History

The graduate program in History is dedicated to providing quality training at both the M.A. and Ph.D. levels. It’s built upon faculty strengths in the history of modern America, the history of the American West, environmental history, the history of science and technology, public history, and the history of women in a multi-cultural context. It provides many opportunities for students to work closely with faculty, to engage in interdisciplinary research and collaboration, research and write in seminar settings, and to gain experience in a wide variety of internships.

The program is structured around intensive seminars, on subjects including Public History and Material Culture, Environmental History, the History of Science and Technology, and the American West. Current students and recent graduates have worked on topics ranging from violence against women in turn-of-the-century Western mining communities, to the environmental history of lead smelting in Idaho’s Couer d’Alenes, to the cataloging and curating of the artifacts of Yellowstone Park.

While the curriculum is grounded in American history, the faculty is committed to familiarizing students with world history and to encouraging students to think about the history of the United States in a global context.

ADMISSION
Prospective graduate students should follow the guidelines in the admissions and applications sections of the Graduate School website. The GRE General Exam is required; the GRE advanced test in history is not required.

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**PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES**

Students have many opportunities to collaborate with faculty and with visiting scholars in master classes taught by the Department’s annual William Stegner lecturer and as active participants in the Department’s biennial Michael P. Malone Memorial Conferences, most recently on mountaineering and 19th century science, and on mapping history. Students have also had opportunities to fly-fish with visiting playwrights and to present their research to faculty and graduate students in colloquia that are held several times throughout the year.

Students can explore internships and gain valuable professional experience at local and regional venues, including:
- Museum of the Rockies
- Pioneer Museum
- Montana Historical Society
- Yellowstone National Park
- C.M. Russell Museum
- Buffalo Bill Historical Center

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The primary forms of financial support available through the department are teaching assistantships and research assistantships, which are awarded on a competitive basis. Assistantships include a stipend and/or tuition waiver.

**FACULTY**

**Department Head**  
David Cherry, Chair

**Graduate Program Director**  
Michael Reidy

**Graduate Program Coordinator**  
Hanni Bessire

**Professors**  
Prasanta Bandyopadhyay - Philosophy of science, epistemology, Indian philosophy  
David Cherry - Ancient history, Roman North Africa  
David Large - Modern Europe, Germany  
Mary Murphy (Michael P. Malone Professor) – History of food in America, photography in the American West, gender in the American West  
Robert Rydell - U.S. intellectual & cultural history, 19th century U.S., museum studies, world’s fairs  
Billy Smith - Early America, class, race, slavery, disease, mapping early America  
Brett Walker - Early modern Japan, Japanese frontiers, Japanese environmental & medical history

**Associate Professors**  
Robert Campbell - American West, northern & Arctic history, global environmental history  
Susan Cohen - Syro-Palestinian archaeology, Canaanite culture, Middle Bronze Age society  
Daniel Flory - Aesthetics, philosophy and film, philosophy and critical race theory  
Kristen Intemann - Research ethics, values & science, feminist philosophy of science  
Timothy LeCain - Environmental technology, 20th century U.S.  
Sanford Levy - Ethics, biomedical ethics  
Michael Reidy - History of science & technology, history of mountaineering  
Sara Waller - Philosophy of mind, philosophy of animal minds, philosophy of neurology & cognitive science

**Assistant Professors**  
Catherine Dunlop - Modern Europe, Cartography, politics of space, Borderlands  
James Meyer - Turkish history, Ottoman Empire, Eurasian studies  
Bart Scott - Religion in modern India, transnational religious reform, media & public culture