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*Lambda-Eta Chapter of  
PHI ALPHA THETA*

*Chapter of the Year Scrapbook*

2014-2015

*East Carolina University*





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*Chapter Advisor-Professor Wade Dudley*

# Individual Accomplishments of Phi Alpha Theta's Lambda Eta Chapter Members, 2014-2015

Dudley, Wade G.: Phi Alpha Theta: Lambda Eta Chapter Advisor, Regional Director for Carolinas, National Advisory Board Member, Scholarship Committee Member; Peer Reviewer for *Explorations: The Undergraduate Research Journal of North Carolina*; Faculty Editorial Board, *History Matters* (ASU); Inducted into Historical Society of North Carolina; Reviews: *Out of Sight, Out of Mind: The Royal Australian Navy in Vietnam 1965-1972* by John. R. Carroll in *Nautical Research Journal* 60 no. 1 (Spring 2015), 80 and *Two Captains from Carolina: Moses Grandy, John Newland Maffit, and the Coming of the Civil War* by Bland Simpson in *The Historian* 76 no. 4 (Winter 2014), 828-829.

Goodman, Ryan Thomas: Unconditional acceptance to University of Manchester PhD in History program (advisors: Dr. Charles Insley and Professor Paul Fouracre); Delegate, Manchester Centre for Anglo-Saxon Studies 2015 Easter Conference ("Masculinity in Anglo-Saxon England"); Teaching Instructor and Academic Coordinator, Italy Intensives Program, East Carolina University; Scholarship Committee Chair, Italy Intensives Program; Coordinator, visiting lecture on maritime cultural heritage preservation by Luke Simonds (MA, East Carolina University, and intern at UNESCO Paris).

Prokopowicz, Gerald J.: Chair, Department of History.

Russell, Mona

Alexander, Hoyt Lawson

Alford, Julian Lloyd: Inducted March 2015; volunteer efforts: Valentine's Day Bake Sale, Relay for Life.

Bradley, Ryan Joseph: presented "Shore Whalers of the Outer Banks: A Material Culture Study" at Society for Historical Archaeology January 2015

Brantley, Kristi P.: Inducted March 2015.

Brooks, Baylus Cade, Jr: Board member and website editor of North Carolina Maritime History Council since Oct. 2014; Publications: "Quest for Blackbeard: Redemption of Edward Thache," *North Carolina Historical Review*, TBA; "The Seal Cove Shipwreck Project: Investigating an Historical Wooden Vessel on Mount Desert Island, Maine," co-author with Franklin Pierce and Stephen Dilk, in *Northeast Historical Archaeology*/Vol. 43, 2014; Review: *The Dividing Line Histories of William Byrd II of Westover*, Edited by Kevin Joel Berland, in *North Carolina Historical Review*, Volume XCII, Number 1 (January 2015); Other: presented "Quest for Blackbeard" at Beaufort Maritime Museum, March 2015 and at PAT Carolinas Regional Conference April 2015.

Bulk, Robert Adam: Inducted, March 2015.

Buttaro, David

Caldwell, Adam Blake: BA History Graduate May 2015.

Canada, Samantha Dawn

Carr, Ashley Maire

Carr, Kayla E.: BA History and BS Middle Grades Education (concentrations in Social Studies and Language Arts), *summa cum laude*, Graduate May 2015; Senior of the Year, Dept. of History; Publications – “Influence of Spanish Colonization: How Christianization Influenced Nahuatl in Central Mexico,” *The Lookout*, 21 (Fall 2014), 83-92, and “The Indian Diaspora and North Carolina: Tracing Indian Surnames in 19<sup>th</sup> Century,” *The Lookout*, 21 (Fall 2014), 17-23; Scholarships -- Miller Moore History Scholarship, Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship, Morgan Katie Earle Scholarship Fund, and The Alston W. Burke Scholarship; Participant in the East Carolina University religious studies summer study abroad program – Exploring Sacred Spaces: Study Abroad in India 2014; Representative of the History Department for the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences (AY 2014/2015); Volunteer, Lambda-Eta Relay For Life team; completion of the edTPA teaching portfolio in social studies education (Spring 2015); successful submission of North Carolina Teaching licensure application (Spring 2015); acceptance into East Carolina University’s MA Program in History for Fall 2015.

Carroll, Elise Butchart: Transfer to Lambda-Eta from Kappa-Alpha, 2014; graduate assistant.

Cheek, William S, III: President, ECU Gaming Club.

Clevenger, Katherine L.: Inducted March 2015; President of Maritime Studies Association; Graduate Assistant; volunteer efforts: Valentine’s Day Bake Sale, Relay for Life.

Clothier, Kaitlin

Coffman, Peter Wayne: MA Graduate May 2015.

Crain, Matthew Patrick: Transferred from MA History to MA Library Science.

Delaura, Margaret Caitlin

Edwards, Justin Randolph: Teaching Assistant; MA Graduate May 2015.

Erhart, Edward Samuel: Transfer to Lambda-Eta from Omicron-Mu, 2014; Best in Section and Outstanding Graduate Paper, Phi Alpha Theta Carolinas Regional Conference, 2015; Teaching Assistant.

Fictum, David G: MA Graduate May 2015.

Fox, Kara Davis: MA Graduate May 2015; presented “Matters of Steel: Examining the Deterioration of a World War II Marchant Shipwreck” at Society for Historical Archaeology in January 2015.

Franch, Daniel J.: Miller-Moore Scholarship in History, 2015.

Freeland, Chelsea R.: MA Graduate December 2014; presented “The Artifact Collection from *Modern Greece*: Using 50 Years of Conservation to Answer New Questions” at Society for Historical Archaeology in January 2015.

Freitas, Mitchell C.: Inducted March 2015; Dive Liaison for Maritime Studies Association.

Gambino, Michael C.: MA Graduate May 2015.

Geletka, Leland

Giggey, Ryan Dean: BS Education Graduate May 2015.

Hagen, Thor Karl: BA History Graduate May 2015; volunteered at Relay for Life.

Hammack, Maria Esther: MA Graduate May 2015; PhD candidate, UT-Austin.

Hazel, Ian M: Transfer to Lambda-Eta from Iota-Omega, 2014; Lambda-Eta President, 2014/2015; Best in Session Award, 2015 Carolinas Regional Conference; Todd Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship, 2015; volunteer efforts: Valentine’s Day Bake Sale, Relay for Life.

Hoag, Wesley Mathews: BA History Graduate, *Cum Laude*, May 2015; President of the Mingos Maniacs; volunteered at Relay for Life; Social Media director at the East Carolina Village & Farm Museum; admittance into the MAT in History at ECU for Fall 2015.

Hopkins, Tiffany J.: Inducted, March 2015; Study Abroad, Spain, S2015.

Horvick, Cecilia Ellen: Inducted March 2015; Hirsch Memorial Award 2015; Papafas Ancient History Prize, 2015.

Hunter, James Fletcher, III: Inducted March 2015; BA History Graduate May 2015.

Jarrell, John: MA Graduate May 2015.

Jones, Sebastian Michael-Shane: Inducted, March 2015.

King, Nathaniel R.: presented "*Thomas T. Tucker: A Beached US Liberty in Cape Point Nature Reserve, South Africa*" and "*Sandalwood and Starfish: A Study of the Shipwreck Brunswick (1805) and Site Formation Processes*" (with Ivor Mollema) at Society for Historical Archaeology in January 2015.

Kunert, Jessica M.

Lacey, Thomas M.: Inducted, March 2015.

Lancaster, Donald A.: BA History Graduate May 2015.

Martinsen, Kelci

Mathis, Stephanie Denise: Inducted, March 2015.

Miller, Allison

Mollema, Ivor Roderick: presented "*Technology and Empire: A Comparative Analysis of British and Dutch Maritime Technologies during the Napoleonic Era*" and "*Sandalwood and Starfish: A Study of the Shipwreck Brunswick (1805) and Site Formation Processes*" (with Nathaniel King) at Society for Historical Archaeology in January 2015

Moore, Tyler Houston

Nelson, David Mark: Inducted, March 2015.

Nelson-DeLong, Nicholas James: presented "*Examining Lynx and Pride of Baltimore II as Material Culture*" at Society for Historical Archaeology in January 2015.

Parks, Jacob Tyler: Inducted March 2015; successful enrollment in archaeological field school with Archaeotek for summer 2015 in Romania; founder and president of Classical Studies Association; tutor for LATN (Levels 1001-1002); active participant at Phi Alpha Theta Meetings, volunteer efforts: Valentine's bake sale, Relay for Life; intern at Greenville Museum of Art.

Peach, Kevin Douglas: Inducted, March 2015; Winner, Rhem Schwartzman Prize for Undergraduate Paper, 2015.

Pierce, Morgan Shaneil: Transfer to Lambda-Eta from Rho, 2014; Lambda-Eta VP, 2015; Todd Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship, 2015; graduate assistant; volunteer efforts: Valentine's Day Bake Sale, Relay for Life.

Piner, Hannah E

Polakowski, Mateusz W: presented "*The Egadi Island Rams: Preliminary Research Efforts of an Ancient Warship*" at Society for Historical Archaeology in January 2015.

Pollock, Alpha Cristien

Pratt, Elizabeth Anne: Transfer to Lambda-Eta from Pi-Psi, 2014; Secretary for Maritime Studies Association; graduate assistant.

Reisner, Alyssa Danielle

Richards, Jonathan Blake: BA History Graduate May 2015; accepted into MA History, NCSU.

Rogers, Jessica Lee: Lambda-Eta Treasurer, 2014-2015; Best in Session Award, 2015 Carolina's Regional Conference; BA History Graduate May 2015; candidate (MA History) Fall 2015 at ECU; Todd Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship, 2015; volunteer efforts: Valentine's Day Bake Sale, Relay for Life.

Ropp, Allyson: Transfer to Lambda-Eta from Phi-Theta Chapter, 2014; Historian, 2014/2015; Todd Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship, 2015; East Carolina Graduate Scholar Recipient; Graduate Assistant; Organized Relay for Life team; Historian of Maritime Studies Association.

Sassorossi, William Scott: MA Graduate May 2015; presented "Defending the East Coast: Adapting and Converting Commercial Ships for Military Operations" at Society for Historical Archaeology in January 2015.

Schwalbe, Emily Anne: Inducted March 2015; Vice President of Maritime Studies Association; graduate assistant; volunteer efforts: Valentine's Day Bake Sale, Relay for Life.

Seebo, Barry Keith

Sheffield, Samantha Ashley

Smalley, Jacob Andrew: BA History Graduate May 2015.

Spell, Oscar Glenn, IV

Stimits, Megan L.: MA Graduate May 2015.

Taylor, Laura Kathryn

Teegarden, Seth Thomas: Transfer to Lambda-Eta from Alpha-Gamma-Delta, 2014; Lambda-Eta Secretary, 2014/2015; East Carolina Graduate Scholar Award Recipient; Graduate Assistant; Bodo Nischian Memorial Scholarship Recipient; Best in Session Award, Phi Alpha Theta Carolinas Regional Conference 2015; Wrote History Textbook Chapter for Gibbs-Smith Publishing; Contributing Editor for *History Matters* (Appalachian State University); Directed Phi Alpha Theta Spring Bake Sale, Volunteered at Relay for Life; Athletic Tutor for ECU Athletic Department; Todd Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship, 2015.

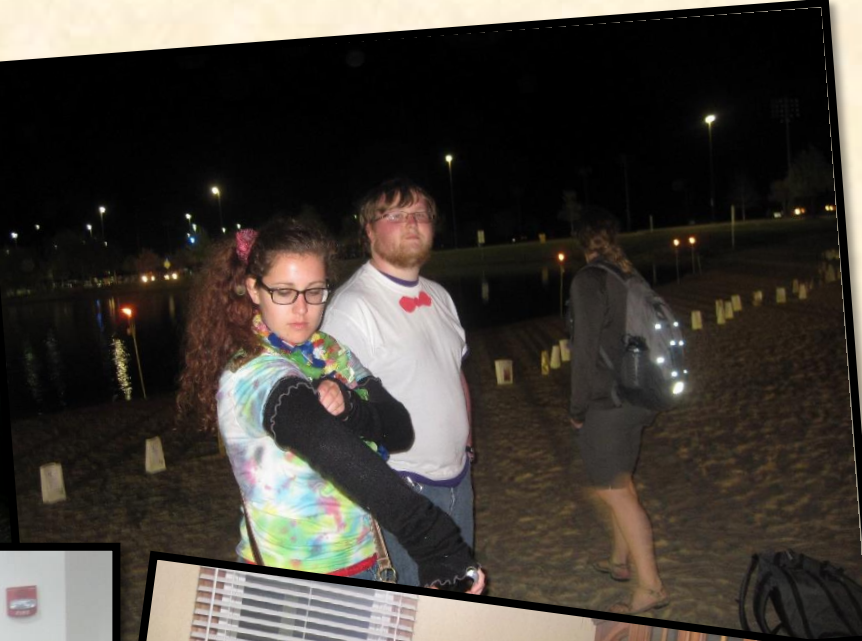
Wetterhahn, Dale Robert: BA History graduate, *summa cum laude*, May 2015; internships at CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center, Tryon Palace State Historic Site (Spring 2015), Fort Macon State Park (Summer 2014); Presentation, Fort Macon: "Friends as Enemies, Enemies as Friends" (September 2014); Historic document digitization project (791 documents) at Neuse Center (Spring 2015); volunteer at Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site, 2015; accepted ECU MA History, Fall 2015.

Whitfield, Victoria L.: MA Graduate May 2015.

Wright, Jeneva: MA Graduate May 2015; presented "In Situ Site Stabilization of HMS Fowey" and "Balancing Acts: Public Access and Archaeology in the Cape Fear Civil War Shipwreck District" at Society for Historical Archaeology in January 2015.

Zant, Caitlin N.: MA Graduate May 2015; presented "Unloading History: Schooner-Barges, Self-Unloaders, and the Development of a Modern Maritime Landscape" at Society for Historical Archaeology in January 2015.

# "Our Strength is in Our Numbers"





# Chapter Activities & Accomplishments

*Events*



*Scholarship*



*Presentations*



*Awards*



*Charity*





# ECU Historical Simulations Group



Throughout the academic year, the ECU Historical Simulations Group (Sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta) meets most Fridays to recreate history on miniature battlefields – an aspect of scholarship that involves the study of conflicts past, present, and future. This group has also gained recognition for Phi Alpha Theta and ECU through simulations offered locally, regionally, and nationally. This year, alumni offered naval gaming at SOUTHERN FRONT in Raleigh, NC in Fall 2014, while members recreated naval battles of the Napoleonic Wars on Fridays. Though members do not plan to attend the national gaming sessions over the summer because of cost and research needs, HSG members will remain active locally and can be reached on numerous message boards such as those of Aberrant Games and Wizards of the Coast, and through the chapter's Facebook page.



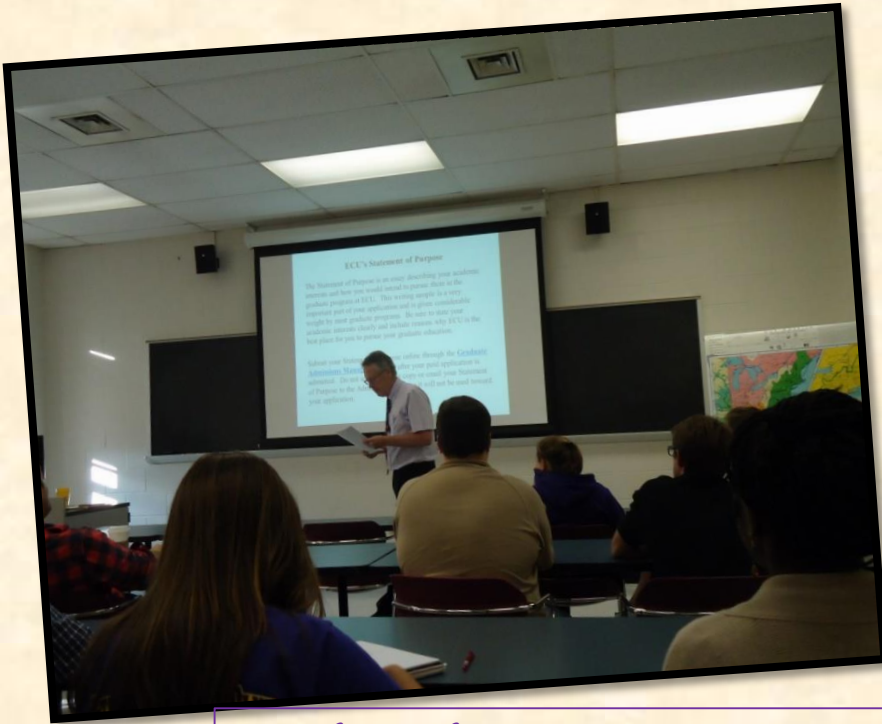
# Cookout and a Movie with Dr. Tilley



To kickoff the year, Dr. Tilley, one of our professors, hosts a cookout and a movie to bring the old and new members together to relax a little more before school kicks into gear. This year the movie was "Shakespeare in the Park." Everyone gathered together for a good time and good food and enjoyed each other's company.



# “Thinking about Graduate School?” Seminar



*For the sixth year in a row, Dr. Carl Swanson, Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of History, offered his seminar on graduate school. His balanced presentation, sponsored by Lambda-Eta, always includes the positives and negatives of continued studies, and draws a larger crowd every year. However, with graduate enrollment steadily increasing, students may not be hearing the negatives.*



# Crockpot WARS

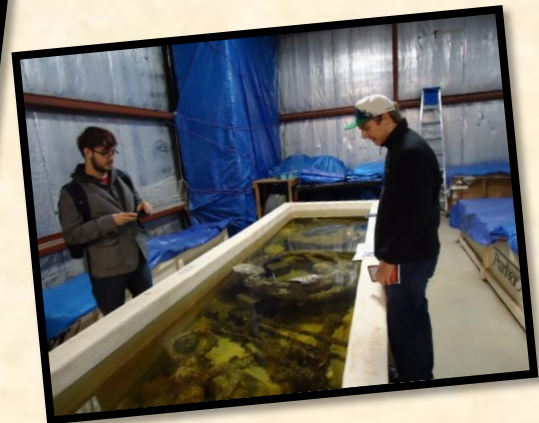


*Each year our members gather together in October to compete in a food cook-off, with crockpots! There were 9 competitors this year, who made a variety of food ranging from chili and cheese dip to lentil stew and barbequed chicken. All the food was excellent and our members voted on the winning recipes. The winners, Jessica Rogers and Betty Pratt, cooked lasagna and orange chicken. Everyone left that evening feeling satisfied and full because of the good food and good company.*

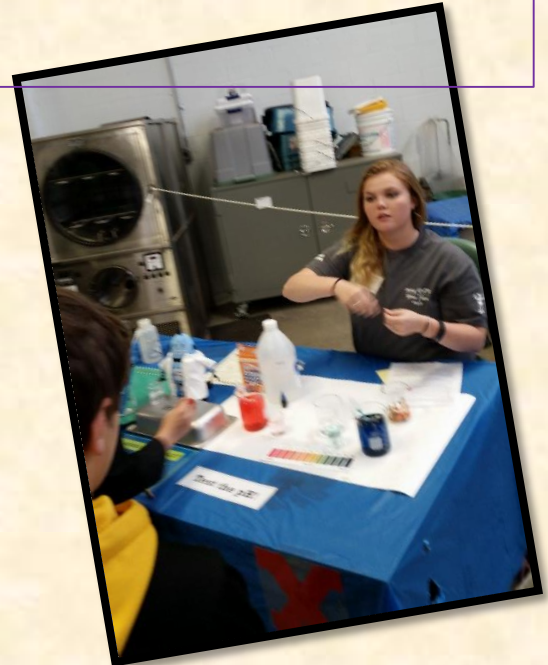




# *Queen Anne's Revenge Conservation Lab Open House*



*Queen Anne's Revenge Conservation Lab, an branch under NC Department of Cultural Resources, hosts two open houses a year to teach the community about maritime archaeological artifact conservation and one of North Carolina's treasures, Blackbeard's flagship, Queen Anne's Revenge. Our members both visited the event to learn about the wreck as well as volunteered as educators and guides at the event.*



# BOO! Bake Sale



*In order to raise money for our members to attend regionals, we held a bake sale during the week of Halloween. Filled with baked goods provided by our members, all who stopped by were able to fill sweet tooth during the spooky season.*



# Christmas Party



*To close out the Fall Semester, the group gathered together one last time to celebrate the Holiday Season and to de-stress from exams. Hosted by the Dudleys, our advisor Wade and his wife Sue, members exchanged gifts and ate delicious holiday fare. Surrounded by the holiday spirit, all left that night in good spirits to return to their own family for the holidays.*



# December Commencement



*At the December Commencement Ceremony for the History Department, our chapter graduated members into the real world. Our officers also offered their time to planning and orchestrating the affair. After participating in a beautiful ceremony and the official turning of the tassels, our members entered the ranks of East Carolina Alumni and moved on to the real world.*





# Effective Speaking Seminar



*For the first time this year, our chapter organized with the Department of Communications a seminar to discuss how to deliver an effective presentation. The seminar was opened to all history students along with the entire university to learn about effective public speaking. Dr. Pamela Hopkins spent an hour addressing organization, appearance and posture, and pronunciation and speaking techniques. Overall, the seminar provided our members and students a chance to learn to deliver effective presentations and deal with the nerves that public speaking brings.*



- Does your shirt shop stock socks with spots?
- Seven shy soldiers salting salmon shoulder to shoulder.
- Literally literary. Literally literary. Literally literary.
- The fickle finger of fate flips fat frogs flat.
- Crisp crust crackles. Crisp crust crackles. Crisp crust crackles.



# Valentine's Day Bake Sale



*In order to raise money for our members to attend regionals, we held a bake sale during the week of Valentine's Day. Filled with baked goods provided by our members, all who stopped by were able to fill their sweet tooth and those of their valentine's during the season of love.*



# Experiencing the Civil War in Kinston



*On a cold windy day, our members and Dr. Dudley made their way down to Kinston, North Carolina to explore the Civil War in North Carolina. The first stop of the day was the CSS Neuse Center and the CSS Neuse replica in downtown Kinston. The Center combined the history of the vessel and war in Kinston with the archaeological remains that are now on display in the museum. Following lunch at King's BBQ, the group met up with our tour guide, Dennis Harper (ECU BA History 1982). He took us on a driving tour of the Battle of Wyse Fork, which took place in March 1865. Although it was a cold day, everyone enjoyed learning about the Civil War in NC and the numerous small tales associated with the war.*



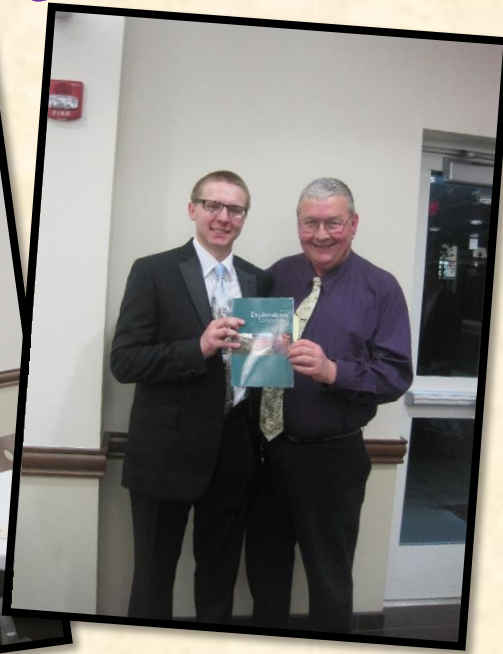
# Chili Night $\Phi$ $\Lambda$ $\Theta$



*In order to beat the cold chill that came to Greenville, the Dudley's hosted a chili night in March. The chili brought together members for one last communal meal before entering the final stretch of the semester. The food was delicious and warmed everyone up from the cold weather.*



# Induction Ceremony



## *Inductees Spring 2015*

*Alford, Julian Lloyd*

*Brantley, Kristi P.*

*Bulk, Robert Adam*

*Carroll, Elise Butchart*

*Clevenger, Katherine L.*

*Erhart, Edward Samuel*

*Freitas, Mitchell C.*

*Hazel, Ian M.*

*Hopkins, Tiffany J.*

*Horvick, Cecilia Ellen*

*Hunter, James Fletcher, III*

*Jones, Seabastian Michael-Shane*

*Lacey, Thomas*

*Mathis, Stephanie Denise*

*Nelson, David Mark*

*Parks, Jacob Tyler*

*Peach, Kevin Douglas*

*Pierce, Morgan Shaneil*

*Pratt, Elizabeth Anne*

*Ropp, Allyson*

*Schwalbe, Emily Anne*

*Teegarden, Seth Thomas*

*Throughout the year, we successfully recruited new members to our ranks. Both graduate and undergraduate students joined our illustrious brotherhood. After a beautiful ceremony, in which Danny Franch gave a talk on his published paper about Confederate morale in the Civil War, 22 members were inducted into our ranks.*



# National History Day



National History Day (NHD) is a highly regarded academic program for middle and high school students. Each year, more than half a million students, encouraged by thousands of teachers nationwide participate in the NHD contest. Students choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews and historic sites. Our members aided, Dr. Chad Ross and Ingrid Meyer, in planning the event as well as judging the numerous presentations and posters that were developed by the students.



# ECU Relay for Life



Following in the tradition laid down by past years of service, the Lambda-Eta Chapter made a Relay for Life team to raise money for cancer research. The "Making Cancer History" team provided others at the event the opportunity to make bead bracelets as well as trail mix. Overall through consistent fundraising efforts and generous donations, the team raised over \$1,000 to contribute to cancer research. The volunteers included Allyson Ropp, Morgan Pierce, Jessica Rogers, Ian Hazel, Thor Hagen, Wesley Hoag, Julian Alford, Jacob Parks, Seth Teegarden, Katie Clevenger, and Kayla Carr.



# Regionals at USC-Beaufort

*This year, six of our members travelled to Beaufort, South Carolina to participate in the Regional Conference. Hosted by USC-Beaufort, the conference brought together students from the area to present their research and gain experience in conference talks, which is a major part of our field. Out of the six members that traveled, four walked away with awards, including the first place overall in the graduate student category. Next year, the Regional Conference will be coming to Greenville to be hosted by East Carolina.*



## **First Place Overall Award**

*~Edward Erhart (GR - East Carolina University), "A 'Curious Anomaly': Brazil's Order for the World's Strongest Warships"*

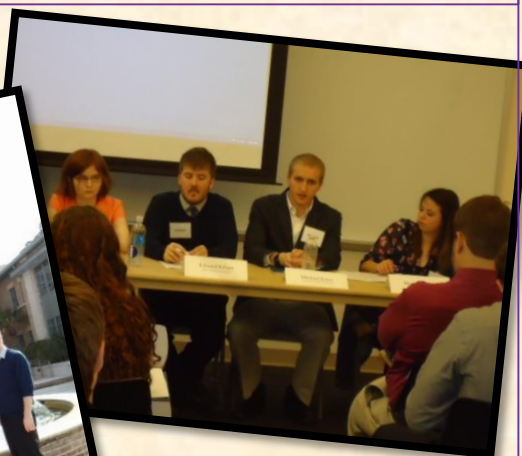
## **Best in Session Awards**

*~Edward Erhart (GR - East Carolina University), "A 'Curious Anomaly': Brazil's Order for the World's Strongest Warships"*

*~Jessica Lee Rogers (UG - East Carolina University), "American Isolationism: Ideal vs. Reality"*

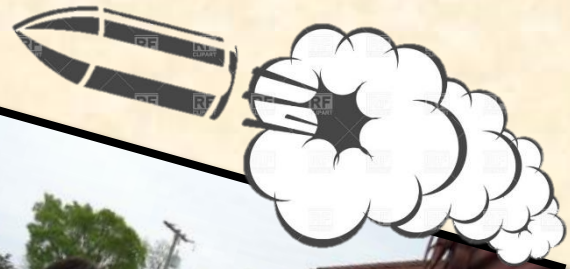
*~Ian Hazel (GR - East Carolina University), "Unimpressed: The Problems with Impressment as a System For Manning the Royal Navy"*

*~Seth Teegarden (GR - East Carolina University), "Hannibal's Legacy"*

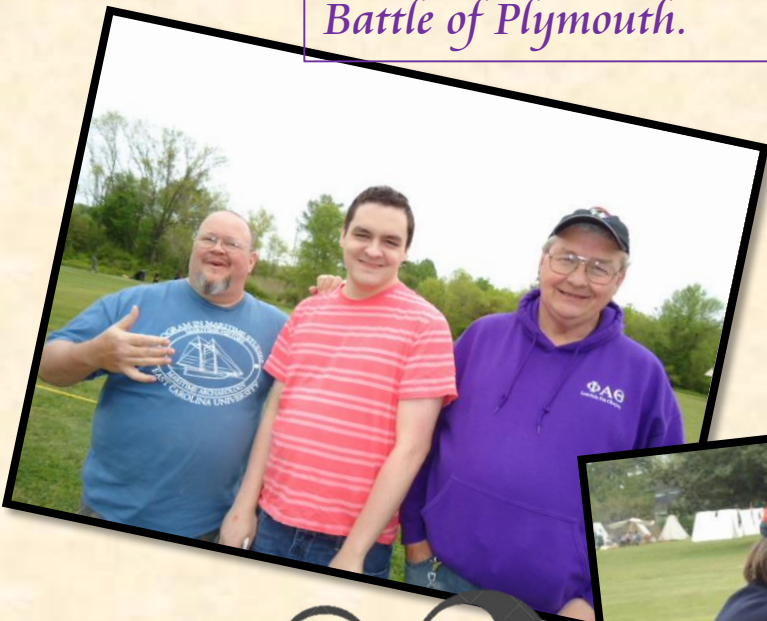




# Battle of Plymouth



*In April, Dr. Dudley took students to a living history day for a reenactment of the Battle of Plymouth.*



# Rhem/Schwartzman Prize for Undergraduate Research 2014-2015

Every year, East Carolina University's J.Y. Joyner Library offers the prestigious Rhem/Schwartzman Prizes For Recognition of Student Research in undergraduate studies. This is a competitive event, with a diverse panel of judges selected from professors across ECU. To qualify for the prize, papers must be based on primary sources drawn from Joyner Special Collections, an archive noted for its Military, Naval, Cold War, Science Fiction, and Eastern North Carolina collections. For 2015, Blake Richards and Kevin Peach claimed first and second places respectively. Blake discussed "Democratic Party Reformation in North Carolina: The Downfall of Furnifold Simmons and the Old South's Political Stronghold in North Carolina," while Kevin talked about "The Lincoln Assassination: Southern Public Opinion and Reaction." Each presenter earned their achievement through hard work in research and good presentation skills that clearly showed their topic and the use of the different special collections that East Carolina University has.



# May Commencement



*As the semester came to an end, our chapter said goodbye to twenty three of our members. Both graduate and undergraduate, along with numerous teachers, our members have been prepared to enter the real world through the knowledge and fellowship they gained through the Lambda-Eta Chapter at ECU. While they will be missed, we wish them well as they enter a world filled with new adventures.*



# Alumni Sketches



## *Stephanie Gandulla (MA Maritime Studies 2013)*

*Stephanie Gandulla is a maritime archaeologist at Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the only freshwater marine sanctuary in the United States. In addition to participating in research expeditions and on-water educational programs, Gandulla manages media relations and community outreach for the sanctuary. She has been a team member for archaeological expeditions and research in Sweden, Jamaica, American Samoa, and throughout the southeastern U.S.; on projects ranging from seventeenth-century European naval warfare to Confederate shipbuilding and armament. She is a Bozeman native, and currently resides in Alpena, Michigan, otherwise known as Shipwreck Alley.*

## *Brooke Tolar (BA History 2008, MA History 2010)*

*As the University Archivist and Records Manager for East Carolina University, I manage the institutional memory for Pirates everywhere. By preserving and providing access to the historical and cultural material which documents the operation of ECU, we ensure that our rich traditions and history are preserved forever. Being a member of Phi Alpha Theta has been integral to providing a ready-made network of colleagues and contacts within my chosen profession. I have used friendships fostered during my time as a member of the Lambda Eta Chapter to recruit colleagues for jobs, discuss potential projects, and to learn about advances in the humanities in a variety of ways.*



# Alumni Sketches



*Samantha (Sam) and Scott Duryea (Sam: BS HISTED 2011; Scott: MA HIST 2011)*

*We really miss ECU and our PAT family. I am currently teaching high school history in an inner-city school in Norfolk, VA. I taught World History, but switched to U.S. History this year. Scott will be defending his dissertation on Thursday (February 26) and will graduate in May. I am so impressed with how quickly he has finished his program at Old Dominion University. He has traveled all over the place - Toronto, New Orleans, Sweden, Berlin, Brussels, and Paris. Quite the traveler. I wish I could go with him! He is currently applying for jobs in areas where we have family (NY, Pittsburgh, and NC) and we are anxiously waiting to see where we will end up after he graduates. We are expecting our first child in May! So many new and exciting things to come!*



*Victoria Shaw Bridgers (BS HISTED 2006)*

*I'm currently on maternity leave (with my third child) from South Central High School (Pitt County North Carolina), where I am in my 9th year of teaching. My husband and I (9 years of wedded bliss!) have a 7 year old boy, a 4 year old boy, and a 3 week old little girl to complete our family. I've taught a variety of topics at SCHS, including civics, AP Government, Leadership, and American History 1 and 2. My travels are rather domestic...DC, NY, and SC, but we hope that my husband and I can plan a ten year anniversary trip next year somewhere awesome!*



# Alumni Sketches



*Melissa Jones Nosbisch (BA HIST 2011, MA HIST 2013)*

*I am currently a Graduate Student Services Coordinator at NC State University and oversee graduate student academics and financials in the program. My experiences in Phi Alpha Theta have helped me develop skills necessary to work at a university environment in my current position. Phi Alpha Theta allowed me to exercise my organizational skills and time management skills, as well as develop and practice the public speaking skills necessary in my role working with university faculty, staff, and students. I credit Phi Alpha Theta for giving me experiences to interact with university faculty and staff and for allowing me to develop my leadership skills, which will doubtlessly enable me to establish and excel in a career at the university level.*



# Italy Intensive: A Lambda-Eta Member in Tuscany



## Ryan Goodman (BA MA)

*I am a proud member of ECU's Lambda-Eta chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. I joined originally as a student in 2006, and have been an active member as an undergraduate, a grad student, and now as a faculty member. Without a doubt, membership in Phi Alpha Theta has been one of the most important and fulfilling parts of my academic career.*

*After finish my Master's degree, I was given the opportunity to apply for a job as a teaching instructor for ECU's Italy Intensives study abroad program based in Certaldo, Tuscany. With the help and support of Dr. Wade Dudley, the Lambda-Eta chapter advisor, I earned the job and have now been teaching here for three years. In the meantime, I've also been promoted, and am now not only a teaching instructor, but also the program's academic coordinator and scholarship committee chair.*

*Thanks to my training from East Carolina University's Department of History and the skills I learned as a Phi Alpha Theta member, I am now living my dream, teaching students about our history and hopefully leaving them wanting to know more about their world.*



# *Spanish Emersion: A Lambda-Eta Member in Spain*



## *Tiffany Hopkins*

*My experience in Spain has been nothing less than amazing. I came here thinking it was going to be a fabulous vacation. I have truly learned so much from being here, both inside and outside of class. It is as if all the things, I have been learning my classes, came full circle while I have been here. I have learned about Christopher Columbus from the Spanish point of view, I have learned about Europeans views on Muslims, black people and their views on America, especially the culture and government and their favorite president...Obama. This trip is something I will always remember and I know it will change me. I will come back to America with a more profound view of the world and everything that makes it up. I have seen and experienced all the things that people have been telling me about for years for example the Eiffel Tower, Big Ben and the Roman Ruins. It is really easy to think you understand the world and understand History without travelling to other countries, however, now that I have been outside of America, I understand how truly wrong I was. I believe that I am now able to come to my own conclusion and interpretation about what I've learned in school all these years and now I feel that I am able to really understand it all. All-in-all, my experience here is life-changing.*



# Report of the Historian



*This past year has been extremely busy for our members. Not only have they participated in academic conferences, but they have also been active members in the community. Our activities for Fall 2014 included gathering at Dr. John Tilley house for a Cookout and Movie Night, listening to Professor Carl Swanson's annual talk on applying for Graduate School, joining alumni for simulations at Southern Front (a gaming convention in Raleigh), conducting a very successful "Boo Bake Sale," convening at the Dudley household for "Crockpot Wars," working or attending Open House for the QAR Conservation Lab, and gaining relief from the final flurry of papers and exams at our Annual Christmas Party, perfect for a quick break from the rigors of scholarship.*

*Spring 2015 saw a flurry of activities, from fundraising to scholarly pursuits. The chapter sponsored an Effective Presentations Seminar, led by Dr. Pamela Hopkins of the School of Communications, raised money to fund our Induction Ceremony with a very successful Valentine's Day Bake Sale, took a field trip to Kinston for a Civil War tour, gathered at Chez Dudley for Chili Night, presented papers or projects during ECU's Research & Creativity Week and at the Regional Conference at USC-Beaufort, inducted 26 new members in the Induction Ceremony, relived history in Plymouth, NC, participated in Relay for Life, and recognized numerous Phi Alpha Theta members for scholarships and graduation.*

*Through all these extracurricular activities, members brought home numerous awards and individual accomplishments, from conference presentations to community involvement, that have brought honor and prestige to our chapter. I am honored to be a small part of such a prestigious organization that not only prides itself in academic achievement and growth in history and its related fields along but also in its community engagement at the local, state, and national level. Not many organizations can claim such accomplishments. Our members seek to not only better themselves, but also to aid in academic and community growth. This year has truly been successful, and I as well as the other officers look forward to see what lies in store for next year, as we plan next years Regional Conference and celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!*



2015 Historian, Allyson Ropp

*The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future.*  
*-Theodore Roosevelt*

# Activities for Fall 2015

## September

- 9/14 Monthly Meeting, 1600 in BD 113
- 9/18 Cookout and a Movie (Dr. Tilley)
- 9/30 Dr. Tompkins "Effective Presentation Seminar"
- Afternoon Gaming, History Lab 1400-1730+: 9/18, 25

## October

- 10/19 Monthly Meeting, 1600 in BD 113
- 10/26-30 BOO! Bake Sale in History Lab
- Friday Afternoon Gaming, History Lab 1400-1730+: 10/02, 9, 16, 23

## November

- 11/06 Crockpot Wars (at Chez Dudley)
- 11/16 Monthly Meeting (Elections!), 1600 in BD 113
- 11/21 Expedition to NC History Museum, Raleigh
- Friday Afternoon Gaming, History Lab 1400-1730+: 11/06, 13, 20

## December

- 12/08 Officers' Planning Session
- 12/12 Christmas Party (at Chez Dudley)!
- 12/18 Commencement

*This coming year-Fall 2015 and Spring 2016-marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lambda-Eta Chapter.*

*The ECU Historical Simulations Group will meet most Fridays at 1400 in the History Lab (Brewster D201). Contingents from ECUHSG regularly participate in local, regional, and national conventions (including Southern Front, Cold Wars, Bayou Wars, and Historicon). For additional information on Phi Alpha Theta or ECUHSG, contact Dr. Dudley (dudleyw@ecu.edu).*

*Other activities: Lambda-Eta Shirt and T-Shirt Sale (September)*

*Spring 2014: Regional Convention at East Carolina University*

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