

*Graduation Ceremony*  
*Department of History*

*December 16, 2016*



Introductory Remarks  
Dr. David Zonderman, Department Head

Special Guest  
Dr. Karen Young, Dean's Office

Faculty Speaker  
Dr. Tammy Gordon, Associate Professor

Presentation of Awards  
Highest Academic Achievement in History  
Dr. Will Kimler, Associate Head

Honors in History  
Dr. David Ambaras, Associate Professor

Speaker  
Jonathan James Wright,  
Class of 2016

Presentation of Degrees  
David Zonderman and Norene Miller

A reception for graduates, families, and friends  
will follow the ceremony



*December 2016 Graduates*  
*Bachelor of Arts in History*

James Henry Barber..... Goldsboro  
*Magna cum laude*, Minor in Religious Studies

Talmadge Anthony Bevacqua ..... Raleigh

Andrew David Christian ..... Raleigh

*Magna cum laude*

Andrew Phillip Collins ..... Cary

*Magna cum laude*, Minor in English

Joshua Lee Davis ..... Swansboro

*Cum laude*

Elizabeth Jo Durancik ..... Fuquay Varina

Bridgett Marie Gallagher ..... Raleigh

Cord Michael Lindquist ..... Eagle River, AK

*Magna cum laude*

William Marshall Maness ..... Sanford

Valedictorian, *Summa cum laude*, Honors in History,  
University Scholar, Phi Alpha Theta, Phi Beta Kappa

Matthew Edwards Mosher ..... Durham

*Magna cum laude*

Robert Reavis Nelson ..... Morehead

Robyn Haley Pegram ..... Apex

*Cum laude*

Matthew William Secor. .... Greensboro

*Cum laude*

Tejinder Singh.....Harrisburg

Jerell Lee Somerville ..... Henderson

Sione (John) William Tu'uta .....Fork Union, VA

Minor in Native American Studies

Chad Matthew Underwood ..... Reidsville

Minor in Native American Studies

Zane Edwin Vermette ..... Raleigh

Valedictorian, *Summa cum laude*, Second Major  
in Religious Studies, Honors in History,  
Phi Beta Kappa

Jeremy Michael Willman ..... Goldsboro

Phi Alpha Theta

## *Bachelor of Science in History*

Tori Lynn Williams. ....Midland  
*Summa cum laude*, Second Major in Biological Sciences,  
Minor in Microbiology, Honors in History,  
University Scholar, Phi Alpha Theta

Jonathan James Wright ..... Cary  
Valedictorian, *Summa cum laude*, Franklin Scholar,  
Second Major in Chemical Engineering - Nanoscience

Hao Yu .....Hangzhou, China

## *Master of Arts in History*

Ross Matthew Anderson ..... Raleigh  
BA, University California at Davis, 2002



## *Honors*

*Cum laude* - 3.25 overall Grade Point Average

*Magna cum laude* - 3.5 overall Grade Point Average

*Summa cum laude* - 3.75 overall Grade Point Average

Valedictorian-4.00 Grade Point Average

University Scholar-completed Scholars Program

University Honors-completed Honors Program

Franklin Scholar-Dual Degree with Engineering

Jefferson Scholar-Dual Degree with CALS

Phi Alpha Theta- History National Honors Society

Phi Beta Kappa-National National Honor Society

## Department of History Faculty

- David Ambaras, Modern Japan  
Ph.D., Princeton University
- Ross Bassett, American Technology  
Ph.D., Princeton University
- Matthew M. Booker, U.S. Environmental History  
Ph.D., Stanford University
- Kat Charron, U.S. Southern/ U.S. Woman/ Civil Rights  
Ph.D., Yale University
- Megan Cherry, Early U.S.  
Ph.D., Yale University
- James Crisp, U.S. Frontier /Antebellum South  
Ph.D., Yale University
- Frederico Freitas, Latin American/Digital Humanities  
Ph.D., Stanford University
- Craig Friend, Public History/ Early U.S. History  
Ph.D., University of Kentucky
- David Gilmartin, South Asia  
Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley
- Tammy Gordon, American Studies  
Ph.D., Michigan State University
- Owen Kalinga, Africa  
Ph.D., University of London
- Verena Kasper-Marienberg, Early Modern/ Jewish  
Ph.D., Karl Franzens Universität
- Blair Kelley, African-American/Public History  
Ph.D., Duke University
- Judy Kertész, Native American/ Public History  
Ph.D., Harvard University
- Akram Khater, Modern Middle East  
Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley
- Mi Gyung Kim, Chemistry/ Modern Science  
Ph.D., UCLA
- William Kimler, Biology/Modern Science  
Ph.D., Cornell University



Susanna Lee, Civil War/Reconstruction/ U.S. South  
Ph.D., University of Virginia

Keith Luria, Early Modern Europe/ France  
Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley

Alicia McGill, Ancient America/Heritage Studies  
Ph.D., Indiana University at Bloomington

Julie Mell, European Jewish/ Medieval  
Ph.D., University of North Carolina

Nancy Mitchell, Twentieth Century/ Foreign Relations  
Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University

S. Thomas Parker, Greek/Roman  
Ph.D., UCLA

Julia Rudolph, Legal/ Modern Europe  
Ph.D., Columbia University

Brent Sirota, British/ Tudor & Stuart England  
Ph.D., University of Chicago

Richard Slatta, Latin America/ Comparative Frontiers  
Ph.D., University of Texas

Stephanie Spencer, History of Art  
Ph.D., University of Michigan

Noah Strote, Modern Europe/ Germany  
Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley

K. Steven Vincent, France/Intellectual  
Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley

David Zonderman, U.S. Labor/ Public History  
Ph.D., Yale University

## **A Brief History of the History Department**

Although North Carolina State University did not offer a degree in History until the 1964-1965 academic year, professors have taught history courses on campus since the school opened in 1889. History served as a requirement for much of that time, based on the idea that history courses produced well-informed and well-prepared citizens.

In 1965, History became an independent department, splitting from Political Science. Since then, History has come into its own as a prominent department both on campus and in the broader community. Through-out the 1970s and 1980s the faculty was enlarged to reflect the discipline's methodological and geographical growth. In 1967, the department granted its first Master's degree and began offering the Master's in Archival Management (now broadened to Public History) in 1981. The Department's location has also improved substantially, as it has moved in recent years from the infamously round Harrelson Hall to a newly-refurbished Withers Hall.

Today, History at NC State encompasses six degree programs (Ph.D. in Public History, M.A. in History, M.A. in Public History, B.A., B.A. with a Teacher Education concentration, B.S.). The student historians of NC State conduct top-level research in the field under the tutelage of faculty with expertise in all facets of the discipline. Additionally, the History Graduate Student Association initiated a regional conference in 2005 that continues to draw participants nationally and even internationally. In many ways the History Department continues the university's original reason for offering history courses-to prepare citizens of North Carolina, of the United States, and of the world.

## This Day in History, December 16<sup>th</sup>

- 1431- King Henry VI of England crowned king of France.
- 1497- Portuguese navigator Vasco de Gama is first European to sail along Africa's East Coast and names it Natal.
- 1707- Last recorded eruption of Mount Fuji in Japan.
- 1773- Boston tea party- Sons of Liberty protesters throw tea shipments in to Boston harbor in protest of British imposed Tea Act.
- 1897- First submarine with an internal combustion engine demonstrated.
- 1903- The Taj Mahal Palace & Tower Hotel opens its doors to guests for the first time.
- 1908- First credit union in US forms (Manchester NH).
- 1945- Cleveland Rams over Washington Redskins (15 to 14) win NFL championship.
- 1953- Charles E Yeager flies > 2,575 kph in Bell X-1A.
- 1976- President Jimmy Carter appoints Andrew Young as Ambassador and Chief US Delegate to UN.
- 2000- President-elect Bush chooses retired Gen. Colin Powell to become the 65<sup>th</sup> Secretary of State, the first African American to hold that post.
- 2015- US Federal Reserve raises interest rates by 0.25% for the first time since 2006.
- 2016- You graduate