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- Apr 30** Hal Brands  
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Woody Hayes Speaker Series
- May 01** Military Frontiers: A Graduate Student Symposium  
05/01/2015, -  
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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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### MILITARY FRONTIERS: A GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

*"International Security in Three Parts: Poniard, Pen and Politician"*

From Friday, May 01, 2015 - 8:00AM  
 To Saturday, May 02, 2015 - 11:30AM  
 Mershon Center for International Security Studies  
 1501 Neil Ave. Columbus, OH 43201

[Register for this event here.](#)

#### Overview

This iteration of the Military Frontiers series of graduate student symposiums focuses on expanding the boundaries from previous conferences. This symposium will feature interdisciplinary panels whose wide array of thematic topics meet through their analysis of change in power structures. The graduate student presenters cover a breadth of history. The topics range from secret interwar period treaties between Germany and the Soviet Union to state formation during civil wars to the efficacy of drone strikes. Parties interested in military or diplomatic history, or political science are encouraged to attend and help our presenters achieve a wider perspective on their project.

#### Keynote Address

*"China between Continental and Maritime Global Orders"* presented by Sarah C. Paine, William S. Sims Professor of Strategy and Policy, U.S. Naval War College

Historically China has been both a great land empire and great civilization. Russia, its most important neighbor, has also been a great land empire. Russia has repeatedly derailed China's rise, starting with the First Sino-Japanese War (1894-5). The territorial issues setting them at odds hearken back to a traditional continental world order, very different from the post-Industrial Revolution maritime world order focusing on trade and wealth creation. In the last generation, China has joined the maritime world economically, but it remains to be seen whether or not it will join politically.

#### Organizers

- Daniel Curzon, Graduate Student, Department of History, The Ohio State University
- Mason Watson, Graduate Student, Department of History, The Ohio State University

#### Sponsors

Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Department of History, Society for Military History

#### Presenters

- Ian Johnson, The Ohio State University
- Jeannie Epps, Middle Tennessee State University
- Andre Vargas, Yale University
- Mark Ehlers, Louisiana State University
- Ryan McMahon, The Ohio State University



Daniel Curzon  
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(Bryan Groves, University of North Carolina)

Zachary Fry, The Ohio State University

Connor Mills, Princeton University

Daniel Silverman, The Ohio State University

Douglas Winton, School for Advanced International Studies, The John Hopkins University

Will Chou, The Ohio State University

Austin Knuppe, The Ohio State University

#### Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 30

**7:00-9:00 - Informal Dinner** for those participants and observers who would like to join

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Lennox Town Center  
1803 Olentangy River Rd  
Columbus, OH 43212

Friday, May 1

**8:00-8:30 - Meet and Greet** with continental breakfast

**8:30-10:45 - Panel #1**

- Panel Chair - Prof. Robert McMahon
- 1st Presenter - Ian Johnson
- 2nd Commentator - Professor Mary Habeck
- 2nd Presenter - Jeanie Epp
- 3rd Commentator - Professor Jan Pierskalla
- 3rd Presenter - Andres Vargas

**10:45-11:00 - Break** with light snacks

**11:00-1:30 - Panel #2**

- Panel Chair - Prof. Mark Grimsley
- 1st Presenter - Mark Ehlers
- 2nd Commentator - Professor Amy Sayward
- 2nd Presenter - Ryan McMahon
- 3rd Commentator - Professor Chris Gelpi
- 3rd Presenter - Bryan Groves

**1:30-2:30 - Lunch** provided

**2:30-3:30 - Sean Judge Memorial Keynote Address** - "China between Continental and Maritime Global Orders"

Introduction by Geoffrey Parker  
Presenter - S.C.M. Paine

**3:30-6:00 - Panel #3**

- Panel Chair - Professor Jim Bartholomew
- 1st Presenter - Zack Fry
- 2nd Commentator - Professor Ethan S. Rafuse
- 2nd Presenter - Connor Mills
- 3rd Commentator - Professor Matthew Kocher
- 3rd Presenter - Daniel Silverman

**6:00-7:00 - Free Time**

**7:00 onward - Formal Dinner** (Conference Participants only)

**SPAGIO**  
1295 Grandview Ave  
Columbus, OH 43212

Saturday, May 2nd

**8:00-8:30 - Meet and Greet** with continental breakfast

**8:30-10:45 - Panel #4**

- Panel Chair - Professor Pete Mansoor
- 1st Presenter - Douglas Winton
- 2nd Commentator - Professor Sheldon Garon
- 2nd Presenter - Will Chou
- 3rd Commentator - Professor Hal Brands

• 3rd Presenter - Austin Knuppe

10:45-11:15 - Closing Remarks

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