Welcome to the grad newsletter for Spring 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Nolan-Ferrell at catherine.ferrell@utsa.edu; stop by office hours: Monday 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays 11:30-1:00 (MH 4.04.34); or phone: 458-7452.

Congratulations to the following students who completed their comprehensive exams:

Gary Corley*  
Jamila Dean  
Peter Fernandez  
Eddie Laurie*  
Kevin Oates  
Melissa Puente  
Gerardo Rodriguez  
Italo Samano*  
Stefania Wasniewski  
Christina Yaniga  

(Note: Those with an * received a High Pass)

Comprehensive Exams for Fall 2015

Students who are planning on taking comprehensive exams in Fall 2015, please review the section on comprehensive exams in the student handbook (starts p. 14).


Students need to submit the following forms by Friday, April 10:

http://colfa.utsa.edu/history/docs/Comps_Internal_for_Student_Spring_2015.pdf

Please bear in mind that it takes some time to set up a bibliography with each professor because you may have to look up additional readings, etc. Professors know that M.A. students will be contacting them to set up their committees – we do this every semester! - so don't feel shy about approaching your professors. You can either fill out the form manually or attach your field descriptions and bibliographies to your form. Make sure the professors sign and date the form and then turn them into either the GAR or to Roschelle Kelly. We will then process the forms.

One last thing: Students must be registered students at UTSA during the term that they take comps. In case you are not planning to take any courses this fall, then you should register for the 1-credit comps course. If you are taking at least one class other than comps, then there is no need to register for the 1-credit comps course, since you will already be registered for your other course(s).
Summer Classes:

Students who are interested in taking a summer class are STRONGLY encouraged to sign up as soon as possible! Classes that do not have sufficient early enrollment run the risk of being cancelled!

**First 5 Weeks: May 26-July 1, 2015**
His 6473: Ascendance of China  
Dr. Ng; class meets MTWRF 12:45-2:15--main campus

**Second 5 Weeks: July 2-August 8, 2015**
His 6423: Topics in European Modern History  
Dr. Guy; class meets MTWRF 12:45-2:15--main campus

**Sneak Peak at Fall 2015 Classes:**
His 5003: Theories and Methods, Wednesdays: 6-8:45 p.m. taught by Dr. NF  
His 5163: History of the U.S. South, Mondays: 6-8:45 p.m. taught by Dr. Clinton  
His 5193: The U.S. Since the Great Depression, Thursdays: 1:00-3:45 p.m. taught by Dr. Gray  
His 5243: Colonial Mexico, Tuesdays: 6-8:45 p.m. taught by Dr. Konove  
His 5733: Migration in Historical Context, Tuesdays: 1:00-3:45 p.m. taught by Dr. Gonzales  
His 6813: Proseminar, Wednesdays: 6-8:45 p.m. taught by Dr. Hardgrove  
**Note: this class will be at the downtown campus**

**Kudos to our Grad Students:**

**Juana Rubalcava:** Juana received a Mexico Center Fellowship for $3000 for her research project, “A New Home: Mexican Campesinos and Guatemalan Refugees in Chiapas, Mexico, 1978-1988.” The student grants are funded by the “Carlos and Malu Alvarez International Study Fund,” and awards an additional $1000 for faculty travel in order to encourage student/faculty collaboration. Juana will be investigating the interactions between Mexican coffee planters, Mexican laborers, and Guatemalan migrant/immigrant laborers. By using newly archived records of Finca Peru-París, she hopes to shed light on the relationship between “native-born” Mexicans (both elites and campesinos) and impoverished Guatemalans who fled into southern Mexico as a result of the 1966-1996 Guatemalan Civil War. The debates about how to characterize Guatemalan migration into Chiapas—were the Guatemalans “refugees” or “economic migrants”—mirrors current discussions about Central American immigration into the U.S.

**COLFA Spring Research Conference Awards**

**Erica Valle:** Erica’s paper “‘This Man Is Your Friend:’ Chinese Media Portrayals during WWII” won first prize in the 15th Annual COLFA Spring Research Conference.

**Matt Arendt:** Matt’s paper “‘The Advancing Hosts of Liberty:’ Origins of the Republican Party” won third prize in the 15th Annual COLFA Spring Research Conference.
PRESERVES:

GRADUATE STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK

MONDAY 3.30 | PROCRASTINATION WORKSHOP
10am - 11:30am | UC 2.01.26 (PECAN ROOM) | Presented By: TRC

Determine some of the causes of procrastination and how to combat them for better time management.

TUESDAY 3.31 | MANAGING AND SYNTHESIZING RESEARCH
10am - 11:30am | UC 2.01.24 (MESQUITE ROOM) | Presented By: TRC

Learn new techniques for efficient research practices and how to utilize them.

DOWNTOWN | SOCIAL HOUR
5pm - 8pm | OB 1.11B

Meet fellow graduates and new organizations at this social event with music and food.

WEDNESDAY 4.1 | STEM GRANT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
10am - 11:30am | PNB 2.10G | Presented By: Office of the Vice President for Research

Learn the best techniques for writing a grant proposal in the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

DOWNTOWN | WHAT'S UP WEDNESDAY: STRESS DOWN
11am - 1pm | MNT GALLERY

Relax with a free massage and food from Student Activities.

THURSDAY 4.2 | SOCIAL SCIENCES GRANT DEV. WORKSHOP
10am - 11:30am | PNB 2.10G | Presented By: Office of the Vice President for Research

Discover unique techniques for writing a grant proposal in the world of Social Sciences.

TRC POP-UP CAFE
3pm - 5pm | Teresa Rivera Center entrance between MS and FLN

Stop by for some refreshers.

DOWNTOWN | MATINEE MOVIE
12pm - 2pm | OB 1.224

Sit back and enjoy a free movie and popcorn on us.

FRIDAY 4.3 | READY, SET, RESEARCH!
12:30pm - 5pm | UC North Rotana Auditorium

Cheer on your fellow graduate students as 42 Master’s and Doctoral Students present their research to compete for up to $1,500 - Win door prizes and vote for People’s Choice, a $100 prize.

FOR EVENT PHOTOS, UPDATES, AND MORE, VISIT:

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IN ASSOCIATION WITH:
News from our former Grad Students:
Rikki Bettinger is a PhD student at University of Houston. She will be presenting her research at the Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies in April.

Please let us know of other success stories! We love to pass on positive news!

Suggested Links for a Successful Graduate Career:

http://graduateschool.utsa.edu/current-students/graduate-student-success-events/ (lists workshops and events sponsored by the grad school to improve both academic and career skills)

http://utsa.edu/trcss/fluid/la/gsla/ Graduate Student services offered by the Tomás Rivera Center, including academic coaching, time management, writing groups, etc.

What to do with a History Degree:

http://www.historians.org/jobs-and-professional-development/career-diversity-for-historians
http://www.historians.org/jobs-and-professional-development/career-resources/careers-for-students-of-history
http://history.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate/what-can-i-do-as-a-history-major (geared for undergrads, but quite useful)
http://money.cnn.com/2000/08/11/career/q_degreehistory/ (by someone who is NOT gloom and doom about history)

GAR OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (MH 4.04.34)
Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (MH 4.04.34)

And by appointment!