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## The Department of History's E-Newsletter

for Undergraduate History Majors, Minors & Friends

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*Director of Undergraduate Studies*

*“The historical sense involves a perception, not only of the pastness of the past,  
but of its presence.”*

*T.S. Eliot*

Hello and welcome to Volume 2, issue 3 of The Observator, the Department of History's e-newsletter for undergraduates currently registered in history courses.

In this issue, be sure to read:

- **STUDY ABROAD** information
- **MAYMESTER** and **SUMMER SCHOOL** offerings
- **NEW PROGRAM ADDITION** available for history majors and minors
- **SCHOLARSHIP, FELLOWSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS,** and **CONFERENCES** available

### I) History Study Abroad Award

The Observator is proud to announce the **History Study Abroad Award**. This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student planning to register for a study abroad program in the summer of 2003. The Director of Undergraduate Studies, **Professor Melinda Zook**, is now inviting undergraduates interested in competing for this award to send her the following information: a resume (complete with contact information); a short personal statement as to why and where one wishes to study abroad; and a writing sample (preferably from a paper written in a history course). The **application deadline is Monday, March 3, 2003**, and the winner will be announced at the Department of History's Annual Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 10, 2003.

### II) Study Abroad

*Here's great chance to see something of the world, learn, travel, earn credit, and get away from your parents!*

**History 492Y: Greece and Turkey 2003: An Aegean Odyssey - History, Art and Archaeology – Offered May 16 – June 6, 2003**

**Course Goals:** History 492Y has been designed to impart an historical, artistic, geographical and cultural understanding of an important region of the Eastern Mediterranean: the Aegean Basin (Greece and western Turkey), from their beginnings in antiquity through the Byzantine era. This region has contributed heavily to the foundations of western civilization and what has evolved into the modern state, complete with political philosophy, values, artistic and literary traditions, together with institutions for the assimilation of other cultures into a multicultural environment. Its art and architecture have had a lasting effect upon the modern world, and this is a prominent focus of our course. Another of the purposes of the course is to provide insight into the ways in which that art and those institutions were created, changed and adapted over time. We shall see how the ancient Greeks and their Roman, Byzantine and Turkish successors adapted their societies to the pressures of change from the inside, and to influences from the outside, both in ancient and medieval times. And, in turn, we will examine how the peoples of this region have contributed to the general pool of human understanding and the advance of mankind. The strength of this course lies in the fact that we will be immersed completely in the lands, sites and monuments of antiquity, as well as among the people and builders of two modern nations.

***CONTACT PROFESSORS:***

**Dr. Gordon D. Young** – 765-494-4151 (office); 765-463-2868 (home);  
e-mail: [gyoung@purdue.edu](mailto:gyoung@purdue.edu) or [urnamma@aol.com](mailto:urnamma@aol.com).

**Dr. David Parrish**, 765-494-3058 (office); 765-743-3013 (home); 765-496-1198 (fax);  
e-mail: [dparrish@purdue.edu](mailto:dparrish@purdue.edu).

### **III) Rotary International Scholarship for Study Abroad in 2004-05**

Rotary International will select one outstanding student from the central Indiana area to study abroad in **2004-05**. Candidates who are articulate, outgoing, and who can promote International goodwill and understanding through participation in rotary activities abroad are being sought. ***A strong academic record is required.*** Rotary scholarships cover the cost of transportation, food, lodging, tuition, books, educational supplies, and a limited amount of travel within the host country. The maximum amount of the award is \$25,000 including round-trip airfare. There is no restriction on subject areas of study.

**Eligibility:** Local competition is open to all students who are US citizens. All other students may apply through Rotary clubs in their native country. A student must have completed a minimum of two years of university course work (semester 4 and above in spring 2003) with a strong academic record. Preference is given, but not restricted, to students who wish to study in a country whose language is other than English. A superior level of foreign language skills is required at the time of selection. Candidates will submit a written application in both English and the second language and may be invited to an oral interview. The following are NOT eligible to apply: Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and their children and grandchildren, employees of Rotary International and their descendants.

Deadline for submitting applications: Wednesday, February 26, 2003.

Local interviews by invitation: Saturday, March 8, 2003.

Send completed applications to: Dr. Terry R. West  
Professor, Department of Earth and Atmospheric

Sciences

3245 CIVL Building  
West Lafayette IN 47907-1397  
Phone: 494-3296  
Email: [trwest@eas.purdue.edu](mailto:trwest@eas.purdue.edu)

## **IV) Maymester and Summer Semester 2003 Course Offerings:**

### ***Maymester 2003 (May 19 – June 13, 2003)***

HIST 102K:	Introduction to the Ancient World	M-F 1:00-3:10
HIST 104K:	Introduction to the Modern World	M-F 8:40-10:50
HIST 151K:	American History to 1877	M-F 1:00-3:10
HIST 152K:	United States since 1877	M-F 9:50-12:00
HIST 345K:	Modernization of the Middle East	M-F 1:00-3:10
HIST 377K:	History and Culture of Native America	M-F 8:40-10:50

### ***Module 2 (June 16 – July 11, 2003)***

HIST 151A:	American History to 1877	M-F 9:50-12:00
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### ***Modules 2 and 3 (June 16 – August 5, 2003)***

HIST 102:	Introduction to the Ancient World	M-F 9:50-10:50
HIST 103:	Introduction to the Medieval World	M-F 11:00-12:00
HIST 104:	Introduction to the Modern World	M-F 1:00-2:00
HIST 105:	Survey of Global History	M-F 8:40-9:40
HIST 152:	United States since 1877	M-F 8:40-9:40
HIST 376:	History of Indiana	M-F 9:50-10:50

## **V) New Program Addition to the History Department**

Starting next Fall 2003 the Department of History will offer concentration in the following areas of specialization for its majors and minors: 1) The History of Law & Public Policy; 2) The History of Science & Technology; 3) The History of Popular Culture; 4) The History of Modernity.

This program is completely optional. Students wishing to specialize need only take three courses (nine credit hours) in one area, although a grade of "C" or better must be earned

to fulfill the specialization requirement. The Specialization will be recorded on the student's transcript. Further, these courses can be 'double counted' to fulfill other requirements, including the history major and minor.

The Specialization areas and their course options are:

***The History of Law & Public Policy:*** This specialization is designed for students applying to law school and to assist those pursuing careers in paralegal services, policy research, public administration, public office, and planning agencies.

- HIST 382 - American Constitutional History
- HIST 383 - Recent American Constitutional History
- HIST 332 - English Constitutional History
- HIST 345 - The Modernization of the Middle East
- HIST 463 - Creation of American Legal Culture
- HIST 358 - The American Business System
- HIST 386 - History of American Foreign Relations
- HIST 385 - American Political History
- HIST 585 - American Labor History
- HIST 469 - Black Civil Rights Movement
- HIST 596 - The American City

***The History of Science & Technology:*** This specialization is designed to assist students pursuing careers or advanced training in technological, medical, nursing, scientific, military services, and technical writing and editing.

- HIST 352 - A History of Biology
- HIST 353 - A History of Medicine
- HIST 399 - A History of Medicine in America
- HIST 387 - History of the Space Age
- HIST 334 - Science and Technology in Western Civilization II
- HIST 350 - Science and Technology in the Twentieth Century World
- HIST 494 - Science and Technology in American Civilization
- HIST 497 - Special Topics in Biology and Medicine
- HIST 409 - Gender and Science

***The History of Popular Culture:*** This specialization is designed to assist students pursuing careers or advanced training in communications, journalism, the entertainment industry, market research and advertising, publishing, and public relations.

- HIST 326 - Popular Culture in Preindustrial Europe (1400-1800)
- HIST 371 - Society, Culture, and Rock and Roll
- HIST 377 – History and Culture of Native America
- HIST 391 - History of Russian Popular Entertainment
- HIST 412 - The Cultural History of the Middle Ages
- HIST 416 - Culture and Society in the Age of Pericles
- HIST 414 - Potters & Society in Antiquity

***The History of Modernity:*** This specialization is designed to assist students pursuing careers or advanced training in communications, journalism, media coverage, international business, foreign service, intelligence agencies, and military service.

HIST 324 - Modern France

HIST 327 - The Habsburg Legacy: Central Europe, 1500-2000

HIST 340 - Modern China

HIST 344 - History of Modern Japan

HIST 330 - History of the British Empire and Commonwealth, 1783 to 1960

HIST 337 - Europe in the Age of the Cold War

HIST 359 - Gender in East Asian History

HIST 440 - History of Tsarist and Soviet Russia since 1861

HIST 408 - History of Europe since 1920

HIST 441 - Africa in the Twentieth Century

HIST 472 - History of Mexico

HIST 545 - The Middle East in the Twentieth Century

HIST 577 - Contemporary Latin America History

HIST 587 - United States Foreign Affairs: World War I to Present

## **VI) Fellowship and Scholarship Information**

### **A) Gilder Lehrman History Scholars Program**

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History invites applications for a new summer program for college sophomores and juniors who are interested in pursuing a major in American history and have demonstrated academic excellence in this field. To apply, scholars must be enrolled in their sophomore or junior year in an accredited college or university in the United States or Canada. **Applications must be received by March 30.** Decisions will be made by April 20.

Scholars will receive a stipend of \$3,000, along with room, board, and travel expenses for an eight-week program in New York City from June 22 to August 15. Students will work on one of several Gilder Lehrman research projects relying on the intensive study of primary sources, participate in weekly meetings with eminent historians to discuss historical issues, and attend weekly behind-the-scenes meetings to leading repositories of American historical documents and culture.

Candidates should submit:

- A cover sheet with name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, and the names of two recommenders.
- A curriculum vitae.
- A 500-word statement about the candidate's interest in American history and why they believe its study is still significant in the contemporary world.
- Two letters of recommendation by faculty members, one of whom must be a professor of American history.

Application materials should be sent to: Gilder Lehrman History Scholars Program  
The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History  
601 West 110<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 4M  
New York NY 10027  
646-366-9666

**B) 2003 Library of Congress Junior Fellows Program:**

Fellows, working with primary source materials, will assist selected divisions in fulfilling their mission to reduce the arrears by organizing and documenting archival collections, producing finding aids and bibliographic records, preparing materials for preservation and service, and doing bibliographical research; and contribute to the Library's efforts to digitize its historical collections.

The objectives of the program are:

- To increase knowledge and use of the Library's collections throughout the nation.
- To help the Library inventory, chronicle, and make available hitherto unexplored materials.
- To give selected fellows an opportunity to explore the Library's unique collections.
- To expose fellows to the challenging career opportunities available at the Library of Congress.

Applicants must either be enrolled in an ongoing academic program at an accredited college or university at the junior or senior undergraduate level, or at the graduate level, or have completed their degree since August 2002.

Fellows will be paid a taxable stipend of \$300 per 40-hour work week. Fellowships begin in either May or June, depending on availability of the selected fellow, and last two to three months.

**Applications must be received no earlier than March 1 and no later than April 4, 2003**, and should include the following:

- A cover letter indicating the subject area(s)/divisions in which the applicant is interested, and language abilities if relevant (subject areas are American history and literature; cataloging; history of graphic arts, architecture, design and engineering; history of photography; film, television and radio; sound recordings; music; rare books and book arts; American popular culture; librarianship; and preservation).
- Application for Federal Employment (OF 612) or resume (including social security number, address, telephone number, date of birth, and citizenship).
- Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306).
- Letter of recommendation from an appropriate professor or employer attesting to the applicant's proficiency, reliability, and the feasibility of his/her carrying out projects.
- Official transcript from the current of most recently attended university or college.

Applications should be sent to: Junior Fellows Program Coordinator  
Library Services  
Library of Congress, LM-642  
Washington DC 20540-4600

For more information, contact the Junior Fellows Program Coordinator at 202-707-5330 or via email at [jrfell@loc.gov](mailto:jrfell@loc.gov), or visit the website at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/jrfell>.

**C) The James Madison Foundation Fellowship**

The **James Madison Foundation Junior Fellowship** is offered to seniors preparing to become secondary school teachers of history, government, and social studies.

Fellows may receive up to \$24,000 in financial support. For further information, please contact **Professor Michael Morrison** ([mmorrison@sla.purdue.edu](mailto:mmorrison@sla.purdue.edu)) at the Department of History.

#### **D) American Heritage Fellowships**

Connor Prairie is providing two undergraduate fellowships with the support of the Lumina Foundation for Education. These twelve-month fellowships will be designed for first-generation college students. Recipients will receive hands-on training as well as a stipend award and academic credit. Students will choose between a focus in Historic Trades OR Agriculture and Rural Life. For further information, please contact:

Cinda Baldwin  
Grants Manager  
Conner Prairie  
13400 Allisonville Road  
Fishers IN 46038

Phone: 317-776-6000 ext. 379  
Fax: 317-776-6014

### **VII) Internships**

#### **A) National Park Service Internships**

Two internships with Natchez National Historical Park (Museum Technician). Will assist Museum Curator with 1) cataloging of museum objects, environmental monitoring, and historic housekeeping of exhibit and storage areas at Melrose (an NHL antebellum estate with original decorative arts collection); 2) cataloging of museum objects associated with William Johnson (a free black barber and diarist); and 3) providing assistance to a local African-American heritage museum. History, art history, or museum studies background preferred. Requires computer literacy and careful handling of museum objects in a variety of work spaces. Housing is not provided. Stipends are paid at a rate of \$12/hour (\$4800/internship). Located in Natchez MS.

The application deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup> for Summer 2003. Information and application are online at [www.preservenet.cornell.edu](http://www.preservenet.cornell.edu) (click on "employment" then "new hope internships").

For additional information specific to this job or this geographic location (a small town in the deep south), contact Museum Curator Kathleen McClain Jenkins, phone 601-446-5790, email [kathleen\\_jenkins@nps.gov](mailto:kathleen_jenkins@nps.gov).

#### **B) Internships in Washington DC**

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars offers opportunities to gain internship experience within the environment of our capital's politics, policies, places, and people. Components of the internship program include: 4 to 4½ days per week internship, academic courses, Congressional Breakfast Series, Presidential Lecture Series, Embassy Visit Program, small group discussions and workshops, and internship portfolio. Listed among the possible placement sites are Amnesty International, CNN, The Environmental Protection Agency, Walter Reed Hospital, offices of US representatives and senators, and the NAACP. Visit the website at [www.twc.edu](http://www.twc.edu) to make an on-line request for more information.

#### **C) Internships in Indianapolis**

One method of earning credit hours and professional training at the same time is through internships. The Indiana House of Representatives and the Senate are always looking for smart undergraduates, and they are especially fond (quite naturally!) of Purdue History majors.

**1) The Indiana House of Representatives Republican Caucus**

**Staff** is seeking undergraduate interns for the Spring 2004 semester.

This is a paid internship, \$275 per week; however it was designed with an educational intent. If you are interested in finding out more, contact Ms. Angie Bixler at 317-232-9648 or 1-800-382-9841.

**2) The Indiana House Democrat Internship Program** offers full-time paid internships for juniors, seniors, graduate students or "recent graduates." Interns are paid \$250 per week. Participants will be eligible for a \$2,500 cash scholarship from Verizon, to be awarded to the most outstanding intern. For more information, see their website: [http://www.state.in.us/legislative/house\\_democrats/intern.html](http://www.state.in.us/legislative/house_democrats/intern.html).

**3) Republican Caucus of the Indiana Senate** is seeking interns for the Spring 2004 semester. Interns will receive \$275 per week. These internships provide valuable experience in journalism, media relations, law and finance. Appointments will be announced in early November. Call Kathleen Hursh at 317-232-9519 or 800-482-9467.

**4) The Democratic Caucus of the Indiana Senate** is looking for qualified applicants for their Legislative Internship Program. The program begins in January and will last through May 6, 2004. This is a paid internship for which students earn collage credit. If interested, please contact Tricia Stratam at 317-232-9496 or 1-800-382-9467.

## **VIII) 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Research Conference**

The conference will be held at Purdue University's Calumet campus, in Hammond Indiana, on April 4-5, 2003. Registration fee for the conference is \$30, which includes a continental breakfast on Saturday morning. Papers presented will include the topics of American studies, women's studies, American and world history, linguistics, philosophy, political science, and popular culture. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Rodriguez at 219-989-2645.