Letter from the Chair, Spring, 2015

Dear Friends, Spring is upon us here on campus, and, in this season of renewal, I'd like to share with you some updates from the department. As historians, we strive to bring the past to life, and to place current events in historical perspective. As I look over the articles in this newsletter, I am reminded of how we share this vocation with our students, continually engaging and inspiring one another. Students in this winter's course on the Military History of the Ancient World embraced the... Read more

UW History Students Show Their Cinematic Flair

When UW history major Brittany Freedman arrived for the first session of this winter's course on the Military History of the Ancient World, she expected to encounter the normal assortment of readings, exams and research papers. But she was surprised to discover that much of her grade would hinge on a very non-traditional assignment: a group project in which she and up to a dozen of her classmates would collaborate on a film depicting an important historical figure or event covered in the class... Read more

History in Action: Department Supports Ferguson Teach-In

Department of History faculty, staff and students played an important part in a one-day teach-in event on the University of Washington campus, entitled "Ferguson and Beyond: Race, State Violence, and Activist Agendas for Social Justice in the 21st Century." History Professor Stephanie Smallwood took a leading role in organizing the event, in conjunction with Professor Ralina Joseph of the Communications Department, and with the assistance of many units and individuals across the university and... Read more
In Memoriam: Jon Bridgman, 1930-2015

The Department of History was saddened to lose one of its leading lights, Emeritus Professor Jon Bridgman, on March 9th, after more than five decades of teaching at the University of Washington. Bridgman joined the university in 1961, as a specialist in modern European history. After his retirement in 1997, he continued to be an active participant in the life of the university and the department through teaching courses and giving public lectures. His absence will be sorely felt. Professor... Read more

Department Announces Three New Faculty Members

The Department of History is pleased to announce three new faculty members for the 2015-2016 academic year. Please join us in welcoming these three distinguished scholars to the department! Josh Reid will take up the position of associate professor of Native American history of the Pacific Northwest. Born and raised in Washington State, Reid is currently assistant professor of history at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. He also directs the university's program in Native American and... Read more

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