

... 2021-2022  
Fall Edition



## Welcome from the Chairperson

As we prepare for the new academic year at WSU this fall, it is a great relief to know that most of what we do will be back in person after the prior year's online experience—not to mention the latter half of the Spring 2020 term. It is more important than ever for us to embrace the personal connections and dynamics that HGSA has to offer all of us, as it has been a very different 17 months since March 2020 when WSU shifted everything online for public safety. As we look toward Fall 2021 and beyond, may we all experience happiness and good health together once again, and hopefully, our shared HGSA experience will bring joy to us all once again. The cohort camaraderie and program interactions are key components to graduate success, so I cannot wait to see you all in person ... very soon!

Sam Fleischer  
HGSA Chairperson



# Primary Source

## Awards & Honors

- Doctoral candidate **Kevin Kipers** received funding from the Claudius O. and Mary W. Johnson Fellowship for Summer 2021.
- Masters student **Kyley Canion-Brewer** received a CDSC fellowship to develop her project refocusing the contested rhetorical mapping of artifacts taken from Congo and displayed in the AfricaMuseum in Tervuren, Belgium. She also was awarded the Cooney Family Fellowship for graduate research to travel over the summer to work on her project in Europe.
- Doctoral student **Samantha Edgerton** was profiled in an article for *The Daily Evergreen* during her tenure as GPSA Vice President.
- Incoming Masters student **Madison Barben** was awarded one of this year's Phi Alpha Theta Graduate scholarships as she starts to pursue her degree at WSU.
- Doctoral student **James Schroeder** was the recipient of the Frederick and Liselotte Dumin Memorial Scholarship, the Morris Reed Scholarship in History and Political Science, and the Edward M. and Margery H. Bennett History Fellowship in Summer 2021.
- Doctoral candidate **Sam Fleischer** contributed a book review of Tim Harte's *Faster, Higher, Stronger, Comrades!* to the *Journal of Sport History*, forthcoming in the Fall 2021 volume.
- Doctoral graduate **Brian Stack** (Spring 2021) joined the Clemson University Woodland Cemetery Project as a Community Engagement Assistant to help organize community engagement activities that tell a more complete history of the African-American burial ground at Clemson, which sits upon John Calhoun's plantation.
- Doctoral graduate **Karl Krotke-Crandall** successfully defended his dissertation "The Holocaust in Russian Life: New Perspectives on Soviet Jewish Memory" in Summer 2021.

Remember to send your awards and honors information to [sam.fleischer@wsu.edu](mailto:sam.fleischer@wsu.edu) for the Spring 2022 edition of *Primary Source*.

*“The history of ships is not a self-contained history. It must be put back into the context of the other kinds of history which surround and support it ...” —*  
**Fernand Braudel, *On History***



### Helpful Resources

**Classmates:** One of the best resources available to all WSU students are your fellow graduate students and mentors. Remember, we are all in this together! The mentors volunteered to help you navigate the complexities of grad school life. Ask them for help! Isolation is not conducive to program success, so reach out to your peers when you need to do so.

**Faculty Advisor:** Your advisor is available to you as your professional mentor. You should feel free to ask them questions about how to navigate any of the concerns about school life and how to best prepare for your future careers. Your advisor should be your best advocate at WSU!

**HGSA:** This is your organization and official voice in the history department. We will help provide information between the department and WSU's Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA). All information related to our organization can be found online ([history.wsu.edu/graduate-studies/history-graduate-student-association/](http://history.wsu.edu/graduate-studies/history-graduate-student-association/)). It is important to attend the monthly HGSA events/meetings, as well.

**GPSA ([gpsa.wsu.edu](http://gpsa.wsu.edu)):** This is the university-wide organization for all graduate and professional students. It provides a special study area for grad students in the library with computers and copiers. They also provide some assistance for on-campus childcare. **Sam Fleischer** is your GPSA Senator for 2021-2022, so feel free to contact him with questions.

**The Graduate School ([gradschool.wsu.edu](http://gradschool.wsu.edu)):** This is the information hub for graduate student life. The academic unit provides the rules and regulations governing your time at WSU. They also provide professional training opportunities, funding sources, and an advocacy role for grad students. Dr. **Lawrence Hatter**, the Graduate Studies Director, can provide good advice for how and when to use the Grad School for your needs.

**Compliance and Civil Rights ([ccr.wsu.edu](http://ccr.wsu.edu)):** If a student experiences discrimination, discriminatory harassment, sexual harassment, or sexual misconduct, this is the office that handles these matters for the university. If you need to file a complaint, visit the website for instructions.

**Cougar Health ([cougarhealth.wsu.edu](http://cougarhealth.wsu.edu)):** This is our on-campus resource center for fully integrated healthcare services from a routine doctor's visit and picking up a prescription to getting new eyeglasses.

**UREC ([urec.wsu.edu](http://urec.wsu.edu)):** This is the primary on-campus fitness facility, where you can workout, take classes, and/or participate in team sports. UREC also provides camping equipment for excursions, and a membership is included with a WSU graduate assistantship.

### **Hidden Gems:**

- **Palouse Study Lounge:** GPSA-provided study lounge in the Terrell Library. Key-card access and typically a quiet place to work and study. Plus 5-cent/page copying compared with 10-cents/page elsewhere.
- **Ferdinand's:** The place in Pullman to get delicious ice cream and Cougar Gold cheese.
- **Kamiak Butte:** An excellent local hiking option with multiple trails for all skill levels, and it's only 15 minutes north of town.
- **Palouse Falls:** A bit of a drive (1.5 hours) to a gorgeous waterfall surrounded by aridity.
- **Moscow Farmers Market:** From May to October, this is a great place to buy fruits and vegetables, sample goods, and buy handcrafted items.
- **WSU Arboretum:** A little-known piece of campus on the east side near the airport with walking trails.
- **Spokane:** Washington's second-biggest city has a lot of culture and entertainment to give your life a necessary boost any time. Carpool!
- **SPARK Starbucks:** This is the only official Starbucks location on campus (i.e., the only one that will take Starbucks gift cards).



# Washington State Residency Requirements: A Tutorial

If you are already a Washington state resident, you do not need to worry about this for your history department teaching assistantship. But if you have moved to Pullman from out of state, it is very important to start establishing your residency here immediately—even before the start of classes—in anticipation of your second year in the department's graduate program. You need to be a Washington state resident to keep your assistantship *after* the first year of your attendance at WSU. Here is what you need to do.

First, it is important to read the rules at <http://residency.wsu.edu/>. State law in Washington requires a detailed and specific process for in-state tuition waivers, and it starts right away as you need to be established here for 12 months prior to the Fall 2022 semester deadline—usually a month or so after classes begin—for residency. You do not want to delay on these things, as it complicates your funding and could result in a loss of financial support from the department.

Second, start documenting your presence here right away: Go get a WA driver's license, and if you have a car here, register it immediately to get WA plates. These are two separate offices in Pullman, so make sure to plan accordingly. Getting a driver's license and registering your car here are not difficult processes if you read the state website (<https://www.dol.wa.gov/>) first, but you cannot do both in the same office at the same time. Either way, you should do this before the middle of September at the latest.

Third, you can register to vote while getting your driver's license, as this is another state-required component for establishing residency. You can also do this online (<https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx>). Next year, you will have to show proof of voter registration and subsequent voting in the state to establish residency for your assistantship.

Fourth, you will need documentation of your residential occupancy in the state for the 12 months preceding the Fall 2022 term as well. Make copies of your lease and other relevant documents demonstrating the payment of rent, etc., and keep them all in a file to use next year when you apply to the Graduate School for residency. It is easier to do this now rather than trying to compile it all next summer.

Additionally, you want to save utility bills, cable/internet bills, or bank statements with your local address on them as further proof of established residency in the state of Washington. The local branches of the Washington State Employees Credit Union are convenient (there is one in the CUB, right across the mall from Wilson-Short Hall), and even if you do not use this bank (<https://wsecu.org/>) for your TA direct-deposit payments, it is good to have the bank account for residency, too.

Finally, depending on your federal tax status, there are some requirements listed on the Residency web site you will need: your 2021 tax return (after you file it next spring), your W-2 statements, etc. It is just good to know these requirements *now* so you don't scramble and panic next summer to gather all the information together at the last minute! Believe us, you do not want to do that.

This is a little more complicated than other states in terms of establishing residency, so being aware of these specific and detailed requirements now will give you a head start on making sure you keep your funding for the second year of your program at WSU and beyond. If you have any questions about the process, the Graduate School office is your contact point. Get the ball rolling now!





## *What You Need to Know About Pullman & The Palouse: It's a Unique Place to Live!*

Pullman is one of the smallest college towns in the country that also hosts a major university, and adjusting to life here can be harder for some graduate students than others depending on your prior life experiences. Hopefully, this guide can help you adjust and enjoy your time here more readily.

Housing is the first challenge in Pullman, as the university has grown a bit while the space available in town has not kept pace. While there are a bunch of newer apartment complexes in town, finding the right space for you needs to be a priority, and a lot of that depends on budget, flexibility with roommates, and desired location.

WSU offers on-campus housing ([housing.wsu.edu](http://housing.wsu.edu)) for graduate students, and this is often where people look first. Off campus, there are a number of resources to utilize for finding a place to live: Dabco Properties ([dabcomgmt.com](http://dabcomgmt.com)), Cougar Housing ([www.coughousing.com](http://www.coughousing.com)), private landlords (check local real-estate management companies), etc.

Make sure to look at all your options before making a decision. You also should try to avoid scams by not sending money to private parties without seeing the property in person with them first. Online sites warn about this, and in general, it may be safer to rent from established organizations. Everything depends on your comfort levels, so choose wisely: While Wilson-Short Hall may be your home away from home, you still need harmony and tranquility on the home front to succeed in graduate school!

Once you are here, you will have to make sure you find a good life/work balance, as graduate school can cause a lot of anxiety for some students. Whether it's dining out, entertainment, exercise, or the city social circuit, Pullman generally has something for everyone—and there's also Moscow, ID, nearby to explore for many of the same things as well.

The history graduate students often have group outings to go bowling, see historical films, and attend hockey games in Spokane, and we do try to make sure everyone gets a birthday dinner during the school year, too, where everyone can forget their worries about graduate school for a few hours at a time. Never be afraid to try to organize your own social outing with us all, as many of us like to try new things we've never done before.

Pullman can be a challenge, and graduate school is one, too. However, knowing how to make the most of your time here to meet your individual needs goes a long way towards that life/work balance and finding happiness and joy in the graduate-school experience. The limits are only your own creativity, imagination, and initiative!

## Resources:

Try these links for exploring both the campus and city amenities around WSU.

- WSU Visitor's Center ([visitor.wsu.edu](http://visitor.wsu.edu))
- WSU Transportation ([transportation.wsu.edu](http://transportation.wsu.edu))
- Pullman Chamber of Commerce ([pullmanchamber.com/visit-pullman](http://pullmanchamber.com/visit-pullman))
- Graduate & Professional Student Association ([gpsa.wsu.edu](http://gpsa.wsu.edu))
- Moscow Chamber of Commerce ([moscowchamber.com](http://moscowchamber.com))
- Washington Trails Association ([wta.org](http://wta.org))

In the end, your best resource for learning about Pullman may be your fellow graduate students. Assigned mentors, classmates, and returning students can help you with all your needs and questions, so never be afraid to reach out to HGSA officers.





## *Alumni Corner: Interview Q&A Session with Dr. Melanie Reimann (Ph.D., 2020)*



***Q: Why did you choose WSU to get your PhD?***

A: There were several reasons for me to choose WSU. First, my excellent advisor whose academic work I had used in my M.A. thesis and with whom I really wanted to work; second, the excellent department in terms of academic rigor and the work published by the amazing faculty; third, the possibility to return to WA—my home away from home even before my five years at WSU thanks to my semester abroad at Whitworth University; and last but not least, the possibilities of research in terms of my dissertation topic because of how close I was to the tribes I wanted to work with for my dissertation, and also the opportunities in terms of research at MASC with the wide variety of primary sources on local history.

***Q: If you could, what single piece of excellent advice would you give your WSU grad school self?***

A: The one thing I would really tell my first-year self is to enjoy the experience and grow as much as possible through the sometimes difficult path of grad school—and while it may be the hardest and most difficult experience of your life, enjoy your academic self. You will never again learn as much as you do while prepping for prelims or taking classes from the excellent teachers in our department, and even though it is an excruciatingly painful journey with loads of studying and self doubt, just keep pushing to get better and don't stress too much—balance is the key: work hard and play hard.

***Q: How did your experience as a graduate student at WSU shape your perspective(s) on teaching history?***

A: Teaching history was my passion before I came to WSU, but working as a Teaching Assistant in the RCI program has made me appreciate the value of history and learning one's own past even more. Having grown up in Germany, I was brought up with the knowledge of the horrible past of my home country. When I moved to the US, I realized that the crucial knowledge of race history has not been taught to many students. This realization has made me appreciate even more the way that I was brought up in dealing with history—knowing the horrible acts to ensure that similar events won't happen again. Teaching RCI has shown me more than I already knew how important it is to view today's world from the perspective of our history: Without knowing our history, we will never fully understand the world we live in today. I use this knowledge not just when teaching history, but also when teaching English, which often involves cultural studies in Germany.

***Q: In terms of constructive advice, what do you feel WSU could have done better to prepare you for the post-graduation job market?***

A: It's been difficult for me, because of studying in the US, as I already knew that I wanted to return to Germany. So the department could really have done anything better in terms of helping me prepare for the job market after the degree as things work quite a bit different over here. But I do think that overall there is not enough done for graduate students in terms of job market orientation, especially if you decide during the process of the Ph.D. program that academics aren't for you. I've made that decision towards the end of my degree, and I felt super unprepared for the non-academic job market. I know that it's rather unusual to not pursue academics—in some form or another—after a Ph.D., but I feel like there should be more input in terms of other options next to the academic life.

***Q: Name one thing you miss about WSU and/or Moscow-Pullman.***

A: Just one thing? That's difficult, but I guess the most important thing in terms of my grad school experience were the people—the connections that I've been able to make. Those people and those memories will stay with me forever. And when I say connections, I mean grad students just as much as faculty and staff, because the history department is an amazing place to learn and grow. I will forever cherish those memories, and they will forever stay with me, no matter how long it's been since I left Pullman. These people—grad students and faculty alike—shaped me into the historian I am today, and these people will forever hold a very dear place in my heart: Once a Cougar, always a Cougar, and that is even more so true for the “membership” in the history department at WSU!

## Upcoming Events

**August 16-20:** WSU Orientation Week  
**August 16-21:** Pullman Lentil Festival  
**August TBD:** History Department Picnic & Potluck  
**September 4:** First WSU football game  
**September 6:** Labor Day (no class)  
**October 1:** Deadline to apply for Fall graduation  
**November 11:** Veterans Day (no class)  
**November 18:** HGSA Thanksgiving  
**November 22-26:** Fall Break  
**November 26:** Apple Cup @ UW  
**December 10:** Last day of classes  
**December 13-17:** Finals Week  
**December 21:** Grades due

\*Monthly HGSA meetings will be on 9/8, 10/6, 11/10, and 12/8 at 12pm



## HGSA Blog: “Historical Spaghetti” Needs You This Year

The history graduate students at WSU have their own blog. That's right: **Historical Spaghetti!** Located at <http://historicalspaghetti.blogspot.com/>, the blog enters its fifth year of existence, with a treasure trove of writings from current and former HGSA members. We have everything from Halloween history to Super Bowl history, in fact. The limits here are only the boundaries of your intellectual curiosity! If you want to submit your work, please contact **Samantha Edgerton**, our HGSA blog representative for 2021-2022 ([samantha.edgerton@wsu.edu](mailto:samantha.edgerton@wsu.edu)). Thanks!

### HGSA Logo & Graphics

One area of change is the look of this newsletter. WSU's Registered Student Organizations (RSO) Office helped design a new logo and newsletter template for HGSA in 2018. If you look closely, you will notice a design in the middle of the logo: It is an architectural element on the front entrance to the Wilson-Short building.

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