

Department of History and Political Science



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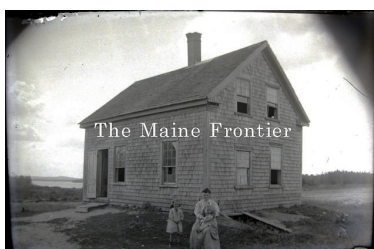
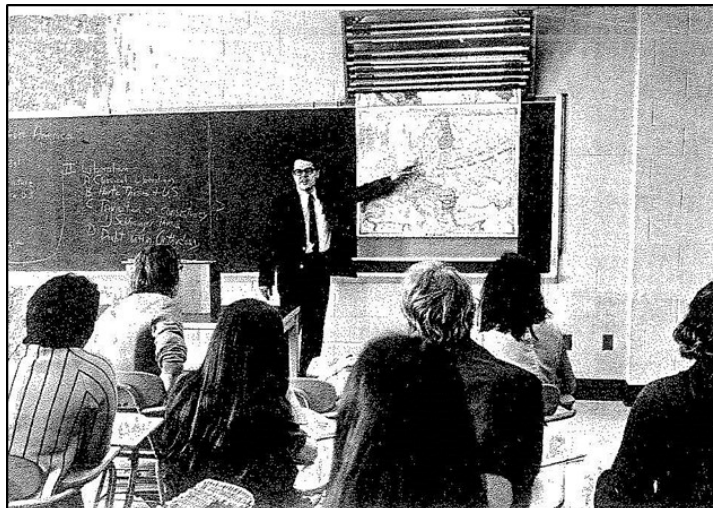
- ♦ Fall 2015 courses can be viewed on Mainstreet
- ♦ For complete registration schedule go to usm.maine.edu/reg
- ♦ Matriculated students registration begins April 13th
- ♦ If you are graduating in May log onto your Mainstreet account and apply to graduate
- ♦ Keep an eye out for commencement information in your @maine.edu email account
- ♦ Reminder: Check Mainstreet for registration appointments and don't forget to meet with your advisor!

Community Outreach

This semester students in the International Human Rights course have been engaged in volunteer work with a variety of organizations that support new immigrants and refugees in the Portland area. Some of the organizations that students have been working with include: Cultivating Community, Make it Happen!, The Center for Grieving Children, Portland Housing Authority, Tree Street Youth, Learning Works, Portland Adult Education, and the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project.

Professor Allan Whitmore Lecture April 23rd

Please join us on April 23rd, from 6:00-7:30 in 102 Wishcamper as we celebrate the long academic career of Allan Whitmore. Professor Whitmore will present a lecture on Jack London and there will be lots of food and conversation. This is a great opportunity to gather as a department and give thanks to Professor Whitmore for sharing his knowledge with the university community for over 4 1/2 decades. Allan is pictured above, circa 1971.



On March 4th, USM History alumnus Sumner McKane presented a multi-media show in Gorham for over 75 members of the University community. He performed his own music as a soundtrack to the photographs and films of Isaac Simpson, a chronicler of northern Maine people at the beginning of the 20th century. For more information on McKane's work go to: <http://sumnermckane.com>

May 11th-13th marks the 17th year of the Maine Model United Nations Conference, an event which is organized and managed by USM students. This year more than 600 high school students throughout New England will participate in this event which is held on the Gorham campus. The conference grows in number and prestige each year.



The department is pleased to announce that the Portland Women's History Trail app is now available: <http://pmwht.org/> Part of USM's Digital Maine initiative and research cluster in Digital Humanities, the app is based on many years of research conducted by project leader Professor Eileen Eagan and her colleagues and students. The app offers maps with texts and photos of sites relating to Portland women's history in work, education, religion, home, politics, health care, cultural activities and in death. Students in Women's History classes have played important roles in the development of the trails. They have researched the sites and individuals and taken pictures. Professor Eagan's app offers a new view of Portland's history, a view including women from a variety of classes, ages, ethnic and religious groups.

Portland
Women's
History
Trail

Congratulations to the Following Scholarship Recipients:

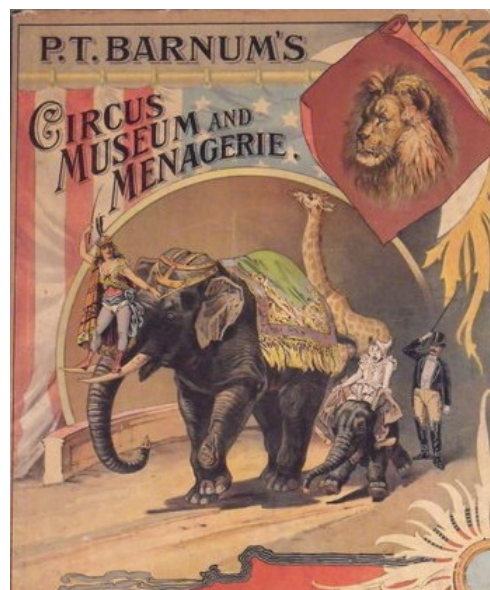
Nicholas Gillert (POS) Allan C. Rodway Memorial Scholarship
Elizabeth Wilson (HTY/POS) Audway Stuart and Phyllis Lord Trewory Scholarship
Darien Brahms (HTY) CAHS Dean's Scholarship
Harrison Turner (HTY) CAHS Dean's Scholarship
Paul McGuire (POS) CAHS Dean's Scholarship
Tracey Berube (HTY) Esther Wood Scholarship
Lou Arsenault (HTY) Esther Wood Scholarship
Stephen Wisutskie (PLY/HTY) Bill Gavin Distinguished Graduating Senior Award

Summer courses are
open for registration!

For current office hours
please go to:
www.usm.edu/HTY/people
or
www.usm.edu/POS/people

History Courses Offered in Portland Fall 2015

- HTY 122 US History 1800-1900, F 11:45-2:15, Libby Bischof *
- HTY 141 African American HTY to 1865 TR 11:45-1:00, Leroy Rowe
- HTY 171 Traditional East Asia, MW 8:45-10:00, Jie Zhao
- HTY 200 Ref, Research, & Report Writing, MW 10:15-11:30, Jie Zhao
- HTY 334 Holocaust: Pol, Pract, Resp TR 11:45-1:00, Abraham Peck
- HTY 352 The American Revolution, T 4:10-6:40, Eileen Eagan
- HTY 364 History of Women in US, TR 1:15-2:30, Eileen Eagan
- HTY 394 Modern Japan Rise and Fall, MW 1:15-2:30, Jie Zhao
- HTY 394 Race & Politics Mass Incarceration, W 5:35-8:05, Leroy Rowe
- HTY 400 Sen Seminar: Biography & 20th Century Black , R 4:10-6:40, Leroy Rowe



*Please note: This course will focus on hands-on work with primary source documents in the Osher Map Library, USM Special Collections, and the Maine Historical Society.

History Courses Offered in Gorham Fall 2015

- HTY 101 Western Civ I, MW 9:30-10:45, Gary Johnson
- HTY 123 US History Since 1900, TR 9:30-10:45, Eileen Eagan
- HTY 375 History of American Popular Culture, M 5:35-8:05, Libby Bischof
- HTY 394 African Amer Historic Archaeology, TR 2:00-3:15, Nathan Hamilton
- HTY 400 Sen Sem. Ancient Literacy, Meaning & Hist, MW 12:30-1:45 Gary Johnson

History Courses Offered Online Fall 2015

- HTY 101 Western Civilization I, Gary Johnson
- HTY 102 Western Civilization II, Seth Rogoff
- HTY 121 US History to 1800, Chris Beam
- HTY 181 Latin America I, John Patton

History Internships Fall 2015

- HTY 300 History Internship, Libby Bischof
- HTY 398 Independent Study in History, Libby Bischof



Political Science Courses Offered in Portland Fall 2015



- POS 101 Intro to Am Government, T 4:10-6:40, Ron Schmidt
- POS 104 Intro to Internat'l Relations, MW 2:45-4:00, Mahmud Faksh
- POS 203 Intro to Pol Sci Research, MW 1:15-2:30 Robert Klotz
- POS 205 Intro to Comparative Politics, MW 11:45-1:00 Alix Van Sickle
- POS 280 Issues Before United Nations, TR 1:15-2:30 Lynn Kuzma
- POS 290 Intro to Political Theory, TR 2:45-4:00, Ron Schmidt
- POS 315 Media Law, M 4:10-6:40 Robert Klotz
- POS 380 Race & Politics of Mass Incarceration, W 5:35-8:05 Leroy Rowe
- POS 380 Political Development, TR 10:15-11:30, Alix Van Sickle
- POS 390 Ancient & Medieval Political Theory, TR 11:45-1:00 Ron Schmidt



Political Science Courses Offered in Gorham Fall 2015

- POS 101 Intro to Am Government, MW 9:30-10:45, Robert Klotz

Political Science Courses Offered Online Fall 2015

- POS 104 Intro to International Relations, Alix Van Sickle
- POS 203 Intro to Political Science Research, Vanessa Perez
- POS 380 Health Care Reform in America, Vanessa Perez

Political Science Internship Fall 2015

- POS 472 Not-For-Profit Internship, M 4:10-6:40, Dusan Bjelic



Department News

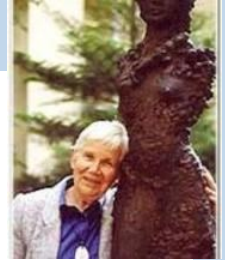
Professor Jie Zhao is offering for the first time a course titled, "Modern Japan: Rise and Fall as a World Power, 1868-1945." This course will examine Japan's reaction to the challenges from the West, its reform efforts, and its ways of seeking international recognition. Japan's remarkable success gave rise to its imperialist ambition. The course will discuss when, why and how the Japanese polity and military embarked on the road to the China War and the Pacific War.



Over spring break Political Science Professor Ron Schmidt presented a talk titled, "Machiavelli & Moses" at the Western Political Science Association Convention in Las Vegas. Also, on April 15th Professor Schmidt will be on the Community Television Network discussing Lincoln's assassination and its aftermath.



Former USM Professor Polly Welts Kaufman, historian, activist, and writer, was recently recognized by The National Women's History Project for her for life-long work of researching and writing about women's lives. Kaufman has been an activist for women's equality, involved in the civil rights movement, and has written many articles and books on women's history, including *National Parks and the Woman's Voice: A History* and *Women Teachers on the Frontier*. Over the years she has worked as project director for women's historic trails in Boston, Portland, ME, and Oslo, Norway.



Professor Leroy Rowe recently presented at the Cross-Generational Dialogues in Black Women's History Conference at Michigan State University. He was invented to present in honor of his mentor, Dr. Wilma King, who was among the prominent historians honored for their work in advancing Black Women's History. Details about the event can be found here: <http://bwhxg.org>

Professor Libby Bischof's article, "The Lens of the Local: Teaching an Appreciation of the Past Through the Exploration of Local Sites, Landmarks, and Hidden Histories," will be published in the May 2015 issue of the journal *The History Teacher*. Once published, articles are accessible online and in the print version of the journal: <http://www.thehistoryteacher.org>

History Professors Adam Tuchinsky and Libby Bischof recently served as judges for the 2015 Maine National History Day Competition for students in grades 7-12. The competition was held at the University of Maine, Orono. Tuchinsky and Bischof were joined by USM History alumni Jessica Graham, William Schnitzer, and Andrea Kazilionis, who also served as judges. More information about the event can be found here: <http://umaine.edu/history/national-history-day/>

History Professors Adam Tuchinsky and Libby Bischof recently led community book discussions at the Scarborough Public Library for the NEH-sponsored "Local and Legendary: Maine in the Civil War" grant held by the Maine Historical Society and the Maine Humanities Council. FMI: <http://mainehumanities.org/program/local-legendary-maine-in-the-civil-war/>

As part of the Maine Photo Project (2015), Professor Libby Bischof is curating a photography exhibition at the University of New England Art Gallery, Biddeford Campus, on the first floor of the Jack S. Ketchum Library.



Focusing on Home and Beyond: The Photographs of Chansonetta Stanley Emmons, 1897-1937 will be on display from April 30th until August 19th.

Throughout the late-nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Chansonetta Stanley Emmons returned home to Kingsfield, Maine, each summer to document the family homestead, rural life, traditional labor practices, and the many pleasures of summer.

Department Faculty and Staff

History:

Libby Bischof, Dept Chair and
Major Advising Coordinator, HTY
Eileen Eagan
Gary Johnson
Leroy Rowe
Adam Tuchinsky, Assoc. Dean, CAHS
Allan Whitmore
Jie Zhao

Political Science:

Mahmud Faksh
Robert Klotz (Sabbatical 2014/2015)
Lynn Kuzma
Ron Schmidt, Major Advising Coordinator, POS
Alix Van Sickle
Francesca Vassallo, Program Coordinator POS

Administrative Assistant:

Nicole Leclerc

Student Assistants:

Megean Bourgeois
Katie Grenier
Rochelle Soohy

The History and Political Science Department is located at 55 Exeter Street on the Portland Campus or 200 Bailey Hall on the Gorham Campus. Please feel free to call the department with questions, the admin may be reached at 780-4283 or nleclerc@usm.maine.edu. You can also visit our websites for department news and events at www.usm.maine.edu/HTY or www.usm.maine.edu/POS