



From the Chair

I became the new chair of the History Department on July 1 and worked closely with Professor Benjamin Cohen throughout the transition. He guided the department with poise over the last four years and left us well positioned to move forward with confidence. He presided over the hiring of seven new assistant professors during his term as chair. In the process he shaped a vibrant young group of scholars who will lead us in exciting new directions, even as we keep our eyes firmly fixed on the past.



My best wishes to you for a productive fall and I look forward to hearing of your successes.

W. Paul Reeve.

This year we are joined by two new colleagues, Dr. Chris Low and Dr. Brandon Render. Dr. Low will teach courses in the history of the Middle East and Dr. Render in African American history. We are pleased to have them join the department and look forward to learning from them.

Alumni Association Virtual Events Archive

The University of Utah Alumni Association has an [archive of virtual events and workshops](#) that related to career advancement, financial education, mindfulness practices and networking skills. Here are a few examples:

- [Turning Words into Action](#)
- [Networking for Introverts](#)
- [Making Critical Career Decisions](#)
- [Mindfulness at work](#)

Department News

[NEW PROFESSORS AND FALL 2022 COURSES](#)

[CENTURY OF BLACK MORMONS DATABASE RECEIVES AWARDS](#)

[ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MAILE ARVIN PUBLISHES OP-ED, "NATIVE HAWAIIANS ARE CONFRONTING THE LEGACIES OF "INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS.""](#)

[ASSISTANT PROFESSOR ERIC HERSCHTHAL PUBLISHES, "A RECKONING WITH HOW SLAVERY ENDED"](#)

[ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MATT BASSO PROVIDES HISTORICAL CONTEXT FOR UTAH STARBUCKS UNIONIZATION](#)

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Newest Faces



Chris Low

Columbia University

Author of *Imperial Mecca: Ottoman Arabia and the Indian Ocean Hajj* (Columbia University Press, 2020). He is also the co-editor of *The Subjects of Ottoman International Law* (Indiana University Press, 2020).



Brandon Render

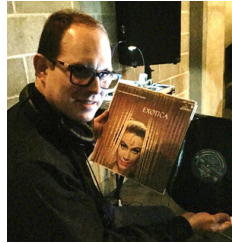
University of Texas at Austin

His current research project, "Colorblind University," explores the relationship between race and higher education through the lens of race-neutral policies, practices, and ideas during the civil rights and Black Power era.

[Learn more about our newest professors and their Fall 2022 courses here.](#)



Alumni Spotlights



Greg Midgley
Acquisitions Specialist
Marriott Library



Dr. W. Dirk Raat
Professor Emeritus
UNY Fredonia



Dr. Travis Ross
Assistant Professor
George Fox University

History provides the intellectual and entrepreneurial tools to thrive in a world that is highly specialized and globally interconnected. Our graduates who have majored or minored in history have gone on to a variety of fields and pursued diverse interests.

[Read more about alumni accomplishments here.](#)

Community Impact

The Department of History encourages research and participates in the Utah historic community via ongoing projects and special awards.

[EDI Essay Contest created by the History Department EDI Committee.](#)

History Department collaboration with the Black Faculty and Staff Association for Marriott Library Internship



Professor Julia Thomas
University of Notre Dame

O. Meredith Wilson Lecture

September 29th | Catered Reception @ 2pm | Lecture @ 3pm
Alumni House | Henriksen Conference Room
Free and open to the public

The History Department is holding the annual O. Meredith Wilson Lecture this fall – in person!

“History, Climate Change and the Anthropocene:
Finding Hope in Japan.”

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History at the U

Memorializing Victims of Lynching

A digital exhibit with the J. Willard Marriott Library.

Inaugural Robert A. Goldberg Endowed Faculty Prize

Awarded to Maureen Mathison

France A Davis Utah Black Archive

Marriott Library launch October 2022

History Student Chosen for Hinckley Internship

Jesus Labastida Munguia to go to Amsterdam

Author Meets Reader Series

Tanner Humanities Center

September 7

C. Thi Nguyen

University of Utah Philosophy professor and author of, "Games: Agency as Art."

October 6

Joy Harjo

Internationally renowned performer and writer of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. She is serving her second term as the 23rd Poet Laureate of the United States.

More events and information at thc.utah.edu



The History Department at the University of Utah is pleased to announce that it will offer three fully funded Master's Degrees in the history of the US West beginning Fall Semester 2023.

- Full tuition waiver for two years.
- Teaching Assistantship with \$20,000 stipend per year
- ESRR Fellowship with \$3,000 per year for books and supplies

Students with research interests in the US West, environmental history (any region), and history of Indigenous peoples are invited to apply. Application deadline is **December 1, 2022**. Please visit the History Department's graduate website for information on how to apply.

***No special application required; simply select "apply for departmental financial aid" when applying*

history.utah.edu/graduate/how-to-apply

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