

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

SEAN CORRIGAN

- Published his article "The Culture Wars, Then & Now: Using Inquiry to Evaluate the Scopes Trial 100 Years Later" in The Oregon Journal of the Social Studies.
- Published a chapter in an upcoming book: 'Teacher Educators as Scholar Citizens.'

SILKE ZOLLER

- Published a chapter entitled "Shaping a New Threat: How the CIA Defined 'International Terrorism' in the 1970s," in the edited volume Secrets on Display: Stories and Spycraft from the International Spy Museum by Mark Stout and Sarah-Jane Corke (University Press of Kansas).

CATHERINE LEWIS

- Recently published a book "Above and Beyond: The Mason Family and the Transformation of Gwinnett County" with Mercer University Press.

KATYA VLADIMIROV

- Published two articles in the journal of Archeopress entitled "Ottoman provinces of the Russian Empire, 1879- 1918" and "Russian diplomats' writings on the Ottoman Empire, 1850-1900."

CAROLINE CONNER

- Co-authored an article entitled "Preparing Teaching in Holocaust Education During Polarizing Times" in the Journal of Education.

DAVID PARKER

- Published his article, "Eugene Talmadge's Library Book Purge of 1941" in the Georgia Library Quarterly.

LAUREN THOMPSON

- Co-authored an article entitled "Vaccine mandates misinformation: 2 experts explain the true role of slavery and racism in the history of public health policy - and the growing threat ignorance poses today." in The Conversation.

NEFERTARI YANCIE

- Published an article entitled "Giants of Civil Rights: Fostering Historical Empathy Skills by Examining the Debate Between Washington and Du Bois," which was published in The Social Studies.
- Published an article entitled "History's Unsung Hero: Examining Oscar Dun and African-American History Through a Historical Graphic Novel." through The Councilor: A National Journal of Social Studies.
- Published an article titled "Giants of Civil Rights: Fostering Historical Empathy Skills by Examining the Debate Between Washington and Du Bois" in The Social Studies.

JIAYAN ZHANG

- Recently published his book "Dikes and Society in Rural China: The Jiangnan Plain, 1788-2010s" through Brill.

MARIANNE HOLDZKOM

- Her latest Op-Ed, "Opinion: Ken Burns' new series offers a chance to reflect on the contributions of John Adams" was written for the Adams Memorial Foundation and published by The Hill. It has also appeared on the MSN.Com homepage.

JAMES FONTINI

- Published an article entitled "Nature Arises in the Person: Hölderlin and the Task of Ecological Grammar" in ANGELAKI.



FACULTY AWARDS & ACTIVITIES

NEFERTARI YANCIE

- Yancie was selected for the Hanover Grant Academy

PAUL DOVER

- Received funding for a Spring 2026 sabbatical leave from the Institute for Humane Studies. He will be using this time to work on his book "Information: A Human History."

CATHERINE LEWIS

- Her book "Above and Beyond" was nominated for the Georgia Author of the Year Award.

KATYA VLADIMIROV

- Participated in the "Travelers in Ottoman lands" seminar series in April 2025.
- Organized a faculty workshop called "AI and History" at the University of Puerto Rico. The workshop took place from September 17th-September 18th, 2025.

LAUREN THOMPSON

- Nominated for the Organization of American Historians' Distinguished Lecturer Program.

JENNIFER DICKEY

- Became the 2025 recipient of the President's Award from the Society of Georgia Archivists, which is given for outstanding contributions to the archival field outside of the profession.
- The KSU Public History Program won the Award for Excellence in Student Archives Centered Work in a Public Institution from the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council (GHRAC) for their Dec 2024 student curated exhibit "The Fight for Civil Rights: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Foot Soldiers of the Movement."

ALBERT CHURELLA

- Presented "The Pennsylvania Railroad and the New Haven" at the New York Chapter, Railway, & Locomotive Historical Society on July 11th, 2025
- Interviewed by Reconnect American in October 2025
- Interviewed by Biz-eWerk (College of Charleston - School of Business) on July 16th, 2025. [Trailer: "Business History of the Pennsylvania Railroad with Al Churella"](#). The full episode can be found on Apple Podcasts.
- Presented "Advertising the Pennsylvania Railroad" at the Friends of the Railroad Museum in Strasburg, PA on September 27th, 2025.
- Delivered a keynote address at the 50th anniversary of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania on September 27th, 2025.
- Presented "Advertising in the 1920s: Creating the Consumer Culture" at the Georgia Academic Decathlon on September 12th, 2025.
- Awarded a Tenured Faculty Enhancement Leave.
- [Interviewed by the Business History Conference](#) for their book series
- [Interviewed by the American Museum of Science and Energy](#)
- [Interviewed by Hagley History Hangout](#)
- [Interviewed by Reconnect America/Solutionary Rail](#)



Keynote Address (50th Anniversary) - Sept 27th, 2025



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ALBERT WAY

- Recently chosen for the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership Class of 2025. Read [Bert's interview with KSU](#).
- Recently won the Southern Historical Association's Jack Temple Kirby award for his article "*The Grass Problem: Agrostology, Agriculture, and Environmental Transformation in the New South*" which was published in 2023 by Environmental History.

JAVIER GUIRADO ALONSO

- Recently selected as an Early Career Fellow for the research project "*Supporting Knowledge and Mapping Regional Connections: China and Contemporary Development in the Arab World*" from 2025-2027. The fellowship is supported by Carnegie and organized by the University of Exeter's Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies (IAIS) and the Arab Council for the Social Sciences in Beirut.
- Invited to give a talk entitled "*A petroscape with Chinese characteristics? Emerging geographies of green capitalism in Oman*" at Huzhou College on May 2025.
- Attended the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual meeting in D.C. where he presented his paper "*From Wells to Wheels: Citizenship, Labor, and (Sub)Urban Infrastructure in Doha, 1970s*". He also chaired a session called "*New Directions in the Study of Society and History in the Arabian Peninsula*" in late November.

MARIANNE HOLDZKOM

- On Oct. 23rd, Holdzkom gave a virtual talk to the History Explorer's Club entitled "*My John Adams Journey: How I found success by Following My Bliss*." This was a book talk/mentoring discussion for those members of the club struggling with research.
- On November 5th, Holdzkom presented "Calendar Chaos" as part of the Year of UK "Spill the Tea" event. She discussed the 1752 calendar switch in England from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar and the effect it had on the English public.

PAUL DOVER

- On Dec 3 and 4, Paul Dover attended Signals at Scale: A Working Summit on Opportunities in the AI-mediated Information Ecosystem, which took place at the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism in Manhattan. He provided a humanist context about the role of information revolutions across the human past. The gathering was convened by the Kennedy School at Harvard and the founder of StoryFlow Ltd. The summit was sponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies, the Soros Economic Development Fund, and the International Fund for Public Interest.

YOSHINA HURGOBIN

- Invited to present her paper "*Petitions, Strikes, and Subaltern Rights in Mauritius, 1872 to 1937*" at the Economies of Influence Conference, which was hosted at Dartmouth College in May 2025.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

ALEXANDRIA CURRIER

- She was interviewed for her paper "Indeterminate Politics: US Interventionism within Nicaragua" which was published in *Saber and Scroll*. Read [Alexandria's interview with KSU](#).
- Alexandria Currier, has been accepted for a lightning round presentation at the AHA annual meeting this January in Chicago. She will present her senior thesis that she's currently writing with Silke Zoller.

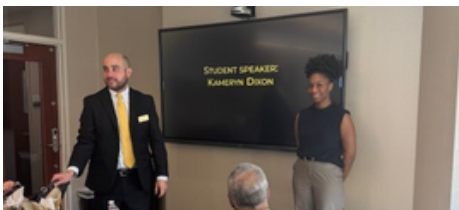
ANDREW BRAMLETT

- Recently published an [article entitled "Cobb Out Front in Bid for Stadium": Professional Baseball and the Rise of Suburbia, 1957-1962.](#) in *Atlanta Studies*.
- Wrote a [review on Ken Burns' documentary about The American Revolution](#).
- Our very own Andrew Bramlett presented a wellreceived paper on "King's Wigwam: Atlanta's Forgotten Black Summer Resort" and represented our department with distinction at the Symposium of Student Scholars.



KAMERYN DIXON

- Kameryn Dixon spoke to the Bagwell Board of Visitors about the HIED program.

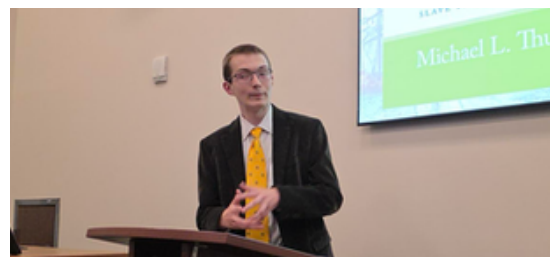


PHILOSOPHY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

- October 23rd, 2025 - Dr. J Aaron Simmons gave a talk called "How Not to Give Up: Avoiding Despair by Living Philosophically."
- November 20th, 2025 - Dr. Joe Albernaz had a talk on the temporality of leisure.

HISTORY CLUB

- September 8th, 2025 - hosted a virtual book talk with Monica Carol Miller (Middle Georgia State) and Carolyn Wynn Smalley (Chair of Georgia Studies) about their book, "The Tacky South".
- September 29th, 2025 - National Silent Movie Day - watched *Voyage to the Moon*, *The Adventures of Prince Achmed*, *Nosferatu* and *The Freshman*.
- October 3rd, 2025 - "Memories of the Mansion: The Story of Georgia's Governor's Mansion" - Book Talk with Jennifer Dickey and Catherine Lewis; hosted by the History Club
- October 10th, 2025 - Virtual Q&A Watch Party with King Arthur Pendragon (Senior Druid)
- October 13th, 2025 – guest speaker, Michael Thurmond, discussed his recent biography about James Oglethorpe. This event was planned by The History Club, who worked closely with The Year of the UK and America 250.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

GEORGIA COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (GCSS)

- Six HIED seniors presented lesson plans at the Georgia Council for the Social Studies (GCSS): Rolan Arrowood, Nicole Costello, Nate Silva, Aaron Ault, Jared Mills, and Caitlin Butson. They competed against preservice teachers from five universities.
- **Rolan Arrowood** won "Best in Class" for his poster presentation titled "*What happened to the Taino Peoples?*"
- **Nicole Costello** won "Honorable Mention" for her poster presentation titled "*How do misconceptions impact the way we view world development?*"
- **Nate Silva** won "Honorable Mention" for his poster presentation titled "*How can I make a difference?*"

COLE HALE

- Received the Young Alumni of the Year Award.



KSU ALUMNI UPDATE

- **Jade Flack** - currently studying at GSU Law
- **Nathan Graves & Lucas Mattos** - both are pursuing graduate degrees in Philosophy at Boston College
- **Samir Akari** - pursuing a master's degree in Bioethics
- **Logan Mossor** - Artist teacher at the High Museum of Atlanta

JARED MILLS

- Won the Outstanding Senior Award ('25-'26) for HIED

PHILOSOPHY STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

On December 5th, the following students presented their work:

- **Koji Tada** - "*The Invention of Political Violence*"
- **Taylor Bettis** - "*The Monstrous Other and the Groundless Self: The Relational Origins of Vice*"
- **Henry Verrill** - "*The Reality Severing Longsword: How Enclosure Severs Meaning and Relation*"
- **Alice Xia** - "*Politics and Necessary Conflict*"
- **Jayde Scogin** - "*From Aristotle To Heidegger: Poetry as Shared Being.*"

MUSEUM STUDIES CLASS

- Students in James Newberry's Fall 2024 Museum Studies class developed content, including text and images, for an exhibit exploring the life and work of artist Nellie Mae Rowe. It opened on November 15 on the site of Rowe's former home in Vinings.
- This project was supported by Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society; Vinings Village Homeowners Association; Georgia State Representative Sheila Jones; Nellie Mae Rowe family members Cheryl Mashack and Cathi Perry; the High Museum of Art; and The Judith Alexander Foundation.
- Funding for the project comes from individual donors and from Georgia Humanities, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Economic Development, through funding from the Georgia General Assembly.



MARSHALL MCNAIR

- On November 19, he presented his research project titled "Inclusivity in Egypt and the Coptic Christians" at the 2025 Fall Symposium of Student Scholars



DEPARTMENT EVENTS

PATRIOTS BEFORE REVOLUTION

- On September 25th, 2025, Dr. Amy Watson from the University of Alabama at Birmingham discussed how British political reformers were instrumental in founding the colony of Georgia. This was coordinated by Amy Dunagin and hosted in conjunction with The Year of the UK.



FROM EMPIRE TO REVOLUTION

- On October 29th, 2025, Greg Brooking, an author and high school Social Studies teacher, discussed his book "From Empire to Revolution: Sir James Wright and the Price of Loyalty in Georgia". This event was coordinated by Amy Dunagin and hosted in conjunction with The Year of the UK.

BROWN BAGS (2025 & 2026)

- Masako Racel (September 2025)
- Amy Dunagin (October 2025)
- Silke Zoller (November 2025)
- Jennifer Dickey (January 2026)
- Nicole Greer Golda (February 2026)
- Alice Pate (March 2026)
- Fred Carroll (April 2026)

KEN BURNS: THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (VIEWING PARTY)

- From November 16th - November 20th, 2025, The American Revolution Committee hosted a six-night watch party of Ken Burns' new documentary, The American Revolution. They also hosted a virtual Campus Conversation on November 19th, 2025.

GREEK DEMOCRACY: PEOPLE, POWER, AND JUSTICE

- On November 4, 2025, Brian Swain conducted a public lecture about the historical themes of Greek democracy and its relevance to the present. This event was hosted by the History/Philosophy Department, the Interdisciplinary Studies Department and the Journeys in Justice Program.

