2016-2017 Assessment:

The History MA and PhD program continued to have success in graduating students as well as professionalizing them as historians by their ability to present at conferences, win national fellowships, and publish in journals and edited collections with established scholars. The success of students in the program participating at the local, regional, and national level indicate positive results of the degree’s learning outcomes.

The following students completed their PhD since Summer 2016:

- Jeffrey Grooms, “A Gentleman’s Burden: Difference and the Development of British Education at Home and in the Empire During the Nineteenth and Early-Twentieth Centuries” (Benjamin Grob-Fitzgibbon)
- Erin Hogue, “To Create a More Contented Family and Community Life: Home Demonstration Work in Arkansas, 1912-1952” (Jeannie Whayne)
- Matthew Parnell, “Youth…Power…Egypt: The Development of Youth as a Sociopolitical Concept and Force in Egypt, 1805-1923” (Joel Gordon)

The following students completed their MA since Summer 2016:

- Camille Goldmon, “Refusing to be Dispossessed: African American Land Retention in the U.S. South from Reconstruction to World War II” (Jeannie Whayne)
- Misty Landers (History), “Just Discrimination: Arkansas Parochial Schools and the Defense of Segregation” (Jeannie Whayne)
- Jesse Sims, “Beyond Coattails: Explaining John Paul Hammerschmidt’s Victory in 1966” (Patrick Williams)
- Lonnie Strange, “The Civil War and Reconstruction in Mississippi County, Arkansas: The Story of Sans Souci Plantation” (Jeannie Whayne)
- William Chase Whittington, “The Bracero Program in the Arkansas Delta: The Power Held By the Planter Elite” (Jeannie Whayne)

The following students completed their Comprehensive Exams since Summer 2016:

- Chelsea Hodge
- Sarah Riva
- Michele Johnson
- Jama Grove
- Alexander Marino
- Jared Pack
- Rebekah McMillan
- Bethany Henry Rosenbaum
- Tony Red
Stuart Bailey

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships Won by Graduate Students (2016):

Michael Bohlen, 2016 NEH Summer Institute “On Native Grounds” at the Library of Congress National Endowment for the Humanities ($3300)

Michael Bohlen, Graduate School and International Education Summer Research Graduate Assistantship ($3000)

Nathaniel Conley, Best Paper Award, Arkansas Association of College History Teachers, 2016 Conference

Madeline Forrest, Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship, funded by the Virginia Historical Society, $500.

Chelsea Hodge, Susie Pryor Award, given by the Arkansas Women's History Institute. This award recognizes the best unpublished essay on topics in Arkansas Women's history for paper titled "The Coal Operator's Daughter: Folklore and Labor Activism in the Upland South."

Mehreen Jamal, Graduate School and International Education Summer Research Graduate Assistantship ($3000)

Michele Johnson, Graduate School and International Education Summer Research Graduate Assistantship ($3000)

Rebekah McMillan, Central European History Society Travel and Research Grant $3,250

Rebekah McMillan, German Historical Institute Doctoral Fellowship €2,000

Michael Powers, “The Commercial Union of the Three Americas: Major Edward A. Burke and Transnational New South Visionaries, 1870-1928,” Global South Fellowship, New Orleans Center for the Gulf South, Tulane University, $1,000


Arley Ward, 3-Minute Thesis Competition, Fulbright College Champion, University of Arkansas, 2016

**Article/Book Chapter Publications by Graduate Students (2016):**

**Adam Carson,** "Beyond Boosterism: Fort Smith, AR and the Creation of a Conservative Economic Culture." In Hild, Matthew, ed, Title TBA, University Press of Florida (forthcoming)


**Book Reviews/non-peer reviewed Published by Graduate Students (2016):**


**Chelsea Hodge,** Review of Struggle for the Soul of the Postwar South: White Evangelical Protestants and Operation Dixie, for the Arkansas Historical Quarterly, forthcoming

**Rebecca Howard,** "Miss Bernadette Brady: Teacher, Mentor, and Friend to Tontitown Settler Families," Tontitown Storia (Spring 2016): 4-6.


Benjamin Pack, *Diplomacy, Roger Makins, and the Anglo-American Relationship* by Richard Wevill (Forthcoming, H-War)


David Schieffler, Jonathan Fetter-Vorm and Ari Kelman, *Battle Lines: A Graphic History of the Civil War*, for *The Civil War Monitor*


Laura Smith, Review of Bryan, Charles S. *Asylum Doctor: James Woods Babcock and the Red Plague of Pellagra* for *Southern Historian* (forthcoming)

Marie Williams, “Amendment 47” in the Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture, online, 2017.

**Conferences Presented at by Graduate Students (2016):**

Baris Basturk, The Problem of Orthodoxy, Confession and The Ideals of 15th-Century Ottoman Sufism: The Case of Eşrefoğlu Rumi’s Tarikatname, Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting, November, 17-20, 2016 Boston, MA

Nathaniel Conley, “Frontier Capitalism and Unfree Labor in Middle Appalachia: The Development of Western Pennsylvania and Maryland” Paper delivered to the 2016 Arkansas Association of College History Teachers, Little Rock, Arkansas, October 7, 2016


Sanket Desai, “But they’re Iraqis!: the tension between nation, neighborhood, and community in 1950’s Baghdad,” Urban History Association Bi-Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, October 2016


Daniel Elkin, “When Historians Engage in Digital History, Do They Make a Sound?: The Fulbright Project and the Historical Profession.” Little Rock, Arkansas, Arkansas Association of College History Teachers Conference, October 6-7, 2016. (Roundtable)


Justin Gage, “We Want the Doors Left Open”: Native American Networks of Communication in the Early Reservation Years, The Maple Leaf and Eagle Conference, University of Helsinki, May 18-20, 2016


Misti Harper, “And They Entered as Ladies: When Race, Class and Black Femininity Clashed at Central High School” for the Arkansas Women’s History Institute, The Old State House Museum, Little Rock, Arkansas (September 2016)


Alex Marino, Roundtable Discussion: “When Historians Engage in Digital History, Do They Make a Sound?,” Arkansas Association of College History Teachers (AACHT), Little Rock, AR, October 6, 2016


Rebekah McMillan, “The Elberfeld System and the Modernization of Poor Relief,” Arkansas Association of College History Teachers Conference, Little Rock, AR (October 2016)


Michael Powers, “‘The Commercial and Industrial Unity of the Three Americas:’ Visions of Latin America and the U.S. South in the Late Nineteenth Century,” Southern Historical Association Conference, St. Petersburg, FL, November 3, 2016


Laura Smith, “‘A Curse to Every Deserving Soldier:’ The Civil War Veteran, Public Perception, and 19th Century Institutional Correction” University of Alabama Graduate History Association Conference on Power and Struggle—October 8, 2016

Marie Williams, "James D. "Jim" Johnson: Shaping Arkansas Politics" at the Arkansas Historical Association conference on April 22, 2016.

Marie Williams, panel chair, "Civil Right in Arkansas" at the Phi Alpha Theta Conference at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville on April 2, 2016

Arley Ward, "Hitler's Corpse, War Bonds, and Scrap Metal: the Patriotic Efforts of World War II Tulsans" at the 2016 Annual Oklahoma Historical Society Conference."


Tyrel Weston, presented “Subverting State Power Through Peasant Agency During the Porfiriato.” Presented at the Rocky Mountain Conference for Latin American Studies (RMCLAS) April 1-2, 2016

Service Positions:
Bethany Henry, served as President of Arkansas Trail of Tears Association
Bethany Henry, served on Board of Directors Heritage Trail Partners Association
Madeline Forrest, served as Vice-Speaker of the Graduate Student Congress
Michelle Johnson, served as President of Graduate Student Congress
Arley Ward, served as Vice-Speaker of the Graduate Student Congress
Arley Ward, elected as President of Graduate Student Congress