Dear graduate students,

Like most of you, your humbled GAR has found the spring semester a bit overwhelming this time around. Between teaching my favorite class “China in Revolution,” plugging along in a few writing projects, some service commitments, and YES! The arrival of a grand baby, it seems someone has put an accelerator on my time machine. So a belated newsletter…which was started some weeks ago and finally in press before spring break.

As usual, this issue carries news and information that you will find useful as you make plans for the rest of the semester, the summer and beyond. So read on, just don’t try to read it on your device while driving!

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Let’s start with some exciting news:


Jessica Ceeko has been admitted to the History Ph.D. program at the Southern Methodist University in Dallas with full funding starting this fall!

We are so proud of the accomplishments of Kuba and Jessica! Give them a high five when you seen them!
The Nau Teaching Assistantships for 2018-19 are now open for application. To be eligible, you must have successfully completed 5003 (Theories and Methods); 5093 (Designing a History Course) is recommended though not required. Go on to the Department website for more information and the link to submit an application. The deadline is April 7.

Now, if you know of anyone who is thinking about applying for admission to our MA this fall and has an excellent academic record, draw this person’s attention to the Nau fellowships for first year graduate students. It is an exceptional package at the Master’s level. Again, check the Department’s website for more details.

In addition to the above departmental awards, the Office of the Associate Vice Provost for Student Success is seeking applicants for Teaching Assistant I positions for the 2018-2019 academic year. Teaching Assistants (TAs) provide pedagogical support for the faculty and students in the Academic Inquiry and Scholarship (AIS 1203) course.

Click on the following link for more information and to apply:

https://utsanantoniofye.wufoo.com/forms/application-20182019-ais-teaching-assistants/
The summer schedule is out and enrollment has begun. We are glad to offer:
5313 South Texas: Rural and Urban by Elaine Turney
5193 US since the Great Depression by Jerry Gonzalez
These two courses are scheduled in the evening and for the first and second half of the summer term respectively.

A few of you have already signed up for the Oaxaca study abroad program led by Catherine Nolan-Ferrell. If you are still interested, contact her ASAP.

Of course, summer will also be a good time to pursue internship opportunities. Check out the list of potential hosts with contact information on the department website (http://colfa.utsa.edu/history/internships). The AT&T Archives and History Center, the San Antonio Museum of Art, the 37th Training Wing History Office, the Alamo, National Park Service…these are just a few examples.

Some of you are far-sighted enough to think of the fall semester and here is a list of our graduate offering. Enrollment will begin in April.

5003 Theories and Methods (Kelly) Tuesday
5323 US-Mexico Border (G. Gonzalez) Thursday
6153 History and Sexuality (Hardgrove) Monday *downtown
6323 Comparative Environment History (Baumgardner) Wednesday
6813 Proseminar on Migration History (Ng) Tuesday

If you have any questions about your degree plan, don’t hesitate to contact Dr. Ng. The end of the spring semester will be an excellent time to sit down with him to review your course of studies.
The COLFA Research Conference will be held on Thursday, March 22. Fellow graduate students Delilah Hernandez, Abdul Kuba, Michael McDonald, Brandon Trevino, and William Scott are on the program! Stay tuned for the schedule and plan to attend their presentations! Note that several History undergraduate students – Jason Boan, Karen Palacios, Alejandro Quirino, Sydney Saenz, and Katheryn Sweetman – will also present their work. Way to go!

Finally, an election – one much overlooked by the media – is about to take place in COLFA. If you are interested in serving as a student representative at the University Graduate Council for 2018-19, please forward your name, email address and a brief biographical sketch to Dr. Ng at your earliest. Once we assemble the names of candidates from various COLFA disciplines, the college will elect a student representative. Please note that the Council meets the first Tuesday of each month at 3:30pm.