



History

@ Texas Wesleyan
UNIVERSITY

January 2018

History Students and Faculty Participate in National History Conference in New Orleans



Texas Wesleyan students represented the Omega Zeta chapter of Phi Alpha Theta history honor society at its Biennial National Conference January 3-6 in New Orleans. Participation in the conference was competitive among the Phi Alpha Theta members at Texas Wesleyan. Only four students were selected to represent the university. Each made a 15-minute presentation.

- **Bailey Dozier**, “Nationalism and German Unification”
- **Russell Leahy**, “Saint Francis and the Sultan of Egypt”
- **Meagan Morris**, “Venetian Interests in the Fourth Crusade”
- **Andrea Upadhya**, “The Dilemma of Defeat: Exploring the Dynamics within the Islamic World before and during the Second Crusade”

While in New Orleans, the students also toured the city’s well-known National World War II Museum and visited the French Quarter. Drs. Brenda Matthews (A.M. Pate Chair of History), Alistair Maer and Chris Ohan accompanied the students and chaired multiple sessions at the conference.

Phi Alpha Theta Northeast Texas Regional Conference @ Texas A&M University-Commerce, March 24, 2017

Texas A&M University Commerce will host the 2018 Phi Alpha Theta Northeast Texas Regional Conference on Saturday, March 24, 2018. This event is an opportunity for students to present a paper at an academic conference. If you have a paper from a past class that you would like to present, please talk to one of your professors as soon as possible. Undergraduate conference participation is an excellent way to build your resume and looks very good when applying to graduate or law school. Moreover, it is practical teaching and field experience for future educators.

The History Program will be providing transportation for those students who participate.

Participation is open to all students, regardless of PAT membership.



Check out the **History Program’s Facebook page:**
www.facebook.com/texaswesleyanhistory

2nd MEMNTO Conference @ Texas Wesleyan 17 February 2018

The Texas Wesleyan History Program is hosting this year's MEMNTO (Medievalists and Early Modernists of North Texas and Oklahoma) Undergraduate Conference on Saturday, February 17, 2018. This conference provides an opportunity for undergraduate students in medieval and early modern studies to experience the diversity of academic approaches to this fascinating period. If you have a paper that fits roughly into the periods of medieval through Early Modern history (300 CE to 1650 CE), please consider participating.



Proposals are invited for 10-15 minute presentations on any topic relating to the medieval and early modern periods. Presentations from any disciplinary perspective are welcome.

Proposals should take the form of a 250-word abstract and be submitted as soon as possible. Students interested in participating in this conference should see Drs. Maeer or Ohan.

Because the History Program is sponsoring the event, we encourage all students—whether giving papers or not—to attend. There is also a need for student volunteers to help as we welcome approximately 75 students from other schools to our campus. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Drs. Maeer or Ohan.

History Students Participate in Workshop on Medieval Manuscripts at SMU



Texas Wesleyan history students were introduced to the medieval construction and conceptualization of time at "Time Bound: A Workshop on Computus in Medieval Manuscripts" held at SMU on Friday, November 10, 2017. Three Wesleyan students – **Lane Kelly, Alanna, James, and Mackenzie Redmon** – were accompanied by Drs. Maeer and Ohan.

This one-day workshop introduced participants to the foundational elements of the medieval computus: its astronomical and liturgical basis, mathematical underpinnings, and diverse tabular and diagrammatic instantiations. The day included a visit to the Bridwell Library where students were able to examine select medieval manuscripts first hand.

Test Fest

If you are planning on attending graduate school, you'll want to take advantage of Wesleyan's 3PR Test Fest series, which offers practice tests for the GRE and the LSAT. Both events are practice only and are free. Scores will not be recorded or sent out.

- Test Fest (GRE/GMAT)- TBA March
- Test Fest (LSAT)- TBA April

Seating is limited so students will need to register to reserve their seat. Contact Ashley Coen (atcoen@txwes.edu) in PMC 217 for more information or to register.

Spend a Summer in the 18th Century

Each year, Mount Vernon—George Washington’s home—accepts a select number of applicants for summer internships. With focus on the Pioneer Farm and George Washington’s Distillery & Gristmill, these internships provide an excellent opportunity for undergraduate students to become immersed in 18th-century history, agriculture, and industry.



After completing a brief training program, interns will work as full-time Historic Trades Interpreters for a period of 10 weeks under the direction of the professional interpretive staff. Interns live on the grounds of George Washington’s Mount Vernon estate during the internship. In addition, interns participate in special field trips to other historic sites and museums in the region.

Candidates interested in this paid internship should have a background in history or museum studies, be comfortable with public speaking, and be available during the entire internship period of June 6 –August 12, 2016.

The application deadline for this “Historic Trades Internship” is 16 February 2018. For more information and application material, visit:

<http://www.mountvernon.org/about/employment/open-positions-at-mount-vernon/>



Hatton W. Sumners Scholarship

The Hatton W. Sumners Scholarship Program was established at Texas Wesleyan in 1994. Since that time, many Wesleyan students have been honored as Sumners Scholars.

Sumners Scholars receive \$3,500 per semester (up to \$7,000 per academic year) in conjunction with other institutional or organizational scholarships.

The scholarship may be applied for a second school year (the senior year) provided the student meets the following criteria:

- Good standing with the University
- 3.0 grade point average or better
- Completion of at least 12 credit hours per semester (full-time status)
- Participation in a reasonable number of campus or civic activities for the benefit of Texas Wesleyan, the community and/or the Sumners Foundation

For more information, contact Dr. Ohan.

Summer Research - Early Identification Program (SR-EIP)

SR-EIP is a fully paid 8-10 week summer internship that provides undergraduates with training and mentoring in the principles underlying the conduct of research and prepares them to pursue competitive applications to PhD or MD-PhD programs.

SR-EIP offers closely mentored research experiences in the life and physical sciences, social and behavioral sciences, and the humanities at 20 research institutions across the country.

You will gain theoretical knowledge and practical training in academic research as well as access to ongoing resources, mentoring and professional networks to support your chosen career path.

For more information, visit: <http://www.theleadershipalliance.org/programs/summer-research>

Public history students tour special collections at UTA



Students in Dr. Stephanie Stegman's Public History course viewed some of the more important research holdings of the archives at UTA's Special Collections on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

History students were shown the oldest map in the Virginia Garrett Cartographic History Collection. Dated 1490, the map is an example of an Orbis Terrarum with Jerusalem at the center of the world. In addition students saw an assortment of Texana, including a love letter from Sam Houston (who was married at the time) to the much younger Anna Raguet, an early broadside of the Texas Declaration of Independence from 1836 and, from the Star-Telegraph Photograph Collection, a rare assortment pictures of the famous 1947 Roswell UFO incident.

Students conducting any related research should consider utilizing the archive's holdings.

Grading Rubrics

In order to improve student performance on writing and research assignments, we have posted standard grading rubrics on the History Program Page.

Take a look at them as you work on research, book reviews, oral presentations, and critical film reviews to see what we look for when we mark your work. They can be found under "History Resources" at <https://txwes.edu/history>.

News in the History Program

8-week hybrid courses coming in Fall 2018 – Students will be able to fast-track their semester by taking more credit hours in a term.

We have recently added several **new course offerings** to the curriculum – HIS 3342 Crusades, HIS 4399 18th Century Europe, HIS 4399 20th Century Europe, HIS 4399 Piracy in the Atlantic World.

Public History Certificate – The program is working on assembling a set of 5 courses (four of which already exist) which will better provide students with the necessary skills for entry-level positions in the field of Public History, including museums, archives, and libraries.

Learning Communities – Beginning in Fall 2018 the HIS 3380 Historical Methods writing assignments will be tied to assignments in 3 other upper-level history courses, improving student performance.

History Fair Judging

The TCC South Collegiate High School is looking for judges for its History Fair on Friday, 26 February. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Cecilia Hill at Cecilia.Hill@fwisd.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Important Dates

- 15 Feb– School N&SS Dean's Honor's Reception, Baker Building, 12:15
- 17 Feb– MEMNTO Conference
- 24 Feb– Sumners Scholarship Applications Due
- TBA March– Test Fest (GRE/GMAT)
- 24 March– Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference
- 26-29 March– Advising for Fall Semester
- 29-30 March– Easter Break
- TBA April– Test Fest (LSAT)
- 2 April– Last day to apply for Fall 2018 graduation
- 17 April – Last day to drop a class
- 9 May –Dead Day (no classes)
- 10-15 May –Final Examinations
- 18 May– Robing Ceremony
- 19 May–Graduation