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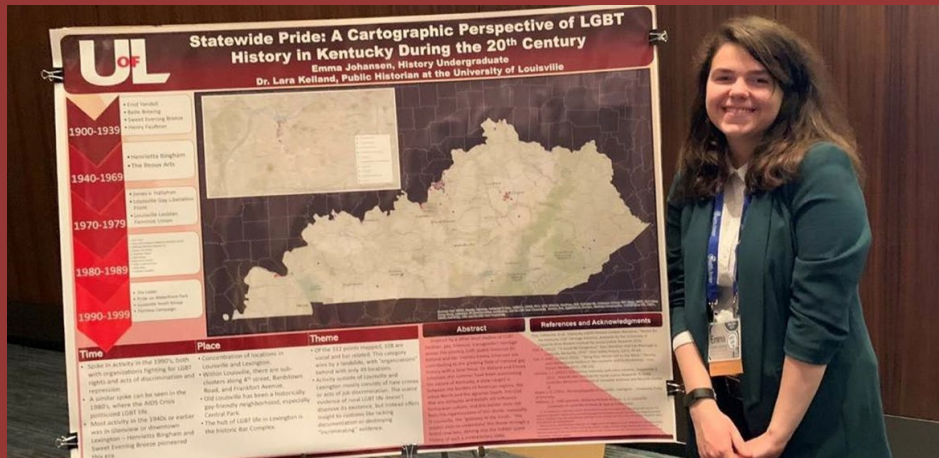
Dear Alumni, Students, and Colleagues,

As the 2020-2021 school year comes to a close, I know I am not the only one breathing a sigh of relief. The challenges posed by the Covid outbreak to the University and Department have been tremendous as we all worked to have classes in a safe but still intellectually satisfying way. We were not able to offer many of the events and activities that provide enrichment for our students and community. Most important, many of our faculty and students struggled personally, either suffering from the virus themselves or caring for loved ones who got sick. As this newsletter shows, we were able to forge ahead. I'm proud of the quality teaching and research our faculty were able to do, while being extra understanding of the hurdles our students faced. I'm even more impressed with the perseverance of our majors and some of their accomplishments, noted on the following pages. We are all hoping with the vaccines (get yours!), we will be able to have a "more normal" year in 2021-22. I will sign off by passing the baton to incoming chair, Dr. Christine Ehrick. Have a nice summer everyone. You earned a break!

Sincerely,
Blake Beattie



Student News: Undergraduate



Awards:

Emma Johansen: Mary K. Tachau Award for best graduating major.

Emma Johansen: Best College Honors Thesis in the Social Sciences Division.

Abigail Posey: Phi Beta Kappa Association of Kentuckiana's Outstanding Graduate for the 2021 Class at University of Louisville.

Abigail Posey: UofL Honors Program Outstanding Graduate Award

Abigail Posey: Pan African Studies Department Nancy Pollock Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student

Honors Theses:

Emma Johansen, "Land Lines: Modes of Communication in Kentucky's Queer Past and Present."

Alexandra Michalak, "I Love Judges: Modernization of the United States Supreme Court during the Tenure of Chief Justice William H. Taft."

Arabella Paulovich, "Land Use Policy and the Conservation Movement, 1890-1920."

Abigail Posey, "'At the Peril of Our Lives': Race, Citizenship, and Philadelphia's 1793 Yellow Fever Epidemic".

Hannah White, "Attracted by the Light but Repelled by the Heat: The Final Years of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) and the Turn to the New Communist Movement in the South."

Molly Bilz, "Positive Rhetoric, Prejudiced Policy: The Contradiction of Islamophobia in American Government after 9/11

Student News: Undergraduate

Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society:

Despite the pandemic shut-down, Phi Alpha Theta still had an active and productive year. Following the national office's advice to work remotely, chapter president Emma Johansen set up ways for our members to stay connected virtually and to increase PAT's presence in the public sphere through Discord and social media. All chapter meetings were held online, and in January PAT hosted a virtual screening of historical narrative movies made by UofL students. The department's chapter also helped to sponsor the Gottschalk Lecture in March, and several members enjoyed the opportunity to attend an informal meeting with speaker Ellen DuBois. The chapter honored Black History and Women's History months by watching and discussing, "Harriet", and brainstormed ways to support racial and gender equity on campus and in Louisville. At the end of March, PAT members elected a new President, Hayden Harris, and Vice President, Caitlin Hogue. Finally, ten new members will be initiated in May.

New PAT members (to be 'initiated' in Spring 2021):

- Shawn Croutcher
- Mekenzie Davis
- Emma Donaghy
- Hannah Marie Frierson
- Hayden Harris
- Derek Hemmen
- Hayden Hubbuch
- Travis Kaelin
- Jennifer Mitchell
- Sydney Webster



Student News: Undergraduate

Summer 2020 Graduates

Collin Britt

Troy Buss

Chantz Duncan

Arty El-Amin-Penney

Joseph Green

Christopher Kays

Joseph Klein

Cole Travis

Fall 2020 Graduates:

Caleb Childers

Michael Longfellow

Daniel McWhorter

Eric Meyer

Daniel Sklarzewski

Tory Zakarian

Spring 2021 Graduates

Jacob Anderson

Kaylee Arnett

Jaylen Asher

Brandon Attaway

Molly Bilz

Kevin Bradley

Mekenzie Davis

Grant Deetch

Jakob Denney

Shanay Hassman

Derek Hemmen

Joseph Hooker

William Howard

Emma Johansen

Jessica Johnson

Jacob Jones

Alec Kleiner

Kyle Landis

Robert Lawniczak

Jacob Norman

Madilyn Nuxull

Arabella Paulovich

Zachary Pennington

Austin Pollard

Abigail Posey

Sawyer Redden

Jordan Torres

Xiao Wang

Lucy Wedding

Hannah White



Student News: Graduate

Spring and Summer 2020 Graduates:

Carol Bolton Easterly (K'Meyer): "Radical Renewal: The Sisters of Loretto, Nouvelle Théologie, and the Second Vatican Council." Museums Programs Coordinator for the Kentucky Historical Society.

Joseph Maraschiello (Mackey): Exam on Civil War-era medicine. Social Studies teacher at Pitt Academy in Louisville.

Howard Muncy (Mackey), "A Forgotten Shade of Blue: Support for the Union and the Constitutional Republic in Southeastern Kentucky during the Civil War Era." Recipient of the Dean's Citation and the 2020 Graduate Student Award for the Department of History. Lecturer in Politics at Princeton University.

Olivia Raymond (Ehrick and Fleming): "Dixieland Crusaders: Mass Media, the Ku Klux Klan, and the Optics of Populism, 1970-1979." Student in the PhD program in Pan African Studies.

Spring 2021 Graduates:

Sam Dunn (Crothers): "'The Only Prize Worth Contending For': A History of Eckstein Norton University and the Industrial Model of Education in Kentucky." Recipient of the Graduate Student Award for the Department of History. Digital archivist for the Sons of the American Revolution in Louisville.

Michael Reikes (Beattie): Exam on Chivalry in the Medieval romantic tradition.

Public History Certificate 2020-2021 Graduates:

Eric Shoemaker: PhD student in the Humanities, UofL.

Ash Braunecker: LSS Holdings, Louisville.



Congratulations!

Alumni News:

Jami McCoy Allen (BA 2000, MA 2002) has earned the 2020 Kentucky History Teacher of the Year Award for her work at Eastern High School, Louisville.



Joanna Federico (MA 2018) is currently a Phd student in History at Rutgers University. Her research on the history of mass school shootings was featured in the *Washington Post*'s Made by History column.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/10/18/>

Chris Herde (MA 2019) is completing a second MA in Medieval History at York University and in the Fall will begin a Phd program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jacob Lee (MA 2005) has been awarded the Midwestern History Association's 2019 John Gjerde Prize for his first book, *Masters of the Middle Waters: Indian Nations and Colonial Ambitions along the Mississippi* (Belknap/Harvard University Press, 2019).

Howard Muncy (MA 2020) is a lecturer in Politics at Princeton University. Previously, he taught for nearly twenty years at the secondary level, won the James Madison Memorial Fellowship in 2016, and served as President for the Kentucky Association of the Teachers of History (KATH) in 2017.





Olivia Raymond (MA 2020) continues to work at the publishing house she founded in 2016, Aurelia Leo (<https://aureliabookcafe.com/aurelia-leo>)

Brandon Riddle (BA 2006) has won the Kentucky Council for the Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award for 2020 for his work at Seneca High School, Louisville



Events:


THE GOTTSCHALK LECTURE PRESENTS



Tuesday, March 9, 6-7 PM
This virtual lecture will be hosted as a webinar by the **Filson Historical Society**.

The event is **FREE** and open to the public, but pre-registration is required:
<https://www.simpletix.com/e/Suffrage-Women-s-Long-Battle-for-the-Vote-Tickets-63512>
Sponsored by the University of Louisville Department of History, the Commonwealth Center for the Humanities and Society, the Women's Center, the Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and Phi Alpha Theta.

Phi Alpha Theta presents
History in Movies
Thursday, January 28, 6-7 PM



Join us for an informal virtual screening of historical narrative shorts made by UofL students during the pandemic. The screening will be followed by a Q & A with the filmmakers.

The screening will be held via Blackboard Collaborate Ultra. You can join using the following link:
<https://tinyurl.com/UofLHistoryfilm>

Note: Blackboard Collaborate works best with Chrome or Firefox as your browser.

For questions, please email Dr. Devlin: rebecca.devlin@louisville.edu

The pandemic shut down kept things quiet on campus, but the History Department and its faculty were able to host and participate in a number of virtual public events over the course of the year. A sample of those events includes:

September 2020: Dr Jennifer Westerfeld presented her research on 18th century French Jesuit Missionary Claude Sicard as part of a Premodern Studies Program series at the Newberry Library.

November 2020: Adjunct Professor Daniel Gifford was featured on NPR's Academic Minute of the Week speaking about the history of declining or disappeared industries.

January 2021: Dr. Rebecca Devlin's students presented a series of short works as part of the first UofL Department of History Student Film Festival

March 2021: Dr. Glenn Crothers organized the annual Gottschalk Lecture in cooperation with the Filson Historical Society, featuring Dr. Ellen Dubois of the University of California, Los Angeles speaking on "Suffrage: Women's Long Battle for the Vote."

April 2021: Dr. Tracy K'Meyer and MA candidate Rebecca Wishnevski presented "60 Years in the Park: An Oral History of the Kentucky Shakespeare Company" at the Commonwealth Center for Humanities and Society's Meet the Professor program.

Public History: Class Projects

History of Radio Podcasts:

Dr. Christine Ehrick's HIST 530: History of Radio class had the option of making podcasts based on their research papers. These podcasts were broadcast on WXOX, a local community radio station. Examples include history major Colin Britt (on radio and the Vietnam War) and Emma Johannsen (on the links between radio and spiritualism and the paranormal). http://louisville.edu/history/public-history/student-projects?fbclid=IwAR3x54RA21Fl_BPQxDdb5FcWJPdutqH-0hJ_xD98_69SITvXx6v39N0FatQ

Women's Activism in Louisville:

Dr. Katherine Massoth's HIST 324: History of Women in the United States students commemorated the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment by designing a public history project that analyzes women's activism in Louisville's social and political movements.

<https://thedigitalhumanitiescollective.com/womensactivismwomenshistory2020/>

60 Years in the Park: An Oral History of Kentucky Shakespeare:

Dr. Tracy K'Meyer and four students in a joint independent study conducted oral history interviews with cast and crew of the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival to commemorate the 60th year of free Shakespeare in Central Park. The interviews have been used in Kentucky Shakespeare's anniversary film:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Sl_rPcpyBM

The Louisville Movement for Black Lives:

Dr. Glenn's Crothers's HIST 597/697: Introduction to Public History Seminar conducted oral history interviews with participants in the local demonstrations demanding justice for Breonna Taylor and George Floyd. These interviews have been donated to the University Archives.



Public History: Selected 2020-2021 Internships



Olivia Beutel: Oral History Center, University of Louisville Archives

Troy Buss: Oral History Center, University of Louisville Archives

Nicole Clay: Frazier History Museum Department of Education

Caroline Dew: Farmington Historical Plantation

Chelsea Giovacchino: Filson Historical Society

Jonathan Hardy: Kentucky Historical Society's Civil War Governor's of Kentucky Project

Jordan Klinger: Arizona State University's Journal of a Plague Year Project

Abigail Posey, Library Company of Philadelphia

Emily Tingle, Oral History Center, University of Louisville Archives

Chad White: Kentucky Historical Society's Civil War Governor's of Kentucky Project

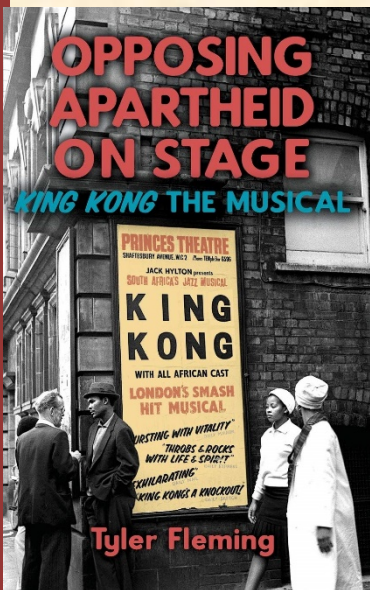
Rebecca Wishnevski: Kentucky Shakespeare Company Oral History Project

Faculty News:

Brad Bowman published his first monograph, *Christian Monastic Life in Early Islam* (Edinburgh University Press, 2021).

Mark Blum published *The Metahistory of Western Knowledge in the Modern Era: Four Evolving Metaparadigms, 1648 to Present* (Cambridge University Press, 2021)

Christine Ehrick completed “Ethereal Gender: Thoughts on the History of Radio and Women’s Voices,” which will be included in the *Routledge Companion of Radio Studies* in 2021. In addition, a Spanish translation of her second book (*Radio and the Gendered Soundscape: Women and Radio in Argentina and Uruguay, 1930-1950*, Cambridge 2015) will be published in Argentina by Prometeo Libros in 2021.



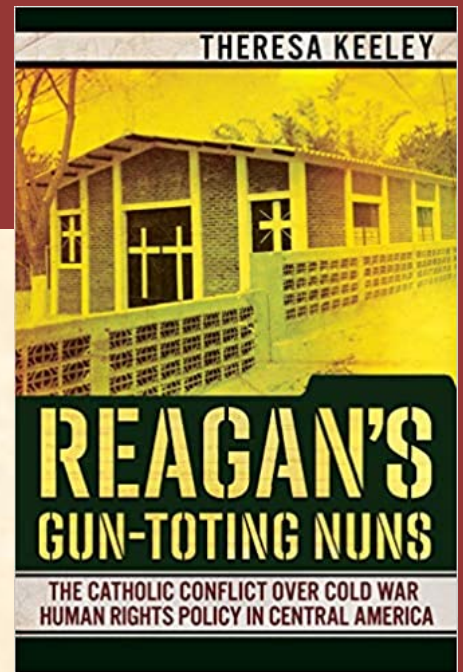
Tyler Fleming published *Opposing Apartheid on Stage: King Kong the Musical* (University of Rochester Press, 2020), the story of an interracial jazz opera that took apartheid South Africa by storm and marked a turning point in the nation's cultural history. Dr. Fleming has also joined the Board of Directors for both Locust Grove and the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage, strengthening the department’s ties to local historical institutions.

Elise Franklin published “Defining Family, Delimiting Belonging: Algerian Migration after the End of Empire” in *Gender & History*.

Faculty News:

Terri Keeley published *Reagan's Gun-Toting Nuns: The Catholic Conflict over Cold War Human Rights Policy in Central America* (Cornell University Press, 2020), which won the 2020 Juan E. Méndez Book Award for Human Rights in Latin America.

Dr. Keeley also published an op-ed in the *Washington Post*, "Joe Biden's Harshest Critics are Likely to Be Some of His Fellow Catholics," in November 2020.



Daniel Krebs has spent the year teaching at the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he has offered courses in "War, Policy and National Security," and "War and Captivity," the latter based on his own research. He has also published a co-edited volume, *Useful Captives: The Role of POWs in American Military Conflicts*, with Lorien Foote of Texas A&M University (University Press of Kansas, 2021).

Thomas Mackey published *Opposing Lincoln: Clement L. Vallandigham, Presidential Power, and the Legal Battle over Dissent in Wartime* (University Press of Kansas, 2020).

Chaz Yingling published "Slave Hounds and Abolition in the Americas" (co-authored) in *Past and Present*. The abstract circulated to 1.3 million Twitter users. It was selected by Oxford University Press for their "Best of History 2020" collection.

And on a lighter note: The History Department congratulates Professors Franklin, Krebs, and Yingling—all of whom welcomed a new baby to their families during the past year!!

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