2009-2010 Year in Review

FACULTY:

Daniel Herman won two awards at the College of Arts and Humanities banquet in May: for Distinguished Teaching and for summer research on the topic of Indian and settler relations in central Arizona.

Karen Blair won a College of Arts and Humanities award to prepare a new course in Public History.

Jason Knirck won a research leave for spring quarter and a sabbatical for 2010-11.

James Cook directed the Asia Pacific Studies Program and will escort twelve undergraduates, three graduate students and three mentors to China in summer 2010 to investigate rural environmental development. The trip is funded by the National Science Foundation.

Roxanne Easley directed the Humanities Program.

Thomas Wellock relocated to Washington, DC to work for the Nuclear Regulatory Agency, writing histories of nuclear power plants.

Michael Ervin relocated to Washington, DC to train for a career in the State Department.

Maurice Amutabi relocated to Kenya.

The faculty rewrote the Large Plan history major to increase from 60 to 74 credits, beginning in September of 2010.

Karen Blair co-chaired the campus and Ellensburg celebrations of the Centennial of Washington Woman Suffrage.

New adjuncts joined the department, Michael Duerre at night, Al Miller via distance education from Lynnwood, and Ian Stacy online.

Two new Visiting Assistant Professors were hired for 2010-11: Stephanie Ballenger and Brian Carroll.

Welcome!

GRADUATE STUDENTS:

Jennifer Oliphant was the winner of the Robert and Terry Topmiller Award for Best MA in History.

Karen Bailor won a Graduate School award for research in Utah on the topic of “Cooking Up a Nation: Food, Culture and Identity in Antebellum America.”

Karen Bailor and Jennifer Oliphant attended the Western Association of Women Historians conference in Tacoma.
Completion of Master’s Degrees with a Thesis: Susan Petershick and Jennifer Oliphant.


Completion of Master’s Degrees with Exam: Chris Banyai-Riepl, Pablo Ledesma, and Charles Acheson.

SOURCE participants: Rob Zakula and Karen Bailor

Julia James held an assistantship at Thorp Mill.

Rob Zakula tutored at the Writing Center.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS:

Phi Alpha Theta initiates were Karen Bailor, Matthew Gile, Ryan Ogle, Jennifer Oliphant, Lucas Prpich, and Andrew Willden.

William Skyler Norris won the Clareta Olmstead Smith award of $4000.

Philip Herman won the Barto Scholarship of tuition for 2010-11

SOURCE participants: Tony D’Amico and Randall Ward. Ward won distinction for his SOURCE presentation on Kittitas County Conservative Politics in History.

ALUMNI:

Attorney Steve Abbott won the College of Arts and Humanities award for Distinguished History Alumnus at the May banquet

Ian Stacy published an article in Environmental History.

Katie Pittner was admitted with funding to a doctoral program in Library Science at the University of Arizona.