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Welcome to New Majors

Ten freshmen and eight transfer students have indicated they will be attending Park University and major in history or social studies. The history program has 35 returning majors.

The returning majors and faculty welcome as transfer students **Deb Cougill, Andrew DeGhelder, Trevor Lasley, Darrin Manna, Caleb May, Paul Pearson, Adrienne Qualls** and **Wendi Reinwald**. Incoming freshmen that have registered are **Nathan Halstead, Chris Kuchenbrod, Brian Moon, Elizabeth Perry, Kayla Sayler**, and **Ryan**

Wagner.

Brett Ferguson, sophomore and President, *Zeta Omicron* has corresponded with the new majors to welcome them to the program of history and Park University.

The new transfer and freshmen majors will join an extremely active program. All majors will have opportunities this forthcoming year to participate in a number of activities related to the profession of history.

If alumni know of high



Back Row: (Left to Right)—James Pratt, Brett Ferguson and Dr. Timothy Westcott

Front Row: (Left to Right)—Courtney Culp and Mariette Janning

school or transfer students that would be interested in the program of history, please forward information to **Timothy Westcott**, at tim.westcott@park.edu or PMB 117, 8700 N.W. River Park Dr., Parkville, MO 64152.

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Dates of Interest

- **Aug 18:** History Welcome Picnic (English Landing Park)
- **Aug 21:** Fall Classes Begin
- **Sep 4:** Labor Day (No PDCC Classes)
- **Sep 10:** *Zeta Omicron* Meeting (Herr House Lounge): 2-4 p.m.
- **Sep 25-29:** Voter Registration Week

“Senior History Send Off”

Members and officers of *Zeta Omicron* hosted a “**Senior History Send Off**” for 14 graduating history and social studies majors on Friday, April 28 at the Smoke-house Barbeque in Gladstone, MO. Organizers of the event were **Courtney Culp** and **Mariette Janning**. The celebration was held to acknowledge the leadership and life long goal of each graduate. Each graduating sen-

ior received a glass coffee mug with an etched image of Mackay Hall embedded in the mug. The gift was presented on behalf of *Zeta Omicron* officers.

Back Row: (left to right)—Ryan Duncan and Ryan Thomas.

Front Row: (left to right)—Bethany Fraley, Tammy Parrott and Vincent Smith



Major Profile: Mariette Janning



"I choose Park University . . . because of the diverse and historic community that continues to progress and achieve more every year," senior **Mariette Janning** mentioned in a recent interview.

Janning is a member of *Zeta Omicron* and recently assumed the responsibilities of Social and Service chair of the chapter. She, with Courtney Culp, planned and organized the successful "Senior Send Off."

Janning is completing a degree in history and secondary education. Her plans are to teach high school in the Kansas City area and pursue a graduate degree.

Janning expressed that "Not only do history majors love the history department, so do other majors. Our history department makes you understand what history really was like and often shows you different points of view to better understand the events and/or people being discussed."

Her favorite two periods of history are the Elizabethan Era and the world wars. "World War I has always had a place in my heart because of the connection that my family had. My [paternal] grandfather was a Kaiser guard in World War I, fighting against the Allies." Janning's maternal grandfather was an officer in World War II fighting alongside General Patton in the Battle of the Bulge. Janning is currently reading *Angels and Demons* by Dan Brown.

Fall Course Registration and Confirmation



Registration and confirmation for fall and fall I courses is Aug. 14th. Confirmation is to be completed in the Student Assistance Center (SAC) located in Norrington.

If history or social studies majors have not registered for fall courses, please contact either Dr. Ron Miriani at ron.miriani@park.edu or

Dr. Tim Westcott at tim.westcott@park.edu as soon as possible for arranging an advising appointment.

A number of courses have been closed due to enrollment and others are filling. The faculty encourage students that have yet to register to do so immediately. Confirmation may require some verification of fi-

nancial aid or scholarship aid. Please check with the financial aid office to verify all assistance prior to confirming (payment) classes in the SAC.

Remember to avoid the lines of confirmation—confirm early! Aug. 14th is the deadline. Non-confirmation may result in your course(s) being dropped.

Northern Great Plains History Conference



The **Northern Great Plains History Conference** will be held in Sioux Falls, S.D., **Oct. 4-7, 2006.**

History majors **Courtney Culp, Brett Ferguson, and Hana Thornton** will present conference papers. The conference is a regional meeting that provides an excellent opportu-

nity to network with peers and graduate faculty from around the Midwest.

Lodging will be at the Holiday Inn City Center in historical downtown Sioux Falls, S.D. If you are interested in attending the conference, please contact **Timothy Westcott, Ph.D.** at (816) - 584 - 6364 or

tim.westcott@park.edu The deadline for notification of intent to attend is **Aug. 1, 2006.**

Five nights lodging and transportation is \$280 per person. Do not miss this excellent opportunity to network with other students and noted faculty.

American Historical Association Annual Meeting

The 121st annual meeting of the **American Historical Association** will be in Atlanta, GA., **Jan. 4-7, 2007**.

The annual meeting provides opportunities to network with peers, graduate faculty, and graduate programs. History majors will attend professional historical sessions conducted by leaders in their fields of research and teaching. Also students will review the latest in scholarship. Students may arrange visits to local graduate programs.

Courtney Culp, senior, said after last year's meeting, "I . . . feel that what I have learned at Park made me better able to ask questions of the presenters. I believe [this] is one goal that education should indeed have." **Ann Schultis**, director of Library Services, also commented that "students learned that they could participate on a national scale and that the program here [Park University] had prepared them to do so."

If you are interested in attending the annual meeting, please

contact **Timothy Westcott**, Ph.D. at (816)-584-6364 or tim.westcott@park.edu.

Notification Deadline:

October 1, 2006

Do Not Miss It!



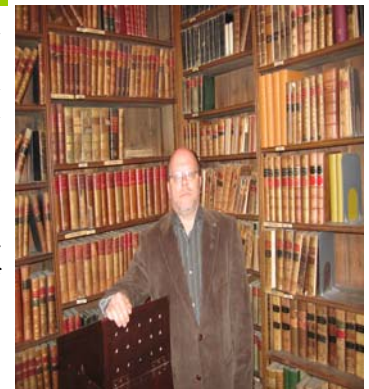
Westcott Completes Gilder-Lehrman Fellowship

Timothy Westcott, Ph.D., assistant professor of history, recently completed a week-long research fellowship at **The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History** in New York City. "The collection consists of letters and diaries, maps, pamphlets, sketchbooks, printed books, photographs . . . [ranging] from [Christopher] Columbus to recent times but concentrate in the period from

1760 to 1876" said Westcott.

Westcott's research focused on the Moneka Women's Rights Association of the late 1850s in the Kansas Territory and activities of eastern and western suffragists and reformers. The collections of Gerrit Smith, Wendell Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison, Susan B. Anthony, Sarah Grimke, Thomas

Wentworth Higginson, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton were his primary focus. Westcott attended a fellows' lunch with James Basker, President, GLIAH and Louise Mirror, President, NYHS at the New York Historical Society to share his research with other fellows, directors, and staff of The Gilder Lehrman Institute and New York Historical Society.



"Toys for Tots" = Zeta Omicron Service Project

The officers of *Zeta Omicron* recently announced that the chapter's service project for 2006-2007 will be the **U.S. Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots."**

The Mission of the program is to "collect new, unwrapped toys . . . each year and distribute those toys as Christmas

gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted."

The *Zeta Omicron* drive will be conducted from **Nov. 1-22, 2006** at the three Kansas City area campus centers—Parkville, Downtown, and Independence.

Students and alumni are encouraged to drop off a new, unwrapped toy at one of the three locations or forward a check payable to "*Park University—Phi Alpha Theta*" to **Timothy Westcott**, Ph.D., PMB 117, 8700 N.W. River Park Drive, Parkville, MO., 64152. Officers will use cash remittances to purchase new, unwrapped toys.

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Congratulations May 2006 Graduates!

Park University graduated 378 undergraduate and 103 graduate students on Saturday, May 6 at the Community of Christ Auditorium in Independence, MO.

Ronald Miriani, Ph.D., professor of history and Timothy Westcott, Ph.D., assistant professor of history, congratulate the 14 graduates from the program of history:

Ryan Duncan, history; Joseph Dutcher, history/

secondary education; Jeremy Ford, history; Bethany Fraley, history; Robert Garrison, history; Nathaniel Hanway, history; David Harris, history; Megan Holder, history; Tammy Parrott, history; Annie Romer, history; Tristan Smith, liberal studies-history; Vincent Smith, history; Ryan Thomas, history/middle school education; and Sabrina Trono, history.

Duncan, Hanway, Holder, Parrott, and Smith are members

of Park University's Phi Alpha Theta Chapter, *Zeta Omicron*. Each member wore the Phi Alpha Theta Honor sash at the graduation ceremony.

Current history majors and alumni express their deepest congratulations and best wishes to these 14 graduates for their future endeavors. Each graduate has enriched the history program and Park University.

Good luck!

First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image



The Union Station in Kansas City, MO is hosting a traveling exhibit titled "First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image" from May 27-Aug. 27, 2006. The exhibit is open Tuesday-Sunday at the Station.

The exhibit "examines the uniquely American institution of the First Lady. From the exuberant Dolley Madison and

troubled Mary Todd Lincoln, to the humanitarian Eleanor Roosevelt and the intriguing wives of our recent presidents, the exhibition celebrates the remarkable individuals who have occupied this demanding post."

The exhibit includes more than 150 objects from the Smithsonian's collection. Some highlights include: elegant inaugu-

ral and evening gowns, White House furnishings and china, photographs and portraits, and campaign and personal memorabilia.

Admission is \$7.95 for the exhibit. The exhibit is open Tuesday-Friday: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday: 12-5 p.m.

Program of History Moves to New Department

The Program of History will move from the current Department of Liberal Studies to the new **Department of Social Sciences** effective Aug. 21.

The Department of Social Sciences will include the majors/disciplines/programs of anthropology, history, legal studies, military sciences, peace stud-

ies, philosophy, political science, public administration, religion, and social sciences. The department will include the full-time faculty of Ronald Miriani, Ph.D., professor of history; Ronald Brecke, Ph.D., professor of political science; James Pasley, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science and Timothy Westcott, Ph.D., assistant professor of history.

Part-time faculty Machrina Blasdel, M.Div., assistant professor of religion/philosophy; and Andrew Bolton, adjunct professor of peace studies. The chairperson of the new department will be Timothy Westcott, Ph.D. Westcott has over 25 years of administrative experience in the military and academia.



Updated Web Page for Program of History

The program of history web page has been updated based on current and perspective student and alumni suggestions. The new web page has been expanded to include the following general links:

- Welcome statements
- Meet Student majors (video/audio links)
- Current major resources:
- Course schedules
- Writing an abstract
- Internship information
- Writing tips for history assignments
- Writing tips for the annotated bibliography
- Chicago Manual Style for Writing and Resources
- Plagiarism
- Forms
- Events
- Conferences
- Service Project
- *Zeta Omicron*
- Calendar of Events
- Statement of History
- Meeting minutes
- Fellowships, Scholarships, and Grants for Majors and Alumni
- Newsletters
- Graduate School Information
- Application Checklist
- Writing the Curriculum Vita
- Personal Statement Writing
- Transcript Request Form
- Program of History Assessment Information
- Assessment Plan
- Program Competencies
- Course Learning Outcomes
- Course Measures of Assessment
- Spencer Cave Black History Month
- Dr. Jessie Bell Woodside Holt Women's History Month
- Photographic Year-In-Review

The purposes for the update was to provide: (1) more accessible information to current students, but also for prospective students to obtain detailed material on the program and events; (2) resources and a checklist for majors considering graduate school; (3) a separate link for *Zeta Omicron* and events associated with Park University's Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta; and (4) assessment links for adjunct faculty teaching history courses at campus centers. Please visit www.park.edu/deptofhistory and check out the year-in review photographs!

TOP PHOTO: (Left to Right)—Brett Ferguson, Mariette Janning, Ryan Duncan, Vincent Smith, Bethany Fraley, and Courtney Culp.

BOTTOM PHOTO: (Left to Right)—Brett Ferguson, Mariette Janning, Ryan Duncan, Dr. Timothy Westcott, Vincent Smith, Bethany Fraley, and Courtney Culp.



Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Regional Meeting

Park University's Phi Alpha Theta Chapter, *Zeta Omicron*, will be hosting a biennial regional Phi Alpha Theta conference in March 2007.

62 regional chapters from Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, and Missouri have received invitations to attend. The conference will provide undergraduate and

graduate history majors to present conference papers on a topic of their own selection.

Officers of *Zeta Omicron* have suggested inviting history classes from regional high schools to attend the conference to experience the historical profession and network with regional history programs

and majors.

Park University's Phi Alpha Theta chapter is honored to host the biennial regional conference. Based on its recent growth and activities associated with promotion of the profession within the academy, the opportunity further enhances the chapter.



(Left to Right)—Mariette Janning, Brett Ferguson and Courtney Culp.

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PHI ALPHA THETA

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HISTORY WELCOME (BACK) PICNIC

August 18, 2006

6 to 8 p.m.

English Landing Park

(Across Highway 9 from Parkville campus)

- Returning History and Social Studies Majors
- Freshmen and Transfer History and Social Studies Majors

Please RSVP to tim.westcott@park.edu by August 14th.

Zeta Omicron Officer Comments

Welcome “back” to campus—it’s great to finally see some activity after a quiet and peaceful summer. This letter serves as a “welcome back” to returning majors and a “welcome” to new majors.

You’ve graduated high school or are returning, made it through Orientation or confirmation, survived the ride from home to campus or your apartment. You may be feeling eager, timid, confused, lost, confident, scared, or hurried.

Of all the bits of wisdom to be conveyed, we have narrowed it down to a few that will serve you over the next few weeks:

- It takes 10 minutes of walking to get to class from any point on campus—of course you should

add 5 minutes for all the extra stairs.

- Some of the most intelligent conversations of your university career will be held in small clusters of students hanging outside classrooms, dorm rooms, faculty offices, or the coffee shop.
- Remember that upper class persons are extremely wise.
- Get involved! Meet new people and organizations—especially *Zeta Omicron*.

University is all about trying new things and experiencing a full range of subjects. Remember, “that kid” at the end of the hall or sitting next to you in class may become the friend you couldn’t imagine making it through college or even life

without. You have full control over what you want to make of your time here at Park University—fear nothing, do anything—no regrets. The officers of *Zeta Omicron* look forward to visiting with everyone at the “Welcome Picnic” on Aug. 18th.

Fides et Labor!

Brett Ferguson, President

Courtney Culp, Vice President

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