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Alumni Newsletter



FROM THE CHAIR

The first half of the 2021-2022 academic year has been an exciting time in the Department of History.

We welcomed two new colleagues, Rachel Mason Dentinger and Peter Roady; the department conducted a search for a new historian of African American History and began preparations for a search for a new historian of Middle East history to be conducted in January and February, 2022.

The department's new Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee met several times and is organizing a series of activities, and, several of our faculty as well as our students collected awards, published books and articles, and otherwise acted Historically!

Onward to spring 2022!

Benjamin B. Cohen
Professor and Chair

DEPARTMENT NEWS

**GREG SMOAK, 2020-22
PRESIDENT OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON
PUBLIC HISTORY**

**COLLEEN MCDANNELL'S
BOOK CELEBRATES 25TH
ANNIVERSARY W/ AAR.**

**BENJAMIN COHEN AWARDED
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF
INDIAN STUDIES
FELLOWSHIP.**

**GRADUATE STUDENTS
PUBLISH ARTICLE, "BOWLING
TOGETHER: FINDING YOUR
PEOPLE DURING GRADUATE
SCHOOL"**

[More History Department News here](#)





Community Impact

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

National History Day Utah Special Award sponsors: Social & Civil Rights Prize, World History Prize, *Ongoing*

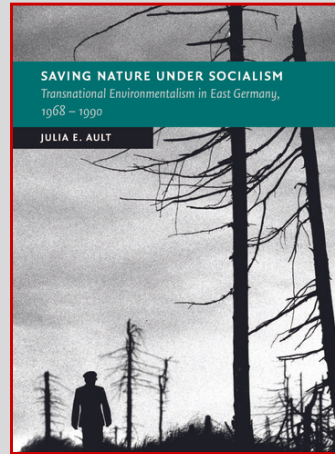
Black Utahns Oral History Project: In Collaboration with the Marriott Library and Pastor France A. Davis.

Century of Black Mormons: Database created by Professor Paul Reeve in collaboration with the Marriott Library.



Interested in being an alumni spotlight?
Fill out this short questionnaire and you
may be featured!

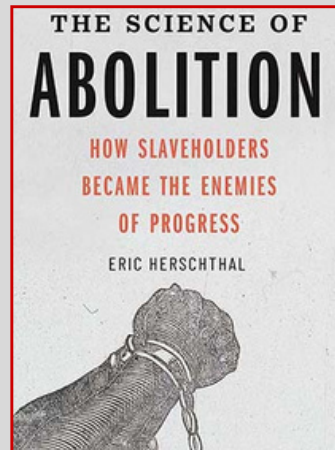
Recent Faculty Publications



SAVING NATURE UNDER SOCIALISM

Julia E. Ault

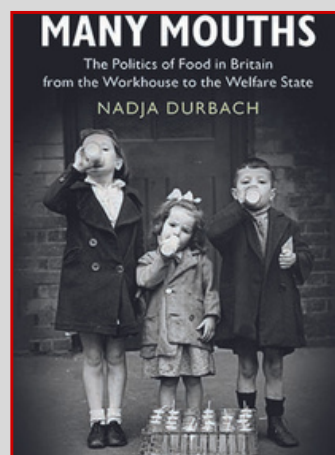
Complicates attitudes toward the environment in East Germany by tracing both domestic and transnational engagement with nature and pollution.



THE SCIENCE OF ABOLITION

Eric Herchthal

A revealing look at how antislavery scientists and Black and white abolitionists used scientific ideas to discredit slaveholders



MANY MOUTHS

Nadja Durbach

This compelling study explores food programs initiated by the British government across two centuries, from the workhouses of the 1830s to the post-war Welfare State.

More publications [here](#).



Events of Interest

January 27, 2022

Work-In-Progress Talk w/Charnell Peters
"The (New) Science of Race: 23AndMe and
Communicative Constructions of Blackness,
Ethnicity, and Ancestry"

February 1, 2022

Work-In-Progress Talk w/ History
Professor Julie Ault
"Solidarity and Socialist Riches: East
German Diplomacy, Environment, and
Technology, 1949-1989"

February 8, 2022

Author Meets Readers with History
Professor Eric Herschthal

April 21 - 22, 2022

Department of History 'Practicing History'
Conference

More events:

Humanities Events Calendar

UAlumni Events Calendar

Newest Faces

Rachel Mason Dentinger

PhD, History of Science and
Technology, University of Minnesota
Interests: History of Science and
Technology, Evolutionary Biology, and
Medicine.



Peter Roady

PhD, History, Columbia University
Interests: Political Economy,
Technology, Military History, National
Security, U.S. Politics - 20th Century



Mira Green

PhD, Ancient History, University of
Washington
Interests: Material history, food, and
the body in ancient Greece, Italy, and
Turkey.



Eric Herschthal

PhD, History, Columbia University
Interests: Slavery and abolition in the
United States and the wider Atlantic
World

