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# 2026 Spring Chambers Oral History Graduate Student Fellowship Lecture

Raven Manygoats and Sarah Coffman, Ph.D. candidates in History at Rutgers-New Brunswick, will speak to how they use oral history collections to interrogate this year's Susman Conference's theme of "Bearing Witness, Challenging Myths: Imperial Past and Fascist Presents" in their research.

**Friday, March 27, 2026 | 8 AM**  
**Breakfast will be provided.**

**Van Dyck Hall, Room 301**  
**16 Seminary Pl, New Brunswick, NJ 08901**

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## **Raven Manygoats**

**Chambers Fellow, AY '24-'25**

**Raven Manygoats** is a Ph.D. candidate specializing in United States History and Gender and Women's History.

Manygoats's lecture, "The Whole Thing Was A Fantasy": Native American Women Remember Relocation and the Rise of Red Power in the Bay Area", discusses using the American Indian Community History Center's oral history collection to trace Native American women's experiences of the Federal Relocation Program to California's Bay Area from 1952 to 1972. Her lecture provides context for the rise of Red Power activism in the late 1960s and examines Native Americans' motivations for urban migration and the foundational struggles they faced in cities.



## **Sarah Coffman**

**Chambers Fellow, AY '24-'25**

**Sarah Coffman** is a Ph.D. candidate focusing on twentieth century African American and urban history.

Coffman's lecture, "Goin' North: Using Oral Histories to Probe Class Tension in Philadelphia's Great Migration", will discuss "Goin' North: Stories from the First Great Migration to Philadelphia," an underutilized online repository of oral history interviews with native Black Philadelphians and new Black migrants to the city. Her lecture will cover the ways historians of African American history, the Great Migration, and northern cities in the twentieth century can use "Goin' North" to ask critical questions about how class manifests differently in Black urban communities.

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The Chambers Oral History Graduate Student Fellowship is a reflection of The Cobb Foundation and The Ware Foundation's desire to honor the scholarly and scholastic legacy of Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History John Whiteclay Chambers II.

The Chambers Oral History Graduate Student Fellowship Lecture is presented by the School of Arts and Sciences' Executive Dean's Office, Department of History, Rutgers Oral History Archives and its affiliate community organization, the Rutgers Living History Society.