

# The Archive 2.1

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In this issue of The Archive, we take time to celebrate the many achievements of our students, faculty, and alumni. As we renew our energy and courses for next year, we look forward to continuing the next volume of this newsletter, which has been very successful in growing and connecting our UCSB History Department community. If you know of someone who would like to receive our newsletter, have them sign up here:

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And remember, we are always looking for contributions to our department's archive, which you can find here:

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Welcome to the new academic year from the History Department's new chair, Stephan Miescher.

[Read Dr. Miescher's Inaugural Letter](#)

## Thanks to you, our graduate students have continued to thrive!

Thanks to your generosity, the History Department met last year's ambitious fundraising goal. That meant that we could ensure summer support for every one of our graduate students, provide writing fellowships for those finishing their dissertations, and reimburse students whose research travel plans were cancelled as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

We are humbled by the outpouring of support from friends and alumni. Whether a longtime supporter or first-time donor, we are, honored that you chose to support our students. Every donation we received represents kindness and commitment of our community. Thank you!

## New Grad Students



From adjusting to coastal California weather, to encountering UCSB's infamous bike roundabouts, our new cohort of grad students is learning all about campus life. After a receiving heartfelt welcome from faculty and students, Kareem Abdelbary reports, "I am enjoying the feeling of belonging to such an interesting group of people." Meet all our new grad students here!

[Meet our new grad students](#)

## Faculty Updates - Ann Plane

After nearly 30 years as a member of our faculty, we're celebrating the retirement of Ann Plane. Read about Professor Plane's incredible career here.



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## History Associates



History Associates continues to provide vital support to our department. Check out how in our fellowship spotlight, and read the latest from new president (and alum!), Helen Murdoch.

[Read the Fellowship Spotlight](#)

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