

# History

Studying history involves much more than memorizing names, dates and places from the past. It means interpreting the significance of people and events and exploring the underlying causes that have given rise to particular outcomes and how they continue to affect us today. At Illinois Wesleyan, we strive to challenge students and expand their horizons. We believe history prepares students for life and can be an introduction to an unlimited number of exciting and rewarding professional careers.

## Why History at Illinois Wesleyan?

- Your degree is enhanced with two required seminar courses: one in theory and writing, and another in historical research.
- You will also take eight additional history courses allowing you to pursue your particular historical interests in-depth, concentrating on what you enjoy: a period of time or historical era, an area of the world, or a particular kind of history.
- Your major courses will help you polish your writing and speaking skills through debates, position papers and constant in-class discussion.
- IWU's flexible curriculum allows you to have a minor or second major in fields such as political science, literature, foreign language, economics, or other fields that interest you.
- Whether or not you opt for a second major or minor, you will have the opportunity to take courses outside your major in areas such as English, foreign language and the fine arts, benefiting from our university-wide emphasis on the liberal arts to develop the interdisciplinary tools and perspective that historians need.

## Learning from a Quality Faculty

Learning is enriched at Illinois Wesleyan by the close, personal instruction you'll receive from our faculty. Our history professors were trained at the best institutions in the United States, and they are eager to share both their learning and their excitement for history with you.

- **Paul Bushnell**, *Professor of History*  
*M.A.—Vanderbilt University*  
Nineteenth-century Americanist, also teaches a wide array of courses in American social-intellectual history, slavery and the history of religion.
- **Amanda Coles**, *Visiting Assistant Professor of History*  
*Ph.D. – University of Pennsylvania*  
Teaches a variety of subjects including Latin, Greek History, Roman History, Ancient Historiography, Roman Topography, and Roman Art and Architecture.

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### ***A Sampling of Courses Offered by History***

Renaissance, Reformation, and Revolution  
The Civil Rights Movement  
The Beatles and Their World  
Love and Death in Freud's Vienna  
Women, Work and Leisure, 1890-1930  
Individualism and Community in American History  
Century of Genius  
Spanish North America  
American Environmental History  
Introduction to Chinese History  
The Ancient and Medieval West  
Slavery, Civil War, and Reunion  
Latin America  
World War II in the Pacific  
Greek Civilization

### ***Recent May Term Courses in History***

"By Force, by Famine, and by Fabled Story": Irish Emigration to the U.S. (*Travel*)  
Visualizing 20<sup>th</sup> Century China  
Emperors and Revolutionaries: Chinese History Through Travel (*Travel*)  
The Holocaust  
Death & Dissection in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century  
The Sixties: Sex, Drugs, and Rock & Roll?  
Vietnam War



“ I can't tell you how many students I've spoken to over the years who have said, 'I love history, but my parents aren't sure it will get me a job!' Yes, history

- **Gordon J. Horwitz**, *Associate Professor of History*  
*Ph.D. — Harvard University*

A modern Europeanist, teaches a survey of modern world history and more specialized courses about Germany, the Holocaust, Vienna and the two World Wars.

- **Thomas D. Lutze**, *Professor of History*  
*Ph.D. — University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Specializes in Asian history and teaches a wide variety of courses ranging from introductory surveys of China and Japan to focused courses on 20<sup>th</sup> Century Asia, including WWII in the Pacific, the Chinese Revolution, modern Japan and the Vietnam War.

- **April Schultz (chair)**, *Associate Professor of History*  
*Ph.D. — University of Minnesota*

Teaches U.S. cultural and social history, including courses on the history of American women, immigration and ethnicity, and family and childhood.

- **Robert Schultz**, *Associate Professor of History*  
*Ph.D. — University of Minnesota*

Teaches courses on the Progressive and New Deal eras, the transformation of American life and culture that resulted from industrialization, the American West, and the American history survey courses.

- **W. Michael Weis**, *Professor of History*  
*Ph.D. — The Ohio State University*

Specializes in U.S. foreign relations, recent U.S. history, and Latin American history, with a special interest in Brazil.

- **Michael B. Young**, *Professor of History*  
*Ph.D. — Harvard University*

Specializes in early modern England and Europe from the Renaissance to the French Revolution. In addition to his courses on English and European history, he also teaches the sophomore-level seminar required of all history majors that emphasizes skills in analyzing, writing and researching.

## Putting Learning into Practice

Graduates of our history program enjoy a number of exciting careers. Many continue specialized study in prestigious graduate programs. Our alumni include many successful lawyers from top Chicago firms, as well as several judges. Indeed, history is a perfect pre-law major. Additionally, several of IWU's history graduates have become involved in political careers both in Springfield and Washington, D.C. Still others have enjoyed exciting careers in journalism, public relations and corporations, as well as in elementary, secondary and post-secondary education.

majors study those eras, people, and events that made them love the subject in the first place, but they do so with careful attention to the analysis of texts, develop skills in framing historical questions, pursue independent research and learn to write elegantly and persuasively. All of those skills contribute to a humanistic education and a critical intelligence that will enhance not only your chances of landing a good job, but of having a good life.”

### Dr. April Schultz

Chair and Associate Professor of History



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