

PULLING IT ALL TOGETHER:

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY'S
PHI ALPHA THETA-LAMBDA ETA
CHAPTER YEARBOOK

2015-2016

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR SCRAPBOOK



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OFFICERS



Dr. Wade Dudley-
Chapter Advisor




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Morgan Pierce-Vice President
Seth Teegarden-Secretary
Jessica Roger-Treasurer
Allyson Ropp-Historian



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50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

East Carolina University



Phi Alpha Theta
Lambda-Eta Chapter
1966-2016



INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MEMBERS 2015-2016

Faculty:

Dudley, Wade G.: Phi Alpha Theta – Lambda-Eta Chapter Advisor, Carolinas Regional Director, National Advisory Board member, National Scholarship Committee member; Department of History – Undergraduate Committee (Chair), Graduate Committee member; Historical Society of North Carolina – Lefler Undergraduate Award Committee member; *Explorations: Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities for the State of North Carolina*, Peer Reviewer.

Prokopowicz, Gerald J.

Russell, Mona

Students:

Alexander, Hoyt Lawson

Alford, Julian Lloyd: Internship, HIST ED (Spring 2016); graduated BS HIST ED, BA History (May 2016).

Anskis, Angela Lorainne: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016).

Ballance, Ann Marie: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016).

Bradley, Ryan Joseph: Defended thesis, “Where are the Whalers? An Investigation of the Archaeological, Historical, and Cultural Influences of North Carolina Whaling;” graduated MA Maritime Studies (December 2015); presented “The Mystic Schooners of the 20th Century: The Legacy of the Last Sailing Merchant Vessels” at Society of Historical Archaeology Conference 2016; employed at UNC Coastal Studies Institute in Manteo, North Carolina

Brantley, Kristi P.

Brooks, Baylus Cade, Jr.: published “‘Born in *Jamaica* of Very Creditable Parents’ or ‘A *Bristol* Man Born’?: Excavating the Real Edward Thache, ‘Blackbeard the Pirate’” in *North Carolina Historical Review* (July 2015); defended thesis “Proprieties, Privateers, and Pirates: America’s Forgotten Golden Age,” graduated MA Maritime History (May 2016).

Bulk, Robert Adam

Buttaro, David

Canada, Samantha Dawn

Carr, Kayla E.

Carroll, Elise Butchart

Cheek, William Seton III: Rhem/Schwartzman Prize, second place; graduated, BA History (December 2015)

Clayborn, Jason Todd: Graduated, BA History (December 2015)

Clevenger, Katherine L.: Presented a paper, “Investigating a Cannon Site Conundrum in Cahuita National Park, Costa Rica,” and a poster, “Investigating the Ancient Port of Sanitja, Menorca,” at Society of Historical Archaeology 2016;

Clothier, Kaitlin: Defended Thesis, “Making Land with Pirates” (April 2016); graduated, MA in Maritime Studies Program (May 2016).

Courtney, Dylan Redwine: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016).

Cox, Sean Christopher: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016).

Delaura, Margaret Caitlin

Dwyer, Kelsey Kathryn: Presented a paper, “Boat Recording of Cahuita,” at the Coastal Studies Conference; Presenter, “African Female Slaves: An Archaeological Observation on Culture,” “Cultures of Cahuita: Conversations on Study Abroad,” “Boat Recording of Cahuita,” at the Society of Historical Archaeology Conference 2016; presented a paper, “Interdisciplinary Study: Combining History, Archaeology, and Theory,” at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference 2016; Team Leader for Fall Field School in Algoma, Wisconsin, Fall 2015; Crew Chief for Summer Field School 2016 in Biscayne Bay, Florida; Daily Volunteer at the Pitt County Animal Shelter; Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, March 2016.

Erhart, Edward Samuel: Best in session, "Tearing Away the Black Veil": Brazil's Revolt of the Lash" at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference 2016.

Franch, Daniel J.: Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant to Germany 2016-2017; Miller-Moore Scholarship in History; German Studies Priority Fund Award; German Teaching Resources Committee (Chair); Franch D, *The Effects of Using an Online Credit Focused Personal Finance Module on Students' Understanding of Credit*, Research and Creative Achievement Week, East Carolina University, March 24, 2015; Franch D, *Reimagining Home: 'Heimat' and Identity in Friederike Unger's 'Bekenntnisse einer schönen Seele' (1806)*, Research and Creative Achievement Week, East Carolina University, April 6, 2016; Franch D, Vaughan P, *Student Co-teaching in a Postsecondary Foreign Language Classroom*, Research and Creative Achievement Week, East Carolina University, April 6, 2016; Franch D, Hardy B, Gardner J, *Identifying Identities: Exploring the Concept of Writer Identity in Writer-Consultant Relationships*, Southeastern Writing Center Association Conference, Columbus, Georgia, February 18-20, 2016; graduates, Senior of the Year for History Department, May 2016.

Freitas, Mitchell C.: Presented a poster, "Expedition Costa Rica: Cahuita's Brick and Cannon Shipwreck Sites," at Society of Historical Archaeology Conference 2016.

Fricker, Kristina Jannette: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016); Vice-President, Lambda-Eta Chapter (2016).

Geletka, Leland

Hagen, Thor Karl

Hamill, Dillon

Hazel, Ian M.: Delegate to National Phi Alpha Theta Conference 2016, where presented paper on Impressment; presented paper on *Bismarck* and *Tirpitz* at the Phi Alpha Theta Regionals Conference 2016; President, Lambda-Eta Chapter, 2015.

Head, Chelsea M.: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016).

Hoag, Wesley Mathews: Graduating summa cum laude with a Master's in Teaching for Secondary History, completed a year-long teaching internship at DH Conley High School (taught world and AP EURO history), President of the Minges Maniacs, Social Media Director for the East Carolina Village and Farm Museum, judge for the Daughter's of the American Revolution Middle School Essay Contest.

Hopkins, Tiffany J.

Horvick, Cecilia Ellen: Secretary, Lambda-Eta Chapter (2016); Front Desk Volunteer, Pirate Academic Success Center; presented a paper on ancient religions in Europe at the Phi Alpha Theta Carolina Regional Conference 2016.

Jones, Sebastian Michael-Shane

King, Nathaniel R.: Presented a paper, "An Examination of Sanitation and Hygiene Habit Artifacts Found Aboard *Vasa*: Health, Sanitation, and Life at Sea in the Seventeenth-Century Sweden," at the Society of Historical Archaeology Conference 2016; chaired session at Society of Historical Archaeology Conference 2016.

Kunert, Jessica M.: Defended thesis, "Command and Initiative in North Africa: Patton VS. Fredendall, and the Battle of Kasserine Pass." Graduated MA in History, concentration in Military History (May 2016).

Lacey, Thomas M.: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016).

LeGrand, Margaret: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016).

Martinsen, Kelci

Mathis, Stephanie Denise: graduating summa cum laude (3.9 GPA) this semester with a Masters in Adult Education and a Community College Instruction certificate.

Menees, Jay Colin: Presented a poster, "Public Health on the Somerset Plantation," at East Carolina University's Research and Creative Achievement Week 2016; panelist at Global Issues Conference 2016; presented a paper, "Medical Professionals and Health Care Providers of the Somerset Plantation, 1839-1863," and won First in Session at Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference 2016; Atlantic World Brown Bag Presentation to ECU Faculty on thesis research (April 2016).

Midyette, Madeline Sage: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016); Richard C. Todd Scholarship in History (2016).

Mihich, Martha: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016).

Miller, Allison

Mollema, Ivor Roderick: defended thesis, "Technology and Empire: Comparing Dutch and British Maritime Technologies During the Napoleonic Era (1792-1815); married November 2015; graduated, MA Maritime Studies (December 2015); presented a paper, "Legacies of an Old Design: Reconstructing Rapid's Lines Using 3D Modeling Software," at Society of Historical Archaeology Conference 2016; employed by SEARCH, Inc.

Moore, Tyler Houston

Moss, Ashlyn Kate: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016).

Nelson, David Mark: Graduated, BA History (December 2015)

Nelson-Delong, Nicholas: defended thesis, "War of the Chesapeake: Artifact Analysis of a War of 1812 Flotilla Ship;" graduated, MA Maritime Studies (December 2016); presented a paper, "War of the Chesapeake: Artifact Analysis of a War of 1812 Flotilla Ship," at Society of Historical Archaeology Conference 2016.

Parks, Jacob Tyler: Latin teacher, 6th grade at Greenville Montessori; Latin tutor, Pirate Academic Success Center; Council of Student Ambassadors (Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, representing the Classics Program); presented a paper, "Augustus and the Army: Success, Failure, and Reform," at Fifth Annual Undergraduate Classics Conference, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; presented a paper, "Life by the Imperial Road: Roman Provincial Excavation and Survey," at Classical Studies Association Meeting; Volunteer and Moderator for East Carolina University's Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference; Volunteer and Judge for East Carolina University's Regional National History Day Conference; Graduate, BA History, May 2016; Accepted into ECU's MA in History (Fall 2016); Received the 'Undergraduate Travel Award' to help fund travel expenses required for his presentation in Knoxville.

Peach, Kevin D: Graduated, BA History (December 2015)

Pearce, Jordan Faith: selected as an East Carolina Pirate Navigator; accepted into East Carolina's Pre-law Society; recipient of the East Carolina University Outstanding Academic Achievement in the First Semester Award; inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, March 2016.

Pierce, Morgan Shaneil: Vice-President, Lambda-Eta Chapter 2015; delegate to National Phi Alpha Theta Conference, where she presented a paper on privateers (2016); graduated, MA Maritime Studies (May 2016).

Piner, Hannah E.: Job with the Monitor Foundation at the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Virginia; presented a paper, "Investigating a Cannon Site Conundrum in Cahuita National Park, Costa Rica," and a poster, "Expedition Costa Rica: Cahuita's Brick and Cannon Shipwreck Sites," at Society of Historical Archaeology Conference 2016; participated in a Three-Minute Forum: Artifacts and Journeys: The 2016 Three-Minute Artifact Forum at Society of Historical Archaeology Conference 2016; married May 2016.

Polakowski, Mateusz W.: Presented a paper, "The Egadi 10 Warship: From Excavation to Exhibition," at Society of Historical Archaeology Conference 2016; defended thesis, "Warships of the First Punic War: An Archaeological Investigation and Contributory Reconstruction of the Egadi 10 Warship from the Battle of the Egadi Islands (241 B.C.)" (April 2016); graduated, MA in Maritime Studies Program (May 2016).

Powell, Stuart E.: Inducted Lambda-Eta Chapter (March 2016); Treasurer, Lambda-Eta Chapter (2016); Study Abroad, Israel (Summer 2016).

Pollock, Alpha Cristien

Pratt, Elizabeth Anne

Raynor, Larkin Loede: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016); ECU Honors College; Student Pirate Club Executive Board Member; Study Abroad, South Africa (Summer 2015).

Reisner, Alyssa Danielle

Rogers, Jessica Lee: Best in Session Award and Best Overall Graduate Award at Carolinas Regional (April 2016); Eller Scholarship (ECU) recipient; selected for commission by USN (surface warfare officer); got engaged; Lambda-Eta Treasurer (2015).

Ropp, Allyson: Presented a paper, "The Pirates of North Carolina," at the North Carolina Maritime History Conference 2015; presented a paper, "Pirates and Slave Ships: The Historical Context of Two Wrecks in Cahuita, Costa Rica," and a poster, "Expedition Costa Rica: Cahuita's Brick and Cannon Shipwreck Sites," at Society of Historical Archaeology Conference 2016; presented a poster, "The Pirates of the Pamlico: A Maritime Cultural Landscape Investigation of the Pirates of Colonial North Carolina and their Place in the State's Cultural Memory," at the Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference 2016; presented a paper "The Pirates of the Pamlico: A Maritime Cultural Landscape Investigation of the Pirates of Colonial North Carolina and their Place in the State's Cultural Memory" at the North Carolina Association of Historians Conference 2016; presented a poster "The Pirates of the Pamlico: A Maritime Cultural Landscape Investigation of the Pirates of Colonial North Carolina and their Place in the State's Cultural Memory" at East Carolina University's Research and Creative Achievement Week 2016; presented "Mosquito Raiding Parties: Tropical Diseases as a Form of Predation through Transatlantic Ships and Sailors" and "Volunteering Experience: Volunteer and Hands-on Opportunities in the Program in Maritime Studies" at Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference 2016; Richard C. Todd (ECU) recipient; East Carolina University's Coastal-Maritime Council Research Support recipient; crew chief for ECU summer field school in Biscayne Bay, Florida; volunteer archaeological support at Biscayne Bay National Park; Historian, Lambda-Eta Chapter (2015-2016).

Schwalbe, Emily Anne: Presented "Pirates and Slave Ships: The Historical Context of Two Wrecks in Cahuita, Costa Rica" at Society of Historical Archaeology Conference 2016; presented a paper, "A Crisis in Gender: Necessity, Femininity, and the Civil War Naval Blockade" at the North Carolina Association of Historians Conference 2016; Intern, Warren Lasch Conservation Center, *H.L. Hunley* Archaeological Internship

Seebo, Barry Keith

Sheffield, Samantha Ashley

Spell, Oscar Glenn, IV

Sprague, Dorothy Louise: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016).

Stuart, Sophia: inducted Lambda-Eta (March 2016); Paul Murray Graduate Scholarship in History and R.N. Lokken Scholarship in Early American History (2016).

Taylor, Laura Kathryn

Teegarden, Seth Thomas: Presented a paper, "Wrath of the Barcids: One Family's Attempt to Stop Rome," at University of Alabama Annual GHA Conference on Power and Struggle 2015; published a book review of Dexter Hoyos, *Mastering the West: Rome and Carthage at War* in *History Matters* 2015; published "Initiation" in *ECU Rebel Magazine* 2016; published "Rise of Agriculture, Political States, and Eurasia," in *Beyond Borders: Human History to 1450*, Devon Beavers, ed. Gibbs Smith Education (TBP May 2016); presented a paper, "Barbarians at the Gates! Rome's Enemies in Classical Military Literature," at Phi Alpha Theta Nationals Conference 2016; presented a paper, "Hannibal: Terror of Italy," at UNC-Charlotte Graduate History Forum 2016; published Second Place – Fiction (TBP Fall 2016); Lambda-Eta Secretary (2015); graduated, MA History (May 2016).

Thigpen, Justin Lee: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016).

Thomas, Olivia Layne: Inducted Lambda Eta Chapter (March 2016); President, Lambda-Eta (2016); William H. and Mary Q. Tuttle Scholarship in History (2016); Volunteer: Fundraising, Relay for Life, Carolinas Regional Conference (April 2016).

Walker, Rayvon Earl: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016); Miller-Moore Scholarship (2016).

Walls, Eric Andro: Recipient of the Miriam P. Saunders Education Scholarship, the West Memorial Fund Access Scholarship, and the East Carolina University Academic Achievement Award; Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, March 2016; Judge at the National History Day Regional Competition at East Carolina University; Volunteer, Carolinas Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference (April 2016).

Wetterhahn, Dale Robert: Graduate Assistant; Volunteer, Phi Alpha Theta Carolinas Regional Conference (April 2016).

Wright, Anne Eugenia: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta (March 2016); Graduate Scholar award; President of the Maritime Studies Association; serving as a technical support diver for Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Summer 2016).

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

EVENTS



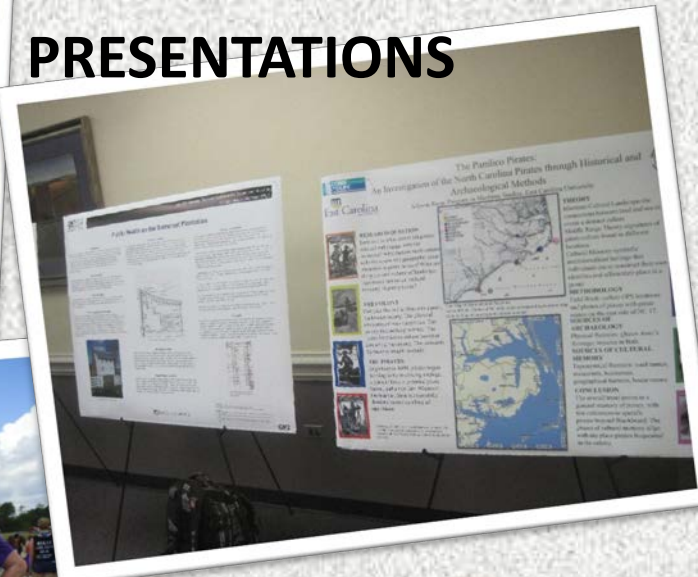
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VOLUNTEERS



PRESENTATIONS



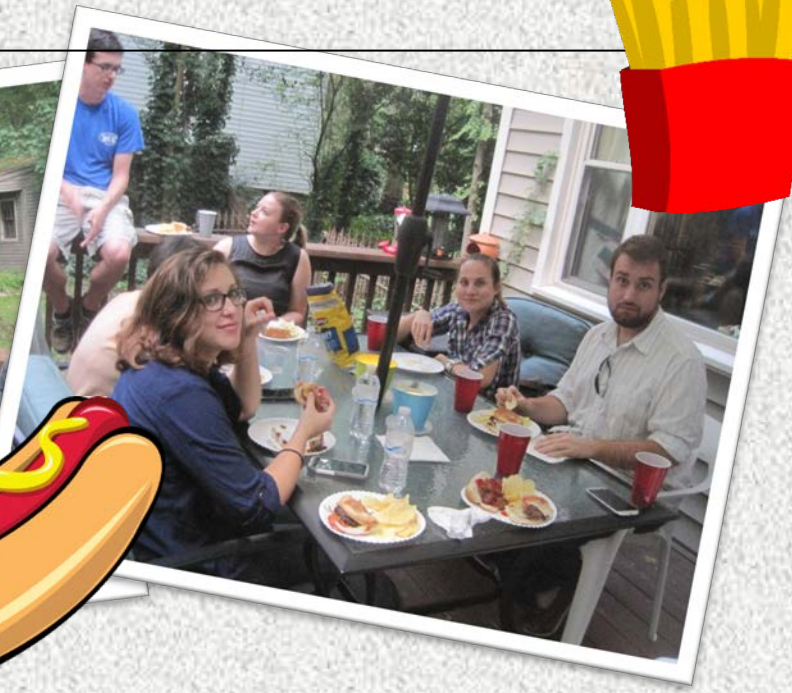
CHARITY



COOKOUT WITH DR. TILLEY



To kickoff the year, Dr. Tilley hosted a cookout to bring the old and new members together to relax a little more before school kicks into gear. Everyone gathered together for a good time and good food and enjoyed each other's company.



EFFECTIVE SPEAKING PRESENTATION-FALL

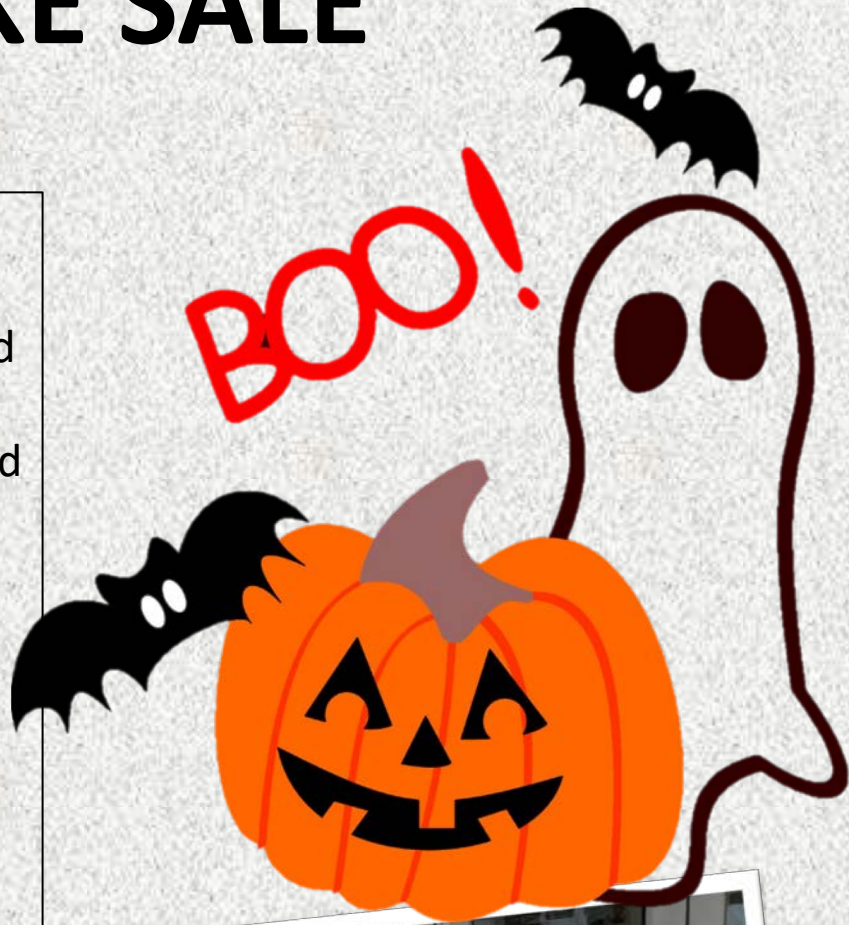


Our chapter hosted a seminar to discuss how to deliver an effective presentation by the Department of Communications. The seminar was open to all history students along with the entire university to learn about effective public speaking. Dr. Pamela Hopkins spent an hour addressing organization, appearance 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.



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.



HOMECOMING



CROCKPOT WARS



Each year our members gather together in October to compete in a food cook-off, with crockpots! There were 12 competitors this year, who made a variety of food ranging from barbeque chicken to buffalo chicken macaroni and cheese. All the food was excellent and our members voted on the winning recipes. The winners, Ian Hazel and Sean Cox, cooked buffalo chicken mac and cheese and apple cobbler. Everyone left that evening feeling satisfied and full because of the good food and good company.



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 spirt, all left that night in good spirits to return to their own family for the holidays.



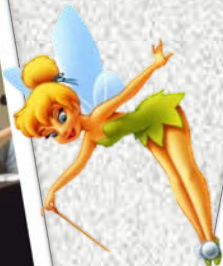
DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT



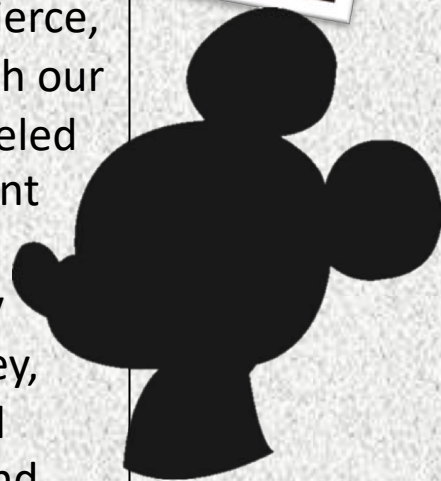
At the December Commencement Ceremony for the History Department, our chapter graduated members into the real world. Our officers also offered their time to planning and orchestrating the affair. After participating in a beautiful ceremony and the official turning of the tassels, our members entered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



NATIONAL CONFERENCE ORLANDO, FL



In early January, three of our students-Ian Hazel, Morgan Pierce, and Seth Teegarden-along with our advisor, Dr. Wade Dudley traveled to Orlando, Florida to represent our chapter at the National Conference. Not only did they experience the magic of Disney, but they also participated and presented original research and represented ECU and the Lambda Eta chapter well.



RALEIGH MUSEUM TRIP



In January, our members took a trip to Raleigh, the NC state capital, to take in the NC Museum of History and the Museum of Natural Science along with the Governor's Mansion. While there, they also learned about NASA through the Space Day program and participated in the African American Heritage Programs.



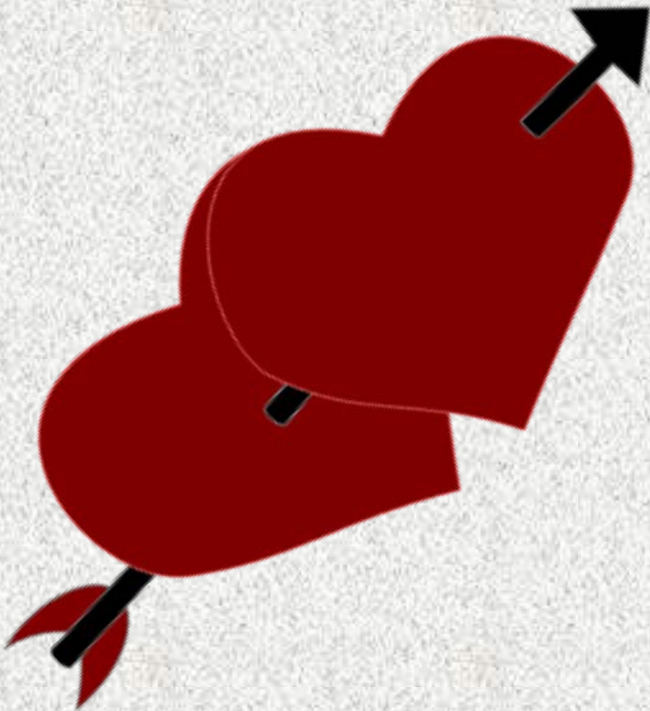
EFFECTIVE SPEAKING PRESENTATION-SPRING



Due to the successes of the fall presentation, our group organized another session for the spring. Dr. Pamela Hopkins spent an hour addressing organization, appearance and posture, and pronunciation and speaking techniques. The session continues to make good and effective speakers out of all of our students at ECU.



VALENTINE'S 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.



CHILI NIGHT



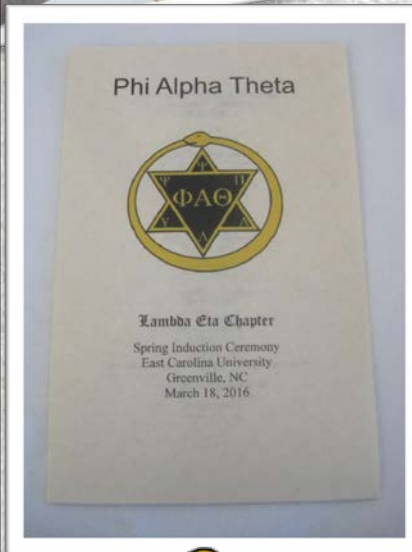
In order to beat the cold chill that came to Greenville, the Dudley's hosted a chili night in February. The chili brought together members for one last communal meal before entering the final stretch of the semester. The food was delicious and warmed everyone up from the cold weather.



INDUCTION CEREMONY



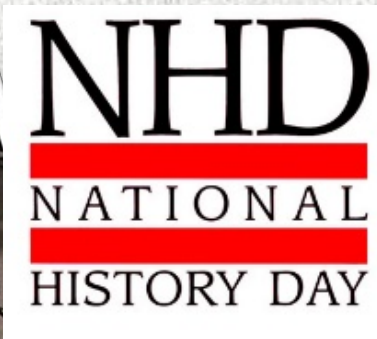
Throughout the year, we successfully recruited new members to our ranks. Both graduate and undergraduate students joined our illustrious brotherhood. After a beautiful ceremony, in which we heard about Civil Rights hangings and the importance of history, 21 members were inducted into our ranks.



Angela Anskis
Ann Marie Ballance
Dylan Courtney
Sean Cox
Kelsey Dwyer
Kristina Fricker
Margaret LeGrand
Jay Menees
Martha Mihich
Madeline Midyette
Ashlyn Moss
Jordan Pearce
Stuart Powell
Larkin Raynor
Dorothy Sprague
Sophia Stuart
Justin Thigpen
Olivia Thomas
Rayvon Walker
Eric Walls
Annie Wright

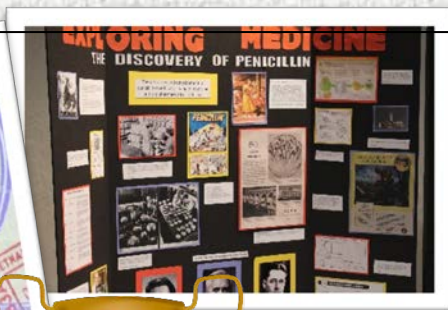


NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

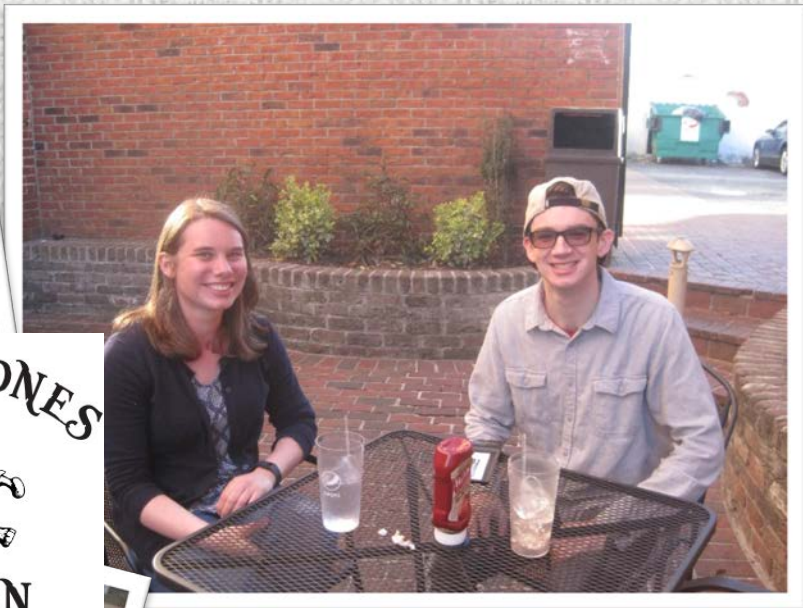
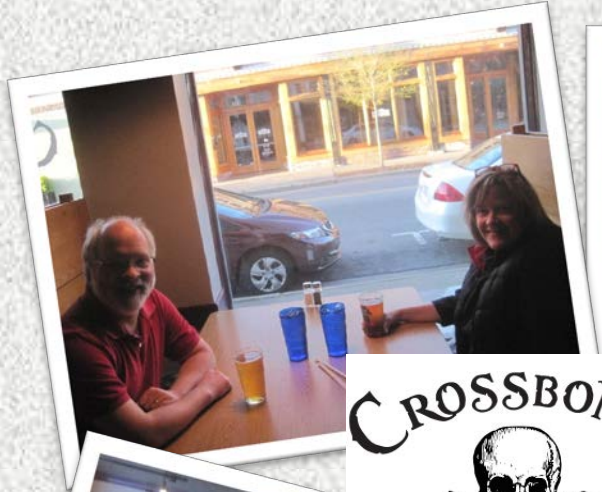


National History Day (NHD) is a highly regarded academic program for middle and high school students.

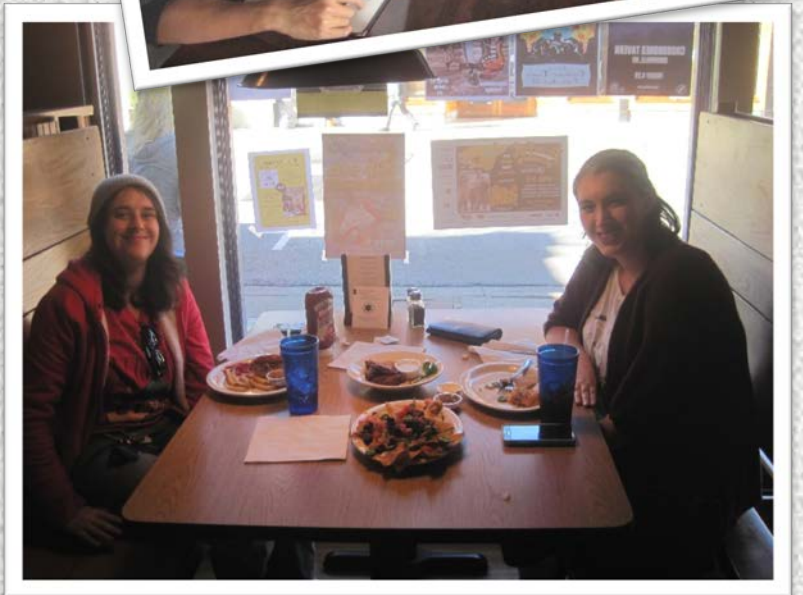
Each year, more than half a million students, encouraged by thousands of teachers nationwide participate in the NHD contest. Students choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews and historic sites. Our members aided, Dr. Lynn Harris and Mia Thompson in planning the event as well as judging the numerous presentations and posters that were developed by the students.



CROSSBONES FUNDRAISER



To aid in raising money for Relay for Life and other events, we planned a fund raising event at a local restaurant, Crossbones Tavern. Members and nonmembers alike enjoyed the delicious fare and comradery of the event.



REGIONALS-GREENVILLE, NC



This year, the Carolina Regionals was hosted by East Carolina University and the Lambda Eta chapter. Our organization hosted 28 students from eight different universities to present their original historical research on topics ranging from the ancient world through the present-day. The day included lots of education and food and stimulating talks from the Executive Director of Phi Alpha Theta, Dr. Jack Tunstall; the ECU Department of History Chair, Dr. Christopher Oakley; and ECU Department of History Graduate Director, Dr. Jennifer McKinnon.



REGIONALS



QUEEN ANNE'S REVENGE OPEN HOUSE

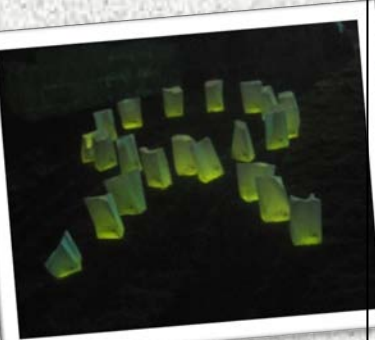
Queen Anne's Revenge Conservation Lab, an branch under NC Department of Cultural Resources, hosts an open house each year to teach the community about maritime archaeological artifact conservation, underwater excavation, and Blackbeard's flagship, *Queen Anne's Revenge*. Our members volunteered as educators and guides at the event imparting their knowledge of maritime archaeology and conservation to the public.



RELAY FOR LIFE

DREAM BIG
HOPE BIG
RELAY BIG

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 and buy pretzels. The team survived nasty weather to help keep the event going. Overall the team raised over \$1,000 to contribute to cancer research.



RHEM/SCHWARTZMAN PRIZES



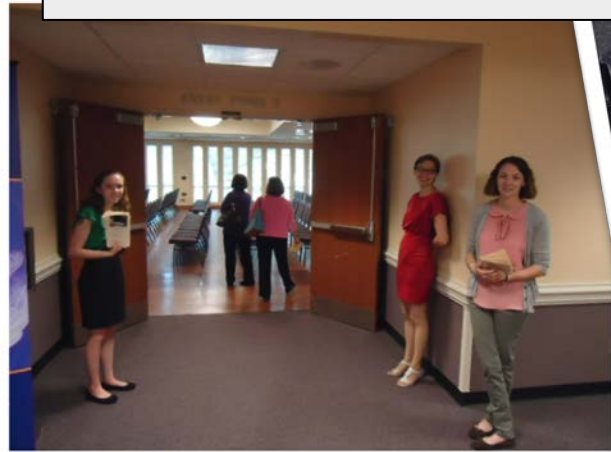
Every year, East Carolina University's J.Y. Joyner Library offers the prestigious Rhem/Schwartzman Prizes For Recognition of Student Research in undergraduate studies. This is a competitive event, with a diverse panel of judges selected from professors across ECU. To qualify for the prize, papers must be based on primary sources drawn from Joyner Special Collections. For 2016, Lambda-Eta's Adam Caldwell and William Cheek claimed first and second places respectively. 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.



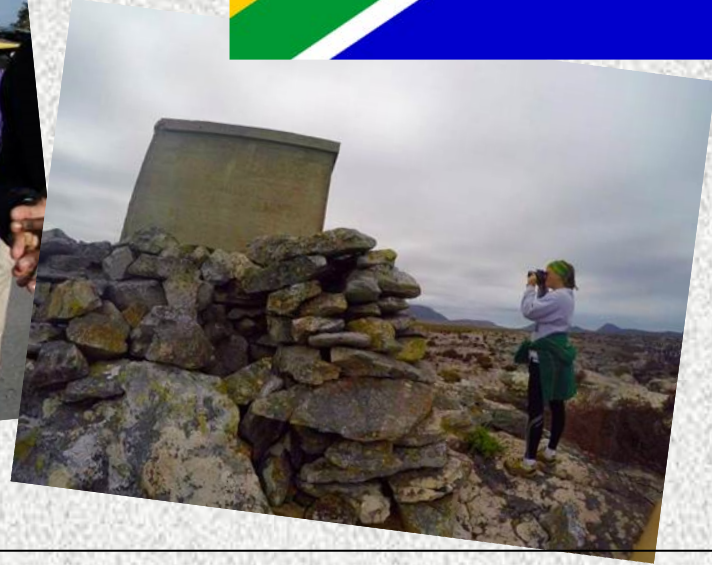
MAY COMMENCEMENT



As the semester came to an end, our chapter said goodbye to twenty three of our members. Both graduate and undergraduate (BA, BSP, BS HIST ED, and MA), 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.



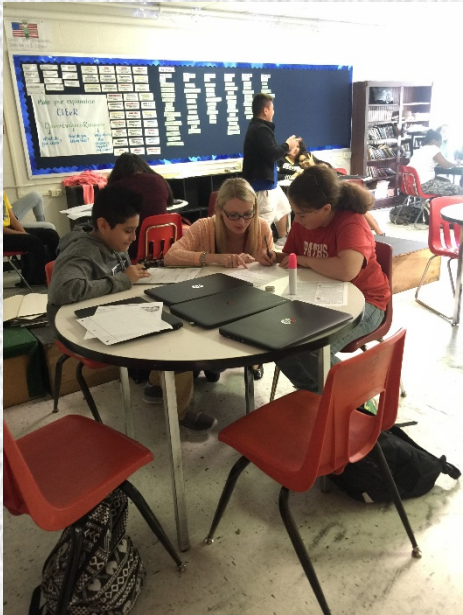
LARKIN RAYNOR: SUMMER SOUTH AFRICA



I studied abroad for two and a half weeks on the Western Cape of South Africa. We spent time in Cape Town, Simons Town, Mossel Bay, and on the Cape Point Nature Reserve. While at Cape Point, we surveyed radar stations that were used in World War II. We also spent a considerable amount of time on the Cape Point Shipwreck trail. We did a lot of other activities in South Africa as well. We visited Robben Island where we got to see Nelson Mandela's cell. We went on a game drive, went shark cage diving, and climbed Table Mountain. My personal research in South Africa dealt with the music of Ladysmith Black Mambazo. I have always been interested in music and its significance in politics and public opinion, so I conducted interviews with South Africans about their memories of Ladysmith Black Mambazo during apartheid.



ALUMNI SKETCHES



Victoria Whitfield Harris MA History 2015

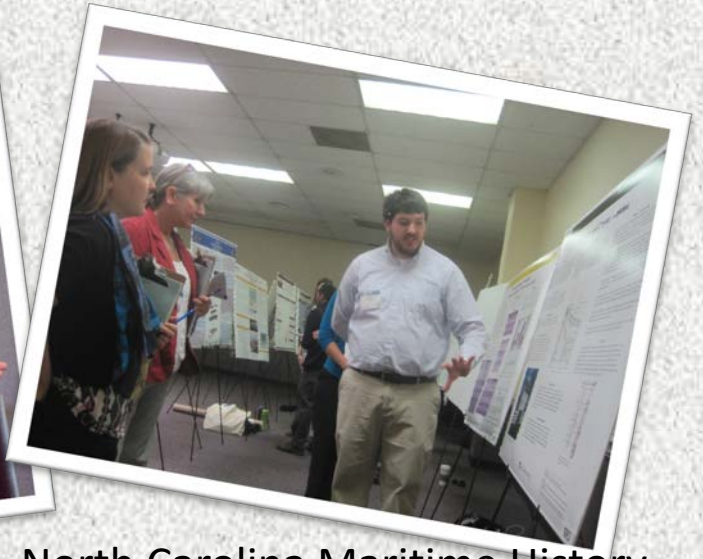
I am currently a 7th grade English/Language Arts and Social Studies teacher at Graham Middle School. A strength I gained from being a member of Phi Alpha Theta that has helped me with teaching is my presentation skills. I am comfortable speaking in front of my students and co-workers because of the presentations I gave as a student member of Phi Alpha Theta. I am also able to help my students improve their own presentation skills and prepare them for their futures. Phi Alpha Theta also gave me a stronger passion for history that I take into my classroom everyday. I can tell that my enthusiasm for what I teach helps my students get excited about learning. I am truly grateful for the leadership skills that I gained from being a member of Phi Alpha Theta.

Arthur Carlson, BA History & Classical Studies 2007, MA History 2011

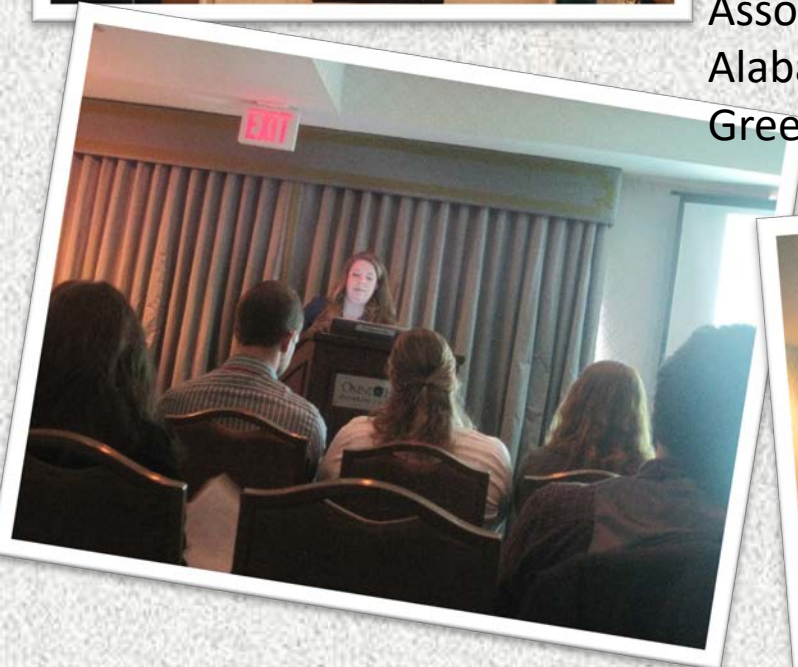
Arthur is a proud alumnus of the Lambda Eta chapter. He currently serves at the University Archivist and Records Manager at East Carolina University where his primary duties include managing the institutional archive, ensuring campus units are in compliance with applicable records laws, fostering donor relations, and coordinating community outreach events. Membership in Phi Alpha Theta provided me with opportunities to hone my presentation and research skills while in school in addition to providing a network of colleagues and friends that share a passion for history. I relish opportunities to meet and work with Phi Alpha Theta members new and known while adding to the growing legacy of the Lambda Eta chapter. When not at work, he enjoys nature watching, photography, and spending time with his wife, dog, and cat. Go Pirates!



CONFERENCES



North Carolina Maritime History Conference; Society of Historical Archaeology Conference; North Carolina Association of Historians Conference; ECU Research and Creative Achievement Week; Coastal Studies Conference; Global Issues Conference; Classical Studies Association Meeting; University of Alabama GHA Conference; UNC-Greensboro Graduate History Forum



MARITIME STUDIES



ECU Program in Maritime Studies, one of our larger graduate sections in the Department of History, comprises a large portion of our chapter. This group of individuals participate heavily in volunteering, public outreach, and independent and original research focused on maritime history and underwater archaeology.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

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 2015 included gathering at Dr. John Tilley house for a Cookout and Movie Night, listening to Dr. Pamela Hopkins talk on effective public speaking and presentations, joining together with professors and alumni for East Carolina's Homecoming weekend, conducting a very successful "Boo Bake Sale," convening at the Dudley household for "Crockpot Wars," 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 2016 saw a flurry of activities, from fundraising to scholarly pursuits. It started with our students attending multiple conferences before the semester began. The chapter sponsored another 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 the state history and natural science museums in Raleigh, gathered at Chez Dudley for Chili Night, presented papers or projects during ECU's Research & Creativity Week and at the Regional Conference at East Carolina, inducted 21 new members in the Induction Ceremony, 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 for the events for the fall and to continue to celebrate our 50th anniversary!

If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree.



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FALL 2016 ACTIVITES

SEPTEMBER

9/12 » Monthly Meeting, 1600 in BD 113 (Dudley on Scholarships)

9/16 » Welcome Back Cookout! (Dr. Tilley)

Friday Afternoon Gaming, History Lab 1400-1730+: 9/09, 23, 30

OCTOBER

10/03 » Monthly Meeting, 1600 in BD 113 (Clay Smith on MAT Program)

10/05 » Effective Speaking Seminar, 1700-1830, BB103

10/21 » Crockpot Wars at Chez Dudley, 1830-?

10/24-28 » BOO! Bake Sale!

Friday Afternoon Gaming, History Lab 1400-1730+: 10/07, 14

NOVEMBER

11/07 » Monthly Meeting, 1600 in BD 113 (Elections!)

11/18 » Commitment Day for Spring Regional

Friday Afternoon Gaming, History Lab 1400-1730+: 11/04, 11, 18

DECEMBER

12/03 » Christmas Party! (at Chez Dudley) (AAC Championship Game)

12/05 » Monthly Meeting, 1600 in BD 113 (Spring Planning)

12/06 » Officers' Planning Session (Ming Dynasty)

12/16 » Commencement

Other activities: Lambda-Eta Clothing Sale; Museum Visit (November; location to be determined at October Meeting); 50th Anniversary Spectacular (October or November)



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