Master of Arts in History at Central Michigan University

Welcome
The Central Michigan University Department of History offers a Master of Arts degree program for people interested in enhancing their knowledge in history and historical research.

Courses can strengthen students’ preparation for teaching history in preschool through 12th grade and in community colleges, can help them in preparing for employment in many fields, such as journalism, government service, international business, etc., or can prepare them to pursue further graduate education. Students can direct their own course selection to focus on an area of interest or to sample the wide variety of historical eras and locations covered by our accomplished faculty.

The department offers Graduate Certificates in European, Modern, and U.S. history for students who are interested in advanced training in those areas. Credits earned on these certificates can be transferred to the Master of Arts degree. Further information on these certificates can be found at www.grad.cmich.edu.

The department also offers Joint M.A. and Joint Ph.D. programs in history in conjunction with partner universities, including: the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland; the Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, Germany; Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands; and Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Mexico.

Grad Studies at CMU
Founded in 1892, CMU is now a multifaceted university classified as a Doctoral Research Institution. CMU’s 480-acre campus is accommodating, friendly, and conveniently located in the heart of a classic American university town.

The CMU College of Graduate Studies currently provides master’s, specialist’s, and doctoral degree programs in more than 70 fields and serves more than 2,000 graduate students each semester.

MA History Admission
To be admitted to the Master of Arts in History program, a student must present an undergraduate degree from an accredited university with 20 or more hours of history and a grade point average in history of 2.7 or higher (on 4 point scale). Exceptions to this requirement can be made if a student earned grades of B (3.0) or higher in the last 9 hours of history.

Degree Requirements
This Master of Arts degree program requires a minimum of 30 hours of graduate credit, 10 of which may be from fields other than history. A course in historiography is required. At least 6 hours of course work must center on research and writing through some combination of thesis, seminars, or independent graduate research.

International Component
Active faculty and student exchange programs provide opportunities to learn from visiting scholars. The department actively promotes a comparative and transnational approach to study and research.

Student Professional Opportunities
CMU’s Department of History offers energetic and resourceful graduate student activities. The faculty are active in providing opportunities for oral and written presentation of graduate student research.

CMU has several fine research facilities including the recently expanded Park Library and the Clarke Historical Library. The Clarke Historical Library houses one of the region’s best historic collections on Michigan and the Old Northwest Territory, as well as Michigan’s Native American population. Students also can conduct research at regional archives including the Library of Michigan in Lansing.

In addition to a regular schedule of colloquia, CMU is home to The Michigan Historical Review, a journal specializing in Michigan and Midwestern history. Students are encouraged to present their work at regional and national conferences and to submit their writing for publication. Separate funding is available for such presentations.
Financial Support

The CMU Department of History offers its top master’s students the opportunity to work as graduate assistants and gain classroom teaching experience. Through advising, the department hopes to aid students in achieving their career goals. History graduate students who need financial assistance can apply separately for several sources of support.

- Graduate assistantships each provide a stipend and tuition remission for up to 20 credit hours.
- University fellowships each provide a year’s stipend and tuition remission for up to 30 credit hours.
- Graduate student research grants each provide up to $600 for costs associated with conducting research, including travel.

Other financial support programs – including graduate fellowships, King/Chávez/Parks Future Faculty Fellowships, and federal and state aid – are available on a need or competitive basis.

Students interested in funding should contact and apply separately to the College of Graduate Studies (www.grad.cmich.edu), the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid (www.financialaid.cmich.edu), and the Department of History (www.chsbs.cmich.edu/history).

While applications to the program are accepted throughout the year, funding applications must be submitted by January 3rd for the following academic year.

History Faculty

Lane Demas, Ph.D., University of California - Irvine. African-American history.

Kathleen G. Donohue, Ph.D., University of Virginia. Twentieth-century U.S.; history of consumerism; American liberalism.

Carrie Euler, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University. Late medieval / early modern Europe; Renaissance / Reformation; England.

Michael Federspiel, M.A., Central Michigan University. U.S. history; history education; teaching.

Brittany Fremion, Ph.D., Purdue University, Environmental History, Public History.

Solomon Addis Getahun, Ph.D., Michigan State University; African history; Ethiopia; African Diaspora; urban history.

Mitchell K. Hall, Ph.D., University of Kentucky. Post-World War II U.S.; Vietnam War; popular culture.

Timothy D. Hall, Ph.D., Northwestern University. Colonial and revolutionary America; world history.

Doina P. Harsanyi, Ph.D., University of North Carolina. Modern Europe; French Revolution.

Eric A. Johnson, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania. Modern Europe; Germany; Third Reich and Holocaust; crime and justice.

Jennifer Liu Demas, Ph.D., University of California-Irvine. China; East Asia; world history.

Tara McCarthy, Ph.D., University of Rochester. U.S. women’s history.

Jay Martin, Ph.D., Bowling Green State University. Public history; museum administration and studies; maritime history.

Timothy M. O’Neil, Ph.D., Wayne State University. European labor history; Ireland.

John F. Robertson, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania. Ancient Near East; Islamic Middle East.

Stephen P. Scherer, Ph.D., Ohio State University. Modern Europe; Russia; historiography.

Gregory Smith, Ph.D., Harvard University. Ancient Mediterranean; late antiquity; early middle ages; Byzantium.

Catherine Tobin, Ph.D., University of Notre Dame. Nineteenth century U.S. history; immigration.

Jonathan Truitt, Ph.D., Tulane University. Colonial Latin American History; Indigenous Peoples of the Americas; world history.

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