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Celebrations & Reflections 2016–2017

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As an American History major, I participated in a wide array of classes, from Professor Darlene Rivas' U.S. Foreign Relations Since 1890 course, to Professor Loretta Hunnicutt's Baseball as American History course. I was encouraged in both classes to go further in my explanations of past events, to look for the deeper meaning behind the facts that I knew to be true. Additionally, Professor Stewart Davenport's Historiography course challenged me to start from the beginning by asking, "what is history?" Though I learned the logistics of being a historian in these courses, particularly writing, I more importantly learned the responsibilities for accuracy and truth that I have as an aspiring historian. As I head off to graduate school later this fall, I am confident that my training provided by the History faculty at Pepperdine will take me a long way.

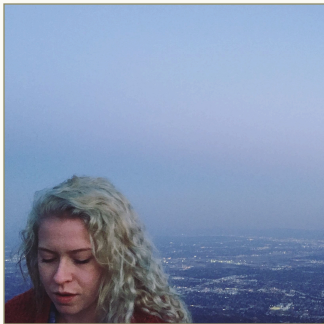


(Left) Connie Fulmer, the Blanche E. Seaver Chair in English Literature, gave the keynote address at the annual Women in Leadership Banquet on February 2, 2017. Sponsored by the Committee on Women Faculty, the banquet honored Prof. Fulmer with the fourth annual Award for Excellence in Leadership, for her outstanding contribution to the university. (Right) Prof. Tanya Hart (history) with Prof. Fulmer at the banquet.



Rachelle Holdridge

Working with Dr. Loretta Hunnicutt on *Fides Et Historia* has been an incredible learning opportunity. It has allowed me to develop technical skills on InDesign and get a sense of how much work goes into an academic journal. First semester, I acted mostly as Dr. Hunnicutt's assistant, learning with her and taking on smaller tasks, which allowed me to take a leading role on the journal this semester. This has been an invaluable experience, not only in creating a journal from start to finish, but also in working with Dr. Hunnicutt and learning from her experiences.



Clancy Robledo

I have generally enjoyed connecting literary content and educational pedagogy, with the guidance of many professors. For example, I have had many opportunities to prepare to be an English teacher and to study literature itself simultaneously, such as when I participated in the Seaver mentor program with Dr. Jacqueline Dillion in 2016. In this mentor program, I gained experience in editorial work and was also able to see what syllabus formation, curriculum shaping, and assessment looks like at the collegiate level from a professor's perspective. These experiences have allowed me to grow both as a future educator and as a one who loves literature; I now feel holistically prepared to begin my career as a high school English teacher next year thanks to the program that welcomed me and the professors that shaped me.



Milini Rambukwella

My favorite English classes have been EVERYTHING taught by Monica Osborne who recently just left the university to pursue her own writing and publications further. Her classes really pushed me to focus on literature that was not mainstream but was culturally relevant to both myself and to the world itself. As an English major, I think learning things that are part of the Canon are standard. But what really sets my own experiences apart from others is the fact that I got to explore transnational literature among others which taught me about marginalized perspectives that are often not given as strong of a voice that they deserve.



Graduating English and rhetoric majors with Sigma Tau Delta honor cords.
On the right is Professor Julie Smith.



The MFA Program in Writing for Screen and Television celebrated its tenth year on the Pepperdine University campus at a banquet recognizing distinguished alumni and graduating students.



The Great Books Program celebrated its thirtieth anniversary with a banquet and talk on Ovid and Milton by guest speaker Heather James, professor of English literature at USC.

Induction Into Honor Societies

Congratulations to the following new members of scholastic honor societies!

Kappa Delta Pi (Education)

Angelina Diaz
Bethany Moore
Ellie Shaver
Daniela Yniguez

Phi Alpha Theta (History)

Jeremiah Anthony
Jason Byrd
Kameron Johnston

Sigma Tau Delta (English)

Cassis Anorga
Lauren Davila
Alex Drozdoff
Courtney Grande

Elizabeth Hanley

Ryan Harding
Benjamin Keoseyan
Sarah Kiker
Danielle Laforce
Bethany Lee
Michaela Meyer
Bethany Moore
Taylor Palmer
Madeline Parent
Pauline Park
Isaac Randel
Alexandra Sagona
Jessica Wall
Mark Wasson



Student-teachers for Spring 2017. They are teaching multiple subjects at two elementary schools; plus single subjects in English, Chinese, chemistry, and history at six middle and high schools.