

# Spring 24 Newsletter



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# From the Editor:

The Department of History is proud of the many accomplishments of our department, students, and faculty.

We began a tutoring initiative this semester for our upper-level courses. Graduate assistants helped students in these courses. Tutoring for survey courses was handled by learning support services and the writing center.

Our first “History Major for a Day” event was held in January, allowing high school students to do just that.

We extend congratulations to Dr. Heather McNamee for accepting a position at Washington State University and to our students graduating this May and summer.

I hope our faculty and students take the time to get some rest during the coming summer. See you all in the Fall!

“Take time to replenish your spirit, it allows you to serve others from the overflow.”



*Kelsey*





# Convocation of Scholars 2024



**Alandria Maddox**  
*CK and Linda McFarland and  
Calvin C. Smith  
Scholarships*

**Emily Brannon**  
*Cooper-Huitt Memorial  
Scholarship*



**Grayson Hall**  
*Rousey Book Award  
Best Undergraduate Paper*

# Convocation of Scholars 2024



**Dustin Bywater**  
*Best Practice of History Paper*

**New Phi Alpha Theta Member  
Presented at Phi Alpha Theta  
Conference at Ouachita Baptist**

**Richard Burt**  
*Outstanding BA Student*



**Rory Walling**  
*Outstanding BSE Student*





# Convocation of Scholars 2024



**Zane Brown**  
*Dr. John G Galloway Award*  
*Best Graduate Student*

Accepted into University of  
Oklahoma's PhD Program for Fall  
2024



**Jey Riggs**  
*Best Graduate Paper*



**Jared Allinson**  
*Roger and Janna Lambert Scholarship*

# Faculty Achievements



**Dr. Edward Salo** presented “Changing Centuries of Grand Strategy: Great Britain’s Response to Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine and the Opportunity for Reintegration into Europe” at the EU Academy Conference on European Security.

He also wrote an article for *The National Interest* on the war’s anticipated result in China. He also received the Faculty Achievement in Advising Award for 2023-2024.



**Dr. Andrea Davis** received a \$60,000 fellowship from the National Endowment for Humanities for her project, Memory and History: Transforming the Narrative of the Spanish Civil War and Francoist Dictatorship.

She is working on a digital publication examining history and memory of the Spanish Civil War by integrating witness testimonies.



“Emeritus Professor Dr. Michael Dougan addressed the recent Grain Elevator and Processors Society (GEAPS) meeting in Stuttgart. He has discussed the history of rice, peanuts and other Arkansas food topics.” *Source: Inside A-State*

# Faculty Achievements



**Dr. Heather McNamee** presented opening remarks at the Arkansas Humanities Council Next Gen Conference on March and at two other panels.

McNamee has accepted an Assistant Professor of History position at Washington State University, starting Fall 2024. Congrats on the new position; we know you'll be amazing!

We hate to see her go; but she'll be back to do research; she's still an Arkansas historian!



Both **Dr. James Conway** and Heather McNamee spoke at the Arkansas Humanities Council Conference with the panel “Nurturing Potential: Empowering Young Professionals Through Mentorship.”

In February, Conway also participated in a roundtable discussion on the history of the Graduate Association for African American History (GAAAH) at the University of Memphis. In April, Conway's class went to the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN. Conway was also awarded the Outstanding Faculty for the second year from the Black Student Association.



**Dr. Kellie Wilson-Buford** was invited to present at a symposium on the “U.S. Army and Social Change” at Columbus State University Feb 23-24. She presented work for a forthcoming edited volume called “Managing Sex Deviates in the U.S. Army: The Presidio of San Francisco and the Baker Street Scandal of 1918.”



# Faculty Achievements



In June, **Dr. Gary Edwards** will present “The Legacy of a Disgruntled Rebel and Galvanized Yankee During the Jubilee: Revealing and Concealing, Disloyalty and Desertion” at the **Society of Civil War Historians** in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Society of Civil War Historians is the top scholarly organization in the country for the study of the Civil War.



**Dr. Lucy Barnhouse** presented “Christ’s Poor, God’s Servants: Hospital Communities and Social Liminality at the Sewanee Medieval Colloquium in Sewanee, Tennessee. The College of Liberal Arts and Communication awarded Barnhouse funds for traveling here.

Barnhouse will also present “Teaching Against Decline: Medieval Medical History” at the International Medieval Congress in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She also received the Faculty Scholarship Award for 2023-2024. And the Emerging Scholar Award at the Faculty Honors Convocation.



In July, **Dr. Justin Castro** will present “The Mansion of Salina Cruz, Mexico: Engineers, Labor, and the Politics of the World’s First Stationary Dredge” at the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT) in Viña del Mar.



# Student Highlights



**Poly Sci/History major Ann Marie Long spent her last semester at the Washington Center, interning at William J Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies. Long was also one of six students to win a Distinguished Service Award for 2023-24.**

**Halee Mills and Dr. Jason Post did field research on Catalina Island in California over Christmas break. Mills will be using what they observed for her master's thesis. She also presented some of her research at the Phi Alpha Theta regional conference at Ouachita Baptist.**



**Students Alandria Maddox, Madison Garrett, Jared Allinson, Kyra Franks, and Dustin Bywater (not pictured) attended the Graduate Association for African American History (GAAAH) at the University of Memphis.**

# Student Highlights



Jayme Swillum received an award from the Arkansas Humanities Council's Next Gen Conference for her paper "Prisoner of Franco: An Investigation into Lost Voices under the Franco Regime."

Kyra Franks was runner up for her paper at the AHC Conference. Franks is thinking of attending the University of Memphis' PhD History program.



Madison Garrett presented a portion of her master's thesis "Phantasmagorical Shadows- Women in the Spiritualist Movement" at the AHC Next Gen Conference. Garrett also presented at the Phi Alpha Theta regional conference in Ouachita Baptist University.



**Julien Mieirs (pictured above) and Miles Richard (below) presented at the annual Create@State on April 18. “This program culminates each year to showcase the co-curricular research, scholarly, and creative works of our students in a professional setting.”**

*Source: A-State.edu*





# Welcome to A-State History!

Laura Allison  
Jeff Anderson  
Hunter Batson  
Gavin Blocker  
Claire Cassady  
Bo Cook  
Aaron Copeland  
Joseph Davidson  
Natalie Dunman  
Brady Ford  
Gaby Fowler  
Naddieson French  
Alec Gorman  
Katie Hedrick  
Jacob Henry  
Micah Hogan  
Jada Mann

Destyne Mathis  
Jaxson Mitchell  
Reese Murray  
Blake Peterson  
Ava Grace Phillips  
Peyton Rauch  
Logan Romack  
Drew Shelton  
Jaylen Smith  
Griffin Sosa  
Alex Stafford  
Ava Taylor  
Ashlie Thacker  
John Thompson  
Abby Wallace  
Bella Wyrick  
Bethany Yancey

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WELCOME





# Graduate Assistants



**Halee Mills**



**Ryken Cocherell**



**Kyra Franks**



**Madison Garrett**



**Jared Allinson**

# Alumni Spotlight

OUR ALUMNI. THEIR JOURNEY. YOUR GUIDES.

## Joseph Brown, BSE Social Science, '17

After graduation, I accepted a store manager with O'Reilly Auto Parts in Jonesboro. I managed the store at Hilltop in Jonesboro for a year before accepting a teaching position at Cross County High School.



I teach 10th grade English, AP US History and the Senior Capstone English/Philosophy course at Cross County.

I use the research and technology skills I learned in the BSE program daily in my classroom. Whether it is in my own research or passing this knowledge on to my students.

Don't be afraid to major in history.

History is more than just remembering dates and important events.

By studying history, we develop research and critical thinking skills that can be used in numerous fields. These skills also allow us to reevaluate the historical record and give voices to forgotten, silenced and underrepresented people.

The study of history gives us the opportunity to learn from the past, to correct mistakes and empower future generations.”





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## Capt. Tyler Mason BA '16

Currently: Civil Affairs Officer

United States Army

North Carolina



"History is a field for critical thinkers and writers. Your job potential is limitless with this degree. I used my degree to pursue a commission in the U.S. Army and work with the Center for Military History.

I was commissioned in the U.S. Army as an Engineer Officer. [Later] Promoted to Captain and switched to Civil Affairs Officer."



**WANT TO BE A FEATURED ALUM?**

Contact Kelsey DeFord at  
kdeford@AState.edu OR

[CLICK THIS LINK TO THE SURVEY!](#)

# A-STATE HISTORY CLUB AND PHI ALPHA THETA

*The A-State History Club is open to anyone who enjoys the subject of history and wants to be a part of a growing community of scholars!*



**We host many events throughout the school year, such as presentations, panels, hangouts, and more!**

**Opportunities by participating in these organizations include:**

- *Scholarships and Leadership Positions*
- *Networking with Professionals and Likeminded Peers*
- *Attending Conferences and Presenting Your Research*
- *Professional and Educational Development*

**Join us by scanning the QR Code!**



*Questions?*

**Contact Club President Madison Garrett at  
[madison.garrett@smail.astate.edu](mailto:madison.garrett@smail.astate.edu)**









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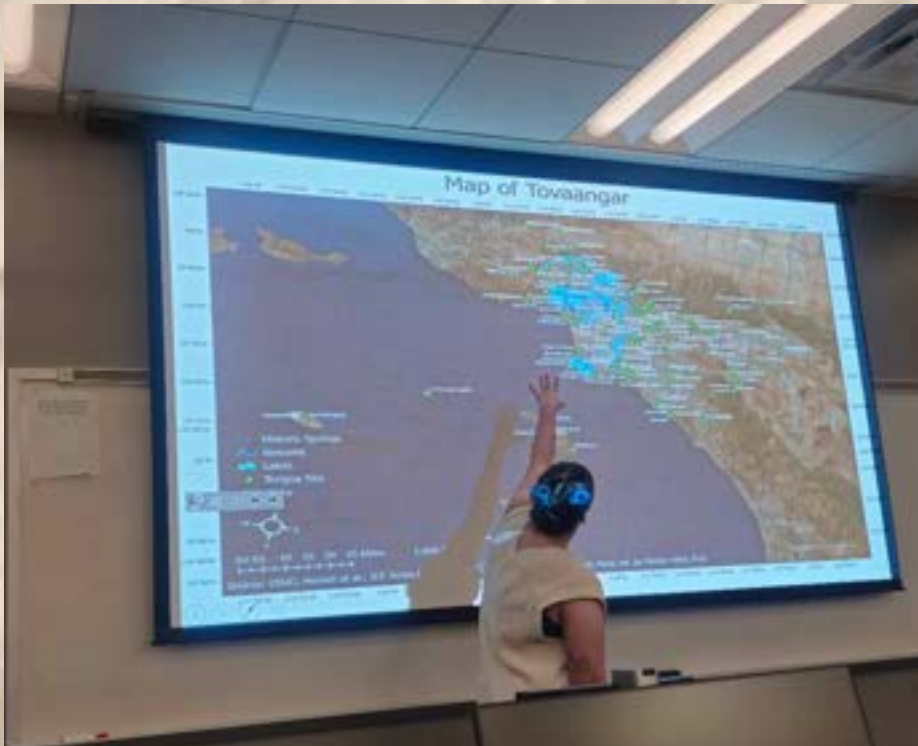




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# Important Dates



**Last Day of Class**

**APRIL 26**



**Spring Commencement**

**MAY 4TH**



**Final Exams**

**APRIL 29-MAY 3**

## **A-STATE HISTORY CLUB**

The History Club, established in 2020, welcomes all A-State students passionate about history. It allows students who do not meet the requirements of Phi Alpha Theta membership to participate in Department of History events and to access the Wunderkammer history lounge, club quarters, and collections.

Contact Dr. Erik Gilbert: [egilbert@astate.edu](mailto:egilbert@astate.edu)



# Updates

## History Faculty:

Please email Kelsey information on your recent research to be included in Fall 2024 Newsletter - Nov 28

## Students:

Stay on track with other updates on the A-State Academic Calendar.

## Registration errors:

You can sign up for more than one Special Topics! Get in touch with Kelsey to get an override!

## STUDENTS:

Email Kelsey DeFord at [kdeford@AState.edu](mailto:kdeford@AState.edu) for spotlights in the next newsletter Fall 2024 - Nov 28

*Special Thanks*

**Dr. William Maynard**

**Dr. Heather McNamee**

**Work studies: Jacquanay Buford and Alyssa Willie**