

# Newsletter

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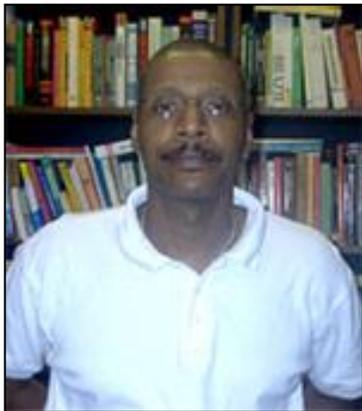
## Letter from the Chairperson:

Hello,

I would like to welcome everyone back to campus. I hope that this year will be just as exciting and productive as the last. In our quest to enhance the academic and university experiences of our students, we will continue to offer new undergraduate and graduate programs. Our faculty continues to contribute to their fields of study, publishing books and articles as well as by presenting their scholarship at national and international conferences. We have sponsored conferences and will invite our esteemed colleagues from across the globe to come to the University of Houston in order to present their research.

In March 2018, our juniors and seniors came together to learn about the career options they could have from majoring in History. The Department's annual "History Day" allowed our students to meet representatives from the University's Career Services, and several deans and faculty from the Law Center, the College of Education, and the M.D. Anderson Library. Ms. Julie Kavanaugh, the U.S. Diplomat in Residence, delivered the Keynote lecture entitled "History B.A. Degrees and the State Department." A number of History faculty also shared their expertise and research interests in Women's history, the importance of Digital History, Food and History, publishing opportunities for undergraduates, as well as employing the History degree in non-traditional ways.

To prepare our students to participate in the global economy, I happy to announce that our new Professional Studies Concentration within the major was approved by the University. The nine-hour concentration provides our history majors with the opportunity to focus their coursework on career areas such as energy and environment, law, medicine and health or public history (museums, archives and libraries, government and non-governmental organizations.) Our new Director of the Undergraduate Program, Dr. Cihan Yüksel Muslu, will administer the undergraduate program. Ms. Norma Sides, the department's Undergraduate Academic Adviser, will assist Professor Muslu in the daily operations of the program. We are excited that next year, our Graduate Program will offer a new fellowship to an in-coming Ph.D. candidate. The Moores Fellowship in African American history will be awarded to the best student who arrives to study African American history.



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In addition, Dr. Richard Mizelle, Professor of American History, has been appointed the new Director of the Graduate Program in History. He replaces Dr. Karl Ittmann who completed a successful three-year term as the director.

During the first week of May 2018, Dr. Sally Vaughn invited scholars of medieval history to participate in an International Conference on St. Anselm of Aosta, Bec, and Canterbury. The conference focused on the roles that St. Anselm played as a theologian, statesman, administrator and teacher. Those who attended came from across the country as well as from Europe.

The faculty continues to publish their research. Dr. Horne had the University of Illinois Press publish *The Rise and Fall of the Associated Negro Press*. Later this academic year, the University of California Press will publish Dr. Wintersteen's monograph entitled *The Fishmeal Revolution*, while Routledge Press will publish Dr. Walther's *Harvey Milk*. I am also pleased to announce that Dr. Holt received a NEH Grant to complete his current book project on the origins and influence of coins had on ancient Greece while Dr. Hernández obtained a Fulbright to travel to the Philippines to carry out his research on Spanish imperialism.

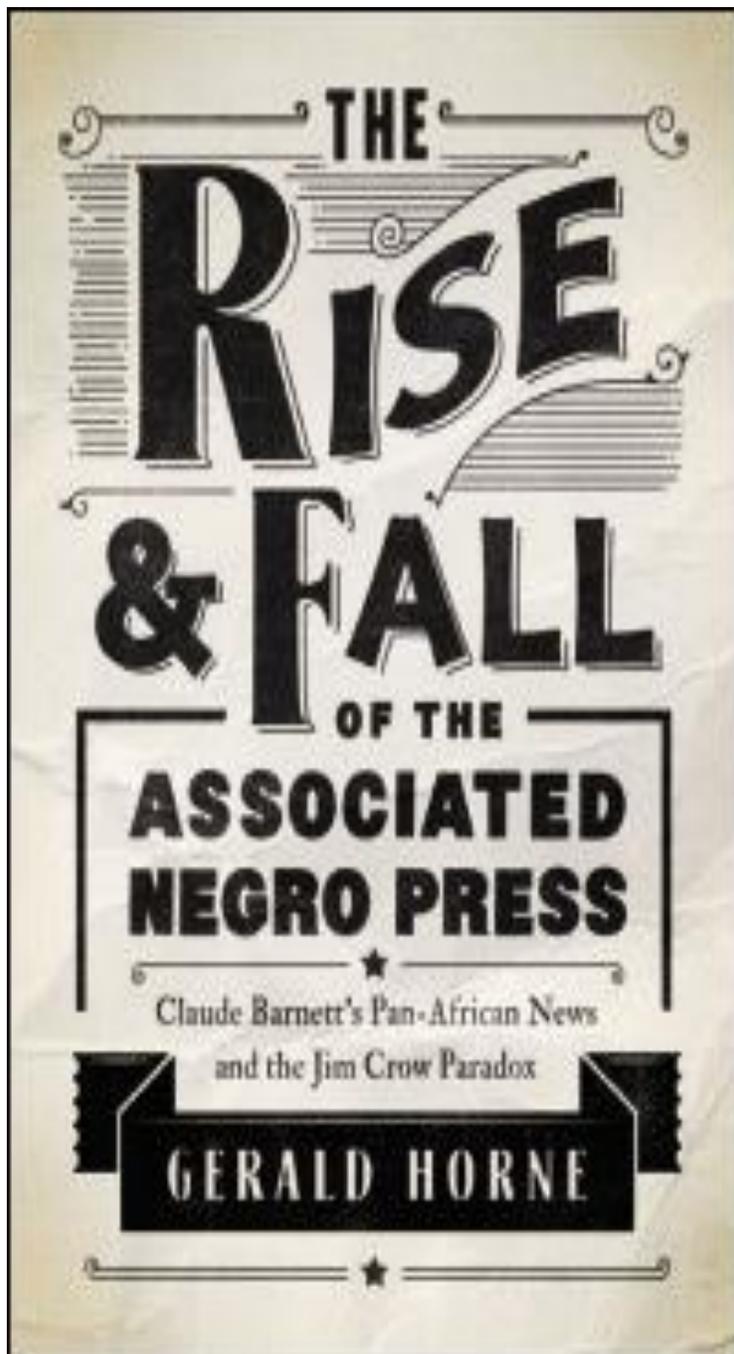
We had to say goodbye to more than several senior professors who retired last spring after contributing greatly to the mission of the Department while enhancing its national reputation. Dr. Lawrence Curry had taught the American history survey before 1877 as Professor Emeritus since 2001. Dr. Curry started his tenure as an Assistant Professor of American History in 1968. Dr. Susan Kellogg arrived in 1991 as an Assistant Professor of Colonial Mexican History. She not only authored and co-authored six books but was an outstanding professor in the classroom and an administrator. Dr. Kellogg was appointed the first female chair of the Department of History. Professor Kellogg served as chair from 2003 to 2006. Dr. James Kirby Martin also retired. Dr. Martin's tenure in the department spanned almost four decades. In the mid 1980s, he was responsible for the creation of two NEH-Cullen endowed chairs in History and Business and in History and Law. Professor Martin's credentials as a leading historian of Colonial American history, especially the for the Revolutionary War era. As a leading figure in his field, Dr. Martin was appointed as Senior Visiting Professor in 2015 and in 2017 at both The Citadel and West Point Military Academy. Dr. Martin Melosi, Distinguished University Professor of History and the Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen University Professor said goodbye as well. Arriving in 1984, Dr. Melosi immediately established the Center for Public History and served as its Director until 2017. His national and international reputation as one of the most eminent American urban environmental historians was based upon the amazing level and quality of his scholarship that included 6 books, 50 book chapters and over 30 journal articles. Finally, Robert C. Palmer, the Cullen Professor of History and Law is also retiring this year. Palmer is the author of five books and nineteen scholarly articles on varied Medieval Anglo-American Legal Traditions.

Although we had to say goodbye to our esteemed colleagues, in August of this year, we welcomed Dr. David McNally to the department. Dr. McNally is a Professor of Political Economy and the History of capitalism. He joins us as the new NEH-Cullen Distinguished Professor of History and Business. Dr. McNally comes to us after having taught at York University in Toronto, Canada and after obtaining an international reputation as one of the leading authorities on the history of capitalism. Professor McNally is the author of seven books: *Political Economy and the Rise of Capitalism* (1988); *Global Slump: The Economics and Politics of Crisis and Resistance* (2011); *Monsters of the Market: Zombies, Vampires and Global Capitalism* (2011), each of which garnered international acclaim. Professor McNally was awarded the 2012 *Deutscher Memorial Award* and the 2012 *Paul Sweezy Award* from the American Sociological Association. Professor McNally's current book project is on the history of money from ancient Greece up to the late twentieth century in America. He will offer courses in both the History Department and in the School of Business. Next spring 2019, Dr. McNally will begin to work on establishing a center for the study of capitalism.

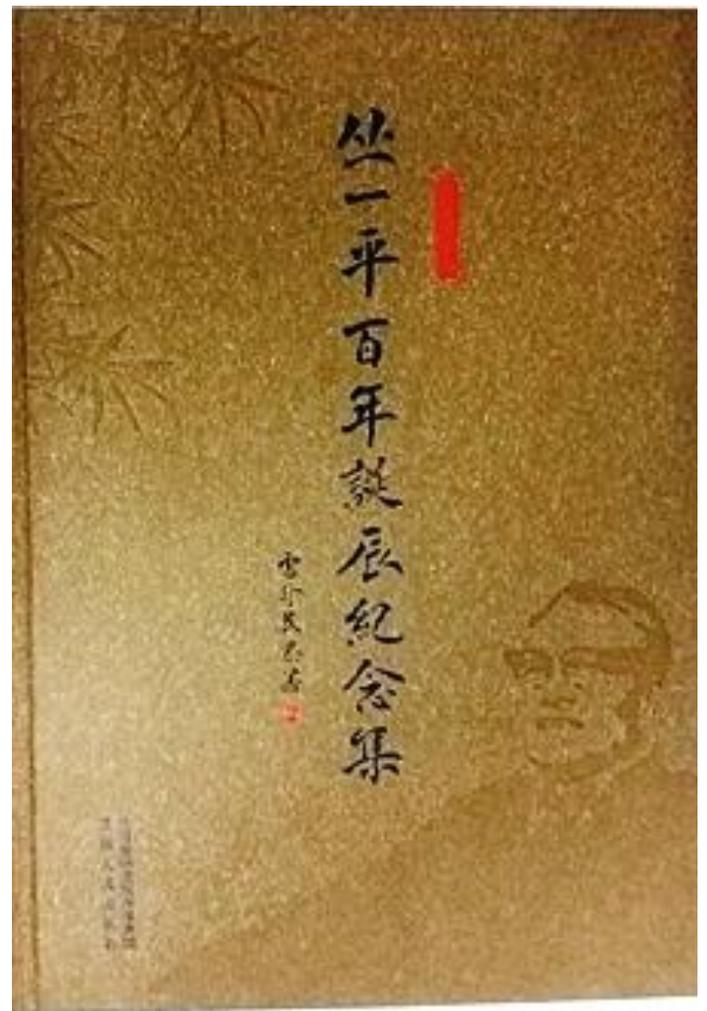
As the year progresses, and as Houston grows and quickly becomes the third largest city in the country, our department also evolves and continually seeks to maintain its International reputation with its productive faculty. In this spirit, I wish everyone a successful and productive year and look forward to serving as your Chair.

## Faculty News

**Gerald Horne**, The John J. and Rebecca Moores Professor of History and African American Studies, *The Rise and Fall of the Associated Negro Press: Claude Barnett's Pan-African News and the Jim Crow Paradox*, (University of Illinois Press, 2017).



Professor Xiaopoing Cong, *Cong Yiping bainian danchen jinianji* (丛一平百年诞辰纪念集) [A memorial collection celebrating Cong Yiping's one hundred years] (ed.), Xi'an: Shaanxi renmin chubanshe, 2017.





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*Selected Articles published in 2017*

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Xiaopoing Cong, “From Literati to Modern Teachers: The Identity Transformation of the Educated Elites in Early 20th Century China,” *The Chinese Historical Review* 24: 2 (Nov. 2017): 146-65.

Alexey Golubev, “‘A Wonderful Song of Wood’: Heritage Architecture of North Russia and the Soviet Quest for Historical Authenticity,” *Rethinking Marxism* 29.1 (2017): 142–172.

Alexey Golubev, “Prokrustovo lozhe binarnykh oppozitsii [A Procrustean bed of binary oppositions],” *Istoricheskaia ekspertiza*, no. 3 (2017): 58–64.

Kristina Neumann, “The Third Side of the Coin: Using Google Earth to Visualize Numismatic Data” – in *Digital Classics Online*, *BD. 3,3* (2017)

<https://journals.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/index.php/dco/issue/view/3685>

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*Selected Articles published in 2017*  
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Natalia Milanesio, “Descamisados, divitos y mucamas. La vestimenta como expresión de estereotipos y ansiedades de clase durante el peronismo” in **Pasado de moda. Expresiones culturales y consumo en la Argentina**, edited by Susan Hallstead and Regina Root (Buenos Aires: Ampersand, 2017).

Frank Holt, “I, of the Storm” *Aramco World* 68.3 (May/June 2017): 22-27.

Catherine Patterson, “Whose city? Civic government and Episcopal power in early modern Salisbury, c.1590–1640” *Historical Research* 90 (August 2017): 486-505

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# Graduate Student News

## Awards, Honors, and Prizes, and Papers Delivered:

A record number of our graduate students won dissertation completion fellowships, grants, monies and promotions. Below is a brief list of this news from 2016.

Ally Castillo (Kellogg) completed her Ph.D. in June 2016 (“Constructing Race: The Catholic Church and the Evolution of Racial Categories in Colonial Mexico, 1521-1700”) and has taken a one-year position at Goucher College in Baltimore teaching Latin American history for 2017.

For the 2017-2018 academic year Rikki Bettinger (Kellogg) completed her PhD in 2018 and also received the Margaret Henson Award for Best Paper in Women’s History for her paper “More than a Gaze and an Exchange: North American Women in Mexico and Cuba, 1830-1850.”

Alex LaRotta (Perales & Goldberg) received the Stanley Siegel Prize for in May 2017 from the UH History Department, for the best seminar paper, conference paper, thesis or dissertation chapter, or article written by a graduate student and dealing with an aspect of Texas History.

Alex LaRotta (Perales, Goldberg)

received the Inter-University Program for Latino Research/Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in 2018 for his dissertation, *Young, Gifted, and Brown: The History of San Antonio’s West Side Sound*. The IUPLR/Mellon fellowship supports humanities doctoral students writing dissertations in Latina/o Studies and funds the completion of the dissertation and a two-week Latina/o Studies summer institute in Chicago.

Tara Sewell (Holt) received a nationally competitive grant to participate in the Eric P. Newman Graduate Seminar at the American Numismatic Society in New York (Summer 2017). She also received the Helen M Douthitt Endowed Scholarship and a Cullen Fellowship Travel Grant.

Alberto Wilson III (Perales) presented his paper “No port of entry outside of El Paso is necessary;” *Altering Border Landscapes in El Paso-Ciudad Juárez, 1907-1917,*” at the Third Annual UTEP Borderlands History Conference in February 2018.

Paula Davis Hoffman (Howard) presented her paper, “Ay, Pero, This Paper is Like Literally About Chongas: How a Subculture of Young Cuban-American Women Rose to Challenge Their Community’s Privileged Racial Identity” at Latino Studies Now, the third biennial conference of the Latino Studies Association in Washington DC

Matthew Finnie (Holt) received a nationally competitive fellowship to attend the 2018 American School of Classical Studies at Athens. He spent the summer doing on-site research for his dissertation on Ancient Greek religion. His ASCSA participation was funded by a Murray Miller Dissertation Research Scholarship and the Louis and Frieda Kestenberg Scholarship.

Tara Sewell-Lasater (Holt) won the 2018 Margaret Henson Award for Best Paper in Women's History ("Berenice II of Egypt: A Coinage Conundrum") based on her work as a 2017 American Numismatic Society Summer Fellow in New York. She presented a paper "Amazons: The Myth, the Meme, the Reality" at the Texas Classical Association, University of Texas, October 27-28, 2017 and gave a similar talk for the Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers 2018 Spring Webinar Series.

Alberto Wilson III (Perales) and Paula Davis Hoffman (Howard) presented on a community panel titled "Documenting Hurricane Harvey: The Houston Jewish Community," at Houston's Brith Shalom Congregation in June 2018. They presented from oral histories they conducted in Dr. Mark Goldberg's graduate oral history course in the spring, which is a part of the Resilient Houston: Documenting Hurricane Harvey project in the UH Center for Public History.

In 2017, the Ancient World Research Group hosted a public lecture by Tara Sewell on "Berenice II," which allowed this graduate student an opportunity to speak to a wide audience about her research at the American Numismatic Society.

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Samantha Rodriguez (Perales) delivered a paper titled "Laboring for Racial and Gender Liberation: Tejana Cultural Activism in the Protest Era" at the annual meeting of the Labor and Working Class History Association in Seattle, Washington on June 23, 2017.

Matthew Finnie was selected in a national competition to attend the 2018 American School of Classical Studies in Athens. Founded in 1881, ASCSA is the preeminent center for the study of the Greek world and has primary responsibility for all American archaeological research in Greece. While in Greece, Matthew will participate in the session "Ancient Greek Religion in Situ" led by Professor Irene Polinskaya of King's College, London.

Taylor Mankin (Vaughn ph. D. student) presented a paper on "From Anglo-Danes to Anglo-Normans: How the Normans Recognized and Used Surviving Danish Elements in Creating Anglo-Norman England after 1066." on August 24-25, 2017, at the conference "The North as Home," Nordic Research Network Conference, Aberdeen, Scotland, UK.

Alex LaRotta (Goldberg and Perales) received the Ernesto Valdes Oral History Prize for "Pass the Naan" in May 2016. He also was awarded the Stanley Siegel Prize for Best Paper in Texas History for "Young, Gifted, and Brown: La Onda Chicana in San Antonio's West Side Sound," in May 2017. Mr. LaRotta received the Cullen Fellowship Travel Grant in May 2017 and the Murray Miller Scholarship, Summer/Fall 2017. Finally, he received the William J. Hill Visiting Researcher Travel Grant in Summer 2017.

# Faculty Grants and Awards

In Fall 2017, Professor Alexey Golubev served as an external reviewer of the *National Center of Science and Technology Evaluation*, Republic of Kazakhstan.

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Professor Golubev was also awarded a number of awards, both internal and external

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CLASS Project Completion Grant, \$2,000

CLASS New Faculty Program Award, \$6,000

UH Provost Travel Fund, \$875

Research Fellowship, German Historical Institute in Moscow, Russia 2018

In 2018 : Professor Wintersteen was awarded a Faculty Leaders Program Fellow, Pardee-RAND Graduate School

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Dr. Kristin Wintersteen was one of 14 faculty from institutions around the country selected to participate in a multi-disciplinary workshop on public policy hosted by the Pardee-RAND Graduate School (Santa Monica, CA). During the weeklong summer program she developed elements of her ongoing collaborative project, “Harvey’s Houston: Landscapes of Risk and Resilience.”

In 2017, Professor Kristin Wintersteen was also awarded the Provost's Scholarship for the Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity

(<https://www.facultydiversity.org/fsp-bootcamp>)

Dr. Wintersteen was awarded a Provost's Scholarship to fund her participation in the Summer 2017 session of the *Faculty Success Program*, organized by the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity. The program convened faculty peer groups in both online and on-campus settings with the aim of supporting tenure-track faculty as they move through successive stages of their careers.

Mark Goldberg was awarded a Teaching Excellence Provost Core Award in 2018, and also the following Research Grants from the University

Research Progress Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of Houston

Small Grants Program, Division of Research, University of Houston to conduct research on his 2<sup>nd</sup> book project, *Double Diasporas: Understanding a Latina/Latino Jewish Past*

Professor Frank Holt was awarded a CLASS Project Completion Grant (\$500): "Mummy Research" 2018

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**In 2018, Professor Frank Holt was awarded a \$45,000 Grant titled "A Social History of Money: From Crises to Crypto Currency" by the National Endowment for the Humanities!**

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## Professor Natalia Milanesio given 2017 Honorable Mention for “Best History Book” by Argentina’s *Academia Nacional de la Historia*

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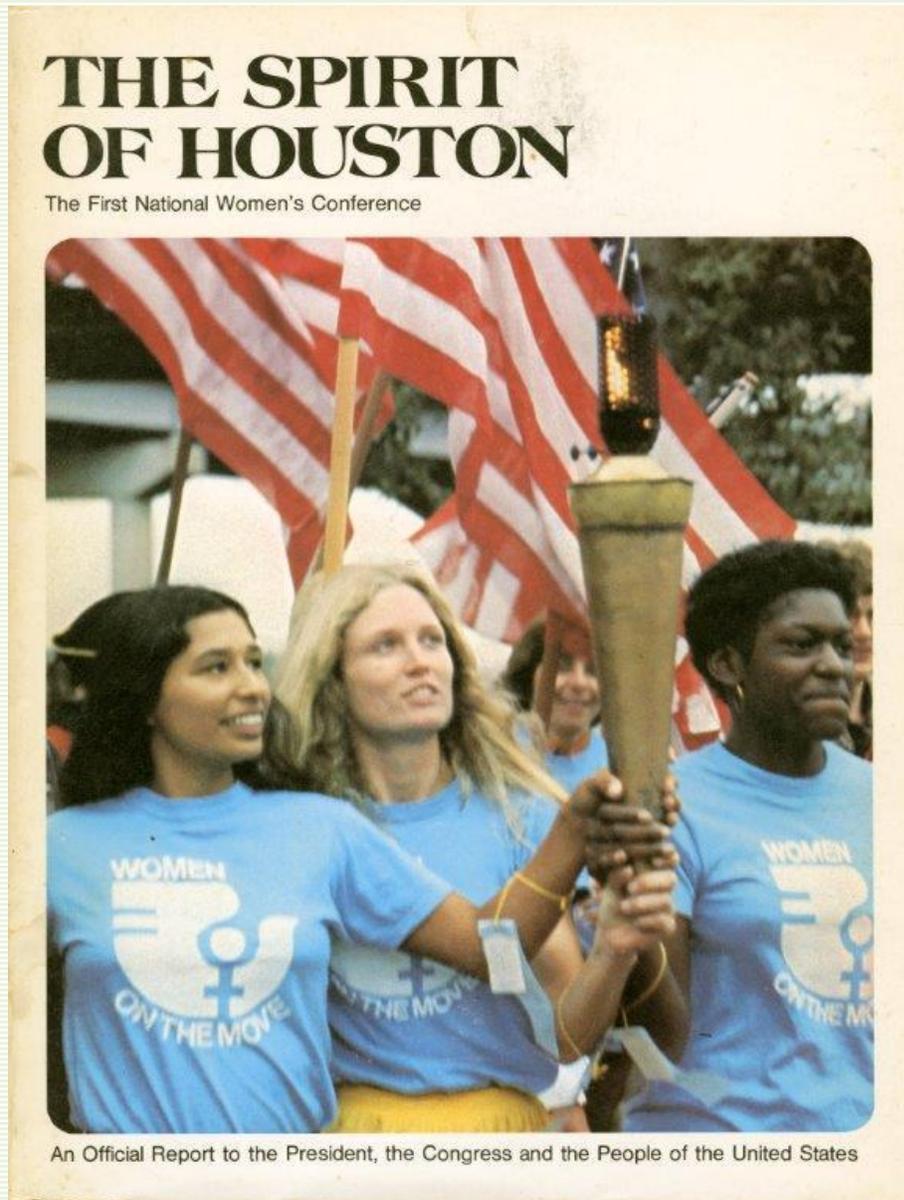
Professor Natalia Milanesio was also awarded a University of Houston Provost Faculty Travel Fund, 2017

Professor Monica Perales was awarded the 2018 **UH Teaching Excellence Award – Community Engagement**. This award is given to full-time faculty who involve students in service to the community through service learning activities or community engagement projects related to courses that they teach demonstrating leadership in advancing students’ civic learning, fostering reciprocal community partnerships, building institutional commitments to service-learning and civic engagement, and other means of enhancing higher education’s contributions to the public good.

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Professor Kristina Neumann was a finalist for the 2018 *Hiett Prize* through the Dallas Humanities Institute. Per the award’s description, “The Hiett Prize in the Humanities is an annual award of \$50,000 aimed at identifying candidates who are ascending in a career devoted to the humanities and whose work shows extraordinary promise to have a significant impact on contemporary culture. Finalists are determined from a nationwide field of applicants, after which they will be considered by a select panel of judges.”

Professor Leandra Zarnow, Together with Dr. Nancy Beck Young, “Gender, the State, and the 1977 International Women’s Year Conference,” Summer Seminar at University of Houston, National Endowment for the Humanities, U.S. Government (\$71,600). With Dr. Nancy Beck Young, we raised approximately \$40,000 from on campus units and off campus donors to put on a national two-day conference, “The National Women’s Conference: Taking 1977 Into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” The conference featured 100 panelists bringing together former 1977 conference participants, academics, and activists on 25 panels during November 6-7, 2017.



1977, Houston, Texas hosted the National Women’s Conference, the only federally funded and most diverse gathering of American women in U.S. history held in conjunction with the United Nations International Women’s Year. Congress passed bi-partisan legislation and appropriated \$5 million for 2000 delegates to debate and draft a twenty-six plank National Plan of Action at a four-day policy convention. Lead up state meetings, held in all fifty states and six territories brought together over 150,000 additional participants tasked with setting a broad-based agenda that considered issues from foreign affairs to childcare, sexual preference to disability. The resulting report, *The Spirit of Houston*, was presented to President Jimmy Carter in March 1978.



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210 Agnes Arnold Hall  
September 12, 2018

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# Alumni News



Frances Joseph (Holt, PhD, 2016) has received an internationally competitive multi-year post-doc for the European Research Council project 'Silver and the Origin of Money in the Early Mediterranean World'. She will spend 2017-2019 working with research teams in France and Belgium. She has also just returned from China where she presented a research paper on the coinages of Central Asia.

Dr. John Huntington received a travel grant from the *Hoover Institution*, Stanford University.

Justin Tyree (Vaughn MA candidate) presented a paper on *Anglo-Saxons, Icelanders, and Gotlanders: Connecting Medieval Germanic Culture Through Legal Discourse*, August 17-18, 2017, at the conference "The North as Home," sponsored by the Northern Research Network Conference, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland, UK

George Petagrew was accepted into the summer 2018 UH Mellon Research Scholars program. Petagrew was one of only a few students accepted to this elite program, which includes a \$5,000 scholarship, a graduate school camp in May 2018, and support for a full-time summer research experience. As part of this program, I will be Petagrew's mentor in summer 2018 on his chosen topic of imperialism, especially as it plays out within the ancient Roman world.

A former history undergraduate - La'Nora Jefferson – was accepted into the PhD program in the Department of History at Rutgers University. She will be studying 20<sup>th</sup> century African American History.

Julie Cohn, UH Ph.D. 2013, Research Historian, Center for Public History. Dr. Cohn's book, *The Grid: Biography of an American Technology*, will be published in October 2017 by The MIT Press. For more information, please see: <https://mitpress.mit.edu/books/grid>

Alex LaRotta (Goldberg & Perales) was named a 2018-2019 Mellon Dissertation Fellow. The mission of this program is to foster, mentor, and professionalize a national cohort of Humanities doctoral students focusing on Latino Studies in order to maximize effective progress to complete the PhD and increase job-market readiness.

Samantha Rodriguez (Perales) was hired as a professor of history in the Houston Community College System, where she teaches the US History survey and courses in Humanities and the US minority experience in the dual credit program.

Sanea Sakhiani (Perales & Romero, MA, 2018) was hired to be the new Community Outreach Coordinator for Preservation Houston.

Marina Donlevy Shimer (Young, MA, 2017) was named the Director of the Houston Fire Museum.

Andrew Gustafson (Patterson, M.A., 2012) was recently appointed Curator for Interpretation at the Johnson County Museum in Overland Park, KS (metropolitan Kansas City). He had previously been a Curator at the Bryan Museum in Galveston, TX.