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Student Research

Doctoral Dissertations Completed

Andrew Finstuen, "Hearts of Darkness: American Protestants and the Doctrine of Original Sin, 1945-1965" (2006).

Doctoral Dissertations in Progress

Bethany Jay, "Historic House Museums and the Contested Memory of Slavery in the Twentieth Century."

David McCowin, "Practicing Catholic Manhood: Faith, Family, and Freedom in Boston, 1900-1960."

Michael Mezzano, "The Problem of Restriction in American Immigration: Italians and the Discourse of Science, 1860-1924"; co-directed with Prof. David Quigley.

Sarah Nytroe, "Religion and Memory in American Public Culture, 1890-1920."

Carrie Schultz, "'Let the Little Children Come to Me': Catholic Children's Moral Development in the United States, 1920-1965."

Doctoral Dissertations, Third Reader

John Bieter, "Showdown in the Owyhees: Land, Myth, and Identity in the American West."

Elizabeth McDonald Bischof, "'Against an Epoch': Boston Moderns, 1880-1905."

Dolita Cathcart, "White Gloves, Black Rebels: The Decline of Elite Black National Political Leadership in Boston, 1870-1920."

Meaghan Dwyer, "Ethnic Patriotism: Identity Strategies and Group Consciousness in Boston's Irish and Jewish Communities, 1898-1929."

Stephanie Kermes, "New England's America: Transatlantic Protestantism, Regionalism, and Nationalism in the Early Republic, 1789-1825."

Krister Knapp, "To the Summerland: William James, Psychical Research, and Modernity."

Damien Murray, "Progressivism, Ethnic Nationalism, and the Emergence of Catholic Democratic Liberalism in Boston, 1900-1924."

Christian Samito, "Proof of Loyalty: Irish Americans, African Americans, and the Redefinition of Citizenship during the Civil War Era."

John White, "The Knock Apparitions and Pilgrimage: Popular Piety and the Irish Land War."

Undergraduate Honors Theses Directed:

Kevin Gregg, "Tackling Jim Crow: Segregation on the College Gridiron, 1936-1941" (2005).

Jeffrey Hobbs, "A Historical Analysis of the 1970s Campaign Finance Reform Movement" (2002).

Amy Johnson, "The Ethnic Shift of Catholicism in Boston during the Second Wave of Immigration" (2004).

Kelly McMahon, "The Rise of the American Catholic and the Fall of the American Nun" (Scholar of the College, 2002).

Scott O'Leary, "Sympathy and Cynicism: American Reactions to the Roman Question" (2005).

Michael Tynan, "Boston College during the Administration of W. Seavey Joyce, S.J., 1968-1972" (2000).

Tara Walsh, "The Transformation of the Catholic Church in Nineteenth Century Ireland" (2003); co-directed with Prof. Francis Murphy.