

## History MA Candidates Present Theses at Spring Student Colloquium

Each spring, the Graduate Historical Society hosts a student colloquium in which students present their recently defended thesis research to an audience of peers and faculty. After successfully defending their theses a week earlier, Elizabeth Wilkins (left) and Beth Gniewek (right) gave an engaging presentation of their respective research projects, "You see how black I am? Don't call me Aunt!: "Mammies," "Aunts," and Domestic Workers in Twentieth Century America" and "Civil Defense and the Family Fallout Shelter in Early Atomic Age America: 1949-1963".

Both Elizabeth and Beth have held Graduate Assistantships while at the College. Elizabeth's experiences working at the Avery Research Institute allowed her to gain insight into the wealth of sources available for her research interests in African American history. Under the direction of Dr. Mary Battle, Beth has assisted in developing the Lowcountry Digital History Initiative (LDHI), a digital public history platform hosted by the Lowcountry Digital Library at the College of Charleston. Congratulations to Beth and Elizabeth on a successful defense and job well done at the colloquium!



## Upcoming MES Program Theses Defenses!

Cheryl Carmack – Monday, April 14, at 1:30PM  
Internship: "Development of a regulatory level water quality monitoring program for Enterococcus in recreational waters of Charleston, South Carolina"  
Project Supervisor: Andrew Wunderley  
Room 245, School of Science and Mathematics Building (SSMB), 202 Calhoun Street

Krystle Miner – Tuesday, April 15, at 11:00AM  
Thesis: "Using the Charleston, SC Earthquake of 1886 to Develop New Models for Estimating Future Earthquake Damage"  
Research Advisor: Steven Jaume  
Room 245, School of Science and Mathematics Building (SSMB), 202 Calhoun Street

Alana Ellen Sweatt – Wednesday, April 16, at 9:00AM  
Internship: Assessment and Categorization of Predictive Erosion, Sea Level Rise, and Migration Tools for Cape Island and Surrounding Marsh within Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge  
Project Supervisor: M. Scott Harris  
Room 245, School of Science and Mathematics Building (SSMB), 202 Calhoun Street

Joshua Hoke – Wednesday, April 16, at 10:00AM  
Thesis: The Effects of Rapid Coastal Development on Fishers in Mount Pleasant, SC: A Participatory GIS Study  
Research Adviser: Annette Watson  
Room 302, The Riley Center (MES Office), 284 King Street

James B. Terrell – Wednesday, April 16, at 11:30AM  
Thesis: The Wicked Problem of How to Include Values in Natural Resource Policy-Making: Comparing Constituent and Management Values in the "Sewee to Santee" Area of South Carolina  
Research Adviser: Annette Watson  
Room 302, The Riley Center (MES Office), 284 King Street

Jillian Phillips – Thursday, April 17, at 12:00PM  
Thesis: A Water Quality Assessment of Tidal Waters in Upper Inlet Creek, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina  
Research Advisor: Jestine deWerd  
Room 245, School of Science and Mathematics Building (SSMB), 202 Calhoun Street

Jennifer Cormany – Monday, April 21, at 3:00PM  
Thesis: Identifying Spatial Features Contributing to Sense of Place for Residents in Times of Urbanization: Awendaw, SC  
Research Adviser: Annette Watson  
Room 245, School of Science and Mathematics Building (SSMB), 202 Calhoun St

# You Go Grad!



Marine Biology student Alyssa Demko has been busy in her last semester before graduating! In addition to being named one of the winners of the annual Graduate Research Poster session in February, Alyssa recently won the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF-GRFP) award, which covers salary and school costs for three years and provides a number of other opportunities for research collaborations. Out of nearly 14,000 applicants, Alyssa was one of 2,000 students awarded a NSF fellowship, making her the third College of Charleston student to win such a prestigious fellowship! Her proposed project will be a continuation of the graduate research here at the College. The project she proposed was titled "The effect of latitude on the evolution of algal defense and herbivore offense". This project is a continuation of the research she has been doing with Dr. Erik Sotka on the coevolution of herbivores and seaweeds. We congratulate Alyssa on her achievements and upcoming graduation and look forward to her future successes!



## Upcoming Events

### “Waging Peace”: A Peace Corps Celebration

All citizens interested in the Peace Corps experience are invited to a special showing of “Waging Peace” by acclaimed documentarian Allen Mondell who is coming to town from Dallas to introduce and discuss this new documentary.

**Where:** School of Science and Math Building

**When:** Thursday, April 24, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

**5:30 pm:** Showing of “Waging Peace” followed by a discussion with Allen Mondell

**6:30 pm:** RPCV Panel Discussion

**7:00 pm:** Send-off social for our new Peace Corps Masters International group heading to the Philippines, Sierra Leone, and Peru

For more information or questions about the event, contact Dave Owens at [owensd@cofc.edu](mailto:owensd@cofc.edu) or 843-953-5626

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm  
GSA Meeting  
Stern Center, Room 409

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
GSA Research and Travel Grant  
Application Deadline

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>  
Last Day of Classes  
Last Day to Submit Master’s Theses

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
Final Exams Begin

Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Final Exams End

Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Final Grades Available

Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Commencement

### Reminder:

Anyone interested in running for a GSA executive position should download and complete the GSA Executive Officer Election Packet from the GSA blog. Completed election packets can be submitted to the GSA cubicle until the last GSA monthly meeting on Friday, April 18. Candidates should also email a brief bio and picture to [gsa.cofc@gmail.com](mailto:gsa.cofc@gmail.com) to be posted on the GSA blog and the Facebook page along with a link to the online election survey for voting. For more information on positions, visit <http://blogs.cofc.edu/gsa/>.

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