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Failures, Losers, and Tragic Downfalls
Second Annual Graduate Conference

Saturday February 26, 2011
University of Rochester · Goergen Hall

http://www.rochester.edu/College/HIS/Conference
8:30 - 9:00 · REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

9:00 - 10:50 · WELCOME AND SESSION I
FAILING TO CREATE A NEW IDENTITY: INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS STRUGGLE TO REDEFINE

Maria Cristina Fava · Eastman School of Music · The Musical and Political Failure of American Proletarian Music

John Portlock · University of Rochester · Write Me How You Will: Harlem's Black Culture and Arts Debate of 1926

Jonathan Wilson · Syracuse University · "So Perfect a Stranger": Abigail Jones and the Literary Gentlemen of Early-19th-Century New York

Molly Jessup · Syracuse University · “Why, she doesn’t even belong to your group!.” Outcasts in the culture of conformity

10:50 - 11:05 · COFFEE BREAK

11:05 – 12:05 PM · KEYNOTE SPEAKER
SCOTT SANDAGE

12:05 - 1:15 · LUNCH BREAK

1:15 - 2:05 · SESSION II
FAILED IDEOLOGIES, PROGRAMS, AND PROJECTS

Jeffrey Ludwig · University of Rochester · Christopher Lasch and the Failure of democracy

Alexandra Gilbert · Memorial University of Newfoundland · The Failure of American Exceptionalism in Dillon Wallace's The Lure of the Labrador Wild

2:05 - 2:20 · COFFEE BREAK

2:20 - 4:00 · SESSION III
INSTITUTIONAL FAILURES: FAILURES BY AND WITHIN

Jessica Neptune · University of Chicago · “Corrections” In Name Only: Incarceration and the Staying Power of a Failed Idea.

Paul Zwirecki · University at Buffalo · Fighting the “Moral Epidemic”: Insanity and Religious Excitement in Upstate New York, 1840-1850

Kathleen Poling · University of California at Berkeley · How Not To Be Executed in Imperial China: Commutation of Capital Sentences under the Qing

Paul Dingman · University of Rochester · Loving the Illustrious Loser – Lord Talbot and Shakespeare’s I Henry VI

4:00 - 4:15 · COFFEE BREAK

4:15 - 6:00 · SESSION IV
SEIZING THE OPPORTUNITY: UTILIZING FAILURE, AND FAILING ANYWAY

Alexandra Mairs · University of Rochester · The Reward for Loyalty: Rangers and Refugees in East Florida during the American Revolution

Christopher Bouton · University of Delaware · Delivered over to the tender mercies of the Mob: The Destruction of Pennsylvania Hall and Remembering Failure

Stephen Wisniewski · University of Michigan · A Spectacular Failure: Flint, Michigan's AutoWorld and Rust Belt Revitalization

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