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Carl Moneyhon Research Fellow Award



In late September, several of **Dr. Carl Moneyhon**'s close associates and friends gathered at the home of Dr. Bobby and Kathy Roberts to celebrate the announcement of the Dr. Carl Moneyhon Research Fellow Award for the benefit of the Department of History. The Roberts' generous gift will provide proceeds to defray costs of pure research by History and Geography graduate students and faculty. These expenses could include the purchase of materials related to specific research projects and travel for research purposes. The award, named after Dr. Carl Moneyhon, honors a professor with a research record second to none.

Moneyhon, a professor at UA Little Rock from 1974 to 2019, has more than a dozen single and co-authored books, along with numerous journal articles, book chapters, and invited presentations. Dr. Roberts and Dr. Moneyhon coauthored a number of works including the books in the *Portraits of Conflict* series, published by the University of Arkansas Press. In "retirement", Dr. Moneyhon continues writing and publishing at a prodigious pace. His most recent book is *George T. Ruby, Champion of Civil Rights in Reconstruction Texas*, available from TCU Press.

Online History Degree Coming Fall 2021

Beginning in fall 2021, UA Little Rock's History and History-Secondary Social Studies Education degrees will both be available through the online campus, <https://ualr.edu/online/>. While students have been able to complete their coursework through our many online course offerings for several years, this option allows students who



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November 23, 2020

TO: Dr. Ann Bain
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FROM: Jessie J. Walker, Ph.D. *Jessie Walker*
Assistant Director for Academic Affairs

RE: Program Approval

On October 30, 2020, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved the following program actions for the University of Arkansas--Little Rock:

Existing Program Offered by Distance Technology
Bachelor of Arts in History (DC 1500; CIP 54.0101; 120 credit hours; 100% online; Spring 2021)

intend to take all of the courses for their complete degree program online. Students enrolled in the online campus pay reduced tuition rates and do not have access to on-campus amenities like athletic and health facilities, but online campus students can still access academic resources, including the library and advising. The approval of our degree programs for the online campus will help us recruit students from a larger geographic area.

If you are interested in taking all of the courses for your entire degree online, you may be interested in switching to the online campus for your program of study, so contact **Dr. Jess Porter** or **Dr. Kristin Mann** for more information.

Vince Vinikas Plans Unique Gifts for Department and Arkansans

Dr. Vincent Vinikas, professor emeritus of history who taught at UA Little Rock for 34 years, has donated a revocable trust, worth an estimated \$100,000, to UA Little Rock along with his collection of materials about American history. The trust will create two endowed funds, one for the UA Little Rock Center for Arkansas History and Culture and another for the Department of History. "There are two goals for my donation," Vinikas said. "One is to promote the study of history, and the other is to promote a sense of community in the Department of History. The first gift promotes the study of history, the most important subject. There is no way to understand the present without understanding the past. I would like people to have a sense of community. The other gift is to promote a sense of collegiality and a community of ideas among faculty and students at the university who are studying, teaching, and researching history."



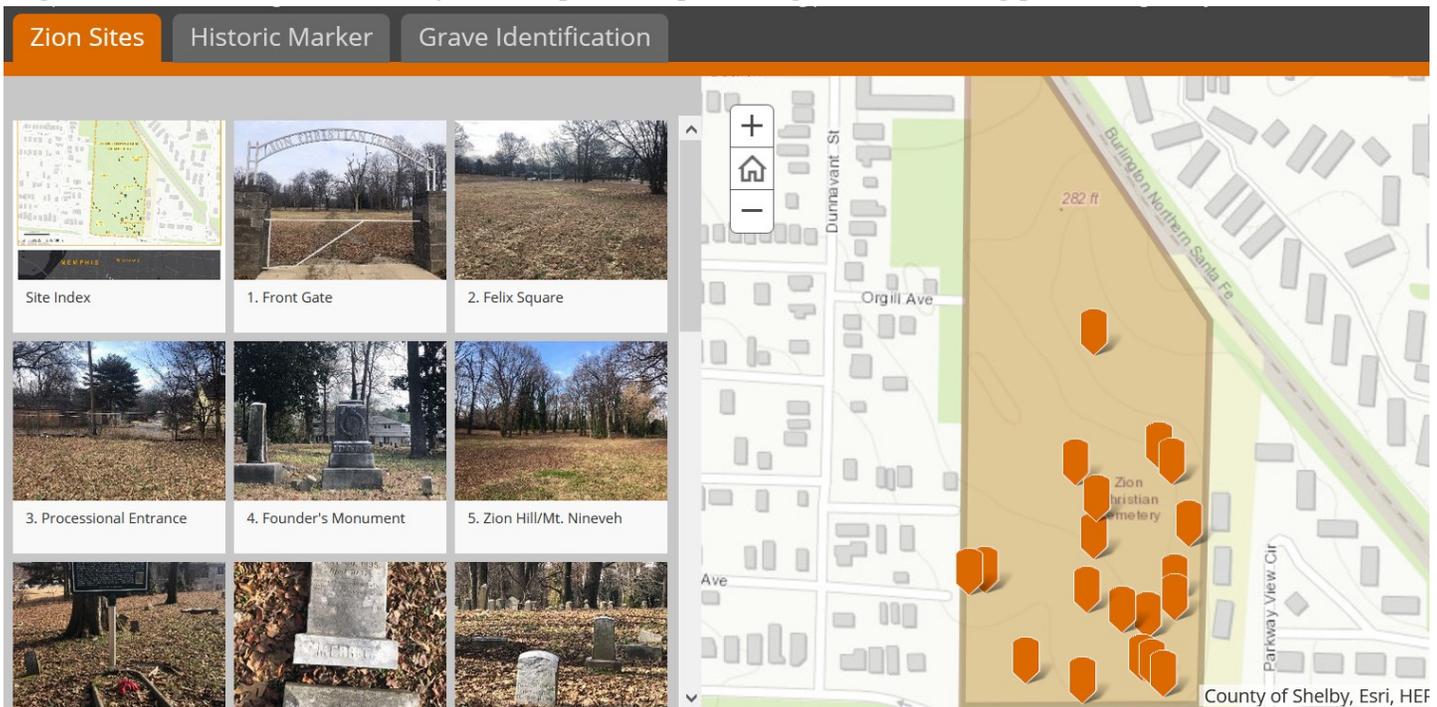
The Vinikas Endowment for the Study of American Culture will be used to process and maintain the Vinikas Archival Collection, which contains materials on the Great Depression, Native Americans, American culture, and American social history. The endowment will promote a better understanding of the history of American culture through scholarly study at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels and through public programming. The second half of the donation will establish the Vinikas Faculty/Student Success Endowment for the Department of History. The fund will promote fellowship and community among history students and faculty by supporting departmental events, including guest speakers, field trips, recruitment, and banquets.

"A university is only as good as its faculty and supporting our faculty seems critical these days," Vinikas said. "I hope this gift makes our university a better place, and that it encourages other people to be generous as well."

American Deathscapes

Innovation from UA Little Rock History and Geography

Dr. Davis Baylis has used the situation created by the pandemic to develop new courses that emphasize experiential learning, project development, and the incorporation of geospatial technologies, spatial analysis, and map design. For example, in the spring of 2021 he will be offering another brand-new course, *American Deathscapes*. Student will explore the spatial transformation of death, dying, and memorialization in the United States. *American Deathscapes* also incorporates a semester-long project that builds on work Dr. Baylis is currently undertaking in Memphis with the Zion Community Group. Zion Christian Cemetery is the oldest and largest African American cemetery in Memphis. Despite being the final resting place of over 30,000 Black



Memphians, the cemetery was largely abandoned and fell into disarray until revitalization efforts began in earnest in the last decade. The class will help map the site, rebuild a searchable database of the cemetery's burials, and help identify historically important individuals buried in the cemetery. They will also research the role of benevolent societies and fraternal orders in the acquisition, growth, and maintenance of the cemetery, develop a plan for further memorializing the site, and encourage their local representatives to support the passage of the African American Burial Grounds Network Act. Check out the developing site map

here: <http://arcg.is/OLPa0j>

Teaching with Perusall

Several members of the department incorporated new teaching tools into their online classes this semester. Dr. Barclay Key used Perusall (yes, there are two els in the name) after learning about it from Dr. Nate Marvin and attending a webinar about a similar program. At Dr. Charles Romney's suggestion, he assigned a free textbook from the University of Chicago Press, *Building the American Republic* that is available in PDF. Dr. Key uploaded individual chapters into Perusall, accompanied by additional primary sources that he selected.

Students created an account in Perusall for free, and joined Dr. Key's course. As they read the textbook and examined the primary sources, they could highlight portions of the text and create discussion threads in the margins. Comments could be tagged as questions, and replies could be "liked." Images and links could easily be inserted, too. Perusall used an adjustable (and creepy) algorithm to assign a participation grade to students based

on the time they spent reading, their comments or questions, and their interactions with other students. Dr. Key also uploaded videos for discussion, including a brief history of MTV and a Saturday Night Live skit based on the 1992 presidential election.

Preservation and Commemoration

In **Dr. Andrew Amstutz's** History with Objects course, undergraduate and graduate students worked on an ongoing public history project in the Department of History on the history of the AIDS epidemic in Arkansas, LGBTQ history in the south, and the Files Cemetery. In the 1980s and 1990s, Hot Springs resident Ruth Coker Burks provided end-of-life care for hundreds of men who were dying of AIDS in Central Arkansas and contributed to early AIDS education initiatives in the state. She then interred the ashes of over forty of these men in her family cemetery, the Files Cemetery in Hot Springs, when their families rejected them even in death. The Files Cemetery has become an important space for queer memory and the history of the AIDS epidemic in Arkansas. Students in Dr. Amstutz's class developed strategies for preserving the Files Cemetery and commemorating its importance to Arkansas by drawing on what they learned about material culture and public history in his course.



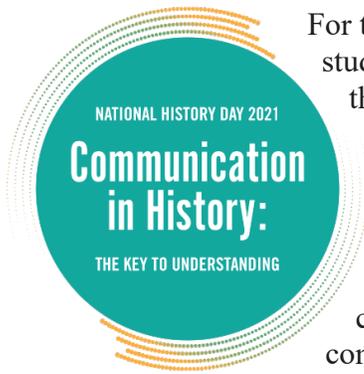
Evenings with History Returns

For over three decades, members of the history department and guest speakers have shared their expertise with the community through the University History Institute's Evenings with History lecture series. After a brief hiatus last spring, Evenings with History is back in a socially distanced, virtual form. The 2020-2021 series kicked off in November with **Dr. Nathan Marvin's** talk, "Enslaved by the Church, Sold for the Republic: The Untold Story of the Men, Women, and Children Sold as 'National Property' During the French Revolution."

The new year will bring four more events: a roundtable discussion on the 2020 election featuring **Drs. Baylis, Kirk, Mitchell, and Ross** on January 19; a Public History graduate student research forum on February 9; a roundtable discussion on pandemics in history featuring **Drs. Amstutz, Key, Mann, and Heil** on March 9; and a presentation of the Center for Arkansas History and Culture's "Mapping Renewal" project with **Dr. Deborah Baldwin** on April 13. All events take place at 7:30 pm on Zoom. For further information, visit <https://ualr.edu/history/history-institute/>. If you would like to receive news about upcoming events, contact Dr. Heil at mwheil@ualr.edu. We will add you to our mailing list!



National History Day Moved Online



For the first time, UA Little Rock's History Day competition for Central Arkansas students will be held entirely online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's theme is *Communication in History: The Key to Understanding*. Students will work individually or in groups to research topics in Arkansas, U.S. and world history related to the theme. They will present their research in historical papers, digital exhibits, websites, documentaries, or performances in late February. All judging will occur online during the last week in February and the first week in March, and the awards will be announced on Saturday, March 6, in a virtual awards ceremony. First, second, and third place winners will advance to the virtual state competition in April, and first and second place state winners will advance to the

virtual national competition in June. We need approximately 60 judges to run the competition. If you are interested, please contact **Dr. Kristin Mann** at kdmann@ualr.edu.

M.A. in Public History Report

by Program Coordinator, Dr. Barclay Key

Congratulations to three students who completed the MA program this semester! **Jessica Corder** completed a thesis project on President Clinton and NASA. **Jason Littleton** constructed a physical exhibit about an Arkansas-born Methodist missionary named Pearle McCain, and **Laura Fuentes** created a website about Belmont, the boom town that sprang up during World War I in what is today North Little Rock. **Dr. Kristin Mann** supervised Jessica, while **Dr. Andrew Amstutz** supervised Jason and Laura. In case you wondered, this is what a Public History MA thesis defense looks like in the time of Covid-19. Here Laura Fuentes discusses her research.



We welcomed five new students into the program this semester: **Kate Burell**, **Lauren Fontaine**, **Brittany Fugate**, **Harrison Mitchell**, and **Brandon Tully**. Our graduate assistants continue receiving crucial experience from several hosts, including the Clinton Presidential Library,

the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, the UALR Sequoyah National Research Center, and the UALR Center for Arkansas History & Culture. Paid internships were difficult to find over the summer, as were the usual jobs that a college student might have. For that reason, the department broke with precedent and awarded scholarships to our returning graduate assistants to cover the cost of fees. Assistantships already covered the cost of tuition. In total, we awarded \$9,200 in graduate scholarships for the fall semester.

Phi Alpha Theta



We are excited to announce that ten students have joined the Department of History's revived chapter of the history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, the Iota-Zeta chapter! One Phi Alpha Theta student, **Amy King**, will graduate in December 2020. The Department is looking forward to hosting Phi Alpha Theta events as soon as it is safe to do so. For more information on Phi Alpha Theta, please contact chapter advisor, **Dr. Andrew Amstutz** at amamstutz@ualr.edu.

Passing of Moira Maguire



The History Department was shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of our former colleague, **Dr. Moira J. Maguire**. Moira died November 3, 2020 at her residence after a sudden illness. She was born on February 24, 1965 and is the daughter of Patricia A. (Shanahan) Merry and Thomas P. Maguire. Moira was raised in Little Rock and graduated from Saint Mary's High School. She then went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree in History from George Washington University, a Master's Degree in History from Northeastern, and a Doctorate of Philosophy in History from American University. While working on her PhD, Moira spent six years living in Ireland. Her original research project, "Precarious Childhood in Post-Independence Ireland", was connected with the Ryan Report issued in Ireland in 2009. Her research directly contributed to connecting families that had been separated for decades. She started her teaching career with the University of Arkansas in Little Rock from 2000-2015, moving to Schenectady, NY in 2015 to be Dean of Liberal Arts there before moving to western MA to become Dean of Social Sciences for Holyoke Community College. Moira was very passionate and caring. Through her teaching career, as well as her roles in administration, her students came first. From teaching in the classroom, to organizing drives to provide essentials such as backpacks and supplies, Moira truly cared about the success and wellbeing of her students. She was also very involved in her community, volunteering her time to the local food pantries, and homeless shelters.

Passing of Charles Bowlus

Chuck Bowlus, retired professor of History, passed away on December 23, 2020 at the age of 82. Charles was born in Iola, KS in 1938, the son of the late George and Jane Bowlus. Chuck was a medievalist, completing his PhD at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and teaching at the UA Little Rock for over twenty-five years. Drs. Ed Anson and Thomas Kaiser recalled fondly their gregarious colleague. Dr. Anson said, "He was the only Medievalist I've ever met who sided with the peasants and not the aristocrats." Dr. Kaiser said, "Chuck Bowlus was a force of nature. He hated pretense and posturing, and did everything with passion as well as intelligence, which he brought to his world-renowned scholarship and to his inspired teaching." A lovely obituary is available [here](#).



History Club News

The History Club is back! We have restarted meetings and will be inaugurating a weekly game night next semester. We are also looking forward to our first event in the time of Covid-19, on December 19: a private virtual tour of the Civil War collections at the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History with Museum Director Stephan McAteer. **Dr. Nathan Marvin** will serve as both gaffer and camera operator--masked, of course!

History Graduates

Congratulations to History BA graduates for the 2020 Fall semester! They include **Amy King**, **Osaro Obayuwana**, **Megan Shapley**, and **Madison Zaliski**. Good luck and keep in touch!

Alumni News

Jeri Maghoney recently accepted the position of social studies department chair at Hot Springs High School. **Hannah Ramsey Austin** is teaching civics, economics, and U.S. History and coaching volleyball and soccer at Quest Academy in Little Rock. **Nick Weaver** is teaching middle school social studies at Dunbar Middle School in Little Rock. **Alyce Zottoli** has moved from Mabelvale Middle School to Central High School in Little Rock. She teaches civics, economics, and AP U.S. History and sponsors the Students Demand Action chapter and National History Day. **Heather Bettinardi** is social studies department chair at the new Southwest Little Rock High School in Little Rock. **Kimble Rawls Talley** is the educational specialist at Golden Gate National Recreation Area in San Francisco, California. Alumni, please send your news and updates to jcporter@ualr.edu.

Faculty News



Andrew Amstutz, Assistant Professor of History. In August 2020, Dr. Amstutz published two articles. The first, “A New Shahrazad: The Travel Writings of Mahmooda Rizvia between India and Iraq during World War II,” was published in *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*. The second article, “A Partitioned Library: Changing Collecting Priorities and Imagined Futures in a Divided Urdu Library, 1947-1949,” was published in *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*. Dr. Amstutz discussed this research on divided libraries during the Partition of India in an Evenings with History talk in 2019. Dr. Marvin and Dr. Amstutz led a department expedition to Acadia National Park this summer.

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 this year his ninth and tenth books, *Affective relations and personal bonds in Hellenistic Antiquity: A Festschrift honouring the career of Elizabeth D. Carney*, Oxbow Press (co-editor), and *Philip II, the Father of Alexander the Great: Themes and Issues* (Bloomsbury Academic. Accepted for publication, *The Campaigns of Philip II and Alexander the Great*. Brill. Leiden, with an expected publication date of 2022; and still in negotiations with Bloomsbury for a book on Ptolemy I, Soter. Published also this year; “The Father of the Army: Alexander and the Epigoni,” in *Affective relations and personal bonds in Hellenistic Antiquity*; and “Eumenes of Cardia,” “Epitropos,” “Ephemerides,” and “Macedonian Army Assembly,” in *The Lexicon of Argead Macedonia*, Franke & Timme. He has in press: “Hellenistic Warfare,” for Wiley-Blackwell’s *Companion to Greek Warfare*, to be published in 2021; “Alexander the Great: A Life Lived as Legend,” in *Alexander the Great and Propaganda*, Taylor and Frances to be published in 2021, “Alexander’s Foundation of Alexandria,” in the *International Journal of Military History and Historiography*, to be published in 2021 “Philip and Alexander and the Nature of Their Personal Kingship,” in *The Courts of Philip II and Alexander the Great: Monarchy and Power in Ancient Macedonia*, De Gruyter; “The military campaign: what was it all about?” in *The Cambridge Companion to Alexander the Great*, Cambridge University Press, “From Ipsus to Korupedium,” in *Oxford History of the Hellenistic World*, Oxford University Press. He is currently a reader on a master’s thesis at the University of Nebraska,



Baby historian, Declan Edward Anson

Omaha; and on a doctoral committee for Cornell University. He serves on three university committees. Dr. Anson is most excited about the birth of another grandson, Declan Edward Anson.



David Baylis, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Geography, has maintained his sanity during another pandemic semester by buying a Concept2 erg (rower). He bought an old house in Memphis and has been slowly working on that as well. Finally, he has taken up the crafting of objets d'art (mostly doorstops) out of sisal.

Michael Heil, Assistant Professor of History, returned to campus this fall after a year-long fellowship at the University of Notre Dame. As faculty liaison for the University History Institute he helped to bring back the Institute's Evenings with History lecture series in virtual form for 2020-2021. In October his book project, *Clerics, Courts, and Legal Culture in Early Medieval Italy*, was the focus of a conference hosted by the University of Notre Dame's Medieval Institute, featuring Professors Warren Brown (Caltech), Abigail Firey (Kentucky) and Cristina La Rocca (Padua). His article, "Justice and Legal Practice in Early Medieval Italy, ca. 700-900," recently appeared in the journal *History Compass*.

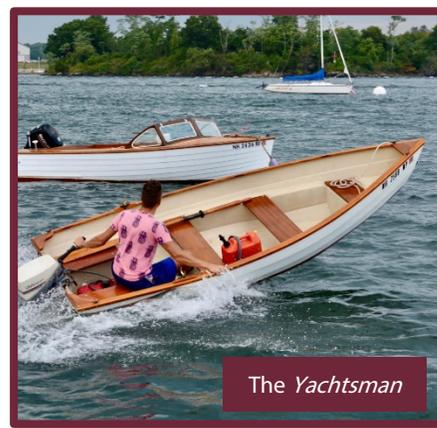
Barclay Key, Associate Professor of History and Coordinator of Public History, continued coordinating the M.A. program in public history and teaching the thesis seminar and core course in US history since 1877. With Jim Ross, he published an essay in the November issue of the *Arkansas Times* about Herbert Monts, a black man who was wrongly convicted for the 1960 bombing of the home of Carlotta Walls, one of the Little Rock Nine. Key continues research on the history of school desegregation in Little Rock and serves as administrator for all of the department's social media accounts, @ualrhistory on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

John A. Kirk, Donaghey Distinguished Professor of History, has been revising his book manuscript, a biography of former Arkansas governor Winthrop Rockefeller, for publication next year. It will be his tenth book, following the publication of his ninth book, *The Civil Rights Movement: A Documentary Reader* (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Blackwell, 2020), earlier this year. He published an entry in *The Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture* on the "National Black Political Convention (1974)." He was a panelist at New York's International House alongside Dr. Sybil Hampton Jordan and Janis Kearney in its Virtual Q&A Documentary Series examination of "Daisy Bates: First Lady of Little Rock." He found himself in court, where he provided expert testimony on the racial impact of the 30 Crossing Project in the case of *Little Rock Downtown Neighborhood Association Inc. et. al v. Federal Highway Administration et. al.* (see "Hearing on I-30 project hits snag: Decision on expert testimony delayed by lawyer's tragedy," *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, August 21, 2020, and "I-30 project ruling vowed within days," *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, August 27, 2020). He conducted a number of media interviews including with Korey J. Isbell (24 Film Group/Al Bell Presents) for his documentary "Vilified—The Black American Experience"; the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* for "Arkansas Sightseeing: Following in Their Footsteps," (front page, Style section), July 14, 2020, and Rachel Herzog, "Little Rock park markers for Dodd removed; mayor seeking 'inclusive' sites," July 10, 2020; Jacob Maguire for the "Mapping Renewal" website project produced by the Center for Arkansas History and Culture; Dan Grossman, "In a time where focus feels black and white, muralists splash shades of color in between," June 23, 2020, for The Denver Channel/ABC7 (Denver); Janelle Lilley, "Little Rock civil rights historian weighs in on Black Lives Matter movement," June 19, 2020, for KATV/ABC7 (Little Rock); Harry Li for "Coffee and Prayer" Facebook broadcast on "You are here; Where we stand in the civil rights movement," Mosaic Church of Central Arkansas, June 11, 2020; and Zach Briggs, "Historian weighs in on nationwide protests against racial justice," June 2, 2020 KATV/ABC7 (Little Rock). In the fall semester, he taught History of the US to 1877 and A Global History of Soccer. His former student Sarah Riva, who he taught at Royal Holloway, University of London as an undergraduate student, and on UA Little Rock's Public History MA as a graduate student,

successfully defend her Ph.D. thesis at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Over the summer, Kirk was the only faculty member in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at UA Little Rock selected to teach at Arkansas Governor's School (AGS) in Area II: Arts and Humanities. Held at Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, AGS matches the best and brightest rising high school seniors with the best teachers in the state. Although it was the first time AGS had ever been held online, everyone still had fun. Student comments about Kirk's teaching included: "he did a very good job at asking thought provoking questions"; "the discussions...kept me engaged and interested in the class"; "I really loved this class. I thought it was really interesting and made my AGS experience better"; "It challenged me to think differently and also inspired me to change my College Essay topic"; "This class has expanded my view on the way I think about things"; "I really enjoyed Mr. Kirk's class. He's very good at keeping us on track and involved in discussion. I also noticed that he is good at listening to what his students say and he seems to value our opinions. Both of which are good qualities for a teacher to have"; "He was just an overall amazing teacher!"; and, his personal favorite, "Kirk deserves a medal!" Amen to that.

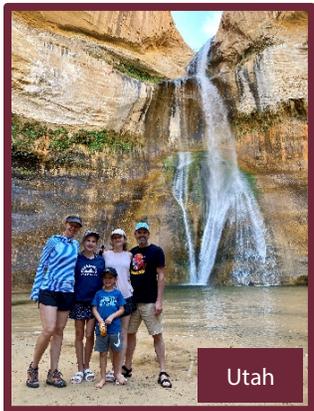
Kristin Dutcher Mann, Professor of History and Coordinator of Social Studies Secondary Education, continues as coordinator for the history/secondary social studies education program. She has been focusing on learning how to more effectively teach in hybrid/flexible formats, where some students are face-to-face, and some are online synchronously, while the content is also available online to everyone asynchronously. In summer and fall 2020 she created a curriculum module on Music and Missions for Oxford University Press's Uncovering History primary source, inquiry-based, multimedia curriculum series. She also spent time working in the UALR Campus Garden and coordinating donations of vegetables from the garden to local food pantries.

Nathan Marvin, Assistant Professor of History, had been looking forward to travelling for conference presentations this semester. Instead of Seattle, St. Louis, and Memphis, he has had to broadcast his latest research findings from his kitchen counter. With flights grounded, he has also had to ditch summer plans to conduct research in the National Archives of Mauritius. Fortunately, during previous research trips, he took enough digital photos that he has been able to maintain a robust research agenda simply by transcribing the manuscript sources gleaned from the archives. His translations of a few of these sources have even found their way into his teaching. Dr. Marvin recruited his undergraduate and graduate methods students to help establish the sequence of events that played out in a colonial courtroom drama in the 1790s. They will all receive shout-outs in the acknowledgments of his forthcoming monograph! The summer was not a total loss for Dr. Marvin. While hiding out in coastal New Hampshire, he helped restore a vintage Amesbury skiff. He and Dr. Amstutz even met up in beautiful Acadia National Park!



Brian Mitchell, Assistant Professor of History, completed a new book, [Monumental: Oscar Dunn and His Radical Fight in Reconstruction Louisiana](#). The text is scheduled for a Spring 2021 release with the Historic New Orleans Collection Press. Despite the ongoing Covid epidemic, Mitchell maintained a busy presentation schedule during the crisis. Dr. Mitchell served as a panelist for Shelter-in-Place Virtual Film Series, "Wilmington On Fire," Arkansas Peace and Justice Memorial Movement, Arkansas Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Online Presentation, Little Rock, AR. (July 31, 2020); presented at the Grambling State University Digital Humanities Workshop, "'Reviving a Free Black New Orleans: The Benefits of Digitizing the Mayor's Register of Free Blacks in the City of New Orleans from 1840 to 1864,'" Grambling State University, Online Workshop, Grambling, LA. (August 5, 2020); served as a panelist for "The Legacy of Race & the Question of Reconciliation in Arkansas," Central Arkansas Libraries System, Online Panel, Little Rock, AR. (August 20, 2020); prepared a video interview for "Arkansas and the Great Pandemic," Arkansas People's History Project, Online, Little Rock, AR. (August 23, 2020); presented for UA Press Author Spotlight,

"Brian K. Mitchell and Guy Lancaster discussing Blood in Their Eyes: The Elaine Massacre of 1919," Fayetteville Public Library and the University of Arkansas Press, Fayetteville Public Library (Virtual), Fayetteville, AR, United States. (September 30, 2020); The Pulaski County Historical Society and Central Arkansas Library System Seminar, "'West Rock: The Taking of an American Dream'," The Pulaski County Historical Society and Central Arkansas Library System, Virtual Lecture. (November 15, 2020); a panelist for the WMVideo Wingate Museum of Art Series, "The Black Experience with COVID-19," Hendrix University: Wingate Museum of Art, Virtual. (December 2, 2020); and presented for the "Redlining" in Little Rock Presentation to the First United Methodist Church TMG Book Club, "'Redlining" in Little Rock," First United Methodist Church TMG Book Club, Virtual. (December 15, 2020). Dr. Mitchell also conducted interviews for two forthcoming documentary projects with the Cable News Network (CNN) and National Geographic. The topics for the documentary projects are Reconstruction New Orleans and the Elaine Massacre.



Jess Porter, Chair of History, Associate Professor of Geography, said it was the best of times and it was the worst of times. He missed spending time with friends and extended family, but was thankful to have many adventures with those under his roof. The best of which was an extended camping trip to the backcountry of southern Utah. He really enjoyed learning new tricks to online teaching and was particularly pleased with his new *Middle East Today* course this fall. In the spring, he will debut another new course, *American War in the Middle East*. He will also teach *Geospatial Technology* in an online format for the first time. Jess is excited to get back in the classroom next fall and try out one of the department's new Zoom rooms. These rooms will allow the department to offer most face-to-face courses as synchronous online courses.

Charles Romney, Associate Professor of History, continues to be the Principal Investigator on a grant from the National Archives Trust Fund that pays for graduate assistant stipends at the Clinton Presidential Library. Since 2011, the grant has given \$122,550 to public history MA students at UA Little Rock. This semester he enjoyed teaching two sections of the American history survey and a new class on the history of the Internet. In January, he looks forward to teaching his US survey courses and the Department's graduate seminar on digital history.

James Ross, Associate Professor of History, spent last semester teaching a new seminar called A History of the Election of 2020. It was a political history course that examined a series of factors that explained why the 2020 election looked like it did. He and Dr. Key published an article in the November 2020 Arkansas Times on the bombing of Carlotta Walls's house. He will be on sabbatical in the spring and will research and write on the Little Rock School District after 1957.

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*. She is also working on a project on slavery in the Libyan territories entitled "Between Empires: Women's Resistance and Domestic Slavery in the Libyan Territories in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries." This fall she presented a paper at the Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting. Along with the history department, Professor Yeaw is a faculty member with the Middle Eastern Studies Program and the acting coordinator for Gender Studies. She teaches classes on the modern Middle East, gender, World Civilization until 1600, historical methods, and historiography. She is developing a course on gender and horror for Fall 2021.

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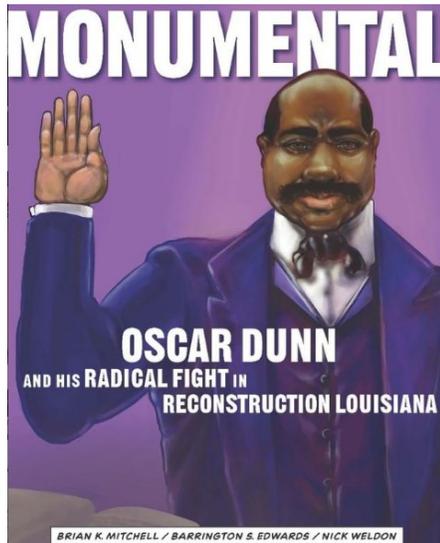


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Students, as the semester comes to a close, we want to thank you for persevering with us during this challenging time. Please don't hesitate to contact your instructors if you have questions about final exams. #ualr #history #publichistory #geography #LittleRock #Arkansas

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Dr. Jim Ross and Dr. Barclay Key wrote this important addendum to the story of Little Rock's desegregation crisis.



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Still time to sign up for our new monthly workshops taught by Benji de la Piedra.

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Many thanks to Dr. Marta Cieslak for sharing these thoughts with THV11 about history education and the Holocaust. The interview concludes with her recommendations for learning more.



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Proud that one of our grad students, Aaron Shuman, has a hand in this work! Our grad assts make important contributions to our local history institutions. Interested in pursuing MA in public history? Contact Dr. Barclay Key at btkey@ualr.edu. #ualr #history #publichistory

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Graduate students in our Introduction to Public History class hosted a special guest last night! Mitch Landrieu, former lieutenant governor of Louisiana and former mayor of New Orleans, joined students for a discussion of "Memory, Culture and Representation in Public Space." Many thanks to Dr. Brian Mitchell for teaching this course and making these arrangements.



UA LITTLE ROCK HISTORY DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The UA Little Rock History Department each spring semester awards a number of student scholarships and awards 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.

Dr. Carl Moneyhon Research Fellow Award. Awarded to graduate students of History and Geography and/or faculty of History and Geography for research needs. Established by by Dr. Bobby Roberts, the award recognizes long-time UA Little Rock Professor of History, Dr. Carl Moneyhon.

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 UA Little Rock 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 UA Little Rock. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. The applicant must demonstrate a positive attitude toward learning. Craig Powell was a promising UA Little Rock 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 UA Little Rock. 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 UA Little Rock, 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 UA Little Rock. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. The applicant must demonstrate a positive attitude toward learning. A professor in the History Department at UA Little Rock 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 longtime supporter of UA Little Rock 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 UA Little Rock 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.