

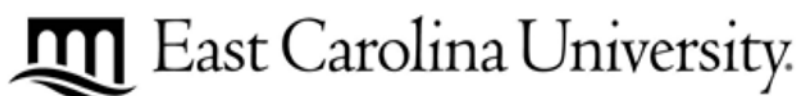
Another Historic Year

East Carolina University's
Lambda-Eta Chapter of Phi
Alpha Theta Yearbook

2017-2018

Chapter of the Year
Scrapbook





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Phi Alpha Theta National Office

Dear Chapter of the Year Award Committee:

The following is for our application for the Nels A. Cleven Award (having received the honor of Chapter of the Year, including one Honorable Mention, for the past eight years):

University: East Carolina University
Chapter: Lambda-Eta Chapter
Advisor: Dr. Wade G. Dudley

Initiates for 2016-2017: Corry T. Atkinson, Justin Matthew Bowen, Briceno Lihar Bowrey, Tabatha Alease Britt, Katrina Lee Bunyard, Chloe Ann Carr, Jean Kienast Culbreth, Emily Kathleen Dibiase, Anna Christian D'Jernes, Alexandria Nora Franklin, Alexander James Hayes, James C. Holt, Tyler Griffin Horne, Daniela Jimenez, Kathryn Theresa King, Daniel Isaac Krentz, Jacob Taylor Kriminger, Janet Mosely Latham, Kendra Lawrence, Ryan William Miranda, Justin Neal Myers, Kristin Tressa O'Lear, Martaleigh O'Neal, Sara Mackenzie Parkin, Robert Junious Richardson III, Nathan Alexander Risk, James Rose III, Sydney Alexis Simmons, Emily Stewart Summerlin, Kathryn E. Wallace, Teresa Ellen Will, Jared M. Williard, Jared Mark Wollenschlager (33 Initiates in total).

We also welcomed three graduate candidates initiated at other institutions: Austin F. Croom from Alpha-Alpha-Iota, Liberty University (Lynchburg, VA); Joshua Michael Vestal from Mu-Nu, Lincoln Memorial University, Cleveland, TN; Joel Alexander Cook from Alpha-Iota-Eta, Fayetteville State University (Fayetteville, NC)

Total Student Enrollment: 29,131 (Graduate and Undergraduate as of Census Day, 1 September 2017)

Nels A. Cleven Award received 2015 and 2017, Honorable Mention 2016

Our sincere thanks for the superb support from the National Office this semester (as always!).

Sincerely,

Wade G. Dudley

Dr. Wade G. Dudley
Advisor, ΦΑΘ History Honor Society

Officers

2017 Officers

President: Kristina Fricker
Vice President: Tyler Caldwell
Secretary: Dylan Courtney
Treasurer: Stuart Powell
Historian: Katie Chandler



2018 Officers

President: Eric Walls
Vice President: Austin Croom
Secretary: Dylan Courtney
Treasurer: Tess Will
Historian: Joshua Vestal



Chapter Advisor:
Wade Dudley



Accomplishments and Awards of Members 2017-2018

- Eric Walls

- Chancellor's List Fall 2017, Spring 2018
- President, Lambda Eta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta
- Presented paper at the 2018 Phi Alpha Theta National Convention, New Orleans, LA
- Won Best in Session and Best Overall Graduate Paper at Phi Alpha Theta 2018 Carolinas Regional Conference
- Presented paper at East Carolina University Research and Creative Achievement Week, March 2018
- Judge at Regional National History Day Competition, East Carolina University - Spring 2018
- Featured Speaker for East Carolina University History Department Brown Bag Lunch Series, March 2018
- Recipient of the ECU Grad Scholars Award for MA in History Fall 2017 to Spring 2019
- Received the Lawrence F. Brewster Fellowship in History 2018-2019
- Received the Susan Dudley Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship, Spring 2018

- Austin Croom

- Chancellor's List Fall 2017 and Spring 2018
- Vice President, Lambda Eta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta
- Presented paper at the 2018 Phi Alpha Theta National Convention, New Orleans, LA
- Won Best in Session at Phi Alpha Theta 2018 Carolinas Regional Conference
- Received the Roy N. Lokken Scholarship in History, Spring 2018
- Received the Susan Dudley Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship, Spring 2018
- Published book review in *Nautical Research Journal*, Fall 2017

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- Dylan Courtney
 - Secretary, Lambda Eta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta
 - Dean's List, Fall 2017 and Spring 2018
 - Presented paper at the 2018 Phi Alpha Theta National Convention, New Orleans, LA
 - Received the Faye Marie Creegan Scholarship Endowment Fund, Spring 2018
 - Received the Richard C. Todd Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship, Spring 2018
 - ECU Habitat for Humanity Chapter Member
 - Boys Scouts of America, East Carolina Council, Blackbeard District, Venture Crew 218 President
- Noah Shuler
 - Chancellor's List Fall 2017 and Spring 2018
 - Presented paper at the 2018 Phi Alpha Theta National Convention, New Orleans, LA
 - Awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree *Summa Cum Laude* in History Education and History from East Carolina University
 - Awarded Outstanding Senior Award by the East Carolina University Department of History, Spring 2018
 - Awarded Best in Session at the Phi Alpha Theta 2018 Carolinas Regional Conference
 - Received the 2nd Place Rhem-Schwarzmann Prize for Student Research from J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Spring 2018
 - Received Runner-up for the Hugh T. Lefler Award for the Best Paper on North Carolina History by an Undergraduate from the Historical Society of North Carolina; Spring 2018
 - Awarded the Graduate Scholar Award by the Graduate School at East Carolina University, Spring 2018
 - Awarded a Graduate Assistantship by the East Carolina University Department of History; Spring 2018
 - Elected as a Representative to the Student Assembly of the East Carolina University Student Government Association, Spring 2018
 - Elected Student Body Attorney General of East Carolina University, Spring 2018
 - Published "*The American Civil War and its Effects on Religiosity in North Carolina*" in *The Lookout Journal of Undergraduate Research* Vol. 5, Issue 1
 - Received Certification in Mental Health First Aid for Youth from Mental Health First Aid USA

Accomplishments and Awards of Members 2017-2018

- Jacob Taylor Kriminger
 - Published article in *The Lookout* Undergraduate Research Journal, East Carolina University, Spring 2018
 - Accepted into the Master of Science in Security Studies program at East Carolina University
- Jean Kienast Culbreth
 - Received East Carolina University University Studies Program Capstone Practicum Spring 2018 Most Outstanding Internship Award, Spring 2018
 - Raised \$23,000 for Baldricks Foundation Charity
- Jordan Faith Pearce
 - Dean's List, Fall 2017 and Spring 2018
 - Won Best in Session and Best Overall Undergraduate Paper at Phi Alpha Theta 2017 Carolinas Regional Conference
 - Received Miller-Moore Scholarship in History, Fall 2017
 - Graduated Magna Cum Laude (BA History, minor in Pre-medical Health and Society, Spring 2018)
 - Accepted to North Carolina State University for Non-degree Graduate Studies/Microbiology
- Jared Mark Wollenschlager
 - Chancellor's List Fall 2017, Spring 2018
 - Received the Joseph and Catherine Hirsch Memorial Award in History, Spring 2018
 - Received Miller-Moore Scholarship in History, Fall 2017
 - Participant in the East Carolina University Residential Scholars Program
- Kristin Teresa O'Lear
 - Chancellor's List Fall 2017 and Spring 2018
 - Received the Lawrence F. Brewster Fellowship in History 2018-2019
 - Received internship at the Mystic Seaport Museum, Summer 2018
- Corry T. Atkinson
 - Received the Papalas Graduate Award for Ancient History, Spring 2018
 - Published "Andrianople: Before and After" in *Explorations: Journal of Undergraduate Research for North Carolina* (Fall 2017).

Rhem/Schwarzmann Prize

Established by Ann Schwarzmann to honor William and Emily Rhem and Theodore and Ann Schwarzmann, the Rhem/Schwarzmann Prize recognizes outstanding research papers written by sophomores, juniors and seniors at ECU. Senior Noah S. Shuler (second from right), a member of the Lambda-Eta Chapter, took second place and a \$500 prize for “A Struggle for Growth: The Civil War and North Carolina Religiosity.” Members of Phi Alpha Theta have won or placed (and twice swept) this award since its inception.



Chapter Activities



Volunteering



Scholarships



Monthly Meetings



Events



Presentations

Welcome Back Party at Cyprus Landing Country Club



Every year, Phi Alpha Theta holds a Welcome Back Party to kick off the new school year. This year's Welcome Back Party was hosted by Dr. Mona Russel at the Cyprus Landing Country Club. Current members and alumni gathered together to enjoy good food and catch up on each other's Summer Break experiences



Bake Sales

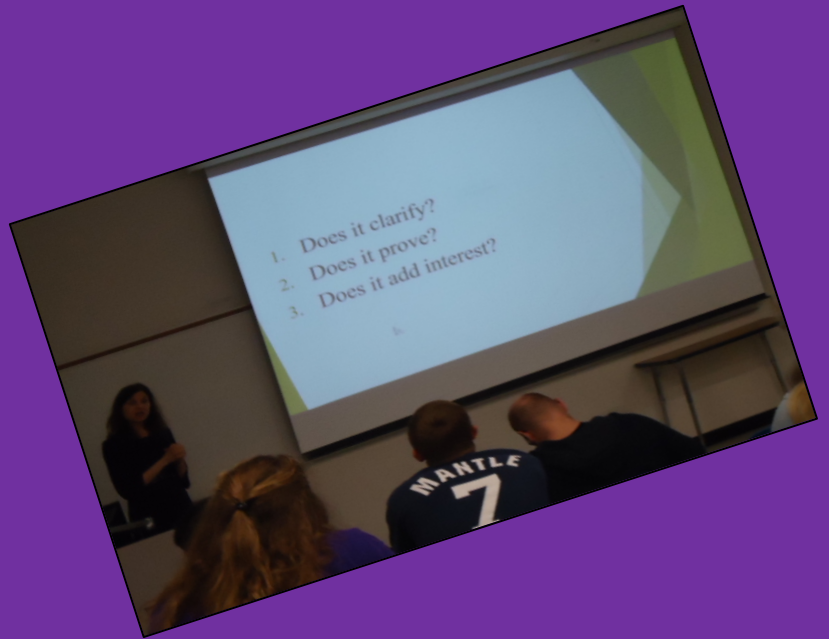


Every Year, the Lambda-Eta Chapter holds two bake sales: the Boo Bake Sale in the Fall Semester and the Valentines Bake Sale in the Spring Semester. Both bake sales were successful this year, and provided funds that were used to help cover the costs of traveling to conferences as well as other activities within the chapter.



Effective Speaking Seminar Fall and Spring

Phi Alpha Theta-Lambda-Eta Chapter hosts a seminar for effective public speaking once a semester. The presentation is given by Dr. Pamela Hopkins, who works in the Department of Communications at ECU. Dr. Hopkins provides students with a vast wealth of information and tools that can assist them in improving their public speaking ability.



ECU Historical Simulations Group



Every Friday from 2-5, students and professors gather together to play different historical board games and simulations. This is a time for fellowship and fun, but also fosters increasing historical knowledge on the eras that each game focuses on. Students occasionally learn the games well enough to beat the veteran professors, but have to be careful not to win too badly (since these professors control their grades)!



Christmas Party & Crock Pot Wars

Usually, Crock Pot Wars and the Christmas Party for the Lambda-Eta Chapter are two different events. However, this year they were combined into one event. The party included a crockpot dish competition amongst the students, all of which were delicious! All the members got to enjoy the plentiful food and spend time socializing with each other before exams and Christmas Break. Of course we had a Christmas Tree dedicated to Phi Alpha Theta!



National Conference in New Orleans

The Biennial Convention for Phi Alpha Theta was held in January 2018 in New Orleans. The Lambda-Eta Chapter sent several members to present their papers at the conference. Their efforts made us proud! The presentations they gave and the talks they

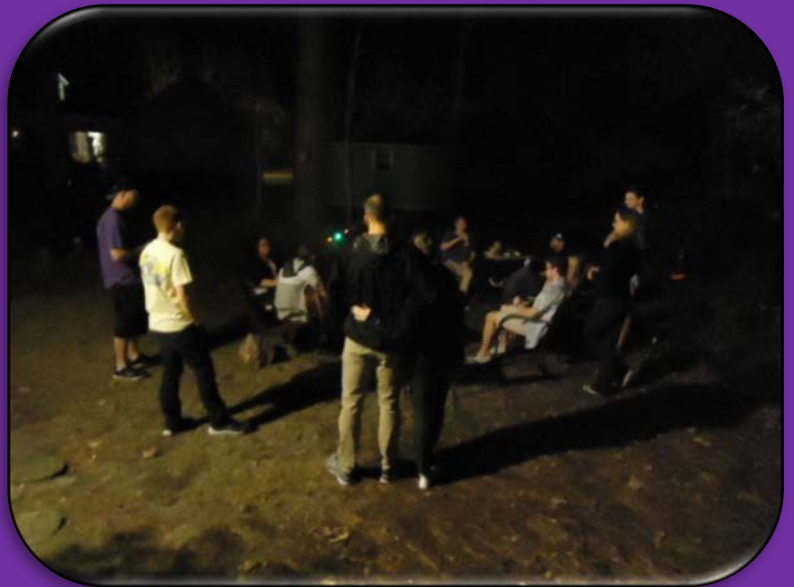
listened to will provide valuable knowledge and experience for these members as they continue their academic careers. They got to enjoy the exquisite food and explore the rich history of New Orleans during the conference as well.



Chili Night



In the Spring Semester, Dr. Dudley hosts a Chili Night to welcome everyone back. Lambda-Eta members and their friends and family are invited to come and enjoy the delicious chili recipe Dr. D has mastered. By the end of the night, we gathered around the fire pit for s'mores and live music provided by our talented President, Eric Walls. There is rarely any chili left by the end of the night, and if any is, Dr. D's four-legged friend makes sure to help with finishing it off.



National History Day 2018

ECU hosted the regional competition for National History Day. The theme this year was ‘Conflict and Compromise.’ Several members of the Lambda-Eta Chapter and other members of the History Department dedicated many hours to helping make sure this competition was a success. Lambda-Eta Chapter members served as judges for different types of projects entered into the competition. National History Day is a great way to promote history to young students and show them that history isn’t just stuck in the past, but is an important part of the present as well.



Induction Ceremony

This year, the Lambda-Eta Chapter held its annual Induction Ceremony on March 23. We initiated 33 new members as well as adding 3 graduate students who were initiated at other universities. The ceremony included inductees receiving a certificate as well as a rose. We were Also proud to present Sue Dudley a plaque of appreciation for her dedication to supporting Lambda-Eta Chapter even when dealing with serious health issues this past Fall.



Relay for Life



The Lambda-Eta Chapter continued entering its "Making Cancer History" team in the Relay for Life this year. The team raised money by selling tickets for prizes that included baked goods and homemade soaps. The event held special significance to our chapter this year, because our own Sue Dudley was the survivor we sponsored this year.



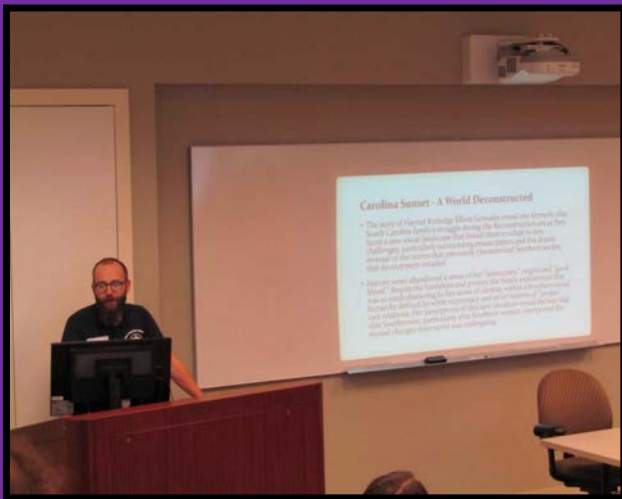
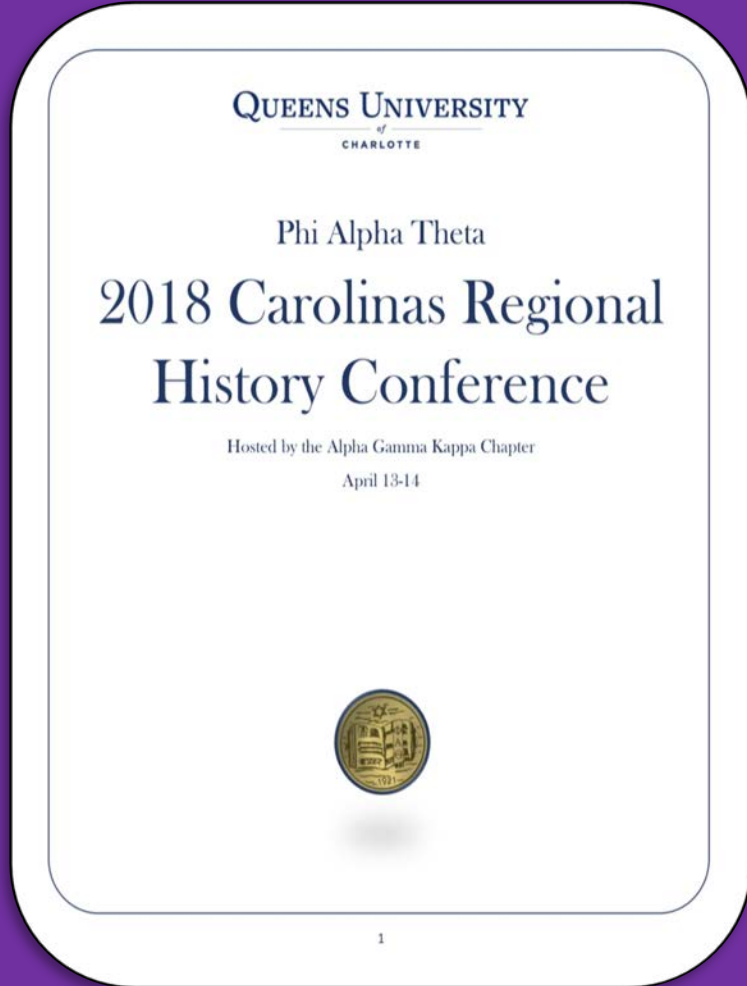
Trip to Tryon Palace

The Lambda-Eta Chapter tries to plan multiple excursions to local historical sites. This year, we visited Tryon Palace in New Bern, NC. Tryon Palace is known for being the first permanent capitol of North Carolina. Several members, along with family members and friends, enjoyed taking a tour and learning about the rich history of North Carolina.



Spring Regional Conference at Queens University

The Regional Conference for the Lambda-Eta Chapter this year was held at Queens University in Charlotte, NC. We had five members present papers at the conference; four members placed 1st in session and Eric Walls won 1st overall for Graduate students. As always, the way our members represented the Lambda-Eta Chapter continues to make us proud.



Spring 2018 Commencement

The Spring 2018 Commencement saw 19 Lambda-Eta Chapter members complete their academic journey. Several members have already received job offers, while others will continue their education at the graduate level at ECU as well as other universities. We are proud of their achievements and wish them all the best.



Presentations

ECU History Department sponsors the Brewster Lecture every year. This year, Dr. Brad S. Gregory presented “Why the Reformation Still Matters.” Students from Phi Alpha Theta and other members of the History Department even got the chance to have lunch and talk privately to Dr. Gregory before his presentation.

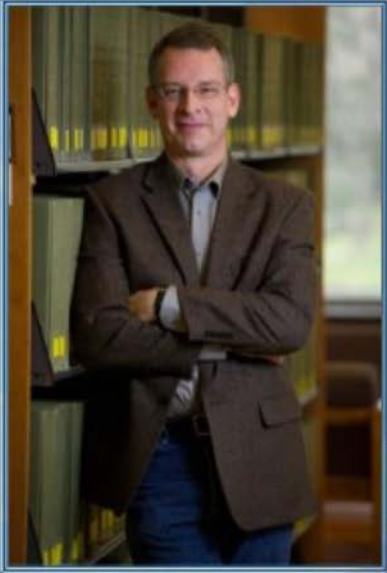
BRAD S. GREGORY

The Department of History is pleased to present

The 2017-2018 Brewster Lecture

“Why the Reformation Still Matters”

Dr. Brad S. Gregory



February 1, 2018

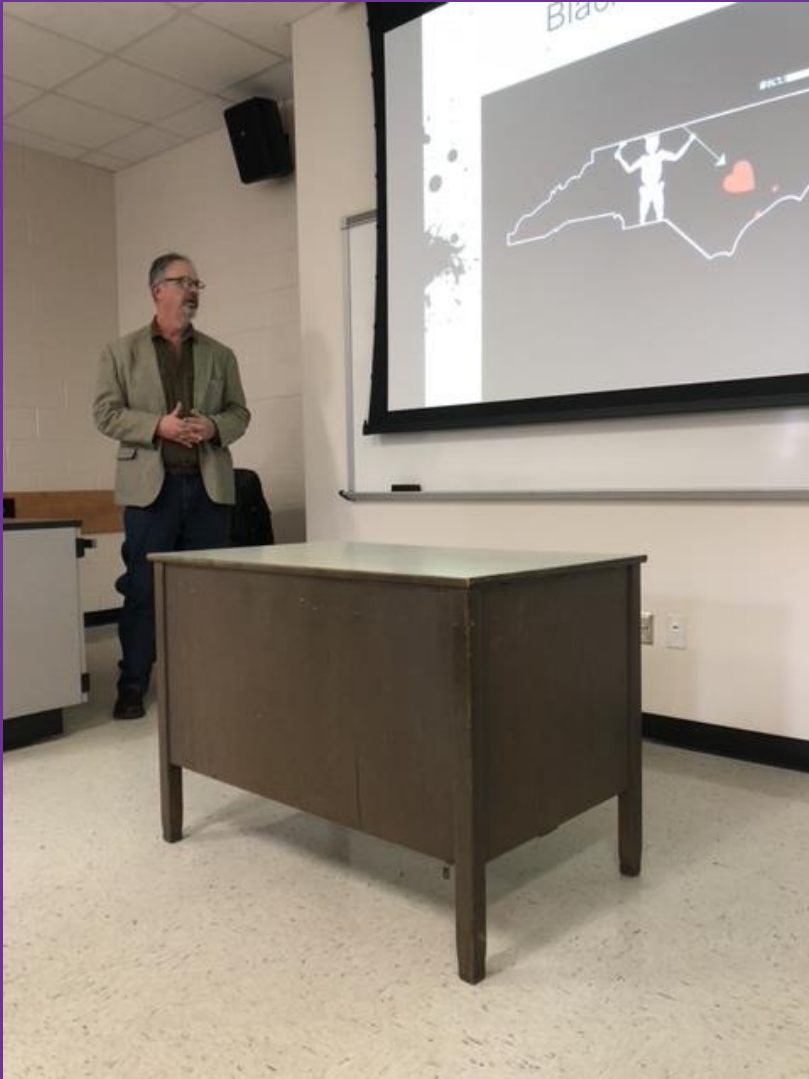
Mendenhall Student Center, Great Rooms 6:00pm

Dr. Gregory is Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame and author of *Rebel in the Ranks: Martin Luther, the Reformation, and Conflicts that Continue to Shape Our World* (2017)

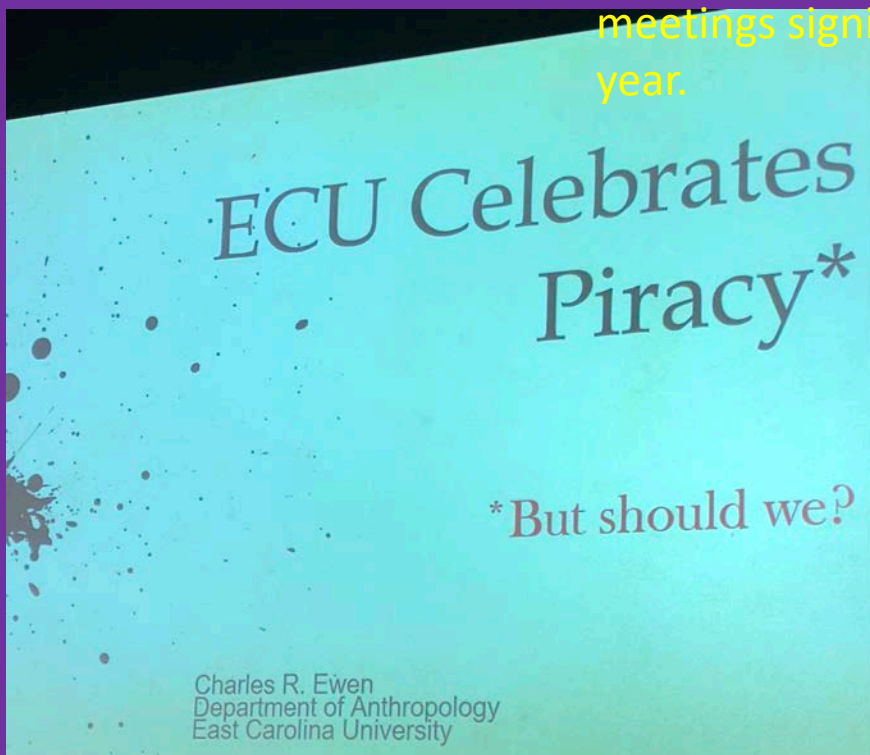
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ECU Celebrates Piracy Lecture with Dr. Charles R. Ewen



In our April Meeting, Dr. Charles Ewen (Anthropology) presented a talk on Piracy. This is a major topic at ECU, especially since NC is celebrating the 300th anniversary of Blackbeard (plus our mascot is a pirate)! Incorporating lectures into some of our meetings is a huge hit with our members, and make the meetings more than just taking care of business. Good speakers, such as Dr. Ewen, helped increase the average attendance of our meetings significantly this year.



ECU Program in Maritime Studies



The ECU Program in Maritime Studies is a graduate level program under the History Department at ECU and contributes several members to the Lambda-Eta Chapter. It just celebrated its 35th anniversary. Students do a great deal of research, fieldwork, and public outreach, holding several field schools each year such as the one in the Fall of 2017 which identified a WWII amphibious assault vessel in Pamlico Sound (NC). They learn and practice necessary skills in the pool to prepare for these field schools. The academic and personal contributions of the Program in Maritime Studies is another valuable asset to the Lambda-Eta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.



Alumni Sketch

Emma Caterinicchio

"I graduated from ECU in May 2017 with a B.A. in History, a B.A. in Foreign Languages and Literatures with a concentration in German, and a certification in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. I am currently an employee of Federal Emergency Management Agency working as a Disaster Survivor Assistance Specialist. From July 2017 until April 2018, I served in AmeriCorps NCCC FEMA Corps as a Corps Member. I was awarded the Gold President's Volunteer Service Award since I worked over 2000 hours, and, because my service term was over seven months, I was also awarded the Bronze Congressional Award.

During my service term, I responded to Hurricane Harvey in Houston Texas and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. For the majority of my response, I served in the Disaster Survivor Assistance capacity, working directly with survivors of these historic hurricanes. I went door to door to assist survivors in their FEMA application process, assess survivor and community needs, and write reports for FEMA with first hand information I was gathering from the field. In my last two months of service, I worked in the Public Assistance cadre doing various office tasks to support the recovery process in Puerto Rico.

Studying history and being a part of Phi Alpha Theta helped me not only in my application process, but also in many aspects of my service. Since I was a balanced writer and could present my ideas in a concise manner, I stood out not only as a potential FEMA employee, but also in the field while I was a volunteer. When assisting survivors in stressful situations, my ability to convey helpful information in a simple, but professional, manner not only helped survivors in their personal recovery process, but often allowed us to have meaningful conversations about the impact of the disasters that had gravely affected their lives.

Emma Caterinicchio (cont.)

The study of history also allowed me to see the big picture and put my work into perspective, as we so often have to do with our own research as historians. To study history means to approach the world with an attention to detail, an open mind, and without bias; these skills allowed me to stay curious, observant, and compassionate in the field each day."



Alumni Sketch

Ian Hazel and Morgan Pierce (President and V-President of the Lambda-Eta Chapter for 2015) not only completed their theses and MAs in 2017, they officially tied the knot that binds forever! Talk about continuing to work closely together! We are very happy for these two and love how this shows that the bonds formed by our members create lasting relationships with each other.



Historian's Report

The 2017-2018 year was a very successful year for the Lambda-Eta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta at ECU. It was full of presentations, volunteer opportunities, meetings, trips, and gatherings. We conducted Bake Sales and T-Shirt and other gear sales to help raise funds to support trips and other activities for the chapter. We participated in the Relay for Life, where we were able to celebrate our own Sue Dudley, who "Made Cancer History" and came out stronger than ever. The activities and events the Lambda-Eta Chapter participated in helped all of its members to grow academically as well as personally.

The Lambda-Eta Chapter has a proud history of being one of the top chapters of Phi Alpha Theta in the nation. However, the Lambda-Eta Chapter is not content with remaining at the same level as the past. We continue to experience growth, both in overall membership and active membership. The number of members inducted into the Lambda -Eta Chapter this year is the second largest group ever inducted into the chapter in its history! Also, the average attendance of our monthly meetings has increased significantly, due to our attempts to expand the activities that are conducted within these meetings, such as guest lecturers. The increased number of activities planned has attracted new members to join and invest their time in the Lambda-Eta Chapter as well. This coming year we have already made plans for several new activities and events that we have not previously participated in. These include a summer beach excursion to the Civil War era Fort Macon, placing a float in the homecoming parade this fall, introducing a monthly trivia night at a local establishment, and volunteering to adopt a street in the local community to keep clean. These activities will help expand our influence in the local community as well as providing educational opportunities and fellowship among our members. The Lambda-Eta Chapter understands that our organization is only as good as our members. We are proud to see the numbers and quality of our membership grow, which serves to improve the quality of the chapter as a whole. Our successes at conferences and competitions reflect directly on the dedication and scholarship of our members.

As the Historian of Lambda-Eta, I, Joshua Vestal, am proud to inform the National Office of Phi Alpha Theta that the Lambda-Eta Chapter at ECU is not only maintaining the excellent standards it has held in previous years, but continuing to raise the bar. I respectfully submit this information to the Chapter of the Year Award Committee for the Nels A. Clevon Award.

Joshua Vestal
Historian- Phi Alpha Theta, Lambda-Eta Chapter
East Carolina University

