

Contributors' Biographies

Tate Luker

Tate Luker graduated from Troy University with a Bachelor's Degree in History and a minor in Business Administration. At Troy, he was a Phi Alpha Theta member since 2013. Tate was born and raised in Sweet Water, Alabama, but now resides in Enterprise, Alabama with his wife Brittney and daughter Ellie Grace. Currently, Tate coaches football and basketball and teaches seventh and eighth grade English at New Brockton High School and is working on his English certification through the University of West Alabama. He also plans to certify and get a master's degree in history while continuing to teach and coach.

Megan Phillips

Megan Phillips is a Junior double majoring in History with an American emphasis and English at Troy University. She is from Ohatchee, Alabama where she graduated from Ohatchee High School where she was nationally recognized for competition in Parliamentary Procedures with the Future Business Leaders of America. At Troy University she is a member of the History Club, the Pre-Law Society, and Phi Alpha Theta and has written for the school newspaper *The Tropolitan*. Upon her graduation in May 2016, she intends to go on to study law. Due to her interest in film theory and cultural history, she chose to write her paper on elements of government propaganda in American film in the decade following WWII.

Jamie Sessions

Jamie Sessions is a senior at Troy University and graduated with an advanced diploma from Goshen High School. Jamie is majoring in European History with a minor in French. She is also president of Phi Alpha Theta, co-editor of *The Alexandrian*, and a member of the History Club. Jamie has also been inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Kappa Phi, and Omicron Delta Kappa. After graduating from Troy, Jamie plans to pursue her Master's and Ph.D. in Early Modern British History to conduct her own research.

Benjamin Sikes

Benjamin Sikes is a Criminal Justice major and History minor at Troy University. He is from Luverne, Alabama where he attended Luverne High School. He received the Dr. Phillip J. Levine Endowed Scholarship to Troy University for his interest in the criminal justice field. Benjamin is currently employed by the Troy University Police Department as a security guard. He is set to graduate in spring of 2015 and plans to find work researching cases at a law firm. Benjamin's interest for writing the article began during a research methods class and was further influenced by his interest in the history of the Middle East.