PhD Programs: A Conversation with Naomi Sussman ‘12

Thursday, October 18, 3-4:30 PM, Old Main 4th Floor Lounge

If the historian’s craft captured your imagination here at Macalester, you may be wondering if Grad School is right for you. A PhD program may seem like a logical next step, a chance to delve deeper, a haven. But what does Grad School entail? What does daily life look like as a historian-in-training? On Thursday, October 18, we invite you to join Mac alum and Yale PhD candidate Naomi Sussman for a candid chat about the highs and lows of a PhD program and preparing to navigate the academe.

This info session will be far-ranging, and follow your direction! Topics we may explore include:
* Applying
* Using your Senior Year
* What to Look for in a Program
* Funding
* Job Opportunities for the History PhD
* Coursework, Teaching, and Research
* Socializing and Your Cohort
* Professionalism and Networking
* Misogyny and the Racial Climate in Higher Ed

Bring your questions and concerns, and join the conversation! We hope to see you there!

Naomi Sussman is a Latin American History PhD student at Yale, who graduated with History honors from Macalester in 2012, where she studied with Ernesto Capello. Although she is training as a Latin Americanist, her work inhabits the crossroads between Latin American, U.S. Western, and Native American History. Her dissertation research anchors California’s evolving romanticization of the 18th-19th century Spanish missions within indigenous peoples’ lived realities.