

## **Careers and Graduate Opportunities for History Majors**

History is a traditional liberal arts major that teaches students broad content knowledge as well as reading, thinking, and writing skills. At a philosophical level, such skills are useful in a variety of occupations. At a practical level, we also encourage History majors to seek out experiences in areas of perspective interests (and so suggest that students seek extra or co curricular activities in various groups on campus as well as applied experiences such as writing for the student paper or working as a Resident Assistant as well as intensive summer experiences such as internships, study abroad, or camps).

While many of our Secondary Education Social Studies majors have obtained teaching positions, our History majors have proceeded in a variety of directions. Some of our majors do go onto graduate study in History, but many choose other more applied fields. So, over the last 25 years, graduates of our program have gone on to graduate study in Library Science Journalism, Theology, Museum and Archival Administration, and Law School (in fact, History is one of the most common undergraduate majors for students entering Law School).

Our graduates have thus found careers as teachers, librarians, professors, journalists, ministers, archivists, museum administrators, and lawyers. Others have entered the world of business directly (and if that is your plan, we encourage you to also take some economics coursework) while others have entered the military (and had great success there).

### **Some Recent Alumni have pursued graduate school at:**

- M.B.A. program at Clarion University
- M.S. in Student Affairs in Higher Education at IUP
- M.S. in Library Science at Clarion University
- M.A. in History at DePaul University
- Master's program in Journalism at the University of Missouri
- M.A. in Applied History at Shippensburg University
- M.A. in Public History at Duquesne University
- Syracuse University School of Law

- Master's degrees in History and Classical Studies at Indiana University
- M.A. in Irish Studies at Queen's University Belfast
- Ph.D. program in History at Notre Dame University with a multi-year fellowship package
- Ph.D. program in Bioethics at Duquesne University
- Master of Divinity degree from Campbell Divinity School
- M.A. in Philosophy at the University of Missouri
- M.A. in Conflict Management at Lipscomb University

**Careers of Graduates include:**

- Assistant Dean of Students at Reed College
- Several College Librarians
- Curator of the Fort Pitt Blockhouse Museum
- Director of the Chemical Heritage Foundation Museum (Philadelphia, PA)
- Director of Scholars at the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University
- Several High School Social Studies Teachers
- Information Analyst for the World Bank
- Park Ranger and Interpreter at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site in North Carolina
- Private Law Practice
- Lt., US Navy
- Librarian with the University of Alaska, Chukchi campus
- Public Librarian
- Professor at Carlow University