

Graduate Student Opportunities

At Penn State virtually all of the small group of entering graduate students obtain full funding (with fellowships or teaching or research assistantships). After passing comprehensive exams for the Ph.D. almost all graduate students teach their own classes for several semesters. We also offer students working on their dissertations a minimum of one semester of paid research time. Many receive additional fellowships. This means funding for six years for entering MA students successfully moving through the program toward the Ph.D. A low faculty-student ratio (1:3 at the most) assures personal attention throughout graduate training.

Modern history at Penn State focuses on the relationships between social and political change through our Politics and Modern Society (PAMS) faculty and grad student caucus. We encourage potential graduate students (MA and Ph.D) to apply and join us. (Deadline: January 15)

PAMS believes that the study of politics and society in the 20th century has gone far beyond conventional topics. We gather faculty strength in the study of global 20th-century policy issues such as crime, welfare, environment, health, consumption, technology, labor, decolonization, gender, race, and national identity. We are especially strong in 20th century U.S., European, and Asian history.

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For further information about graduate studies applications, see:

<http://php.scripts.psu.edu/dept/history/graduatePrograms/graduateAdmissions.php>.

More on PAMS can be found at:

<http://php.scripts.psu.edu/dept/history/aboutUs/modernHistory.php>

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Politics and Modern Society in the Department of History at Penn State

A Call to Potential Graduate Students



Department of History & Religious Studies Program

<http://php.scripts.psu.edu/dept/history/>

PAMS Faculty

Lila Corwin Berman

Ph.D., Yale University, 2004
American religious history; modern Jewish history; U.S. immigration history.

Jennifer A. Boittin (French Dept)
PhD, Yale University, History 2005
French and European history 1700-present; colonialism/imperialism; culture and politics; women; gender; race; 19th/20th Middle Eastern history.

Gary Cross

Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1977
Late industrial society and politics in the U.S. and Western Europe; policy issues of family, consumption, leisure, technology.

Sophie De Schaepdrijver

Ph.D. University of Amsterdam, 1990
Modern Western Europe: urban issues, nationalism, the cultures of the bourgeoisie; World War One.

Solsiree del Moral

PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006
19th and 20th century Latin American and the Caribbean; Race & Nation; Slavery, Abolition, & Emancipation; Emphasis on the Spanish-Speaking Caribbean

Alan Derickson

Ph.D., University of California-San Francisco, 1986
U. S. public health and medicine; health policy; labor and social movements.

Greg A. Eghigian

Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1993
Modern and contemporary European and German history; public health; social policy; science and politics; crime, justice, and deviance.

Cary Fraser

Ph.D. University of Geneva, 1990
Caribbean, African American, and American Diplomatic History as well as the History of International Relations since 1870.

Philip Jenkins

PhD, University of Cambridge 1978
Modern American social and political history; Crime, justice and social deviance; Contemporary religion; Global Christianity.

Daniel Letwin

Ph.D., Yale University, 1991
American labor history; African-American history; Gilded Age and Progressive era.

Jennifer L. Mittelstadt

Ph.D., University of Michigan, 2000
Gender and women's history, poverty and welfare state history, and social politics in 20th-century America.

Adam Rome

Ph.D., University of Kansas, 1996
American environmental history; 20th-century U.S. history; and urban and suburban history.

Paul Lawrence Rose

Doct. en histoire, Paris-Sorbonne, 1973
German culture and society, Holocaust, history of antisemitism.

Mrinalini Sinha

Ph.D., State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1988
British imperial and colonial Indian history; gender studies and world/global history.

Gregory Smits

Ph.D., University of Southern California, 1992
Modern Japanese social and cultural history; Okinawa; earthquakes and natural disasters.

Catherine Wanner

Ph.D., Columbia University, 1996
Modern Eastern European history, the history of the Soviet Union, and social and cultural change after 1991 in the former Soviet Bloc.

Nan E. Woodruff

Ph.D., University of Tennessee, 1977
African American history, the U. S. South, and twentieth century U. S. history.