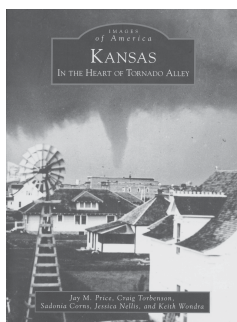


PUBLIC HISTORY PROGRAM

With a particular emphasis on local and community history, the Public History Program at Wichita State University is one of the oldest in the Midwest and offers a course of study that integrates a traditional history curriculum with Public History classes and fieldwork, leading to a Master of Arts degree.



Practitioners working in the field teach courses geared to several specialties including archives and museum administration. Degree requirements include at least one internship, a comprehensive examination, and a thesis.

- In memory of the program's founding director, the Hal Rothman Award recognizes achievement in the area of public history.

Graduates of the program have gone on to work in historical societies, archives, museums, and corporations. Many serve as consultants, others write books for a range of audiences.

SOCIETY OF PUBLIC HISTORIANS

Students in the Public History Program are encouraged to participate in the Society of Public Historians. The organization's members visit local institutions, meet with practitioners, hold events, and attend professional conferences. It is a great chance to develop skills and network with those in the field.

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ABOUT US

The Department of History at Wichita State has developed a tradition of excellence since its founding as a part of Fairmount College in 1895. We offer both Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in history as well as a program in Public History. Graduates have gone on to pursue careers in academia, business, museum work, archives, and a range of professions.

AREAS OF SCHOLARSHIP

The department offers numerous courses in the fields of U.S., modern Europe, and Ancient and Medieval history. In addition, faculty conduct research and offer courses in areas including African American history, business history, public history, geography, cultural history, military history, Kansas history, local history, gender history, legal history, imperialism, world history, and historical methodology

PHI ALPHA THETA

Gamma Rho is Wichita State's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the nations' history honor society. Motivated students with a strong academic background may seek out leadership positions in the organization and attend regional and national Phi Alpha Theta conferences.

FAIRMOUNT FOLIO

The department supports a student journal, the *Fairmount Folio*, consisting of student papers that undergo peer review and are published under the guidance of a student editor. Both undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to submit articles.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

The department offers classes that can lead to a Bachelor of Arts in History or a minor in History. Students pursuing either a major or minor take a number of lower division courses for basic understanding as well as an array of upper division classes that help broaden a student's background in the field. In addition, students take classes in historical research and writing. The department also offers a minor in geography.

The department encourages undergraduate students to engage in their own their research, and participate in conferences. There are numerous awards and areas of support for motivated students. Awards and scholarships include:

- Henry Onsgard Scholarship for academic achievement
- Marie Graham Scholarship for academic achievement
- Constance Louise Routh Decker-Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution Endowed Scholarship
- Lee and Helen Kamen Scholarship
- Bill and Donna Ard Endowed Scholarship
- Student papers are eligible for the Douglas Bendell Award for outstanding paper in History 300 and the John Rydjord Jr. Award for outstanding paper in an upper division history course.

GRADUATE STUDIES

The department offers coursework leading to a Master of Arts. There are three avenues students may take to achieve this degree. The thesis route requires comprehensive exams, competency in a foreign language, and a thesis. The non-thesis track involves expanded exams in two fields. The Public History track involves comprehensive examinations, a thesis, special coursework, and at least one internship. The non-thesis and Public History tracks do not require a foreign language. The department offers graduate coursework in four fields: U.S., modern Europe, Ancient and Medieval, or Public History.

Applications to the graduate program require at least 15 credit hours of B or greater and a written essay. Graduate teaching assistantships are available on a competitive basis to qualified students. The application deadline is March 1 for the following academic year.

- The department offers support for student research and scholarship, including the Miner-Unrau Fund to support graduate student research and the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Kansas – Wichita Town Committee graduate student fund to support papers in early American history.
- In addition to teaching assistantships, graduate students are eligible for the John L Rydjord Award for academic achievement. Graduate papers may be submitted for the Fiske Hall Award for outstanding paper in a non-seminar history course and the Fiske Hall Seminar Award for outstanding paper in a history seminar course.
- Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible for the Anthony and Dana Cythiel Scholarship for academic achievement.