

College of Arts and Sciences Foundation Profile

Department of History

I. General Description

The Department of History offers undergraduate majors in history and African and African American Studies and graduate master's degrees in history. Our mission is to lead students to knowledge of the human past, to ways of understanding that past, and to an appreciation for the great variety of uses of the past. We also teach students to appreciate and value the diversity of human history and culture, including a particular mission about African and African American life and development.

II. Points of Pride

- We offer a wide range of undergraduate courses that serve our majors and the University through the Foundational Studies program. Our enrollment each year is among the highest at ISU and for our majors we provide small classes with world-class faculty.
- We participate in many interdisciplinary programs, including women's studies, international studies, liberal studies, and Social Studies Education.
- Our faculty is nationally and internationally recognized for its cutting edge scholarship; our publications include many books, dozens of articles, and many more conference papers delivered across the country and around the world.
- Our faculty is committed to experiential learning and community engagement; students regularly travel to museums and historic sites, and engage the broader university and local communities while doing research and supporting local organizations.
- We sponsor visiting speakers and special programs of interest to the university and public communities, drawing them together in appreciation for the value of studying history.

III. Vision

Our faculty is committed to providing high quality, rigorous undergraduate and graduate classes that advance the mission of the Department, the CAS, and I. S. U. These goals require Department and University encouragement of, and support for, original, peer-reviewed scholarship by regular faculty members. The faculty is also committed to the ISU goals of experiential learning and community engagement throughout the curriculum. We believe that high-quality faculty also dedicate themselves to serve the profession, the discipline, the institution, and the broader public community to advance interest in, and respect for, history.

IV. Opportunities for Philanthropic Support

- *Opportunities for Naming*: Department, faculty endowed chairs, suites, and offices. \$25,000 on up.
- *Endowed Scholarships* – to provide tuition and fees for undergraduate or graduate students in history or African and African American Studies. \$20,000 and up.
- *Endowed lecture series*: allows for well-known historians and scholars to visit the campus and give a public lecture. \$50,000 to endow a named lecture series.
- *Undergraduate or Graduate Research Expenses*: provides funds for undergraduate research projects (supervised by faculty) and for travel to conferences to present their findings. \$5,000 per year.