

Department News for 2020-21

Awards

The Department of History and Philosophy would like to congratulate our undergraduate and faculty award winners of 2021, recently honored at the Troy University Honors Convocation:

G. Ray Mathis Memorial Award – **Alyssa Allen**

Nathan Alexander Memorial Phi Alpha Theta Scholastic Award – **Daniel McCray**

Norma Taylor Mitchell American History Award – **Rachel Bethea**

Trapp History Education Award – **Alphonso Johnson**

And we are especially proud of Department member **Dr. Kathryn Tucker** who won the Robert Kruckeberg Faculty Senate Excellence Award. This award was renamed to honor our own **Dr. Robert Kruckeberg**, who we lost in December this past year.

Faculty News

Jay Valentine was tenured and promoted to associate professor. Congratulations, Jay!
Marty Olliff won the 2020 Marvin Y. Whiting Award “for significant contributions to the preservation and dissemination of local history in Alabama” from the Society of Alabama Archivists.

Chair **Allen Jones** has published a new book in 2020, *Death and Afterlife in the Pages of Gregory of Tours: Religion and Society in Late Antique Gaul* (Amsterdam University Press).

Joungbin Lim’s recent article, “In Defense of Physicalist Christology,” was published in March in the journal *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*, vol. 60, no. 1.

Aaron Hagler has been awarded sabbatical for the fall of 2021, when he will be a Visiting Researcher at Hebrew Union College and the University of Southern California.

David Carlson has been named the Book Review Editor of H-Net’s Civil War network.

Karen Ross continues as editor of the *Journal of the Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science*.

We would like to conclude our Department News with Andy Ellis’s memorial to Rob. He was a wonderful colleague, scholar, teacher, friend, husband, and father. Kruck – we miss you.

Dr. Robert “Kruck” Dale Kruckeberg, Jr. is being remembered by his colleagues not only for the value he brought to students in Troy University classrooms, but also for the meaning and laughter he brought to so many lives.

Kruckeberg passed away at his home, surrounded by family, on December 27, after a courageous bout with cancer. He was 43.

“I was profoundly saddened to hear of Dr. Kruckeberg’s death,” said Dr. Steven Taylor, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “Rob was a valued member of the History faculty and a truly wonderful person. He will be missed and my heart goes out to his family. I know his colleagues throughout the College feel the same.”

An Associate Professor of History, Kruckeberg had been a member of the TROY faculty since fall 2012. He was known as a passionate scholar, but even more than that, Kruckeberg was known as a trusted colleague and friend, who was armed with a tremendous sense of humor and a laugh that was contagious.

Dr. Robert Dale Kruckeberg

