



**About William Paterson University:**

Founded in the city of Paterson in 1855, William Paterson is one of the nine state colleges and universities in New Jersey. Set on 370 wooded acres in northeast New Jersey, the campus is located just 20 miles west of New York City. William Paterson University offers 42 undergraduate and 22 graduate programs through its five colleges: Arts and Communication, Cotsakos College of Business, Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Science and Health. Certification is available in early childhood, elementary, secondary, and special education.



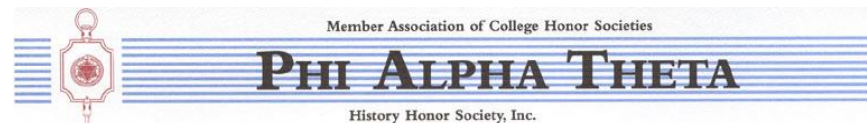
**The History Department at William Paterson:**

The Department of History is among the largest departments at William Paterson University, with 20 full-time faculty members. The department features an up-to-date computer lab, and supports the student communities of Phi Alpha Theta (the history honors society) and the History Club. Emphasizing breadth of study and comparative inquiry alongside more specialized research, the Department of History provides strong support and unique opportunities for both undergraduates and graduate students.



*2009 Conference Organizers: Dr. Lucia McMabon and Dr. Sara Nalle, Department of History, William Paterson University*

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**THE 2009 PHI ALPHA THETA  
REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
FOR EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY**

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM C  
WAYNE, NEW JERSEY

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

REGISTRATION/  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  
University Commons Ballroom C

**9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

WELCOME CEREMONY  
University Commons Ballroom C

*Opening Remarks*

Dr. Evelyn Gonzalez, Chair, History Department,  
William Paterson University

**9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

SESSION I: STUDENT PANELS

PANEL 1: NEW VISIONS IN PREMODERN HISTORY

University Commons Room 168A

*The Visual Language of Power: The Role of Equestrian Armor in  
Renaissance Europe*

Diana Davis Olsen, William Paterson University

*The Myth of Seclusion: A New Understanding of Abbasid Women and Their  
Contributions to Economic Life*

Rebecca Hersh, The College of New Jersey

*The Fall of Syria and the Transition from Byzantine to Arab Rule*

Fátima Neves, William Paterson University

PANEL 2: MODELS OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN THE  
MODERN WORLD

University Commons Room 168B

*Peace or Freedom? The Tibetan-Chinese Relationship as Influenced by  
the Dalai Lama*

Kimberly Meyer, The College of St. Elizabeth

*Bridge on the River Kwai and the Public Debate on Decolonization*

Evan McLaughlin, Muhlenberg College

*Creating Facts: The Settler Movement in Israel*

Kyle Gaffney, William Paterson University

**11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

BREAK

**11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

SESSION II: STUDENT PANELS

PANEL 3: TALES OF SUCCESS AND FAILURE IN THE EARLY  
TWENTIETH CENTURY

University Commons Room 168A

*Peasants in the Mid-1930s and Their Portrayal in Happiness and  
Bezhin Meadow*

Jordan Goretti, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

*Frank Lloyd Wright: Modernism and Influences*

Thomas A. Guiler, The University of Scranton

*Lord Kyslant and the Fall of the White Star Line*

Orlando R. Pagan, William Paterson University

PANEL 4: HISTORY, MEMORY AND REMEMBRANCE

University Commons Room 168B

*The Historikerstreit in Vilsmaier's Stalingrad (1993)*

Brittany Williams, Muhlenberg College

*From Perpetrators to Victims: Shifting Approaches to the Memory of World War II in German Cinema*

Sara Koransky, Muhlenberg College

*Come and See and Ivan's Childhood and the Progression of Soviet Post-War Memory and Ideology*

Zachary Kuschner, Muhlenberg College

**12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

LUNCHEON

UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM C

**2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

SESSION III: STUDENT PANELS

PANEL 5: UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE AND ITS EFFECTS

University Commons Room 168A

*Ultra: British Code Breaking During World War II*

Jonathan Barsh, Ramapo College of New Jersey

*Successful Management of War's Rules: Forging the Hybrid*

Brian Teucke, William Paterson University

*Robert F. Kennedy in the Cuban Missile Crisis*

Mohammed Khan, William Paterson University

*Operation Barbarossa and the Einsatzgruppen*

Steven Lahullier, William Paterson University

PANEL 6: VOICES OF FREEDOM AND PROTEST, 1890-1920

University Commons Room 168B

*The Conflict Over Freedom: American Culture of Freedom and the Pullman Strike of 1894*

Gregory Marino, The College of New Jersey

*Sacco and Vanzetti: A Lesson on Tolerance*

Caitlin Grogard, William Paterson University

*The Decision to Intervene: Wilson and the Liberal Press, March-June 1918*

Karl Adey, William Paterson University

*Alva Vanderbilt Belmont: The Militant Socialite Suffragist*

Siobhan Fitzpatrick, Ramapo College of New Jersey

PANEL 7: STATE POLITICS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

University Commons Room 171A

*Good or Bad? Machine Politics and Its Role in American Cities*

Lauren E. LaFrance, The College of St. Elizabeth

*Frank Hague as "The Boss"*

Jack Zapotoczny, William Paterson University

*Poverty and the Effects of Gender in Latin American Culture and Tradition*

Michelle Fazzolari, The University of Scranton

*The 1970s Revolutionary Movement of the Australian Homosexual Community*

Kelly Calabrese, The University of Scranton

**4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.:**

CLOSING REMARKS AND AWARDS CEREMONY

University Commons Ballroom C

## ABOUT PHI ALPHA THETA

Phi Alpha Theta is a professional society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication, and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. We seek to bring students, teachers and writers of history together for intellectual and social exchanges, which promote and assist historical research and publication by our members in a variety of ways.

The National Honor Society in History, Phi Alpha Theta, was established at the University of Arkansas on March 17, 1921 by Nels Andrew N. Cleven. By chance, a painting depicting ancient Assyria and featuring a six-pointed Star of Divinity hung on the wall of his classroom. The star became the central symbol for the History fraternity.



Since its inauguration in 1921, Phi Alpha Theta has grown to more than eight hundred thirty-nine chapters in fifty states, more than any other accredited four-year college honor society. The total number of initiates since its inception is more than 350,000.

As part of its commitment to academic excellence, Phi Alpha Theta continues to participate actively, through its Executive Director and President, in the Association of College Honor Societies. Phi Alpha Theta enjoys the distinction of being one of three original departmental honor societies with membership in the ACHS.

The Society publishes *The Historian*, a distinguished quarterly with articles written by members with interests in all fields of History. It also contains numerous reviews of scholarly books and other items of interest. *The Historian* is one of the most widely circulated scholarly historical journals published in the United States.

Sustaining Membership with Phi Alpha Theta, for an annual contribution of \$45, entitles the individual to receive *The Historian* and *The News Letter* for one year with the balance exceeding subscription costs added to the endowment scholarship fund. The Supporting Membership, a one year subscription rate to *The Historian*, is only \$30. (A two-year Supporting Membership costs \$56.)

For more information on Phi Alpha Theta, please visit:  
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