

The Primary Source

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From the Department Chair

Welcome to this inaugural installment of *The Primary Source: News Briefs for the Department of History*. This coming fall will mark my sixth year as a member of the UMKC History Department Faculty and my third semester as Department Chair. Serving in this position affords me the opportunity to advocate for the department's students and faculty. This is an ongoing effort, and I learn more each day about how to advocate effectively.

The past three years has brought about dramatic changes to our personal and professional lives. This spring we saw a slow transition back to in-person course work while still taking the necessary precautions to decrease exposure to COVID-19 for both our students and faculty. The Department of History understands that navigating the new world the pandemic has

wrought has taken a great deal of energy, caused much stress, and brought undue hardships. This spring has been an opportunity for all of us to begin re-entering the department, reconnecting with each other, and experiencing those unique unscripted learning experiences that can be lost on digital platforms.

As we move into the future, the Department of History is restructuring how we communicate and working to create meaningful engagements between faculty and students. I personally invite you to interact through conversations generated from this newsletter, to attend sponsored events, and join us on social media which we have been using more actively to communicate. So, please “Like” us on [facebook](#) and follow us on Twitter @UMKCHistory and on [Instagram](#). If social media is not to your liking, I want to encourage any and all faculty and students to take the opportunity to meet with me personally. I have an open-door policy and want to hear any thoughts you have about how to make UMKC history the most effective place to teach and learn.



Department Adds New Staff

David Trowbridge, Kemper Associate Research Professor

The William T. Kemper Associate Research Professor in Digital and Public History, Trowbridge began teaching with the department during the 2021 fall semester. He is the author of *A History of the United States*, and his work has appeared in leading academic journals such as the *Journal of American History* and the *Journal of African American History*. In 2016, the Whiting Foundation named Trowbridge as one of eight publicly engaged scholars in the humanities for his work with Clio, a website and mobile application that connects the public to information about nearby historical and cultural sites. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas.

Rachel Forester, Administrative Assistant

A fifth-generation Missourian, Rachel Forester graduated from the Southeast Missouri State University with a Master of Arts in Public History with an emphasis in Historic Preservation in 2014. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from the Missouri University of Science and

Technology in 2011. Prior to joining the department in December 2021, she worked as an archivist for The State Historical Society of Missouri-Kansas City Research Center. She has a passion for architecture, genealogy, and Missouri History.

Bennett Nowotny, Work-Study Student

Bennett Nowotny transferred to UMKC in 2021 and plans to graduate with his history degree in 2023. Before working for the History Department, he has held internships at the Harry Truman Presidential Library and the National World War One Museum. Growing up near Kansas City in the town of Weston, Missouri, Bennett has always had a passion for history, particularly class conflict, revolutions, and the two World Wars.



**David
Trowbridge**



Rachel Forester



**Bennett
Nowotny**

Upcoming Deadlines

Registration Deadlines

Last day for 25% refund is Friday, March 11, 2022

Last day of classes is Friday, May 13, 2022

Final Exams will take place Monday, May 7-13, 2022

Grades are due by 5:00pm on Friday, May 17, 2022

Open registration for Summer 2022 classes is currently underway.

Open registration for Fall 2022 classes begins Monday, April 25, 2022.

Reading Day

This year the College of Arts and Sciences will have a Reading Day on Thursday, May 5, 2022.
No classes.

Spring Break

This year, Spring Break will be from Monday, March 28 through Friday, April 1, 2022.

Spring 2022 Graduation

Apply for Spring 2022 graduation in [Pathway](#) by Thursday, March 31, 2022

Important Reminders

Program of Study (POS) Forms

- All MA students must have a POS on file with the department. Student's who are candidates for graduation must submit their final copy to the [department](#) at the beginning of the semester in which 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. The form can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Clio: A New Way to Inspire Students to Research and Write

Join us on Friday, March 11, 2022, from 1:00pm-2:00pm for a virtual presentation about Clio, a website and mobile application developed by our very own Dr. David Trowbridge!

[Clio](#) is a a non-profit organization based in Kansas City, MO, that offers a variety of free programs and tools to assist university faculty and students build virtual walking tours and document historical landmarks, buildings, and sites within their communities. To date, the site boasts 39,191 historical entries from across the United States. We encourage you to check out the site prior to the presentation. You may even find hidden jems in your own backyard! The event is open to all instructors at UMKC as well as other area institutions.

To register for this event, click [here](#).

Missouri Valley Special Collections

WHEN

Saturday, April 9th, 11am

WHERE

14 West 10th Street
Kansas City, MO

MORE INFORMATION

Come join us for a tour of the [Missouri Valley Special Collections](#) (located on the fifth floor of the Kansas City Library's Central Branch) with UMKC alumni Matt Reeves (Education and Outreach Librarian) who will show participants around the Missouri Valley Reading Room and share details about archival and library work.

Please RSVP for this event [here](#).

Humanities & Social Sciences Internship Fair

WHEN

Thursday, April 14th, 9-11am

WHERE

5000 Holmes Street
Kansas City, MO

MORE INFORMATION

The College of Arts and Sciences is excited to announce and host, the inaugural *Humanities & Social Sciences Internship Fair*, in collaboration with Career Services! More details will be forthcoming (be sure to check your emails.)

Please register for the event [here](#).

Upcoming Conferences

Missouri Conference on History

Mark your calendars for the [64th Annual Missouri Conference on History and Midwest](#)

18, 2022, in Jefferson City, Missouri, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center. The conference is hosted by the Missouri State Archives and sponsored by The State Historical Society of Missouri. Registration for the conference can be found [here](#).

Kansas Association of Historians (KAH) 2022 Conference

Join the [Kansas Association of Historians \(KAH\)](#) in Wichita, Kansas, at the Newman University for their [2022 Conference](#) which, will be held Friday, March 25 through Saturday, March 26, 2022. Interested individuals can register for the conference [here](#).

2022 OAH Conference on American History

Join the Organization of American Historians (OAH) for [annual meeting](#) from Thursday, March 31 through Sunday, April 3, 2022, online or in-person in Boston, MA. For those interested in the in-person conference, please view the meetings homepage [here](#) for up-to-date information and COVID polices. Registration for the event can be found [here](#).

Additionally, the organization is looking conference volunteers.

Graduate students, early career historian, contingent faculty, and/or K-12 educators who would like to attend the in-person conference but, may be short on funds can receive free registration in exchange for four (4) volunteer hours. To learn more about this opportunity click [here](#).

PastForward National Preservation Conference

PastForward 2022 Call for Sessions

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is looking for your input for their online conference scheduled for November 1-4, 2022. This is an excellent opportunity to share your ideas on a whole range of topics such as climate action, inclusion and/or diversity, real estate development, and more! Submission deadline is Thursday, March 17, 2022. For more information regarding the conference and how to submit session ideas please see this [link](#).

Funding 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, 2022. Award notifications will follow

approximately six weeks after the application deadline. A link to the "Mini-Grant" Application can be found [here](#).

Cokie Roberts Fellowship for Women's History

The National Archives Foundation is seeking applications for its Second Annual Cokie Roberts Fellowship for Women's History. The Cokie Roberts Research Fund for Women's History will award up to \$12,000.00 to support annual fellowships for applicants who will perform new research at the National Archives to elevate women's history.

Recipients will perform original document research from the National Archives on women's history for a published article or essay appearing in a newspaper, magazine, website, book or academic publications. For more information about this opportunity and how to apply click [here](#).

Application deadline is Saturday, April 30, 2022.

Internship Opportunities

Oxford School Docent (Seasonal)

Are you looking for a summer job in public history? Interested in "Living History" and working as a costumed historical interpreter at a historic site?

The City of Leawood, Kansas, has the career opportunity for you! The City is seeking a docent who will portray a Schoolmarm/Schoolmaster for the historic [Oxford Schoolhouse](#) between May 31, 2022, and August 13, 2022, Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am-3:00pm. Position is paid \$10.50 per hour for 25 hours of work per week. Costume will be provided.

Application deadline is March 21, 2022. Click [here](#) for a link to the position posting/application.

Camp Teacher of US History

Are you looking for a summer job teaching and creating engaging and meaningful lessons in US History to children between the ages of 9 and 12?

The City of Leawood, Kansas, is seeking a Camp Teacher of US History for their *Adventures in History* summer camp at the [Oxford Schoolhouse](#). This is an independent contractor teaching position between July 18, 2022, and July 22, 2022, from 9:00am-12:00pm. The pay rate is \$16.00 per hour and includes pay for preparation.

For more information about the position or how to apply contact Holly York (Cultural Arts Supervisor) with the City of Leawood at hyork@leawood.org.

Job Opportunities

The Wornall/Majors House Museum

Position Description:

Alexander Majors House and Barn Weekend Manager

Position Summary:

Primarily responsible for giving public tours and opening and closing the Museum. Additional duties include supporting volunteer docents, administrative support to staff, and occasional support for the museum rental program. (See attached file for more information)

Compensation:

Pay rate will be \$10.00 per hour.

To apply send resume to Kerrie Nichols, Executive Director at director@wornallmajors.org

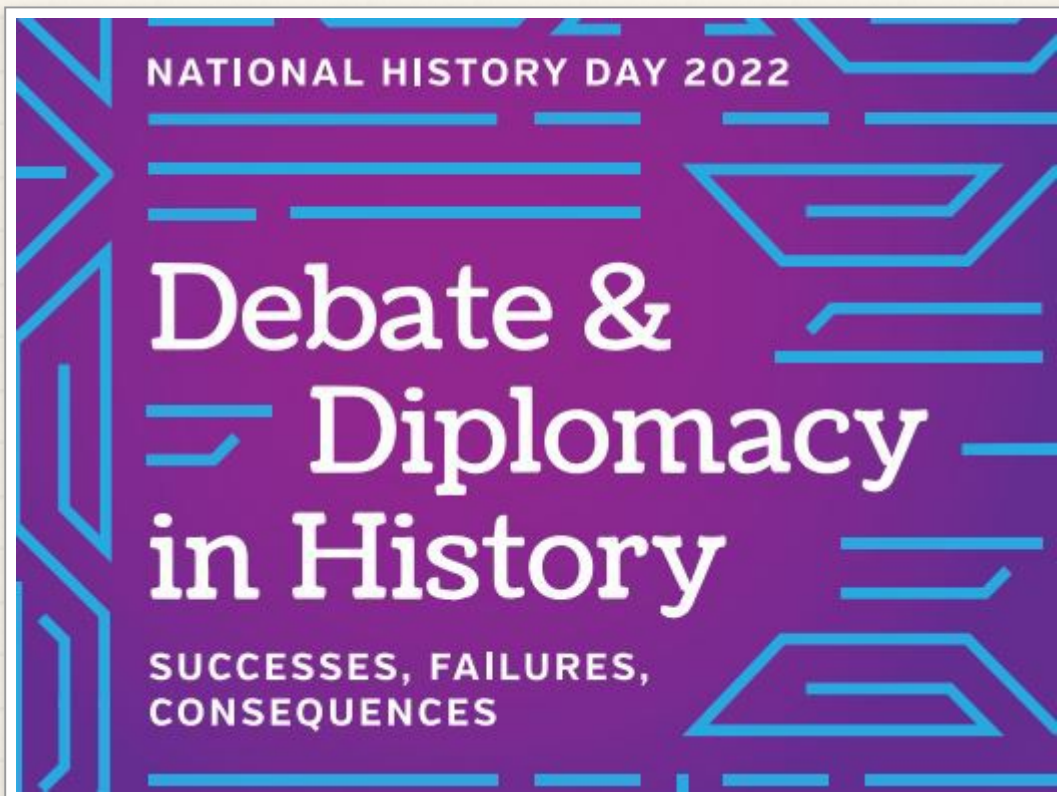


Weekend Manager - Majors House and Barn.pdf

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Volunteer Opportunities



Judges Needed

[National History Day in Missouri](#) is looking for educators, historians, writers, filmmakers, museum staff, and community members to join this year's state contest to judge student projects. Graduate students and select undergraduate students are also welcome to judge.

The state contest will be held virtually from April 11-24, 2022. To register as a judge click [here](#).

History Faculty Spotlight



German Migration Network

Since 2017, Dr. Bergerson has been a part of an international research team including faculty and students from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Hamburg, University of Vienna, and the University of Wroctaw focusing on German and Austrian migration to Missouri. He assisted the students of this virtual research project to digitize multiple collections and collaboratively write two edited volumes ([*German Migration to Missouri: A Transnational Student Research Project, 1.0*](#), 2019; [*From Langenbruck to Kansas City: The Kiefer-Scholz Family, German Migration to Missouri, 2.0*](#), 2021).

This project, now funded by the German government, has expanded to include German migration to Indiana in the United States and Sydney, Australia, as the "[German Migration Network](#)." The network is developing an open portal set of curricular modules that instructors can use to incorporate materials into their courses.

History Student Spotlight



Victoria Dominquez (undergraduate)

Ms. Dominquez is currently researching the murals in Haag Hall by Luis Quintanilla. Her research project entitled: "Student Life Through the Art of Luis Quintanilla. The Study of the Murals in Haag Hall," will be presented at the UM System Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol, which will take place in Jefferson City, MO, on April 11, 2022.

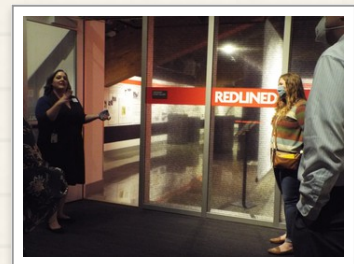
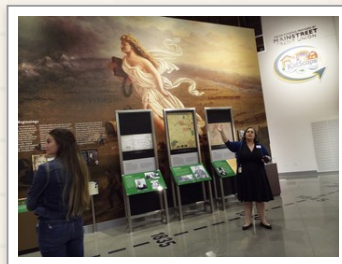
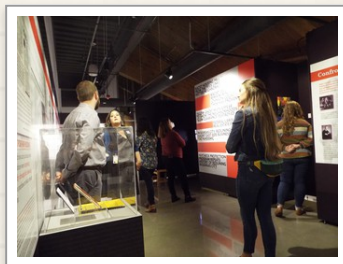
Research Summary:

In 1941, Clarence Decker, President of the University of Kansas City (UKC) between 1938-1953, offered Luis Quintanilla (1893-1978), a Spanish artist who mastered the Italian fresco painting technique, a position as resident professor. Quintanilla lived through the World Wars and the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939). He opposed the dictatorship of Francisco Franco and lived in exile in New York City until 1950s. Then, he relocated to France and returned to Spain in 1976.

(after Franco's death) where he resided until his own death in 1978. Counting on the support of the Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars, in 1940, Dr. Decker invited Quintanilla to UKC to establish the first fresco painting school in the United States. While painting murals on the walls of the Liberal Arts Hall (present day Haag Hall), Quintanilla was given the opportunity to train apprentices and engage with the students who served as models. My research focuses on Dr. Decker's efforts at broadening the academic scope of the university by appointing prominent figures to the faculty. Additionally, it explores how the university engaged with students beyond the classroom. Finally, it studies the institutional support UKC received from the Emergency Committee. My research is relevant to Missourians as it shows how higher-education institutions promote cultural engagement through student-oriented faculty activities. Quintanilla murals were noted by the press and the local community while they were painted. However, overtime, they received less attention. I hope that my work helps these murals become noted beyond the walls of Haag Hall.

Past Event Spotlight

UMKC History Department on Facebook Watch



Contact Information



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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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