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From the Department Chair

Opportunities abound! That is the central message of this newsletter as we begin the spring 2023 semester. Happy New Year! We are off to a quick start of what I am sure will be an action-packed year. This statement will be brief because this newsletter is long, chock-full of student opportunities. Read-on and you will see the more detailed information on internships, scholarships (undergraduate and graduate), student research funding, and college work study. Wait, there's more! Later this semester the history department and the UMKC Alumni association will be hosting a UMKC Alumni Trivia Night! More details will be forthcoming. As always, follow us on social media. We'd love to see you in person too, so stop by Cockefair Hall and see our bright, newly-painted walls.



Student Announcements

Summer/Fall 2022 Graduates

John Rucker, IPhD
Ben Humphries, MA
Christina Loya, MA
Michael Sprague, MA
Elizabeth Trafton, MA
Solveig Klarin, MA
Anabeth Laaker, MA
Kaitlyn Dickerson, MA
Madeline Thompson, MA
Sarah Henkel Mayhew, MA
Adam Wendt, BA
Scott Robbins, BA
Tyler Espinosa, BA
Codey Land, BA
Mallory Bittner, BA
Seth Kempf, BA
Saketh Pachalla, BA
Joshua Wright, BA

Dakota Troughton, BA
Lyndon Eshleman, BA
Austin McCoy, BA



Faculty Announcements

UMKC Faculty Receive Digital Humanities Advancement Grant

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has announced [\\$28.1 million in grants](#) for [204 humanities projects across the country](#).

The Department of History along with the Department of English are excited to announce that Drs. David Trowbridge (Project Director), Diane Mutti-Burke (Co-Project Director), and Jane Greer have been awarded a grant for \$149,855 for their project "Immersive Digital History Trails: A New Platform for Place-Based Interpretation with Prototypes for the History of Jazz, Baseball, and BBQ in Kansas City." They are one of the fourteen Digital Humanities Advancement Grant recipients in the United States.

The grant funds will allow for the development of a location-based notification system for Clio (nonprofit, free access, educational website and mobile application for historic locations across the United States) that will be tested through the creation of three new heritage tours in Kansas City, and then deployed for the more than 1,400 local history trails on the Clio website. The ability to incorporate geofencing into Clio will create a hands-free interpretation as users walk or drive through Kansas City and hundreds of other communities throughout the United States.



**Dr. David
Trowbridge**

William T. Kemper Associate
Research Professor



**Dr. Diane Mutti-
Burke**

Professor of History;
Director of the Center for
Midwestern Studies



**Dr. Jane Greer,
English**

Curators' Distinguished
Teaching Professor

Updates and Reminders

Program of Study (POS) Forms

What is a Program of Study? If you are a graduate student and don't know the answer to this question, you must keep reading. The Program of Study (POS), sometimes called a "Plan of Study," is a document that defines the faculty committee overseeing your work and outlines the courses you will take to satisfy your degree requirements. All Master of Arts students, regardless of emphasis, must have a POS, signed by their committee members, on file with the history department and School of Graduate Studies (SGS) ***no later than completion of 15 credits!***

The document should act as a guide for both the student and advisor during each academic advising session to ensure you are on track and making progress toward the completion of your degree. It is okay if your committee or courses change, but these changes must be acknowledged with a revised POS. Students who are candidates for graduation must submit the final version of this document to the department at the beginning of the semester they plan to graduate. The form can be found [here](#).

All IPh.D. students must have an interdisciplinary Ph.D. POS on file with the department and the School of Graduate Studies (SGS). The form can be found [here](#).

Summer 2023 Open Registration

Open registration for Summer 2023 began on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. Check out these exciting course offerings from the Department of History (see the below flyer).



SUMMER 2023 History Electives.pdf

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Apply for the Accelerated Bachelor of Arts to Master of Arts in History

[Accelerated Bachelor of Arts to Master of Arts in History](#)

The Department of History offers a combined BA/MA Accelerated History Program in order that qualified students may complete the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in one year after completing their Bachelor of Arts in History. Students must apply to this program prior to the beginning of their fourth year of baccalaureate study and may then double count, at maximum, twelve credits of approved coursework toward each degree.

Admissions At a Glance

Current Bachelor of Arts in History students should review the [Graduate and Professional Program Application Process](#) through UMKC Admissions and the [Graduate Admissions Requirements](#) set forth by the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) prior to completing their application. In addition, prospective students are strongly encouraged to consult with the Department of History's [Master of Arts Program Coordinator](#) and [Department Faculty Mentor](#) before applying.

Interested Juniors should apply by February 1, 2023.

Thesis & Dissertation Formatting Workshops

The workshop will provide students with information regarding UMKC and departmental style requirements, deadlines for submission, and assistance with formatting difficulties. There will be two sessions (same workshop both days, so only register for one session).

- Wednesday, February 8, 2023 3:00-4:00pm [2/8 Registration](#)
- Thursday, February 9, 2023 6:30-7:30pm [2/9 Registration](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Please email Nancy Hoover at hoovern@umkc.edu if you have any questions.

Departmental Key Policy (All Students and Faculty)

Do you have any unregistered keys? If you possess a key to any exterior, office, or room within Cockefair Hall ***YOU MUST*** register your key(s) with the History Department Administrative Assistant, Rachel Forester. Please set up an appointment via e-mail at foresterrl@umkc.edu.

All keys previously issued to students ***MUST BE RETURNED*** at the end of each semester even if you plan to return to work in the history department. Keys will be re-issued at the beginning of each semester as needed.

Upcoming Events

Graduate Student Orientation

When

Friday, Jan. 27th, 1-3pm

Where

5121 Rockhill Road Kansas City, MO

More information

The Department of History's ***Graduate Student Orientation*** for the Spring 2023 semester is being held in-person on January 27, 2023, from 1:00-3:00pm in Cockefair Hall, room 215.

We are asking all graduate students to attend even if you have attended an orientation previously. This is an important opportunity to reconnect with other students and faculty, ask questions, and to understand how the department can assist you in fulfilling your educational aspirations. In particular, there will be an overview of the importance of your Programs of Study (POS).

UMKC Spring 2023 School of Humanities and Social Sciences Internship Fair

When

Thursday, Feb. 16th, 1-3pm

Where

5000 Holmes Street Kansas City, MO

More information

Join the School of Humanities and Social Sciences for the Spring Internship Fair. Representatives from local companies will be on campus to discuss internship opportunities at their organizations. The fair will be held at the Atterbury Student Success Center and will begin with a networking session, followed by engagement with 8-10 different employers.

[Registration Link](#)

Students who win an internship may also earn history credits by enrolling in a course with their favorite instructor. If interested, contact the department's administrative assistant, [Rachel Forester](#), for details.



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Student Career Event

When

Thursday, Feb. 16th, 4:30-6:30pm

Where

800 East 51st Street Kansas City, MO

More information

Join the Department of History for a Career Development Event at The State Historical Society of Missouri (SHSMO) Kansas City Research Center located on the third floor of the Miller Nichols Library. Whitney Heinzmann, Coordinator of the Kansas City Research Center, will talk about her educational background and career as an archivist. Participants will also learn about SHSMO's mission, collections, and educational outreach.

Upcoming Conferences

65th Annual Missouri Conference on History

The 65th Annual Missouri Conference on History and Midwest Regional Meeting of Phi Alpha Theta will be held **March 15-17, 2023, at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Missouri.**

The conference brings together scholars, teachers, and other professional historians to share in the presentation of research, to exchange information on teaching and curriculum, to consider ways to promote the welfare of the profession and general interest in history, and to discuss other concerns common to all historians.

[Early Brid Registration](#) (on or before 2/12/23): \$45.00 per person
Students save \$10.00 on registration fees.

Society for Military History, Great Plains Region 3rd Virtual Conference

The 3rd Virtual Conference for the Society for Military History (SMH), Great Plains Region will be held on **Saturday, March 18, 2023.** The conference is free to all participants.

For more information on how to register for the conference please contact Mike Burns, Deputy Coordinator for the Northern Great Plains History Conference at smhatngphc@gmail.com.

Kansas Association of Historians (KAH) Conference 2023

Join the Kansas Association of Historians (KAH) at Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas, for its annual conference, **March 31, 2023, through April 1, 2023.** The conference will run from 12:00pm-8:00pm Friday, March 31st, and 8:00am-1:30pm on Saturday, April 1st.



Early bird registration is open now until March 6, 2023. Student conference fees are \$45.00 and include Friday dinner and Saturday lunch. Register for the conference [here](#).

Organization of American Historians (OAH) Conference on American History

Interested in attending the OAH [Conference on American History](#) at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel and Suites in Los Angeles, CA, (March 30-April 2, 2023) but are having a hard time budgeting the conference registration fees?

Prospective attendees who fall into one of the below categories have two options for attending at a reduced or free remigration cost.

\$20.00 Registration Fees NOW AVAILABLE!!

You read that correctly. With the support of the Mellon Foundation, the OAH is able to offer a limited number of \$20.00 registrations for attendees that fall into the following categories:

- Graduate Student
- Contingent Faculty
- Independent Scholars
- K-12 Educators

Interested parties should email meetings@oah.org after January 16, 2023.

Free Registration for Graduate Volunteers

You read that correctly. Graduate students can receive free registration in exchange for 4-hours of volunteer service at the OAH Conference. Availability is limited and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up as a volunteer please view the [schedule](#) and select your top two time slots. [Email](#) your selections completes with your full name, email, and a phone number.

International Conference Studying Public History, Public History Summer School

The 6th International Conference *Studying Public History*, [Public History Summer School](#) will be held (in-person and virtually) on June 12th through June 16th, 2023, at the University of Wroclaw (Poland). The keynote lecture "*Why learn history when it is already on your phone*," will be given by [Sam Wineburg](#) (Stanford University). There will also be a round table devoted to careers in public history and a discussion on transnational notions of public history as well as workshops that center around writing history for different audiences and utilizing oral histories.

Students who are interested in how history functions in the public sphere are strongly encouraged to attend the summer school as it will give them an opportunity to broaden their interests and enrich their experiences. The event will combine lectures, workshops, and debates concerning methodology and specific case studies delivered by specialists in the field as well as presentations of individual collaborative projects.

Call for Papers and Proposals

Graduate and postgraduate students, professionals, as well as those without institutional affiliation but conducting interesting public history projects are strongly encouraged to submit proposals. Proposals may include (but are not limited to):

- The Public History of Things
- Ethical Aspects of Doing History
- Historical Narratives
- History & Politics
- History & Memory
- E-History
- Digital Humanities
- Oral History
- Visual History
- Museums, Exhibitions, Archives
- Festivals and Reenactments

- History of Education
- Historical Journalism
- History & Media
- History-related Games
- Project Management

Scholarships and Fees

There is no conference fee and the summer school is open to the public. However, participants not presenting their projects must pay for their meals, accommodation, transport, insurance, and any medical fees. The organizers do not handle reservations.

All participants who will come to Wroclaw from abroad and present their research on-site will receive a scholarship of 5000 PLN (c. 1040 EUR / 1130 USD). The scholarship will be paid upon arrival and it should cover transportation, accommodation, food, insurance, and any medical fees.

Registration

For participants not presenting their research projects please register for the event [here](#).

For more information about the conference send all correspondence to summer.schools.uwr@gmail.com.

Funding and Scholarship Opportunities

Apply for UMKC/Department Scholarships

UMKC Scholarships

There are many scholarships for students attending UMKC, including those based on merit, academic achievement, financial need, or special abilities. [Find a UMKC scholarship today](#).

Department Scholarships

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences awards 100+ department scholarships to incoming and current students enrolled in its areas of study. The application process is different depending on the type of student you are and the degree you are pursuing.

- [Future Student](#)
- [Current Student](#)

The Department of History offers the following scholarships:

- **Dr. Stuart Bintner Scholarship in History** - Undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree in history, in good academic standing. Preference given to students interested in American history and who demonstrate financial need.
- **John and Delores Clark History Scholarship** - Undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree in history. Student must maintain a 3.0 grade point average and be in good academic standing with the university. Preference shall be given to students with financial need.
- **Jim Falls Honorary Scholarship** - Undergraduate student majoring in history with a GPA of 3.0 or above who demonstrate financial need.

- **Carla L. Klausner Scholarship** - Undergraduate junior or senior student majoring in history with a GPA of 3.2 or above who demonstrates financial need.
- **Lee A. Takats Scholarship** - Open to all students majoring in history.

[Complete the application by March 1, 2023.](#)

Undergraduate Research Funding at UMKC

Students Engaged in the Arts and Research (SEARCH) and Summer Undergraduate Research Opportunity (SUROP) grants are available for student-led, faculty-mentored research, scholarly, and creative projects.

- SEARCH provides up to \$1,250.00 in reimbursable research expenses undertaken during the academic year. **Deadline for application submissions has passed for the 2022-2023 academic year. Please reach out to [Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship](#) for information regarding the 2023-2024 application deadlines.**
- SUROP provides students with a \$2,000.00 tuition grant and up to \$1,250.00 in reimbursable research expenses for projects undertaken during the summer. **Deadline for application submissions is by 5:00pm on March 3, 2023.**

For more information and links to the applications, visit the Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship webpage [here](#).

Graduate Research Funding at UMKC

The School of Graduate Studies (SGS) provides several grants to fund research projects and travel to present research.

- **[UMKC Women's Council Graduate Assistance Fund \(GAF\)](#)** - Awards are meant to enable currently enrolled female graduate students to complete the requirements for graduate degrees, to facilitate their students and to enrich their educational experiences. Funding requests can total up to \$2,000.00, and additional monetary awards are occasionally granted to applicants with projects of exceptional merit.
- **Martha Jane Starr Library Research Award** - Offered by UMKC University Libraries, this award is open to all students, but preference is given to a graduate student with a women and gender studies (WGS) focus and who is mentored or supervised by a member of the WGS faculty. Deadline for awards is every fall semester and funding can total up to \$1,000.00. Visit [UMKC Library News and Events](#) in the fall for details about the award deadline, criteria, and application process.
- **Travel Grants** - Offered to help defray travel costs for purpose of presenting original research papers at reputable professional meetings or equivalent activities in the creative arts. Maximum funding available is \$400.00. Only one request per student will be considered per fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). Apply [here](#).
- **Research Grants** - Research Fellowship grants are offered per academic year by SGS with a maximum funding of \$7,500.00. Awards may be received only once by any individual candidate. For more information regarding research grants see their [website](#).

The School of Graduate Studies (SGS) also offers several fellowships to help students afford their advance degrees at UMKC. To apply for any of these fellowships, candidates must complete the application, submit their transcripts, and include one or more letters of recommendation and any other material required by the specific fellowship application. For a list of Graduate Fellowships view the webpage [here](#).

Job Opportunities

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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Recruitment Ambassador Positions

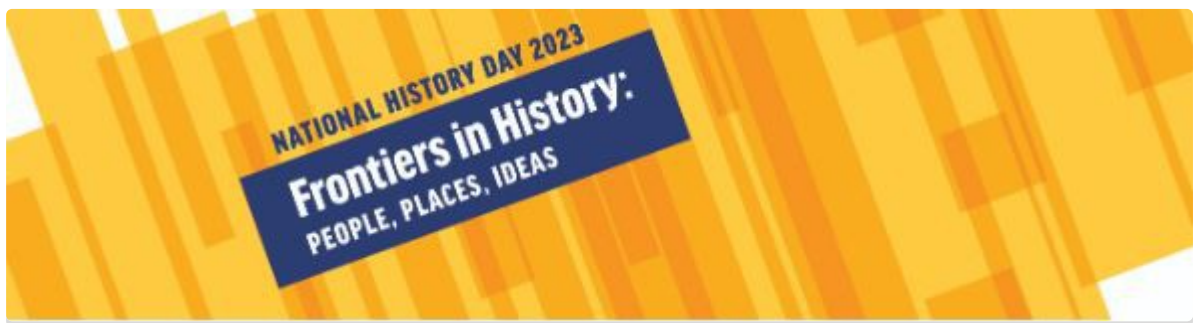
The School of Humanities and Social Science (SHSS) is looking for students to fill two Recruitment Ambassador positions. Theses position are for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024. The workload is eight hours

per week and the pay \$1500 per semester. If you are interested, please contact Christiana Rangel at rangelc@umkc.edu or (816) 235-6061.

Peer Career Coach

UMKC Career Services is looking for part-time workers. The office is hiring three Peer Career Coach work study positions, and is particularly interested in history students. Ideally, they would stay in the office and practice transferrable skills while working simultaneously to find internships/full time work when applicable. If you are interested, please reach-out to Dylan Green at dgreen@umkc.edu | or (816) 235-1821.

Volunteer Opportunities



National History Day in Missouri Regional Contest: Kansas City

When

Saturday, March 4th, 8am-12pm

Where

1223 North Noland Road Independence, MO

More information

The Harry S. Truman Library and Museum is currently seeking volunteers to help judge this years *National History Day* student entries.

Come support Missouri's ambitious students, see their creative projects, provide valuable feedback, and be part of the contest experience! Thousands of students participate in the program each year, with nearly 3,000 competing in regional contests throughout Missouri and 600 advancing to the state contest, held at the University of Missouri Columbia campus in April.

Register to be a volunteer judge here: <https://mo-hstlmgkrc.nhd.org/>

For more information or if you have questions contact NHDMO Kansas City Regional Coordinator and Education Director Mark Adams of the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum via email at mark.adams@nara.gov.

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Mental Health Resources

See the below *Mental Health-Student Wellness Resource Guide* for available resources at UMKC related to mental health and wellness.



Mental Health_Student Wellness Resource Guide_post on Canvas.pdf

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Campus Resources.pdf

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Emergency Resources

In an emergency or crisis situation, UMKC aims to be a lifeline for students in need. These resources are to be used to prevent major interruption in completing academic requirements by students who have encountered unexpected financial obstacles.

UMKC Student Emergency Fund

- Supports UMKC students who have an urgent need for temporary financial assistance, especially if it might prevent a student from continuing their degree program.
- Applications completed on AcademicWorks are reviewed on a weekly basis, and students who have exhausted all available federal and state aid resources will be considered for award.

Apply for the emergency fund [here](#).

School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Funding Support Available on Continuous Basis

SHSS Textbook Scholarship

Designed to assist students who are struggling to purchase needed textbooks and supplies for classes. Fill out the [application](#) and sent it via [email](#).

Emergency Scholarship

Designed to assist students who have experienced an emergency situation that impacts their financial wellbeing may apply for the Emergency Scholarship funding to help with their educational expenses.

Fill out the [application](#) and send it via [email](#).

Kangaroo Pantry

The [Kangaroo Pantry](#) at the Dr. Raj Bala Agrawal Care Center, is a resource for all UMKC students, staff, and faculty who may be facing food insecurity, housing insecurity, and other basic needs due to financial hardships.

Main Location:

UMKC Student Union

Dr. Raj Bala Agrawal Care Center

Room 102 (Theater Level)

5100 Cherry St.

Kansas City, MO 64110

P: (816) 235-1457

Tuesday-Thursday, 12:00pm-5:30pm

Satellite Pantries:

School of Medicine Room 1-402

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm

Atterbury Student Success Center

2nd Floor, near Academic Success and Mentoring

Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-7:00pm

Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm

Professional Wardrobe Studio

Did you know what UMKC's Career Services provides professional wardrobe items to students at no charge? It's true! Students can select up to five items per semester to utilize for career fairs, interviews, networking events, or even professional headshots. Items include blazers, suits, slacks, dresses, shoes and more!

[Schedule an appointment today.](#) For more information contact [Destiny Peterson](#) or call (816) 235-1840.

UMKC Calendar of Important Dates

January 23 - Last day to register without paying a late registration fee

February 13 - UMKC Census Day

March 13 - Classes Begin (*Second 8-Week Session*)

March 27 to March 31 - Spring Break

March 31 - Deadline to Apply for Spring 2023 Graduation

April 3 - Fall 2023 Priority Registration Begins

April 20 - 23rd Annual Symposium of Undergraduate Research & Creative Scholarship

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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