

Special Thanks

Moderators

Dr. Jared Farmer, Associate Professor of History, Stony Brook University. Dr. Farmer specializes in the overlapping historical dimensions of landscape, environment, technology, science, religion, and culture and is the author of *Trees in Paradise: A California History*.

Dr. Lara Vapnek, Associate Professor of History, St. John's University. Dr. Vapnek specializes in the history of gender and labor in the nineteenth- and twentieth-century United States, and is the author of *Breadwinners Working Women and Economic Independence, 1865-1920*.

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Packer Collegiate Student Symposium

May 17th, 2016



**BROOKLYN
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Student Panels

Concurrent panel presentations will take place in the Othmer Library and Great Hall from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, followed by a reception in the Great Hall.

GREAT HALL - 1ST FLOOR moderated by Dr. Jared Farmer

First Panel: 6:30 - 7:25 pm

Race, Religion, and Gender at 19th Century Packer

Nadia Grisaru

Shifting Perspectives: Late 19th Century Attitudes towards Nature at the Packer Collegiate Institute

Sara Van Horn

Huck Finn and the Language Climate: Understanding the Struggle Over Language Purity from 1859-1885

Victor Akujobi

Not My Problem: A Study of the Perception of Poverty during the Gilded Age

Zoe Ervolino

Civil Wars: Debating Race, Gender, and Power in the Mid-Nineteenth Century

Second Panel: 7:35 - 8:25 pm

Voices of Activism at Packer and Beyond in the Late 20th Century

Ben Bienstock

The Price of Voicelessness: Student Editorials at a Private High School

Lexa Krebs

Marian Wright Edelman and the Children's Defense Fund: Fight to Improve Child Welfare in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s

Georgia Warner-Haakmat

Understanding Brown: Speaking Out on Racism and Education in New York City during the Civil Rights Era

OTHMER LIBRARY - 2ND FLOOR moderated by Dr. Lara Vapnek

First Panel 6:30 - 7:25 pm

Reproductive Rights, Sexuality Education, and Gender Identity at Mid - Late 20th Century Packer

Jordan Allyn

Can't Live with Him, Can't Live without Him: An Analysis of Bill Baird's Contributions to the Women's Liberation Movement

Logan Blunt

He Was Always Told "No": The Life of Jeffrey Dickemann, a Transgender Packer Alum ('48)

Delilah Righter

The 1960s Sexual Revolution & Its Impact on Packer's Student Body

Second Panel: 7:35 - 8:25 pm

Shifting Roles, Conflicting Priorities & Changing Values

Lia DiBitonto

Alice Through the Looking Glass: Alice Van Vliet's Letters and the Shifting Ideas around Domesticity in the 1920s

Jade Bernal Epstein

Effects of European Conflict on American Religious Education

Ben Beaumont

Packer's Homefront: Private Fundraising in the Second World War