brooks

12:00 to 1:15  Lunch with Presentation by Joseph A. Kicklighter

1:15 to 2:30  Modern Colonizers, Explorers, and Dictators  
**Moderator: Franke L. Smith**
- City and Settler Colony: The Nineteenth-Century Anglo-World and Its Two Frontiers, Christopher J. Ferguson
- Faking It? World Explorers and Armchair Geographers in Early Nineteenth-Century France, Ralph Kingston
- Lessons Learned from Studying a “Second-Rate” Dictator: Mussolini and Fascism in World History, Eden Knudsen McLean
- Tracing the Treasures of Dispossessed Peoples: The Case of the Dobříš Chateau in Nazi-Occupied Bohemia, Cathleen M. Giustino

2:30 to 2:45  Break

2:45 to 4:00  Transformations in the Cold War World  
**Moderator: Jeffrey Bibbee**
- Celia Sanchez Manduley: The Creation of Cuba’s “New Woman”, Tiffany Sippial
- “Africa begins at the Pyrenees:” International Environmental Conservation in Franco’s Spain, Sarah Hamilton
- From Apartheid to Amandla: Comparative Reflections on White Supremacy and Black (and White) Liberation in South Africa and the United States, David C. Carter

**Presenters**

**Morris Bian**, Professor of History and Chair of the Department of History, earned his Ph.D. at the University of Washington. He is author of *The Making of the State Enterprise System in Modern China: The Dynamics of Institutional Change*. Prior to becoming the chair of the Department of History, he taught courses in world history, Asian history, and modern Chinese history.

**Donna Bobanan**, the Joseph A. Kicklighter Professor of History, earned her Ph.D. at Emory University. She is author of *Old and New Nobility in Aix-en-Provence, 1600–1695; Crown and Nobility in Early Modern France, and Fashion beyond Versailles: Design in Seventeenth-Century France*. She teaches courses on world history, early modern Europe, early modern France, and the history of material culture.

**Jennifer E. Brooks**, Associate Professor of History, earned her Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee. She is author of *Defining the Peace: Race, World War Two Veterans, and the Remaking of Southern Political Tradition*. She teaches courses in Southern US history, the history of the modern United States, and American labor history.


**Christopher J. Ferguson**, Assistant Professor of History, earned his Ph.D. at Indiana University. He teaches courses in world history, modern Europe, modern Britain and the history of material culture.

**Cathleen M. Giustino**, the Mary Bernice Mills Carter Professor of History, earned her Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. She has written *Tearing Down Prague’s Jewish Town: Ghetto Clearance and the Legacy of Middle-Class Ethnic Politics around 1900* and co-edited *Socialist Escapes: Breaks from Ideology and the Everyday in Eastern Europe, 1945–1989*. She teaches courses in world history, twentieth-century Europe, modern Germany, Eastern Europe, and landscape and culture.

**Sarah Hamilton**, Assistant Professor of History, earned her Ph.D. at the University of Michigan. She teaches courses in world history and environmental history.

**Charles Israel**, Associate Professor of History and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs in the College of Liberal Arts, earned his Ph.D. from Rice University. He is author of *Before Scopes: Evangelicalism, Education, and Evolution in Tennessee, 1870–1925*. Before becoming the associate dean, he taught courses on American cultural and intellectual history, and the history and religion of the American South.

**Ralph Kingston**, Associate Professor of History, earned his Ph.D. at the University of London. He has written *Bureaucrats and Bourgeois Society: Office Politics and Individual Credit, France 1789–1848*. He teaches courses in world history, the history of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Europe, modern France and modern world explorers.
Michael Kozuh, Associate Professor of History, earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He is author of The Sacrificial Economy: Assessors, Contractors, and Thieves in the Management of Sacrificial Sheep at the Eanna Temple of Uruk and numerous articles on the history of Mesopotamia. He teaches courses in the history of technology and civilization, world history, and the history of the ancient world.

Matt Malczycki, Associate Professor of History, earned his Ph.D. from the University of Utah. He is author of articles in papyrology and currently completing a book manuscript on early Islamic Tunisia. He teaches courses in world history, the history of the Middle East, and topics in Islamic history.

Eden Knudsen McLean, Assistant Professor of History, earned her Ph.D. at Yale University. She teaches courses in world history, the history of modern Europe, the history of Italy, and fascism.

Rupali Misbra, Assistant Professor of History, earned her Ph.D. at Princeton University. She teaches courses in world history, the history of early modern Europe, and the history of early modern England.

Tiffany Sippial, Associate Professor of History, earned her Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico. She is author of Prostitution, Modernity, and the Making of the Cuban Republic, 1840-1920. She teaches courses in world history, Latin American history, and the history of women and gender.

Moderators

Jeffrey Bibbee is Associate Professor of History and Chair of the Department of History at the University of North Alabama. He earned his Ph.D. at King’s College London and his B.A. and M.A. from Auburn University. His research focuses on the history of modern Britain.

Paul Fox is Visiting Assistant Professor at Kennesaw State University. He earned his Ph.D. at Auburn University, and his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Texas at San Antonio. His research focuses on the religious history of early modern Scotland.

Franke L. Smith is an educator at Hickory Hill, a Watson-Brown Foundation historic home near Augusta, Georgia, prior to which she served as Programs Coordinator at the French Legation Museum in Austin, Texas. She holds her M.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and her B.A. from Auburn University.

Linda York, now retired, served as the Head of the Department of History and Director of the Division of Humanities at Wallace Community College in Dothan, Alabama. She earned her Ph.D., M.A., and B.S. at Auburn University. Her research focuses on the history of early modern Britain.