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## Mahan Lecture Sets New Standard

This year's Mahan Lecture was delivered on March 13 by Dr. Erica Armstrong Dunbar of Rutgers University. Dr. Dunbar's talk, "The Founding of the Nation Through the Eyes of the Enslaved: The Life of Ona Judge," enthralled a packed house at Laidlaw.

An engaging speaker and elegant writer, Dr. Dunbar highlighted and read from her award-winning book, *Never Caught*, which tells how Ona Judge, the personal slave of Martha Washington, fled from the presidential mansion in Philadelphia in 1796, rather than allow herself to be given away as a wedding present. Subtitled *The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of their Runaway Slave*, Dr. Dunbar's book further

recounts how President George Washington "showed his slave-catching hand" in his attempt to



Dr. Erica Armstrong Dunbar

reenslave Judge, which, although obsessive, remained mostly clandestine. In her talk, Dr. Dunbar lauded Judge as "a new American hero" who "learned about freedom and determined to pur-

sue it at any cost."

Dr. Dunbar displayed her passion for history and described her "professional mission" of rescuing black women from obscurity. Her rescue of Ona Judge took nine years, beginning with her discovery of the newspaper notice of Judge's escape and ending with a mild disagreement with her editors, who wanted the word "freedom" in the title ("Ona was never free," Dunbar argued. "She was just never caught.").

The audience hung on her every word. Students turned to one another at the end and said, "That was good!" The question and answer session was very enthusiastic. The Mahan Lecture served its purpose of keeping history alive.

## New Minor: Jewish and Holocaust Studies

USA has approved a new undergraduate minor to begin in Fall 2018 - Jewish & Holocaust Studies. This program will be headed by Dr. David Meola and will reside in the History Department.

Students will learn the history of the Jewish people: from the ancient Israelites and the origins of Judaism to Medieval Spain and the Sephardic Diaspora; from

Jews' presence in the Americas to the modern State of Israel. Another key objective of this minor is for students to have a deeper understanding of the Holocaust and other genocides throughout history.

The courses offered in the minor will reflect the intellectual diversity and expertise of faculty throughout the College of Arts and Sciences. Students are re-

quired to take three core courses: JHS 101 (Intro to Jewish and Holocaust Studies), REL 200 (Intro to the Hebrew Bible), and HY 347 (History of the Holocaust).

We will gradually expand the minor to enrich our students' experience, adding new and exciting courses as well as cultural events and speakers. For more information, please see Dr. Meola.





Catherine Smith Walker (left)  
with Dr. Jennifer Anderson,  
of the School of Nursing

*The history of the  
past is but one long  
struggle upward to  
equality.*

*Elizabeth Cady  
Stanton*

## Letter from an Alumna: Catherine Smith-Walker

I graduated with a bachelor's in history from USA in the Spring of 2007. After teaching for several years and starting a family with my husband, I returned to South for a second bachelor's in nursing. I will graduate from the nursing program in July of 2018.

When I began the nursing program, I realized that my time in the History Department had prepared me for this career change in many ways. Because of my background in the

liberal arts (especially history), I am able to examine situations holistically and comprehensively, considering many contributing factors when assessing and determining the best plan of care for my patients. Gathering information about a patient is quite similar to conducting research utilizing multiple primary sources about an historical event. Through considering laboratory values, assessment findings, clinical presentations, and subjective

data provided by the patient, I can begin to synthesize a plan of care that can help improve my patient's condition.

My training in the History Department was one of the most valuable and enjoyable experiences I have been fortunate enough to receive. I look back to my time in the history department quite fondly and am very grateful for the life skills our faculty so diligently and patiently imparted.

## History Club Has a Busy Spring

New club President Shelby Brashaw came prepared with a full agenda of meeting topics and special events for the spring. Among the topics covered at regular History Club meetings were African American History, Mardi Gras, Love, Sex, and Romance, Women's History, St. Patrick's Day and Beer History, Protest and the Vietnam War, and LGBT History. A full schedule

of events can be found on the History Club bulletin board on the third floor of the Humanities Building.

The History Club is also preparing for its third annual career night, which will take place on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. In addition to speakers from USA's Career Services, the History Club has also invited alumni Brandi Cauley, Grant DeFrancisco, and Roslyn

Spencer to discuss how their history degrees have helped them since leaving South.

Finally, Phi Alpha Theta welcomed several new members: Sierra Elmore, Heather Frederick, Kathleen Moore, Lauren Sullivan, Brook Qualkenbush, Kaleb Nailor, Sterling Pryor, F. Seamus Russell, Dawn Shaffer, Courtney Tittle, and David Zakzewski. Congratulations to all new members of our honor society!

## Grad Students Go Places

History grad students are making their presence felt at academic conferences all over the country and beyond.

Victoria Watson will deliver a paper to the Southeastern Indian Studies Conference at UNC-Pembroke. Justin Zimlich will share his research on the battle of Blakeley and

public history at the Alabama Historical Association meeting in Birmingham. Regina Kirkland has presented three papers on regional history, at conferences in Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi.

The most mileage has been recorded by Rebecca Ardrey, who presented her

paper, "A Historiography of Women and Travel," to a conference in Szczyrk, Poland, last September. Ms. Ardrey will also be heading to Central Michigan University to deliver a paper on the Great Migration.

Congratulations and safe travels to all of our graduate students!

# Spreading the Word: Faculty Share Research

History faculty have been busy! Marsha Hamilton visited New York to do research for her forthcoming book on Atlantic World trade networks. David A. Messenger will present work at the annual Association of Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies conference in Portland, OR, and in May he'll travel to Barcelona to begin research on a new book on the air war during the Spanish Civil War.

David Meola and undergraduate Shannon Lundgren participated in a conference on the Holocaust and the Jim Crow South sponsored by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Michele Strong presented a conference paper in Szczyrk, Poland, on women and heritage travel in Italy. On the return trip, Dr. Strong and graduate student Rebecca Ardrey (who had also attended the conference) visited Holocaust sites in Poland and Amsterdam, supported by a grant from the Gulf Coast Holocaust Center. Upon returning, Dr. Strong and Ms. Ardrey gave a lecture at the Ben May Library about their research titled, "Dark Tourism and the Holocaust."

Timothy Lombardo spoke at the Organization of American Historians about his forthcoming book on Frank Rizzo and

blue collar conservatism. Mara Kozelsky will be part of the Southern Conference for Slavic Studies in Charlotte, NC and will host the next conference here in Mobile. Three faculty- Hamilton, Meola and Messenger- won USA's Seed Grant in Support of Arts and Humanities.

Finally, Daniel Miller, who works for the College of Arts and Sciences computer support, published an article with colleagues entitled "Identifying 3D printer residual data via open-source documentation." We are proud to be a community of active and supportive scholars!

## History Wants You Out of the Country

The History Department is actively promoting and supporting study abroad opportunities.

The Lenny Macaluso Scholarship provides financial support for undergraduates studying abroad in a program led by a USA History faculty member or for history majors enrolling in any study abroad program.

Additionally, the Janet Mahan

Award provides undergraduate history majors and graduate students funding opportunities either for professional development pertaining to the study and practice of history or for studying abroad. Eligibility for the Macaluso Scholarship requires a 3.0 or higher GPA, and the Janet Mahan award has no minimum GPA requirement.

The application cycle takes

place each spring semester, generally with a mid-March application deadline. USA History faculty who have offered study abroad courses in recent years include Professors Miller, Cage, Meola, and Kozelsky. Last year's Macaluso scholarship recipient, Ashley Mogler, used her scholarship funds to participate in USA's study abroad in Spain during the summer of 2017.



## How History Put Me in a World of Pain

BY HARRY MILLER. It was the summer before college. I sat cross-legged on a lawn chair, with my chin on my chest and my nose buried in C.V. Wedgwood's *The Thirty Years War*. The seventeenth century came alive, and I was in it.

How chivalrous, I thought, for Christian of Brunswick to ride into battle under a banner blaring "For

God and For Her," the latter referring to Elizabeth of Bohemia, someone else's wife. How incredible that Sweden, under Gustavus Adolphus, should overrun half of Germany. How moving that an assassin couldn't kill Gustavus, because he "looked too much like a king." How cool was Albrecht von Wallenstein, dressed all in black, except for a red sash. How interesting that he

supplied his army with the produce of his own estates.

As a result of losing myself in this book, my neck remained bent for too long, and it has been popping and aching ever since. For a good read and a great introduction to all history can be, I recommend C.V. Wedgwood, *The Thirty Years War*, a neck brace, Ben-Gay, and a good chiropractor.



Albrecht von Wallenstein

# Fall 2018 Courses

HY 101 – History of Western Civilization I (5 sections)

HY 102 – History of Western Civilization II (8 sections)

HY 103 – History of Asian Civilization I (Miller)

HY 135 – US History to 1877 (11 sections)

HY 136 – US History Since 1877 (9 sections)

HY 190 – Information Literacy for History (Hamilton)

HY 228 – Latin America (Urban)

HY 290 – Native American History and Culture (Carr/Dees)

HY 338 – History of Russia (Kozelsky)

HY 366 – Traditional China (Miller)

HY 390 – Special Topics: Race, Migration, and Identity in Contemporary Europe (Messenger)

HY 390 – Special Topics: The Normans and the Crusades (Good)



HY 431/531 - Studies in US History: America's Rise to World Power (McWilliams)

HY 435/535 – Civil War and Reconstruction (McKiven)

HY 437W – Modern US History Since 1945 (Lombardo)

HY 443 – Research Seminar in World History: Medieval Islam (Williams)

HY 457/557 – Studies in European History: Imperial Britain; Metropole and Colony (Strong)

HY 496/596 – Public History (Hamilton)

HY 530 – American Historiography (Brazy)

HY 590 – Special Topics: Making of Modern France (Cage)

HY 593 – Exam and Thesis Introduction (Messenger)

HY 598 – Comp and Thesis Preparation (Brazy)



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