

Contributors' Biographies

Will Alexander

Will Alexander is a senior History major and Biology minor at Troy University. He is from Decatur, Alabama, where he graduated from Austin High School with honors. He is a founding member of the Troy University Rugby Team and has served as team captain, treasurer, and secretary for the team. He is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Kappa Phi, and Circle K. He works at an animal clinic and emergency animal hospital in his hometown. He enjoys going on mission trips, his latest being to Jonesville, Virginia where he helped with the Appalachian Service Project. He plans on attending a school of Veterinary Medicine when he graduates from Troy University.

Jackie Barnett

Jackie Barnett is a senior at Troy University where he is pursuing a degree in History and set to graduate in the Fall of 2014. Upon graduation, Jackie plans to apply to the Troy University History master's program. Jackie is currently a member of Phi Alpha Theta, History Club, and Silver Wings, all of which he has been a member of for over a year. Jackie's reason for writing a book review on Bergin's book was due to his fascination in the rise of the absolutist French monarchy.

Steven Helms

Steven Helms pursued his college education at Troy University, Dothan campus, where he was a member of numerous honor societies including Gamma Beta Phi, Kappa Delta Pi, and Phi Alpha Theta. Steven graduated Cum Laude in December of 2011 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education in History. In May, 2014, he will obtain his Master's Degree in Secondary Education in History. His research focus has been transitioning toward colonial expansion for England in the sixteenth century and the United States in the nineteenth century.

Tate Luker

Tate Luker is a senior at Troy University and plans to graduate this May with a Bachelor's Degree in History and a minor in Business Administration. He has been a Phi Alpha Theta member since 2013. Tate was born and raised in Sweet Water, Alabama, but now resides in Enterprise, Alabama. After graduation, Tate will begin working towards a Master's degree in Education while teaching high school and coaching football. Along with teaching and coaching, Tate plans to continue writing history.

Peyton Paradiso

Peyton Paradiso is a senior Troy University History major who currently serves as the President of the Iota Mu chapter of Phi Alpha Theta History honor society. Her concentration is in American History and she specifically focuses on topics dealing with women in history. Peyton is a member

of Chi Omega Fraternity and has served as both the Campus Activities Coordinator and the Panhellenic Delegate for her organization. After graduating in May, she will be attending The University of South Carolina to pursue a master's degree in Higher Education Student Affairs.