

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 ingenuity. 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 long raised funds 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.

We're delighted to announce a new award, the Mary Beth McGee Fellowship. Founded with the generous support of Professor Emeritus J. Sears McGee and his wife, Marni, this 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.



[Read More about the Mary Beth McGee Fellowship](#)

The McGees established a generous bequest to significantly grow their fellowship in the future. If you're interested in exploring your own philanthropic legacy, please contact Dana Loughlin, Director of Development, Humanities and Fine Arts:

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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 what 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."

[Read More about LBJ and the Great Society](#)

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

enchantedarchives.com



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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 since it sparked my initial curiosity about the vital role that food has on people and the planet."

[Read More about Her Project and Goals](#)



Meet Corey Carpenter '18, our Undergraduate Student Advisor!

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

[Read More about Corey Carpenter](#)

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