

# HISTORY STUDENT ORGANIZATION NEWSLETTER

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Co-Vice President John Legg (L) and President DeMarcus Beckham (R) pose for a photo before a political discussion hosted by the HSO earlier this semester.



### PUBLIC HISTORY GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Are you graduating soon? Are you interested in Public History? Are you in need of something to do before you start your M.A. program? Look no more, as the Department of History and Political Science Department searches for students who have an interest in this Public History certificate program.

Public History knowledge will:

- Help create exhibits, both physical and digital
- Provide experience to work in museums and the National Park Service
- Memory, Preservation, and Commemoration studies
- Creation of historic districts and National Registry involvement

Email Dr. Niels Eichhorn to express interest in this program. [niels.eichhorn@mga.edu](mailto:niels.eichhorn@mga.edu)

## Welcome to the HSO Newsletter!

The History Student Organization Newsletter is a student publication for HSO students. Every month we will publish a new edition to keep you up to date on what is going on with the History Student Organization, as well as filling in people on what they may have missed in past events. We need your help with this endeavor, we actively encourage submissions from our members. Papers for a class that you find fascinating? Review amazing books you recently read? With your help we are confident that this newsletter will enable history students to keep up with the happenings in the HSO, as well as give us a chance to exchange ideas on topics in history that we are passionate about.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1, 2016

*HISTORY AND POLITICAL DEBATE WITH DR. JOHN HALL (POLS) AND DR. NIELS EICHHORN (HISTORY) ON THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BEARDIAN HISTORIOGRAPHY.*

November 11, 2016

*COLEMAN HILL, DOWNTOWN MACON. ON THIS ARMISTICE DAY, A CEREMONY ON 11/11 AT 11AM WILL TAKE PLACE HONORING THE MEN WHO SACRIFICED THEMSELVES FOR THE FIGHT DURING WORLD WAR ONE. MGA PRESIDENT BLAKE WILL GIVE A SPEECH AND PERFORM A COINING CEREMONY.*

Spring Semester

*TALKS FROM VARIOUS HISTORIANS FROM ARKANSAS AND OTHER LOCAL INSTITUTIONS*

*FEBRUARY RFA DISCUSSION*

*HISTORY WEEK, INCLUDING A PAPER CONFERENCE*

*PROSPECTIVE GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP*



Secretary Joseph Hirsh (L) and Dr. Niels Eichhorn (R) prepare for a presentation on the 2016 College on the Move Living History Tour into the Carolinas. See page for details by John Legg.

*DR. KYLE MAYS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL CAME TO SPEAK TO THE HSO IN SPRING 2016 ON BLACKNESS AND NATIVE INDIGENEITY*



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# YOUR HSO OFFICERS

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DeMarcus S. Beckham serves as the current President of the History Student Organization. He hopes to become a project manager or lobbyist after his first degree. We have accomplished so much as a team, and this energy can only continue in the coming months. As a team, we are building a legacy together.



Micheal Williams is a Junior in History at MGA. He is interested in all areas of history, but is specifically fascinated with Native American and Early American history. Micheal has experience presenting at undergraduate conferences and looks forward to discovering new ways to explore and share history.



John Legg is a fourth year undergraduate history student at Middle Georgia State University. John is interested in pursuing a career in Public History, and eventually obtaining both his Master's and Ph.D. in American history, focusing on Native American violence and reconciliation in the nineteenth century.



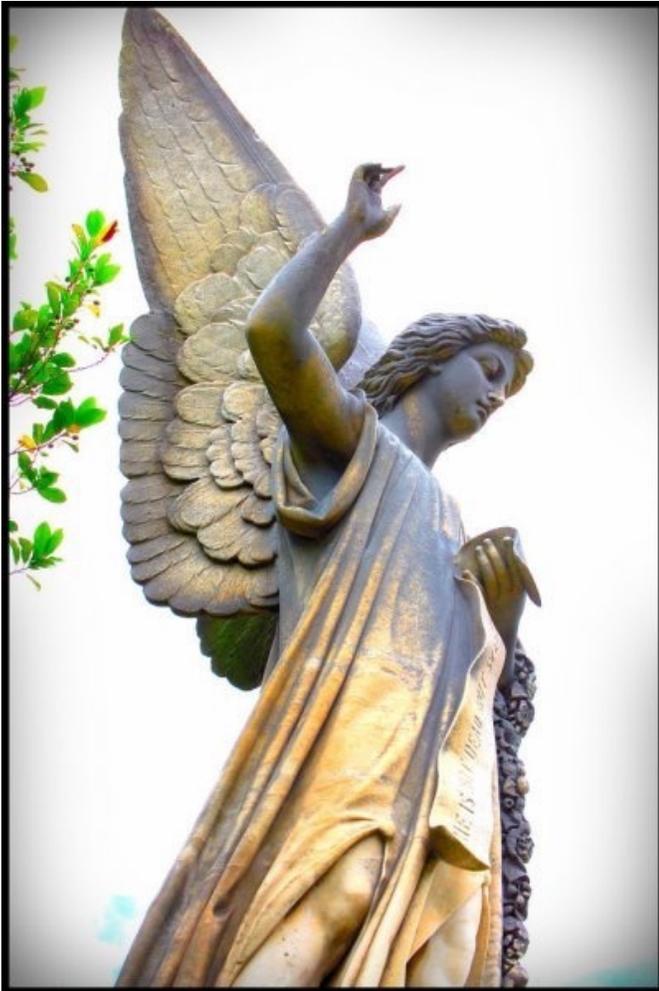
Joseph Hirsh is in the senior year of his Bachelors of History program. After graduating in Spring 2017, Joseph wishes to continue his academic career in law school, hoping to attend Mercer Law School in the Fall 2017, with the ultimate goal of becoming a federal judge.



David Gillen is a 35 year old father of two boys and his wife expects a baby girl in February. Upon completion of his history degree, David hopes to teach high school and eventually pursue a Ph.D. His passion is Native American history, especially Seneca and Iroquois history.

# ALUMNI CORNER

BY MARSHA BROCKMAN



Established in the 1840s, Rose Hill Cemetery is an excellent example of cemetery architecture spanning three centuries. The cemetery also serves as an outdoor museum that is open to all who have an interest. I began giving tours of Rose Hill several years ago after going on tours with others, and growing concerned about inaccurate information and a focus more on legend and ghost stories than fact. The upcoming tour will begin at the front gate at 11:00 on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, unless we have heavy rain. We will discuss monument materials (marble, granite, wood, bronze, and zinc). We will also explore the segregation by religion and race in burial ritual, growing conflict surrounding ideas of what a public park-style cemetery is, and what it should be. This tour is not an event of Middle Georgia State University, but rather an informal stroll open to the public, and all members of the university community are invited to walk with us. Wear comfortable shoes, and consider bringing water with you. After the tour, feel free to explore the entire 60-plus acres.



ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY MARSHA BROCKMAN. MARSHA IS A HISTORY INSTRUCTOR AT MIDDLE GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY, AT THE WARNER ROBINS CAMPUS.





BY NICOLE MUNOZ

Hello everyone!

My name is Nicole Munoz and I am a 2014 graduate of Middle Georgia State University. I have recently returned to the United States after spending a year at the University of Haifa in Israel where I attended the Weiss-Livant International MA Program in Holocaust Studies. Saying it was a crazy year is an understatement. Even now, just thinking back it all seems like a dream. I arrived in Israel in October 2015 and went straight to Jerusalem as I had a week before I needed to be at my university. Being able to walk around in the Old City was incredible. From there, I traveled south to the Judean Desert where the old fortress of Masada and the Dead Sea awaited me.

While in Jerusalem, stabbing attacks occurred, and it hit me that I was in a foreign country plagued by war and terror attacks. I was happy to get to Haifa and started my MA program. My first week in Haifa was filled with orientations and tours around the city where I heard Hebrew, Arabic, English, Russian, Amharic, and several others languages.

My program had students from all over the world who had their own reasons for coming to learn about the Holocaust. We learned from each other as we sat in class but we made time to have fun. We learn from some of the leading historians in Holocaust Studies. Throughout the program, I had many opportunities to gain valuable experiences through my internship at the Beit Lohamei Haghettaot (Ghetto Fighters' House Museum), which was established on a kibbutz by survivors of the Warsaw Uprising, as well as a class project at Atlit, the British detainee camp from World War II. At the museum, I researched individuals and objects and wrote short descriptions for museum displays. Additionally, we attended a weeklong seminar at Yad Vashem.

Public Transportation! Never have I appreciated public transportation as I did while in Israel. Whether it was hoping on the train to Caesarea where I explored the ruins of Herod's fortress or going to Tel Aviv for Shabbat, travel was affordable and comfortable. Some of the many other places I visited included Akko, Rosh Hanikra, the Galilee area, Yafu, Nazareth, and Bethlehem in the West Bank.

Looking back at the year, it would not have been possible without the excellent guidance of the professors from MGSU's History Department. The skills I needed to succeed in Graduate school were honed while a student at MGSU and for that, I have to give a heartfelt thank you to all of my professors.

# COLLEGE ON THE MOVE: VIRGINIA 2017

BY JOHN LEGG



**NO PASSPORT?**  
**INTERESTED IN STUDY ABROAD?**  
**JOIN LIVING HISTORY TOUR 2016!!**

When: Summer 2017  
 June 5-17

Costs: approximately \$ 1,500 plus tuition for two classes  
 Included: Hotels (double or triple room occupation), Breakfast, Dinner, Admission Fees, Reading Material

For more information contact:  
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The Shenandoah Valley, Civil War battlefields, historic towns, living history programs, and traveling into another state, without a passport? AND six credit hours of course? I could not think of a better option to experience Public History and create memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. This message goes out to all travel-seeking, history-searching students, who look for an adventure into the great unknown of Public History and Tourism, join the tour to the various historical sites in the beautiful state of Virginia.

As a College on the Move veteran, who attended the 2015 summer voyage into the coastal and inland regions of North and South Carolina, this trip will provide a spectacular experience into the realms of history, and their portrayal to the public. Whether living history demonstrations or (hopeful) properly written signs, I promise that each history major will experience a new sense of history that they have never seen before.

Not only do you get to see sites with interesting narratives, you get two weeks of fun, relaxation, and an overwhelming “free” feeling with your fellow history peers as you travel away from Macon, Georgia.

Take it from me, I have made several new friendships, learned important information, and created memories that will last forever.

I hope to see you on the road in 2017!

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# HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDY CENTER

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*BY HEATHER JOHNSON*

*JONES 323, INSIDE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND  
POLITICAL SCIENCE*

*HOURS OF OPERATION ARE MONDAY: 10:00-2:00 &  
3:30-5:00, TUESDAY: 10:00-5:00, WEDNESDAY:*

The Department of History and Political Science's Study Center is a great resource that you may not be using! Operated by peer history majors and paid for by your tuition, the Department's Study Center offers tutoring services related to any history or political science course.



The center, in a multitude of ways, can be useful for you

include: developing comfortability with class requirements, relieving stress by recognizing all aspects of an assignment, as well as a better understanding of organization, research, citation, comprehension, and study skills. What you may not know is that the center offers editing for papers and major writing assignments as part of the peer review process all students should become familiar with.

Come see Heather, Micheal, and John with any of your History or Political Science needs!

## **ATTENTION**

Make sure to visit your advisor for Spring and Summer advising.

Registration has now been opened!

See Michelle Klingaman, Administrative Assistant to the History and Political Science Department to schedule an advising session. Room 323 in the Jones Building.

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## WALL OF FAME

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PHOTO BY JOHN LEGG

In Spring 2016, HSO hosted a Political/Historical debate on Fascism. Dr. John Hall (L) provided the audience with a modern political stance on the meanings and implications fascism developed. Dr. Niels Eichhorn (R) presented historical information on the rise of fascism, and the problems Europe faced during the period of World War II. Dr. Matthew Jennings (center) moderated the event, making sure the debaters precisely spoke within their allowed time.

PHOTO BY JOHN LEGG

As we approach Armistice Day (November 11, 2016), let us all take a moment to honor and commemorate the population who served during the Great War. Here is a photo of President Christopher Blake, MGA President, coining a World War II veteran in 2015. The event hosted by Middle Georgia State University welcomed citizens of Macon, and beyond, including the Mayor of Macon. Dr. Blake presented a heartwarming personal story of his families involvement in the Great War. The men who fought gallantly from Macon, Georgia were then honored for their service. Let them always be remembered.



The History Student Organization would like to extend the opportunity for students to join. Please keep an eye out for future History Student Organization hosted events.

*THE HSO WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO JOHN LEGG FOR CREATING AND ORGANIZING THIS NEWSLETTER. PLEASE STAY ACTIVE BY SUBMITTING ARTICLES TO [JOHN.LEGG@MGA.EDU](mailto:JOHN.LEGG@MGA.EDU) TO KEEP THIS NEWSLETTER ALIVE..*