

## **2024 PCCBS Graduate Student Paper Prize**

Elizabeth Hines (University of Chicago): “Anglo-Dutch Imperial Experiments.”

Elizabeth's paper asks important and long unanswered questions about trans-imperial projects in the early modern Anglo-Dutch world. Why did these two rival powers collaborate on so many ventures? Efficiently exploring six different cases, she offers a compelling explanation: that their goals were profit and the Protestant cause, rather than national aggrandizement. The paper is based on original and sophisticated research and analysis. It is well-organized and well-structured for presentation at a conference, carefully considers limits to its claims, and offers a substantive and memorable takeaway. The paper provides an important picture of transnational merchant interactions and emerging understandings of empire in the early modern period.