

JCU HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Newsletter



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A WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

Hello, History Majors and Minors!

Registration is upon us. Here is an IMPORTANT NOTE for RISING JUNIORS AND SENIORS:

Due to class size expectations, the History Department will be offering Senior Seminar every OTHER year. So IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE A JUNIOR IN FALL 2025 YOU NEED TO SIGN UP FOR SENIOR SEMINAR. I know: it's an adjustment. And you may well be taking History Methods after Senior Seminar, which is head-spinning. But that's how it goes. It is an amazing class and you will get a lot out of it either as a junior or a senior.

I am delighted to report Dr. Matt Berg just won the Distinguished Faculty Award for outstanding teaching, research, and service at John Carroll. We are so proud!

And I look forward to hearing from Mikayla Ortiz, class of 2018, about her career journey at our Awards/Alumni Banquet on April 24th. I hope to see you there: Please RSVP to Kristi Lerch.

Best wishes,
Anne Kugler
Department Chair

HISTORY DEPARTMENT
Alumni, Faculty, Students

2025 BANQUET

JCU

Dolan Science Center
O'Connell Reading Room

Thursday, April 24th
5:30pm ~ Social 6:00pm ~ Dinner

Guest Speaker:
Mikayla Ortiz '18
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Cuyahoga County

**Please RSVP
klerch@jcu.edu
by April 14th

JOIN US FOR **THE STAMP THIEF (2025)**

Part detective story, part heist film, part untold history, *The Stamp Thief* investigates a tale dating back to the Holocaust—a mysterious Nazi stole priceless stamp collections from concentration camp victims and buried the stolen stamps in a small town in Poland. Embarking on a real-life “Argo”-like adventure, one-time Seinfeld producer Gary Gilbert sets out to confirm the story and recover the stamps. His tactic: a fake movie shoot. His goal: to return the stamps to their rightful owners, hopefully delivering a small measure of justice more than 70 years after the Holocaust.



MEET THE DIRECTOR, DAN STURMAN

Saturday, March 29th, at 3:00 PM
Marinello Little Theater
Free and Open to the Public

For more information,
please contact
Dr. Julia Karolle-Berg
(jkarolle@jcu.edu).

VIEW THE FILM

Sunday, March 30th, at 7:30 PM
Mimi Ohio Theatre (Playhouse Square)
Transportation from the JCU campus available

PLEASE RSVP HERE



FULL CALENDAR
OF EVENTS



These events made possible through the generous support of the College of Arts and Sciences/Strategic Plan Grant, and the Sabo Endowment for Cultural Learning Project on InterACTIVE Cultures. With special thanks to JCU's Departments of Classical and Modern Languages and Cultures, English, History, Philosophy, and Political Science, and JCU Arts-Student Engagements.

REVISITING THE “ZERO HOUR” CONTINUITY AND CHANGE AFTER 1945 PROGRAMMING TO COMMEMORATE THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II

ATTENTION RISING SENIORS! SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

THE REV. HOWARD J. KERNER, S.J., SCHOLARSHIP FUND WAS ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF ALUMNI, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES OF REV. KERNER. IT HONORS THE MEMORY OF A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT FACULTY, WHO SERVED THE DEPARTMENT FROM 1948 UNTIL 1985. UP TO TWO KERNER SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE EACH YEAR AND WILL BE AWARDED IN THE RECIPIENTS' SENIOR YEAR. THE APPLICATION PERIOD IS OPEN. ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON APRIL, 2025. DETAILS AND THE APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND AT:
[HTTPS://JCU.EDU/ACADEMICS/HISTORY/KERNER-SCHOLARSHIPS](https://jcu.edu/academics/history/kerner-scholarships)

FACULTY NEWS



**Dr. Matt Berg
is the
University
Distinguished
Faculty Award
Winner for
2025!!**



**CONGRATULATIONS
to Dr. Roger Purdy
who was promoted to
Full Professor!**

This semester the History Club had a showing of *The Patriot* and pizza in February, and plans to check out the McKinley National Memorial in Canton. For updates, please check in with Ryan Parlin: rparlin27@jcu.edu

