



## Welcome from the Chairperson

Hi Everyone,  
I wanted to take this opportunity to say welcome to WSU! Whether you are new to WSU or a returning student, each semester brings fresh challenges and exciting opportunities. You are all going to be very busy with classes, research, and teaching duties, and these are all important components of your graduate career. I also encourage you to also take advantage of your time together by making friends and by supporting each other personally and professionally. I strongly encourage you to attend HGSA meetings and colloquiums; these are opportunities for you to contribute to the graduate student community while learning about upcoming scholarships and fellowships, research methods and resources, and ways to market yourselves and your skills in job markets. Please feel free to ask me any questions! Good luck and have a great year!

James Schroeder  
HGSA Chairperson



# Primary Source

## Awards & Honors

- Doctoral Student Sreya Mukherjee received the Cooney Family Graduate Fellowship in History for the 2022 summer session.
- Doctoral Candidate Sam Fleischer contributed a book review of Elyssa Ford's *Rodeo as Refuge, Rodeo as Rebellion* to *Great Plains Quarterly*, forthcoming in the Fall 2022 volume.
- Doctoral Candidate James Schroeder received the Edward M. and Margery H. Bennett History Fellowship and a WSU College of Arts and Sciences Research and Creative Activity Award
- Doctoral Candidate Aaron Jesch received the Claudius O. & Mary W. Johnson Scholarship in History for Summer 2022, the Claudius O. & Mary W. Johnson Scholarship in History for the 2022-23 academic year, the Sam Fishman Travel Grant from the Walter P. Reuther Library at Wayne State University in Detroit and a WSU Vancouver College of Arts and Sciences research award.
- Doctoral Student Niyi Ogunkoya received research funding from the WSU History Department to visit the LBJ Library and Museum in Austin, Texas and the LaPorte/Thorson Memorial Endowed Scholarship in History and Physical Sciences.
- Doctoral Candidate Samantha Edgerton was elected GPSA President and received the Arnold and Julia Greenwell Memorial Scholarship for Social Sciences and Humanities for the 2022/23 academic year, the Wayne Stanford History Scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year, and the Claudius O. and Mary W. Johnson Fellowship in History. She also participated in a panel at the MALCS (Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social) Summer Institute on July 30, 2022.

Remember to send your awards and honors information to [james.schroeder@wsu.edu](mailto:james.schroeder@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. **Sreya Mukherjee** is your GPSA Senator for 2022-2023, so feel free to contact her 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 2023 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>). 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 2023 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 2022 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.

For more information visit <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/establishing-residency/>





## *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. Brian Stack (Ph.D., 2021)*



*Q: Why did you choose to enroll in a PhD program at WSU?*

I first applied to the MA program at WSU. I sought a program that offered the opportunity to stay for a PhD and had faculty I wanted to work with, in this case Peter Boag. It turned out to be a great decision because Dr. Boag was both my MA and PhD advisor. After I looked at the department webpage and emailed with Dr. Boag, I believed that WSU would give me teaching, research, and public history skills. Those were the exact three things I wanted from a graduate education. Eight years later (including my two as an MA), I would say I got all three!

*Q: What advice would you give to students just entering a WSU graduate program?*

Get involved with HGSA and get support from each other! Go to all the HGSA meetings, go out to guest speakers on campus, find community within and outside your cohort, and look for ways to get involved with local or university history projects. Don't be afraid to ask others for support and be sure you support each other. Graduate school will challenge you. Avoid letting it overwhelm you. Be open to having your ideas changed. Seek out skills that will get you employed. Set work-life boundaries. Eat well. Exercise. Get a full night's sleep. Drink water and not just coffee.

*Q: Looking back, what would you have done differently in graduate school?*

Drink more water and drink less coffee, health matters! A more broadly applicable reflection is that I should have more quickly started getting involved with projects that made my C.V. marketable. I would have sought out more courses, certificates, or opportunities to gain digital history, museum studies, and archival studies experiences. This would have given me more post-graduate opportunities. WSU kept me busy, funded my research, and provided teaching opportunities, but I also should have established more connections with other universities through teaching or external funding. But it is hard to do when we're so rural!

*Q: What advice would you give to graduate students about preparing for the job market?*

The full-time, tenure-track, faculty job market is horrid. The fact is, most new PhDs don't get a TT position despite their impressive credentials. Start now developing the skills needed to succeed at other jobs in and outside the academy. Get leadership skills through HGSA. Seek out digital history, museum, archival, teaching, community, and/or public history projects. Develop marketable skills. To get a TT job you should also publish, go to conferences, get grants for archives, apply to awards, do research that ties into the latest trends in the field, and network while a graduate student. Ask faculty to help you develop those skills. Whether for a job at a museum, archive, community college, historic site, administrative position, or elsewhere, immediately seek out skills you will need for your C.V. and learn how to write an effective job cover letter.

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

Friday bowling nights at Zeppoz!

## Timeline

**August 19-August 20, 2022, Pullman Lentil Festival**  
**August 22, 2022: First Day of Classes**  
**September 5, 2022: Labor Day, No Classes**  
**November 11, 2022: Veteran's Day, No Classes**  
**November 21-November 25, 2022: Thanksgiving Break**  
**December 9, 2022: Last Day of Classes**  
**December 12-16, 2022: Finals Week**  
**December 20, 2022: Final Grades Due**

### First year MA and PhD Students:

**Begin Establishing Washington State Residency**  
**Select your Thesis or Dissertation Committee**

### Second Year MA and PhD Students:

**Apply for Washington State Residency**  
**(PhD Students only) Pass your Foreign Language**  
**Exam or Complete Equivalent Coursework**

## Fun Summer News!



Erin and Anne overlapped in Paris for about four days this June, but their free time only overlapped for three hours! Naturally, they went on a women's history walking tour together, where they learned about queens, politicians, and scientists while strolling through the Jardin du Luxembourg and by other Parisian sites. They both especially appreciated the story of Olympe De Gouge and Anne also enjoyed hearing more about Catherine de'Medici.

## History Graduate Student Resources

### HGSA Officers

**HGSA Chairperson: James Schroeder**  
**M.A. Student Representative: Anne Schobelock**  
**Ph.D. Student Representative: Mina Park**  
**Vancouver Representative: Aaron Jesch**  
**Colloquium Representative: Cassie Crisman**  
**Roots of Contemporary Issues (RCI) Representative: Jessica O'Rourke**  
**Graduate Student Faculty Representative: James Schroeder**  
**Graduate Studies Committee Representative: Madison Barben**  
**Blog Representative: Kyley Canion-Brewer**

### HGSA Blog

The history graduate students at WSU have their own blog. That's right: Historical Spaghetti! Located at [http:// historicalspaghetti.blogspot.com/](http://historicalspaghetti.blogspot.com/), the blog enters its sixth 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 Kyley Canion-Brewer, our HSGA blog representative for 2022-2023 ([kyley.canionbrewer@wsu.edu](mailto:kyley.canionbrewer@wsu.edu)).

Thanks!

