2025 GREAT LAKES
HISTORY CONFERENCE:

CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, PSYCHE, & HISTORY

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
HISTORY DEPARTMENT
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 17TH, 2025

ALL PANELS HELD IN: DEVOS CENTER, REGENCY ROOM

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	WELCOME, COFFEE, & REGISTRATION IN REGENCY ROOM
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE & OPENING REMARKS JASON CROUTHAMEL (GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY) PETER LEESE (UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN)
10:45 AM - 12:45 PM	**PANEL 1: EVOLVING THEORIES ON SPACE & PSYCHOPATHY** **CHAIR:** JEFF BYRNES (GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY) **SAFE FROM HARM? TRAUMA & THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAFE SPACES** ULRICH KOCH (THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY) **RETHINKING TRAUMA THROUGH A DEVELOPMENTAL LENS: CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES, HISTORICAL CHALLENGES** ERIKA QUINN (EUREKA COLLEGE) ***GEOPSYCHE*. MEDICAL ENQUIRIES INTO THE LINKS BETWEEN THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE PATHOLOGIES OF THE MIND (19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES)** ANATOLE LE BRAS (UNIVERSITY OF VERSAILLES SAINT-QUENTIN, FRANCE)
12:45 PM - 2:00 PM	LUNCH
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	**PANEL 2: RUINED LANDSCAPES & VISIONS OF DISASTER** **CHAIR:** MATTHEW DALEY (GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY) **IMAGINING CATASTROPHE: ARCHITECTURE AND FILM** ERIC NAY (ONTARIO COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN UNIVERSITY, TORONTO, CANADA) **OBSESSION WITH DANGER: MULTIPLE FUNCTIONS OF DARK TOURISM SIGHTS - THE CASE OF RADIOACTIVE TRAUMA LANDSCAPES** JULIA B. KÖHNE (HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY, BERLIN)
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	RECEPTION & SNACKS FOLLOWED BY: "THE RAPIDS BENEATH THE CALM: A WALKING TOUR OF DIFFICULT PUBLIC MEMORIES IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN"
6:00 PM	CONFERENCE DINNER AT BISTRO BELLA VITA, FOR PANELISTS & CHAIRS

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9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	COFFEE
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	**PANEL 3: POPULAR MEDIA REPRESENTATIONS AND HIDDEN NARRATIVES OF ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS** **CHAIR:** YUE LIANG (GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY) **SENSING THE APORIA: ENVIRONMENTAL TRAUMA, PUBLIC STORYTELLING, AND THE TOXIC SENSORIUM IN CANADIAN VISUAL CULTURE** JOHN BESSAI (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE NORTH, THOMPSON, MANITOBA, CANADA) **BEYOND SURVIVAL IN WEST CHICAGO: MULTIMEDIA COUNTER-STORYTELLING AND YOUTH HEALING ON THE MARGINS** JENNIFER VENTIMIGLIA (NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY)
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	**PANEL 4: ENVIRONMENT, PSYCHE, HISTORY - CASE STUDIES (1)** **CHAIR:** BLAIR STEIN (GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY) **FLUID ENCOUNTERS: HYDROLOGICAL PSYCHE OF THE MIDWESTERN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD** STEVEN NATHANIEL (GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY) AND RAMYA SWAYAMPRAKASH (GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY) **ECOLOGIES OF INCARCERATION: ENVIRONMENTAL TRAUMA AND REINTEGRATION IN A CHANGING CLIMATE** JOY FERDINAND (UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS)
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	**COFFEE BREAK**
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	**PANEL 5: ENVIRONMENT, PSYCHE, HISTORY—CASE STUDIES (2)** **CHAIR:** PAUL MURPHY (GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY) **ENEMIES AT THE GATE: DISASTER, CAPITALISM, AND THE HOT SPRINGS WORLD WAR I INTERNMENT CAMP** HEATHER PERRY (UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHARLOTTE) **CLIMATE TRAUMA AND THE IRISH REVOLUTION: WEATHER, DISEASE, AND COMPENSATION** JUSTIN STOVER (IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY)
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	BRIEF CONCLUDING DISCUSSION, FUTURE GOALS

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LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY WORKSHOP

HELD IN: DEVOS CENTER, ROOM 109D

1:00PM - 4:30PM

CROACEÑOS: A BOLIVIAN SOCIAL MEDIA PHENOMENON AND ITS ROOTS IN THE PAST
ANITA ZANDSTRA (GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY)

'IT IS VERY HOT:' NARRATING AND LIVING WITH HEAT IN PARAGUAY FROM THE LATE NINETEENTH TO THE EARLY TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY
BRIDGET CHESTERTON (SUNY BUFFALO STATE)

CADET OF THE REVOLUTION? GARY PRADO SALMÓN AND MILITARY POLITICS IN BOLIVIA, 1952-1974
ELIZABETH SHESKO (OAKLAND UNIVERSITY)

WORKSHOP COMMENTATORS:
BRIDGET CHESTERTON, SUNY BUFFALO STATE
MICHAEL HUNER, GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
NIKKI MAGIE, UNIVERSITY OF OLIVET
ELIZABETH SHESKO, OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
ANITA ZANDSTRA, GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PANEL

HELD IN: DEVOS CENTER, ROOM 111D

1:00PM - 2:30PM

PANEL CHAIR: ALICE CHAPMAN (GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY)

EMPOWERING FEMALE LEADERSHIP AND MONASTIC REFORM: TERESA OF ÁVILA A 16TH CENTURY VISIONARY
SABRINA WHITE (GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY)

REVITALIZING YAQUI HISTORY: REVELATIONS FROM ARIZONAN NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION, 1910 – 1915
ANHELES CORONADO (GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY)

SHE PREACHED HER OWN GOSPEL: REFRAMING TAMMY FAYE BAKKER IN AMERICAN HISTORY
ASHLYNN SCAFIDI (GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY)

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