

MSU Billings Department of History Newsletter

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Fall 2025

As a new academic year begins, we are thrilled to recap some of the biggest successes of the last year.

Our hardworking faculty and students have researched, published, and presented new scholarship, embarked on fabulous service learning projects, visited unique historically significant locations, and developed new public-facing events for the Billings community. Read on to find out more.

Top News

Dr. Tom Rust publishes a new book

Dr. Cody Patton wins the Marsha M. Trescott Prize

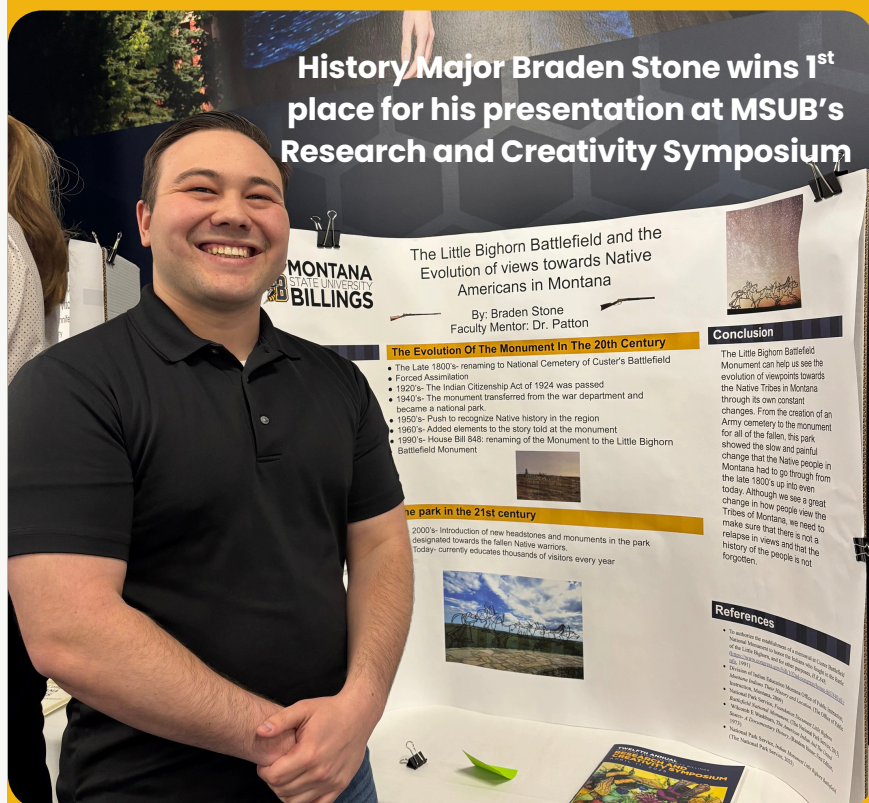
Numerous faculty journal publications, sabbatical leaves, and grant awards

History students deliver research presentations locally and at regional PAT Conference



MSUB History Education Major Flo Alani completed an internship at the Western Heritage Center, while History Major Scott Carlson finished his internship at the Yellowstone County Museum

History Major Braden Stone wins 1st place for his presentation at MSUB's Research and Creativity Symposium



Recent history graduate Isabella Redgrave shares a delicious recreation of a historic recipe in Dr. Arendt's course, "Food, Identity, and Power"



Mark your calendar:

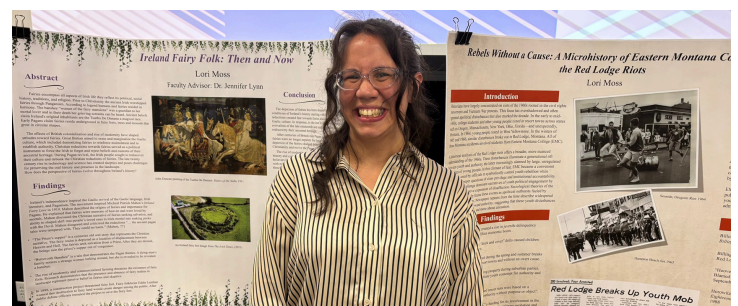
Annual Edgerton Lecture,
September 17, 6:30 LI, 148

Join us as Dr. Mark Fiege presents “Our Public Lands and Their Elegant Lessons,” in which he explores the centrality of public lands to the history of the United States.

Born and raised on the land of Snohomish people in western Washington state, educated at three western universities, and a lifelong citizen of the West, historian Mark Fiege recently retired as the Wallace Stegner Chair in Western American Studies at Montana State University-Bozeman.

Student Achievements

- MSUB History students Roselynn Olson, Simon McGuire, Samuel Huffard, William Hurtt, Gabby Heggem, and Megan Pritchard represented the department at the annual Phi Alpha Theta Conference at the University of Montana. Hurtt was nominated for the Best Undergraduate Student Paper Prize
- Roselynn Olson was awarded the 2025 Outstanding Graduate Award from the Department of History for her excellent scholarship, service, and dedication to the department during his time here. Congratulations Roselynn!
- Students in History Club had an active year with fundraising, sightseeing, and fun group activities.
- Roselynn Olson, Lori Moss, Samuel McGuire, and Braden Stone presented at the annual MSUB Research and Creativity Symposium. Stone was awarded first place for his work on the Little Bighorn Battlefield

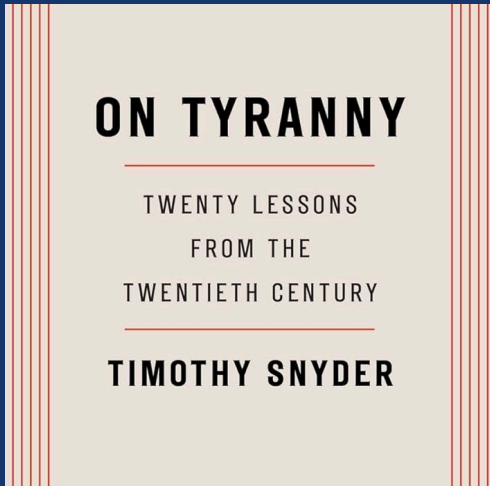


Clockwise from the top left: Samuel Huffard makes being a historian look cool while attending Phi Alpha Theta in Missoula; Outstanding History Graduate Roselynn Olson; and Lori Moss presenting at the MSUB Research and Creativity Symposium



FACULTY NEWS

Upcoming!

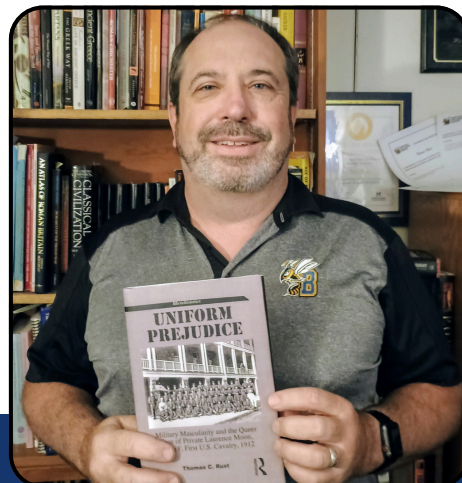


Join us October 23rd for
Dr. Jennifer Lynn's
community discussion of
Timothy Snyder's
groundbreaking work,
On Tyranny.

Sponsored in collaboration
with Indivisible Montana.
More details to come!

Department of History faculty received support for their projects in a variety of ways, including

- Sabbatical leave for Dr. Emily Arendt to work on a new project investigating women's involvement in nativist politics of nativism in the 1840s
- Sabbatical leave Dr. Joseph Bryan to continue work on his book manuscript: "Echoes of a Dreadful Past: Making Meaning of History through Punk Rock"
- Pre-Tenure Scholarship Enhancement Grants for Dr. Cody Patton and Dr. De La Cruz for ongoing research projects
- Creative and Research Endeavor Grant for Dr. Jennifer Lynn to conduct research in Denmark



Above: Dr. Patton's Montana History class visits the Brinton Museum outside of Sheridan, WY.
Left: Dr. Tom Rust poses with his new book.

Faculty Scholarship News

- Dr. Tom Rust not only published an article in *The Public Historian*, but also saw the publication of his fourth book, *Uniform Prejudice: The Queer Case of Private Laurance Moon, Troop F, First U.S. Cavalry, 1912* (Routledge)
- Dr. Cody Patton published a new article in *Enterprise and Society* and was awarded the Marsha M. Trescott Prize by the Business History Conference