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Austin Dennis is an M.A. candidate in the secondary education program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Alabama in 2018 and is currently pursuing a career as a secondary social studies teacher. His areas of interest include the history of the American presidency, the American Civil War, the Reconstruction era, authoritarianism, and public policy. Austin has a passion for not only sharing the countless remarkable stories of the past, but also working with students to build a brighter future in which the general public is well-informed, engages in and promotes civil discourse, and works together to better the lives of all people.



Brianna Carnley is currently finishing her last semester of her undergraduate education and plans to take a few years break before pursuing graduate school. She is an English major with a concentration of Creative Writing and a minor in Philosophy. She is currently writing her senior thesis, which will be a collection of poetry about femininity. Brianna's career goal is to be an editor at a publishing house so that she can help fellow writers craft and publish their stories.



Charlie Crepps began his academic career with insecurity and lack of motivation, but the more he accomplished and learned, his passion for history became self-evident. He has never had an inclination for staying within the parameters set for him by others so he has always struggled with academics, but writing has always been the medium that has allowed him to explore topics that stretch the boundaries and stretch his intellectual understanding. Early American intellectual history has always interested him, and inevitably his writings covered many of the political thinkers that were involved with building the American national spirit. He currently works in the real estate sector, but chooses to study and write about history in his free time. History will always be a love of his, whether it be professionally, or merely recreational. As a twenty four year old graduating in April of 2022, he finds himself continuing to learn applicable lessons from these incredible thinkers that he can implement in his life to perpetuate the very American spirit that has kept us a tethered representative democracy for hundreds of years. He is thankful for the opportunity afforded to him by the *VHR* selection committee and he hopes that everyone can resonate with the incredible story of Abraham Lincoln's legacy.



Chris Bertolini is a graduate student of history. His historical interests include social movements, urbanization and suburbanization, and the environment. He is too indecisive to speak about his future, but he hopes he can be a lifelong student of history and still afford rent. He is afraid he is getting old because he is only two years younger than Giannis Antetokounmpo.



Colton Segars is a second-year master's student in the history department at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He previously graduated with his bachelor's degree in history from UAB in Spring 2020 and plans to continue his education by attending a PhD program sometime in the future. Colton's main historical interests focus on the Progressive Era and World War I, but he is also curious about the Early American Republic and Age of Jackson. Colton hopes to someday teach at the Secondary or Collegiate levels.



Donnae' Hampton was born and raised in a city right outside of Birmingham called Irondale. In the spring of 2021, she graduated from the University of Alabama-Birmingham with her bachelor's degree in history. She is currently in UAB's history master's program, with plans to graduate in the spring of 2023. Her main interests include the United States' social history of the Reconstruction era and beyond. Her family is from Alabama, so she is especially interested in African American history in Alabama, along with African American history in general. Outside of her academic interests, she enjoys reading, watching sports and documentaries, and baking. Within her academic career, she has done multiple research projects on local history in Jefferson County, especially in Birmingham, AL and has analyzed numerous archival documents. She has career aspirations of getting a doctorate in history and becoming a professor and/or working as an archivist because she really enjoys working with primary sources. Additionally, she aspires to work on her own historical project of her historically Black neighborhood in the near future.



Emma Herr is a senior at UAB majoring in history and English (concentration Professional Writing). Throughout her studies, she has been especially drawn to Soviet/Russian culture and local Southern history. Emma greatly enjoys her work as an undergraduate tutor at UAB's writing center and is honored to have been selected as the English Department's 2022 Outstanding Professional Writing Student. Most recently, she has worked with the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center on a yearlong project collecting and analyzing Holocaust-related news articles from WWII-era Birmingham papers. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in museum education or archival work.



Esteban Arnold is a second year graduate student in history at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. His research interests are in European intellectual history and the history of psychology. He is currently working on a thesis regarding the politicization of the psychology of Alfred Adler and its use in the Nazi period. In the future, he hopes to go to Europe, read more books, and drink more coffee.



Haley Wells is a sophomore double-major in English (concentration literature) and history. She is in UAB's accelerated Bachelors-to-Masters program, and she is currently finishing her first year of graduate classes. When she completes her Masters in history, she hopes to complete a Masters in English and then go on to a PhD in literature. Her research interests for history include American colonial and Revolutionary War history, American Civil War history, the history of social justice movements in America, and women's history. In her research, she works to focus on the diverse experiences of women throughout different periods in history, with particular attention to the history of women's education, female sexuality and sexual expression throughout history, women in American religion, and the history of women's rights movements. Her research interests for English are focused in Medieval Studies, where she has written on Beowulf, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, Icelandic sagas, Old English elegies, and the works of Marie de France. She also loves reading, researching, and writing about Oscar Wilde, John Keats, Jane Austen, and Toni Morrison. She enjoys using literature to understand historical mindsets, as well as using historical context to foreground literary analysis.



Josef Brock is a junior at UAB majoring in Secondary Education Social Science. For the last several years, he has been teaching pre-k. Josef was born in the Brooklyn, NY neighborhood of Crown Heights and lived there during the Crown Heights riots. Josef's interests are advocating for and helping students who struggle in education systems. In addition to his work as a social studies educator, Josef hopes to enhance Jewish and Zionist pride among Birmingham's Jewish community. After graduating, he intends to pursue a master's degree in education.



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Michael Davis is currently a candidate for a master's degree in History at UAB with a focus on early American History. In his spare time, he is a professional disc golfer and contributor to a disc golf podcast. After graduation, he will be teaching as an adjunct in the UAB history department and thinking about, maybe, possibly pursuing a Ph.D.

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