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FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

If you're in search of fun and engaging history-related activities, keep reading this newsletter. You might have heard that last week the history department joined with the UMKC Alumni Association to host Trivia Night at the West Bottoms. This fun-filled event was incredibly successful and a total blast. All had a great time including history faculty, alumni, and a great variety of attendees from throughout the community. We hope to do it again.

Don't miss the [School of Humanities and Social Sciences Student Showcase](#) on April 21st. There will be many events taking place including a campus tour, a UMKC alumni panel, and a discussion by Freedom Riders of their civil rights activism. There will also be free ice cream. Be sure to visit the poster presentations from 2:00-3:00pm where you can interact with students and hear them explain what they have learned as researchers and interns.



You are invited to attend another event, The History Department Research Symposium, that will highlight the best and brightest history students at UMKC. They will talk about their research and internship experiences on May 12th in Cockefair Hall from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. We invite any and all members of the campus and community to attend.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS JISUNG!

Jisung Lee (I.Ph.D. History/English) was the recent recipient of the *Lynn and Kristen Marrow Missouri History Student Prize* for his paper entitled, "The Abandoned West: The First Year of the Western Sanitary Commission, 1861 to 1862." Lee was presented with the award at the 65th Annual Missouri Conference on History which was held March 15-17, 2023, in Springfield, MO.

This prize, awarded annually, is a \$175 prize for the best student paper on an aspect of Missouri history that is presented at the conference.



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY PROVIDES DIGITAL HUMANITIES EXPERIENCE FOR HISTORY STUDENT

Katherine "Katy" Anielak (MA History) has spent the past semester working with Dr. David Trowbridge to develop *Kansas City Women's History Trail* content for [Clio](#), a free mobile app that connects the public to thousands of historical and cultural sites throughout the United States virtually. This internship provided Anielak, who has experience with creating physical museum exhibits, with a unique opportunity to utilize her research and museum skills to create digital content for a broader audience.

Read the full UMKC news article [here](#).



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY PROVIDES HANDS-ON SKILLS FOR HISTORY STUDENT

Molly Sloan (BA History) has spent the past semester working at the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum in Gladstone, MO, under the supervision of Marye Newman, museum staff member. Sloan is gaining hands-on experience working within a museum setting and she is developing skillsets in museum collections management, exhibit research and design, public outreach and programming, providing guided tours, K-12 educational programming, and event planning and fundraising. Essential skills for anyone interested in working in a museum, historic site, or non-profit.



Molly Sloan Internship Spotlight.pdf

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HISTORY STUDENT RECEIVES THE MARTHA JANE STARR LIBRARY RESEARCH AWARD

The Department of History is proud to announce that Jessica Sapien (MA Public History) has won the *2023 Martha Jane Starr Library Research Award* from the UMKC Libraries! Her project entitled “El Amor de una Madre: Feminism, Motherhood, and the Socio-Political Power of Zine-Making,” examines how Chicanas in Texas have used self-published zines to create dialogues on motherhood and social justice while cultivating a uniquely feminist community through the process. With funds from the Starr Award, Jessica traveled to San Antonio this week to conduct archival research at the University of Texas San Antonio and interview Chicana zine creators. This project is part of Jessica’s MA Public History Capstone and is under the direction of Dr. Enríquez.

Please join us in congratulating Jessica on this fantastic achievement!



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

ANNUAL FACULTY RECOGNITION EVENT, "LEADERS IN LEARNING"

Back in December 2022, the Department announced that Dr. Massimiliano Vitiello, was one of two UMKC faculty named Curators' Distinguished Professor by the University of Missouri Board of Curators. This is the highest and most prestigious academic rank awarded by the Board of Curators. It is given to a select few outstanding scholars with established reputations.

On April 4, 2023, the Annual Faculty Recognition Event, "*Leaders in Learning*" was held where Dr. Vitiello was formally introduced as a University of Missouri Curators' Distinguished Professor.

Join the Department of History in congratulating Dr. Vitiello on this highest achievement!



ADJUNCT SPOTLIGHT

MATTHEW HARRIS BRITTINGHAM

One of our Adjunct Professors, Matthew Harris Brittingham, has successfully defended his dissertation and will be graduating this spring (May 2023) with a PhD in Religion from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

His dissertation, entitled "'No Heart for Faith': Depicting Freethinkers and Debating Freethought in the American Yiddish Press (1880s-1920s)," analyzes how an array of Jewish immigrant journalists discussed religion and secularism as they adapted to America's religious context and as they confronted the dramatic events of the age, including antisemitic

violence, revolution, and global conflict. His committee passed his dissertation with distinction, and he will also graduate with a Certificate in Jewish Studies.

The newly minted Dr. Brittingham would like to thank the faculty and staff at UMKC's Department of History for their support during his candidacy.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

AUSTIN WILLIAMS (IPH.D. 2021)

We are very proud to announce that Dr. Austin Williams won this year's John D'Emilio LGBTQ History Dissertation Award from the [Organization of American Historians](#)!

Dr. William's dissertation, "The Ordinance Project: Commemorating Kansas City's LGBTQ Landmark Legislation," chronicles activists' efforts to pass a municipal nondiscrimination ordinance that would protect people on account of their sexual orientation and HIV status in the late 1980s and early 1990s. While his dissertation offers new insight into LGBTQ and AIDS activism and U.S. History, Dr. Williams' work also commemorated these efforts through several public history projects, including a documentary, public programming, and an exhibit. Dr. Williams completed his dissertation in December 2021 under the direction of Dr. Sandra Enríquez and Dr. Donna Davis (Education, Co-Discipline Co-Chair). His IPhD committee included Dr. Becky Davis, Dr. Jennifer Friend (then at Rockhurst University), and Dr. Katie Batza (KU). Please join us in congratulating Dr. Williams on this outstanding recognition.

Learn more about Dr. Williams' documentary "The Ordinance Project" at <https://libweb.umkc.edu/glama/ordinance-project>.



UPDATES AND REMINDERS

HISTORY DEPARTMENT BROWN BAG LUNCH

Looking for a place to hangout for lunch? The Department of History is hosting a weekly Brown Bag Lunch on **Wednesdays from 12:00-1:00pm** in Cockefair Hall room 215.

Department faculty and students are invited to bring their lunch and hang-out for an hour in an informal, non-obligatory chance to convene and enjoy conversations.

The best part, if you eat lunch earlier in the day, no worries, come hangout anyways!

HISTORY HANGOUT THURSDAYS

Join the History Club every Thursday from 4:00-6:00pm in the History Student Lounge (206 Cockefair Hall). Come hangout with fellow students and faculty for a relaxing evening!

SUMMER AND FALL 2023 HISTORY ELECTIVES

Check-out the exciting course offerings from the Department of History for Summer and Fall 2023 (see the below flyers).



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SS23 Course Elective Spotlight: African American History Since 1877.pdf

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FALL 2023 History Electives.pdf

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FS23 Course Elective Spotlight: Empire and Capitalism in the Modern Middle East (c. 1798-2023)

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FS23 Course Elective Spotlight: History of UMKC.pdf

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UPCOMING EVENTS



MEET & GREET

HOSTED BY
UMKC
Department of History

When
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023
FROM 4:00-6:00PM

Where
HISTORY STUDENT LOUNGE
206 COCKEFAIR HALL



Pizza provided by the Graduate Student Council.
Beverages provided by the Department of History.

THEY WERE PREPARED TO RISK IT
ALL: FREEDOM RIDES OF 1961

**20
APRIL**

12:00-1:30pm
Kauffman Center
Brookside Room
4801 Rockhill Rd.
Kansas City, MO 64110

FREEDOM RIDERS PANEL

**21
APRIL**

6:00-7:30pm
Pierson Auditorium
Atterbury Student
Success Center, UMKC
5000 Holmes St., Kansas
City, MO 64110



Join us for a discussion among four Freedom Riders — Dion Diamond, Joan Browning, Dr. Lenora Taitt-Magubane, and Dr. Bernard LaFayette Jr. — as they speak about their experiences challenging segregation across the American South.

Event is Free and Open to the Public

Register for Thursday, April 20, 2023

<https://calendar.umkc.edu/shss/event/24349-they-were-prepared-to-risk-it-all-freedom-rides-of>

Register for Friday, April 21, 2023

<https://calendar.umkc.edu/shss/event/24178-1>

FREEDOM RIDERS



**EVENT IS FREE AND
OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC**

**APRIL 20
7PM**

GEM THEATER

Register for the event here: [1615 E. 18TH ST., KANSAS CITY, MO 64108](https://calendar.umkc.edu/shss/event/24348-freedom-riders)
<https://calendar.umkc.edu/shss/event/24348-freedom-riders>

JOIN US FOR A DISCUSSION AMONG FOUR FREEDOM RIDERS — DION DIAMOND, JOAN BROWNING, DR. LENORA TAITT-MAGUBANE, AND DR. BERNARD LAFAYETTE JR. — AS THEY SPEAK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES CHALLENGING SEGREGATION ACROSS THE AMERICAN SOUTH.

American
Jazz
Museum

UMKC
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and Social Sciences

**BLACK
ARCHIVES**
OF MID-AMERICA
IN KANSAS CITY

Spring 2023

HISTORY DEPARTMENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Save
THE
Date



UMKC
Department of History

Friday, May 12, 2023
8:30am to 12:30pm
Cockefair Hall

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

UMKC DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY - HISTORY DEPARTMENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM SP23

Dear Students:

I am writing to you today to tell you about the *History Department Research Symposium* on May 12, 2023, from 8:30am to 12:30pm in Cockefair Hall. **All history undergraduate and graduate students are expected to attend in this celebration of student research.** It is a great opportunity to work on your skills presenting historical knowledge to the public. Family and friends are welcome.

Symposium organizers invite papers on **any historical topic or period** by current UMKC undergraduate or graduate students. In addition to the traditional research paper, the symposium organizers welcome and encourage the submission of digital history, public history, and oral history projects submission in the form of teaching units, multimedia presentations, posters, panels, and roundtables **for any historical projects or internships** undertaken within the last academic year.

Please submit a maximum **250-word abstract** [here](https://umkc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6gUzUog5gOEW4Em) (https://umkc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6gUzUog5gOEW4Em) that outlines your original research, project, or scope of teaching unit or internship. For panels and roundtables please provide a listing of all participants with the abstract submission that includes each participant's name, student number, UMKC email, and major. The deadline for abstracts is **April 21st**.

The faculty will give **awards and prizes** for the best undergraduate and graduate submissions. To be considered for one of them, your paper, presentation, poster, etc. must be submitted to the Prize Committee Drs. Davis davisrebe@umkc.edu and Grieco griecov@umkc.edu by **April 21st**. It does not have to be a final draft of your work but it should be complete.

Yours truly,
Drew Bergerson
Chair of the Coordinating Committee

FUNDING, SCHOLARSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

MISSOURI HUMANITIES

The [Missouri Humanities](#) offers two "Mini-Grants" a year that fund projects up to \$2,500. Applications for the first round of grants is May 1, 2023. Award notifications will follow approximately six weeks after the application deadline. A link to the "Mini-Grant" Application can be found [here](#).

SARA JACKSON GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

In recognition of Sara Jackson's commitment to students of color and graduate research, the WHA provides an annual award of \$500 in support of graduate student (M.A. or Ph.D.) research on the North American West. The award has been endowed by the friends and colleagues of Sara Jackson. Preference will be given to African American or other students of color.

Applicants should send a letter of application, cv, a description of their research project, and a letter of support from their faculty adviser to each member of the committee listed below:

- Lorena Chambers, Chair (University of Michigan) lorenac@umich.edu
- Matt Basso (University of Utah) matt.basso@utah.edu
- Yu Tokunaga (Kyoto University) tokunaga.yu.4a@kyoto-u.ac.jp

More information can be found [here](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN BOARDING SCHOOL HEALING COALITION SCANNING TECHNICIAN

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) is seeking two qualified Scanning Technicians to complete scanning of historical documents for our National Indian Boarding School Digital Archive (NIBSDA). Reporting to the Director of Digital Archives, the Technicians will operate scanning equipment to scan records of the Pipestone Indian Boarding School. The work will take place on-site at the Kansas City National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) **May 22, 2023, to July 14, 2023 (full 8 week period)**.

For additional information about how to apply, contact UMKC I.Ph.D. student Meghan Dohogne at dohognem@mail.umkc.edu who can provide more detailed information about the position and how to apply.

FORT OSAGE SEASONAL MUSEUM INTERPRETER

Fort Osage located in Sibley, Missouri, is currently seeking a Seasonal Museum Interpreter. This position will contribute to the historic interpretation of the [Fort Osage National Historic Landmark](#) and duties include:

- Dressing in period attire (provided)
- Interpreting for the public
- Conducting living history presentations and demonstrations
- Greeting guests
- Retail/admission processing

This position is paid an hourly rate of \$15.00. Training will be provided upon hiring. Applicants must have a High School Diploma/GED, the ability to work one weekend day and some evenings when needed, and must submit to/pass pre-employment drug screening and background check.

Web link: <https://www.jacksongov.org/Government/Departments/Human-Resources/Jobs> .

Positions are listed under Parks + Rec seasonal jobs towards the bottom of the web page.

MISSOURI TOWN SEASONAL MUSEUM INTERPRETER

[Missouri Town Living History Museum](#) located in Blue Springs, Missouri, is currently seeking a Seasonal Museum Interpreter. This position will contribute to the historic interpretation of Missouri Town and duties include:

- Dressing in period attire (provided)
- Interpreting for the public
- Assisting with School Tours
- Contributing to the stewardship of the grounds, buildings, collections, and working with livestock
- Responsible for event planning and execution, gift store operations, and other duties as assigned

This position is paid an hourly rate of \$15.00. Training will be provided upon hiring. Applicants must have a High School Diploma/GED, the ability to work one weekend day and some evenings when needed, and must submit to/pass pre-employment drug screening and background check.

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RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Dr. Matthew Edwards (Spanish Department) is seeking a Research Assistant—a graduate student or an advanced undergraduate student—to help conduct a literature review around Judith Butler and her recent ideas related to political collectives, co-inhabitation as a political posture, etc.

This position will also include manuscript proofing of an anthology Dr. Edwards is editing, related to revolution and resistance across the Americas. The Research Assistant does not need to be engaged in this field, just capable of doing the work.

This is a paid position. Start date : May, 2023. For more information, contact Dr. Matthew Edwards edwardsmatt@umkc.edu

APPLIED LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (ALI) GRADUATE ASSISTANT

The Applied Language Institute (ALI) is currently seeking a graduate assistant to coordinate their student events and help with various projects. The ALI teaches English to speakers of

other languages. Their students are largely from outside of the US, so flexibility and cultural sensitivity are a must. Graduate students who enjoy interacting with other cultures and from other places should consider applying.

The assistantship will include:

- Coordinating and chaperoning all student activities and events
- Assisting with Orientation each term
- Coordinating the conversation partner program
- Assisting with our service-learning program
- Helping to administer our student evaluations and student return survey
- Other projects as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be an incoming or current graduate student in a UMKC graduate program
- Able to communicate cross-culturally with international students
- Skilled in use of Microsoft Office

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience in a multicultural setting working with international students
- Speaking a language in addition to English
- Experience living and/or working abroad

The position is 10 hours a week for the academic year (September thru May). It includes a monthly stipend of \$844.61 and up to 6 hours of tuition remission. To apply, submit your resume to ali@umkc.edu, attention Elisa Day.

WORK-STUDY POSITIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The Department of History currently has two work-study positions available. See the below job descriptions for more information.

Work-Study Eligibility

- Students must have financial need as determined by information submitted on the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#).
- Students must be attending UMKC at least half-time throughout the entire term (six credit hours for undergraduate students, five credit hours for graduate students).
- Students must be making [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#).
- Students must have requested Work-Study for either the academic year or the summer period.

Request Work-Study

- Funding for Work-Study is finite and varies from year to year. Work-Study awards are granted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Requesting Work-Study does not guarantee you will receive an award.

- UMKC awards Work-Study as part of a student's financial aid package. Students can request Work-Study when they fill out the [FAFSA](#).

For more information regarding Work-Study see UMKC's Financial Aid and Scholarships Work-Study [page](#).



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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MONEY MUSEUM INTERNSHIP SUMMER 2023

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's Money Museum is currently seeking an intern for summer 2023. For this paid internship, interns will work 40 hours per week, and will contribute to the daily operations of the Money Museum as well as the development and creation of exhibits, tours, and educational materials that promote the public understanding of the nation's central bank, economics, personal finance, and financial literacy.

Internship Duties and Responsibilities include:

- Visitor service responsibilities like assisting at the Money Museum front desk, checking out guests and stocking the Vault Store, exhibit maintenance, restocking economic education materials, and assisting in guest relations.
- Conducting tours and economic education presentations for area educational groups.
- Creating content and developing proposals for new permanent and temporary exhibits.
- Developing plans to promote tours, programs, and educational products, and assessing the effectiveness of these through appropriate evaluation methods.
- Researching new opportunities for outreach and potential contacts for the museum.
- Serving as “consultants” to Bank management and Money Museum staff by completing projects and preparing recommendations for implementing or improving exhibits, partnerships, tours and educational programs.

Preferred skills and experience:

- Undergraduate or graduate students within two years of graduation. Seeking a degree in public history, museum studies, art and design, English, marketing, finance or a closely related field preferred.

- Effective oral and written communication skills, including the ability to work independently or in team environments.
- Strong analytical and problem solving skills.
- Demonstrated initiative, independence, creativeness and leadership skills.
- Computer skills in programs including, but not limited to, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Apply for this internship [here](#). For information regarding how this internship can count towards your degree, please contact Dr. Brian Frehner at frehnerb@umkc.edu.

ATKINS-JOHNSON FARM AND MUSEUM

For more information about these internship opportunities and how they can count towards your degree please contact Dr. Brian Frehner at frehnerb@umkc.edu.



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www.atkinsjohnsonfarm.com

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Atkins-Johnson Farm Internship Opportunities.pdf



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CLIO INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Clio is a nonprofit educational website and mobile application that guides the public to thousands of historical and cultural sites throughout the United States along with nature trails, art walking tours, and virtual tours of museums and sites.

For more information about potential internship opportunities (paid or unpaid) and how this internship can count towards your degree please contact Dr. David Trowbridge at david.trowbridge@umkc.edu.

IN MEMORIAM

DR. HERMAN MORELL HATTAWAY (1938-2023)

The Department of History mourns the loss of Dr. Herman Morell Hattaway who passed away on March 31, 2023, in Overland Park, Kansas. Dr. Hattaway was a professor of history and religious studies at UMKC from 1969 to 2003.

A Requiem Mass will take place on April 20, 2023, at 11:00am at the St. James Anglican Cathedral located at 342 North Water Street, Liberty, MO.

Read the full obituary for Dr. Hattaway [here](#).

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UMKC CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

April 24 - Fall 2023 Open Registration Begins

May 4 - School of Humanities and Social Sciences Reading Days

May 5 - Last Day of Classes (*16 Week-Session & Second 8-Week Session*)

May 8 to May 12 - Finals Week

May 13 - Spring 2023 Commencement Ceremony

May 15 - Summer Intersession Begins

May 16 - Semester Grades Due at 5:00pm

May 22 - First 5-Week Summer Session Begins

June 5 - 8-Week Summer Session Begins

June 26 - Second 5-Week Summer Session Begins

June 30 - Deadline to Apply for Summer 2023 Graduation

July 4 - Independence Day - University Closed

August 1 - Semester Grades Due at 5:00pm

August 21 - Classes Begin for AY23-24 (16-Week Session & First 8-Week Session)



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Our Mission

We serve our communities, cultures, and society at large by preparing students to play important roles.

- Cutting-edge researchers
- Teacher-mentors of future historians and citizens
- Critics providing historical context for public understanding

Our Vision

As an essential foundation for our democratic society, we promote critical engagement with our shared pasts and inclusive and integrative interpretations of history.

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