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HIISTORY DEPARTMENT GETS NEW DOCUMENTARY AND ORAL HISTORY STUDIO

In the summer of 2012, the Loyola University Department of History launched its Documentary and Oral History Studio, a new program that combines the rigorous methodology of oral history with the stylistic considerations and visual storytelling techniques of documentary filmmaking.

The Studio differs in important ways from traditional oral history programs. Unlike the open-ended collection techniques used by libraries and archives, specific

scholarly objectives drive the work of the Studio. In both the classroom and the field, it prioritizes focused projects that exhibit potential for publication, whether as documentary films, textual publications, or scholarly presentations. At the same time, the Studio strives to maintain a high production standard in its work.

The Documentary and Oral History Studio is directed by Dr. Justin Nystrom of Loyola's History Department. His work includes a feature-

length documentary titled *This Haus of Memories*, and he is currently working on a book project about Sicilian New Orleans that combines oral history methodology with traditional textually-based archival work.

For more information you can contact Dr. Nystrom at jnystrom@loyno.edu or visit him during office hours in Bobet 432. You can also follow the Documentary and Oral History Studio on twitter @LoyolaDOHS

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

As this fall semester comes to an end and construction continues all around us, its nice to know that it is not all for naught. Like many degree programs here at Loyola the history department continues to grow, this year we've had one of our highest enrollments on record.

Likewise the department continues to expand, hiring two new professor with backgrounds in African American and Southeast Asian history. Furthermore there is an ongoing search to hire an African historian for the fall of 2013. With that in mind, we are more than just numbers

and growth. All of us share a love and passion for history, so feel free to come by at any time. We are still on the 4th floor of Bobet and our doors are always open.

-Chad Landrum, *Clio's Report* editor

INTRODUCING: DR. SANJOG RUPAKHETI

Dr. Sanjog Rupakheti comes to Loyola University New Orleans from Kathmandu, Nepal. He received his Ph.D. from Rutgers University specializing in state-making, hand histories of law, kingship, slavery, gender, family, and labor relations in the Himalayan region. His interest in this topic stems from growing up in Nepal and his encounters with bond-laborers (*kamaiyas*) and political upheaval. These encounters caused him to become interested in the historical origins of such institutions and question how they were

able to persist.

Dr. Rupakheti was attracted to Loyola because of its dedication to social justice and fight against inequality, something he is very passionate about. He hopes to strengthen the Asian Studies Minor by bringing his unique perspective to the program, and through offering a variety of courses in his field. He loves the city of New Orleans and finds its history of cultural exchange, with similar examples of inequality, to be quite interesting.



INTRODUCING: DR. ASHLEY HOWARD

Dr. Ashley Howard comes to Loyola University New Orleans from Chicago, Illinois. A native of Omaha, Nebraska Dr. Howard wrote her doctoral dissertation, [Prairie Fires: Urban Rebellions as Black Working Class Politics in Three Midwestern Cities](#), as an expansion of her master's thesis which focused specifically on Omaha. Her interest in this particular area of history stems from growing up in the Midwest and what she calls her, "mission to bring to light the hidden or misunderstood moments in the black experience."

Dr. Howard was initially attracted to Loyola because of its commitment to social justice and

the history department's philosophy of training students to be well informed citizens of the United States and the world. In the future she hopes to expand the African American Studies minor with courses focusing on topics like comparative slavery and the incarceration of African Americans, which would possibly have a service learning component. Dr. Howard thinks that New Orleans is the "best classroom in the world." Besides its historical value, Dr. Howard loves the food, fun, and weather of New Orleans. She is excited to be a part of the Loyola community and hopes to offer courses that are both rigorous

and interesting for students, leaving them with more questions than answers.



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**– Chad Landrum,
Class of 2013**

STUDENTS SHARE HIS STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

As a student of history and medieval studies in almost every class at some point or another the professor would talk about castle and cathedrals and lament on the sheer effect that they had on the medieval mind. We would also learn about the lay out of cities, construction of walls, climate, geography, etc. While all of this made sense to me, it wasn't until I actually set

foot inside a real gothic cathedral that I fully understood. Studying abroad in Belgium and Spain really brought the medieval world to life for me. It made real for me everything that I had studied up to that point. I profoundly affected just to be where the history happens. So, I would greatly encourage you to study abroad, its much more affordable than you think and in most

cases you will still graduate on time. Being able to connect with history on a personal level, no matter where you go, is a valuable experience for a student of history. I would encourage to go where your interest led you and learn even more about that place and people. Studying abroad really did change my perspective, and hopefully it will change yours

SPEND YOUR SUMMER IN BELGIUM

Earn six hours of academic credit while living in the centrally located university town of Leuven, Belgium. The program is open to all students at Loyola and offers courses related to the regions visited during the program. Places visited included Brussels, Bruges, Amsterdam, Cologne, Verdun, and Bouillon. All of the visits include tours of cultural and historical sites related to the course offered. Student stay in the Loyola House, a residence operated by Loyola University Maryland. Only a 10 minute walk from the center of old Leuven. The location offers access to museums, restaurants, stores, and gardens. Facilities are shared with local

and international students, and Loyola students have always found the cultural exchange to be enjoyable. Independent travel is encouraged and students will have one two-day and one three-day weekend to facilitate such travel. Leuven is only 25 minutes by train from Brussels, one hour and 20 minutes from Paris, and two hours from London. For more information contact the program directors Dr. David W. Moore and Rev. Robert Gerlich, S.J. at dmoore@loyno.edu and gerlich@loyno.edu



MEET YOUR OFFICERS FOR THE 2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR

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Upcoming Events for Spring 2013

- > Back to school meeting and movie
January 10th, 8pm, location TBA
- > Historical Museum Trip
January 26th, 11am, Museum TBA
- > Southern Plantation Visit
March 16th, Time and Location TBA
- > Spring Picnic
April 13th, 11am, Audubon Park
Across from Holy Name of Jesus Church



James F. Thomas was part of the 1st place team at the Franklin and Marshall mock trial competition.

WHAT'S NEW WITH PRE-LAW

Loyola's relatively new BA in History with a Pre-Law concentration is showing signs of steady growth and success. Entering its second year, the program now participates at the President's Open House as part of its recruitment program. While the degree is still in history it focuses on the legal aspects of history by requiring certain pre-law courses. It also trains students to formally debate in a courtroom style in

the "Global Issues" class.

This special focus on law and courtroom preparation is already showing signs of success amongst the program's students. Loyola student James F. Thomas recently was a part of the 1st place team at the Franklin and Marshall mock trial competition. Likewise, pre-law student Bridget Balsam participated in a legal research internship this last summer with the Chicago, Illi-

nois prosecutor's office.

If you are interested in learning more about the minor you can contact Dr. Mark Fernandez, the Pre-law advisor, at mfernandez@loyno.edu or visit him during office hours in Bobet 424.