

History



Do you wonder why people do what they do?

If so, consider a history major. Our international faculty will teach you how to read, research and write well—and help you gain skills that will serve you in any profession. History studies human activity and its meaning, including politics, economics, religion, culture, and ecology. Sharpen your analytical and critical skills and learn to ask good questions, to understand situations from several vantage points and to understand and appreciate other times, people, and cultures.

SELECTED COURSES

- Foundations of History
- Modern Middle East, 1800-Present
- The Making of Modern Europe, 1914-Present
- Modern and Contemporary Latin America
- Civil War and Reconstruction in America
- Reformation Spirituality

CAREER PATHS

- Law
- Government
- Non-profits
- Archival Work
- Marketing
- Management
- Christian Ministry
- Education

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



ALISTER CHAPMAN,
PH.D.

Educated in England, he specializes in modern European history



HEATHER KEANEY,
PH.D.

Provides historical and cultural contexts for current events in the Middle East



SARA MORRISSET,
PH.D.

Specialist in the history and archaeology of Latin America



ALASTAIR SU, PH.D.

Specializes in U.S. political economy, slavery, abolition, migration, and U.S.-China relations



MARIANNE ROBINS,
PH.D.

Educated in France, she specializes in the Holocaust and early modern French history

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont in Cairo
- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in Northern Europe
- Westmont's England Semester

ALUMNI

Our alumni go into a wide variety of professions and graduate programs. Law is a common path. For example, **Corey Collins '14** is now Corporate Counsel for In-N-Out Burger, **Katy Brautigam '15** advises large corporations on environmental matters in Alaska, while **Drew Fabricius '17**, **JT Joens '20**, **Cassidy Rea '20** and **Carolyn Deal '21** are currently attending law school.

Benjamin Peterson '18 works for State Senator Monique Limón as a district representative, advising and staffing the Senator on housing and higher education policy. While continuing to work full time for the Senator, he has just completed a Master of Public Administration at Cal State Northridge.

Jayne Alvarendo '20 completed a Master in International Affairs from American University in Washington DC in Spring 2022 and has accepted a position as a Foreign Affairs Officer in the U.S. Department of State in the Office of Foreign Missions after interning with OFM in the Spring of 2022.

Tara Tran '10 completed a Ph.D. in history from The Johns Hopkins University in 2021. Her research covers historical and contemporary humanitarian, development, and human rights issues. **Danielle Willard-Kyle '11** completed her Ph.D. in History from Rutgers University in 2020. Her work focuses on the plight of Jewish refugees after World War II.



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