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UAH History Newsletter

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Alumni Dinner 9/13/2022

This Fall the HY Dept's Alumni dinner brought together many former and current students to discuss what jobs history majors have and can do. The dinner left many attendees inspired and confident in choosing the History pathway. As one student said, "It definitely made me want to stick with history because the alumni really got me interested in what they do for a living."

Thank you to all the alumni who attended and we look forward to the dinner next year.

Happy Dreams of Liberty **R. Isabela Morales**

UAH welcomed historian and author, Isabela Morales, to discuss her book *Happy Dreams of Liberty*. Her book follows the lives of Samuel Townsend's mixed race, enslaved children whom he left his entire fortune to after his death. Dr. Isabela discussed the origins of her research and her journey to Madison County Alabama to discover the full truth of the Townsend family.

9/27/2022

Upcoming events

Lecture with Guest Speaker Dr.
Amitav Ghosh
Tuesday, April 11 @ 6:00pm
Charger Union Theatre

Public Zoom talk and Watch Party
with Malaka Gharib
Thursday April 13 @ 6:30pm
Watch Party in Morton 145

Alumni, want to stay in touch? Stay Updated!!

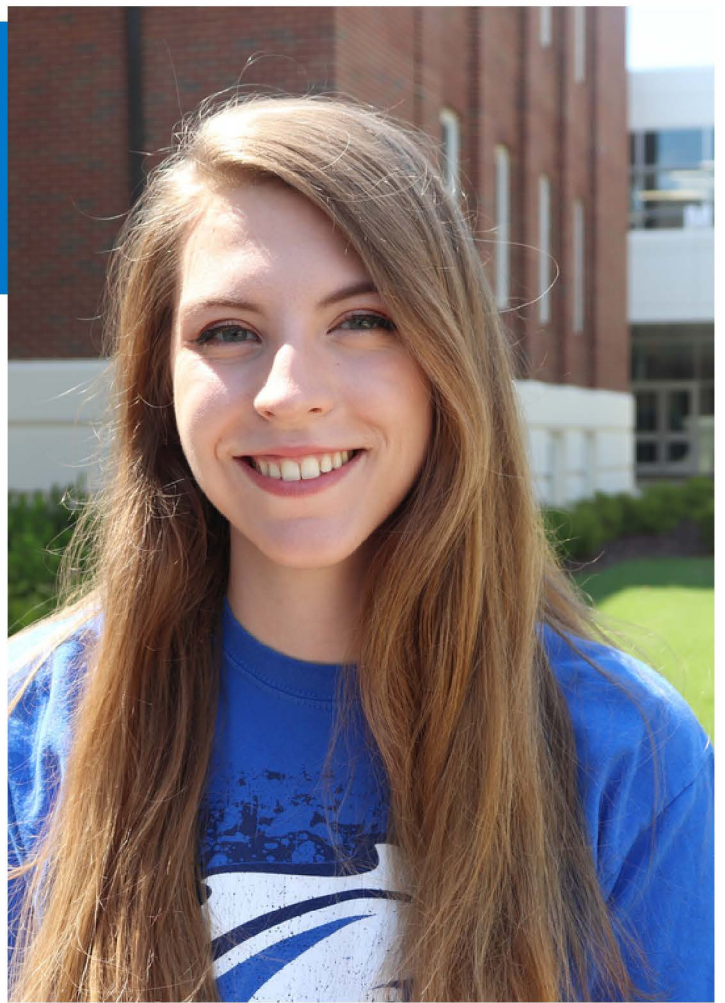
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History Student Spotlight

Our History Student Spotlight is Mary-Elizabeth McFarlan. Mary-Elizabeth McFarlan has a double major in History and Technical Writing and a double minor in Russian and Business. Her journey began as a freshman in Dr. Mohr's HY 103 class, where she realized that history was much more than she originally thought. Her new perspective inspired her to pursue a history degree.

While at UAH, Mary-Elizabeth has been active in Phi Alpha Theta, a member of Kappa Delta sorority, a CAHS College ambassador, an FYE peer instructor, a tutor at the Student Success Center, and did a remote Summer Internship for 2 years for the Virtual Student Federal Service Department of Veteran Affairs.

She wants to pursue teaching after graduation, and she hopes she can use all of her experience to help her students understand the interconnectedness of history with other subjects, and inspire another generation of future scholars.



Pictured Above: Mary-Elizabeth McFarlan

In Memory of: Dr. Johanna Shields

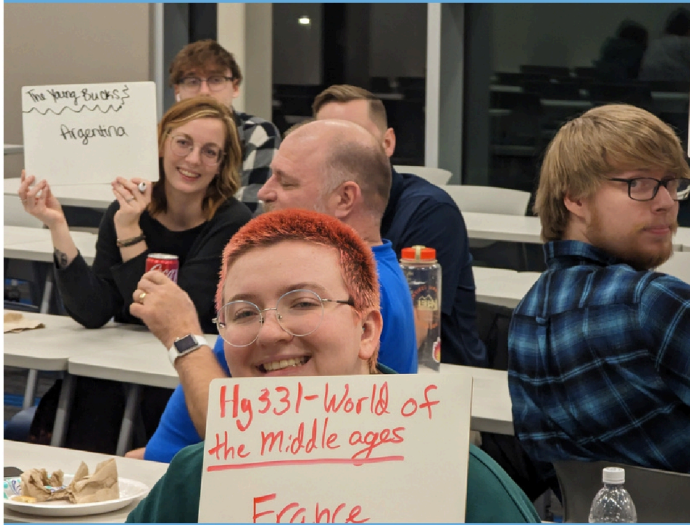
Dr. Johanna Shields, a beloved Professor Emerita, passed away September 23, 2022. Dr. Shields spent her career at UAH, arriving in 1977, and mentoring countless undergraduate and graduate students with her warmth, wit, and intellectual prowess. You can read her [obituary here](#)

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Past Events

HY Student Trivia Night



Students in Dr. Molly Johnson's History 399: History of the Modern Olympic Games visiting the Jesse Owens Museum and Memorial Park in Oakville, AL.

West African Dance, Drumming and History

