

**Degrees Available at SIUE**

- Master of Arts in History
- Master of Science in Integrative Studies - Cultural Heritage and Resources Management
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Historical Studies (Cooperative doctoral program with Southern Illinois University Carbondale)

A secondary education history teaching focus is available with our Master of Science in Education (MSEd) in curriculum and instruction.

**Post-Baccalaureate Certificate**

- Museum Studies

**Program Format**

Courses are available in online, weekday, evening and weekend formats.

**History at SIUE**

The graduate program in the Department of Historical Studies contributes to the personal enrichment of students, as well as lifelong learning skills and recognition of responsibilities as members of a society composed of many communities of memory. Graduates of the program, housed within the College of Arts and Sciences, leave SIUE with a firm education in the liberal arts and with excellent communication and critical thinking skills.

**Career Opportunities**

The master's in history serves as important preparation for the pursuit of a variety of career opportunities. Some students choose to pursue careers as history instructors, while others choose to pursue careers in various other fields. According to PayScale Inc. in the Wall Street Journal, mid-career history graduates earn an average salary of \$71,000.

Recent SIUE graduates are currently employed at places such as the National Archives in Washington, D.C.; the Department of Defense in St. Louis; Johns Hopkins University; St. Louis Science Center; St. Louis Public Library; and George Mason University, among others.

Some of our students go on to pursue PhD programs, and have most recently completed or are currently enrolled in programs at Kent State, University of New Hampshire, Georgetown, Yale, UCLA, University of Nebraska, Western Michigan, Indiana University, University of Oklahoma, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, and many others.

**Hands-on Learning**

Students at SIUE have the opportunity to participate in internships and community-based projects while pursuing each of the programs offered. Past internship placements in St. Louis include:

- Missouri History Museum
- National Archives and Records Center
- National Park Service
- St. Louis Zoo
- St. Louis Science Center
- Campbell House
- Jefferson Barracks
- St. Louis Court Archives.

Students have also completed internships at places such as the Benjamin Stephenson House in Edwardsville, Ill.; The Gardens at SIUE; SIUE University Museum; and Cahokia Mounds in Collinsville, Ill.

Our students have also participated in community-based projects, which have included oral history projects at the Edwardsville Public Library and Granite City Lincoln Place Historical Society; Lewis and Clark Camp Dubois; Archives of the Archdiocese of Chicago; Maryville Historical Museum and Schmidt Art Center at SWIC. Practicums are offered as a class (HIST 582) and are available as an elective available in all programs.

**Admission Requirements**

- Graduate School application and \$40 fee
- Submission of all academic transcripts
- Minimum 3.0 (A=4.0) GPA
- Successful completion of a bachelor's degree prior to enrollment and preparation in the discipline equivalent to at least an undergraduate minor (18 credit hours in history)

**Graduate Faculty****Graduate Program****Directors Historical Studies****Erik B. Alexander, PhD**

Coordinator of Co-Op Phd Program  
19th Century United States, Civil War  
2011, University of Virginia

**Jennifer A. Miller, PhD**

Modern Europe, Germany and Turkey, Women and Gender  
2008, Rutgers University

**Graduate Program Director  
Museum Studies****Laura Milsk Fowler, PhD**

Museum Studies and Public History, Modern American History, Illinois, Urban  
2003, Loyola University, Chicago

**African-American History****Jessica C. Harris, PhD**

20th Century African-American, Urban, Women  
2011, Cornell University

**Victoria Harrison, PhD**

19th Century African-American, Vietnam  
2008, St. Louis University

**Bryan M. Jack, PhD**

African-American, St. Louis, the American South  
2004, St. Louis University

**American History****Jeffrey T. Manuel, PhD**

20th Century United States, Public and Oral History, History of Technology  
2009, University of Minnesota

**Rowena McClinton, PhD**

Native American, United States, History Pedagogy  
1996, University of Kentucky

**Robert E. Paulett, PhD**

Early American, History of Landscape and Cartography  
2006, William and Mary

**Jason E. Stacy, PhD**

Antebellum United States, Cultural History, Digital Editing  
2006, Loyola University, Chicago

**European History****Carole Collier Frick, PhD**

Renaissance Italy, Early Modern Europe, Feminist Theory  
1995, UCLA

**Non-Western History****Anthony Q. Cheeseboro, PhD**

Africa  
1993, Michigan State

**Christienne L. Hinz, PhD**

Japan, Business, Women  
2001, The Ohio State University

**Thomas Jordan, PhD**

Latin America, Brazil  
2000, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign

**Stephen E. Tamari, PhD**

Middle East/Ottoman, Arab, Cultural and Intellectual  
1998, Georgetown University

**Allison K. Thomason, PhD**

Ancient World, Ancient Near East, Art History, Archaeology  
1999, Columbia University

**Kathleen Vongsathorn, PhD**

Africa, History of Medicine  
2012, University of Oxford

## Admission Requirements cont.

- International Applicants: Proof of English Proficiency, minimum requirements are TOEFL (79), IELTS (6.5) or equivalent
- Two letters of recommendation
- An academic writing sample
- Statement of Purpose: A one-page letter of intent discussing their preparation for graduate study in history, their area(s) of historical interest and their career goals.

Program application materials may be uploaded during the application process, but official transcripts must be sent directly from the school attended, and test scores must be verifiable with the appropriate testing service. Please contact the Graduate Admissions office with questions regarding the application submission process at [graduateadmissions@siue.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@siue.edu).

## Application Deadline

All application materials are due by February 1 for fall admission and November 1 for spring admission. The Department's graduate program committee will review application materials and make a final determination of admittance normally by March 1 for fall admission and December 1 for spring admission.

## Cooperative Doctoral Program

Faculty in the Department of Historical Studies participate with faculty from the Department of History at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in offering a cooperative program leading to the Doctor of Philosophy in history. Prospective students may initiate application procedures at either campus and may enroll in courses at either or both campuses concurrently. The doctoral degree is conferred by Southern Illinois University Carbondale. For more detailed information, students may contact either department directly.

## Graduation Requirements

Students who follow a thesis plan of study will be required to pass an oral defense of the thesis and related historical material and submit a final draft to the Graduate School.

Upon completion of the coursework, students pursuing the exam option must pass a written examination, at least three hours long, covering one principal and two secondary fields. They are also required to pass an oral examination based on their written exams, portfolio and related historical material. The chairperson of the student's advisory committee will provide guidance to the student regarding the nature of the portfolio and examination. Such guidance will include a list of readings compiled by the advisory committee, which, in conjunction with the student's coursework, will serve as the basis for the examination.

Exam option students intending to take examinations in the spring semester must declare their intention to take examinations by **September 15** of the preceding fall semester. Students intending to take examinations in the fall semester must declare their intention to do so by **April 1** of the preceding spring semester.

Declaring an intention to take exams requires students to form an exam committee and, in consultation with their committee, establish reading lists for the exams.

Spring semester written exams must be completed by April 1 and an oral examination based on the written exams and the portfolio must be held by April 15.

Fall semester written exams must be completed by November 15 and an oral examination based on the written exams and the portfolio must be held by December 5. Generally, master's-level exams will not be scheduled during the summer term.

## Curriculum

Both thesis and non-thesis plans of study are available. Students pursuing either the thesis or the non-thesis plan must complete a minimum of 33 semester hours. All entering students are required to take a two-semester sequence of History 555 (Graduate Seminar in History and Theory) and History 556 (Graduate Seminar in Historical Research). Students may also apply to participate in an internship program that allows them to obtain practical experience in non-teaching career fields related to history. In addition to the 33 semester hours required, all students must demonstrate a reading knowledge of a foreign language (modern or classical) or complete an appropriate research tool course or courses, chosen in consultation with and approved by the Graduate Program Director. This requirement can be completed through the following options:

- passage of an examination showing mastery of translation
- completion of four semesters of college-level study in a single language with an average of C or better (through coursework or completion exam)
- completion of a language in translation course with a grade of B or better
- completion of an appropriate research tool course with a grade of B or better.

Students must earn a grade of "B" or better in each course counting toward their graduate degree, with the exception of foreign languages. Candidates for the Master of Arts in history may pursue one of the two following plans of study:

## Thesis Option

Students complete 33 hours of graduate credit, three of which represent the Graduate Core Seminar in History and Theory (HIST 555); three are the Graduate Seminar in Historical Research (HIST 556) and six of which represent a well-conceived thesis on a topic chosen in consultation with a faculty advisory committee. Enrollment in HIST 599 is required. Students will prepare a research plan during the semester or summer immediately preceding their first HIST 599 class. Students will present the research plan to the chair of his or her committee and will then distribute it to the rest of the committee. It is strongly suggested that the entire committee and the student meet together to comment on the plan. Students will not receive an instructor permit to register for HIST 599 until this process is complete.

## Exam Option

This plan emphasizes breadth of historical understanding while not ignoring research techniques. Students concentrating in one primary and two complementary secondary areas of emphasis complete 33 hours of graduate credit, which includes completion of the Graduate Core Seminar in History and Theory (HIST 555) (three credit hours) and the Graduate Seminar in Historical Research (HIST 556) (three credit hours). Exam option students also enroll in six credit hours of Readings for Exams (HIST 598).

### Suggested areas of emphasis can include:

- Ancient History
- African Diaspora
- African-American History
- Asian History
- Early Modern Europe
- Gender History
- Intellectual History
- Medieval Europe
- Middle Eastern History
- Modern Europe
- U.S. Economic History
- U.S. since 1877
- U.S. to 1877

The broad fields may be modified in consultation with the student's advisory committee. Before embarking on any area(s) of emphasis, a student should consult the appropriate faculty member(s). All exam option students are required to develop a portfolio of two research papers, written for different faculty while enrolled at SIUE, that reflect their primary, and one of their secondary fields of interest. All students are required to submit their portfolio to their examination committee a month before the scheduling of their written exams. In order for written examinations to be scheduled, the portfolio must first be approved by the student's committee.