

2025



HISTORY GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS AND GRADUATION DINNER

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HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Kevin Jones, Department Head

Jennifer Palmer, Director of Graduate Studies

Encouragement to Teach Award

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

[Taylor Howard](#) (nominated by Joey Kellner)

[Justin Wright](#) (nominated by Kevin Jones)

Gregory Research Fellowship

[Patrick Sheridan](#)

[Theodora Light](#)

History Department Award

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

[Josenildo Paulino](#) (nominated by Reinaldo Román)

LeConte Memorial Award

Presented to a Master's student for recognition of program support and service to the history graduate community.

[Shayla Manwill](#) (nominated by Jennifer Palmer)

[Maya Peters-Greño](#) (nominated by Jennifer Palmer)

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.

[Maya Brooks](#) (presented by the graduate students)

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.

[Taylor Howard](#)

[Terrell Orr](#)

[Jamie Weiss](#)

Thomas Pleasant Vincent Sr. Award

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

[Maya Brooks](#) (nominated by James Brooks)

Carl Vipperman Teaching Assistant Award

Presented annually by the History Department to outstanding teaching assistants.

[Maggie Neel](#) (nominated by Tim Yang, Jennifer Palmer)

[David K. Parker](#) (nominated by James Brooks)

[Josh Waddell](#) (nominated by Robert Pratt)

William Jennings Bryan Award

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

[Tracy Barnett](#) (nominated by Stephen Mihm)

Warner-Fite Award

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

[Maggie Neel](#) (nominated by Akela Reason)

Parks-Heggoy Faculty Teaching Award

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

[Jennifer Palmer](#) (presented by graduate students)

Other UGA awards

[Libia Yuliet Jiménez Chávez](#) received a **Willson Center Graduate Research Award**, which provides support toward research-related expenses for arts and humanities projects that are essential components of a graduate degree program. Application is open to any humanities and arts graduate student registered for an advanced degree.

[Bill Kelson \(PHD '24\)](#) received the **Ron and Yvette Walcott Excellence in Fine Arts and Humanities Doctoral Research Award**. Bill Kelson is a Postdoctoral Junior Fellow at the Society of Fellows in the Humanities at the University of Hong Kong (HKU), where he is a Visiting Assistant Professor. He is currently working to turn his Ph.D. dissertation, a wide-ranging history of the Chinese financial crisis of the 1880s, into a book manuscript.



CONGRATULATIONS

2025 GRADUATES



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