



Greetings from Hardin Hall. This is our Summer 2023 report on happening the department, and as always, we have lots of news to share.



## FROM THE CHAIR

Hello History alumni,

In our last newsletter I shared with you all that we were about to inaugurate a new Zoom mini-lectures series specially for our alumni. We did and at least from my side, as the first presenter, it was a blast. I hope those of you who joined us enjoyed as much and that many more of you will join our future Zoom mini-lectures.

You can find a few words on the previous 3 mini-lectures as well as QR codes that will take you to their recordings in this news letter.

I am also excited to share with you all that we are launching this semester two new emphasis areas in the history major: Legal History, and Historical Perspectives on Global Security and Challenges. Both are aimed at students who may be interested in exploring careers in these areas. We hope to find ways to involve our alumni who may have experience and expertise in these areas in these programs.

On a more personal note, I have had a lot of satisfaction and fun interacting with many of you in the

last few years, while looking to increase and expand the interactions of our alumni with our department. At the beginning of the new semester I am going to step down and Dr. Stephanie Barczewski is going to replace me as our Acting Chair. Moving forward, we will continue to be committed to building productive, enjoyable, and lasting ties with our alumni.

## ANNUAL STUDENT AWARDS

William Shannon Morrison Prize: given to the graduating senior with the most outstanding record in historical studies: **Lucas DeBenedetti**

Silver Bowl Award of the SC State Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists: given to the major who has excelled in the study of History: **Lauren Rowe**

Clemson University Rand-McNally Prize in Geography: **Kathleen Bernstein**

Carl Lafayette Epting History Essay Award: Given for the best paper written in an undergraduate History class: **Maryevelyn Dillard**

## GRADUATE NEWS

Five students completed their MA this Spring, including

**Hayward Hood.** His thesis ‘Leaders on the Ground: Command Influence on War Crimes in the Armies of France and the United States’ was directed by Dr. Andrew. Haywood is a Captain and an Active Duty Army Officer and will be moving to Ft. Leavenworth, KS for a 12 month course called Intermediate Leader Education (ILE) for rising Majors.

**Abigail Doyle** Her thesis ‘The Invisible Influence: How Females and Enslaved People Shaped Colonial South Carolina’ was directed by Lee Wilson. Abigail will be teaching 8th grade social studies (South Carolina History) in her hometown of Aynor at Aynor Middle School.

**Christopher Shumard** His thesis ‘Japan’s Minorities: Nations Within a Nation’ was directed by Ed Moise. He plans to work as an Assistant Language Teacher in the JET Program in Japan, which involves in teaching English language education, and assisting in cultural exchange programs.

**Daniel Byrd** His thesis “‘Why I Sing the Blues’: The Blues and the Individuals Who Played Them” was directed by Abel Bartley. He plans to teach at Anderson University, Tri-County Technical College, and Learn Upstate this next academic year.



History Department faculty and family came out on a cold winter morning to support the inaugural ‘Call My Name’ 5K to raise money to support the study of Clemson’s African-American History. *Call My Name* brings together students, faculty, staff, and community members to research and document the stories, acknowledge the contributions, and honor the legacy of seven generations of people of African descent in Clemson University history.

Dr. Sara Collini with her Woodland Cemetery Creative Inquiry Class. The Woodland Cemetery is one of several projects on campus related to African-American History that are supported by the Call My Name Coalition.





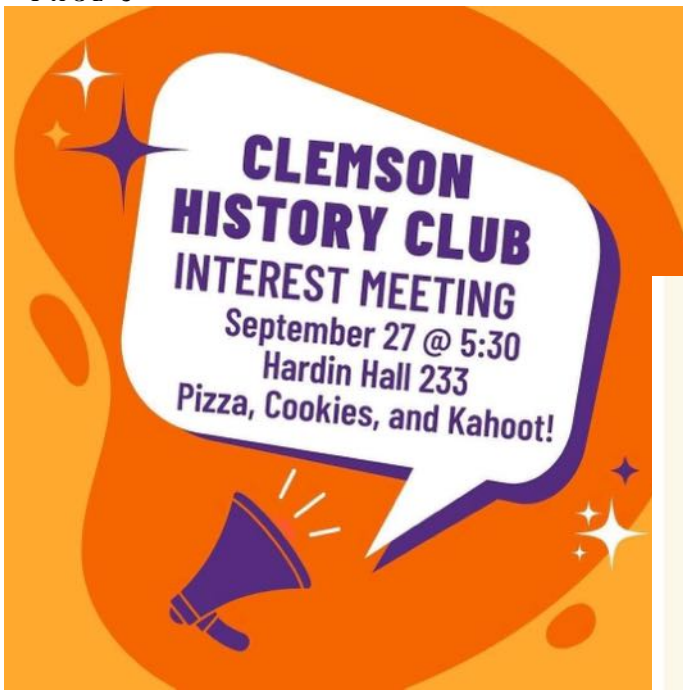
# History Club

The Department's History club flourished this past year, with several meetings featuring trivia contests, guest lectures, crafts and food. Directed by Dr. Langenfeld, and supported by Professors Stoil, Catalano and Hilliard, the club meetings have drawn packed classrooms. To keep up on the club activities, go here:



Dr. Moore card-counting at game night





# HISTORY CLUB BOARD GAME NIGHT!

Monday, Feb. 20 5:30-7:30pm  
Hardin 232

~ Free Snacks, Games, & Fun!

Bring Your Favorite Board Game to Share! ~



## Lecturer Spotlight:

### Sara Collini

Sara Collini is a historian of early America studying slavery, women's history, the history of medicine, and digital history. Her current research focuses on reconstructing the history of enslaved midwives who lived and worked during the eras of the American Revolution and Early Republic in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Collini previously worked at the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media (RRCHNM) at George Mason University and collaborated on digital public history projects at the National Women's History Museum and George Washington's Mount Vernon. At Clemson, she is Postdoctoral Fellow in University History with the Woodland Cemetery and African American Burial Ground Historic Preservation Project.



### Tara Wood

Tara S. Wood is a historian and rare books and manuscripts librarian. Her research focuses on the intersections between early modern print culture and women's history. In addition to using traditional archival research, Dr. Wood employs digital methods such as network analysis, to uncover the often-hidden contributions of women in shaping the book trade in early modern London. A current project seeks to utilize textual analysis algorithms to examine printed funeral sermons of seventeenth-century women in London. She was selected one of 15 fellows for an international, National Endowment for the Humanities Institute at the Folger Shakespeare Library, "Early Modern Digital Agendas Institute" in 2017 & 2018. Dr. Wood teaches courses on England, witchcraft & heresy, medieval Europe, and women's history. This coming Fall she will be teaching 'History 1720: The West and the World' and 'The History of the Book to 1800'.



## Welcome New Faculty

### Jonathan Hepworth

Jonathan is ABD at the University of Georgia. He received his MA from the Clemson Department of History. He will be joining us as a lecturer and teaching the American History survey.



Emily Hoge recently received her Ph.D in Soviet history from the University of California, Berkeley. Her dissertation, *Combat Brotherhood: Disabled Soviet Afghan War Veterans, Organized Crime, and the Mafia State* studies veterans' organizations which became involved in organized crime in Russia after the collapse of the Soviet Union. She will be teaching Modern World History and Soviet History this fall. She is the 5th University of California PhD on the faculty.



## Faculty Awards

Two of the department's top teachers were recognized recently for their outstanding work in the classroom. Rod Andrew was chosen as a university Master Teacher, an honor previously bestowed on such luminary emeriti faculty as Rich Saunders, Bill Stier, Jerry Reel, and our most recent honoree, Paul Anderson (pictured below with Dr. Andrew).



Meanwhile in the College, Professor Jim Jeffries was recognized as the Outstanding Senior Lecturer.





# The Business of History is booming!

The History major has been growing at Clemson over the past several years, with numbers of majors reaching a five year high in the past academic year. Last fall 39 undergrads took the sophomore seminar (History 2990) and 48 (!) took the capstone research course (History 4900). This fall the department will welcome 40 new majors (which will almost replace the 43 we graduated in May)



Much of the growth in the major can be attributed to the popularity of 'Violence Day' in Dr. Moore's course History 3140, which combines class discussion, destruction of private property, and bulk hard candies.

Top: Students in Dr. Dunn's 'Historian's Craft' Spring 2023

Bottom: Dr. Burns' students celebrate the end of presentations in History 4900

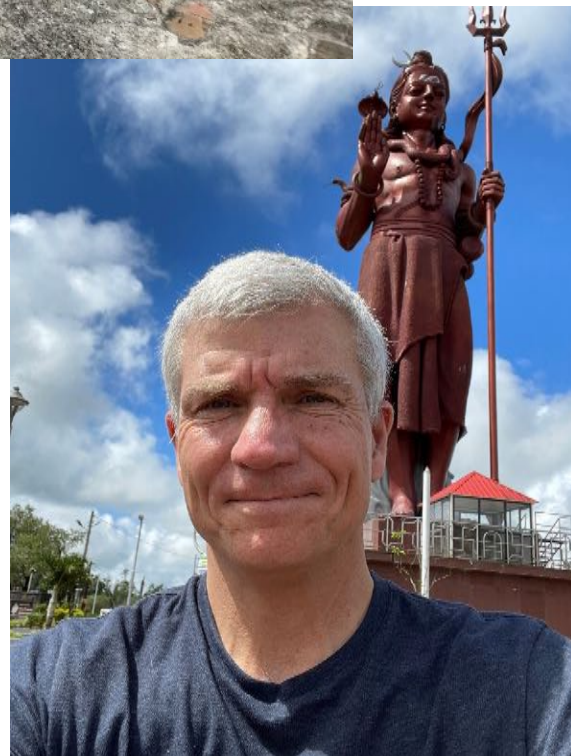


# FACULTY SUMMER TRAVEL

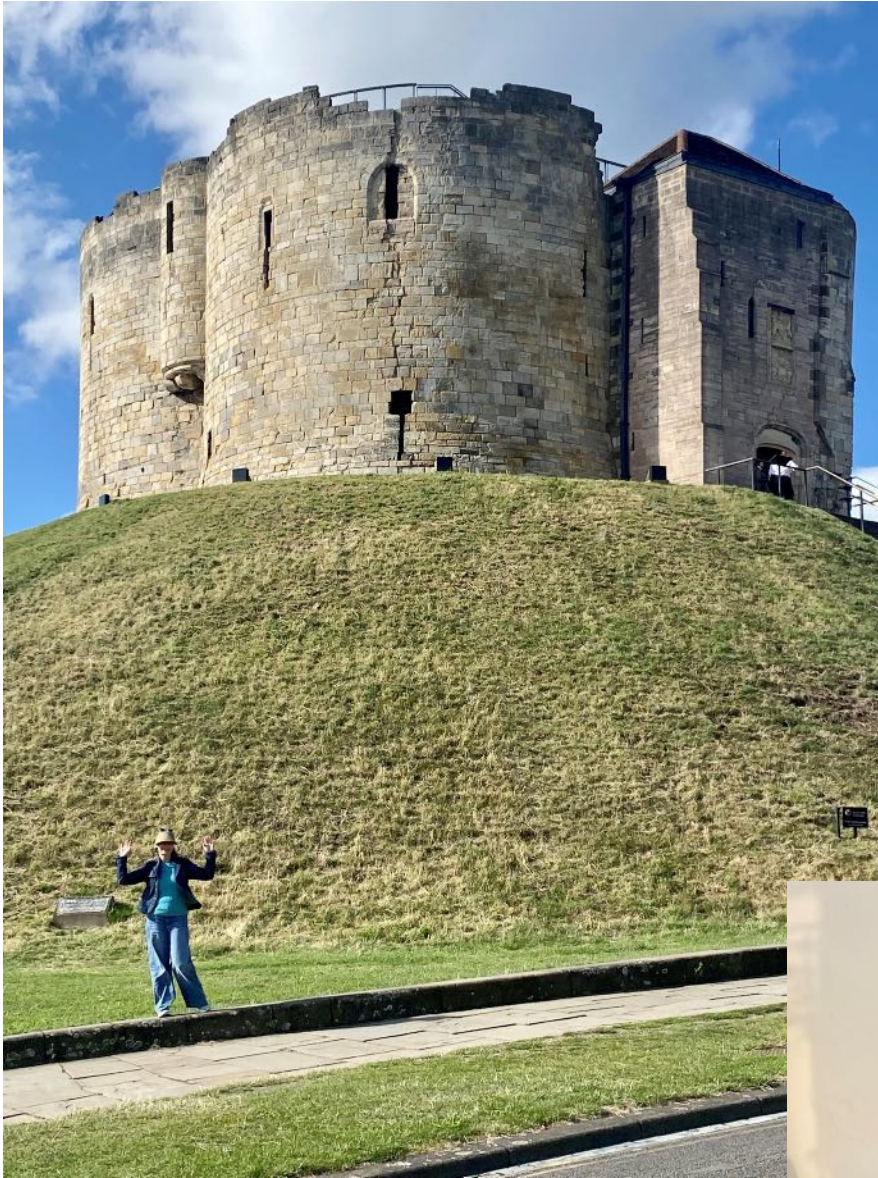
Professor Venkatesh and her father after climbing 3000 steps to reach the top of Senji Fort in Tamil Nadu, India



Dr. Burns, after taking a taxi to the Hindu temple on the Ganga Talao crater lake on the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius.







Dr. Dunn, displaying jazz hands in front of a castle in York, England

Emeritus professor Steve Marks dispensing patronage in Granada, Spain





Dr. Meng caught up with Dr. Marks in Spain



Dr. Bein went to Paris for research and was too busy in the archives to get out and see the city

Dr. Hilliard was in Paris with students, so had a chance to get out and enjoy the city. Here she is (somewhere) at the Bourse de Commerce, a modern art museum.





Dr. Langenfeld strolling down a surprisingly rainy street in Pompei



Last summer found Dr. Smith in Machu Picchu. This year she is 6,000 miles to the north in Kirkjufell, Iceland, a location made famous in 'Game of Thrones'. Here is Dr. Smith participating in GOT cosplay as the 'Queen of the North'



Dr. Bartley travelled to Washington D.C. where he posed in front of the statue Mary McLeod Bethune, who in 2021 became the first African-American to have a statue commissioned in their honor in the U.S. Capitol's statuary hall. Dr. Bartley appeared in a recent documentary about the Florida educator and civil rights activist which can be viewed at:





Pictures taken by Dr. Barczewski while doing research on 'National Parks', which the faculty has voted as 2023's 'most hazardous book project'



# Congratulations to our Spring 2023 graduates!

Jaden Anderson

Sophie Anderson

Kevin Baker

Jeffrey Bauer

Nicholas Bazemore

Kathleen Bernstein

Matthew Binette

Olivia Brittain

Jillian Broyles

Jake Childers

Madison Clardy

Russell Crosthwait

Lucas Debenedetti

Maryevelyn Dillard

Balen Ebert

Matthew Girardeau

Tevin Glover

Judah Gray

David Grove

Mary Harrison

Nathanyl Homa  
Addison Horton  
Madelyn Hund  
Julia Jeffries  
Rose Keller  
William Lovelace  
Clay Martin  
Mills Murphy  
Josieann Ownbey  
Ezekiel Price  
Phillip Reece  
Sarena Romriell  
Lauren Rowe  
Caiman Shannon  
Bryson Shealey  
Garrett Simpson  
Julia Sowell  
Thomas Tsimbinos  
Benjamin Webb  
John Wilke  
Antonio Worley  
Joseph Young



Are you missing the ‘Hardin Hall experience’?  
Check out these mini-lectures just for our Alumni

Dr. Bein ‘Sports Diplomacy During the Second World War’



Dr. Stoil ‘Radicalizing rural America: the farm crisis and modern anti-federalism’



Dr. Andrew ‘Our People Were Proud of us: The Legacy of Vietnam and How the U.S. Military Fought in Desert Storm’

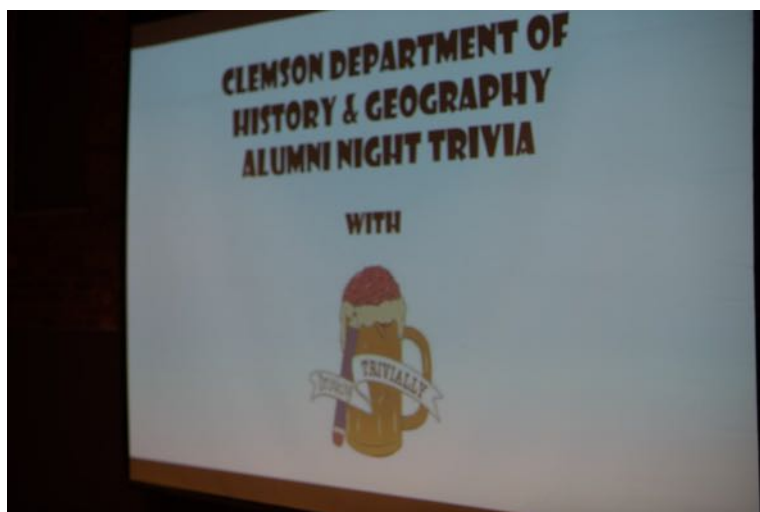


Make plans to join us for the Fall 2023 alumni reception. It is a chance to connect with faculty and classmates, make friends with History enthusiasts (the world's most interesting people), and say goodbye to two retiring faculty (no spoilers here—you have to attend to the event to learn their identities).

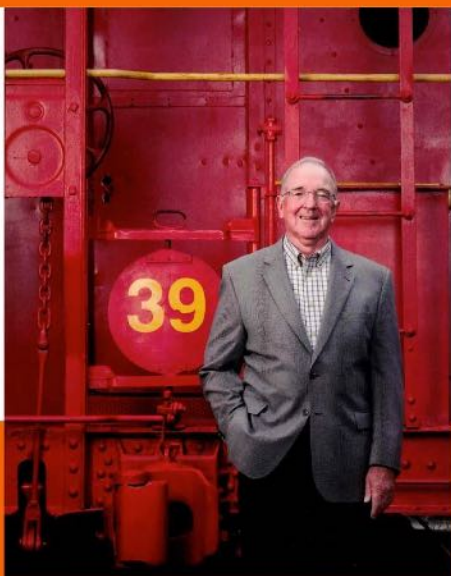


Scenes from last year's extremely tense trivia contest

Watch the Department's social media pages for more information



## Alumni Spotlight: Lawrence “Larry” Korth, Class of 2012



After obtaining a M.A in History from Clemson University, Lawrence Korth now uses his expertise to support the Southern Historical Society.

Unlike many students, Lawrence was in his mid-60s when he received his acceptance letter! Lawrence found Clemson to be his “most enjoyable and memorable life experience”. Encouraged by Professor Rod Andrew and Professor Paul Anderson, Lawrence wrote his thesis on the Clemson Class of 39’ and developed an appreciation for local history and Clemson’s connections to the military along the way.

Lawrence now resides in St. Petersburg, Florida with his wife. Though he is retired, Lawrence still thinks fondly upon his time as a Clemson Tiger and intends to participate in more digital Clemson events in the future.

#ALUMNISPOTLIGHT



Fun Fact: Lawrence is quite the photographer. He’s even on the board of directors for a local camera club!