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From the Department Chair

Welcome to all new and continuing students. I hope that you had a positive and productive start of the semester. It's hard to believe but fall has arrived, as the golden leaves and advancing semester remind us.

This will be a busy academic year for the history department. We are working to develop and institute new courses, partnerships, and collaborations to enhance students studying history at UMKC. We will be working to create internships that provide history majors with experience working with local mentors.



This will also be a year of change. The history department, once housed in the College of Arts and Sciences, is now part of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. This is a change that will not impact students. We also have a new dean, Tamara Falicov, who is overseeing the new school and introducing new ideas to shape students' future.

Please remember that I have an open-door policy. If you have questions about history courses or degrees or anything you read in this newsletter, please feel free to call, e-mail, or stop by my office at 203A Cockefair Hall.

Welcome Back Event!

Students gathered with the Department of History faculty and staff on the Second Floor of Cockefair Hall on Friday, September 30, 2022, for a fun filled night of pizza, trivia, and socializing.

Everyone had a blast! We hope to see everyone at the next event (look for updates).



Faculty Announcements

Recent Scholarship by Dr. Frehner

Dr. Brian Frehner published, "Hand-Me-Down Habitats': Bicycles, Open Space, and Youth Open Space," which will appear in a forthcoming issue of the journal *Boyhood Studies*.

Congratulations Dr. Grieco!

Dr. Viviana Grieco recently received a Digital Humanities Advancement Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for \$150,000.00. She and her co-director, Praveen Rao, are using computational methods to analyze and process handwritten scripts from 17th-century documents. The project is entitled, "A Knowledge Graph for Managing and Analyzing Spanish-American Notary Records."

An additional congratulations is in order, Dr. Grieco was recently awarded the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) Dean's Outstanding Teaching Award!



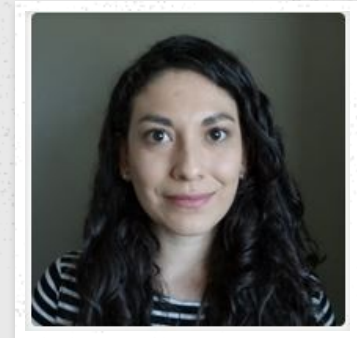


Congratulations Dr. Vitiello!

Dr. Massimiliano Vitiello, was one of two UMKC faculty named Curators' Distinguished Professors 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. Please join the department in congratulating Dr. Vitiello!

Coming Soon to a Bookstore Near You!

Dr. Sandra Enriquez signed a contract to publish her manuscript, *¡El Barrio No Se Vende!: Grassroots Activism and Revitalization in El Paso*, with the University of Texas Press.



Congratulations Dr. Trowbridge!

Dr. David Trowbridge was recently awarded the Haskell Distinguished Research Grant. The award, in recognition of the Haskell family and their significant contributions to UMKC, helps to support faculty in the completion of a scholarly project or creative work.

Updates and Reminders

UMKC COVID Information

As the campus community prepares for the fall semester, please be reminded of our current [campus COVID guidance](#). If you are sick, please do not come to campus and get tested as soon as possible. UMKC offers on-campus testing from 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Saturday at the Curative site across Oak St. from the parking structure. Walk-up appointments are available, or you can book in advance [here](#). If you test positive, stay home and follow the latest [CDC guidance](#).

Vaccines

UMKC will host a series of on-campus COVID-19 vaccination and booster clinics in partnership with Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center. All clinics will be held near Jazzman's Café

in the UMKC Student Union from 9:00am to 12:00pm. For more information click [here](#).

Masking Requirements

Masks are not required on campus but are still recommended under certain circumstances, according to [CDC guidance](#) based on current community transmission levels.

UMKC Attendance Policy

The campus [attendance policy](#) outlines attendance expectations and excused absences.



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Office of the Registrar

Be aware that the Registration and Records Office will change its name to Office of the Registrar. The new name brings the office in line with other universities and is more broadly recognized in higher education.

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](#).

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.

Student Lounge -- Update

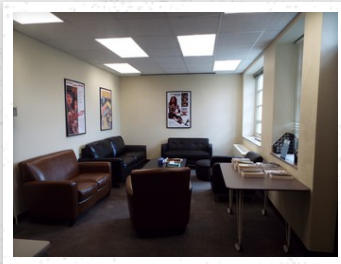
Do you want to meet other history students or just hang-out somewhere different? The History Department Student Lounge might be the place for you. The history department is officially re-branding Cockefair Hall Room 206 as the department's Student Lounge! This room has comfortable couches, many big windows, and is a place you are invited to socialize, meet new people, hold casual meetings, or just hang-out. There is a small kitchenette for your use.



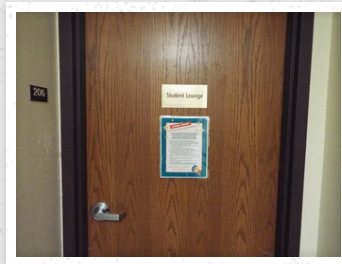
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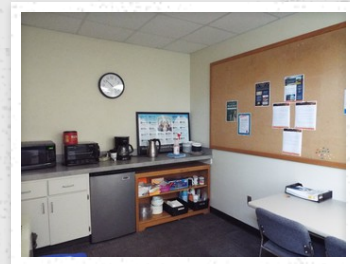
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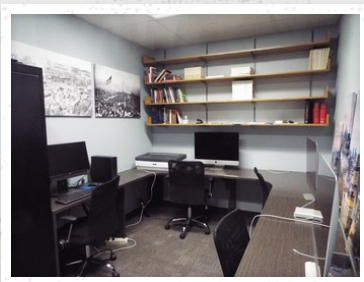
Lounge Seating



Room 206



**Lounge
Kitchenette**



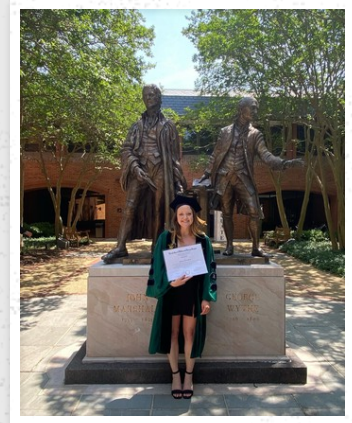
Kemper Digital Humanities Laboratory

Are you tired of looking for an available computer on campus? The history department has one for you. The department has its own digital laboratory where Mac computers await your use. They possess software such as Adobe Creative Cloud that you can use to create an innovative digital humanities projects and other applications. ***The lab is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00am to 4:00pm.***

Student Announcements

Lyndsey Martin (Former UMKC Student)

Lyndsey Martin, former student at UMKC who studied history, was selected as a finalist for the William and Mary Law and Presidential Management Fellow. She recently graduated from law school and is spending her summer studying for the bar exam.



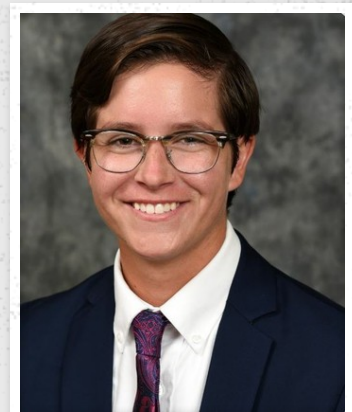
Sarah Biegelsen (MA Public History)

Congratulations to Sarah Biegelsen (MA Public History 2022) who has accepted a position as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator with the [National Museum of Toys and Miniatures](#)! She recently graduate from UMKC with a Master of Arts in History with an emphasis in Public History.



Kelsey Runge (MA History)

Congratulations to Kelsey Runge (MA History 2022) who has accepted a position as at [Taking Shape](#), a nonprofit organization that provides education, shelter, and regular meals to 110 primary school students in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Her duties include writing, fundraising, and communications.



Kate Carpenter (MA Public History)

Kate Carpenter (MA-Public History Emphasis, 2019) researched, wrote, and curated "Called to Care: The Legacy of Trinity Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing, 1906-1972" which was unveiled at the Central Branch of the Kansas City Public Library on September 10, 2022. "Called to Care" will be on display until December 2, 2022.

Kate is currently a History of Science Ph.D. Candidate at Princeton University. She also hosts, [*Drafting the Past*](#), a podcast devoted to the craft of writing history.

Congratulations, Kate! To learn more about the exhibit, visit <https://kclibrary.org/exhibits/called-care-legacy-trinity-lutheran-hospital-school-nursing-1906-1972>

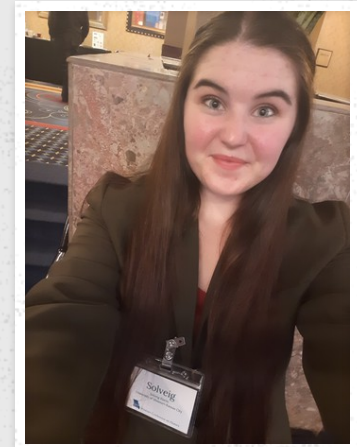
Alex Barbour (BA History)

Recent undergraduate, Alex Barbour (BA History 2021), is currently pursuing a law degree at Creighton Law School. In a recent e-mail to the department, Barbour expressed his gratitude for the skills he gained during his time as an undergraduate history student.

Barbour explains, "[t]he skills I learned as a history student have certainly been valuable during my time in law school thus far. The transition from CMS citation to Legal citation was very easy for me last year, in large part because of the skills I learned at UMKC. Now, in my second year of law school, I have earned a position on my school's law review journal, and I have received other awards for legal writing, which I attribute in part to everything I was taught by UMKC's History staff."

Solveig Klarin (MA History)

Congratulations to Solveig Klarin (MA History candidate) her paper entitled, "A Self-Fashioned Woman: Anne of France as Madame la Grande (1483-1522)," won the John L. Snell Memorial Prize from the Southern Historical Association (SHA). The Snell Prize is given annually to the graduate student who submits the best seminar research paper in European History (written within the past year), carries a \$100 stipend, and a complimentary year of student membership in the European History Section of the Southern Historical Association.



Klarin will be honored at the annual lunch meeting of the Southern Historical Association in Baltimore, Maryland, in November 2022.

Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship

Undergraduate Research Opportunities

Please consider getting involved in undergraduate research opportunities this year. Students can receive financial support for their research through SEARCH grants. SEARCH funding can support archival research trips or the purchase of books and other research materials. Students taking the 498WI capstone course this year should consider this amazing opportunity. There is also a summer research grant called SUROP, if you are interested in working on a project in Summer 2023 contact the Department of History representative [Dr. Diane Mutti-Burke](#).

Students may apply for up to \$1,250 in reimbursable research expenses for projects undertaken during the academic year. [\[more info on SEARCH\]](#)

- **Undergraduate Research Fellow Transcript Designation Deadline: Saturday, October 1**

Students who have been deeply engaged in the process of research, scholarly, and artistic production from the point of inquiry to circulation of results may apply to be recognized with this transcript designation. [\[more info on UR Fellow Transcript Designation\]](#)

- **EUReka! Symposium of Undergraduate Research & Creative Scholarship: Tuesday, December 6, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Pierson Auditorium and Canvas**

Students enrolled in EUReka! courses will present their research, scholarly, and creative work. [\[more info on EUReka! Symposium\]](#)

You can always find the most current information on the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship's [website](#) and receive more frequent updates through [Facebook](#).

Upcoming Events

Queer in the Archive

Dig deep into LGBTQIA history through archival research and artifacts in this new educational series which connects students with some of the fantastic items preserved in the Gay and Lesbian Archive of Mid-America (GLAMA), and through these curated artifacts, the broader history of LGBTQIA experiences in Kansas City.

Four sessions this year will explore different areas of the archive and help to tell important pieces of our shared history. Each session will be held in the Miller Nichols Library Room 325 between 1:00-3:00pm.

- **October 10, 2022** - [Gathering LGBTQIA History](#).
- **November 15, 2022** - [Trans Stories in the Midwest](#)
- **February 20, 2023** - [Black LGBTQIA Stories](#)
- **April 10, 2023** - [Queer in the Archive](#)

Queer in the Archive is the result of a partnership between UMKC LGBTQIA Programs & Services, UMKC University libraries, and The Gay and Lesbian Archive of Mid-America.

These events are open to all UMKC students, faculty, and staff as well as the general public.

Upcoming Conferences



2022 Churchill Conference

The International Churchill Society and the National World War I Museum and Memorial will be hosting the [39th International Churchill Conference](#) the museum in Kansas City, Missouri, from October 6-8, 2022. The conference theme will be "Churchill: War and Peace," and will examine and explore the most important facets of Sir Winston Churchill's extraordinary legacy: the difficulty and dangers of waging war and the challenges of preserving peace. Program details can be viewed [here](#).

The International Churchill Society would like to invite our students to attend the lecture series. If you are interested in attending please contact Dr. Frehner at frehnerb@umkc.edu.

65th Annual Missouri Conference on History

The sixty-fifth annual Missouri Conference on History, hosted by the Missouri State University's College of Humanities and Public Affairs and History Department and sponsored by the State Historical Society of Missouri, will be held March 15-17, 2023, at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Missouri.



Paper and panel proposals in all fields of history, including public history, and historic preservation, are invited. The conference is particularly interested in proposals for complete sessions, including panelists, chair, and commentator. **All proposals should be submitted no later than November 1, 2022.**

[Submit a Proposal](#)

The Missouri Conference on History offers two annual awards for papers presented at the conference by current students: the Petra DeWitt Student Paper Prize, a \$250 award, and the Lynn and Kristen Morrow Missouri History Student Prize, an award of \$150. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Funding Opportunities

Center for Missouri Studies Fellowship

The State Historical Society of Missouri is accepting proposals for two Center for Missouri Studies fellowships to begin in January 1, 2023. Each fellowship carries a stipend of \$5,000.00 for a project that results in the completion of a 6,000-8,000-word scholarly essay, exclusive of notes, on one of the two topics listed below.

Rural-Urban Conflicts in Missouri

Proposed projects should examine a conflict, or perhaps two or more related conflicts, that have divided the state's rural and urban populations. Any time period in Missouri's history may be considered. Proposals will be judged on their potential to increase understanding of how and why rural-urban divisions persist within Missouri.

Missouri and the Arts

Proposals should consider the history of some aspect of aesthetic sensibility and explore how it has shaped Missouri's cultural or artistic identity. This fellowship opportunity invites a broad range of potential topics: art/artists, music/musicians, literature/authors, architecture/architects, etc. Other possibilities might include Missouri's association with foodways, industrial design, dress, fashion, pageants, theater, concerts, gardens or park design, or any other subject that illuminates how Missouri and Missourians have perceived, defined, and created beauty, style, and taste.

The deadline for submitting proposals is September 6, 2022. The competition is open to both academic and independent scholars. The fellowship awards will be announced in December. The chosen projects will be considered for publication in the State Historical Society's scholarly journal, the *Missouri Historical Review*. Fellowship recipients will also have an opportunity to make a public presentation of their work.

For more information and how to apply click [here](#).

Internship Opportunities

Internship Best Practices

The Department of History allows students to earn course credit while gaining valuable professional experience in public and private institutions engaged in the work of history throughout the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area. Internships are an important aspect of the history student's education as they provide meaningful work experiences under the mentorship of an experienced and knowledgeable professional within the field.

Students complete 120 hours of work during their internship over the course of a semester or summer and, ideally, will enroll in one of the below applicable courses:

- HISTORY 392A - Archival Internship
- HISTORY 392B - Public History Internship
- HISTORY 5592 - Public History Internship

For more information regarding the internship process or a listing of available internships please contact the Department of History via email at history@umkc.edu.

Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum



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Welcome to the old farmhouse! UPCOMING EVENTS 2022
Exhibit Schedule Clay County Bicentennial April 6 - June 25
Progressive Era July 6 - July 30 Atkins-Johnson Through the
Eyes of Young Artist August 3 - October 29 Holiday Toys
November 9 - December 10 Gladstone Parks, Recreation and
Cultural Arts is now offering a new way to be updated on the
programs and events that are important to you.



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National Museum of Toys and Miniatures



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T/m's fine-scale miniature collection includes architectural works, room settings, fine art, decorative art, tools, equipment, and figures made to scale (usually 1:12). These miniatures are often working reproductions of objects in the full-scale world created by master artists.



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Kansas Historical Society

The Kansas Historical Society offers non-paid internships for currently enrolled students seeking college credit on an as needed basis. Internship opportunities are available throughout the school year on an as needed basis and could be coordinated in several work areas.

Kansas Museum of History

- Graduate students interested in non-paid internship opportunities in museum studies, education, and history.

State Archives

- Graduate students interested in non-paid internship opportunities in library science, archival studies, and history.

Cultural Resources

- Students interested in archeology, historic preservation, and history.

Public Information Office

- Students interested in marketing, communication, public relations, website updates, and history.

To be considered for the non-paid internships, applicants must complete the application form below and submit it along with a resume, cover letter, and the name and address of at least one reference with knowledge of the applicant's public history and/or academic skills. Applications should be submitted by April 15 for summer semester, June 15 for the fall semester, and November 15 for the spring semester. After applications are reviewed and evaluated, students will be notified if an interview will be scheduled. All applicants will be notified whether they have or have not received an internship.

Email application materials to kshs.information@ks.gov or mail materials to: Internship Coordinator, Kansas Historical Society, 6425 SW 6th Ave., Topeka, KS 66615-1099



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Oregon-California Trails Association



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The Oregon-California Trails Association is the pre-eminent guardian and promoter of the inspirational story of the 19th century westward migration, which is unique in world history.



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Job Opportunities

Work-Study Positions

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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Work-Study in Public and Digital History

A Work-Study opportunity is available with Clio, an educational website and mobile application that guides the public to thousands of historical and cultural sites throughout the United States. Students who are interested in this opportunity should contact Dr. David Trowbridge at david.trowbridge@umkc.edu.



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Work-Study with The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures

The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures currently has two Work-Study positions available. These opportunities will provide students with valuable work experience in customer service and relations within a museum setting. Students who have a Work-Study award are eligible to apply.

The Museum is located on UMKC's Volker Campus, just across from the School of Law and is open Wednesday-Saturday from 10:00am-4:00pm. For questions regarding these Work-Study positions please contact Mandy Farrow, Lead Visitor Services Representative, via email at farrowma@toyandminiaturemuseum.org.



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LaBudde Special Collections

The LaBudde Special Collections housed within the Miller Nichols Library is currently seeking graduate students to fill three graduate assistant positions and one work-study position.



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LaBudde Special Collections Web Job Description Form-Fall 2022.pdf

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Emeritus Spotlight

Dr. James "Jim" Falls

Who is Jim Falls and why was Royall Hall's room 104 named after him?



The aptly referenced *legendary professor*, Dr. James "Jim" Falls, earned his Bachelor of Arts in history from the University of Alabama, and both his Master of Arts in Ancient Roman studies and Ph.D. in Medieval Civilization from the Mississippi State University.

Falls began his teaching career with the Department of History in 1967. For the next 43-years Falls' journey through the hallowed halls of academia as an associate professor of history earned him quite a reputation amongst UMKC's students. Falls unique teaching style brought history to life, creating a sense of place and space, and tied lectures to current events. His former students fondly remember his history-related shirts that he wore everyday to class, his brazen and electrifying energy, and his cursing of the Greek gods when technology went awry. In 2010, Falls received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Today, Falls travels extensively but, can often still be found in his office in Cockefair Hall documenting his most recent travels. Falls turned 80 years old in August 2022.

Falls retired in 2010. To read more about his exciting career at UMKC through the UMKC Today Archives article, "[A history department with a future](#)" and *Perspectives* article, "[Epic Career's Final Chapter](#)."

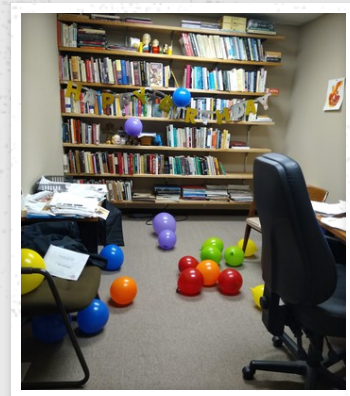
He came. He saw. He taught. The Legacy of Professor Jim Falls



Dr. Jim Falls



Decorated Cake



Dr. Falls Office

80th Birthday Celebration

UMKNC Calendar of Important Dates

Monday, October 31

- Spring 2023 Priority Registration Begins
- Deadline to apply for Fall 2022 graduation

Monday, November 21 to Friday, November 25 - Fall Break

- Thursday, November 24 - University Closed
- Friday, November 25 - University Closed

Monday, November 28 - Spring 2023 Open Registration Begins

Thursday, December 8 - School of Humanities and Social Sciences Reading Day

Friday, December 9 - Last day of classes

Monday, December 12 to Friday, December 16 - Finals Week



Department of History

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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

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