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FROM THE INTERIM CHAIR

UNDERGRADUATE LOGAN GOULART WINS JOHN FRASER RAMSEY AWARD



Logan Goulart, a junior history major from Enterprise, Alabama, is the 2020 recipient of the John Fraser Ramsey Award. The Ramsey

Award recognizes the undergraduate who most exemplifies the “versatility of gifts and attainments, as well as the breadth of excellence in mind and character that have traditionally been the goals of a liberal education.” Recipients receive a substantial cash award as well as a “Great Ideas Tour” of Europe.

Goulart refers to his time so far at The University of Alabama as an “academic

odyssey.” In addition to studying history Goulart also studies Human Rights in UA’s New College.

Goulart discovered a love for history at a young age. After graduation, Goulart hopes either to find a graduate program where he can explore the history of Human Rights or attend law school, with an eye toward working for the ACLU. Goulart notes that his history coursework leaves him well prepared for analyzing long and complex written sources and crafting coherent arguments, skills that will prove critical to his success in graduate or law school.

After learning that he had won the Ramsey Award, Goulart began planning his trip immediately. He’s already scheduled stops at the Holocaust Memorial in Berlin and the Human Rights Council Hall in Geneva.

<https://ramseyaward.sa.ua.edu/>



Welcome to the Spring 2020 newsletter from The University of Alabama Department of History. We’ve had a busy, productive year, as we continue to teach thousands of undergraduates, mentor graduate students, and produce our own scholarly research.

Department faculty published four scholarly monographs this academic year: Lawrence Cappello’s *None of Your Damn Business: A History of Privacy in the United States* (Chicago), Matthew Lockwood’s *To Begin the World Over Again: How the American Revolution Devastated the Globe* (Yale), Sarah Steinbock-Pratt’s *Educating the Empire: American Teachers and Contested Colonization in the Philippines* (Cambridge), and Janek Wasserman’s *The Marginal Revolutionaries: How Austrian Economists Fought the War of Ideas* (Yale).

Our new undergraduate research journal, *Crimson Historical Review*, is thriving. Under the faculty advisement of Dr. Margaret Peacock, the student-run journal accepts submissions nationwide and a print edition is in the offing. Our two new undergraduate concentrations (public history, under the direction of Julia Brock; legal history, under the direction of Lawrence Cappello) have been approved at the College level and will launch in the coming months.

Our graduate students continue to hone their scholarly and pedagogical skills. This fall, they organized yet another successful graduate student conference under the theme of “Power and Struggle.” This academic year brought more news of graduate alumni publishing books, working in a variety of fields, and matriculating at prominent PhD programs.

We hope you enjoy being kept up to date on the Department. Follow departmental news on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and our website. Thanks for your interest in our Department!

THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY RESPONDS TO COVID-19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY

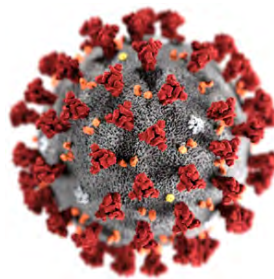
When the Spring 2020 semester resumes on March 30 our department will move all instruction online in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

In early March, university administration informed faculty and staff to prepare for alternative instruction methods if necessary and ordered a review of our academic continuity plans. The department responded rapidly. Undergraduate Director Dr. Margaret Peacock organized a Zoom and online pedagogy roundtable training session with Dr. John Ratliff, the department’s instructor in UA Early College, a predominantly online program, before Spring Break.

That training has continued via email, Zoom, and text, as faculty work to develop online course offerings that

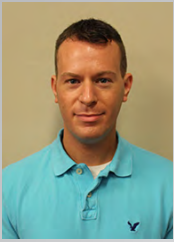
are both stimulating and rigorous. The College of Arts & Science’s Office of eTech, UA’s Center for Instructional Technology, and the Academic Outreach division in the College of Continuing Studies are all offering outside assistance to faculty during this transition.

Summer courses will be available online. The 2020 Summer at Oxford Program has been cancelled for this year.



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2019-2020 AWARD-WINNING GRADUATE STUDENTS



Colonial Dames of America Essay Award
 Essay: "Clothing and the Construction of Early American Identity."

Aaron Hoggle



Albert Burton Moore Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in European, Latin American, or Asian History.

Abby Gibbons



Christopher G. Swindle Teaching Award

Awarded to the most outstanding graduate student teacher in the department.

Margaret Montgomery



Frank Lawrence Owsley Memorial Scholarship for Superior Competency in American History

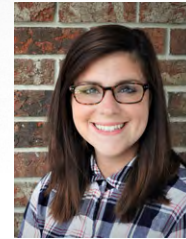
Jacob Hiserman



Masters Student Teaching Award

Awarded to the most outstanding M.A. student teacher in the department.

Sarah Moore



Gary B. Mills Endowed Dissertation Support Fund

Tori Jessen

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 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Charles Grayson Summersell Memorial Scholarship for Most Distinguished Undergraduate in History

Jodi Vadinsky
 M. Isabella Garrison

Charles Grayson Summersell Memorial Scholarship

Jade Teel

The Lee David and Florence Weinberg Black Scholarship

Katelyn Adams
 Jana Venable
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 Anna Catherine Snyder
 Elisabeth Burke

Dr. Howard Jones Endowed Scholarship

John Pace
 Abigail McCool
 Ava Ringhoffer
 James Mazingo
 Judson Braly
 Guiliania LaMarca
 Salena Lee

UNDERGRAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY REBOOTED

The History Club has been reorganized and rebranded as the Undergraduate Historical Society.

This relaunch has come with a new executive board, with Ava Ringhoffer as President, John Pace as Vice President, Jared Krivo as Treasurer, Lindsay Glick as Secretary, and Mariella Giordano and Meredith

Mosley as Officers at Large.

Many of the UHS members are also members of the history department's honor society, Phi Alpha Theta. The UHS has held a variety of events this year, including trivia nights, invited speaker events, a talk on the history of Mardi Gras, and even a softball team!

GRADUATE INTERNS HELP DEVELOP WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOC'S SLAVERY EXHIBIT



The White House Historical Association (WHHA) has launched an online initiative, "Slavery in the President's Neighborhood," to highlight the connections between slavery, the White House, and the Office of the Presidency, allowing visitors to learn about the experiences and trace the lives of enslaved African Americans who built, lived, and worked in the White House (bit.ly/WHHA-UA).

The President of the WHHA and UA History Department alumnus, Stewart McLaurin, noted that the initiative was inspired by renewed interest in the building in the wake of two speeches by First Lady Michelle

Obama in 2016, in which she noted, "I wake up every morning in a house that was built by slaves."

Dr. McLaurin has enlisted the help of UA History graduate students. Former MA student Malcolm Cammeron interned with the WHHA in the summer of 2018, helping to gather research for the site.

Cammeron's successful internship prompted Dr. McLaurin to reach out to Dr. Julia Brock, the department's public historian, to create a recurring internship for our graduate students. Jessica Brodt, a PhD student studying Native American history and slavery in the Southeast, is slated to intern with the WHHA this summer.

The History Department is excited to see such important work being done by former and current History students as part of this fruitful partnership.

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MYRON POPE, CLASS OF 1993, TAKES OVER STUDENT LIFE

Dr. Myron Pope, UA's new Vice President of Student Life, is a graduate of the History Department. Dr. Pope hails from Sweet Water, Alabama. After receiving a BA in History in 1993, he went on to receive an MA and PhD in Higher Education from UA. Dr. Pope returns to Tuscaloosa after a successful career in Oklahoma, working for the University of Oklahoma, for the University of Central Oklahoma, where he served as a VP for Student Affairs, and most recently for the state's Department of Human Services. Because he spent his formative years here, he says coming back to UA feels like a homecoming.

Dr. Pope has always loved history and in his junior year, he decided to switch from a Mechanical Engineering to History major. The move was easy, he noted, because he had already taken several history classes out of pure interest. While a history major, Dr. Pope received an education that focused on breadth



as much as depth, studying diverse regions and time periods. His classes in African American history with Dr. Gary Mills, and German history with Dr. David B. McElroy, particularly influenced

him. Dr. Pope recalled that Dr. McElroy, who he called the most inspiring instructor of his undergraduate career, used to tell his students stories about his travels through Germany, inspiring him to go to see some of those places while on contract with the Department of Defense to teach soldiers abroad.

In the classes he teaches, as well as in his administrative work, Dr. Pope declares that an appreciation for history and context is always at the forefront. The critical thinking and analytical skills he learned at UA have helped him to see the bigger picture, and to maintain perspective when making tough decisions. As he begins a new phase of his career at UA, Dr. Pope expects that this appreciation for history will continue to serve him well, in the difficult task of helping the university community to move forward while acknowledging the imprints that the past has left on the present. Welcome home, Dr. Pope!

STEWART MCLAURIN, CLASS OF 1981, HEADS WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



Stewart McLaurin, a History alumnus and the President of the White House Historical Association, has had

a storied career. McLaurin was born in North Carolina, but grew up in Birmingham, and attended UA from 1977 to 1981. McLaurin loved history from a very young age – he still keeps a photograph in his office of his fifth-grade class's field trip to the Capitol. While at UA, he studied history and political science, and declared that

Dr. Forrest McDonald was his all-time favorite teacher. He intended to go to law school, but the lure of public service and education called him. Over the course of his career, he has held important positions in a number of organizations, including the Mount Vernon Estate, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, Georgetown University, and the American Red Cross. Before being recruited to lead the WHHA, McLaurin was the Executive Vice President of the American Village Citizenship Trust in Montevallo.

With his leadership of the WHHA, McLaurin has found a way to implement the training he received at UA and to make history inclusive of and accessible to all Americans. Knowledge of history, he declares, should not be relegated

solely to university departments, but should be a way that everyone understands themselves and the work that they do. As he tries to provide those who currently work in the White House with an understanding of those who have come before, he also endeavors to tell a fuller story about the building and its complicated past.

McLaurin is excited to be bringing together a community of scholars working to recover the history of enslaved peoples at the White House with the website, "Slavery in the President's Neighborhood." He declares that it has been wonderful to reconnect with the History Department in creating a permanent internship for graduate students, and hopes to create similar partnerships with other universities.



DANIEL BURGE, PhD, 2017

Daniel Burge, a 2017 PhD graduate, has accepted a position as associate editor of the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society in Lexington, Kentucky.

John Young, a 2020 PhD graduate, has accepted a faculty position at Amridge University in Montgomery, Alabama



JOHN YOUNG, PhD, 2020

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