

Departmental News

Award Winners

The Department of History and Philosophy would like to congratulate our undergraduate award winners of 2024, recently honored at the Troy University Honors Convocation:

Lukas Ducker: Leonard Y. Trapp History Education Award

Brooks Stephenson: Nathan Alexander Memorial Phi Alpha Theta Scholastic Award

Trinity Ward: Louis Hopper Perpetual Scholarship

Matilda Ziegler: G. Ray Mathis Memorial Award

Congratulations to all of our students on their awards!

Faculty and Staff News

We welcome Doris Jordan who became Department Secretary for History and Philosophy in July 2024. Ms. Jordan is a Troy graduate, class of '81, having majored in Biology and marched with the Sound of the South, saxophone. Since joining our department, Ms. Jordan has been regularly supplying faculty and students with needed assistance as well as wisdom and wit. Do not miss out on the opportunity to engage with our department's wonderful secretary, who loves helping the students of our programs navigate their way through to completion of their degrees.

We also bid farewell to Dr. Kathryn Tucker, Lecturer, at the end of this year. Kathryn has accepted a position at the University of Montevallo as an Assistant Professor. Congratulations, Kathryn. We will miss you!

Dr. Scout Blum was awarded the Outreach Award by the American Society for Environmental History. This award is given every other year for work that expands the audience of environmental history.

Dr. Jay Valentine, currently on sabbatical this spring, was the recipient of a 2023 Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation Translation Grant in Buddhist Studies.

Dr. Tim Buckner and Dr. David Carlson received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to collaborate with researchers at Georgia State University on the development of a database of enslaved people in Harris County, Georgia. They have also applied, along with Dr. Karen Ross, Dr. Avie Medeiros, and Mr. Stagl from the Art Department, for a Veteran's Administration grant to research military veterans interred at the Mobile National Cemetery. If approved, this project will result in several analog and digital

public history exhibitions highlighting the military service of nearly eighty members of the Civil War-era United States Colored Troops.

Dr. David Carlson has also published a book, *Congress of States: Proceedings of the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States of America*, last July with the University of Alabama Press.

Dr. Scout Blum published a peer-reviewed game, *Rising Waters*, by Central Michigan University Press (2023).

Dr. Martin T. Olliff published an article in the spring of 2023, “Alabama’s First Good Roads Movement,” in *Alabama Heritage Magazine*.