

Department News for 2019-20

Award Winners

The Department of History and Philosophy and Religion would like to congratulate our undergraduate and graduate award winners of 2020:

Colonial Dames of America Paper Award: **Noah Joseph Mynard**

G. Ray Mathis Memorial Award: **Alexander Kyle Beerenstrauch**

Leonard Y. Trapp History Education Award: **Brantley Kade Thomson**

Nathan Alexander Memorial Phi Alpha Theta Scholastic Award: **Joanna Ellis**

Outstanding Student for 2019-2020: **Joseph Castleberry**

Faculty News

The Wiregrass Archives at Troy University Dothan Campus, directed by history faculty member **Dr. Marty Olliff**, has created the “Wiregrass under COVID-19 Documentation Project” to collect diaries, journals, memoirs, and K-16 class projects in all formats reflecting the lived experiences of people in southeast Alabama, southwest Georgia, and northwest Florida. These will be open to research. To contribute to the project or for more information, contact Dr. Olliff at molliff@troy.edu.

Dr. Aaron Hagler will be promoted to Associate Professor (tenured) at the end of this academic year. Congratulations, Ari!

Dr. Jounghin Lim published “Are We Essentially Animals?” in *Philosophical Forum* (Fall 2019).

Dr. Jay Valentine published “On the Life of Chos rgyal bsod nams (1442-1509): Unlocking the Mysteries of a Byang gter Master from Mustang” in *Revue d’Etudes Tibétaines* (April 2020).

Dr. Luke Ritter has published “Immigrants, Crime, and the Economic Origins of Nativism in the Antebellum West,” in *Journal of American Ethnic History* (February 2020), and “The King James Bible as Nationalist School Curriculum amid Immigration to the American West,” in *American Nineteenth Century History* (April 2020).

Dr. Aaron Hagler published “Sunnifying ‘Alī: Historiography and Notions of Rebellion in Ibn Kathīr’s *Kitāb al-Bidāya wa-l-nihāya*” in *Der Islam* (forthcoming, 2020).

Ms. Mabelle Danner welcomed her first grandbaby! Welcome to the Troy family, Wesley James Glass.

Alumni News

As always, we are very proud of our history and philosophy graduates! Here is some news from recent grads:

Cheyenne Davis was accepted to the University of Alabama, where she will pursue her Masters in Archaeology specializing in Mesoamerica.

Laura Katherine (Kat) Rogers was accepted to the University of Maryland School of Law.

Emily Ward was accepted to the University of Alabama-Birmingham medical school.

Abhishek Ghimire (Biomedical Sciences major and Philosophy and Religion Minor) was accepted into multiple doctoral programs in biology. He will be heading to the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in New York next year.

Lacey Folmar has accepted a full-time job with the state of Alabama as a court specialist in preparation for law school.

Cori Horton was hired as an Administrative Assistant at the Koochiching County Historical Society and Museum in International Falls, Minnesota.

Ansley Markwell is celebrating her one-year anniversary at Anzalone Liszt Grove Research, where she joins a team working for the Democratic nominee for president for the fourth election cycle in a row.

Elana Woodall is teaching ninth grade at Pike Road High School and working on her Masters in Social Science at Troy University.

Logan Horton is completing his Master of Education in Higher Education Leadership and Policy at the University of Mobile, and also teaches History at Chickasaw Middle School in Chickasaw, Alabama.