As another year quickly passes I continue to be amazed at the innovative energy of our faculty and students who enrich our programs and make the History Department one of the most dynamic and creative in the university. As you peruse this year’s newsletter you’ll find much to interest you, with all of the student and faculty achievements, lectures and conferences, symposia and other events, and alumni news.

To highlight just a few, this Fall semester we were happy to welcome retired U.S. Ambassador Dr. Robert “Skipp” Orr, who taught two classes for us and served as a different kind of ambassador on campus by promoting History to students and administrators far and wide. Be sure to read our feature on his visit inside.

We were fortunate to have two-time Pulitzer Prize winning historian, Dr. Alan Taylor, come to campus to give a lecture in March and hold teaching sessions with graduate students and faculty members.

The competition for the first three joint Huntington Library-FAU Library Fellows was held, and the winners were in residence for the month of October, making productive use of FAU’s unique “Spirit of America” special collection as they complete their PhD dissertations. They also presented their research in a symposium near the end of their time here.

Dr. Lien-Hang T. Nguyen of Columbia University delivered the 2018 John O’Sullivan Memorial Lecture in October, and last year’s Alan B. and Charna Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency speaker was columnist and television commentator, Eugene Robinson. In 2019 the symposium will consist of a two-day conference on the “Origins of the U.S. Presidency,” which will bring together a group of renowned international scholars.

Many faculty accomplishments are also noteworthy. Dr. Kelly Shannon published her first book, U.S. Foreign Policy and Muslim Women’s Human Rights, with the University of Pennsylvania Press. Dr. Adrian Finucane was awarded a Huntington-Bodleian Library Fellowship that allowed her to spend a month at Oxford conducting research. Dr. Douglas Kanter was invited to Dublin Castle to celebrate the publication of the Cambridge History of Ireland to which he was a contributor. In Spring 2018, the FAU Wimberly Library hosted an exhibition, Women with Wings in Florida, that was designed and curated by Dr. Barbara Ganson. And Dr. Ken Holloway organized an on-campus conference on Zen Buddhism in November. There is much more that you’ll find inside about our very active faculty members.

Currently, we are in the midst of hiring a tenure-track professor in LGBTQ/Public History. As the department undergoes strategic planning and program review, we realize that these are important areas in our program where we feel it necessary to go. We envision a digital humanities lab in the near future and greater training opportunities for budding historians who would like to pursue a career in public history. Stay tuned.

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A. Goodman Memorial History Endowment Fund to enhance Sidney A. Goodman family for establishing the new Sidney support. And this year, I extend the upmost gratitude to the Hugh W. Ripley estate, for their continued, unwavering Marjorie O’Sullivan, the Percy and Pauline Greenberg family, the Francis Edelman family, the Martin and Sylvia Shaw family, Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Travel Award, and to the Society Breslow, to Sheila and Hebert Weiner to the new Marvin and by Tony Anderson to his History Faculty Fund Honoring Dr. Boyd Reickert to her Fund for the Study of British Arts and Culture, the Weiner Spirit of America Fellowship Fund, by Marny Glasser thanks to contributions made by Dr. Howard and Judith Weiner to the History graduate teaching assistant stipends. You’ll find out more about all of these by reading on. If you’d like to give to the History Department, you can find out how to do this easily at the end of this newsletter.

As I wrap up, I cannot overstate how much we value our alumni. This newsletter is dedicated to our alumni, including our recent graduates as possible, but this has become harder and harder to do with each passing graduating class. For that reason, this year the department office staff are working diligently to create an exhaustive database of history alumni with contact and career information. If you’re not sure you’ve been included, please send an update to our Program Assistant, Ms. Zella Lim (zllim@fau.edu).

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Our students continue to impress. Graduate students, Stephen Kryzeminski and Colton Babbitt, won best paper awards at the annual Phi Alpha Theta conference, and undergraduate senior, Jeffrey Coltman-Carmer, won the J. Calvert Clarke III Award for best undergraduate paper, “Rationalizing Indian Removal: Representations of Indigenous Peoples and American Identity,” which will be published in the prestigious ICH Annual Journal of the Florida Conference of Historians. Another undergraduate student, sophomore Christopher Dingler, impressed the attendees of this year’s Southwest Social Science Conference’s Annual Meeting with his paper, “A Muddled Reality of 1950s America: President Truman’s Welfare-State and Foreign Policy.”

The History Department is fortunate to have avid supporters and generous donors in the community. I would like to give special thanks to contributions made by Dr. Howard and Judith Weiner to the Weiner Spirit of America Fellowship Fund, by Marny Glasser to the Harold L. Glasser Memorial Award, by Lady Susan Willis-Reicent to her Fund for the Study of British Arts and Honoring Dr. Boyd Breslow, to Sheila and Hebert Weiner to the new Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Travel Award, and to the Society for Colonial Wars, the St. George’s Society, the Sedgall family, the Francis Edelman family, the Martin and Sylvia Shaw family, Marjorie O’Sullivan, the Percy and Pauline Greenberg family, and the Hugh W. Ripley estate, for their continued, unwavering support. And this year, I extend the upmost gratitude to the Sidney A. Goodman Memorial History Endowment Fund to enhance
Interview with Robert “Skipp” Orr (continued)

Low: What led you to want to teach at FAU this Fall?
Orr: Three things. First the kind invitation to do so, my instinctive loyalty not just to FAU but to the History Department and finally the desire to show that a History degree is a winning career enterprise.

Low: Why did you choose your two courses?
Orr: I developed an interest in Presidential electoral history when I took a course from the late Professor Don Curl right here in the History Department in 1975. It became a lifelong interest and would provide me with insights when I campaigned for Barack Obama during his first Presidential run in 2007/2008. As we head into another Presidential campaign season I thought it would be useful for students to get a broader grasp of the trials and tribulations that most campaigns have been through. I chose American strategy toward Asia because I was part of that when I served in the Obama Administration as Ambassador to the Asian Development Bank from 2010 to 2016. Plus, an old friend of mine named Mike Green had just published a great history of this called By More than Providence: Grand Strategy and American Power in the Asia Pacific since 1783. Mike served as Director of Asia on President George W. Bush’s National Security Council.

Low: What has surprised you most in return to academia?
Orr: Certainly student utilization of technology has vastly changed since I was a full time faculty member 25 years ago. That’s probably the most noticeable change.

Low: How did you develop your love of history and what role did being student at FAU play in that?
Orr: I think I always had an interest in history but I didn’t realize it until I majored in history at FAU! The superb faculty shaped that. I loved the accessibility of the faculty. I am delighted to discover that the high quality of the faculty in those days has continued to flourish today.

Low: How has your history degree helped you in your own career path?
Orr: It has helped me every step of the way. I was a Congressional staffer after leaving FAU in 1976. I went on to careers as a United States Agency for International Development officer, then a college professor of political science, then senior corporate executive in Motorola and Boeing before becoming a United States Ambassador. My History major opened all those doors. I used that erudition every step of the way. You’d be amazed at how many senior corporate executives are amateur historians. They love to learn about history and talk about it. It’s always a door opener. History helps you forge the right questions in ways that people without that background simply cannot. I would not change having been a history major for anything. History became a lifelong passion.

Low: How have you been able to foster the importance of history among students (and others) while here?
Orr: I suppose one way is that I have been a player in recent history and also because I have had the great privilege of knowing many important figures in American history over the past 40 years. I think when I relate a story or explain about someone I’ve known or an event I have been associated with it helps history come alive right before their eyes.

Low: During the time you have been here what other activities have you engaged in?
Orr: To be honest I have preferred just being involved in FAU campus life and promoting the university in any way I can. It’s astonishing how this place has grown and developed in the 42 years since I graduated. But I have done some outside speaking also. I spoke at Palm Beach State College, from which I earned an A.A. degree in 1974 and I was really impressed with what they have accomplished too.

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Low: How was your most rewarding experience?
Orr: No question about it, having the great honor of serving my country as Ambassador to the Asian Development Bank. And being able to have a wonderful life with my wife Mitsuko for the past 42 years, including living in Japan for over 30 years.

Low: What advice would you give to students who want to know what opportunities are out there with history degrees?
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“There are mountains of opportunities. Know that... the greatest men and women at any one time or another are, indeed, historians. It may not be in their title but they study the past in order to chart their future. When seeking an opportunity never be discouraged if their history degree is not precisely outlined on the job appeal. Go for it anyway... big or small... companies and institutions look for erudition. Never turn yourself down.”

— Robert “Skipp” Orr

Ed and Jean Segall Memorial Scholarship in Honor of Gary Segall
Cecilia Seevha Samuel
Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Travel-Study Award: Carly Pock
Congratulations to all of them!

Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Student Showcasing and Professional Development Opportunities
Student Jeffrey Coltman-Cormier presented his paper, “Rationalizing Indian Removal: Representation of Ingenious Peoples and American Identity”, at the Florida Conference of Historians last semester. His paper has been accepted for publication in their journal, FCH Annals: Journal of the Florida Conference of Historians, and has also won the J. Calvett Clarke III Award for the best undergraduate paper presented at the conference. He also completed an internship at the Middle East Institute in Washington, D.C. during the summer of 2018. Founded in 1946, the Middle East Institute is a highly respected non-partisan think tank dedicated to increasing knowledge of the Middle East among the citizens of the United States and to promoting a better understanding between the people of these two areas” (http://www.mei.edu/mission). This internship was highly competitive, and Jeffrey spent the summer learning about Middle East policy and assisting with producing the organization’s journal. Congratulations, Jeffrey!

Jeffrey Coltman Cormier

Sophomore Christopher J. Dingler, presented his paper “A Muddled Reality of 1950s America: President Trump’s Welfare-State and Foreign Policy” at the Southwestern Social Science Association meeting in Orlando. Dingler is an undergraduate in the history department at FAU. His presentation impressed those in attendance of the meeting and Dingler is hoping to give another paper next year in San Diego.

Top image (L/R): Yasmin McGee, Stephen Krzeminski, Kerete Paul, Carly Plock, Jeffrey Coltman-Cormier, Justin Paul, Mary Gambrill

Congratulations, Jeffrey!
The Master of Arts in History

SIDNEY A. GOODMAN MEMORIAL GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP ENHANCEMENT

Readers of last year’s newsletter will be aware of the recent passing of one of the department’s graduate students, Sid Goodman, at age 83. An avid student and enthusiastic bibliophile, Sid was able to follow his lifelong dream of pursuing a graduate degree in History following a successful career in business. In December 2017 he was awarded the MA degree in History posthumously, and it was received by members of his family, who attended the commencement ceremony.

Sid was a very nice person, who loved spending time with younger graduate students, discussing history and giving them valuable advice about life. Knowing that, it comes as no surprise that his wife and children would demonstrate that same generosity by establishing a legacy in Sid’s name. The department is delighted to announce that Barbara Goodman, Karl Goodman, Debbie Hall, and William Goodman have created the Sidney A. Goodman Memorial History Endowment Fund, which beginning in Fall 2019 will provide a fellowship enhancement for one Graduate Teaching Assistant.

The GTAs perform a tremendous service for FAU, the History Department, and the hundreds of undergraduates who take the lower-division World History course and American history surveys each year. The department thanks the Goodman family for recognizing the financial need and rising to the occasion to help meet it, in the same spirit as Sid Goodman wanted to be a friend and mentor to his fellow students.

Grades of FAU’s M.A. program in History have gone on to pursue successful careers in teaching, business, law and a variety of other fields. The Master of Arts in History has both a thesis and a non-thesis option. The thesis option requires 30 credit hours, with a minimum of 24 hours of graduate course work and the completion of an M.A. thesis, for which a minimum of six additional credits must be earned. The non-thesis option requires a total of 36 credit hours of graduate course work. Those students wishing to pursue the thesis track must submit an “Admission to Candidacy” form after the completion of 18 hours of graduate work. Once students are granted thesis option status, they work in conjunction with the Director of Graduate Studies to create a thesis committee. A student seeking admission into the graduate program in history should have a bachelor’s degree or equivalent from an accredited institution, or, for international students, an institution recognized in his/her own country as preparing students for further study at the graduate level. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA) for the last 60 undergraduate hours attempted and a combined score of 155 or higher on the verbal and a 4.0 on the analytical sections of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). In addition, the students must submit two letters of recommendation to the department, a five-page typed, double-spaced autobiographical statement indicating the nature of their preparation for graduate work and the reason for seeking the M.A. in history, and a formal research paper. For information contact the Graduate Director, Dr. Douglas Kanter by e-mail at dkanter1@fau.edu.

Fall 2018 Thesis Deadlines:

- Final copy of thesis to M.A. Committee Sept. 24
- Suggested deadline for thesis defense Oct. 8
- Completed thesis to Chair of Dept. Mar. 29
- Suggested date for thesis to Dean of College Nov. 12
- Thesis due to the Graduate College Nov. 29

Spring 2019 Thesis Deadlines:

- Final copy of thesis to M.A. Committee Feb. 12
- Suggested deadline for thesis defense Feb. 26
- Completed thesis to Chair of Dept. Apr. 2
- Suggested date for thesis to Dean of College Apr. 2
- Thesis due to Graduate College Apr. 9

The graduate program continued to play an important role in the intellectual life of the History Department during the 2017-18 academic year. As in many years past, the Graduate Teaching Assistants were a central part of the department’s community, and I would like to thank Hunter Autschek, Luke Beswick, Douglas Kennedy, Geoffrey Periard, Bradley Saltzman, Daniel Ruiz, Conlon Babbitt, Joleen Cooper, Ryan Dalmotte, Kayleigh Howald, Stephen Krezminski, Robert Mooney, Nadja Orcasio, Michael Sackett, and Vanessa Smith for their commitment to undergraduate education and their support of the department’s mission. The last nine have returned for the 2018-19 academic year, and they have been joined by Rhannall Callahan, Camila Giraldo, and J.D. Reiner.

It is a great pleasure to acknowledge the accomplishments of both current graduate students and program alumni during the past academic year. The Department of History was well-represented at the 2018 Phi Alpha Theta regional conference, where two of our graduate students, Conlon Babbitt and Stephen Krezminski, took home “best paper” awards. Conlon Babbitt also received the department’s Frances Edelman Graduate Teaching Award, while Yosmin McGee won the John O’Sullivan Travel-to-Research Grant, which she used to visit the Massachusetts Historical Society for her MA Thesis on the Boston Vigilance Committees. A recent alumna, Nana Halay, earned the Traci Jill Edelman Award for Best Graduate MA thesis for “From Slaves to Subjects: Forging Freedom in the Canadian Legal System.” Another graduate of the program, Ryan Ross, published an article on “John Calvin and the Early French Reformation: Political and Theological Responses to Persecution, 1553-1562” in the Westminster Theological Journal. Daniel Ruiz finished his MA at FAU and began a PhD at Boston College, while Mike Ortiz completed his PhD at the University of Colorado at Boulder and took a tenure-track position at the University of Northern Colorado.

I am also delighted to announce some recent changes that I believe will contribute to the vibrancy of the program. Since the start of the 2017-18 academic year, History has been able to offer a combined BA/MA degree program, which allows outstanding undergraduate History majors at FAU to complete both their BA and their MA in as little as five years, reducing time to the MA degree by as much as a year. History is currently finalizing a reciprocating agreement with the Honors College, located in Jupiter, so that History concentrators at the Honors College will also be able to take advantage of this pioneering program. I am thrilled that History is the first department in the College of Arts & Letters to receive approval for a combined degree program, and proud that FAU is one of only a handful of institutions in the state to offer the accelerated MA degree in the discipline. Finally, beginning in the 2018-19 academic year,
Hannah Jorgenson
Graduate Studies
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2017/18 M.A. Thesis Abstracts
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New Fellowship Sees First Class Arrive at FAU
Howard Weiner is the son of Marvin and Sybil Weiner, who donated their collection of early American printed material to FAU in 2006. The collection, valued at $3.8 million, is ranked among the top 10% of its kind in the United States. Included in the collection is more than 13,000 printed items of the Revolutionary era, as well as additional items dating back to 1501. The original “Articles of Confederation” drafted in 1777, the first printing of the “Declaration of Independence” in the Pennsylvania Evening Post dated July 1776, and a printing of “The Federalist,” which was written by Alexander Hamilton, John Jay and James Madison, are also part of the collection. This fellowship will be administered by Adrian Finucane and Jason Sharpley from FAU’s history department, and fellows will draw on the expertise of Victoria Thur and Teresa Van Dyke in the FAU Libraries Special Collections Department. Being present in the collection at the same time provided an opportunity for fellows to work with one another as well as to share ideas, sources and insights with the rest of FAU’s faculty and library staff. The complementary collections at FAU and the Huntington Library are particularly strong in Anglo-American political philosophy, the American and French revolutions, the English Civil War, religious history and early science. Dr. Howard an Judith Weiner and the University Libraries along with the Huntington Library in San Marino, CA, have established a new collaborative research fellowship that enables three advanced doctoral students to conduct research in fields connected to both collections. The first three fellows spent one month of October in residence at FAU’s Wimberley Library using the Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection to complete their doctoral dissertations. They will be spending another month conducting additional research at the Huntington Library, one of the nation’s premier humanities institutions. While at FAU, the three fellows presented some of their findings at a research symposium on October 25.


American History Research At FAU
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Two-time Pulitzer-prize Winning Historian Dr. Alan Taylor Presents Lecture on the Wider the American Revolution

The Department of History welcomed two-time Pulitzer-prize winning historian Dr. Alan Taylor for a lecture on March 22, 2017. Taylor’s presentation, “The Revolutionary Transformation of North America, 1783-1803,” was praised for its remarkable clarity and accessibility to the more than 300 community members, students, faculty, and staff, who attended his talk. Taylor explained how the end of the American Revolution was just the beginning of the dramatic new challenges in diplomacy and politics that came with westward expansion. As one of the leading scholars of early American history, he presented a wide lens on these years, considering all of North America, rather than just the thirteen colonies. Throughout the lecture, Taylor made connections to British history. For example, he discussed how the end of the American Revolution was just the beginning of the dramatic new challenges in diplomacy and politics that came with westward expansion. As one of the leading scholars of early American history, he presented a wide lens on these years, considering all of North America, rather than just the thirteen colonies. Throughout the lecture, Taylor made connections to British history. With there being three British history scholars among FAU’s history faculty, she has generously decided to house this fund in our department. Lady Susan is also a member of the executive board of St. George’s Society of Palm Beach, where over the years several history faculty have given talks on various topics in British history. You can find out more about both funds and donate to them through our Support the History Department page in the back of this newsletter.

Society of Colonial Wars and Lady Susan Willis-Reickert Support History Department Programs in Colonial History and British Arts and Culture

Once again the History Department is the grateful beneficiary of a substantial gift from the Florida Chapter of the Society of Colonial Wars. A perennial supporter of our programs, the SCW is moving toward creating an endowment to promote greater study of colonial American history, that is, the period from 1607 to 1775 (Jamestown to Lexington). This year we received a total of $1,814 toward this goal. As the History Department becomes increasingly known for its strengths in colonial American and Atlantic world history, this support is very welcome. Several members of the society attended the March lecture by two-time Pulitzer Prize winning historian Dr. Alan Taylor.

The department is also very thankful for Lady Susan Willis-Reickert’s continued support of our British History component through several generous contributions totaling $8,000 to the fund she established last year to promote the study of British Arts and Culture. Lady Susan has a history of philanthropic service, and is particularly committed to seeing that college students learn about Great Britain and its contributions to our own history and culture. With these funds, we have been able to house several of the books that Dr. Taylor spoke about in the collection. You can find out more about both funds and donate to them through our Support the History Department page in the back of this newsletter.

Marvin & Sybil Weiner
Spirit of America Collection

As a Member, you help support...
- Preservation and access for this amazing collection about America’s origins
- Public exhibitions that make the Spirit of America Collection available to the South Florida community
- Public lectures in the library and beyond
- Fellowships for scholars visiting and using the collection

- Education the next generation about the ideals and struggles of the nation’s founding

Franklin’s Apprentices
- $25/year for students
- $100/year for the general public
- Invitation to Collection events such as lectures

Adams’s Delegates
- $250/year
- Early invitation to Collection events such as lectures and exhibits

Jefferson’s Cabinet
- $1,000/year
- Preferred seating at lectures and priority status at events. Invitation to guided tour of exhibits related to the collection

Washington’s Inner Circle
- $2,000/year and above
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where they are now?


Rachel Cummings (BA 2017) has decided to attend a graduate program in City, University of London in their Library science division.

Dr. Jane S Day (MA 1991) of Research Atlantica, Inc. directed an archeological team that discovered a 1,000 year old tooth used to reconstruct the genome of Lucayan-Taino.

Gregory Forgone (BA 2018) has been accepted into the USF Graduate Program for a

Spring 2017

Josh Liller (BA 2013) is a historian & Collections Manager at the Jupiter Lighthouse Museum in Jupiter, Florida after interning.

Mike Ortiz (BA 2010) earned his PhD from the University of Colorado in May 2017 in the field of modern world history. After graduating he stayed at CU Boulder and taught a variety of classes while also diving into the academic job market. He has recently started a position as Assistant Professor of World History at the University of Northern Colorado.

Richard Philipott (BA 1975) is an insurance Trainer/Recruiting Specialist at Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company in Boynton Beach Florida. He was the former president of FAU Alumni from 1992-93.

Carly (Ploc) McAllister (BA 2018) is attending St. Thomas University Law School.

Rhianna Rogers (BA 2017) was awarded the 2017-18 SUNY Chancellor’s Award for teaching Excellence. She was also awarded tenure in 2017.

Daniel Ruiz (MA 2018) enrolled in Boston College's Ph.D. program in history starting Fall 2018.

Dave Scheiding (BA 2018) recently became the Research Coordinator for the Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

Andrea Schwab (MA 2016) teaching History and one section of AP Environmental Science at the Donna Klein Jewish Academy high school in Boca Raton, Florida.

Daniel Stone (MA 2011) recently received his PhD in History from Manchester Metropolitan University in England. He specializes in American religious history, with interests in the 18th century, 19th century, transatlantic Christianity, Mormonism, millennialism, and biography. His book, William Buckerton: Forgotten Latter Day Prophet, was released in June 2018. He also won the Greg Kofford Best Historical Article Award from the John Whitmer Historical Association in September 2018.

Paige Vaughan (BA 2017) works at the Jupiter Lighthouse Museum in Jupiter, Florida as Visitor Services Lead after having interned as a student while attending FAU.

An international team of scientists led by Dr. Hannes Schroeder and Professor Eske Willerslev from the University of Copenhagen successfully reconstructed the full genome of a Lucayan-Taino individual from a thousand-year-old tooth discovered at Preacher’s Cave in Eleuthera in the northern Bahamas. Previous attempts to extract DNA from other samples from archaeological sites across the Caribbean had limited success because of the poor preservation conditions common throughout the tropics. The findings were published in the Journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The results indicate that the Lucayan-Taino ancestry can be traced to northern South America. The researchers also found evidence that the Taino, the first indigenous Americans to feel the full impact of European colonization after Columbus arrived in the New World, still have living descendants in the Caribbean today.

The tooth that Schroeder and his colleagues used to reconstruct the genome was discovered by an archeological team directed by historian Dr. Jane S. Day of Research Atlantica, Inc. under the field direction of Robert S. Carr, director of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, and identified by bioarcheologist Dr. William Shaffer of Phoenix College. The tooth was recovered in 2007 as part of an extensive study of Preacher’s Cave, a Bahamian cave used for shelter by the Eleutherian Adventurers, the first English colonists in the Bahamas, who were shipwrecked on north Eleuthera in 1648. The archaeological team was surprised to discover intact Lucayan-Taino graves within meters of the Eleutherian Adventurers’ cemetery. The project was carried out with a permit and support from the Antiquities, Monuments & Museum Corporation (AMMC), and funded by the Bahamian Ministry of Tourism working toward the goal of establishing Preacher’s Cave as a National Heritage Tourism Park. The picturesque cave is a protected archaeological site that will enhance tourism on Eleuthera and the Bahamas.

Researchers were able to use this tooth to sequence the first complete ancient human genome from the Caribbean. The individual studied was a woman who lived between the 8th and 10th centuries, at least five hundred years before Columbus made landfall in the Bahamas. The results provide unprecedented insights into the genetic makeup of the Lucayan-Taino. This includes the first clear evidence that there has been some degree of continuity between indigenous peoples of the Caribbean and some contemporary communities living in the region today, despite the devastating effects of European colonization. Such a link had previously been suggested by other studies based on modern DNA. None of these, however, was able to draw on the ancient genome. The new research finally provides concrete proof that indigenous ancestry in the region has survived through the present day.

Crucially, researchers found that the Native American component in the genomes of contemporary Puerto Ricans corresponds more closely to the ancient Lucayan-Taino genome than that of any other indigenous group in the Americas. However, they argue that this characteristic is unlikely to be exclusive to Puerto Ricans alone and are convinced that future studies will reveal similar genetic legacies in other Caribbean communities. In Eleuthera, Day and Carr collected numerous oral histories that suggest some residents of The Current are descended from the Lucayan-Taino.

The researchers were also able to trace the genetic origins of the indigenous Caribbean islanders, showing that they were most closely related to Arawakan-speaking groups who live in parts of northern South America today. This suggests that the origins of at least some of the population could be traced back to the Amazon and Orinoco Basins, where Arawakan languages developed, confirming existing arguments based on archaeological evidence of Taino migrations from South America northward through the Antilles.

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Harry A. Karas, Jr. (Professor Emeritus)’s book *The Florida Seminoles and the New Deal, 1933-1942*, has been selected for inclusion in a major national reading initiative *The Florida and the Caribbean Open Book Series.*

Evelyn Bennett continued working on his environmental history of Tampa Bay, which he is to complete before the end of 2018. He also published an essay entitled “Year of Promise: Tobacco Agriculture and the Great War,” in *North Carolina Experience* during the First World War* just published by the University of Tennessee Press. He also presented papers at the Southern Labor Studies Conference, the Agricultural History Society conference, and the meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Professor Bennett taught a new graduate course called America and the Sea; an undergraduate version of the course will be offered in Spring 2019. He directed his second trip to the Everglades for the Florida Connections Freshmen Learning Community. The students had a great time seeing wildlife, handling snakes and alligators, and riding an airboat through the sawgrass.

Dr. Boyd Breslow organized a session and presented a paper on Ralph de Sandwich, Royal Servant to the New College Medieval Studies Conference here at FAU. Her essay, “Women, Conflict, and Inequality in the World,” has also been selected to serve on the Executive Council of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), a position she will hold until the spring term, he was able to begin drafting and revising chapters in addition to completing other projects. In addition, he took part in a conference at Vanderbilt University on Urban Authority, presenting a paper on the symbolic role of Baghdad during the 12th century. Over the coming year, he looks forward to taking part in two international conferences and completing his manuscript on the Mazyadids while also introducing undergraduate and graduate students to the fascinating complexities of Islamic history and cultures from the pre-modern to the modern eras.

Douglas Kanter published a book chapter on “Post-Famile Politics, 1850-79” for *The Cambridge History of Ireland.* He received a Scholarly and Creative Fellowship for the Spring 2018 semester from the College of Arts & Letters, which he used research his study of William Gladstone’s Irish Policy. Dr. Kanter continues to serve as the department’s Graduate Director of Graduate Studies and welcomes inquiries from prospective students.

Patricia Kollander: begins her third year as director of undergraduate studies for the History Department. Last year, she presented papers on the experiences of German and Austrian-Jewish emigres in the U.S. during World War II at the Beyond Camps and Forced Labor Conference in London, UK, and the Jewish Studies Conference here at FAU. Her essay, “German and Austrian Child Emigres in the U.S. and the War against Nazism,” was selected for publication in the conference volume Children and War: Past and Present, Volume II. Her review essay on recent works by Nazi era historians Nathan Stolzfus and Lisa Pine was published in *Spring 2018* in *History: Review of Books,* and a book review for the *Yearbook of German-American Studies.*

Doug McGetchin is working on a co-authored book with Professors Eric Kurlander (Stetson University) and Bernd-Stefan Grewe (Tübingen University, Germany), *A Global History, 1500-present* with Oxford University Press, manuscript due in 2019. He also continues to write his book manuscript “The Boycott or the Bullet: Debates over Nonviolence in Indo-Western Anti-Imperialist Struggles, 1880-1970,” that traces interconnections between networks in Europe, South Asia, and the United States. He is the co-administrator with Professor Joanne Miyang Cho (William Patterson University of New Jersey) of the Asian German Studies Network through the German Studies Association. He also continues to serve as Associate Director for the Jupiter campus in the FAU Peace Justice and Human Rights (PJHR) Initiative. He acted as Master of Ceremonies at the Gandhi Day (Oct. 2, 2018) lecture, hosting Gandhi’s grandson Rajmohan Gandhi at FAU Davie. Through PJHR he has also submitted a grant application with the National Endowment for the Humanities for working with veterans in the community. He was awarded the 2018-2019 Other Lifelong Learning Institute (O3LI) Professorship in Arts and Humanities. He is serving his fourth year as a Faculty Owl Leader with the FAU Wegner Center for LEAD and Service Learning. Doug McGetchin and co-editor Professor Joanne Miyang Cho (William Patterson University of New Jersey) had an edited volume published: *Gendered Encounters between Germany and Asia: Transnational Perspectives Since 1800* (Palgrave, 2017).

Kelly Shannon was recently tenured and promoted to Associate Professor of History. Her first book, *U.S. Foreign Policy and Muslim Women’s Human Rights,* was published by the University of Pennsylvania Press (2018) and has been nominated for several prizes and awards. She is currently working on a new book project on U.S. relations with Iran from 1905-1953. She spent two weeks doing archival research at the Library of Congress in May for her new project, and she presented a related research paper at the 2018 Association for Iranian Studies conference held at the University of California-Irvine in August. On February 25, 2019, she will appear, along with Dr. Angela Nichols (Political Science) and Dr. Annette LaRocco (Political Science), on an FAU Distinguished Lecture Series panel entitled “Women, Conflict, and Inequality in the World.” She has also been elected to serve on the Executive Council of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), a position she will hold from January 2019 through December 2021.

Mark Rose co-edited (with Roger Biles), *The President and American Capitalism Since 1945* (University Press of Florida, 2017), a product of the 2016 Larkin Symposium, and includes an original essay by Rose and Biles. Dr. Rose’s Market Rules: Bankers, Presidents, and the Coming of the Great Recession (University of Pennsylvania Press) appeared in November 2018. Between 2006 and 2018, he served as founder and co-editor of the “American Business, Politics, and Society” book series published by the University of Pennsylvania Press. At the annual Business History Conference, Dr. Rose presented “Deregulation Before Deregulation: James J. Saxon and American Bank Politics, 1963-1966,” and commented at a session. Several colleagues also created a preconference workshop panels on Brexit’s significance for scholars and on publishing books and articles. Mark was an invited participant at the BHC’s Engineering Scholars Networking Hour. He served as a member of the BHC’s executive secretory search committee and commented at a session at the Urban History Association. Dr.’s Rose and Biles submitted two articles to scholarly journals focused on the political economies of Detroit and Chicago, which will also comprise part of a book tentatively titled, “A Good Place to Conduct Business: The Politics of Downtown Renewal Since 1945.”
Amelia W. B. Rosencranz Memorial Lecture: "GI Jews: How World War II Changed a Generation" On March 1, 2018, Deborah Dash Moore, Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professor of History and Judaic Studies, University of Michigan, delivered the Amelia W. B. Rosencranz Memorial Lecture, entitled "GI Jews: How World War II Changed a Generation" at the Wimberley Library. Library Dean Carol Hixon, and Michael Horswell, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, provided introductory remarks to an audience of 60. Dr. Moore's lecture, which highlighted the heretofore unacknowledged role that Jews played in the war effort, was followed by a lively question and answer session, and cocktail reception.


The lecture honored Harold Glasser (1918-2009), a special member of the so-called Greatest Generation who fought during World War II. Born and raised in New York City, Harold experienced antisemitism (as a youth, he was denied admission to the Boy Scouts and to the college of his choice). He nonetheless persevered and secured leadership roles before, during, and after World War II. He became a cadet corps leader and skilled bombardier who flew extremely dangerous missions over Germany. After his discharge, Glasser was a top executive of Kayser-Roth Corporation, and subsequently became president and chairman of the board of the Miss Universe Pageant. The injustices Glasser faced before and during the war compelled him also to engage heavily in public service. He served as mayor of the unincorporated village of Saddle Rock, and chaired the lawyer's division of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).

For his service, he was a two-time recipient of the Human Rights Award bestowed by the ADL. After Glasser's death in 2009, Marny Glasser donated her husband's papers and memorabilia to the FAU Libraries and created the Harold L. Glasser Endowed Lecture, which coincided with the opening of a special Wimberley library exhibition of Mr. Glasser's memorabilia commemorating what would have been his 100th birthday.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR EXAMINES VIETNAM TET OFFENSIVE

John O'Sullivan Memorial Lecture

Nearly 200 students, faculty, and guests from the community were in attendance on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 in the University Theatre as Columbia University Associate Professor Lien-Hang Nguyen presented the 15th Annual John O’Sullivan Memorial Lecture titled “Toward a New History of the Tet Offensive: Spies, Allies, and Murder in Hanoi.” As part of the relationship we have established with the Other Life-long Learning Institute, Professor Nguyen presented the same lecture the following day in Jupiter to more than 70 persons.

Dr. Nguyen is the Dorothy Borg Associate professor in the History of the United States and East Asia at Columbia University where she specializes in the Vietnam War, U.S.-Southeast Asian relations, and the global Cold War. Her work is widely acclaimed as evidenced by several post-doctoral fellowships, numerous awards, and the Stuart L. Bernath Book Prize in 2013 awarded by the Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations. She is currently working on a comprehensive history of the 1968 Tet Offensive for Random House; she is the general editor of the forthcoming "Cambridge History of the Vietnam War" (three volumes), and serves as coeditor of the "Cambridge Studies in U.S. Foreign Relations."

On November 2-3, "Zen Buddhism: Roots and Branches" was held at FAU. The conference examined Zen Buddhism (or Chan Buddhism as it is known in China), which is both a religion and a bodily practice with branches that have spread over the world. Its roots first developed in China during the Tang Dynasty (618-907 CE), and by the 13th century it had spread to Japan, Korea and Vietnam. Today, Zen practice and theory have become prominent also throughout the Western world. This conference provided a forum for research on both the early development and the later spread of Zen.

"We are delighted to explore the history and contemporary expression of Zen together with an international and transdisciplinary group of experts," said Richard Shusterman, Dorothy F. Schmidt Eminent Scholar in the Humanities and director of the Center for Body, Mind and Culture. "It is a special pleasure to collaborate closely on this project with Ken Holloway, FAU’s Leverhorn Chair in Asian Studies and associate director of our Center."

The presentations included both ancient and modern aspects of Zen’s remarkable evolution, dealing with topics such as metaphysics, meditation, liturgy, doctrines of salvation, poetry, poverty, pedagogy and post-enlightenment practice. The Department of History has been an integral part of the Center for Body, Mind and Culture since its founding in 2007, and this marks its 14th international conference.

Peace, Justice and Human Rights (PJHR) Initiative Colloquium Series

Dr. Carl Suddler presented an overview of his forthcoming book, Presumed Criminal: Black Youth and the Justice System in Postwar New York (New York University Press, 2019) on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 as part of the PJHR Colloquium Series. Dr. Suddler situated issues of criminality and its relation to black youth, unfortunate realities of how “race trumps class” when it comes to incarceration, and the longer history of policies and strategies such as stop and frisk that disproportionately targeted communities of color since the first decades of the twentieth century.

Dr. Carl Suddler – American Sports History (AMH4651-001)

In Spring 2018, Dr. Carl Suddler taught an American sports history course that examined sports, thematically, focusing on four themes: nationalism, race, gender, and religion. Course topics included histories of professional sports and collegiate athletics, community building, grassroots protests, and race relations. Over the course of the semester, Dr. Suddler invited guest speakers that included: Adena Jones, sports journalist from Bleacher Report, Derrick White, associate professor of history from Dartmouth College, Tyresa Smith, former WNBA player, and Lane Kiffin, head football coach from
DIPLOMATIC HISTORY COURSE

On October 23, 2018, students in Dr. Kelly Shannon’s AMH 4512: U.S. Diplomatic History course, as well as interested guests, had three Vietnam War veterans visit their class. CDR. Larry Lin (U.S. blue water Navy), CAPT. Sonny Barber (U.S. brown water Navy), and CAPT. William Arcuri (U.S. Air Force and POW) to talk about their experiences in Vietnam during the war. CDR. Lin fascinated students with his service on an aircraft carrier, especially his descriptions of the planes Americans flew during the war and what it took for pilots to take off and land on the ship. CAPT. Barber shared his harrowing experience of having his swift boat destroyed by enemy fire during his service patrolling the rivers of Vietnam. CAPT. Arcuri shared his service in the Air Force during the war, including his captivity in North Vietnam a POW after his plane was shot down. While the students had learned about the diplomatic and political aspects of the war from Dr. Shannon’s course, hearing the veterans’ first hand experiences of what the war was like on the ground really helped the students understand the war from multiple perspectives. As one student commented afterward the speakers really made the war come alive. History Department administrator Zella Linn was instrumental in conceiving and planning this event. Thank you, Zella!

AMBASSADOR ORR’S STRATEGY IN ASIA CLASS

On November 1, 2018 CAPT. Arcuri and Barber, and CDR. Linn returned to FAU and provided Ambassador Orr’s class, American Power and Strategy in the Asian Pacific, with valuable insight into the Vietnam War. In addition to sharing their wartime experiences, the gentleman allotted time for a Q and A session to answer interesting and thought provoking questions posed by the history and political science majors in Ambassador Orr’s class. One noteworthy question inquired about the veterans’ experiences upon their return home to the United States. The America they encountered, the veterans explained, was significantly different from when they had been deployed. They reentered a society filled with anti-war sentiments and protests, but maintained that at the time, their responsibilities rested with completing their jobs as soldiers.

NEW FACULTY BOOK & SPEAKING TOUR

Dr. Kelly J. Shannon’s first book, U.S. Foreign Policy and Muslim Women’s Human Rights was published by the University of Pennsylvania Press in November 2017 as part of the press’s Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights series. The book provides a fresh interpretation of U.S. relations with the Muslim world and, more broadly, U.S. foreign relations history and the history of human rights. Shannon argues that as U.S. attention to the Middle East and other Muslim-majority regions became more focused and sustained, the issue of women’s human rights in Islamic societies was one that Americans gradually identified as vitally important to U.S. foreign policy. Based on an analysis of a wide range of sources – including U.S. government and United Nations documents, oral histories, NGO archival records, news media, scholarly, films and television, and novels – and a wide range of actors – including journalists, academics, activists, NGOs, the public, Muslim women, Islamic fundamentalists, and U.S. policymakers – the book challenges traditional interpretations of U.S. foreign policy that assert the primacy of “hard power” concerns in U.S. decision making. By reframing U.S. – Islamic relations with respect to women’s rights, and revealing faulty assumptions about the drivers of U.S. foreign policy, Shannon sheds new light on U.S. identity and policy creation and alters the standard narratives of the

VIETNAM WAR VETERANS VISIT FAU HISTORY CLASSES

FAU STUDENTS IN AEROSPACE HISTORY COURSE VISIT SIGNATURE FLIGHT SUPPORT AT BOCA RATON AIRPORT

Dr. Barbara Ganson took her aerospace history students over to the Boca Raton Airport to learn about the Civil Air Patrol, what a fixed based operation is, as well as how to preflight an airplane. They also learned about how aircraft technology has changed with regards to Cesna aircraft using her 1965 Cesna 180 and a brand new ($750,000) Cesna 182 with a glass cockpit and less than 200 hours on the engine.

FAU WIMBERLY LIBRARY SHOWCASES WOMEN WITH WINGS IN FLORIDA EXHIBIT & JULIE WANG DISCUSS HER SOLO FLIGHT AROUND THE WORLD

The Wimberly Library exhibit “Women with Wings in Florida,” which ran from March 1 – May 15, 2018 sought to connect people, artifacts, and stories of those individuals who have had an impact on aerospace in the state of Florida. Women in Florida have had a significant impact on the aviation industry from their first flight circa 1913 to winning in the state of Florida. Women in Florida have had a significant impact around the world.

In April 2018, aviator Julie Wang came to speak to Dr. Ganson’s Senior Seminar course in conjunction with the exhibit “Women with Wings in Florida” at the Wimberly Library. Julie Wang shared details about her preparations for her solo flight as the first Chinese woman to accomplish this amazing feat. The West Palm Beach resident departed from Addison, Texas, August 17, 2016 and returned there September 18th, logging almost 24,000 miles and flying primarily above open water. Although she originally is from Beijing, China, she lives locally and completed her flight training in Florida. Wang now flies as First Officer for Silver Airways, which sponsored the library exhibit.

Images: (Above) Dr. Barbara Ganson with her students at Boca Raton Airport (Below) Dr. Barbara Ganson and Julie Wang

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On February 20-21, 2019 FAU’s Department of History will host the annual Alan B. and Charina Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency. Through a generous endowment of the Larkins, each year the symposium brings to the Boca Raton campus a well-known expert on the presidency to present a public lecture, and every third year instead a major scholarly conference on a particular aspect of the American Presidency. The topic for this year’s conference is the Origins of the American Presidency, which looks at the intellectual roots of the early American presidency.

Dr. Caroline Winterer, the Anthony P. Meier Family Professor in the Humanities and Director of the Stanford Humanities Center, will deliver the Keynote Address, “The American Presidency and the Age of Enlightenment.” Wednesday, February 20th at 3:30pm in the Live Oak Pavilion. It will be followed by a book signing and VIP reception at 5:30pm, on the fifth floor of the Wimberly Library, featuring a related exhibit drawn from the Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection.

The following day, Thursday, February 21st, the conference will continue with three panels where international scholars will present papers. The morning panel, European Origins of the American Presidency, will include Professors Blair Worden (Oxford University), Eric Slaughter (University of Chicago), and Max Skjönsberg (University of St. Andrews). In the early afternoon, the panel The Politics of Constitution Making and the Federal Union, features presentations by Professor Jonathan Gienapp (Stanford University), Claire Arcenas (University of Montana), and Daniel Hulsebosch (NYU Law School), while Professors Lindsay Chernvsky (Southern Methodist University), François Brunersteng (John Hopkins University), and Rosemarie Zagarri (George Mason University) present at the second, later panel, Implementing an Ideal: Political Theory and Practice among the Early Presidents.

Conference papers will later be revised into essays to be included in a book-length volume on the conference theme to be published the following year. Previous Larkin Symposia have resulted in the books: The President and American Capitalism since 1945 (2017), The War Worth Fighting: Abraham Lincoln’s Presidency and Civil War America (2015), Winning While Losing: Civil Rights, the Conservative Movement, and the Presidency from Nixon to Obama (2014), and Selling War in a Media Age: The Presidency and Public Opinion in the American Century (2010). A ticket for both days costs $35, and $60 with the VIP reception included. Tickets are $25 for the second day only.

Faculty, staff and alumni tickets are $10, and students attend for free. Tickets may be purchased online at www.luevents.com. For more information visit www.fau.edu/larkin or contact Program Outreach, students in the FAU School of Communication and Multimedia Studies were invited to be on stage with Mr. Robinson for a luncheon that talked about the business of running a college newspaper. Managing Editor of the University Press, Katrina Scales also had the chance to interview Mr. Robinson, who, when asked how should reporters deal with the effects of having a president who is dismissive of the press especially when the country seems to trust the mass media less than ever, responded: “I was in college in the Nixon years and there was a very contentious relationship between the press and the presidency then. But it was different, it wasn’t quite the way it is now. Back then, if they wanted to get a message out, they had to come through the media and President Trump doesn’t need us to get a message out. It allows him to get his pure message to millions and millions of people and then of course we, because he is the president of the U.S. and whatever he says is by definition important, we then amplify that message by covering his tweets. I certainly don’t have any illusions that we’ll ever go back to the way things used to be. And that’s OK. We should always feel we have to prove ourselves. In that sense, I don’t mind that people view us with skepticism. I mean, it’s our job to view the world with skepticism so why should we be exempt from that?”
I understand how to navigate and analyze reputable sources, even if I lack background knowledge on a particular subject. This allows me to approach a variety of fields, even those outside of history. A degree in history will provide one with the research skills to understand the present is to study history. This important lesson is why I study History in pursuit of my career goal of entering the realm of academia. What do you enjoy about it?: I enjoy exploring past events that explain why I experience, whether that means studying colonial conquest to help explain why a place that I may be in is under the jurisdiction of a particular state or studying immigration to help explain why I can access certain types of cuisine. How will you choose to use it?: Although I plan on entering a Political Science graduate program with a focus in the field of border studies, having a background in History will help ground my thinking in historical context and will strengthen my qualitative research skills.

Biggest Challenge: My biggest challenge has been to get enough sleep and feel like a functional human being while at FAU. Goal: My goal is to become a border studies scholar and combine research and real-life activism to hopefully impact government policy in such a way that combats inequality and upholds human rights. Favorite book: Shadows of the Pomegranate Tree by Tariq Ali, The Devil's Highway: A True Story by Luis Alberto Urrea, The Devil's Highway: A True Story by Luis Alberto Urrea, Proclamation of the Republic of Panama: A True Story by Luis Alberto Urrea, and Violent Borders: Refugees and the Right to Move by Reene Jones.

Personal: Music is fun and incredibly important for understanding other people and places. One of my hobbies is finding and listening to many kinds of music, ranging from James Brown-inspired funk in Morocco to mixes of electronic dance music and the music of indigenous groups in the United States.

Jeffrey Colman-Cormier, Major: History; Political Science; Minor in Arabic language

Current Status: Senior

Alumni Profiles

Andrea Schwab, Major: History; Degree: M.A.

Current Status: work as a high school teacher at Donna Klein Jewish Academy. There, I will be teaching several history courses in addition to AP Environmental Science.

First Job: At fourteen years old, Cici's Pizza hired me to be a Guest Greeter. I did everything from filling up salad bars to bussing tables; the job was demanding, but it was foundational for my current work ethic, and taught me the importance of teamwork. I worked at Cici's Pizza all throughout high school, and even some summers during college.

Biggest Challenge: As I begin my teaching career, I have learned how adaptive one has to be in such a rapidly changing environment. Both technology and current politics constantly reconfigure how educators can approach their content, and how they can better engage their students. One of the biggest challenges I have faced is just that: learning how to reach the various types of students I have, and how to best use technology to encourage my students to think more critically.

Best FAU Memory: It is difficult to pick just one, the History Department at FAU gave me so many experiences and opportunities. Working as a Teaching Assistant was my first experience in the classroom, and gave me the confidence to further pursue education after graduation. In addition to the professional development being a TA offered, I also met wonderful colleagues, many I still keep in touch with (and work with) to this day.

Why did you major in History?: Originally, I went to college to study Pharmacology. I, however, always felt I gained more knowledge from my history electives. Aside from my long-standing impressed interest in History, I chose to major in History as it was one of the few fields that takes such an interdisciplinary approach to essentially all facets of our surroundings. History is intriguing for its all-encompassing nature; one can study anything from the development of ancient aquifers to the shifting nature of virtual financing.

What did you enjoy about it?: I enjoyed the endless possibilities of research that could be done. History makes you appreciate just how much humanity does not know of its own existence, and the freedom I had to explore so many different avenues was pivotal. The History Department at FAU offered a variety of courses in which I was able to research a range of subjects, everything from the politics of animal recreation to the changing Greco-Roman symbolism during the French Revolution.

What do you consider the value of a history degree?: A degree in history will provide one with the research skills to approach a variety of fields, even those outside of history. Even if I lack background knowledge on a particular subject, I understand how to navigate and analyze reputable sources, and how to organize that information in an effective manner. How are you using the history degree?: What role did the Department of History play in your career?: Today, I use my history degree not only to teach students foundational content, but also to educate them on making connections between historical developments and their other classes. It is critical that students can think of their surroundings in a more analytical manner, and understand how their different subjects are connected. I am able to use the research skills I garnered to assist students in a plethora of subjects, including Biology and Latin.

The Department of History gave me the research skills, professional networks, and leadership opportunities to be successful after graduation. The colleagues and faculty I met at FAU assisted me in transitioning to the classroom, and eventually into Donna Klein Jewish Academy itself. The Department of History also encouraged students to attend at academic conferences, including: the Florida Conference of Historians, The World History Association, The Southeast World History Association, and the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conferences. The FAU History Department became a mainstay at the Florida Conference of Historians, and recently, they published articles from two FAU graduates (myself and Rhonda Cifone). Not only did the Department pave the way for successful conference presentations, but they also gave me the opportunity to lead and organize our students in getting there. With the assistance of my colleagues and the Department, we were able to send students to give over 22 presentations at various conferences during my tenure there.

Truly, I am grateful for having been allowed to pursue so many different opportunities during my education. With the encouragement of Dr. Logan and Dr. Kantor, I learned more about the larger FAU community, and how the History Department could be more involved. As a way to establish better communication between the History Department and the Graduate College, Rhonda Cifone and I established the Graduate History Club @ FAU, which gave leadership opportunities to graduate students within the department. I also became President of Phi Alpha Theta, and pursued an aggressive fundraising plan to send more History students to conferences around the country. The Department of History entrusted me to represent them as a student liaison for the FAU community, and allowed me to learn about academia from the bureaucratic side. One of the most tangible impacts the History Department had was the establishment of #FAUStartingGrads, an interdepartmental coalition of graduate students who worked towards achieving increased wages and health insurance for TAs. With the support and encouragement of the Department, these efforts culminated in peaceful protests, several meetings with the President and the Provost of FAU, and a one-time bonus awarded to TAs in December of 2016. None of these events would have been possible without the networks, research skills, and support I gained through the History Department, as the research gathered continues to inform students today.

Favorite Book: The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck has been a favorite of mine since senior year of high school. The underlying message about the importance of education and independent thought is one that has stayed with me throughout my career.

Personal: I graduated from FAU with a B.A. in Classical Civilizations in May 2013. Shortly before graduating, I solidified my choice to attend FAU and work as a TA. I began at FAU in August 2013, unsure if I was capable of making it through the whole program. Graduate school was one of the few fields that takes such challenges I faced, but it was the most rewarding. My experiences at FAU helped to shape my ideals and how I perceived the world around me, and in some ways, it topped my worldview entirely. In October 2016, I defended my master’s thesis, which examined the cinematic portrayal of ancient Roman women, and graduated with my M.A. in December 2016. Since then, I have worked as both an administrator and an educator for private schools. I spend much of my spare time training for marathons, reading Stephen King novels, and working on my art.
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