

Enrollment (Fall 2015)

PhD: 53 Students

MA: 13 Students in coursework, 25+ in thesis writing

The Department of History is currently tied as the second largest Ph.D. program on campus, with 53 students. Our departmental reputation attracts students from across the country and the globe.

- We have the third best placement rate nationally for all history programs.
- 93 percent of all graduates within the last decade have found full-time employment, with 82 percent of them in tenure-track positions at institutions such as Iowa State, Kansas State, Oklahoma State, Minnesota State, Coastal Carolina, Georgia Southern, and the University of Central Arkansas.

PhDs Awarded:

Amanda Ford, "The Decolonization of Christianity in Colonial Kenya" (Benjamin Grob-Fitzgibbon)

Justin Gage, "Intertribal Communication, Literacy, and the Spread of the Ghost Dance" (Beth Schweiger and Elliott West)

Rebecca Howard, "Civil War Unionists and their Legacy in the Arkansas Ozarks" (Jeannie Whayne)

Blake Duffield "The Grey Men of Empire: Framing Britain's Official Mind, 1854-1934" (Benjamin Grob-Fitzgibbon)

Brian Hurley, "Walking in American History: How Long Distance Foot Travel Shaped Views of Nature and Society in Early Modern America" (Elliott West)

Aaron Moulton, "Guatemalan Exiles, Caribbean Basin Dictators, Operation PBFORTUNE, and the Transnational Counter-Revolution against the Guatemalan Revolution, 1944-1952" (Alessandro Brogi)

Placement of Doctoral Graduates

Bianca Rowlett accepted a tenure-track position in history at University of South Carolina-Sumter for Fall 2016

Amanda Ford left the department mid-year to accept a tenure-track position at Carson-Newman University for Spring 2016

Blake Duffield accepted a tenure-track position in history at Central Baptist College for Summer 2016

Rebecca Howard accepted a tenure-track position in history at Lone Star Community College for Fall 2016

MA Awarded

Stuart Bailey, “Volkswagen and Volkswagen: The Concept, the Car, and the Company in four Germanies and the United States” (Laurence Hare)

Airic Hughes, “A Light in Darkness, Oscar Micheaux: Entrepreneur, Intellectual, Agitator” (Calvin White)

Karl Krotke, “The Growth of the Russian Orthodox Church in America: Influences during the Tenure of Bishop Tikhon” (Tricia Starks)

Anna Crayton, “John Paul Hammerschmidt and the Early Struggle for the Construction of Interstate 44” (Jeannie Whayne)

Chadwick Totty, “The Way of the Gods: The Development of Shinto Nationalism in Early Modern Japan” (Elizabeth Markham)

Max Brinson, “A Watchman on the Walls: Ezekiel and Reaction to Invasion in Anglo-Saxon England” (Joshua Smith--English)

Xun Yang “The Principle of Dong Zhongshu’s Omen Discourse and Wang Chong’s Criticism of Heaven’s Reprimand in the Chapter “Qian Gao” (Liang Cai)

Students who entered Candidacy:

Anne Marie Martin, Baris Basturk, Jason Phillips, Daniel Fischer, and Rebekah McMillan

Notable Accomplishments:

Misti Harper, ABD, won the highly competitive Fulbright College Dissertation Research Award (\$5,000) to support her dissertation “And They Entered as Ladies: When Race, Class, and Black Femininity Clashed at Central High School,” directed by Dr. Calvin White

Rebecca Howard, PhD, received the James L. Foster and Billy W. Beason Award for her outstanding contribution to Arkansas History for the best dissertation, “Civil War Unionists and their Legacy in the Arkansas Ozarks” directed by Professor Jeannie Whayne

Chelsea Hodge, PhD Student, received the Susie Pryor Award in Arkansas Women’s History for the best unpublished essay on Arkansas women’s history by the Arkansas Women’s History Institute

Arley Ward, PhD Student, received a research grant from the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library to support research on an article “Articles of Segregation: Westbrook Pegler and Fair Enough.” He also won the Graduate School’s Three Minute Thesis Competition for Fulbright College!

Aaron Moulton, PhD, won the Sturgis Leavitt Award for the best article on a Latin American or Iberian subject from the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies for his 2015 *Cold War*

History article “Building their own Cold War in their own Backyard: The Transnational, International Conflicts in the Greater Caribbean Basin, 1944-1954”

Chad Totty, MA, was selected to participate in the Japanese Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program next year, a program operated by the Japanese government that recruits native English speakers to work in Japanese schools.

Michael Bohlen, PhD Student, was just selected to attend the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar “On Native Grounds: Studies of Native American Histories and the Land” at the Library of Congress in June. Bohlen and sixteen other scholars will be working closely with prominent historians Ned Blackhawk, Kathleen DuVal, and Daniel Richter, among others, with the goal of integrating groundbreaking research into his own teaching and research. Bohlen was one of only three graduate students selected for this program.

Rebekah McMillan, ABD, was awarded a travel grant from the Central European History Society to conduct research this summer at the Nordrhein-Westfalen Landesarchiv in Düsseldorf, the Stadtarchive in Wuppertal, and the Landesarchiv in Berlin.

Bethany Henry, PhD Student, was awarded a \$3,000 Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship from the Social Science Research Council to support her dissertation project “The Crisis of Tribal Identity, Race, and Citizenship: The Case of Afro-Cherokees.” She was also elected as the President of the Arkansas Trail of Tears Association and to the Board of Directors of the Heritage Trail Partners Association.

Michelle (Scout) Johnson, PhD Student, served as the Speaker of the University’s Graduate Student Congress this year.