

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

MARIANNE HOLDZKOM

- In March 2025, Holdzkom published "*Alien and Seditious Acts were Reviled in their time and John Adams was not sorry to see them go.*" in The Conversation.

KAY TRAILLE

- Traille is the co-editor/writer of Public Administration and Organization Theory, which was published by Routledge in March 2025.

KATYA VLADIMIROV

- Published an article titled "*Short History of the Soviet Party Elite*" in OSTKRAFT History #20.
- She will also have her paper "*The Ottoman provinces' through the Eyes of Russian Officials, 1880 to 1910*" published in the summer edition of Archaeopress.

DAVID PARKER

- Parker published "*How Christian nationalism played a role in incorporating the phrase 'so help me God' in the presidential oath of office*" in The Conversation. His article can be found here.
- He also published "*As Trump takes the oath of office, remember its most famous phrase has roots in Christian nationalism.*" in The Forward.
- In February, Parker published an op/ed called "*We Need a Feminine Jesus*" in the Rome News Tribune.

BRYAN MCGOVERN

- McGovern published an article in The Conversation entitled "*How the color of St. Patrick's Day went from blue to green.*"

ALBERT SLOMOVITZ

- Slomovitz was showcased in the Marietta Daily Journal for his contributions as executive director of the Jewish Christian Discovery Center. He led a group through a Passover celebration. To access the newspaper article, it will be located in the April 12, 2025 issue - pgs. 5-7.
- Slomovitz also published a piece in the Marietta Daily Journal titled "*Local rabbi remembers Pope Francis*". To access the full article, it will be located in the May 2025 issue - pg 3.

NEFERTARI YANCIE

- Yancie recently published an article entitled "*History's Unsung Hero: Examining Oscar Dun and African American History Through a Historical Graphic Novel.*" in The Councilor: A National Journal of the Social Studies, Volume 88, No.1.

JENNIFER DICKEY

- Dickey wrote and edited a book entitled "*There's Lots to See in Georgia.*" which will be published by UGA Press in June 2025. The book includes contributions from her undergraduate students.

NICHOLAS ZELLER

- Zeller recently contributed to publishing "*Most mainland Chinese citizens oppose use of force to unify Taiwan: survey*" through the Carter Center's China Focus initiative.



FACULTY AWARDS & ACTIVITIES

ALBERT WAY

- Way was selected to participate in the 2025 class of the [Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership](#). This is a statewide program that focuses on providing knowledge, skills, and a network needed to address Georgia's environmental challenges

BRYAN MCGOVERN

- McGovern was recently [interviewed on a podcast called "WWL First News with Tommy Tucker"](#) on March 2025.

KATYA VLADIMIROV

- Vladimirov attended the "Travellers in Ottoman Lands: Places forgotten, Places remembered" conference in Istanbul, Turkey and presented her paper "*The Ottoman provinces' through the Eyes of Russian Officials, 1880 to 1910.*"

COREY CANTRELL

- Cantrell recently defended his dissertation prospectus at Georgia State University (GSU), which is tentatively titled: "*Demagogues of New South Georgia: Tom Watson, Gene Talmadge, and Reactionary Politics from Progressive Era to the New Deal.*"

LAUREN THOMPSON

- Thompson was recently [interviewed on The Brian Crombie Hour](#) about her research of [the Gilded Age](#) and her views about tariffs and Progressive Reform.

MARIANNE HOLDZKOM

- In December 2024, Holdzkom was [interviewed on the American POTUS podcast](#) about her book "*Remembering John Adams.*"
- She was also [interviewed on the Revolution 250 podcast](#) because of her article "*Based On a True Story.*" which was published in *Remembering the American Revolution at 250.*
- Her [book "Remembering John Adams"](#) was named an Outstanding Academic Title by Choice Reviews.
- On April 12, 2025, Holdzkom was invited to be a guest speaker at the spring meeting of the Georgia Mayflower Society. She presented "*Puritans with a Vengeance: The Pilgrims in Popular Memory.*"
- On April 14, she was invited to be a guest speaker at the Milton Branch of the Fulton County Library. As part of the library's commemoration for the 250 anniversary of Paul Revere, she showcased her presentation "*Paul Revere and the Revolution He Lived In: The Man, the Myth, the Legend.*" This was also presented in conjunction with the Milton Historical Society monthly meeting.

DAVID PARKER

- In March 2025, Parker delivered his paper "*From Oglethorpe to the Lost Cause: Georgia Day in Georgia Schools*" at the annual meeting of the Southern History Education Society.
- He also presented a paper called "*Milledgeville Celebrates Georgia's Bicentennial*" which focuses on the states 1933 celebration, at the Georgia Association of Historians.



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ALBERT CHURELLA

- Churella was recently [interviewed on the Hagley History Hangout podcast](#) about the final volume in his trilogy about the history of the Pennsylvania Railroad.
- He also gave a presentation on May 8, 2025 at the Railroaders Memorial Museum in Altoona. The presentation was entitled “*Salvation or Disaster: The Penn Central Merger of 1968*”.



STEFANIE WOODARD

- Woodard recently presented her paper “*Running through History: The Berlin Marathon and a Divided City*” in Gorizia, Italy for a workshop on the Cold War Borderlands. The event was hosted jointly by the University of Udine, Friuli Storia, and Harvard University (Cold War Studies Program).
- This presentation will provide the basis for an article length manuscript to be published in Spring 2026 (after a follow up conference).

KSU AWARD WINNERS/NOMINEES

- Stephen Bartlett - winner of KSU's 2024-2025 Outstanding Teaching Award
- Karolin Mirzakhani - winner of KSU'S Diversity and Inclusion Award
- Akanmu Adebayo - nominee for Distinguished Professor
- Al Churella - nominee for Scholarship and Creative Activity



STUDENT ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

PHILOSOPHY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

- The Philosophy program and Philosophy Student Association took 22 students to the second annual Blue Ridge Philosophy Symposium in Boone, North Carolina from April 3rd-5th. Students participated as presenters, respondents, and panel chairs. The students conducted themselves professionally and the quality of their work could have caused you to mistake this for a graduate conference. Dr. Mirzakhani and Dr. Fontini also delivered keynote talks on Friday and Saturday. Overall, the event was a smashing success, the product of hard work and dedication by the students of KSU and Appalachian State. Throughout an uncertain and difficult semester, the students of KSU Philosophy never wavered from their love of thought, making it one of the most memorable semesters we've experienced. We, as faculty, are proud and grateful to have the chance to work with them.



HIST 3326

- Students in Dr. Jennifer Dickey's HIST 3326 Historic Preservation course surveyed 81 historic resources in the City of Kennesaw as part of a comprehensive historic resources survey.



HIST 4426

- Students in Dr. Jennifer Dickey's HIST 4426 Documentation & Interpretation course conducted a conditions assessment and developed a Historic Structure Report of the Deckner House, located on Metropolitan Parkway in Atlanta. The house, built in 1867 and a contributing resource in the Capitol View neighborhood on Atlanta's west side, is now owned by Atlanta Technical College (ATC). The Historic Structure Report will be used to guide ATC's development plans for the building.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

HIST 4427

- Students in Adina Langer's Museum Exhibitions course curated a traveling exhibit entitled *Juneteenth: The Fight for Freedom and Recognition* for KSU Student Affairs. The exhibit will be used as a backdrop for KSU's Juneteenth celebration.



KAMERYN DIXON

- Dixon is a History Education major who's research proposal "*The Ignored Physiological Roots of Black Women's Mental Illness*" was recently accepted for the 2025 Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP).

MADIE HOUSER

- She was selected to be one of four in-person presenters for our college at the Symposium of Student Scholars. Her talk is titled "*Oh Destructive Gin! Oh Infatuated Human Kind!: Gin Reformers' Battle for Virtue in 18th-Century London.*"

ANDREW BRAMLETT

- He became the recipient of the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Research Award! His paper will be published in the KJUR at a later date.
- He was also accepted to Gilder Lehrman's Undergraduate Advisory Council.

HISTORY CLUB

- The History Club hosted two guest lectures in March 2025 and April 2025:
 - Tore C. Olsson - *Red Dead's History: A Video Game, an Obsession, and America's Violent Past*
 - Christopher M. McDonough - *Pontius Pilate On Screen: Sinner, Soldier, Superstar*

KSU ALUMNI UPDATE

- Hector Gutierrez graduated from KSU with a B.A. in History. He currently serves as a Councilman in Forest Park.
- Katie Martin Rosser graduated from KSU in 2009 with a History Education degree. She now serves as a high school history teacher in Cherokee County and is the owner of her own business.



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAUL REVERE'S RIDE

- Marianne Holdzkom held an event called "Paul Revere's Ride" on April 16, 2025. The event also included a dramatic reading of "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere", which was presented by India Tyree.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To the following faculty members that will be retiring this year:

Ethel Kay Traille
Akanmu Adebayo
Angela DeAngelo

Thank you for all your years of service! We will miss you dearly and we wish you the best on all your future endeavors.