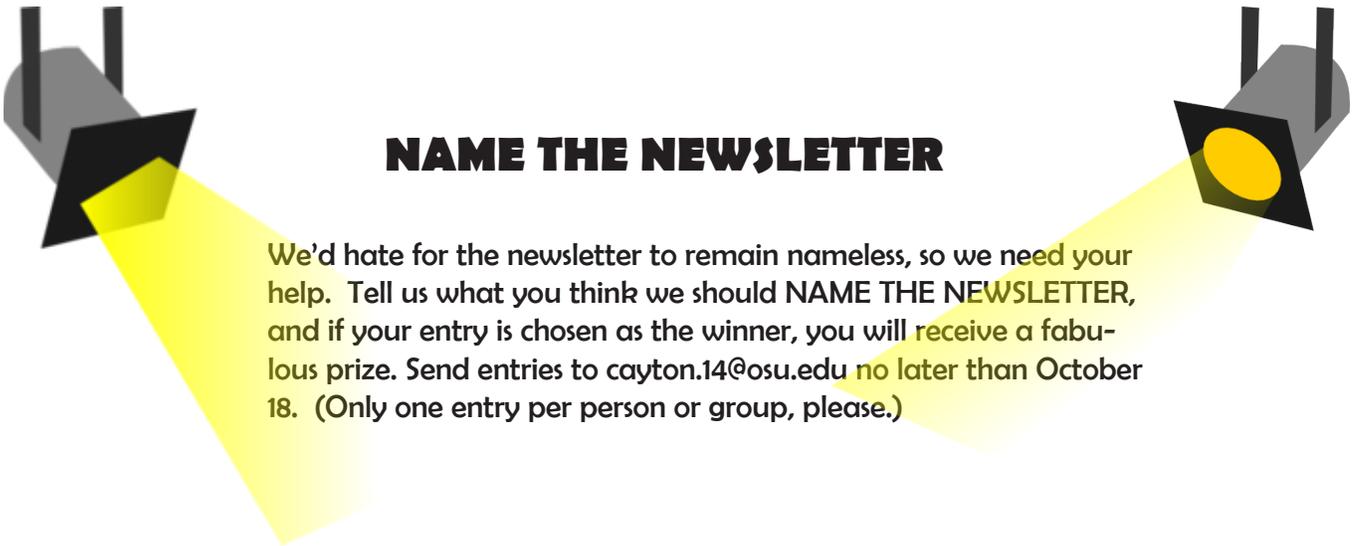


History Department Newsletter Oct 2016

This is the first issue of a brand-new newsletter meant to keep you - our undergraduates - up on all things history in the department and on campus. We will let you know about grants, research opportunities, upcoming events, new faculty publications, history-related events, and showcase courses you might want to check out.

Have items you'd like us to include? Just send them along no later than the third Monday of the month, and we'll be sure they get to the right place.

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NAME THE NEWSLETTER

We'd hate for the newsletter to remain nameless, so we need your help. Tell us what you think we should NAME THE NEWSLETTER, and if your entry is chosen as the winner, you will receive a fabulous prize. Send entries to cayton.14@osu.edu no later than October 18. (Only one entry per person or group, please.)

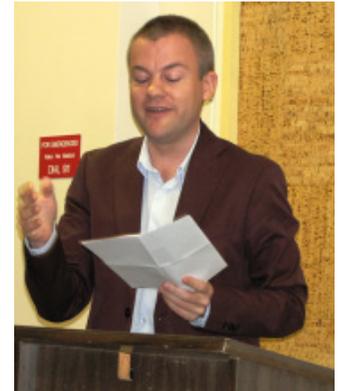
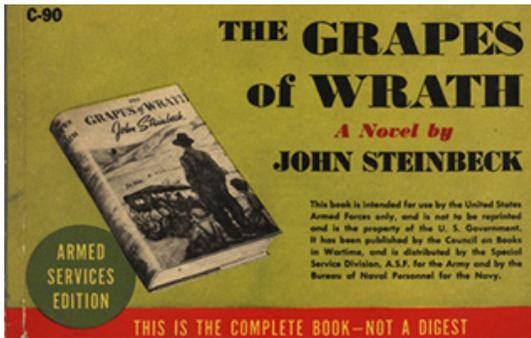
Help Wanted: Assist Faculty in Their Research -- for Credit!

Interested in getting involved in undergraduate research in History but don't know where to start? Apply to work with a faculty member who could use some help with a current research project. A list of current "Help Wanted" announcements is posted on the department website. [<http://history.osu.edu/undergrad/undergraduate-research/assistantships>] Each announcement specifies the requirements for the "job" and how to apply.

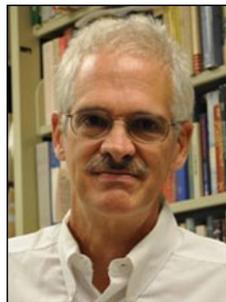
You must be a current History major to participate. You will be expected to complete 20 hours of work for each hour of credit for which you register (up to a maximum of 3). The faculty member whose project you are contributing to will supervise and mentor you.

Upcoming Events (all free unless otherwise noted):

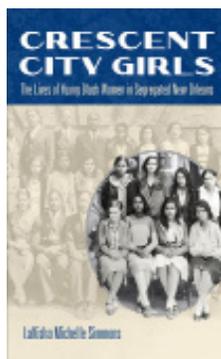
- Thursday, Oct 6, 4-5:30 pm: Dr. Fredrik Tydal (Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Virginia) "Books as Weapons in the War of Ideas in WWII." 18th Avenue Library, Room 90.



- Thursday, Oct 13, 7:00-9 pm: John Brooke (History, Ohio State University) "Climate Change, The Anthropocene & The Deep History of the Earth." Columbus Museum of Art, presented by the Clio Society: clio.osu.edu



- Monday, October 17, 3:30-5 pm: History Department Meet and Greet! Join other history students and students interested in history for cupcakes and conversation with faculty members. Dulles 168.
- Friday., Oct 21, 11:30-1 pm: LaKisha Michelle Simmons (Department of Transnational Studies, Suny Buffalo) Black Girls Matter: Histories of Family, Girlhood, and the Jim Crow System." Part of the Center for Historical Research series on "Family, Kinship, Households: New Perspectives." 168 Dulles Hall.



- Thurs-Friday, Oct 27-28: The War To End All Wars: US National World War I Symposium. Faculty Club and Fawcett Center. Participants include a wide range of experts on the war from European and American Universities, including our own OSU on topics such as military health and the war, total war and its effect on human lives, and the effect of the war on military law. More info at <https://u.osu.edu/wwi100/>



Important Dates

October 12-13 – Autumn break

October 17 - History Department Meet and Greet

October 17 – Second Session – 7 week courses begin

October 28 – last day to drop a class and receive a “W” (full-term courses & 2nd 7 week courses)

Nov 11 – University closed Veteran’s Day

Nov. 23 (no classes, offices open) 24, 25 – University closed – Thanksgiving break

Dec.7 last day of classes

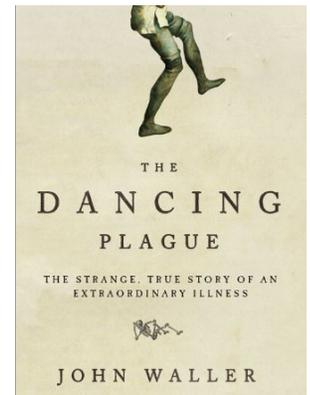
Book Recommendation of the Month

This month’s book recommendation comes from Professor Sara Butler, Professor and King George III Chair in British History. An historian of medieval Europe, Professor Butler ‘s teaching interests include criminal law, medicine, Christianity, persecuted groups, and women. Her interests outside the classroom involve reading Scandinavian murder mysteries, running and walking, travel in Europe, and hanging out with her family and two dogs (named for Vikings: Ragnar and Floki).



John Waller, *The Dancing Plague: The Strange, True Story of an Extraordinary Illness* (Naperville, ILL: Sourcebooks, 2009).

“A wonderful social history of disease, written in a way that, quite frankly, makes it hard to put down. Enjoy!”



This Month in History. . . Brought to You by Phi Alpha Theta

October 1, 1949: The People’s Republic of China established.

October 6, 1927: The first “talkie,” *The Jazz Singer*, opens in New York’s Warner Brothers Theatre

October 12, 1492: Christopher Columbus lands in the Americas, probably in the Bahama Islands

October 17-25, 1944: The Battle of Leyte Gulf near the Philippines, one of the largest naval battles in history, takes place.

October 21, 1805: The British fleet destroys that of Napoleon in the Battle of Trafalgar.

October 31, 1517: Martin Luther nails his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg Castle church, marking the beginning of the Reformation.

Spring 2017 Courses To Check Out!

History 2301: African Peoples & Empires

TR 9:35-10:55

Instructor: Ahmad Sikainga

As a cradle of humanity, Africa is the home of some of the world's oldest civilizations. Prominent among those are the ancient civilization of Egypt, Nubia, Axum, and Zimbabwe, just to name a few. Africa was also one of first regions in which Christianity and Islam spread and played a major role in African societies. Moreover, the period between the 9th and the 19th centuries witnessed the rise of a series of kingdoms and empires such as Ghana, Mali, Songhay, Benin, Congo, Ashanti, Oyo, and several others. For several centuries these empires played a vital role in African and world histories. In addition to examining the histories and the significance of these empires, the course will discuss the spread and the impact of Christianity and Islam in Africa, trans-Saharan and Indian Ocean trade, European contacts with Africa, and the Atlantic slave trade and its aftermath. These topics will be illuminated through lectures, class room discussion, readings, and films.



History 3214 Women, Gender, & Sexuality in the History of Christianity

WF 2:20-3:40

Instructor: David Brakke

This course will focus on women, gender, and (to a lesser extent) sexuality in Christianity during the first three centuries, until the conversion of Constantine in 312. After a brief look at the roles of women in other religious traditions of the ancient Mediterranean, we will consider the writings of the New Testament and such second- and third-century sources as martyrdom accounts, apocryphal gospels and acts, church orders, and Gnostic mythology. We will study literary depictions of Christian women, the significance of gender in Christian theologies and narratives, the roles that women played in Christian communities, and the debates that these issues provoked.

