

# Alumni Newsletter

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## Ronald Coleman Black History Internship

Daily Utah Chronicle reporter, CJ Alexander stated in a May 2022 article, "Impactful EDI work should not be reactionary, but rather a continued and sustained effort." In a commitment to support a variety of diverse perspectives, the History Department proudly supports the Ronald Coleman Black History Internship, headed by Academic Coordinator, Shavauna Munster.

"This is an opportunity to create a more rounded perspective of the University of Utah while providing hands-on archival research experience." says Munster who initiated the program in Fall 2022. "Our primary focus is providing undergraduate students with experience and knowledge in the archival profession. By researching the history of the Black experience at the University of Utah, primarily in the early 20th century, we are bringing to light untold stories while providing an opportunity for original research."



Inaugural intern, Callie Avondet, received training in the navigation of University archives and Marriott Special Collections, worked closely with research librarians, and met with department heads to understand library professions more fully.

Avondet's digital exhibit, discussing Black faculty and staff participation during the Black Campus Movement of the 1960s and 70s will be hosted on the Marriott Library website in the Spring of 2023.

## Alumni Association At-Home Speaker Series

The University of Utah Alumni Association GO LEARN At Home Speaker Series are informal and informative webinars with trip leaders. Check out some selections from the archives!

- "Bring Out Your Dead:" The Black Death and the Effects of Pandemics
- West: A Translation
- <u>A Tale of Two East German Families</u>
- <u>Opportunities for Individual & Collective Transformation</u>

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### Department News

<u>PROFESSOR ERIC HERSCHTHAL</u> <u>PUBLISHES, "HOW THE RIGHT</u> <u>TURNED "FREEDOM" INTO A DOG</u> <u>WHISTLE.'</u>

PROFESSOR NADJA DURBACH NAMED EDITOR FOR JOURNAL OF BRISIH STUDIES

<u>'THINK WATER UTAH' PROJECT</u> <u>PARTNERS RECEIVE AWARD FROM</u> <u>UTAH DIVISION OF STATE HISTORY</u>

PROFESSOR BRANDON RENDER PUBLISHES IN BLACK PERSPECTIVES, "STUDENTS FOR FAIR ADMISSIONS V. HARVARD AND THE HISTORY BEHIND COLORBLIND ADMISSIONS"

MORE DEPARTMENT NEWS.

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## Recent Faculty Publications



Racial Uncertainties Danielle Olden UC Press



<u>Western Lands, Western Voices</u> <u>Gregory Smoak</u> <u>UU Press</u>



Alumni Spotlight



Nicole Anderson BA '11 | Environmental Humanities/History Freelance Writer | Communication Professional



<u>The A's & B's of Our Inland Sea</u> Nicole Anderson

History provides the intellectual and entrepreneurial tools to thrive in a world that is highly specialized and globally interconnected. Our graduates who have majored or minored in history have gone on to a variety of fields and pursued diverse interests. <u>Read more about alumni accomplishments here.</u>



Phi Alpha Theta Conference & Vern & Bonnie Bullough Lecture



**Professor Mark Hunter** University of Toronto - Scarborough

March 31st| 11am to 1pm Carolyn Tanner Irish Humanities Building | Room 109 Free and open to the public

"Gender, Race and Drugs in South Africa: From Beer to Heroin and Xanax"

The History Department is proudly hosting the Phi Alpha Theta Utah Regional Conference. The keynote speaker, and presenting the Vern & Bonnie Bullough Lecture, is Professor Mark Hunter.



**College of Humanities News** 

<u>New Dean of the College of Humanities</u> <u>Dean Hollis Robbins first semester</u>

<u>The Intersection of Empathy and Humanities</u> <u>Professor Joseph Metz</u>

> <u>Voice of Reason Scholarship</u> <u>Honoring Tom Barberi</u>

<u>David Wells Bennet Endowed Scholarship</u> <u>Supporting Philosophy Student Research</u>



#### **Tanner Humanities Center Events**

National Theatre Live Shows & Dates here.

March 2 <u>Britt Wray</u> <u>Author of, "Generation Dread"</u>

April 4

<u>Kyle Whyte</u> <u>Indigenous philosopher and environmental justice scholar</u>

More events and information at <u>thc.utah.edu</u>

#### College of Humanities & Department Events

**February 2:** <u>Guest Writer Series: Carolyn Oliver + Matthew Olzmann Reading</u> <u>7pm - 8pm</u>

> March 30: <u>Guest Writers Series Presents Jess Arndt Reading</u>

March 31: <u>Phi Alpha Theta Conference Utah Regional Chapter</u>

We want to feature you and your accomplishments! Pease reach out to Shavauna Munster, <u>shavauna.munster@utah.edu</u>, or reply to this email.

Send a headshot, a short bio, and how your History experience impacted your journey.

