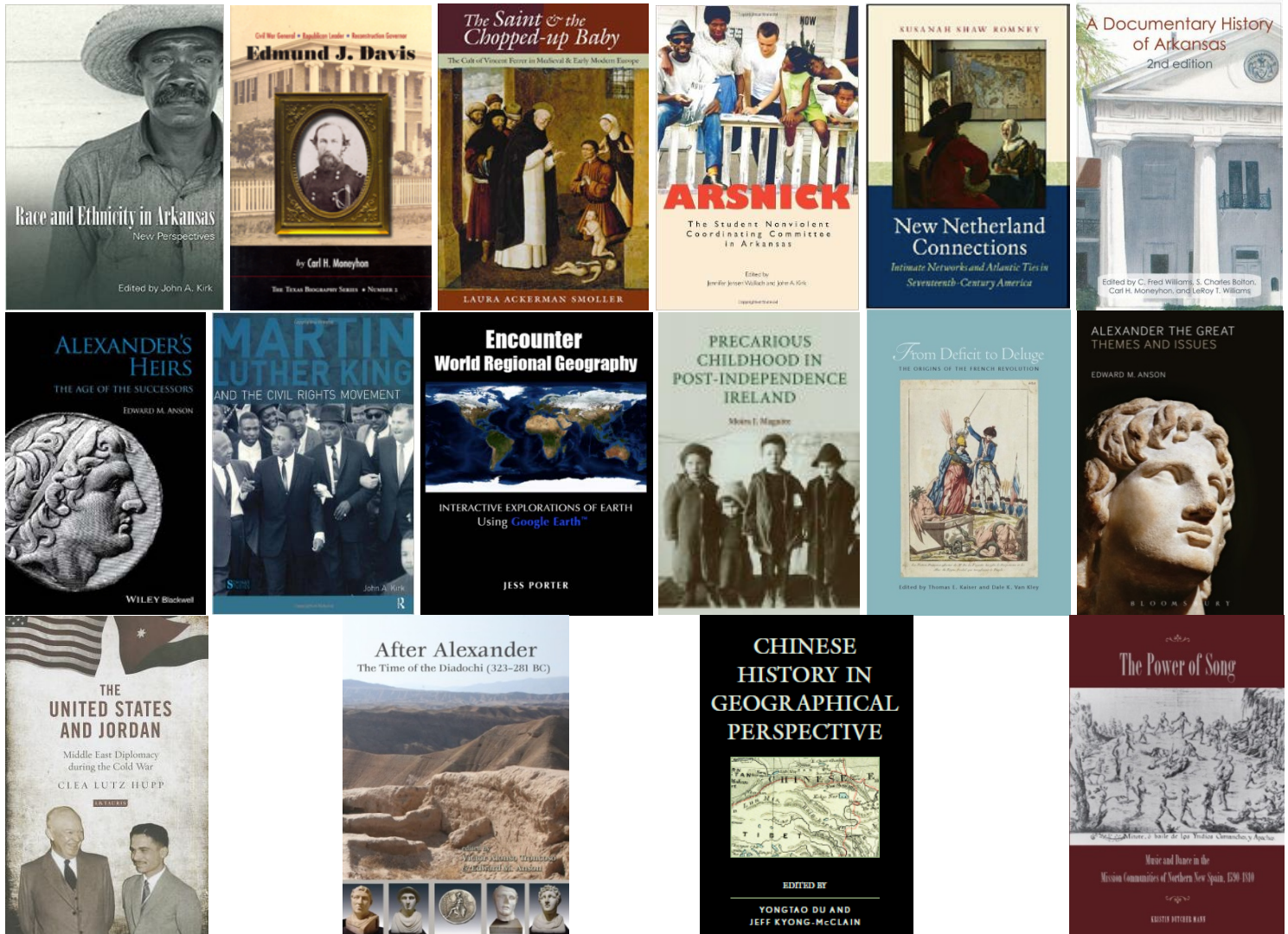


# UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK HISTORY DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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## Five Years of Research by the History Department

In addition to the sixteen books shown above, the Department during this same five-year period has published 25 book chapters, 26 articles in refereed journals (this total does not include book reviews, brief notes, or encyclopedia articles), has delivered 51 papers at academic conferences including those in ten foreign countries

(Greece, New Zealand, Australia, Spain, England, China, Italy, Canada, Mexico, Netherlands), and members serve as editors for five publications (*Ancient History Bulletin*, *Portraits in Conflict series*, *Lexington Books*, *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, *History Compass*). Many of the above referenced articles have appeared in the most prestigious journals in the respective fields: *Historia: Zeitschrift für alte Geschichte*, *Classical Philology*, *Journal of Cuneiform Studies*, *Journal of Geography*, *Population and the Environment*, *Early American Studies*; *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, *Labor History*, *Church History*, *Proceedings of the British Academy*); Department members have also garnered over \$3,000,000 in grant money, including awards from the United States Department of Education and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Outside of the traditional scholarship lines, Moira Maguire has consulted with the Irish National government and Ed Anson reviews grant requests in the Classical field for the Australian national government. Department members have also worked with the electronic media: local TV stations, both local newspapers, with John Kirk being a regular contributor of feature articles for the Arkansas Times, and one member has even worked with the BBC.

## **Challenges Ahead**

The History Department's members, in addition to teaching on average 76.79 students per tenured and tenure-track faculty member each semester, also head the Social Studies Program here at UALR, the Middle Eastern Studies Program, Race and Ethnicity Minor, the Public History Graduate Program, organize and run Central Arkansas History Day, not to mention members serving on many local, state, regional, and international organizations. Members of the Department have presented classes and frequent talks at *Life Quest of Arkansas*. The Department also fully participates in the Concurrent Enrollment Program, and conducts one of the longest running, and most successful, town-and-gown organizations at the University or, indeed, anywhere, the *University History Institute*. As a Department, we are fully engaged in the teaching and service components of the University, and, as noted above, we certainly excel in the research area as well. Budget cuts and the loss of one of our support personnel, leaving us with but one such individual, endanger all of these efforts in teaching, research, and service. The Department is hopeful that we will be able to continue our many activities, but that hope is in danger of not being realized.

## **Student News Public History News**

The Public History MA program welcomed an accomplished group of new students to campus this fall. The incoming students come from California, Missouri, Texas, and Tennessee, as well as from across Arkansas. Three of the new students are veterans of the United States military. In addition to welcoming new students, the program will celebrate three students who will complete the MA this semester. One of the students, Hattie Felton, helped curate an exhibit on stereo photography as part of her thesis project. The exhibit will open at the Historic Arkansas Museum on Friday night, December 12. Finally, we congratulate several recent MA graduates who recently started new jobs. Anne Frymark (museum program assistant) and Britany Simmons (community relations specialist) both started working at the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center. Victoria Garrett began a position as a researcher for the "Arkansas Made" project at the Historic Arkansas Museum. John Jones started working as a project archivist for the Arkansas Center for History and Culture. Adrienne McGill accepted a position as an assistant archivist at the History Commission. A few weeks ago Jim Stallings started working as a program assistant and a project manager at PeaceJam in Colorado.

## **Phi Alpha Theta**

The Iota Zeta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the international Honorary Society of History, is pleased to announce its newest members, initiated at the Spring banquet: Courtney Bradford, Hattie D. Felton, Victoria Elizabeth Garrett, Kristen Danielle Harris, Calee Mishael Henderson, Win Lubana, Cindy S. McCaskill, Richard E. Maxwell III,

Dennis Oliver, Katherine Lee Pye, Kevin Scott Sherrill, Jeremy L. Smith, Felicia Chudy, Devin Sorrows, John H. Jones, Anne Frymark, Randall Crawford, Amber S. Thomas, and Juanita E. Witham.

## University History Institute

The University History Institute's *Evenings with History* series began its 27<sup>th</sup> season on October 7, with a talk by Dr. Carl Moneyhon, titled, "David O. Dodd: A Legend Emerges," and concluded the first half of the season on December 2, with Dr. Susanah Romney, presenting, "Finding the Women in the Atlantic World, Adventures in the Archives." Next semester's offerings include: "The Reddest Red Sun in Our Hearts: Mao Zedong and the Cultural Revolution" (Dr. Jeff Kyong-McClain), February 3, "Remember the Alamo? Textbooks, Social Studies Standards and Myths of History" (Dr. Kristin Mann), March 3, and concludes with "Blood in the Black Belt: The Selma, Montgomery March and the Fight for Voting Rights" (Dr. Barclay Key), April 7.

## Recent Departures from the Department

Dr. Laura Ackerman Smoller, Professor of History, has departed from the University and has taken a position at the University of Rochester, in Rochester, New York. "Laura" has been a fixture in the Department since 1997, and we will surely miss her competence, wit, and commitment. She was often referred to as the Department's "Mother," because of her concern for her colleagues. Additionally, after years of essential and friendly service to students and faculty alike, Ms. Katie Wolford, the Administrative Support Supervisor, was transferred away from the History Department as of November 1. Please join us in wishing her the best of luck over at her new job in Ottenheimer Library. Ms. Heyam Dannawi, our Administrative Specialist, is now holding down the history fort on her own. So everyone please give Ms. Dannawi extra thanks for all she does to keep things running. And join the Department in thanking Ms. Wolford for all she has done over the years.

## Faculty News



**Edward M. Anson**, Professor of History, is currently under contract to produce for E. J. Brill a new edition of his *Eumenes of Cardia: A Greek Among Macedonians; Alexander the Great: Themes and Issues*, Bloomsbury Academic (London, New York, New Delhi, Sidney; 2013) author, was nominated for the Criticos Prize. This prize was established in 1996 and has now been awarded sixteen times. The Prize is worth £10,000. It is funded by the Athens-based Criticos-Fotinelli Foundation and administration is undertaken by the London Hellenic Society. He has published "Discrimination and Eumenes of Kardia Revisited," in *The Age of the Successors*. H. Hauben and A. Meeus (eds.). Peeters Academic Publishers: Leuven, Belgium: 539-58, and has in press "Alexander at the Beas," in *Alexander East and West: A Festschrift Honouring A. B. Bosworth*, Oxford University Press; "Counter-Insurgency: The Lessons of Alexander the Great," in *Greece, Macedon, and Persia: Studies in Social, Political and Military History, A Festschrift honoring Waldemar Heckel*, T. Howe, G. Wrightson, and E. Garvin, editors, Oxbow Books; "Shock and Awe a la Alexander the Great," for a book tentatively titled *The Many Faces of War*. He gave a paper "Counter-Insurgency: The Lessons of Alexander the Great," delivered at the Sixth International Symposium on

Alexander the Great, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, October 6. The paper is a shortened version of the publication noted above, and the conference was held in part to honor Professor Heckel. Also, he chaired a session at this same meeting. Dr. Anson continues as editor, *Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic World* series for Lexington Books (a division of Rowman and Littlefield); Associate editor, *Ancient History Bulletin*, and as an Assessor for Classics for the Australian Research Council, an agency of the Australian national government that awards grants to researchers. On campus, he is a member of the Scholars Policy Council and a faculty Senator.

**Clea Hupp**, Associate Professor of History, teaches Middle East history. Her online World Civilizations course recently received a Quality Matters certification, and she also developed an online version of the History of US-Middle East Relations. Dr. Hupp is currently serving as the coordinator of the Middle East Studies committee. She was a featured speaker at high school Model U.N. day and the Arkansas Coalition for Peace and Justice Hiroshima Commemoration. She recently ran for the Arkansas House of Representatives, but, unfortunately, lost.

**Thomas E. Kaiser**, Professor of History, is currently working on a book manuscript entitled *Marie-Antoinette and the Austrian Plot, 1748-1794*. His chapter "The Diplomatic Origins of the French Revolution" in David Andress, ed., *Oxford Handbook of the French Revolution* (Oxford University Press) is currently in press.

**Barclay Key**, Assistant Professor of History, has begun his third year of teaching at UALR. He has an essay in the forthcoming volume, *Race and Ethnicity in Arkansas*, ed. John A. Kirk, and a review of *Professor-Politician: The Biography of Alabama Congressman Glen Browder* by Geni Certain in the most recent *Journal of Southern History*. Key continues to make progress on his monograph about race relations and Churches of Christ.

**John A. Kirk**, George W. Donaghey Distinguished Professor of History and Department Chair, published his latest book, an edited collection of essays, *Race and Ethnicity in Arkansas: New Perspectives* (Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press). The book contains chapters by UALR History faculty members Dr. Carl Moneyhon and Dr. Barclay Key, as well as a chapter by former UALR history major Kelly Houston who recently successfully defended her PhD thesis on slavery in Arkansas at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Kirk also published an article, "Going Off the Deep End: The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Desegregation of Little Rock's Public Swimming Pools," *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 73 (Summer 2014): 138-163; two front-page feature newspaper articles, the first with Dr. Jess Porter, "Houses Divided: The Roots of Little Rock's Segregated Neighborhoods," *Arkansas Times*, July 10, 2014, 1, 12-16, and "The Long Shadow of Carnell Russ' Death: In 1971, a white Arkansas state trooper shot an unarmed black man over a \$23 speeding ticket," *Arkansas Times*, September 4, 2014, 1, 14-18; and a couple of encyclopedia entries for the Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture: "Congress of Racial Equality" and "Carnell Russ (Killing of)." He appeared as a panelist on panelist on "Minority Matters," the Arkansas Education Television Network (AETN) PBS broadcast show about Voting Rights. He was interviewed on KUAF (Fayetteville, Arkansas NPR affiliate) for a feature item on his research, "Desegregating Arkansas Pools," Wednesday, 4 June 2014 <http://www.kuaf.org/content/desegregating-arkansas-pools>; on THV 11 (Little Rock) evening news item "Improving Little Rock's Asher Avenue," Monday, May 19, 2014 <http://www.thv11.com/videos/news/local/2014/05/19/9310395/>; on KUAR (Little Rock NPR affiliate) for the item "Segregation Today: How Past Housing Policies Affected Little Rock's Racial Landscape," Monday, May 19, 2014 <http://www.thv11.com/videos/news/local/2014/05/19/9310395/>; and by Tom Dillard for the article "Seen by Different Eyes" about non-Arkansans studying Arkansas History, *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Sunday, May 4, 2014, p. 86. He gave keynote addresses at the Radical Americas conference, Institute of the Americas, University College London, United Kingdom, and at Association of Arkansas College History Teachers (AACHT) annual meeting in Little Rock. He delivered papers at the Social Science History (SSH) annual meeting in Toronto, Canada, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) annual meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, and with Dr. Jess Porter presented at Evenings with History on "Racial Redistricting in Little Rock, Arkansas." He also made a number of public presentations as a panelist at screenings of "Freedom Riders" and "Slavery by Another Name," at Carnell Russ Community Unity Day in Star City, Arkansas, at LifeQuest in Little Rock, and at the Lunch 'n Learn series at the Mosaic Templar's Cultural Center. In fall 2014 his student Jeffery Stewart successfully defended his honors thesis "The Private School Movement in Pulaski County, 1969-1979," and will become the second student in the department to graduate with honors.

**Jeff Kyong-McClain**, Assistant Professor of History, presented his paper, "Reading the Good News of the Nation: Christianity and Nationalism in a 1930s Literacy Textbook," at the American Society for Chinese Studies annual meeting at George Washington University. He gave an invited talk at Furman University on Anglophone missionaries and Chinese civilizing mission in Tibet. *Chinese History in Geographical Perspective*, a book Jeff co-edited, published in 2013, will be released in paperback this winter. He also co-led high-school teachers on a 18-day tour of China and Japan, sponsored by the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, and taught courses at UALR on Islam and Christianity in China, Traditional East Asia, and World Civ.

**Moira Maguire**, Associate Professor of History, examines the Irish state's treatment of poor, neglected, and abused children in the post-independence period. Recently she consulted with the BBC on a forthcoming documentary on overseas the adoption of Irish children by American families from the 1940s to the 1970s. The presenter for the documentary is Martin Sixsmith, the journalist portrayed in the critically-acclaimed film *Philomena*. She also is working on a project, with public officials and staff of the National Archives of Ireland, that will make data accessible to Irish people who, as children, were removed from their families by the Irish state and placed in institutions, sent to the US for adoption, or boarded out with local families. She spent the month of July in Dublin working on a new project on marital breakdown in pre-divorce Ireland.

**Kristin Dutcher Mann**, associate professor of history and social studies education coordinator, recently submitted revisions of an article entitled, "The Musical Tradition in Latin America" for the *Oxford Bibliographies Online* series, and reviewed a book for the *Journal of Latin American Studies*. In the summer of 2014, she was part of a statewide team, which rewrote the K-12 Arkansas Social Studies frameworks. The State Board of Education will consider these revisions in their March meeting. She continues as a university representative to the Arkansas Council of the Social Studies. This fall, Dr. Mann co-taught a new interdisciplinary course, Neighborhood Studies, along with colleagues in the Criminal Justice and Art Departments. Students learned about history, crime and crime prevention, and environmental art in the neighborhoods around UALR, and each completed a 30-hour service learning project. In 2014, she won the UALR's Faculty Excellence Award for Service.

**Carl Moneyhon**, Professor of History, and David O. Dodd have become close friends during the past year. He delivered a lecture entitled "David O. Dodd: The Creation of an Arkansas Legend" at the David O. Dodd Symposium sponsored by MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History, another, entitled "David O. Dodd: Deconstructing a Legend," to the Jackson County Historical Society, and is being consulted by the Travel Channel on Dodd for one of its "Secrets of the Museum" programs. In addition to Dodd, the Civil War has presented other opportunities for talks, including "The Arkansas Constitution of 1864 and the Beginning of Reconstruction," for the Old State House Museum's Sesquicentennial Lunch Series, an appearance on AETN's "Barnes and . . ." to discuss the Gettysburg Address, and a session, "Thirty Years of *Portraits of Conflict*," at the Arkansas Literary Festival. Other community related work included acting as a moderator and discussion leader for "The Abolitionists," sponsored by the UALR Center for Arkansas History and Culture's "Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle" program, and a presentation on "African-American Entrepreneurs in Pine Bluff Arkansas, 1865-1900," at "Wealth & Economic Development: Exploring Pine Bluff and Southeast Arkansas's Early African-American Entrepreneurs and Business Leaders," sponsored by the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff's Economic Research and Development Center. Appearances at scholarly conferences include a paper, "Judge Edmund J. Davis in the Secession Crisis: A Question of Loyalties," at the Texas State Historical Association's annual conference and the key note address, "Edmund J. Davis: The Radicalization of a Texas Unionist," at a symposium on "Lone Star Unionism and Dissent: The Other-Civil War Texas" sponsored by Texas State University. He also served as chair of the Fellows Selection Committee of the Texas State Historical Association, published several book reviews, and refereed manuscripts for various journals and presses. Along with colleagues C. Fred Williams, S. Charles Bolton, and LeRoy T. Williams, he published a revised version of, *A Documentary History of Arkansas, Second Edition* (Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 2013).

**Jess Porter**, Assistant Professor of Geography, submitted his application and supporting documents for tenure and promotion this fall. Three copies of the National Endowment for the Humanities-funded exhibit he curated with Dr. Charles Romney, "Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry" began their tours around the US. Jess has been working on new Dust Bowl research with his PhD advisor from Oklahoma State University, Dr. Carlos Cordova. Jess and

Dr. John Kirk presented lectures to Lifequest of Arkansas, the Arkansas Community Institute, and the University History Institute and published an article in the *Arkansas Times* regarding their work on patterns of race and ethnicity in Little Rock. During the fall semester, Jess offered the following geography courses: Cultural Geography, Urban Geography, and the Geography of Food. Dr. Porter is looking forward to co-leading the History Department's second trip to China with Dr. Jeff Kyong-McClain in the spring of 2015. The Porter family welcomed their son Cole into the world in July.

**Charles Romney**, Assistant Professor of History and Public History MA Graduate Coordinator: In August, a traveling exhibit on the Dust Bowl (with Romney and Jess Porter as co-curators) opened at the Johnson County Library in Overland Park, Kansas. In August it left Kansas and continued its journey to Pasadena, California, to Papillion, Nebraska, and to Purdue University in Indiana. The exhibit, funded by a \$263,000 grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities, will go to twenty-seven libraries across the United States on a tour that lasts until spring 2016. Romney did a journey of his own this October, delivering a paper at the "Public History in a Digital World" conference at the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands. The conference was the first meeting of the International Federation for Public History. In Little Rock, Romney received good news from afar about several research projects. During the early fall he had a paper on the Teamsters Union accepted by the journal *Labor History*. Last month a book contract arrived. Romney's book on the American state and the defeat of progressive unions in the 1930s and 1940s will be published by Oxford University Press. Looking ahead to the spring 2015 semester, Romney's class on South Africa will travel back in time to the intellectual world of the Cape Colony from 1850 to 1930. The class counts as a capstone class for the history major, and counts as an elective for the university's Race and Ethnicity minor. .

**Susanah Shaw Romney**, Assistant Professor. After spending summer, 2014, at the Huntington Library researching the early modern Caribbean, Susanah created and taught a new class this fall called "Pirates, Explorers, and Seafarers." She had a terrific time reading primary documents and maritime fiction with the students in the class and can't wait to offer it again. She had the opportunity to talk about her recent book, *New Netherland Connections*, in New York City and at the Albany Museum of History and Art this fall. A peer-reviewed article on race and gender in the Dutch Hudson Valley colony will appear soon in the new *Oxford Research Encyclopedia*, and she's excited about an article on the idea of savagery appearing in the journal *Genre* in 2015. In spring semester, she will be offering a class on "Frontiers in American History," which looks at several "cultural contact zones" in early America, from Massachusetts to Arkansas.

**James Ross**, Associate Professor of History, teaches modern U.S. history and was elected to the Little Rock School Board.

**Laura Smoller**, Professor of History, departed from UALR over the summer to take up a new position in the history department at the University of Rochester.

**Vince Vinikas**, Professor of History, continues his work on the history of the governmental propaganda of Total War, and specifically, the campaigns to mobilize Americans for World War II. His current focus concerns the Roosevelt administration's efforts to commit Americans to the Allied cause despite widespread popular opposition to fighting against Nazi Germany in the years before Pearl Harbor. In addition to survey courses, Vinikas is currently teaching his upper-level course on Modern American Culture.

## **UALR History Department Student Scholarships**

The UALR History Department each spring semester awards a number of student scholarships provided by the generosity of donors. The department welcomes additions to these endowments that will allow us to make more awards and to help more of our students. We also welcome and encourage new endowed named scholarships. All contributions are tax deductible.

The Department is proud to announce the addition of a new award which will be given for the first time next year. This award is named in memory of Mrs. Ruby M. Duke, a former UALR student, noted for her great love of ancient history.

The **Ruby M. Duke Ancient History Award**. Awarded to a student "majoring in History with a demonstrated interest in Ancient History."

**Booker Worthen Scholarship**. Awarded to a full-time or part-time UALR History major with a minimum of 80 credit hours. Academic accomplishment and financial need are considered. Booker Worthen founded Worthen National Bank, which became the largest bank holding company in the state. The scholarship was created by his family to honor his memory.

**Craig Powell Memorial Scholarship**. Awarded to a History major with a minimum of 54 credit hours, the last 15 or more having been taken at UALR. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. The applicant must demonstrate a positive attitude toward learning. Craig Powell was a promising UALR student who was killed in a tragic accident. The scholarship was created in his name by his parents.

**David O. Demuth Scholarship**. Awarded to a History major with a minimum of 54 credit hours, the last 15 hours or more having been taken at UALR. A minimum GPA of 3.5 is required. The applicant's potential for further study in History is considered. David Demuth was a history major and a graduate of UALR, a prominent businessman, and civic leader.

**Richard B. Dixon Scholarship**. Awarded to a History major with a minimum of 54 credit hours, the last 15 or more having been taken at UALR. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. The applicant must demonstrate a positive attitude toward learning. A professor in the History Department at UALR for twenty-three years, the scholarship was established in his name by his former students.

**Jack Freshour Scholarship**. Awarded to a Public History M.A. student with a grade point average of 3.0 undergraduate or 3.25 graduate, taking a minimum of 9 hours per semester. Jack Freshour was a long time supporter of UALR and the History Department.

**Little Rock Nine Endowed Scholarship**. Awarded to a Public History M.A. student working in the area of race relations and community development. Academic accomplishment and financial need are considered.

**Mabel W. Formica and Santo D. Formica History Endowment**. Awarded to History students for scholarships and special projects. A portion of the fund also sponsors visiting external speakers in History. Mabel and Santo Formica were a married couple who in their "golden years" returned to college and became both students in the History program and ardent supporters of the department.

**C. Fred Williams Endowed Scholarship in Public History**. Named in memory of C. Fred Williams a former chair and professor of History.

**Dr. Edward Madden and Lucy Dorothy Anson III Award**. Awarded to the outstanding graduating History major as selected by the faculty of the History Department. This award was established to honor the parents of a current history faculty member.

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