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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

Dr. Bishop is the program chair for history. When asked about his favorite thing about the History department he responded, "My favorite thing about my department is definitely the collegiality. We represent a wide array of interests, as we have historians who study multiple eras and continents, as well as the Foreign Languages program. It is great to be working with, and learning from, so many different scholars. I am really fortunate to have such great colleagues and peers." His best advice for students interested in History is to "follow what you love and will be rewarding to you as a program of study. History is a perfect field to study if you want to go into education, academia, law, the park service, museums, non-profit, or have a standard college degree to work in the private sector. My wife also majored in history when we were undergrads and she knew that she did not want to go the academic route of being a professional historian, but her degree has allowed her to work in a host of jobs, from being a travel agent to a disability rights advocate to working in educational software.

History as a degree teaches you how to think critically, research and synthesize what you have learned, and most importantly understand that you living in your own time period have your own ideas and world view and that people around the world, both past and present, have thought differently. Studying that outlook is a great way to set you up for success in life."



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GRADUATE PROGRAMS FAIR

All undergraduates are invited to attend the Spring Graduate Programs Fair! Come check out what programs we offer and speak with graduate faculty and advisors. **Feb. 27, 11:00-1:00, in the TMB auditorium.**

Day of Giving is quickly approaching! Did you know that you can choose to designate your gift directly to the Graduate School? Visit jsu.edu/givejsu for more information.



Have exciting graduate information or news to share? Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to submit.



GRADUATE GAZETTE

Upcoming Events
and Deadlines

- **Feb 6;8;13;15;20;22;27;29:** FAFSA days
- **Feb. 26:** Complete thesis, dissertation, or manuscript electronic drafts due to Graduate School
- **Feb 27:** Graduate School Programs Fair
- **March 11:** Priority registration for summer and fall begins for graduate/doctoral students
- **March 18 - 22:** Spring break

Happy
BirthdayHappy birthday.
Jax State!

Jacksonville State University was founded on February 22, 1883 as the Jacksonville State Normal School.

DID YOU
KNOW?

The Graduate School offers a Free App Day the 1st of every month. Anyone can use the code posted on our social media pages and have their application fee waived (valid only on the 1st of each month).

INTERESTING FACT

Registration for Summer and Fall semesters begins in approximately 6 (SIX) weeks! Make sure to make appointments to meet with your advisor during this time. You can find your advisor for your program [here](#).



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - COLLIN WAGNOR, MA

I graduated from Huntingdon College during the spring of 2021, and I knew that I wanted to continue my education. I was initially drawn to JSU because of the Marching Southerners, but the M.A. History Program was recommended to me by a former professor. I started my degree in the fall of 2021. I graduated with my M.A. in the spring of 2023. My time within the program was a very helpful experience. The course catalog allowed me to take the classes that I was interested in, instead of taking classes through a pre-prescribed route. My professors were helpful, consistent, and interesting. My time at JSU has helped me develop my skills as a historian, an educator, and a lifelong learner.



I am currently an Adjunct Instructor for the History and Foreign Languages Department at JSU, and my experience in the Graduate Program has supported my classroom instruction. I desire to continue teaching at the Postsecondary level, and I could not have felt confident in my abilities without my experience at JSU. My former professors taught me how to conduct yourself in a professional manner, how to organize a college class, and how to make History come alive for my students. In my free time, I enjoy reading Science Fiction. I am a former 20J player for the Marching Southerners, and I enjoy playing my Tuba from time to time. I am currently continuing my research into American Political Extremism that I began during my Graduate Program at JSU.

