Department of History

Senior Thesis Proposal for 2021-2022
Due by Friday, April 16, 2021 at noon

Name: ____________________________________________  Class: _________

Summer contact information (e-mail & phone): ____________________________________________

To be admitted to the Senior Thesis Program, students must normally have maintained a minimum of a B+ average in all their History courses, secured the agreement of a member of the Department to serve as their thesis advisor, and submitted a thesis proposal acceptable both to the advisor and to the members of the Department.

Directions. In no more than two single-spaced typed pages, please give a clear, concise statement of the topic you intend to pursue for your senior thesis, briefly discussing the rationale for the topic and the sources you will be using in researching your topic. Your thesis proposal should include the following:

• A provisional, working title of your proposed thesis;
• A description of your project and its significance (addressing the following general points: what is your question; why is it important; how will your research help you to answer it);
• A description of the principal primary sources you plan to use in researching your topic;
• A sense of the secondary literature that relates to your topic and of how your thesis project relates to that literature;
• A working bibliography that includes the primary and secondary sources you expect to use in your thesis.

Once you have secured the signature of your advisor, you should submit an electronic copy of this form along with your thesis proposal to Professor Alexandra Garbarini (agarbari@williams.edu) and Linda Grandshaw (Isaharz@williams.edu). The deadline is Friday, April 16 - Before Noon.

Candidate’s signature ____________________________________________

Advisor’s signature ____________________________________________

Date _________________________________________________________