Professor Carl H. Moneyhon retires after forty-five years of distinguished service to UA Little Rock

Carl H. Moneyhon joined the faculty in 1974 and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Carl is both a Fellow of the Texas State Historical Association and the recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award from the Arkansas Historical Association. He is a past recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellowship, a Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award from the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, UALR, and the recipients of two College and University Faculty Excellence in Research Awards. He has also received Awards of Merit and Certificates of Commendation from the American Association of State and Local History, and the Arkansiana Award given by the Arkansas Library Association. Among his many services to the Department of History, he has served for many years as the faculty liaison to the University History Institute, an organization that develops ties between the department and the community through the mutual love of history. He continues to serve on the editorial board of the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*. His scholarship has made him a leader in the fields of American Civil War and Reconstruction history. Carl has published twelve books and numerous articles and book chapters. His retirement will be a great loss to the History Department and to the University.

Death of Emeritus Professor Peter T. Sherrill

Peter Thomas Sherrill, Sr., of Little Rock, passed away January 31, 2019. He obtained Bachelor and Master Degrees from the University of Wisconsin, and his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. He taught history at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, for more than thirty years. He also served on the Little Rock School Board from 1979 to 1982. An avid environmentalist, he was a passionate canoeist who not only conquered the rivers of Arkansas, but spent time canoeing those of Canada and Alaska as well.
Death of Michael Lewis, Husband of Professor Johanna Miller Lewis

Michael Lewis passed away January 14, 2019 at the age of 67. Michael was a historian and curator at Colonial Williamsburg and, after moving to Little Rock with Professor Johanna Miller Lewis, at the Historic Arkansas Museum, the Old State House and the Arkansas History Commission. Michael was a double organ transplant recipient and would encourage everyone to consider becoming an organ donor. Memorial gifts may be made to the Johanna Miller Lewis and Michael Lewis Endowed Scholarship by sending a check made out to the UA Little Rock Foundation with "Johanna Miller Lewis and Michael Lewis Endowed Scholarship" on memo line and sent to: UA Little Rock Office of Alumni and Development, 2801 S. University Ave., Little Rock AR 72204.

Meet Reverend John Thomas Grissom, History Administrator

For the past year, John Grissom has served the History Department as its administrator. John answers to Mr. Grissom and Reverend Grissom. While you may have heard any number of History Department faculty “preach,” Reverend Grissom is our only colleague with the official credentials to do so. Beginning in 1978, John has pastored 11 churches, and currently occupies the pulpit of Holly Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church in North Little Rock. John is a Little Rock native, graduating from Horace Mann High School in 1969 where he was involved in basketball, choir, drama, Debate Club, Economics Club, the track team, and most importantly, was recognized by his senior class as “best male dancer.” Upon graduation from high school he was a “walk-on” basketball player for the former LRU Trojans (after turning down scholarship offers due to his aunt promising to buy him a car if he went to school locally). His emphasis of study at that time was Drama/Theatre with a minor in business. He also attended Arkansas Baptist College and Shorter College. Upon starting a family he left school and joined the Air Force and served during the Vietnam War. While in the Air Force he answered the call to the ministry. This is Mr. Grissom’s second stint at UA Little Rock. He was an employee in the Department of Music for 28 years.

The Reverend John T. Grissom is married to Tina M. Grissom. They are parents of three adult women: Sonja, Candice, and Asha. They are proud grandparents of Lilliee Scorza and Keyone (Seven) Stephens.

The History Department is lucky to have such a kind, knowledgeable, and personable person to keep everything running smoothly.
History Alumna Wins Prestigious Fellowship

The James Madison Foundation named History/Social Studies Education alumna Ashley Haning, as a 2019 James Madison Fellow. She graduated from UA Little Rock in 2017 and currently teaches U.S. History and government at Robinson High School in the Pulaski County Special School District. The James Madison Foundation selects one fellow from each state to receive $24,000 to fund graduate education in U.S. history or government, with a focus on the constitution. Fellows also spend the summer in Washington, D.C., taking a four-week graduate course on the American Constitution. They are chosen based on their dedication to teaching American history and government, devotion to civic responsibility, and capacity and performance for professional growth and excellence in teaching. Haning coaches volleyball and softball in addition to teaching social studies courses. Congratulations Ashley!

Ms. Amy King, Peer Tutor and the Recipient of a Major Scholarship

In the Spring 2019 semester, Amy King, one of the outstanding history majors, has been serving as the History Peer Tutor. She provides academic support for the students enrolled in all the sections of the four core history courses, including US History to and from 1877 and the History of Civilization I and II. Amy meets with the students during her regular office hours and offers help via email but she has also visited many history classes and offered special workshops on how to study history and be successful in college. Amy is a mom of three young boys, full-time student who double majors in History and Criminal Justice, a recipient of the Richard B. Dixon scholarship, and she works as a youth leadership instructor with Little Rock middle school students. She is a true role model. We are very grateful for her commitment to education and endless energy to help undergraduate students fall in love with history.
Having spent the hours necessary to evaluate our program, it was time to look at our data, assess its meaning and propose policies for continuous improvement. The picture reflects the congratulatory reflections of a job well done.

### Public History

The following Public History students have received *paid* internships for this summer:
- Laura Fuentes (Hot Springs National Park in Hot Springs, AR)
- Nancy Hall (National Blues Museum in St. Louis, MO)
- Alex Soulard (MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History in Little Rock, AR)
- Emily Yarberry (Arkansas State Archives in Little Rock, AR)

Recent graduates of the MA program have received the following jobs:
- Joseph Alley, Curator, Helena Museum of Phillips Count
- Hunter Bennett, Museum Preparator, Historic Arkansas Museum
- Josh Couch, Archival Assistant, Arkansas State Archives
- Hattie Felton, Curator of Domestic Life, Missouri Historical Society
- Michael Fondren, Gearhart Project Archivist, University of Arkansas Special Collections
- Blake Gilliam, Archival Assistant, Arkansas State Archives
- Nicolette Talley, Ranger and Fee Program Manager, Glen Canyon Recreation Area (Arizona), National Park Service
University History Institute

Now in its twenty-seventh season the Evenings with History series, sponsored by the University History Institute, continues to feature presentations by UA Little Rock faculty members sharing their current research with the community. Although these talks are aimed at a general audience, each offers insight into the real workings of historical scholarship. This nationally recognized series covers a variety of times, areas, and subjects. Many of the presentations illuminate current affairs. The format also allows for questions and discussion. The University History Institute was created to provide public support for the Department of History at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock. Funds raised by the Institute are used primarily to provide assistance to faculty members in pursuing their scholarly research. To this point the History Institute has provided—in conjunction with Ottenheimer Library and other outside grants—over a hundred thousand dollars for the purchase of archival and library materials to promote this research. This spring the Institute’s Evenings with History presented talks by Assistant Professor Brian K. Mitchell, “When the Depths Don’t give up their Dead: Exploring New Primary sources about the Elaine Race Massacre”; Associate Professor Charles Romney, “Defining the American Empire”; and by Professor Carl Moneyhon, “The End of Reconstruction and the Long-term Cost of Conservative Redemption.”

Faculty News

Andrew Amstutz, Assistant Professor of History, continues to teach History of Civilization II in his second semester in the Department of History. In January 2019, Dr. Amstutz presented on his research on Indian Muslim medical traditions at the annual conference of the American History Associations (AHA) in Chicago. In April 2019, Dr. Amstutz's article, "A Pakistani Homeland for Buddhism: Displaying a National History for Pakistan beyond Islam, 1950-1969," was published in South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies. During
spring break, Dr. Amstutz took a short research trip to Naples (Italy) where he worked in the archives of Italian archaeologists who conducted excavations on Buddhist sites in Pakistan and India during the 1950s and 1960s as he continues to develop a second book project.

**Edward M. Anson, Professor of History**, continues as an Associate editor of the *Ancient History Bulletin*, Assessor for Classics for the Australian Research Council, an agency of the Australian national government that awards grants to researchers, and is a fellow of the University of Waterloo’s Institute for Hellenistic Studies. He published “Ptolemy and the Destruction of the First Regency,” in *Ptolemy Soter: A Self-Made Man*, Oxbow Books. 2018 (appeared 2019): 21-35 and has in press “The Father of the Army: Alexander and the Epigoni,” in *The Courts of Philip II and Alexander the Great: Monarchy and Power in Ancient Macedonia*, for De Gruyter; For Franke and Timme, “Eumenes of Cardia,” “Epitropos,” “Ephemerides,” and “Macedonian Army Assembly,” in *The Lexicon of Argead Macedonia*; review of F. S. Naiden, *Soldier, Priest, and God: A Life of Alexander the Great* (Oxford: 2019), in *Res Militares*, Journal of the Society of Ancient Military Historians. He is under contract to provide a chapter titled “Hellenistic Warfare,” for Wiley-Blackwell’s *Companion to Greek Warfare*; co-editor, *Affective relations and personal bonds in Hellenistic Antiquity: A Festschrift honouring the career of Elizabeth D. Carney*, tentatively accepted by Oxbow Press, expected publication 2020; *Philip II, the Father of Alexander the Great: Themes and Issues* (Bloomsbury Academic, expected publication 2020); “The military campaign: what was it all about?” in *The Cambridge Companion to Alexander the Great* (Cambridge University Press), expected publication 2020. This May 15, he will present, “After Opis: Alexander’s Proposed New Model Army,” at The Ancient Near Eastern Legacy and Alexander vs. Alexander’s Legacy to the World in Wroclaw, Poland, at the University of Wroclaw. *Eumenes of Cardia: A Greek Among Macedonians* (Brill, 2015, 2nd ed.) is being translated into Russian. On campus, he is a faculty Senator and serves as the Counsel of the Senate and on the Senate’s Executive Committee: He also serves on the following: the University Governance Committee, the Chancellor’s Policy Advisory Council, the University Planning and Finance Committee, and the Dean’s Policy Advisory Committee (CALS). This past year he completed his thirteenth consecutive Little Rock Half Marathon (finished 13th in his division) and for the third year the Marathon week 5K (6th). His goal is to outlive everyone in his division.

**David Baylis, Assistant Professor of Geography.** Since joining the History Department in the Fall of 2018, David has been primarily focused on redeveloping the Geospatial Information Science and Technology curriculum at UA Little Rock. To that end, in November he delivered a televised presentation as part of the EarthTalk! Series on the general usefulness of cartography and web-map design for all majors. He delivered a second talk and demonstration for the Pulaski County Historical Society in April on the use of free and open source (FOSS) mapping platforms like QGIS and Google Earth for georeferencing historic maps (Sanborn fire insurance maps, HOLC rellining maps, etc.) and making them interactive. He has created a new fully-online course called Cartography and Web-Mapping and plans to teach a variant of this course as a seminar for the new downtown campus as well. He also hopes to have both an undergraduate and graduate level certificate in GIS ready for students in the next year to year and a half. Following his collaboration on a working paper for the United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) last fall, David continues to collaborate on follow-up projects pertaining to the use of geospatial technologies for developing risk assessment and social vulnerability indices. A new project is in the early stages of development for the World Food Program (WFP). David has also recently been given the approval by the Sanborn Map Co to visit its offices in Colorado and New York as part of a project on the history of risk mapping in the United States. Several presentations based on this work are planned for the NCGE conference in November of 2019 and the AAG conference in 2020. David’s research and teaching interests also include the relationship between place and identity. He has created a new class that is being offered in the Summer of 2019 (Space, Place, Gender and Sexuality). The class will emphasize the historical geography of gender and sexuality in the American South and Midwest. New projects pertaining to this course are coming very soon!
Marta Cieslak, Visiting Assistant Professor of History, presented her research on Polish progressive nationalism in the nineteenth century at the annual conference of the Polish American Historical Association in Chicago. She also gave a talk and facilitated a discussion on immigration and American nationhood as part of Becoming American, a series of events organized by the UALR Ottenheimer Library and supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. In the classroom, she has taught History of Civilization II survey and explored the complexities of US history in an upper level Perspectives of Women in US History course. In this class, the students are asked to rethink and rewrite the conventional narratives of US history from the perspectives of women. She has also worked with graduate students who are now completing Independent Study in Public History, also concentrating on women in US history. Dr. Cieslak continues to coordinate the undergraduate internship program, through which advanced history majors are placed in public history institutions across Little Rock and Central Arkansas. As part of the program, she organized a career development workshop, where the students met with a career advisor and worked on creating compelling resumes and cover letters as well as discussed how to present skills gained as history majors to potential employers. This semester, Dr. Cieslak serves as a liaison between the History Department and the UALR Center of Arkansas History and Culture. In this role, she helps undergraduate and graduate students explore how historians use archives and works on educational tools that can be used both at the Center and in the classroom. Dr. Cieslak has also joined the board of Arkansas Women’s History Institute and has been elected to serve as the Second Vice-President of the Polish American Historical Association. She is now helping to plan the latter organization’s annual conference that will take place in January 2020 in New York.

Michael Heil, Assistant Professor of History, continues to serve in the Faculty Senate and has been learning the ropes of administering the University History Institute under the tutelage of its longtime faculty liaison, Professor Carl Moneyhon. This year he taught courses on early British history, violence in medieval Europe, and the history of civilization. In May he will present his research on ninth-century papal judicial interventions in Northern Italy at the International Congress of Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, MI.

Barclay Key, Assistant Professor History, continued coordinating the M.A. program in public history, teaching the thesis seminar and overseeing all activities relating to the program. Eleven new students were admitted during the academic year and a record 17 students received graduate assistantships or scholarships during the spring semester. He submitted the final draft of his manuscript, Race and Restoration: Churches of Christ and the Black Freedom Struggle, to Louisiana State University Press for publication next spring and published a historiographical essay on the UA Little Rock Center for Arkansas History and Culture website about the 1919 Elaine massacre. With Jim Ross, he helped secure a pardon from Governor Asa Hutchinson for Herbert Monts, a black man who was wrongly convicted for the 1960 bombing of the home of Carlotta Walls, one of the Little Rock Nine.

John A. Kirk, Donaghey Distinguished Professor of History and Director of the Anderson Institute on Race and Ethnicity, taught a full class of 40 students online in RACE 2301 “Introduction to Race and Ethnicity” this semester. This is a core class on the History Department’s Race and Ethnicity minor program, which Kirk coordinates. Kirk continued copyediting his manuscript The Civil Rights Movement: A Documentary Reader that will appear in Wiley’s “Understanding the Past: Documentary Readers in American History” series later this year, and he continued working on his biography of former Arkansas governor Winthrop Rockefeller. Kirk published two articles, one “Arkansas Civil Rights Trail” in About You magazine, February 2019, 98-103, and the other “Walk Against Fear: 50 years ago, Sweet Willie Wine took a stand in the Arkansas delta” in the Arkansas Times, April 2019, 85-86. Kirk authored the report “Racial Attitudes in Pulaski County 2019 Annual Survey Report: Race, Ethnicity and Popular Culture,” published by the Anderson Institute on Race and Ethnicity in partnership with the UA Little Rock Survey Research Center. He also organized the
conference that the report was released at on April 17, which featured 5 expert panelists who commented on the report and fielded questions from the public. Kirk was interviewed on the KABF 88.3 (Little Rock) “Arkansas Talks” program by Patricia Rogers-Ward, where he spoke about “Black History Month at the Anderson Institute,” and by Bill Bowden for his article “In ’46, white school in Arkansas enrolled black girl,” which appeared in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on February 4, 2019. The Anderson Institute was a co-sponsor of the Black History Month screening of Dreamland: Little Rock’s West 9th Street documentary on campus that was followed by a question and answer session with the director and producer. Kirk gave the talk “The Civil Rights Movement and Diversity” for UA Little Rock’s Diversity Week which formed part of the Anderson Institute on Race and Ethnicity’s Plain Talk Lecture Series. He also helped organize another four talks in the series this semester, most notably Louise Lawrence-Israëls’ talk on “Memories of the Holocaust.” Lawrence-Israëls was a “hidden child” in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands during World War II and provided powerful and compelling testimony about her experiences. The Anderson Institute was also a co-sponsor along with UA Little Rock’s Ottenheimer Library, CALS, El Zocalo, and Philander Smith of the grant-funded project “Becoming American” that organized a series of screenings and talks about issues of race, ethnicity and immigration. Kirk delivered two international conference papers, “Commemorating Kennedy: The Making and Meanings of the United Kingdom’s John F. Kennedy Memorial at Runnymede,” at the Nordic Association of American Studies biennial conference held at the University of Bergen, Norway, and “From Talented Tenth to Mass Mobilization: The Long Grassroots African-American Struggle for Voting Rights in Arkansas,” at a conference on “Mobilizing Voters in the English-Speaking World: The Role of Grassroots Organizations and Civil Rights Organizations (1867–2017),” held at the Université Grenoble Alpes in France. Kirk was a panelist at the UA Little Rock Department of Theater Arts and Dance performance of Dominique Morisseau’s play “Detroit ‘67” speaking on “Contexts and consequences of the 1967 Detroit Rebellion: police relations and practices within communities of color.” Kirk wrote a successful grant bid for $4,000 to pay for the markers on the Arkansas Civil Rights Heritage Trail from the Social Justice Advocacy Committee at Second Presbyterian Church. The ceremony in the fall will commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of the Elaine Massacre by laying markers on the Trail for the Elaine Twelve who were convicted and then later released for their alleged role in events. East Harding Construction will continue their involvement in the Trail by providing their annual in-kind support to lay the markers in the sidewalk on President Clinton Boulevard. At the invitation of the River City Men’s Chorus, Kirk was the guest narrator of their performances of “Imagine: Justice-Freedom-Peace,” held at Second Presbyterian Church, April 7, 8 and 11. The performances featured music from the civil rights movement and a suite of songs inspired by native Arkansan Maya Angelou. Kirk continues the year as the Center for Arkansas History’s G. Thomas Eisele Research Fellow, he continues to record his ever-popular Arkansas Moments radio series on KUAR, and he continues to serve as a member of the Arkansas Historical Quarterly board of editors and on the board of the Delta Rhythm & Bayous Alliance.

Kristin Dutcher Mann, Professor of History, is teaching her interdisciplinary course, History and Globalization of the Drug Trade, with Dr. Sarah Quintanar in the Economics Department, in the spring 2019 semester. The course has students from 12 different degree programs, and includes guest speakers on the current opioid crisis and the legalization of marijuana. This spring she traveled to Washington, D.C., for a grant director's meeting for the Library of Congress's Teaching with Primary Sources project, where she also presented a poster session "Arkansas Primary Source Sets: Connecting the Local to the Global" at the National Council on History Education. In July she will travel to Minneapolis to represent Arkansas at the Teaching with Primary Sources Summit. She was elected secretary of the Arkansas Women's History Commission and served as chair of the Susie Pryor Award Committee. Dr. Mann coordinated the Central Arkansas Regional History Day competition in March, and judged documentaries and performances at the Arkansas History Day competition in April. She is currently serving as president of the College of Arts, Letters and Sciences Faculty Assembly. This summer she is working on an examination of bells in 18th and 19th century California.
Nathan Marvin, Assistant Professor of History, joined the history faculty at UA Little Rock in fall 2018. He continues to teach History of Civilization II, and in spring 2019 he led an upper-level seminar on The Haitian Revolution in World History, in which he and his students analyzed the latest scholarship on the Haitian Revolution and its legacies as well as primary source documents culled from his archival research on the French Indian Ocean world. Nathan has also been scouring the holdings of local libraries and archives in search of clues about the effects of the Haitian Revolution in Arkansas. This research has revealed that slavery’s apologists in Arkansas conjured the specter of Haiti to justify the establishment of the Confederacy; it has also uncovered the traces of several Haitian Revolution refugees who settled in Arkansas in the nineteenth century. Nathan was awarded the Center for Arkansas History’s G. Thomas Eisele Research Fellowship to continue exploring the subject and to showcase any findings in a digital exhibition. In the 2018-19 academic year, Nathan attended the annual conferences of the Western Society for French History (November, Portland, ME), the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era (March, Atlanta), and the Society for French Historical Studies (April, Indianapolis), where he shared research from his newest project investigating reports of the seizure and sale of hundreds of enslaved men, women, and children by agents of the First French Republic on Réunion Island. This research exposes a dark chapter of the French Revolution: the republic itself—rather than private citizens exclusively—benefitted financially from slavery even after it had abolished the institution in 1794. Nathan’s essay, “France in the Indian Ocean,” co-authored with Blake Smith for *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Atlantic History*, will appear in April 2019. His article, “The ‘Ambroise Affair’: White Women, Black Men, and the Limits of Métissage in Revolution-Era Réunion,” was published in the December 2018 issue of the journal *French History*.

Brian Mitchell, Assistant Professor of History, submitted edits for two book projects, *Monumental: The Life of Oscar J. Dunn* (Historic New Orleans Collection Press) and an updated second edition of *Blood in their Eyes* (University of Arkansas Press). He also contributed a chapter to *Arkansas and World War I: Reflections on the Great War* (University of Arkansas Press) Edited by Mark Christ. Additionally, Dr. Mitchell has worked with students to submit more than a dozen Encyclopedia of Arkansas entries relating to the Elaine Race Massacre. He also submitted digital publications to the Arkansas Studies Institute’s “Elaine Race Massacre: Red Summer in Arkansas” and Michigan State University’s “Enslaved: People of the Historic Slave Trade.” He additionally participated on a forthcoming CNN documentary podcast on the Wrightsville Negro Industrial School Fire and worked as an academic consultant on the PBS documentary *Reconstruction: America After the Civil War*. Dr. Mitchell has kept a busy schedule of academic presentations which included "When the Depths Don’t Give Up Their Dead: A Discussion of New Primary Sources and How They are Reshaping Debate on the Elaine Massacre," Arkansas Historical Association, Grand Prairie Center, Stuttgart, AR. (April 14, 2019); Becoming American Documentary Series, "HELP WANTED? Immigration and work FILM: DESTINATION AMERICAN: THE GOLDEN DOOR," University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Nixon Library (CALS), Jacksonville, AR. (April 11, 2019); Becoming American: A Documentary Film and Discussion Series, "Promise and Prejudice: Welcome to Shelbyville," National Endowment of the Humanities and the University of Arkansas Little Rock, Ottenheimer Library, Little Rock, AR, United States. (March 27, 2019); Chancellor's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, "Arkansas' Other Trail of Tears: The 1860 Expulsion of Free Blacks from Arkansas," University of Arkansas Medical School, UAMS, Little Rock, AR. (February 28, 2019); "Elaine's Unsolved Mysteries," Arkansas Archaeological Society, CALS Main Library, Little Rock. (February 28, 2019); was a panelist at Detroit 67, “Naming Resistance: ‘Race Riots,’ Rebellions, Uprisings, and Unrest”, UALR - Theatre Department, Haislip Theatre, Little Rock, AR. (February 27, 2019); was a commenter for "Written by Myself: Slave Narratives, Black Authority, and the Struggle for Freedom," Department of Social Sciences and History Club, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR. (February 21, 2019); Anderson Institute on Race and Ethnicity: Plain Talk on Race and Ethnicity, "Taking West Rock: The Removal of Little Rock's Westernmost Suburb," Anderson Institute on Race and Ethnicity, UALR / Ottenheimer Library, Little Rock, AR. (February 5, 2019); Evenings with History Lecture Series, “When the Depths Don’t give up their Dead: Exploring New
Primary sources about the Elaine Race Massacre”, UALR History Institute, Historic Arkansas Museum, Little Rock, AR. (February 5, 2019); Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group Conference, "Racial and Economic Activism in Rural Arkansas: The 1919 Elaine Massacre," Southern Sustainable Agriculture working Group, Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock, AR. (January 25, 2019); served as a panelist at the Ribbon Cutting / Opening of UALR Downtown Center, “Introducing The Struggle in the South, a Joe Jones Mural", University of Arkansas Little Rock, UALR Downtown Center, Little Rock, AR, United States. (January 16, 2019); and "Elaine: Race Riot or Massacre," Clark County Historical Association, Arkadelphia, AR, United States. (January 9, 2019). Dr. Mitchell was also honored as a “Visionary Arkansan” by the Arkansas Times.

Carl Moneyhon, Professor of History, continued to work on a variety of projects. His now named book manuscript George T. Ruby: Champion of Equal Rights in Reconstruction Texas is now in production at TCU Press and should be out this coming Fall. His book-length study of the Union League in Texas, variously named, is still in the process of revision and hopefully will be back to Texas A&M University Press some time this summer. He also is cleaning up his book chapter, "Control of Arkansas and the Arkansas River Valley: The Battle of Helena, the Little Rock Campaign, and the Fall of Fort Smith," for publication in the Oxford Handbook of the Civil War. He is anxious to get these projects out of the way in order to start on a general history of the Civil War in Texas, to be published as a part of the University of Arkansas Press's Civil War in the West series. Of course there is the continuing hope that some day "Making Johnny Reb," the envisioned paradigm shifting study of the iconic Confederate soldier, will actually be finished. He also published a book review of Guy Lancaster's Bullets and Fire: Lynching and Authority in Arkansas, 1840-1950 in the Arkansas Review: A Journal of Delta Studies. He helped produce a very successful year of "Evenings with History" with the University History Institute. Thanks to all of the faculty members who presented this year and also to the Institute's Board who have worked to bring to a wider audience the Institute's activities. In terms of service he survived a year on the college's Assessment Committee and learned an important lesson, always get back with the chair as quickly as possible regarding committee assignments. He taught his last "Old South" and graduate seminar in "Historical Methods" in the Fall, "American Civil War" this Spring, and "U.S. History to 1877" in both semesters. Perhaps his biggest accomplishment since the last newsletter has been to clean out his office.

Jess C. Porter, Chair of History, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Geography, is teaching his contemporary geopolitics course called History, Geography, and the News along with a redesigned Cultural Geography course this spring. In the fall, he looks forward to contributing to the growing suite of geography technology courses offered by the History Department with his geospatial technologies class. Jess presented an invited lecture on housing segregation to the Garthwait Leadership Center for Public Service and the Eisenhower Institute of Gettysburg College in January.

Charles Romney, Associate Professor of History, continues to be the Principal Investigator for the Department’s grant from the National Archives Trust Fund. The grant funds stipends for two graduate assistants each semester at the Clinton Presidential Library, and has awarded $96,750 in stipends to public history MA students since 2011. This semester Romney also served as the chair of Kya Stys’ MA thesis, “The Arkansas Lunatic Asylum: Arkansas's Forgotten Asylum.” Ms. Stys defended her thesis in March.

Katrina Yeaw, Assistant Professor of History, is continuing to work on her book project entitled Women, Resistance and the Creation of New Gendered Frontiers in the Making of Modern Libya, 1890-1980. In addition to this project, she is also developing a journal article entitled "Rethinking the Abolition of Slavery in North Africa: Libya and the Slave Trade." This fall she will be giving a talk entitled “Beyond Benghazi: A Brief History of Modern Libya” for the Evenings with History series as well as presenting at the the Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans. At UALR, she is a faculty member with the Middle Eastern Studies Program along with the history department. She teaches classes on the modern Middle East,
World Civilization until 1600, historical methods, and historiography. Currently, she is organizing a study abroad course to the cities of Samarkand and Bukhara in Central Asia for spring break 2021 with Professor David Baylis. She is also a member of the Feminist Research Collective and is currently organizing a feminist reading group for UA Little Rock faculty called “F*** the Patriarchy.”

Social Media

Please follow us on social media. /ualrhistory/ on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Our social media czar, Dr. Barclay Key provides daily news and information. Here’s a small sample of what you’re missing!
Dr. Porter is in student mode this week as he’s soaking up the latest in mobile geospatial technologies. Learn these marketable skills in his introductory geospatial technologies course (Geography 3333) this fall.

If you cannot wait to get your map on, Dr....

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UAP Center for Arkansas History & Culture in Little Rock yesterday to learn more about working with archival collections. Dr. Marta Cieslak offered a brief workshop on basic research strategies, and the class looked in Osborn v. Nich-...
Here’s the story about those new Urdu books in our library. Many thanks to Dr. Andrew Amstutz for making the arrangements! ALSO, please look for a class that he will teach in the fall semester on the history of India and Pakistan!

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Acadia Roher, a graduate assistant at the UA Little Rock Center for Arkansas History and Culture, wrote another blog post about her work on the Mapping Renewal project, courtesy of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Click the link to learn more about Granite Mountain.

UA Little Rock
March 8

UA Little Rock receives donation of Urdu book collection - News

Dr. Carl Moneyhon gave his last public lecture before retirement in front of a capacity crowd at @historicark. Colleagues presented a small gift (scotch, anyone?), and he received standing ovation for his talk on Reconstruction. #ualr #history #publichistory #Arkansashistory

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Dr. Deborah Baldwin, UA Little Rock associate provost of collections and archives and director of the UA Little Rock Center for... Continue Reading

Outstanding Women of UA Little Rock: Deborah Baldwin - News

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Congrats to Nicole Ursin! She has received the highest graduating student award - the Whitbeck Memorial Award. She is a double major in anthropology & history and worked at 9 different museums & historical organizations.

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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.

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.

Lee and Paula Johnson Travel Scholarship. Awarded to assist students in the History Department to pursue a study abroad program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Please make checks out to UALR History Department followed by the relevant scholarship in brackets and mail to c/o Dr. Jess Porter, History Department Chair, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 2801 South University Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72204-1099.