FROM THE CHAIR

The first half of the 2021-2022 academic year has been an exciting time in the Department of History.

We welcomed two new colleagues, Rachel Mason Dentinger and Peter Roady; the department conducted a search for a new historian of African American History and began preparations for a search for a new historian of Middle East history to be conducted in January and February, 2022.

The department’s new Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee met several times and is organizing a series of activities, and, several of our faculty as well as our students collected awards, published books and articles, and otherwise acted Historically!

Onward to spring 2022!

Benjamin B. Cohen
Professor and Chair
Community Impact

The Department of History encourages research and participates in the Utah historic community via ongoing projects and special awards.

National History Day Utah Special Award sponsors: Social & Civil Rights Prize, World History Prize, Ongoing

Black Utahns Oral History Project: In Collaboration with the Marriott Library and Pastor France A. Davis.

Century of Black Mormons: Database created by Professor Paul Reeve in collaboration with the Marriott Library.

Recent Faculty Publications

**SAVING NATURE UNDER SOCIALISM**
Julia E. Ault
Complicates attitudes toward the environment in East Germany by tracing both domestic and transnational engagement with nature and pollution.

**THE SCIENCE OF ABOLITION**
Eric Herchthal
A revealing look at how antislavery scientists and Black and white abolitionists used scientific ideas to discredit slaveholders.

**MANY MOUTHS**
Nadja Durbach
This compelling study explores food programs initiated by the British government across two centuries, from the workhouses of the 1830s to the post-war Welfare State.

Interested in being an alumni spotlight? Fill out this short questionnaire and you may be featured!

More publications here.
Events of Interest

January 27, 2022
**Work-In-Progress Talk w/ Charnell Peters**  
"The (New) Science of Race: 23AndMe and Communicative Constructions of Blackness, Ethnicity, and Ancestry"

February 1, 2022  
**Work-In-Progress Talk w/ History Professor Julie Ault**  
"Solidarity and Socialist Riches: East German Diplomacy, Environment, and Technology, 1949-1989"

February 8, 2022  
**Author Meets Readers with History Professor Eric Herschthal**

April 21 - 22, 2022  
**Department of History 'Practicing History' Conference**

More events:  
Humanities Events Calendar  
UAlumni Events Calendar

Newest Faces

**Rachel Mason Dentinger**  
PhD, History of Science and Technology, University of Minnesota  
**Interests:** History of Science and Technology, Evolutionary Biology, and Medicine.

**Peter Roady**  
PhD, History, Columbia University  
**Interests:** Political Economy, Technology, Military History, National Security, U.S. Politics - 20th Century

**Mira Green**  
PhD, Ancient History, University of Washington  
**Interests:** Material history, food, and the body in ancient Greece, Italy, and Turkey.

**Eric Herschthal**  
PhD, History, Columbia University  
**Interests:** Slavery and abolition in the United States and the wider Atlantic World