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HONORS AND AWARDS CEREMONY

PHI ALPHA THETA HONOR SOCIETY INITIATION

Spring Semester 2020

May 6 | 5:00pm



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

5:00PM - Greetings and Introductions

5:15PM - Keynote Address

5:30PM - Phi Alpha Theta Induction

5:45PM - History Department Awards

6:00PM - American Historical Association

Commencement Address for Class of '20

6:05PM- Closing Remarks



Greetings

Paul Barclay, Department Head

Alumni (profiles in back of program)

Special Thanks for Service

- Jeffrey '62 and Monica Ruthizer
- Dr. Robert Krasner '67
- Larry Fast '73
- Bill Wagner '89
- Andrew Fagal '07
- Christy Fic '10
- Susan Grunewald '11

In Attendance

- Jacqueline Olich '92
- Geoffrey Gresh '02
- Steven Schrum '05
- Brian Geraghty '05
- Tyler Bamford '12
- Anna Harris '14
- Matt Plishka '15
- Sean Gorman '18
- Kamini Masood '19
- Nicole Harry class '19
- Andrew Mange '19

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Skillman Library

Celebrating Our Partnership in Education,
Research, and Service

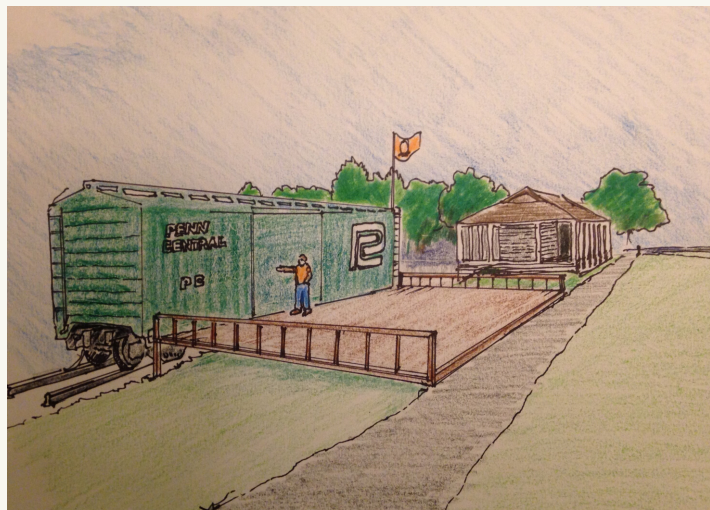
In Attendance

- Diane Shaw (Emerita)
- Elaine Stomber
- Pamela Murray
- Lijuan Xu
- Janna Avon
- John Clark
- Ana Ramirez Luhrs
- Thomas Lannon



Keynote Address

Designing the Cumberland Valley Railroad Museum at Shippensburg Station



Christy Fic '10 is the Archivist & Special Collections Librarian at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania and currently holds the rank of Associate Professor. Christy received her Master's in Library and Information Science with a specialization in archives, preservation, and records management from the University of Pittsburgh. Her first professional position was working as a contract archivist at the Smithsonian Institution's National Anthropological Archives. Christy returned to Pennsylvania and accepted a position at Shippensburg University, where she earned a second master's in Applied History. As an academic librarian who collaborates with colleagues in the humanities and social sciences, Christy has pursued a multi-pronged research agenda that engages with the scholarly discourse across library science and cultural history. Her work has been published in *The American Archivist* and *The Journal of Tourism History*, leading journals in the field of archival science and travel and tourism, respectively.

2020 Phi Alpha Theta Beta Xi Chapter Initiates



Julia Beckett
Jules Bernstein
Rachel Bram
Julia Cassidy
Katie Gear
Eric Gourdon
Yuri Guanowsky
Duncan Harding
Julia Hoffman
Tim Hugo
Ren Makino
Stefano Mancini
Alison Maxwell

Robert Maxwell
Molly Morris
Ryan Motto
Anna Nollan
Connor O'Neill
Natasha Otton
Elizabeth Penn
Ilias Pihlas
Olivia Sharp
Tristan Smith
Angelique Taveras
Jillian Updegraff
Hannah Winslow

*With your induction into the National History Honor Society,
we implore you to be truthful, reasonable, and open minded.*

Congratulations on a job well done!

History Department Awards and Prizes

The Phi Alpha Theta Beta Xi Chapter Prize for Best Introductory Seminar Paper

Katie Frost *"Suffrage Restrictions in the Jim Crow Era and the Hypocrisy of the North."* For Professor Jeremy Zallen's course: *Introduction to History: Race and Ethnicity in America 1500 to the Present*

The Diane Windham Shaw Prize for Excellence in Historical Methods

Katie Gear and **Stefano Mancini** *For superior performance in History 206: The Politics and Practice of History*

Colonel Wilson B. Powell '32 Award for Best Paper in an Advance Seminar

Rachel Bram *"Abolitionist and Non-Abolitionist Newspapers on the Caning of Charles Sumner."* For Professor Deborah Rosen's course: *Abolitionist and Civil Rights Movements in Early American History*



Acknowledgement of Service

thank you!!!

to: Gwen Ellis, Errol Flynn, Gabby Tropp, and Alisha Gangadharan
for service on the **Student Search Committee** for a historian of
Medieval/Early Modern Europe



to: Courtney Cohen, Megan Deacon,
Alex DeSantis, Gwen Ellis, Errol Flynn, Alisha Gangadharan,
Harrison Kusnierz, Mackenzie Lawlor, Celine Lawrence, Morgan
Limmer and Gabby Tropp for serving on the **Phi Alpha Theta
Jury** for Best Paper for an Introductory History Seminar

to: Megan Deacon for stellar work as the History Department's
first and best **Outreach and Events Coordinator**

Best History Honors Thesis 2019-20

Rachel Bram. "Unsanctioned Slave Revolts of the Civil War: How Enslaved People Destroyed Slavery and Emancipated Themselves." Committee: Jeremy Zallen, Deborah Rosen, Robert Blunt

Gabby Tropp. "Man, Myth, and Legend: El Cid in the Expression of Spanish Nationalism." Committee: Paul Barclay, Caroline Sequin, Katie Stafford



Honorable Mention:

Courtney Cohen, Gwen Ellis,
Errol Flynn, Mackenzie Lawlor, Ren Makino, Robbie
Maxwell, Matt Shoenfeld, and Amy Wen

American Historical Association Commencement Address for Class of '20

Lonnie G. Bunch III is the secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. He served as the founding director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture from 2005 to 2019, and as president and director of the Chicago History Museum (Chicago Historical Society) from 2000 to 2005. In this video, he speaks to the history majors graduating in spring 2020.



Good Luck Class of 2020
We are so proud of you!!!

History Alumni in Attendance

For more on our alumni see:

<https://history.lafayette.edu/home/alumni/>

Jeff Ruthizer '62 received his JD from Columbia University Law School. He began his career as an attorney for the federal government and then joined ABC in 1968 to launch a 40-year career that included senior labor relations positions at NBC and RKO. He retired as senior vice president of labor relations from the Walt Disney Company in 2009.

Dr. Robert CJ Krasner '67 earned his MD at the University of Maryland. His duties in the Navy Medical Corps brought him around the world. In 1990, Dr. Krasner attained the rank of Rear Admiral. That year, he also assumed the directorship in the Office of Attending Physician to the U.S. Congress.

Larry Fast '73 pioneered electronic music under the project name SYNERGY and with musical innovators such as Peter Gabriel. He is co-writer and co-producer of a PBS documentary, board member of the Thomas Edison National Historic Park, and advisor to the Thomas Edison Papers Project.

Bill Wagner '89 holds an MBA from The Wharton School of Business. He is president and CEO of LogMeIn, a cloud-based software company with 36 offices and some 4000 employees around the world. He joined the company in 2013, serving as LogMeIn's first-ever Chief Operating Officer, and was promoted to President early in 2015.

Jacqueline Olich '92 earned her PhD in history at UNC in 2000. She has taught history and global studies, and is currently at RTI International as a strategist, administrator, author, speaker and educator.

Geoffrey Gresh '02 earned his PhD at Tufts in 2011. He is Associate Professor of International Security Studies at the National Defense University. His forthcoming book is titled *To Rule Eurasia's Waves: The New Great Power Competition at Sea*.

Steven Schrum '05 earned his PhD in History at Washington University, St. Louis, in 2014. He is currently teaching middle school and high school Western Civilization at the Cambridge School of Dallas, Texas.

Brian Geraghty '05 earned his MA in Education at 2010 at New England college. After graduation, he worked in the legal industry in Philadelphia and Washington, DC. Brian has been teaching social studies for the past ten years.

Andrew Fagal '07 earned his PhD at Binghamton University, the State University of New York, in 2013. He is an associate editor with the Papers of Thomas Jefferson at Princeton University and specialist in early American political and military history.

Christy Fic '10 is the Archivist & Special Collections Librarian at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania; she currently holds the rank of Associate Professor. She earned her MA in Library and Information Science at Pitt, and an MA in Applied History at Shippensburg University.

Susan Grunewald '11 earned her PhD from Carnegie Mellon in 2019. She's currently the Digital History Postdoctoral Associate at the University of Pittsburgh's World History Center.

Tyler Bamford '12 earned his PhD in history from Temple University in 2019 and is now the Sherry and Alan Leventhal Research Fellow at The National WWII Museum.

Anna Harris '14 focused on Latin American history during her time at Lafayette. She has gone on to work in various fields including welfare, legal services, finance, and analytics.

Matt Plishka '15 earned his MA the University of Chicago in 2016. He is a PhD candidate at the University of Pittsburgh, where he is writing his dissertation on the history of banana disease in Jamaica.

Sean Gorman '18 earned his MA at Teachers College, Columbia University, in the Teaching of Social Studies and began his first year as a high school educator in New Haven, Connecticut.

Kamini Masood '19 teaches history at a high school in Lahore, Pakistan. She will enter Columbia University's PhD program for history as the Richard Hofstadter Fellow.

Nicole Harry '19 has spent this past year living in Saint Petersburg, Russia, and will enter the PhD program at the University of North Carolina.

Andrew Mange '19 majored in History and Government and Law with a minor in Asian Studies. He is a 1L at Columbia Law School and expects to graduate in 2022.

Thank you all for attending the ceremony! If your profile is not on the website, or you wish to update an existing entry, please email Paul Barclay at **barclayp@lafayette.edu**