

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

SEAN CORRIGAN

- Published his chapter on the Lavender Scare and challenges to State Department discrimination against LGBT+ workers in *Teaching Labor History in the United States, 1850-2020*.

NEFERTARI YANCIE

- Published an article titled *"Rediscovering the Monumental Oscar Dunn: Developing Historical Empathy Skills Utilizing Graphic Novels."*

SAVANNAH WILLIAMSON

- Set to publish "Student Feedback for the 5C's of Historical Thinking," *Transdisciplinary Disciplinary Feedback in Higher Education: Feedback Practices to Promote Student Success Across the Disciplines in Higher Education* with Myers Education Press.

NICOLE GREER GOLDA

- Published her book *"The Detroit Model: Manufacturing American Men and Women in the Industrial City"* with UNC Press.

DAVID PARKER

- Published his article *"Remembering Georgia's Confederate Past"* with the Cobb County Courier.

BORIS GORSHKOV

- Published a book review titled *"Other Voices in Soviet History: Collected for a Devil's Advocate"* which was edited by Heather D. DeHaan, Dan Healey, and Tracy McDonald for Slavic Review which will appear later this year.
- Is currently working on his new book *"Industrialization in Modern Russia: A Social History from the Tsars to Putin"* that will be published by Bloomsbury Academic by the end of 2027.

MARIANNE HOLDZKOM

- Published *"John Adams and Thomas Jefferson disagreed about the American Revolution's meaning even as they lay dying."* in *The Conversation*.

ALICE PATE

- Published her article *"Media's Impact on US-Russian Relations: US Newspapers Respond to the 1917 Revolutions"* in *Revolutionary Russia*.

FACULTY AWARDS & ACTIVITIES

TOM OKIE

- Interviewed on Vox for his book *"The Georgia Peach Culture, Agriculture, and Environment in the American South"* Watch the full video - *"The biggest peach myth in America"* - to learn more.

KATYA VLADIMIROV

- Received a grant from CETL to complete her project *"Migration Memory Bank: Digital Archiving, Spatial Storytelling, and AI-Assisted Analysis of Migration to Anatolia."* which she presented at the international conference in Turkey.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

- Irene (Ivy) Way hosted History Day on February 28th, 2026. There were 66 students in attendance from various middle and high schools in Georgia!



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MARIANNE HOLDZKOM

- Interviewed by Chris Mackowski on [Emerging Revolutionary War](#) in January 2026. She spoke about her book 'Remembering John Adams'
- On January 9th, Holdzkom did a talk at the Georgia Archives called '[Lunch & Learn: "Piddle, Twiddle, and Resolve."](#)'
- On January 13th, Milton Library hosted their first lecture for their America250 series where Holdzkom shared her knowledge on John and Abigail Adams. Read the full article - '[America250 lecture series attracts interest in Milton](#)' - to learn more.
- Interviewed with the [Adams Memorial Foundation Book Club](#) in January.
- On February 16th, Holdzkom did a talk at the Lithia Springs Senior Center called "Now That's Love: John and Abigail Adams."
- On March 31st, Holdzkom and Lauren Thompson did a talk on campus called "Founding Mothers: Abigail Adams and Women's Rights" to commemorate Abigail Adams' "Remember the Ladies" Letter.
- On May 11th, 2026, Holdzkom presented "John Adams Thinking about Government in 1776" at the Legacy of the Declaration of Independence from the Perspective of 250 Years International conference, which was hosted by the Institutte of History and Polemology in Poland.
- On May 14th, 2026, Holdzkom presented "Independence Like a Toreent: The 2nd Continental Congress, May-June 1776" to the Robert Forsyth Chapter, Georgia Society and Sons of the American Revolution.

ALBERT CHURELLA

- Gave a presentation titled "*Salvation or Disaster? The Penn Central Merger of 1968*" at the Hagley Musuem & Library on March 5th, 2026.



LAUREN THOMPSON

- Recieved the Outstanding Early Career Faculty Award from RCHSS and the University.

COREY CANTRELL

- Won Instructor of The Year at Chattahoochee Tech



JAVIER GUIRADO ALONSO

- Recently selected as an Early Career Fellow for his research project '*Supporting Knowledge and Mapping Regional Connections: China and Contemporary Development in the Arab World*' for 2025-2027. The fellowship is supported by Carneige, the University of Exeters Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies (IAIS) and the Arab Council for the Social Sciences in Beirut.
- Gave a talk called "*A petroscape with Chinese characteristics? Emerging geographies of green capitalism in Oman*" at Huzhou College in May 2025.
- Will attend the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting to present his paper "*From Wells to Wheels: Citizenship, Labor and (Sub)Urban Infrastructure in Doha, 1970s*" He will also be the chair for the session "*New Directions in the Study of Society and History in the Arabian Peninsula*" in November 2026.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

CIM LAUNCH

- David Bennett's HIST 4491 class received praise for their gaming projects. The following were presented during CIM:
 - **Game 1: [The Man on the Outside \(WaterGate\)](#)**
 - **Software:** HTML (Text & web-based)
 - **Students:** Andrew Bramlett, Emily Mansfield, Katelyn Nicholes, and Alex Pourreau.
 - **Premise:** June 18, 1972. The news reports that Frank Wills was arrested for breaking into Watergate hotel last night. What follows is a whirlwind of news accounts that players are tasked with either believing or disbelieving about Watergate as conspiracies circulate. Can you make it to the end of 1974 without embarrassing yourself by believing the inaccurate information?
 - **Game 2: [Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire](#)**
 - **Software:** Inkewriter (text and web-based)
 - **Students:** Grace Huckans, Nick Bornstein, Kaley Cox, Will Moore, and Dinayia Ferguson
 - **Premise:** March 25, 1911. A web-based hypertext narrative game built on trial transcripts and other primary sources, which puts the player in the footsteps of the workers at the Asch Building located at 23 Washington Pl in Manhattan. The game serves as a digital memorial for the workers, with micro-biographies that let the player explore the decisions they made that tragic day.
 - **Game 3: The 1893 Homestead Steel Strike (3D graphics intensive, only available at the event)**
 - **Software:** Unreal Engine (3d Graphics Intensive)
 - **Students:** Bryce Shedd, Luke Frisina, Nicole Kimmel, Lauren Wilson, and Joshua Tovar.
 - **Premise:** 1881. Henry Clay Frick, Andrew Carnegie's management bulldog, tasks players with breaking the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers strike at the Homestead Steel factory, over a recent pay cut. Frick wants you to cross the strike line but as workers share their stories, the situation is revealed to be complicated. Do you help Frick get the factory back online, or do you aid the workers in leading the strike?

ALEXANDRIA CURRIER

- Won the 2026 Outstanding Senior in History award
- Had her senior thesis "[The Death of Isolationism: U.S. Foreign Policy and Afghanistan](#)" published in the UC Santa Barbara Undergraduate Journal of History.

KOJI TADA

- Won the 2026 Outstanding Philosophy Senior award

JARED MILLS

- Won the 2026 Outstanding HIED Senior award

HISTORY CLUB

- Invited Dr. Danielle Willkens (Georgia Tech) to speak about her recent book "[The Transatlantic Design Network: Thomas Jefferson, John Soane, and Agents of Architectural Exchange](#)" They partnered with the Year of the UK.
- Dr. Javier Guirado Alonso presented "[Three Myths and Three Truths About the Persian Gulf](#)."
- Dr. Nick Wilding (Georgia State University) who is best known for his work on uncovering forgeries of major works by Galileo, spoke about his experience on finding forgeries in Renaissance books.
- On April 7th, the History Club partnered with The Year of the UK to create a silent film event. Attendees watched [The Kid Auto Races at Venice \(1914\)](#), [Robin Hood \(1922\)](#), and [Blackmail \(1929\)](#).
- Discussed the movie [Gladiator](#) with Dr. Brian Swain
- Co-hosted an event called "[Politics and Teaching History in Georgia](#)" which consisted of three KSU alumni (currently teaching high school) and two KSU faculty members.

PHILOSOPHY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

- On February 26th, 2026, the PSA invited Venerable Losang Donyo to talk about his experience with Tibetan Buddhist philosophy and Nalanda Debate.

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

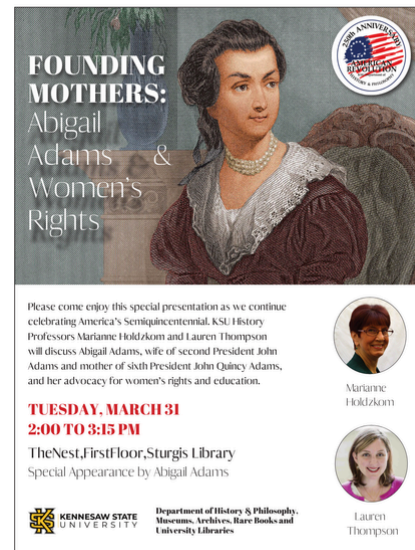
PLAYING HISTORIES: HOW GAMES HELP US UNDERSTAND THE PAST

- On April 28th, 2026, David Bennett invited Cole Wehrle, critically acclaimed game designer of *Root*, *Pax Pamir*, *John Company*, *Arcs*, and more to give a lecture about the challenges of designing historical games that focus on Reconstruction. The full lecture can be found [here](#).



FOUNDING MOTHERS: ABIGAIL ADAMS & WOMEN'S RIGHTS

- On March 31st, 2026, Lauren Thompson and Marianne Holdzkorn discussed Abigail Adams' advocacy for women's rights and education.



REVOLUTIONARY GAME NIGHT

- On April 15th, 2026, the Dept. of History and Philosophy partnered with America 250 to create an American Revolution themed game night. Attendees were able to learn popular 18th century games and enjoy snacks and drinks that were reminiscent of the time period.



WHAT WAS COMMON ABOUT THOMAS PAINE'S 'COMMON SENSE'?

- On January 27th, 2026, Amy Dunagin led a discussion about Paine's infamous document. Attendees were also able to see an early print of the pamphlet courtesy of the KSU Rare Books collection.