September 2020 Newsletter

Dear alumni, faculty, and friends of the History Department,

As part of our ongoing effort to build community, we invite you to meet some of our exceptional students, alumni, and staff. The spotlights below showcase their talents, skills, and energies. Additionally, we’re proud to introduce a new fellowship award, which has been funded by Professor Emeritus J. Sears McGee and his wife Marni.

We need your input and are now taking suggestions for our new department newsletter’s name! Send your suggestions to us through this form.

Click here to share your idea!

McGees Fund Generous New History Associates Award

Founded in 1987, History Associates is a community group that has raised tens of thousands of dollars to support students in our History Department. Every year, Associates Board members, in consultation with the History Department, award prizes and fellowships from these funds.

The McGees have announced a new award, the Mary Beth McGee Fellowship. Founded with the generous support of Professor Emeritus J. Sears McGee and his wife, Marni, the fellowship will support PhD research in medieval and early modern European history, including European overseas empires (ca. 1000 – 1850 CE). Professor Emeritus McGee named the fellowship in honor of his mother, a lifelong learner and lover of history.

Meet Caitlin Rathe ’19 and listen to the LBJ Podcast

lbjsgreatsociety.org

In this piece, Caitlin explains how she became involved in the project and shares her experience working on this podcast was like. She discusses how her research in the archives prepared her for the role of Lead Researcher and gives examples for how "historians cultivate a powerful toolkit of transferable skills."

Meet Corey Carpenter ’18, our Undergraduate Student Advisor!

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Corey graduated in 2018 and now serves as the department's undergraduate student advisor. Not only has she been instrumental in our efforts to go online during the pandemic, she has continued to guide our majors and minors toward academic success.

Sasha Coles and Ryan Minor curate the Enchanted Archives for Disneyland Enthusiasts

enchantedarchives.com

Food Blogger Natasha Tandler ’18

Natasha explains how "Dr. Rappaport's Food History class was the most influential course I took throughout my undergraduate experience because it sparked my initial curiosity about the vital role that food plays in people and the planet."

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