

Professor Nathan Alexander Remembered

In this section we remember our colleague, teacher, and friend, Nathan Alexander. We miss you, Nathan!

Dr. Nathan Alexander was born March 13, 1968 to Steve and Sandra Alexander in Bremerton, Washington. It is here that he would spend his childhood with his three siblings. Charismatic and quick-witted, Dr. Alexander's popularity was evident even in his youth. He graduated from Bremerton High School in 1986 and left home for Seattle, where he studied at the University of Washington. While enrolled at UW, Dr. Alexander helped establish a student historical journal, titled *Intersections*. This journal is still officially in publication, though it has been on hiatus since 2015. Dr. Alexander graduated with a Bachelor of the Arts in Comparative History of Ideas in 1990.

Dr. Alexander studied European history at the graduate level at Harvard University. He earned his M.A. in 1994 and assumed a lecturer position in the History of Literature concentration in 1997. Four years later, in 2001, he would officially earn his PhD. Dr. Alexander continued to teach at Harvard until 2005, when he took a position as Assistant Professor in History here at Troy University. Dr. Alexander was immediately adored by almost all who had the pleasure to get to know him. His enthusiastic hunger for learning and seemingly constant smile kept him in high regard by both student and professor alike.

Unfortunately, Dr. Alexander's tenure at Troy University was brief. In the August of 2008, he fell ill from complications regarding leukemia. Faculty at Troy University showed their support, filling in for Dr. Alexander's classes as he returned home to Washington for treatment at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance hospital. While in the hospital, Dr. Alexander passed away on May 24, 2009.

Dr. Alexander's legacy in Troy lives on in the form of *The Alexandrian*, named in his honor. The impact that he had on the lives of the students and professors who knew him cannot be overstated, even as new people come and go. His brief stay enriched the lives of those around him. We miss him, but we are excited to dedicate our scholarship to his memory.

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