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Dear History Students,

We deeply appreciate your flexibility and persistence as we navigated the unprecedented circumstances of this past semester together. Along with every other unit in the KU family, the Department of History has kept the health and safety of you, our students, at the forefront of our concerns. As the semester comes to a close and we begin to enjoy summer, we want to thank you for your grace and willingness to work with us as teachers this spring to carry out our educational mission.

We understand how difficult times are for everyone right now, and we want you to know that the department is here for you. Even though we are separated through social distancing, we are still a community that values each member. We want to be sure that all of you have access to resources that support your daily living and learning. If you have not visited remote.ku.edu already, you can find assistance to help meet your needs for physical and mental health, food supplies, technology issues, library materials, and other concerns. Please also consider reaching out to an advisor or faculty mentor to discuss the best steps forward in your academic journey.

As a department, we are committed to providing highly engaging instruction that will help you reach your learning goals no matter what the broader context for the fall semester will be. Numerous professors in the department have offered dynamic online and hybrid courses for many years, and we are using this expertise to create additional blended and flexible-format courses that will prepare us for whatever the future may bring while also meeting our high academic standards. This summer, in response to KU's decision to provide solely online instruction, we are offering a schedule of courses that were designed specifically for online engagement with students. Although the university has not yet made an announcement about the fall term, we are ready to help you make the most of your opportunities at KU in various formats.

We will continue to update you about our range of courses, and we look forward to seeing you in class during the coming academic year! We hope that you will follow us on social media, Twitter [@KUHistoryDept](https://twitter.com/KUHistoryDept) / Facebook [@HistoryatKU](https://www.facebook.com/HistoryatKU) / Instagram [@kuhistorydept](https://www.instagram.com/kuhistorydept), and visit our department website for more detailed course information at history.ku.edu.

Finally, we want to celebrate some of the accomplishments of this past semester, when our instructors guided both graduate and undergraduate students toward new research projects and the completion of their degrees. Undergraduate history majors and minors distinguished themselves in forums such as the [Undergraduate Research Symposium](#) and in the honors capstone seminar, and we are happy to announce that the department minted eight new doctoral and masters degrees in 2020. Congratulations to all of our graduates, we are proud of you!

Below are just a few examples of the many amazing projects undertaken recently by students in the Department of History. Share your initiative from a history class or a research assignment with us!

Wishing you the best for a restful and healthy summer,

Eve Levin, Outgoing Chair

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Luis Corteguera, Incoming Chair