

UC **SANTA BARBARA**

Department of History

## The Archive

**December 2020**

Before getting to Erika's Holiday greeting, we'd like to thank you all for sending us suggestions for renaming the History Department Newsletter. We are happy to announce that our newsletter henceforth will be called "The Archive." This email is the fourth issue of our first volume! If you know of anyone who would like to receive our newsletter, have them sign up here

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As 2020 comes to a close, it's impossible not to reflect on what a strange year it has been. Still, even with the uncertainty and physical distance imposed by the pandemic, our department has much to celebrate. First and foremost, I am so grateful to the wonderful faculty, students, and staff, who have helped each other through these uncertain times. Your generosity and commitment to our department has made remote learning possible.

Outside of the classroom, we have offered a number of public lectures and events to help keep our broader community close. For instance, you may wish to listen to a wonderful [History Associates lecture](#) from Sheila Lodge, former mayor of Santa Barbara, planning commission member, and city activist. Sheila's talk is based on her new book, [Santa Barbara: An Uncommonplace American Town](#), which traces the unique history of the public planning and activism that has preserved so much open space in Santa Barbara.

In that spirit of community, we are finding new ways to celebrate the holiday season and connect with one another. The History Graduate Student Association and I are collecting a History Department Historical Recipe Book for the holidays. If you have a family recipe or a recipe related to the time and place you study that you would like to share, please upload it to this [Google Form](#) by December 31st. We hope to have recipes from all over the world that will challenge our ability to translate ingredients, weights and measures, and directions from the past as we cook this holiday season.

If you miss holiday travel, you may enjoy visiting this fascinating public history project, [Pride of Place: England's LGBTQ Heritage](#), created by Dr. Justin Bengry, who received his PhD in our department in 2010. Dr. Bengry discussed his work on queer public history projects in our new public history colloquium in early December. Get a view of Britain from your living room!

Finally, for those of you looking for the perfect gift to give – or receive yourself – consider Professor Patrick McCray's new book, *Making Art Work: How Cold War Engineers and Artists Forged a New Creative Culture* (MIT Press 2020). It is already receiving tremendous praise, and is certain to entertain the right and left sides of your brain.

I wish you all a healthy, safe, and happy holiday season. See you all in 2021!

With warmest wishes,

**Erika Rappaport**



### Staff Spotlight: Rhiannon Parisse



Rhiannon's is a friendly face that all of our graduate students get to know well in their time here at UCSB. She is helpful and resourceful and guides many students through the administrative side of exams, funding, and teaching. Last month, we asked Rhiannon about herself and her work for this issue's Staff Spotlight.

[Read more about Rhiannon](#)

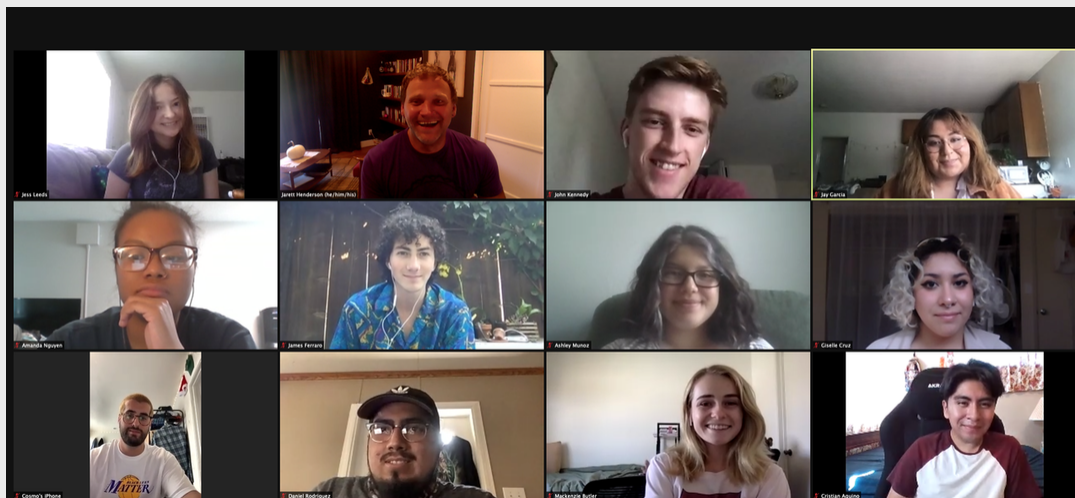
### History Club Presidential Address



This summer you heard from History Club President, Veronica Andrade ('19-'20). With a new school year comes a new President. Nipun Kundu will now lead the Club and its ambitious goals for '20-'21!

[Nipun Kundu's Presidential Address](#)

### UCSB's newest journal: *The Undergraduate Journal of History*

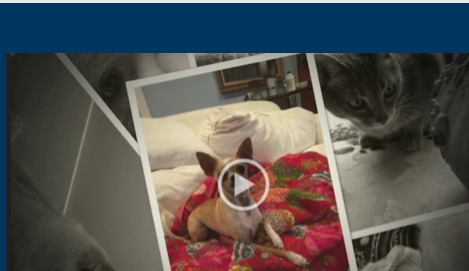


Some of our undergrads, under the innovative leadership of faculty mentor Jarett Henderson, have been hard at work creating a new platform through which undergraduates can learn and do history. The journal started accepting papers this Fall and plans to publish in early 2021.

[Read more about their experience here](#)

### Zoom Pets!

Our pets have become the unexpected stars of remote learning and working! They've attended meetings, come to office hours, and even helped present lectures. Some have even acquired a devoted following of fans and supporters! In recognition and appreciation of all the cuddles, cuteness, and comfort they've brought to our remote lives, we made a video slideshow of our animal companions. We bet you'll recognize more than a few faces!



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