



College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Department of History

Greetings!

Graduate application season has arrived, and we would like you and your students to consider the University of Florida as an option. The [Department of History](#) offers both the PhD and MA degree in a variety of major and minor fields from late antiquity to the modern era. We have a well-established program in Latin American and Caribbean History, dating back to the post-war years, which has been regularly ranked among the top 10 programs in the country. We have a well-established program in American History, as well as growing programs in the Atlantic World, European History, and African History. Within the department, faculty collaborate formally and informally across chronological, geographic, and methodological boundaries in clusters of interest like Gender and Sexuality, Legal History, Race and Slavery, World History, and Religion. Motivated students can acquire graduate certificates in Legal History, Digital Humanities, and Latin American Studies (among others) during the course of their study.

Students who pursue graduate training at the University of Florida in Latin American History are trained to teach both the colonial and post-colonial eras in Spanish American history and both eras in the history of Brazil and the Caribbean, as well. In terms of their own research interest, they have access to scholars with a wide-range of specialties, who work closely to offer one of the most comprehensive programs of training:

- [Fernanda Bretones Lane](#)– Atlantic World, Colonial Caribbean, Comparative Slavery, Asylum
- [Max Deardorff](#) – Colonial, Race, Native Intellectuals, Early Modern Iberian World, Religion, Law
- [Lillian Guerra](#) – Modern Cuba, Greater Caribbean, Radical Politics, Transnational History
- [Jeffrey Needell](#) – Brazil, Abolition, Intellectual, Urban, and Political History
- [Heather Vrana](#) – Central America, Social Movements, Disability Studies, Youth

Students enrolled in our Ph.D. program are eligible for a 5-year funding package, including opportunities to work with the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program (with internship and funding opportunities), the University's libraries, and the Center for Humanities and the Public Sphere. Students get teaching experience as teaching assistants and have the opportunity to apply to teach summer classes of their own at what has recently been ranked one of the country's [top-10 public universities](#). The University of Florida is home to the [Latin American and Caribbean Collection](#), one of the leading research collections of its kind worldwide. It is also the home of the Center for Latin American Studies, the nation's oldest such center, and regularly ranked in the top half dozen. The university also offers a number of other centers on campus whose resources have proven vital to students as they completed graduate research:

- [Center for European Studies](#)
- [UF International Center](#)
- [Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica](#)
- [Florida Museum of Natural History](#)

Our graduate students also benefit from opportunities to work with faculty in related fields, including Florida Studies, Anthropology, Art History, Spanish and Portuguese Studies, and more.

Our graduate students have been successful in applications to internal and external funding opportunities in recent years, including Fulbright scholarships, National Humanities Center Research Award, the Teter Family Research Award, and the Rothman Humanities Research Fellowship, as well as Foreign Language and Area Studies grants. Our recent graduates have taken tenure-track positions at Oregon State University, Sienna College, Ursinus College, Samford University, Fayetteville State University, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and University of South Carolina-Upstate.

Life in [Gainesville, Florida](#) offers the best of all possible worlds: the charm of a college town, the dynamism of an active intellectual community, nearby beaches on two coasts, and a quick commute to three major urban areas with well-serviced international airports (Orlando, Tampa, and Jacksonville). Our students enjoy a low cost of living and competitive funding packages, intimate class sizes, and a challenging-but-collegial graduate student culture.

Please consider passing our information along to your M.A. or advanced B.A. students. They can contact our Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Mitchell Hart, at hartm@ufl.edu, and we will follow up with them.

Applications are due on January 15. Click [here](#) for more information and click to apply here: [Office of Graduate Admissions](#).