

When I heard that the academic journal *Agricultural History* would soon be published at KSU I was excited and proud. The journal is published by the Agricultural History Society, which was founded in 1919 and is, as I've learned, the third oldest discipline-based professional organization in the United States.

At the journal, we use a double-blind peer review process and in my GRA position as editorial assistant I work with manuscripts that have been accepted for submission. I work on fact checking and editing using the Chicago Manual of Style as well as an in-house style sheet. A bonus outcome is that I'm now very comfortable with endnotes and footnotes, which is always a good thing! The journal publishes work on the history of agriculture and rural life from all time periods and geographic locations worldwide. The first story I edited was the cover article from our Spring 2017 edition. The issue is focused on the Mallee region of Southern Australia. Per Dr. Way, the four articles we published were the result of an ongoing research project funded by the Australian Research Council.

I've since worked on a fascinating article by an Italian scholar about Italian agricultural economists and fascism, a story about cannabis and labor in the American West ca. 1900-1946, and right now I'm editing a manuscript by a Spanish author about Spain's dairy consumption and nutritional transitions in the early 1950s and 60s.

Since I am working on a research project about local food movements and how they were influenced by the historical Victory Gardens, the works I edit are more than just assignments, they are interesting to me on a personal level and have, in fact, added to my enthusiasm for this line of research. I'm so happy to be working with the journal!



Suzie McWhirter, MAST GRA

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Students leaving for Maymester in Peru with Ernesto Silva and Seneca Vaught.

Study Abroad Opportunities: Summer 2017

May (PERU):

12-19: Students will learn about Latin American culture outside of the United States. Travel includes a trip to southern Peru to visit important archeological sites as well as meeting locals, while also engaging in cultural events. Students travel with Ernesto Silva & Seneca Vaught.

June (MEXICO):

6-July 11: Intensive Spanish and Creative Writing with Linda Niemann. Participants will spend four weeks in the historic and artistic city of Oaxaca, which is known for beautiful colonial architecture, bright artwork and a tranquil atmosphere. Students will live with host families and take Spanish courses (at the Instituto Cultural) and creative writing courses.

July (COSTA RICA):

3-AUG. 5: The Latin American & Latino Studies Program in partnership with Coles College has developed an innovative internship program working with community cooperatives that protect community values and environmental sustainability. Students obtain six credit hours through internships and directed study. Spanish language proficiency required.

Lauren Thompson
HIST/ISD Lecturer



Dr. Lauren MacIvor Thompson received her Ph.D. in History from Georgia State University in 2016, and joined KSU as an Assistant Professor of History (Limited Term) in Fall 2016. She also holds a Visiting Fellowship at Georgia State University College of Law. Her research focuses on the legal and medical history of American women's health, and the early birth control movement in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era. She is currently at work on her first book, "Not for Physicians to Decide": Mary Ware Dennett, Margaret Sanger, and the Fight to Legalize Birth Control." Her teaching has received GSU's Certificate of Excellence in College Teaching from the GSU Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and she also serves as an editor for Nursing Clio – a popular blog covering both historical and contemporary issues in gender, health, and medicine. She graduated from the University of Virginia, and also holds a master's degree in public history from Georgia State University. She is excited to join ISD as a joint appointment with History and looks forward to getting to know everyone!



AAS major John Ridley celebrating his graduation!

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Spring Photos, Celebrations & Awards

We are going to let photos tell most of the story in this issue. Take note of our new graduates, outstanding students, and award-winning faculty. Note the joy expressed by John Ridley who just graduated in African & African Diaspora Studies (AADS), as well as the happy smiles on the faces of our students who completed their Master's degrees in American Studies. We were able to honor an Outstanding Student in each of these degree programs and you will see photos of Georgia Northcutt (AADS) and Kristen Walker (MAST) inside. Also pictured are Latino students at a ceremony honoring their achievements and leadership. Kevin Amaya, who graduated with a minor in Latin American/Latino Studies, spoke at this event.

ISD faculty made a good showing in college awards:
* Laura Davis, Outstanding Diversity Advocate
* May Gao, Outstanding Community Engagement
* Mandy McGrew, Distinguished Part-Time Faculty

There will be a number of new faces in ISD next fall, including faculty, staff, and students.

We hope you will come by and see us in our newly renovated space to say hello and/or to find out more about the Interdisciplinary Studies Department.

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Congrats to Diversity Award winners: Julie Newell (left) and GWST affiliates Sarah Holliday (middle) and Debarati Sen (2nd from right)



Congratulations to everyone who graduated with an MA in American Studies: Anna, Tanya, Stefanos, Alex, Kristen, (pictured above) and Kristy, Lissa, and Camille



Laura Davis, Outstanding Diversity Advocate



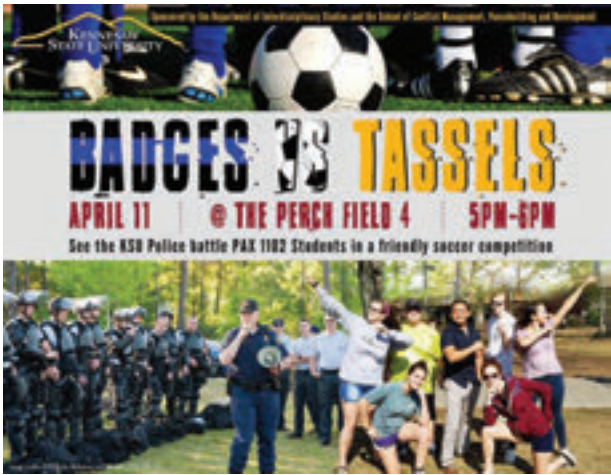
May Gao, Outstanding Engagement



Mandy McGrew, Distinguished Part-Time Teaching Award



Outstanding MA in American Studies Student: Kristen Walker, with faculty honoree Robbie Lieberman



Peace Studies part-time faculty member, Pranaya Rana had his class plan a Badges vs Tassels soccer game between students and campus police as an exercise in building community.



"Majoring in African and African Diaspora Studies has led me to so many wonderful things it is hard to count. ...

I have been taught by the most amazing professors who never stop making me want to learn more and go farther, which is what I think a university is all about."

Georgia Northcutt

Outstanding AADS Student 2017: Georgia Northcutt, with faculty honoree Griselda Thomas

Tanya Brinkley: "Promoting Social Justice: Using Autoethnography and Feminist Analysis in Social Work." Tanya is pictured here (left) with her committee members : Ugena Whitlock, Ari Eisenberg, and Stacy Keltner.

Camille Kleidysz: "Secrets on Morgan Hill: A Story of an Unlikely Friendship Amid an Apartheid South." Her capstone committee members were Griselda Thomas & Thomas Scott.

Stefanos Milkidis: "Re-queering Space and Time: An Inquiry into Manhattan's Lost Waterfront." His Capstone committee consisted of Ari Eisenberg and Rebecca Hill.

Lissa Small: "What is My Environment, I Will Change: Exploring the Possibilities of Transnational Feminism Through Kennesaw State University's Middle Eastern and North African Students." Capstone committee members were Stacy Keltner and Dan Paracka.

Anna Tussey: "We run a different school within a school. Educator Perceptions of Guatemalan-Maya Students in a North Georgia Public School System." Her Capstone advisors were Rebecca Hill, Alan LeBaron, and Amanda Richey.

Honors for Julie Newell



Julie Newell, Special Assistant to the Provost, was named the Crisis Coordinator of the Quarter in Marietta. Her work involves such diverse teams as the Behavioral Response Team, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the President's Commission on Sustainability, and the President's Commission on Gender and Work-Life Issues. She was also awarded the R.C. Paul Excellence in Sustainability Award at the 2017 Diversity Awards Ceremony for her work in sustainability issues on the Marietta campus.



Trina Queen participated in a public health fundraiser/service project for Hapeville Elementary School for Corbin's Legacy, whose mission is that no school child goes without lunch because of lack of funds.



Kristy Ventre: "Jeep Nation: Wilderness Ideology and the American Icon." Her committee members were Larrie Dudenhoeffer and Albert Way. Kristy will teach in the First Year & Transitions Studies Program in the fall.

Alex Vuich: "Between Rural and Southern: The Social, Policial, and Economic Dynamics of Policing Forsyth County, Georgia." Capstone committee members were Rebecca Hill and Matthew Michelson.

Kristen Walker: "Revolutionary Every Day: A Dramatic Exploration of Women and Their Agency in the Black Panther Party." Her Capstone committee members were Rebecca Hill, Robbie Lieberman, and Karen Robinson of the Theatre and Performance Studies Program.



The Latin American/Latino Studies Program hosted an Awards Ceremony on May 8 honoring the following students: **Latinos Unidos Project 2017 - Outstanding Leaders:**
- Andrea Alba - Edgar Alvarado - Kimberly Garcia - Abmarie Martinez
- Dolores Ramirez - Bridget Reyes - Felix Saucedo - Darisbell Valeriano
Outstanding Latino Student Recognition Awards 2017:
- Tony Albarca - Katalina Figueroa - Carlos Gomez - Valeria Torres - Alexa Vaca