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Professor Arbella Bet-Shlimon Honored with Distinguished Teaching Award

Each year the University of Washington (UW) honors a select group of faculty members for their work with undergraduate and graduate students. Nominees for the Distinguished Teaching Award are evaluated on several criteria including knowledge and mastery of subject matter, innovation in course and curriculum design, and ability to inspire students through independent and creative thinking. The award is the top teaching honor at the UW. One of this year's awardees, Dr. Arbella Bet-Shlimon, is a...

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Recent Alum Rayna Mathis takes History into the Art World

At 21 years old, Rayna Mathis, a recent graduate from the Department of History, is off to a fantastic start in her career. She graduated in the Spring of 2016 at just 20 years old, having already launched her career as a museum professional. Rayna currently works as Coordinator for School and Educator Programs at the Seattle Art Museum (SAM), a position she has held since May of 2016. Her position primarily involves working with schools and educators, but she has also had the opportunity to...

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Faculty, Graduate Students Win Fellowships to Attend Digital Humanities Summer Institute

Held annually in early summer at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, the Digital Humanities Summer Institute (DHSI) is one of the most significant gatherings of digital humanists in the world. It brings together scholars...
from across more than a dozen disciplines to address the most pressing theoretical and practical issues facing the field. During a five-day period of intensive workshops, seminars, and lectures, participants share ideas and methods, and develop expertise in using... Read more

Faculty and Graduate Student Awards, Fellowships and Publications

Faculty News Professor Jordanna Bailkin received a Society of Scholars Fellowship at the Walter Chapin Simpson Center for the Humanities for 2017-18. Professor Arbella Bet-Shlimon received the UW Distinguished Teaching Award. She is one of only seven faculty members across all three campuses to be recognized with the honor. Professor Madeleine Dong (at left) was awarded the Vincent Y.C. Shih Professorship in China Studies in October 2016. A ceremony to mark the recognition took place in April... Read more

Race and Racial Justice in the Context of the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election

Over the past academic year, faculty, staff, graduate students, and undergraduates in the Department of History have organized and participated in a series of events focused on race and racial justice in the context of the 2016 U.S. presidential election and its aftermath. In October 2016, the Department's Diversity Committee sponsored a panel discussion at the Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center. The theme of the meeting was “Why Race Matters: U.S. Politics in the 2016 Elections.” Faculty... Read more

New Book with Introduction by Professor Vicente Rafael Collects Significant Works by Anglophone Filipino Writer Nick Joaquin

Professor Vicente Rafael recently curated and wrote the introduction to a collection of short stories and a play by the highly regarded Anglophone Filipino writer Nick Joaquin. The collection, which is entitled *The Woman Who Had Two Navels and Tales of the Tropical Gothic*, includes several of Joaquin's better-known pieces, such as “May Day Eve” and “The Summer Solstice,” as well as lesser-known, but equally striking works, including “Doña Jeronima,” “Three Generations,” and “Guardia de... Read more

New Endowment for Graduate Research in Labor Studies
Taking advantage of a 50 percent match offered by the university for new endowments by current and retired UW faculty and staff, last December Charles Bergquist and Hwasook Nam established a $50,000 endowment to fund research in labor studies. Grants for research on labor issues, both historical and/or contemporary, international and/or domestic, are available to qualified graduate students from across the university and will be handled through the Bridges Center for Labor Studies. The... Read more

Bollywood and Bolsheviks Exhibit Opens at Allen Library

Bollywood and Bolsheviks: Indo-Soviet Collaboration in Literature and Film, 1954-1991, is an oral history and exhibition project that charts the dynamic literary and cinematic exchange between India and the Soviet Union during the Cold War. Combining a range of audio, video, and print material it highlights India's role in shaping Soviet movie-going culture and the critical role that translation and new forms of print technology played in bringing Soviet literature to readers in India... Read more

Class Taught by Professor Margaret O'Mara Featured on C-SPAN

A lecture by Professor Margaret O'Mara is currently being featured on C-SPAN. As part of its Lectures in History series, the network is highlighting a presentation by Professor O'Mara on the U.S. presidential election of 1968. A short portion of the lecture is available below. To see the full talk, follow this link. Professor O'... Read more

Professor Madeleine Yue Dong Awarded Vincent Y.C. Shih Endowed Professorship in China Studies

On April 19, the University of Washington China Studies Program held a reception to celebrate the inaugural granting of the Vincent Y.C. Shih Endowed Professorship in China Studies to Professor Madeleine Yue Dong. Professor Dong is the Chair of the China Studies Program. Her work focuses on social/cultural history, urban history, and gender history in twentieth-century China. Dong is the author of Republican Beijing: The City and Its Histories, 1911-1937 (Berkeley: University of California... Read more