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The University of Georgia Founders Memorial Garden

2024 HISTORY GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Not to be eclipsed by other news... Our graduate students have racked up more honors and achievements than ever this year.

Welcome new graduate students

Eleven new graduate students joined our program in the fall!
Double Dawgs student Sarah Intidam was also accepted into our graduate program summer '24.

Congratulations to our 2024 graduates!

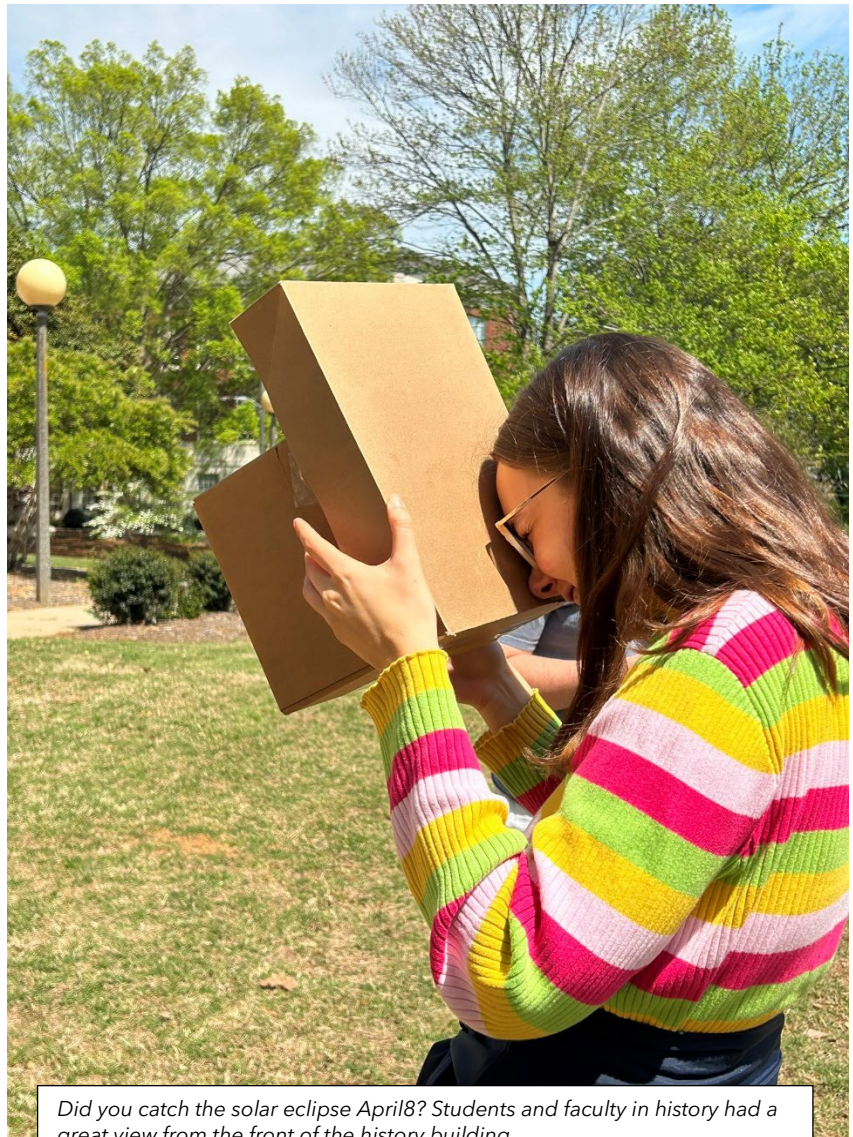
Austin Coke, M.A.,
Robert Shaw Bridges, M.A.,
and Elyse Elyaman, M.A.

Kudos to Matthew O'Neal (Ph.D. '23)

O'Neal was awarded the UGA Graduate Student Excellence-in-Research Award. The award was initiated in 1999 to recognize the quality and significance of graduate-student scholarship.

Dr. O'Neal earned a Ph.D. in history from the University of Georgia in 2023, where he completed his dissertation, "Home and Hell: The Great Migration and the Making of Sundown Towns in Appalachia" under the direction of Scott Reynolds Nelson.

O'Neal recently accepted a tenure-track faculty position in History and Southern Studies at the University of Mississippi.



Did you catch the solar eclipse April 8? Students and faculty in history had a great view from the front of the history building.

2024 History Graduate Student Awards

Encouragement to Teach Award

Presented to a history graduate student who will teach history at a state college, junior college, or high school.

[Elyse Elyaman](#) (nominated by Cassia Roth)

Gregory Research Fellowship

[Jared Asser](#)
[Steven Krug](#)

History Department Award

Presented annually to an outstanding graduate student in a field other than American history.

[Maya Peters-Greno](#) (nominated by Tim Cleaveland)

Manthorne Memorial Award

This award honors the dedication of beloved UGA graduate and teacher Jason Manthorne by recognizing a current graduate student in the Department of History who exhibits his passion and spirit.

[Maggie Neel](#) (nominated by graduate students and presented by Chris Choe)



Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

Presented annually by the Graduate School and the Center for Teaching and Learning to outstanding teaching assistants. The following students were recently presented with award certificates by the graduate school. Nominated by the Graduate Studies Committee.

[Elyse Elyaman](#)
[Devin Jerome](#)
[Maggie Neel](#)
[Cole Wicker](#)

Thomas Pleasant Vincent Sr. Award

Presented annually to a distinguished student of history with a special interest in the history of Georgia.

[Hannah Hamrick](#) (nominated by Scott Nelson)

Carl Vipperman Teaching Assistant Award

Presented annually by the History Department to outstanding teaching assistants.

[Gisell Fuentes](#) (nominated by Scott Nelson)
[Taylor Howard](#) (nominated by Joey Kellner)
[Shayla Manwill](#) (nominated by Scott Nelson)

William Jennings Bryan Award

Presented to a graduate student for the best history paper of the year.

[Ben Prostine](#) (nominated by Cindy Hahamovitch)

Warner-Fite Award

Presented annually to an outstanding student in American/U.S. history.

[David Parker](#) (nominated by Tim Cleaveland and Peter Hoffer)

Parks-Heggoy Teaching Award

Presented for excellence in graduate student teaching by a faculty member.

[Timothy Cleaveland](#) (nominated by graduate students and presented by Tedi Light)

The **Willson Center Graduate Research Award** provides support toward research-related expenses for arts and humanities projects that are essential components of a graduate degree program. The following students received a Graduate Research Award from the Willson Center for 2024: [Steven Krug](#), [Nathanael Mickelson](#), [Maya Peters-Greno](#), [Tedi Light](#), [Ben Prostine](#), and [Patrick Sheridan](#). In addition, [Nathanael Mickelson](#) and [Patrick Sheridan](#) were also each awarded the **Janelle Padgett Knight Graduate Award** for best proposal.

2024 History Graduate Student Awards

Kudos to our graduate students who completed **doctoral comprehensive exams** this year: Maya Brooks, Tedi Light, Ariana Persico, Ben Roy, and Patrick Sheridan.

In addition, the following students were **admitted to doctoral candidacy**: Jared Asser, Ariana Persico, and Steven Krug.



Maya Brooks (l-front) with her Advisory Committee and colleagues at the completion of comprehensive exams.)



Elyse Elyaman successfully defended her thesis entitled, " Republican Nuns: Conventual Reform in Chile, 1840-1891" on April 11.

Congratulations Graduates!

Austin Coke successfully defended his Master's thesis, " The Jewish South: A Comparison of Jewish Integration into Southern Society" on April 15.





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