



AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

2015–16 YEAR IN REVIEW

Lead major initiatives promoting new, at times controversial, approaches to history education

Advocate strategic alliances and vocal public presence articulating the value of history and historical thinking

Connect bringing together historians from all specializations and professions to discuss, disagree, and learn

ENGAGEMENT

- Organized a landmark conference, *The Future of the African American Past*, in collaboration with the National Museum of African American History and Culture
- Presented historical briefings for congressional staff and Washington policy community
- Brought historical reflection to the public discussion around Confederate memorials
- Published online forums framing historical perspectives on major contemporary issues
- Initiated online conversation around #EverythingHasAHistory

RESEARCH

- Created a Digital History Working Group to advise AHA on new developments and recommend peer reviewers to member departments
- Inaugurated a blog contest for graduate students to share their research experiences
- Established a bibliography of digital primary sources in the *American Historical Review*
- Worked to exempt oral history research from standard federal IRB requirements
- Protested proposed restrictions on graduate students receiving FLAS fellowships for introductory study in less commonly taught languages
- Featured presidential sessions at the annual meeting on the scholarship of race, diaspora, and migrations

PROFESSIONAL

- Established a Committee on LGBTQ Status in the Profession
- Co-sponsored regional conferences on career diversity for history PhDs
- Awarded grants to departments seeking to broaden career horizons of PhD students
- Debuted an “Ask an Assistant Professor” booth at the annual meeting’s Career Fair
- Joined the Scholars at Risk Network

TEACHING & LEARNING

- Created a Committee on State Standards to respond to requests to review materials and curriculum mandates
- Expanded AHA’s acclaimed “Tuning” initiative and helped participants to adapt its principles to introductory courses
- Supported community college faculty to redesign US history survey courses with global perspectives through the NEH’s “Bridging Cultures” program
- Examined the many facets and iterations of dual enrollment programs and released a statement on best practices to ensure educational quality
- Helped to secure K-12 history and civics funding in federal education legislation
- Held K-12 workshop on recent historiography of the civil rights movement



WHAT'S NEW IN AHA MEMBERSHIP?

New Membership Benefits in 2015–16

- 25% off books from Oxford University Press
- Access to online databases, including Oxford African American Studies Center, Social Explorer, and American National Biography Online for only \$30 each
- Discounts from Wix.com, Ideas Roadshow, and Naxos Music Library and Naxos Music Library-World

New Opportunities for History Educators

- Now any AHA member can add a discounted subscription to *The History Teacher*, a peer-reviewed, quarterly journal
- Institutional membership is now available for K-12 departments (includes a joint membership with the Society for History Education and a subscription to the *AHR*)

Buy memberships for your students

- Institutional members can purchase discount codes for \$30 each to distribute to their students. The discount code provides \$30 off the regular membership price when joining or renewing. For students who choose the electronic-AHR option, the discounted membership will be FREE. Contact members@historians.org for details.

A full list of benefits is at historians.org/member-benefits

Access your benefits at historians.org/myAHA

NEW GRANTS AND PRIZES

- Palmegiano Prize for the most outstanding book published in English on any aspect of the history of journalism
- Jerry Bentley World History Travel Fund to support graduate student participation at the annual meeting
- Council Annual Meeting Travel Fund to subsidize graduate student attendance

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

AHA Communities is an online forum to ask questions and share advice with other historians. Find it at communities.historians.org

POPULAR TOPICS INCLUDE

- History requirements in gen ed
- Dual enrollment
- The idea of revolution
- The US as a “Christian nation”
- Access to electronic resources
- Impact of digital primary sources

ISSUES DISCUSSED BY CHAIRS AND DGS

- Declining enrollments
- Course release policies
- Textbooks
- Class size in graduate programs
- Faculty role in the dissertation

NEW WAY TO RENEW & PAY

The AHA now offers EZPay for automatic membership renewal.

AHA ONLINE RESOURCES

Career Diversity for Historians

➤ historians.org/careerdiversity

Tuning the History Major

➤ historians.org/tuning

Calendar of Opportunities

➤ historians.org/calendar

Information on the Discipline

➤ historians.org/directories

Perspectives on History

➤ historians.org/perspectives