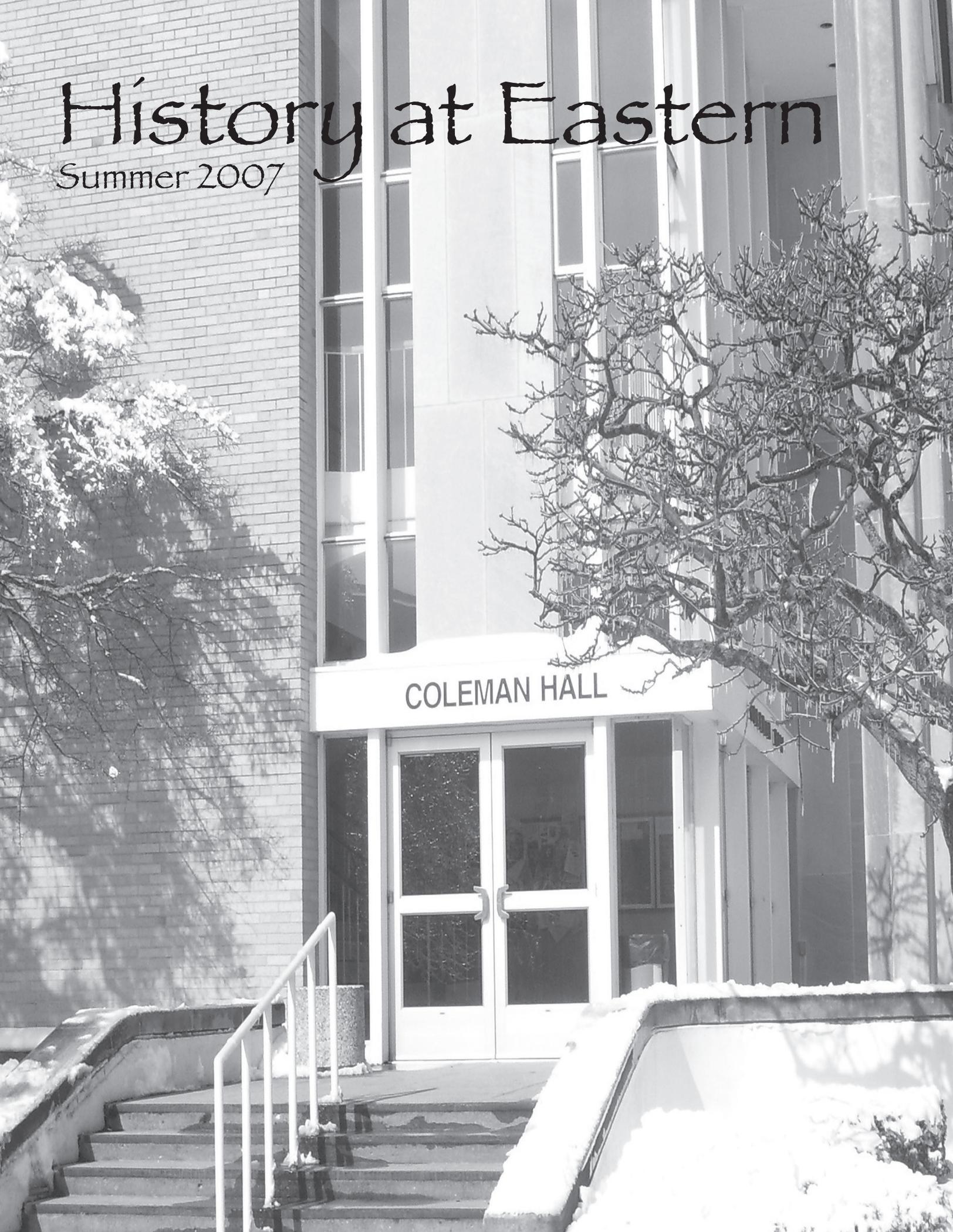


History at Eastern

Summer 2007

COLEMAN HALL

A black and white photograph of the entrance to Coleman Hall. The building features a brick wall on the left and a modern facade with large windows on the right. A set of concrete stairs with a white metal railing leads up to a double glass door. A white sign above the door reads "COLEMAN HALL". The scene is set in winter, with snow on the ground and trees, and icicles hanging from the branches of a tree on the right.

Letter from the Chair

Anita Shelton

History faculty are outdoing themselves this year, capturing the three most prestigious faculty awards at the university:



Lynne Curry was Faculty Laureate for 2006/07; Debra Reid was selected for the Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award for 2006/07; and Roger Beck was chosen in 2007 to

be EIU's Distinguished Professor for 2007/08.

Faculty Laureate goes to a professor who best personifies and can compellingly articulate the values of a liberal arts education at the university level. She gives the welcoming speech at the Fall Convocation for new and returning students. She gives talks and serves on panels during the year of her tenure as Laureate. To be chosen Faculty Laureate is to be acknowledged an inspirational teacher, mentor and leader on campus. Dr. Curry's systematic and reasoned exploration, in the classroom and in her research, of changing interpretations of the U.S. Constitution over time is a model of the critical and principled thinking that a liberal arts education fosters. For this year, Dr. Curry has been the public face of the university.

The Luis Clay Mendez Award honors a professor whose activities best exemplify generosity and professionalism in service. Through all of her contributions on campus to the university community on a multitude of committees, as well as more broadly to public history organizations regionally, nationally, and even internationally, Debra Reid astonishes with the scope of her energy and commitments to living history, local history, agricultural history, museums and archives. In every organization that she serves, she quickly becomes an

officer – and typically the one with the most real responsibility; no empty honorifics for Deb Reid. She is a mover and a shaker, there can be no mistake.

Distinguished Professor honors the single faculty person whose activities in all three professional areas of teaching, research and service raise the university as a whole to a higher level. Roger Beck earned this exceptional recognition through his multivalent contributions to the development of global history scholarship. This includes his co-authorship of the world's best-selling world history textbook, among many other publications, and seminal contributions to the foundation and development of the World History Association. This organization, which is the premier organization devoted to global history studies in the world, was started by a mere handful of scholars (including Dr. Beck) in the 1980's. It has grown to become an international clearinghouse for cutting-edge ideas in research and teaching on global issues. Roger Beck brings EIU with him onto the world stage.

All three of the above individuals are senior professors who earned their status and honors because they are passionate about and excellent at what they do. I would also like to mention one more honor garnered by a history professor, this time by a more junior faculty member, Assistant Professor Jinhee Lee who, in her third year at EIU was chosen as Graduate Mentor of the year. It seems to me we have a good thing going here in the History Department.

Of late we hear a lot around EIU about how to raise our university "to the next level" and become a "First Choice" institution. At risk of boasting, I would say that in the History Department, the faculty are already showing exactly how that should be done.

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History Department Awards

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Distinguished Graduate Student

Robyn Carswell (History)

Katie Gillen (Historical Administration)

Livingston C. Lord Memorial Scholarship

Jacob Koniak

Williams Travel Awards

Krishna Thomas

Robyn Carswell

Continuing Honors Student Scholarships

Honors College

Julie Cole

Ryan D'Arcy

Kathleen Keach

Christopher Limbach

Kristina Nootbaar

Women's Studies Program Essay Contest

Graduate Level First Prize

Krishna Thomas, "Lustmord in Weimar Germany"

Undergraduate Level Honorable Mention

Mark Feimer, "Unsupervised Women: The Furnished Room Districts 1890-1930"

Lori Henderson, "Helga Crane and the Restless American Woman"

Department of Secondary Education and Foundations 2006

Outstanding Student Award

Melissa Briggs

Department of Secondary Education and Foundations Telefund Award

Carol Scott

Outstanding Student Teaching Scholarship Award

Quentin Hanson (Arcola High School)

Undergraduate Research Grant

Honors College & Undergraduate Research Council

Keith Friedrich

Faculty mentor: Dr. Jonathan Coit.

EXTERNAL AWARDS

Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference

Graduate Research Paper Award

Krishna Thomas, first prize

Robyn Carswell, second prize

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS THESES

Ashley Tomlinson

"Legacies of the Warren Court: A Look into Public Opinions and Perspectives Surrounding Decisions of the Supreme Court from 1953-1969."

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Lynne Curry

Rachel Elam

"Familiar Roles in Unfamiliar Places: Family and Social Structure on the Overland Trail, 1840-1890."

Thesis Advisor, Debra Reid.

DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Leften Stavrianos World History Award

Graduate: Michael Swinford

Undergraduate: Kurt Kalush

History Study Abroad Scholarship

Jeremy Gordon

Jeffrey Lange

Michelle Lashley

Michael Swinford

The Elisha H. and Estella Ziegler Baumgartner Scholarship

Julie Cole

Lawrence and Emily Nichols Memorial Scholarship

Mary Rodgers

The William B. Reid, Jr. History Education Scholarship

Mallory Alcock

The Wolfgang and Barbara Schlauch European History Scholarship

Amanda Terrell

The Robert and Julie Sterling History Scholarship

Amanda Lempera

The Stephan M. Horak Memorial Scholarship

Timothy Alberts

The Rex Syndergaard Scholarship

Michael Sparks

Jacob Koniak

The Fogelsanger History Scholarship

Keith Friedrich

The Errett and Mazie Warner History Award

Ryan D'Arcy

Amanda Evans

Ashley Tomlinson

Charles H. and Dorothee Coleman Scholarship

Krishna Thomas

DEPARTMENTAL WRITING AWARDS

Bolivar/ Gandhi/ Sejong Award

Patrick Harris

"Trends in Reform and Revivalist Movements in Colonial India and the Roots of Nationalism,"

The Robert H. Irrmann Memorial Award

Robyn Carswell

"Rethinking 'the Episode of Mr. Wells:' A Study in the Socialism, Politics, and Personalities of the Fabians and H.G. Wells," written as a departmental honors thesis

The Alexander Hamilton Paper Award in American History

Keith Friedrich

"Hate Speech as Free Speech:

The Libertarian and the Realist Outlook,"

The Anne Frank Award

Leanne Noland

"Spirituals Of The Holocaust,"

The Lavern M. Hamand Memorial Scholarship

Patrick Harris

"The Pope-Burning Procession as Indicative of English Cultural Values"

Donna Nichols, Most Valuable Secretary

History professors who have been at Eastern Illinois University for more than a day or two learn two things: Jimmy John's delivers and Donna Nichols, the History Department Secretary, keeps the department running. "She's smart as a whip and never forgets anything," said Dr. Anita Shelton, department chair. Responsible for providing clerical support to faculty and students, processing class schedules, maintaining the office and coordinating student workers' schedules, she is the nucleus around whom the department operates. Dr. Charles Titus, chair of the social science program, who relies on her to keep track of information for all social science teacher education students, paled when asked what the department would be like without her. "It would descend into confusion," he said. "She is the exemplar of how things should be done." Donna, who counts interaction with students and faculty as her favorite part of the job (and changing copier toner her least favorite), began working at Eastern in 1989 in Academic Affairs, moving to the History Department in 1992, when she received a civil service promotion. "When I first saw her, I thought she was very serious and wouldn't be fun to work with," Dr. Shelton said. "Of course, I was wrong about that." History major Samantha Bjornbak, who worked in the Department office during the 2005-2006 academic year, says Donna is an excellent boss. "She's wonderful to work for. She's great at teaching you what you need to know to do your job, and she's a great listener if you just need to talk. And the work just gets done without any fuss." That work, which allows teaching and service to happen, gets done because of Donna Nichols, and the faculty know it, too. On the rare occasions when Donna is not on campus, professors tend to disappear. As Dr. Lynne Curry put it, "why be here if she's not?"

Phi Alpha Theta 2006-2007 Initiates



Left to Right: Tim Alberts, Michelle Burton, Amanda Evans, James Hysell, Alex Kaempfen, Michael Kleen, Michelle Lashley, Courtney Leestma, Emily Smith. Not present: Robert Grigsby, Christopher Limbach, Nancy Lurkins, Beau McKay, Eileen O'Roarke, Crystal Rose, Eugene Sowa, Alex Wernz.

New Historical Administration Quarters



The Historical Administration Program inaugurated the new H.A. Resource/Seminar room this past fall, with a reception on November 30. The room, used as a classroom, computer lab, resource room, and exhibit design space, and fitted with an office for Rick Riccio, was made possible through the generous support of Dr. Robert Augustine, Dean of the Graduate School, Mr. James Johnson, Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, Dr. Blair Lord, VPAA, and Dr. Anita Shelton, Chair of the History Department. The addition of this space to the history department has eased crowding in the traditional graduate student computer lab and has allowed Dr. Michael Shirley more room for advising. The HA students can now avail themselves of the extensive and growing HA resource library, and are using the space intensively for exhibit design and other projects. The HA faculty thank everyone who made this wonderfully multi-faceted room possible.

Riccio Lecture

Thomas Bender, professor of the Humanities and professor of History at New York University, gave this year's Barry D. Riccio memorial series lecture on "History, Theory, and the Metropolis." Professor Bender is the author of many works, including his most recent, *A Nation Among Nations: America's Place in World History* (New York, 2006) and *The Unfinished City: New York and the Metropolitan Idea* (2002).



Dr. Thomas Bender (right) and Dr. Ed Wehrle after the Riccio Lecture

Graduate Program

This academic year Ed Wehrle took the reins of the graduate history program from the very capable hands of Mark Voss Hubbard. Dr. Wehrle reports that the program continues to thrive with the introduction of a new Modern World History concentration, a strong class recruited for 2007, and our graduate students winning prizes both within the university (including Distinguished Master Thesis Award Honorable Mention, and several Williams Travel Awards)--and beyond. Recently, graduate students Krishna Thomas and Robyn Carswell took first and second place honors (respectively) in the category of "graduate student research papers" at the 2007 Phi Alpha Theta Indiana regional conference held at the University of Evansville. Dr. Wehrle is currently working to redesign the graduate student computer lab, taking the Historical administration room (see above) as an example. The lab should be ready by the time the fall semester begins.

History Professors Honored by EIU

Each year Eastern Illinois University presents its faculty with awards in recognition of their work. This year, the History Department seemed to win them all. Dr. Roger Beck was honored with the Distinguished Faculty Award. This award is presented to a tenured faculty member who excels in teaching, performance of primary duties, research, creative activity, and service. When asked about his initial thoughts/reactions, Dr. Beck, who has taught at Eastern for twenty years, said, "Dr. Shelton gave me a hug and the news in front of my class. I was speechless. I would have been running up and down the halls if I had not been in class."

Dr. Debra Reid, who has taught at Eastern since 1999, is this year's recipient of the Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award. This award is presented to

a professor who exemplifies Luis Clay's dedication through service to the university, their profession, and the community at large (local, national and international). "Having known him, I didn't think I was even qualified," said Dr. Reid. "He was a real humanitarian." Dr. Reid wishes to express a sincere appreciation to Penny Clay-Mendez for her service to EIU and promises to continue serving the University in Luis Clay Mendez's honor.

Dr. Jin-Hee Lee, a faculty member since 2005, was this year's Graduate Student Advisory Council Graduate Faculty Mentor Award recipient. The award recognizes a graduate faculty member for their excellence in mentoring graduate students. Dr. Lee's initial reaction upon hearing the news was, "I don't deserve this!" Upon further reflection, she concluded that she would accept

the award with the hopes of "inspiring her students to do the same and work hard." Dr. Lee hopes that this award will allow her to put together a Faculty Development Committee. This committee would provide academic and professional training opportunities for EIU's graduate students. The main goal of the Faculty Development Committee would be to share information with the graduate students and to encourage them during their time here at Eastern.

The recipient of the Faculty Laureate Award was Dr.

Lynne Curry. Dr. Curry, a professor at EIU for the past eleven years, was excited about the opportunities the award presented her. She was able to speak at the Convocation in August of 2006 and was able to meet the parents of the graduating students.



Dr. Curry was also given the chance to speak with perspective students. When asked what she most wanted to convey, Dr. Curry replied, "I'm very pleased that the History Department faculty has been recognized by the wider university community."

The rest of the History Department faculty members are also pleased that these four extraordinary scholars and teachers have been given the recognition they so richly deserve.

Photograph, left to right: Dr. Jinhee Lee, Graduate Faculty Mentor of the Year; Dr. Debra Reid, Luis Clay Mendez Award winner; Dr. Lynne Curry, Professor Laureate; Dr. Roger Beck, EIU Distinguished Professor

Faculty Notes

Terry A. Barnhart

Dr. Terry A. Barnhart completed his thirteenth year of service in the History Department with the conclusion of the 2006-'07 academic year. Dr. Barnhart contributed an essay on "Art and Archaeology: The Study of Prehistoric Material Culture" in *Art and Cultures of the Ancient Mound Builders*, published by the Tarble Arts Center University in 2006, and he led a discussion on the same topic at a public conference sponsored by the Illinois Humanities Council at the Marshall Public Library in November of 2006. He also conducted two workshops on "Cultural Exchanges: American Indians, Europeans, and Americans in the Ohio Country, ca. 1650 to 1843" funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, as part of the "Landmarks in American History and Culture" program. The Ohio Historical Society hosted the workshops at the Ohio Historical Center, Columbus, Ohio, July 14 and July 28, 2006. He was an invited speaker in the Summer Lecture Series 2006 at the Hopewell Culture National Historic Park, National Park Service, Chillicothe, Ohio, June 22, 2006, where he spoke on "Revisiting Archaeology's Past: The Legacy of Squier and Davis." He contributed book reviews to the *Journal of Illinois History*, the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, *Annals of Iowa*, and *Ohio History*. Dr. Barnhart also began the first of a four-year appointment as a member of the Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Committee.

Roger B. Beck

Roger Beck continues to actively research and write. He presented a paper on missionary activity in settler colonies at the International Economic History Congress in Helsinki, Finland in Sept. 2006. He also wrote a 16 page "Middle East Update" for the January printing of the 7th edition of the college world history textbook he co-authored, *A History of World Societies*. He also completed the second volume of a three volume translation from Afrikaans of the works of the South African historian, P.J. van der Merwe. During the year, he had published four book reviews and is awaiting the publication of a chapter on English missionaries in South Africa in the early nineteenth century in a book on missions and imperialism. He will be taking a year sabbatical in 2007-08 to edit a four volume collection of world history documents for Facts on File, and to

write a two volume *History of Africa* for Houghton Mifflin. Dr. Beck's major service activity this year was as a member of the EIU Presidential Search Advisory Committee. When he's not writing, serving, or teaching he can often be found stirring caramel in a big copper kettle or dipping pecan turtles at the Candy Kitchen in Tuscola, owned by his wife Ann and her Devon. In Spring 2007 Dr. Beck was selected as Eastern's Distinguished Faculty Member of the year.

Joshua C. Birk

Dr. Birk is beginning a new project looking into the creation of the Crusader State of Antioch, and its connections to Southern Italy. His research focuses on cross-cultural interactions in the Middle Ages, primarily in the Mediterranean World.

Jonathan Coit

Dr. Coit presented a paper entitled "I'll Show You If I Am a N----": Race and Reaction in the 1919 Chicago Race Riot" at the American Historical Association annual meeting in January. He applied his historical background in the study of immigration in a panel discussion on Barack Obama's candidacy for president with members of EIU's Political Science and Journalism departments at EIU in April. He continues to enjoy engaging students in courses on the U.S. Constitution, American Intellectual History, and 20th Century U.S. Social and Cultural History. Dr. Coit was elected to Faculty Senate this year, and serves as the chair of the Curriculum Committee. After the History Club experienced a great deal of turnover, a new crop of students has taken the reins. The Club maintains a bulletin board in Coleman Hall and recently took a trip to Cahokia Mounds.

Lynne Curry

The DeShaney Case: Child Abuse, Family Rights, and the Dilemma of State Intervention was published by the University Press of Kansas in February. She is currently working on a chapter manuscript for a book on the history of children in both Europe and the U. S., under contract with Berghahn Books. In November she served as chair and commentator for a panel at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association in Minneapolis and in June delivered a paper at an international conference on the history of children and youth in Norrkoping, Sweden.



2007 History Department



The History Department once again recognized their best on April 20 at the annual awards ceremony. The event took place before sitting down to a catered buffet. Entertainment was provided by a three-piece band led by music minor Rob Wallace. After dinner, awards were presented for the best history students who were recognized. Many others received scholarships related to history and history-related honors outside of the department. (For a full list of award winners, see page three of the program.) Dr. Anne Foster presented the award for "Thoughts on World History by a U.S. Historian," by Dr. Anne Foster asserted that America should not be seen as distant in world affairs and international relations. Award winners pictured, with the ubiquitous Dr. Mark Voss-Hubbard, from left: Jacob Koniak, Keith Friederich, Amanda Terrell, Mary Rodgers, Mallory Alcock, Dr. Anne Foster, Ashley Tomlinson.





ent Honors Banquet



Annual History Awards Banquet. Guests mingled with professors and students alike
see piece jazz combo from Eastern's music department, led by history major and
tory papers written by graduate and undergraduate students and honor these
ory education. Time was also given to recognize students in history who received
ee of this newsletter.) The evening concluded with a short lecture on "Peripheries
ter, assistant professor of history at Indiana State University. In her lecture, Dr.
charged students to view the role of America through the view of a world histo-
n top center l-r, Robyn Carswell, Ryan D'Arcy, Amanda Evans, Michael Sparks,
Mike Swinford, Amanda Lempera, Patrick Harris. Center above, l-r, Tim Alberts,



José R. Deustua

During this academic year Professor Jose R. Deustua continued working on his book manuscript, *Mining as Wealth. Energy, Social Economies, and Ecological Economics in Peru, Mexico, Chile, and Bolivia during the 19th century*. He was in Peru last summer doing some research and gave a lecture at the Universidad de San Marcos in Lima on "Social Economies and Ecological Economics in 19th century Peru". Likewise he gave a lecture at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in September on the same topic but focusing on several Latin American countries. He gave advice to a Ph.D. candidate preparing her dissertation at Harvard University on colonial Andean mining, as well as to a journalist author for the *New Yorker* working on the Inca Empire or "Tawantinsuyu". He served in a prize committee for the Conference on Latin American History for the best article published in a journal other than *Hispanic American Historical Review* or *The Americas*. He also wrote an article for "Cuadernos", a journal published in Peru, and an entry on "guano" for the *Oxford Encyclopedia on Latin American History*. Finally, he also joined the Sociedad Nacional Honoraria Hispanica, Sigma Delta Pi.

Sace Elder

This year Dr. Elder was delighted to teach her undergraduate- and graduate-level modern German history courses in addition to modern world history. She is happy to report that her graduate course, which deals with the social, cultural, and political history of Germany since 1871, will now be a permanent departmental offering (HIS 5430). In addition to her courses, Dr. Elder has also prepared her manuscript on criminal violence in Weimar Berlin for review by an academic press and has begun work on her next research project that deals with child abuse and the child protectionist movement in Germany between 1890 and 1945, for which she plans to travel to Germany this summer to conduct archival research. Meanwhile, Dr. Elder continues to serve as the Department's honors coordinator and is pleased to announce that the departmental honors program has eight students who are working on or working toward their honors thesis (and she is always looking for new recruits!) In addition to honors and several other departmental committees, Dr. Elder represents the College of Arts and Humanities on the Council for Graduate Studies and is an active member

of the Women's Studies program and its Women's History and Awareness Month Committee. For her efforts in teaching, research, and service Dr. Elder was awarded an Achievement and Contribution Award in the balanced category in Fall 2006.

Martin Hardeman

The truth is that I have accomplished little over the past year. Disappointingly, I did not win the lottery and I am only about a third done with an article on the antebellum argument over a federal slave code. Of course, I have taught classes in constitutional history, the history of the South and the second half of the American history survey course (1877 to the present). I have also served as a member of several committees and have written three or four book reviews for scholarly journals. Other than the above, I have gone to concerts, read a couple of dozen books for fun, seen a variety of foreign and domestic movies, watched more television than is good for the longevity of my surviving brain cells and fought in the eternal war of Man against Cat. (Our two cats are winning!) [The editors had too much fun reading Dr. Hardeman's submission to change a word of it.]

Newton E. Key

Newton Key, led a Study Abroad program on British Rulers and British Ruled resident at Harlaxton College and London Summer 2006 and he is doing so again in 2007. A lively and interested group of students were most helpful in inaugurating this successful program. He is working on the second editions of *Early Modern England, 1485-1714: a Narrative History* and *Sources and Debates in English History, 1485-1714*. He has been approved for a sabbatical for 2007-2008 during which time he will be working on a book project "London Lords: Aristocratic Sociability in the Metropolis, 1620s-1760s," for which he has been awarded a one-month fellowship to research at the Lewis Walpole Library in Connecticut. He will be speaking on a portion of this research at a conference on London (in Oxford!?) in September. In preparation for this research he is relinquishing his duties both as book review editor for H-Albion and webmaster for the North American Conference on British Studies.

Jinhee Lee

Jinhee Lee was given EIU's Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award, an EIU Faculty Development

Grant, and EIU Redden Grants for Undergraduate Instruction (to develop study abroad programs in Korea and Japan). She took her students on field trips to the Korean Film Festival and the Japan House, both at the University of Illinois, proposed four new Asian history courses, started a Korean conversation table, and organized an Asian Film Series. In addition to delivering many conference papers, writing several book reviews, and translating scholarly works from Japanese to Korean, she continues work on *Instability of Empire: Earthquake, Rumors, and the Massacre of Koreans in the Japanese Empire*, for Duke University Press, and *Body, Performance, and Politics of Representation in Twentieth-Century East Asia*, an edited collection of essays for Cambridge Scholars Press.

Rajit K. Mazumder

Dr. Mazumder is leaving Eastern Illinois University for a position in the History Department at DePaul University. We will miss him, and wish him continued success

Patricia Miller

Patricia L. Miller serves as a peer reviewer for the American Association of Museums, both as a consultant for the Museum Assessment Program and as a visiting committee member for the accreditation program. In 2006 she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois State Historical Society. She chairs the Field Services Alliance, a group of professionals who work in field services throughout the country, and serves on several committees for the American Association for State and Local History. Ms. Miller teaches the Administration of Historic Sites course in the Historical Administration Program.

Debra A. Reid

Debra A. Reid taught six different courses during AY 2006-2007, including a new preparation: HIS 4930: Public History: Meaning & Method and chaired one honors thesis, and three graduate assistants. Her book, *Reaping a Greater Harvest: African Americans, the Extension Service, and Rural Reform in Jim Crow Texas*, appeared in March 2007. She co-curated, with Michael Watts, Tarble Arts Center director, "Untold Stories: The Stories of Folk Art," the Historical Administration class exhibit (opening April 14, 2007). In addition she had three major articles, one review essay, one reprinted es-

say, two encyclopedia entries, and three book reviews published. She has joined the editorial review board of *Museum History Journal*. She received a Council on Faculty Research Grant (Summer 2006), a Lambda State Special Study Stipend from The Delta Kappa Gamma International, Illinois, and a Travel Fund grant from the College of Arts & Humanities. She served on EIU's Women's Studies Executive Committee, continues to serve as treasurer for the Midwest Open Air Museum Coordinating Council and for the Rural Women's Studies Association, and chairs the Agricultural History Society's membership committee. Her biography appeared in *Who's Who in America*, 2007 (61st edition), *Who's Who of American Women*, 2007 (26th edition), and *Who's Who in American Education*, 8th Edition. She received a 2006 Achievement and Contribution Award in the Balanced Category, and the Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award.

Rick Riccio

In 2006, the Kansas State Historical Society hired Riccio Exhibit Services to make scale models of an earth lodge, a grass lodge, and a tipi. Together with Gary Harmon Design Group of St. Louis, we cast 12 sets of each dwelling for their Education and Historic Sites Division. Through a DOT grant Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site hired RES to complete the design of six outdoor interpretive signs to be located around the 2,200-acre site. They are expected to be in place by the summer of 2007. Currently, RES is working on the design and construction of a Tyrannosaurus rex exhibit for the Elgin Public Museum in Elgin, Illinois. The museum wanted to add interpretation and interactivity to the cast of a T. rex skull in their collection. The original belongs to the American Museum of Natural History. Barnum Brown unearthed the specimen, (AMNH-5027), in Hell Creek, Montana in 1908. Because of space and budget restrictions, we can add only a few more casts of T. rex bones, namely, a foot, arm and hand, and furcula (wishbone). Besides looking at the latest research on this largest meat-eater at the end of the Cretaceous Period, we will produce models of T. rex eyeballs, an egg with embryo and a real dinosaur coprolite. The real attraction will be when the skull, mounted ten feet off the ground, opens its jaws and emits a blood-curdling roar. The exhibit is expected to open by May 31, 2007.

Anita Shelton

During 2006/07, Anita Shelton published twelve short articles in ABC-Clio's On-line Historical Encyclopedia on various topics in Russian and East European history. She also reviewed books for both *History* and *The American Historical Review*. Her long-term project on "Collaboration and Resistance in Poland During World War II" is slowly taking shape. Still running marathons; this year: New York City in November, where she came in just a little behind the leaders.

Michael Shirley

Michael Shirley, who began his tenth year of service at Eastern Illinois University in January 2007, continues as the History Department's academic advisor and as Social Science Curriculum Committee Chair, in which capacity he worked to raise the social science and history teacher certification major grade point average requirement from 2.75 to 3.00 (the new requirement goes into effect in fall 2008). He presented "A Reported Community: Reynolds's Newspaper and Radical Celebration," at the Midwest Victorian Studies Association's annual conference in April at the University of Illinois. His article, "G.W.M. Reynolds, Reynolds's Newspaper, and Popular Politics," will appear in *G.W.M. Reynolds: Writer, Editor, Politician*. Louis James and Anne Humpherys, editors, Ashgate Publishing, Ltd., in late 2007.

Nora P. Small

Dr. Small continues to serve as the coordinator of the Historical Administration Program. In summer of 2006, with the assistance of a Faculty Development Grant and departmental travel money, she attended the Vernacular Architecture Forum's annual conference and conducted research for my current project at various sites along the Eastern Seaboard. The VAF conference tours afforded me an opportunity to see and experience parts of New York City that she never would have seen otherwise, and I am excited about being able to incorporate that material into my graduate and undergraduate classes. She is once again serving as the secretary for the Lincoln-Sargent Farm Foundation Board, and continues to serve as an ex officio member of Charleston's Historic Preservation Commission.

David K. Smith

After presenting an invited lecture at the Society for French History at the University of Sussex (Brighton, England), Professor Smith published an essay entitled

"Le commerce et l'état: Les reseaux de communication autour du Conseil de commerce 1700-1725)" in the collection *Les Réseaux de correspondance en Europe (XVIe-XIXe siècle): matérialité et représentation*, edited by Antony McKenna and Pierre-Yves Beaurepaire. He also celebrated his tenth anniversary as an editor for H-France, the past six serving as Editor-in-Chief.

Charles W. Titus

Charles Titus teaches courses in US Military History, Illinois History and Social Science Teaching Methods. He also serves as Chair of the Social Science Studies Program at Eastern, an interdisciplinary teacher education program with about 75 majors. He has been working to establish a new project called PEN-SS- Professional Educators Network--Social Studies that involves teachers in exploring innovative ways to teach history and social studies in high schools. He is a member of the Unit Assessment Committee for the College of Education and Professional Studies, and was recently elected to the Advisory Board of the Illinois State Historical Society. In October of 2006, he attended a seminar on "James Madison: the Man and his Political Philosophy" held at Montpelier, Madison's estate in Orange, Virginia. In March he spent three days at the Center for Civic Education in Calabasas, California, studying civic education programs designed for application in secondary school social studies classrooms.

Mark Voss-Hubbard

Dr. Voss-Hubbard completed two book reviews and is preparing for publication *Illinois' War: The Civil War in Documents* for Ohio University Press.

Edmund Wehrle

This past year, Dr. Edmund F. Wehrle began his inaugural year as coordinator of the traditional graduate department. In October 2006 he delivered a paper at the 31st Annual Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan. In April 2007 he will speak at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, as part of a panel examining American relations with the developing world. He published book reviews in the *Review of Politics* and the *Pacific Historical Review*. Most importantly, Dr. Wehrle and his wife, Jacqueline, welcomed a second daughter in February.

Bailey K. Young

In 2006/7, Bailey Young presented "The Imagery of Per-

sonal Objects: Hints of “Do-It-Yourself” Christian Culture in Merovingian Gaul?” at Shifting Frontiers VII: The Power of Religion in Late Antiquity, a conference of the Society for Late Antiquity held at the University of Colorado, Boulder, 22-25 March, 2007; lectured on “The Dirt on a Medieval Castle: the Walhain Excavation”, at Loyola University of Chicago; was elected Chair of the Medieval Studies Committee, which oversees the Minor; served on Organizing Committee for the meeting of the Illinois Medieval Association held at EIU (Feb 23-24, 2007); presented “Urban Continuity in Late Antique Gaul in the Light of Archaeological Sources”, at the meeting of the Illinois Medieval Association; published “Rituel funéraire, structure sociale et choix idéologique: le cas mérovingien” in *Archéologie funéraire: le Colloque international de Longroy* (1999), ed. Patrick Périn and Michel Kazanski (Mémoires de l’Association nationale d’Archéologie mérovingienne, Paris, France, 2006); organized and presented a workshop “Beowulf and the Artefacts of Sutton Hoo” for the conference Beowulf: the Epic Poem, organized by the EIU English Departments and Secondary Education Departments for high school English teachers; served as Co-Ordinator of the Phi Beta Kappa Task Force and prepared E.I.U.’s Application to Shelter a PBK Chapter; collaborated with Booth Library staff to design window display of Sutton Hoo excavations to accompany the Beowulf conference; served on the Achievement and Contribution Award Selection Committee; and, of course, was director of the Summer Archaeology Program in Belgium (July, 2006), centered on the seventh excavation campaign of Walhain Castle.

Emeriti News

Gilbert C. Fite, former president of Eastern Illinois University and Professor of History Emeritus, is now living in Fort Myers, Florida, playing golf twice a week, and working on his family and professional history.

David Maurer, Professor of History Emeritus, has been travelling. He has attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Museums in Chicago, where he saw many HA alumni. He and Joyce recently attended an Elderhostel in Richmond, VA, on the topic of Gardens and Mansions.

Meet the New Graduate Students

Robyn Carswell, of Shelbyville, Illinois began her graduate coursework in the summer of 2006. She completed her undergraduate studies in history here at Eastern in the spring of 2006. Robyn is focusing her scholarship in United States history with a minor in European history. Her interests include medical history and legal history. She is currently employed as graduate assistant to Dr. Lynne Curry. Mrs. Carswell is also a devoted tutor, providing assistance to undergraduates in History 3600, United States Constitution and Nation.

Patrick Harris, graduate assistant to Dr. Bailey Young and Dr. Jin-hee Lee, is a devoted student of Medieval Europe. He came to Eastern from the Detroit area with a Bachelor’s degree in History from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan and a Master’s degree in Eastern Classics from St. John’s College in Santa Fe, New Mexico. His scholarly interests center on the Mediterranean world in the Middle Ages. His minor in world history is supported by his attention to religion in India, China, and the Middle East. He is currently working with Dr. Birk on a thesis concerning Ramon Lull. He also tutors undergraduates in History 1500.

James Hysell is a native of Crete, Illinois in Chicago’s South Suburbs. He began his graduate career in the fall of 2006 after attaining a bachelor’s degree in history from EIU. Jim is majoring in European history with a minor in World history. His concentration is nineteenth century Europe with an emphasis on Victorian England. Jim’s research in nineteenth century Europe is buttressed by an interest in Japan and South Asia during that same period. In addition to his studies, Jim works diligently as an intern in the Illinois Regional Archive Depository at Booth Library.

Michael Kleen, of Des Plaines, Illinois, completed his undergraduate work in the philosophy department here at Eastern. Upon beginning his graduate studies in the summer of 2006, Michael chose a concentration in United States history and a minor in European history. His interests include American military history especially the Civil War, as well as local history. Outside of his scholarly research, Michael fancies himself a free-lance author: He writes short fiction and essays, publishes an online newsletter, and contributes regularly to the Daily Eastern News.

Michelle Lashley comes to us from America’s Dairyland, as a native of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. Before beginning graduate school at Eastern in the fall of 2006, she attended Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in history. Her focus is twentieth century Europe with a minor in World history. Michelle is particularly fascinated by Europe in the period of the Second World War. She also takes special interest in Irish nationalism. Michelle currently works as a research assistant to Dr. Roger Beck.

Nancy Lurkins works as a graduate assistant for Dr. David Kammerling-Smith and Dr. Mark Voss-Hubbard. Nancy, from Greenville, Illinois, received her Bachelor’s degree in History from Miami University of Ohio before entering the graduate program at Eastern in the summer of 2006. Nancy’s studies are centered on women in American politics. She also studies European history as her minor field. Nancy serves the department as a tutor for Dr. Lee’s History 1520.

Jason Minard, originally of East Moline, now of Champaign,

holds Bachelor's degrees in History and Philosophy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He began graduate school at Eastern in the summer of 2006. He concentrates his studies on twentieth century labor history in the United States, with particular emphasis on radical movements. Jason has worked in technology for ten years and is currently employed in the University of Illinois, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Mike Swinford hails from Bridgeview, Illinois in Southwest Chicagoland. He received his Bachelor's degree in History at EIU in 2005. After spending a year in the corporate world and as a substitute teacher, Mike returned to Eastern to begin graduate studies in the fall of 2006. He is a student of American history with a minor in European history. His research is focused on the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, particularly Illinois and the Midwest. Mike is presently employed as a graduate assistant to Dr. Newton Key and Dr. Edmund Wehrle. He also tutors for History 2010 and History 2020, survey courses in United States history.

Amanda Terrell, like Dick Van Dyke, is a native of Danville, Illinois. Amanda completed her undergraduate degree in history at Eastern before entering the graduate program in the summer of 2006 with Dr. Key's study abroad program in England. She focuses her scholarship in European history, specifically late Stuart and Hanoverian England, but she has an equal passion for her minor; American history. She favors political and royal court history, avoiding the meaner sorts at all costs. Amanda is a devoted assistant to Dr. Joy Kammerling and Dr. Jose Deustua, and works as a tutor for undergraduates in History 2560, Early Modern World.

Alumni News

Tami Arntzen (MA Historical Administration 2006) is Assistant Historic Sites Manager for the Macon County Conservation District in Illinois.

Shannon Bailey (BA History and BA History with Teacher Certification in Social Science 2007) will begin teaching social studies at Joliet Central High School in fall 2007.

Monica Goodrich Blair (BA History 1985) reports that she is still working the Illinois Supreme Court as a citation verifier and proofreader, as she has for twenty-one years. Her husband, Jeff Blair, and stepson, Jeff Jr., both ironworkers, have her working on their two cars, "fixing anything and everything alongside them." Their

two lab puppies are not very good mechanics yet.

Emily Bradbury (MA Historical Administration 2006) is a Collections Technician for the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Mike Cassidy (BA History with Teacher Certification 2006) will be teaching full time at Decatur's Eisenhower High School beginning in fall 2007.

Laura Daugherty (MA Historical Administration 2006) works as an Interpretive Specialist at the Mahaffie Stage Coach Stop and Farm in Kansas.

Lynn Ege (MA Historical Administration 2006) is a Collections Records Technician for the Ohio Historical Society

Andrew Ehrlich (BA History and BA History with Teacher Certification in Social Science 2006) is moving from Arcola, Illinois, where he has spent the last ten months student teaching and substitute teaching, to Orangeburg, South Carolina, to teach American History at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School.

Meghan Houlihan (BA History 2006) is flourishing in the MA program in modern history at the University of Reading in England. She is researching a thesis on margery Perham and British public opinion regarding the Nigerian civil war, and is spending a good deal of time at the Oxford library (after convincing them she was not a tourist) and the National Archives.

Brenda Kropen (MA Historical Administration 2006) is Assistant to Development and Marketing for the Hancock Shaker Village in Massachusetts.

Colin McAuliffe (BA History 2004) has returned from Swaziland after a stint in the Peace Corps. He is now the volunteer coordinator for a small Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Christine Saniat (MA Historical Administration 2006) is Assistant Registrar at the Krannert Art Museum in Champaign, Illinois.

Ashley Tomlinson (BA History and BA History with Teacher Certification in Social Science 2007) will attend law school in the fall.

Michael Vogt (MA Historical Administration 2006) is the Registrar at Hancock Shaker Village in Massachusetts.

Jessica Waite (MA Historical Administration 2006) is a Conservation Technician for the Nebraska State Historical Society.

Michelle Wallenberg (BA History with Teacher Certification 2004) is teaching social studies at Lisle High School in Lisle, Illinois.

Study Abroad

Eastern Illinois University each year offers its students a variety of study abroad programs. Undergraduate and Graduate students alike have the opportunity to study in South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Wales, England and various other locations. These programs run in both the Fall and Spring semesters as well as over the Summer. Dr. Bailey Young has led a trip to Belgium for many years. Combining history and archeology, students engage in a month-long dig at Walhain Castle in Louvain-la-Neuve.

Dr. Newton Key has taught in the study abroad program for two years. He is taking a group of students to Harlaxton Manor in London, England for a 5-week course on British Rulers and Brit-

ish Ruled Since 1700. "History Abroad," Dr. Key says, "is an opportunity for students in all majors to study and experience British society and culture during the last three centuries by examining the people's lived life, artifacts, and key texts." While in England, Dr. Key's students will have the opportunity to visit Queen Mary College, Cambridge University, and the Houses of Parliament.

Opportunities for overseas experiences are expanding, both within and without the History Department. Dr. Jinhee Lee, for example, is working to start a study abroad program in East Asia, and students are expressing greater interest in student teaching abroad. The History Department is committed to giving students the richest possible education, and is eager to help more students expand their experience beyond Charleston and the United States.

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