



## History



### The Juniata Advantage

- **Exceptional Faculty:** Learn from the best. Five Juniata history professors have received the Beachley Award for **Distinguished Teaching** and/or Academic Service. One was named Pennsylvania Professor of the Year.
- **Local and National Proximity:** Visit Washington, D.C., and other national sites like Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and the Flight 93 National Memorial Site—they're only a short drive. Or, enjoy Huntingdon County historical sites, from colonial forts to industrial landmarks. Huntingdon is the county seat and offers a wealth of research opportunities for **genealogical research** and **public history**. Gettysburg and Antietam, two historic battlefields, are two hours away.
- **Professional Preparation:** Dig in for success. Students and alumni have interned on campus and at Glacier National Park, the Smithsonian, local historical societies, and the National Park Service.
- **Research Experience:** Complete a thesis with the guidance of a historian, and present your research on campus at Juniata's Liberal Arts Symposium or at a professional conference such as Phi Alpha Theta.

### Juniata's Outcomes

History graduates from Juniata **enter graduate school** to pursue masters and doctoral degree in History. But they also **pursue lively careers** in the field at a wide variety of organizations including the National Park Service and various museums.

### Our Recent Graduates

- Lisa Bean '14 is currently **enrolled in a master's degree program** for library science at **Kent State University**.
- Chris Durkin '14 is **employed in the field of marketing** in Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Kymberly Mattern '15 is attending Clemson University's College of Charleston, pursuing a **graduate degree in historic preservation**.
- Elena Popchok '13 is currently **pursuing her master's degree** in museum studies at **George Washington University** in Washington, D.C.
- Colleen Wall '14 is currently **pursuing her master's degree** in history at **Rutgers University** in Piscataway, New Jersey.

*"The history department has helped me broaden my knowledge on an array of subjects, which makes me more prepared for my future. All of the professors are easy to talk to, and care about your well-being as a student."*

—Alexander Matoushek '16

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### A Sampling of Courses

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20th-Century American Wars  
China and Japan to 1800  
Civil War and Reconstruction  
Crimes Against Humanity  
Filming the Dark Ages  
The Historian's Craft  
Islam: Origins and Modernity  
North American Environmental  
History  
Public History  
Russian History  
Samurai Legends and Lives  
The Sixties  
Social History of Medicine  
Southern Africa  
Women in Africa  
Women's Lives: Medieval Europe



## A History POE Story

The history Program of Emphasis (POE) is composed of 14 courses, including a sophomore colloquium and a senior thesis seminar. At least four courses that deal with the history of countries outside the U.S. and Europe are also required. A creative component enables you to take history as a secondary emphasis and combine history with your other interest(s). Recent graduates have created POEs in history and museum studies, history and politics, history and English, history and communications, and more.

Gain distinction in the history POE by achieving a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 and writing a senior thesis that, in the opinion of the thesis adviser and members of the department, represents unusually excellent work. Then, present at the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research, the Juniata Liberal Arts Symposium, or another public venue.

In fact, presentations and other forms of hands-on experience are central to the history curriculum at Juniata. In the past two years, students have attended Civil War weapon and medical reenactments, learned Irish dance, and spun wool. Juniata's history students have landed internships and careers with historical consulting firms, the National Park Service, the Holocaust Museum, and the Smithsonian. But don't just take our word for it.

*"The history professors at Juniata all have an open door policy," says Emma Campbell. "Whether you are struggling or just have a simple question, they are always willing to talk to you and try to help you excel."*



Field Trip to Gettysburg National Military Park

## Faculty

At Juniata, **93 percent** of faculty hold the highest degree in their field. In the history department, 100 percent of faculty have earned Ph.D.s, and they serve, first and foremost, as professors. But, they keep their instruction fresh by publishing award-winning scholarship regarding poet-nuns, healers, freedom songs, Madeira wine, and more, written in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Russian. They have presented at conferences in Huntingdon, Pa., and in Moscow, Russia, at Harvard University, and Berkeley. They even play "hall ball," indoor golf in Founders Hall, with their students.

To read more, about their research, visit: [www.juniata.edu/academics/departments/history/research.php](http://www.juniata.edu/academics/departments/history/research.php)

History Department Chair: David Sowell, B.A., Grand Valley State College, M.A., Ph.D., University of Florida.

## Student Opportunities

**Clubs:** Join **Skulldiggers**, a club sponsoring field trips, visiting speakers, and an archive program in the Juniata College Museum of Art. Exchange ideas after joining Phi Alpha Theta, a history honor society that promotes the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication, and the exchange of learning among historians. Regardless of club affiliation, this department hosts many gatherings, such as a fall picnic.

**Internships:** In the past five years, Juniata history students have interned at the nearby Johnstown Heritage Discovery Center, the Rockefeller Archive Center, President James Buchanan's last home, U.S. Department of Justice, Center for Immigration Studies, and at attorneys' offices throughout central Pa.

**Study Abroad:** Enrich your understanding of other cultures and their histories. Juniata has programs on every continent except Antarctica.

**Undergraduate Research:** Conduct research in a topic of your choosing with the guidance of a faculty member. Then, present at conferences—like Juniata's Liberal Arts Symposium, the National Conferences on Undergraduates, or seminars/workshops specific to historical times or themes. **Recent examples:** Heather Kleber '15, "Horseshoe Curve Marked": How Operation Pastorius Brought World War II to the Juniata Valley;" Stephen Park '15, "Cold War Politics and the Olympic Games."



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