History faculty win a surfeit of major grants

Faculty in the Department of History won an impressive array of grants in the early months of 2017. Professors Michael Bernath and Mary Lindemann each received NEH Fellowships for the 2017-18 academic year to work on their respective book projects, “In a Land of Strangers: Northern Teachers in the Old South, 1790-1865” and “Fractured Lands: Northern Germany in an Age of Unending War, 1627-1721.” Professor Lindemann has also received a Humboldt Research/Reimar Luest Award for the 2017-18 academic year, a major honor awarded to scholars whose work has had a significant impact on their discipline.

Professor Eduardo Elena received an NEH Summer Stipend to work on his book project, “Argentina and the Emergence of Modern Transportation and Communication Systems, 1860-1910.”

Professor Krista Goff has won a fellowship from the Kennan Institute at the Wilson Center in Washington, D.C. to work on her book project, “Nested Nationalism: Slow Violence and Ethnic Conflict in the (post-)Soviet Caucasus.”

Professor Stephen Halsey has won a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant for the 2017-18 academic year to work on his current book project, “Lost Harmonies?: Environmental Governance and the Legacy of the Chinese Past.”
Finally, Professor **Hugh Thomas** has also won a Fulbright grant. He will be based at King’s College, London and will be working on his current book project, a study of the social and cultural history of the court of King John, 1199-1216.

**Don Spivey honored**

Professor **Don Spivey** received the 2017 Provost’s Award for Scholarly Activity. Spivey’s most recent book, *If You Were Only White: The Life of Leroy ‘Satchel’ Paige* received the Robert Peterson Award.

**Department welcomes newest faculty member**

**Isadoura Moura Mota** will be joining the Department in Fall 2017 as an Assistant Professor of Latin American history.

Professor **Mota** specializes in the history of Brazil and is about to defend her doctoral dissertation, “The Authority of Print and the Imminence of Emancipation: Slave Activism in Late Nineteenth-Century Brazil” at Brown University. She will be teaching courses on “Modern Brazil” and “Race in Latin America” in Fall 2017.

**Edmund Abaka featured on PBS**

Professor **Edmund Abaka** was featured on the PBS series “Africa’s Great Civilizations,” sharing his expertise on the history of Ghana, trade, and slavery.

**Grad student news**

Congratulations to Ph.D. candidate **Elizabeth Gonzalez Jimenez**, who has received the Ruth and Lincoln Ekstrom Short-Term Fellowship from the John...

Amelia Hintzen (Ph.D. ’16) has been awarded a 2017-18 postdoctoral fellowship at the Gilder Lehman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at Yale University. She is currently the Ruth J. Simmons Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice at Brown University.

Three graduate students have won 2017 grants from the College of Arts & Sciences. Jennifer Garcon has won the CAS Dissertation Award, while Nelson Marques and Julio Yarce have won CAS Graduate Summer Awards. Congratulations to all!

Ph.D. candidates Hadassah St. Hubert and Stephanie Skenyon have been offered 2017-18 Dissertation Fellowships at the University of Miami Center for the Humanities. St. Hubert, who received the Haitian Studies Association’s 2016 Emerging Scholars Award, is studying with Professor Kate Ramsey and her dissertation is entitled “Visions of a Modern Nation: Haiti at the World’s Fairs.” Skenyon is studying with Professor Hugh Thomas and her dissertation is entitled “Local Boundaries, Cloistered Communities, and Inner Selves: Monastic Identities in Twelfth-Century England.”

Undergrad News

History major Sammei Gosney-Doak (along with advisor Professor Martin Nesvig) has revived the undergraduate History Club of the University of Miami. The club met for their first meeting in March and look forward to many future events. If you are interested in the club, please join the group on Facebook.
Congratulations to Briana Clayton, Zac Cosner, Abbey Johnson, Cassandra Ruiz, John Wiltshire, and Andrew Wodrich on the completion of their honors theses in December 2016. All six will receive departmental honors at graduation this spring.

Congratulations to Yoselyn Paulino, whose article, “Sangre, Fuego, y Trujillo” — originally written for a class with Professor Kate Ramsey — will be published in the 2016-17 issue of the Yale Historical Review.

Book notes

Professor Greg Bush’s recent book, White Sand Black Beach: Civil Rights, Public Space, and Miami’s Virginia Key (University Press of Florida, 2016) has received the Florida Historical Society’s Harry T. And Harriette V. Moore Award. The book was also a Silver Medalist in the Florida Nonfiction category of the 2016 Florida Book Awards.

Professor Robin Bachin’s Big Bosses: A Working Girl’s Memoir of Jazz Age America (University of Chicago Press, 2016) was reviewed in the Wall Street Journal and the Chicago Tribune.