Leadership for the Historical Discipline

Supporting Historians through the Challenges of COVID-19
- Issued statements on historical research during COVID-19 and on history department closures and faculty firings
- Published an Online Teaching Resources series and a Remote Reflections series in Perspectives Daily to help historians adapt to the challenges of remote instruction
- Produced graduation videos featuring the AHA president and Smithsonian secretary
- Received a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for “Confronting a Pandemic: Historians and COVID-19” to create resources for remote teaching, recognize historians’ responses to the global crisis, and host virtual professional development for faculty, teachers, and early career historians

Reimagining History Education
- Launched virtual programming and resources for History Gateways, an initiative to revise introductory college history courses to better serve students from all backgrounds, and helped partner institutions pivot to teaching remote courses
- Sponsored the fifth annual Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses, bringing together high school and college teachers to explore goals and approaches, share teaching experiences, and discuss state policy contexts

Publishing Historical Research
- Released European Emigration to the Americas, 1492 to Independence, a new booklet by Eric Hinderaker and Rebecca Horn
- Published award-winning American Historical Review content such as “The Walrus and the Bureaucrat,” which earned two article prizes from historical societies

Advocacy for Historians and Historical Thinking

Defending the Work of Historians
- Adopted a resolution supporting non-tenure-track scholars, opposed a federal rule change that would weaken graduate student labor organizing, and endorsed a statement on the use of teaching evaluations in faculty hiring and promotion
- Joined in a lawsuit, as plaintiffs, challenging the right of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to destroy records documenting mistreatment of detainees
- Issued a resolution regarding affiliations between ICE and higher education
- Sent letters to administrators at the University System of Georgia, Gordon College, and the US Department of Education defending history programs and curricula
- Created a department advocacy toolkit to help faculty, administrators, academic advisors, and students articulate the value of studying and majoring in history
Protecting Historical Resources and Access to Materials
- Defended historians’ rights in India and Turkey and archival access in France
- Issued a statement condemning the use of historical sites in warfare
- Signed an amicus brief supporting the release of grand jury records in the 1946 Moore’s Ford Lynching case
- Created an ad hoc committee to monitor conditions at the National Archives and Records Administration and provide appropriate consultation and support

Promoting Historical Thinking about Current Events
- Published a statement, co-signed by 95 scholarly organizations, on the history of racist violence in the United States, and co-sponsored a webinar with the National Council for the Social Studies on its classroom use
- Hosted a well-attended webinar on the history of Confederate monuments
- Published a statement on domestic terrorism, bigotry, and history
- Signed an amicus brief offering historical context for the decision to end DACA
- Endorsed a congressional resolution on the Tulsa Race Massacre centennial
- Through the AHA’s National History Center, convened five congressional briefings by expert historians on topics central to current policy debates, and co-sponsored weekly Washington History Seminar events
- Played key leadership roles in the National Humanities Alliance and the National Coalition for History

Cultivating the Community of Historians

Supporting Professional Development for Historians
- Awarded 144 research, travel, and other grants and fellowships
- Gained approval from the Mellon Foundation to continue the work of the Career Diversity for Historians initiative, including an update to Where Historians Work and the Survey of Graduate Education
- Expanded the Career Contacts pool of senior contacts to 300 and provided matches to 100 junior contacts
- Offered a record number of annual meeting professional development sessions
- Issued recommendations for history departments for improving the status of non-tenure-track faculty

Building Historical Community
- Made the annual meeting more welcoming and accessible by eliminating job interviews, expanding travel grants to underemployed and non-tenure-track faculty, and providing a complimentary headshot booth
- Held a successful Second Annual Chairs Workshop for department leaders to share resources and exchange ideas, and began work on a series of virtual seminars for department chairs
- Hosted a vibrant online community for members
- Offered new support for history graduate student associations, including a dedicated online community and gatherings at the annual meeting

The AHA completed renovations on its headquarters in Washington, DC, making much-needed repairs and creating an accessible front entrance.