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Where Have All the [plants] Gone?

Angie Hill Retires from CWU

Long-time History Department secretary Karen "Angie" Hill retired from CWU in August. She started at Central in 2005 and joined the History Department in 2008.

Angie put serving students above all other duties. Former CWU Professor Tom Wellock instructed her that "at the front desk, you are the first person that students see. Always attend to them first, above anybody else" - an order from which she never wavered. Former Chair Karen Blair also recalls her as a mentor to less experienced

colleagues, and a thoughtful and helpful aid to her as chair.

Professors Morgan and Levine both lauded Angie's service to the students. As one of Dr. Morgan's students said of Angie: "She is a goddess."



We wish Angie and all of her plants a quiet and prosperous retirement and are happy she does not have to put up with "them dirty devils" any more.

Teaching In The Time of Covid

History courses went online in March and are expected to stay virtual until Summer 2021.

For Professor Marji Morgan the experience was unexpected. "I had never taught online and was someone who thrived on energetic interaction in the classroom." Also unexpected were opportunities. Dr. Morgan discovered creative ways to organize her classes, and adjunct instructor Luke Pearsons rebuilt major portions of his online classes. The Department also hosted a virtual presentation with CWU and Community College students from across Washington.

While we are making virtual work, we look forward to seeing students again in Fall 2021.

Scholarship Applications

Open Now Until May 1

History Majors: Scholarships help cover tuition and fees and distinguish a student in their career. Amounts range from \$3,500 to \$10,000 and a Study Abroad Scholarship will reimburse \$500.

Alumni and friends: You can support the education dreams of a fellow Wildcat by making a donation to History scholarship funds through the CWU Foundation.

Email history@cwu.edu for details.

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NEWS

FACULTY

Faculty members remain active with publications, conference presentations, and research even during the pandemic.

Roxanne Easley's new co-authored textbook, *Modern Russian History: The Search for National Identity and Global Power*, debuted at the start of quarantine in March. Published with Cognella, the 360-page text is available in paperback and hardback and is waiting for you to pick it up to read.

Chong Eun Ahn is on sabbatical for 2020-21 in Korea as a visiting researcher for the Institute of Humanities (Center for East Asian Studies) at Seoul National University this Fall. She is researching for her book manuscript "Migrants to a Minority: Koreans in the Japanese Empire and the Chinese Nation State" and a journal article manuscript "Farming the Empire: Working Women in the Rice Fields of Manchukuo during the Second World War." As the director of the Korean Studies seed grant, Dr. Ahn exchanges with Korean scholars in the field to strengthen CWU's Asian Studies program and internationalization efforts.

Jason Knirck continues in his role as chair of the CWU History Department.

Jason Dormady published his article "Dear Mr. Calles: U.S. Protestant Interpretations of the Cristero War and the Moral Art of History" in the Winter/Spring 2020 edition of *Fides et Historia: Journal of the Conference on Faith and History*. He presented the paper "Viudas y Varios Vecinos: The Moral City and Urban Growth in Guadalajara, Mexico, 1939 – 1947" at the Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies in Austin, TX in March - just before quarantine. He also virtually attended the Latin American Studies Association.

Daniel Herman published (June 2020) a novel with Texas A&M university press titled *The Feudist*. The book is available in Ellensburg at Jerrol's and at book-sellers (virtual or brick and mortar) around the nation. Dr. Herman did a virtual reading for his book in August for Peregrine books in Prescott, Arizona. We all look forward to his next book.

Lacy Ferrell is on sabbatical for 2020-21 to work on the manuscript for her book project, *Childhood and Education in Colonial Ghana*. Her research focuses on schooling in Ghana from c. 1900-1940.

Marilyn Levine submitted three articles for peer review during Fall 2020 quarter. "Biography as a Lens for Historical Analysis: The Chinese Biographical Database" and "Post WWI Chinese Revolutionary Leaders in Europe" were both submitted to the *Journal of Historical Network Research: China Special Issue*. The former has been accepted the latter is under review. In addition, 中国共产党旅欧支部的历史整合方法的分析 "An Integrated Historical Analysis of the European Branches of the Chinese Communist Organizations" was submitted to a new Chinese historical network journal. Her book *The Found Generation: Chinese Communists in Europe During the Twenties* (University of Washington Press) is being translated and published in China by Tsinghua University Press. She continues work on a forthcoming book, tentatively entitled, *Three Voyagers to France* based on her Chinese Conversations Project.

Marji Morgan returned for new broadcasts of "Lines on Wines" after a summer hiatus. New episodes are available at <http://www.linesonwines.com>.

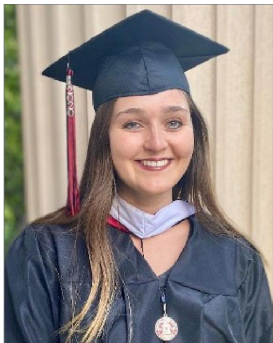


GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

CWU History Department graduate students have adapted with aplomb to the challenges of teaching and research under quarantine. Along the way they have even won a few awards.

Katie Omans

completed her MA degree at the end of Spring 2020 quarter. Her thesis is titled "The Belfast Boycott:



Consumerism, Gender, and the Irish Border, 1920-22" and was selected as the co-winner of the Dale and Mary Jo Comstock Distinguished Thesis Prize with Jackey Anderson from Cultural and Environmental Resource Management. The prize designates the best Masters thesis in the university for 2020. Katie's thesis was supervised by Dr. Jason Knirck who also nominated her for the award. Katie is currently pursuing her doctoral work in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at Marquette University in Irish History. She currently has an article under review for *Irish Historical Studies* based on the research from her MA thesis. Great job, Katie.

Henry Jennings received the 2020 CWU Graduate Student Summer Fellowship for his thesis project, "State-Sponsored Gender Norms in Soviet Sport and Public Health, 1953-1964." He works with Dr. Roxanne Easley.



Catherine Colwell received a 2020-21 graduate teaching fellowship in the History Department. For her M.A. program, she intends to research German history in the Kaiserreich with Dr. Melissa Jordine—or the history of the IRA in Ireland with Dr. Jason Knirck.



Kaelen Sauriol received a 2020-21 graduate teaching fellowship in the History Department. She is working with Dr. Roxanne on a thesis related to 1920s Russian literary emigres.

Nathan Horton

received a 2020-21 graduate teaching fellowship in the History Department.



He is interested in modern U.S. history, particularly the roots of domestic terrorism. He will work under the direction of Dr. Stephen Moore.



KC Catey received a 2020-21 graduate fellowship to work with the Korean Studies grant project. For her MA, she hopes to specialize in US Foreign Policy,

under the direction of Dr. Moore.

The department loves connecting with alumni, so please let us hear from you! Send updates of your current whereabouts and activities to dormadyj@cwu.edu

Teaching and Research Assistants, 2020-21

Catherine Colwell
Nathan Horton
Max Graham
Jenny Findsen
Adam Robertson
Henry Jennings
Kendal Ridgeway
Kaelen Sauriol

Interested in being a graduate student at CWU and earning a MA degree in History? Send inquiries to roxanne.easley@cwu.edu.

Upper-Division Winter Courses

Medieval European History

with
Dr. Roxanne Easley

The US West

with
Dr. Daneil Herman

Vietnam

with
Dr. Marilyn Levine

Modern Britain

with
Ken Munsell

Germany Since 1815

with
Dr. Melissa Jordine

20th Century US History/1919-45

with
Dr. Stephen Moore

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Heather Young graduated from the CWU History program *magna cum laude* in 1994 and attended law school at Seattle University School of Law in 1997. She is now a partner in the legal firm of Tuell and Young practicing family law and domestic relations.

Heather recalls that her favorite class at CWU was Women's History with Dr. Karen Blair. She also has fond memories of Professors Lowther, Kramar, and LeRoy. "Dr. Kramar would walk in with a map under his arm, unroll it, and lecture for an hour with no notes at all. We rarely had need to reference the text book as his lectures were so thorough. He was a joy to listen to."

As a lawyer, she calls on the critical thinking, reading, and writing skills (particularly avoiding passive voice) honed while earning her history degree and participating in the Douglas Honors College.

Congratulaions, Heather Young. The Department is proud of you and your accomplishments.

Student Wins Dean's Award

Sukhmann Kuar Bajwa graduated from the History Department in Spring, 2020. Before she departed, the College of Arts and Humanities gave her the Unforgettable Student Award of 2020. Dean Jill Hernandez said that, "Sukhmann is an extraordinary woman committed to making the world a better place for all." She made a strong impression on Dr. Chong Eun Ahn who said the following: "Sukhmann is an intelligent and engaging individual who takes part in critical activities to raise awareness against racism and sexism on campus. She has participated in recruitment and retention activities for the Department of History, as one of the very few women students of color. At those events, she stands out as an experienced and confident senior who supports new students of color. Her participation in the Sikhs of Washington and Noor Foundation as a young Punjabi Sikh woman also contribute greatly to diversity and inclusivity on campus."

Sukhmann is now a graduate student at the University of Washington and a 2020-2021 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow in Urdu at the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies.

