

## Opportunities for History Students at Brigham Young University

- \**Courses*: designed to provide broad general education; citizenship
- \**Faculty*: specialists in all areas of the world
- \**Languages*: develop reading and speaking skills in at least one foreign language while at BYU
- \**Library*: fantastic library; special collections; interlibrary loan
- \**Resources*: computer technology, funding opportunities, awards

### HISTORY PAPER AWARDS AND PRIZES

- Prizes Range from \$150-\$250
- Categories include: Community History; European; Family History/Genealogy; Mormon; Native American Studies; North American; Non-Western/Third World; Utah; Western; Women
- Deadline end of January/early February annually
- most of the prizes for undergraduate papers

### RESEARCH MONEY/OPPORTUNITIES

#### \*Charles Redd Center for Western History fellowships and grants (due in March)

The Charles Redd Center provides awards, fellowships and grants in variety of categories including:

- \* Summer Awards for Upper Division and Graduate Students: Provide up to \$1,500 for research support to college or university students, which can include theses and dissertations. Research may be conducted at any location.
  - \* Annalee Naegle Redd Student Award in Women's History: Provides up to \$1,500 for research support to college or university students to study some aspect of women's history in the American West. Research may be conducted at any location.
  - Senior Seminar/Capstone Project Awards: Provide up to \$250 to BYU students in a capstone class who are writing a paper on some aspect of the Intermountain West.
  - \* Senior Seminar/Capstone Project Grant: Provides up to \$250 to students in a capstone class working on a project related to the Rocky Mountain West.
  - \* Annalee Naegle Redd Research Assistantships: Provide up to \$12,000 and an opportunity for BYU professors to select undergraduate and graduate students to work with them on projects related to the Intermountain West.
- <http://reddcenter.byu.edu/Awards.dhtml>

- \*Charles Redd Fellowship Award in Western American History. Fellowship awards of \$1,000 - \$3,500 will be made on an annual basis to students and scholars interested in pursuing research on the Mountain West in the L. Tom Perry Special Collections. Each award will fund up to one-month's research in Special Collections.
- <http://lib.byu.edu/sites/sc/fellowship-internships/the-charles-redd-fellowship-award>

#### \*David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies

International Internships are independent, work-oriented experiences available to students of all majors, minors, and interests. <http://kennedy.byu.edu/isp/isp.php?id=230>

#### \*Family History Internships

Internships (History 496R) that provide exposure to the real working world of the family historian or genealogist are an integral part of the BYU family history experience. All BYU Family History majors must complete an internship. The internship is also one of the capstone course electives for Minors, Certificate Candidates and those doing the Family History emphasis in the Bachelor of General Studies. Literally, an internship can be done anywhere in the world.

<http://familyhistory.byu.edu/academic/internships.html>

## **\*History Department Awards/Funds (fall/winter)**

<http://history.byu.edu/>

### **-William J. Snow Research Award (Available year-round.)**

Awards range from \$50 to \$1,000 and are available for undergraduate or graduate students in history to help fund impressive research topics in Mormon or Western American History. 3.5 GPA, a funding application form accompanied by a well-designed research proposal describing the nature of the project, preparatory work completed by the applicant, sources the applicant intends to use, and the contribution the completed research will make to historical understanding. 2130 JFSB.

### **-History Department Undergraduate Research Awards: (Available year-round)**

undergraduate students with a major or minor in history for the express purpose of funding research. GPA of 3.5, declared major or minor in History. Applicants must submit a Funding Application Form accompanied by a research proposal that includes a detailed description of the project, the purpose of the research and how it will contribute to the student's academic career and to the understanding of History overall. Application forms require approval by a faculty sponsor. Application available 2130 JFSB.

### **-Student Travel Funds**

Limited travel funds are available for undergraduate or graduate students who have been invited to present papers at professional meetings outside the BYU area. Proposals must be accompanied by an official notification or official program from the applicable conference/meeting. Application available from the History Department, 2130 JFSB.

## **\*L. Tom Perry Special Collections**

Interested in a career in Archives, Special Collections Librarianship, Museum Studies, Conservation, Cultural Resource Management or Records Management? The L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Brigham Young University, offers internship opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students interested in pursuing careers in these fields. Special Collections Interns can choose from a variety of opportunities:

- \* L. Tom Perry Archival Interns work with manuscript curators to arrange, describe, preserve, and make available manuscript collections.
- \* Lee Library Conservation Interns work with conservators to preserve rare books, manuscripts, maps, broadsides, posters, and photographs.
- \* Lee Library Exhibition Interns work with curators to create exhibits that highlight our collections.
- \* L. Tom Perry Rare Book Interns will work with curators to identify, acquire, catalog collections.

<http://lib.byu.edu/sites/sc/fellowship-internships/>

## **\*Mary Lou Fulton Internship Grants**

Funds from the Mary Lou Fulton Chair in the College of Family, Home and Social Sciences are available to assist students wishing to complete an internship. Grants up to \$1,600 are available each academic semester, i.e. fall, winter, and spring-summer. These are competitive awards based on financial need, the quality of the internship, and the degree to which the internship helps support the applicant's academic and career goals. Both current undergraduate and graduate students who are declared majors in one of the disciplines in the College of Family, Home and Social Sciences may apply.

Application Deadlines:     Fall semester internship - August 1  
                                      Winter semester internship - December 1  
                                      Spring-Summer internship - April 1

<http://fultonchair.byu.edu/Intership.dhtml>

## **\*ORCA Grants**

2009 - 2010 Deadlines

31 August \* ORCA Grant Applications open for students; \* MEG Applications open for faculty

30 October \* ORCA student deadline.

6 November \* ORCA mentor endorsement deadline.

November \* MEG Faculty deadline. submitted online at [grantsera.byu.edu](http://grantsera.byu.edu)

11 December \* ORCA reviews done by colleges

20 January \* ORCA winners announced. All applicants will be notified whether or not they are awarded.

Check your email in early February to find out whether or not you will receive a grant. <http://orca.byu.edu/>

## Publication & Research

*Thetean: A Student Journal of History*; Thetean Staff; publication and editorial training

\*Traveling Abroad conducting mentored research with History Department Faculty in Archives, Family History, Genealogy, History, Historical Societies, Libraries, Museum Studies, Tribal Archives, Paleography, etc.

- Dr. Harris (England)
- Dr. Harreld (Belgium)
- Dr. Hodson (France)
- Dr. Kerry (Germany/England)
- Dr. Ryscamp (Spain/Mexico)

### \*History Courses & Opportunities (Credit/Thesis/Paid/Experience)

- 199R: Student Internship (35-40 hrs/per credit) (Pass/Fail)
- 495R: Directed Research (Graded)
- 496R: Family History Internships <http://history.byu.edu/Family/Internships.dhtml>
- Dr. Daynes (F H Center Director); Dr. Harris (Intern Director); Dr. Ryscamp (Family History Coord.)
- 499R: Directed Readings (Pass/Fail)
- 499R: History Honor=s Thesis <http://history.byu.edu/Undergraduates/Thesis.dhtml>
- Research Assistant (Work for Hire)
- Teaching Assistant (Work for Hire)

### \*Mary Lou Fulton Student Mentoring Conference each March/April

The Annual Mary Lou Fulton Mentored Research Conference is a full day event designed to showcase mentored student learning. It is an opportunity for students to present and explain their research to the public and their peers. The fifth annual conference took place on Thursday 8 April 2009 and students from all departments in the College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences were invited to attend and participate.

\*Co-authorship: book reviews; encyclopedia articles; articles; books

\*Letters of Recommendation: jobs, internships, graduate school, law school

\*Phi Alpha Theta: activities, Student/Faculty basketball games, BBQ/socials, other opportunities

## Resources:

- \*American Historical Association. *Directory of History Departments, Historical Organizations, and Historians*.
- \*Camenson, Blythe. *Careers for History Buffs and Others Who Learn from the Past*, 3rd ed., 2008.
- \*Degalan, Julie and Stephen Lambert. *Great Jobs for History Majors*. Chicago: Contemporary Publishing Group, 1995.
- \*Dunham, Sara and Lisa Vollmer. *What to Do With Your History or Political Science Degree*. New York: Random House, 2007.
- \*Facts on File. *Top Careers for History Graduates*. New York: Checkmark Books, 2004.

### Jobs Outside Academia

- Museum Jobs: <http://www.aam-us.org>
- Historical Societies: <http://www.aaslh.org>
- Historic Preservation: [http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/hpit\\_p.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/hpit_p.htm)  
<http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/career-opportunities/internship-information/>
- Federal Government: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>
- State and Local Gov: <http://www.statejobs.com>
- Public History: <http://www.shfg.org>
- Careers/History Students: <http://www.historians.org/pubs>