

ABOUT THE AUTHORS & EDITORS



T. Gerald Archer is completing his Bachelor of Arts degree in History with the intention of pursuing an M.A. degree in History upon graduation. With a specific interest in pop culture and cinema, Gerald believes that through art forms we can gain an understanding of our history and culture. Art, he believes, can speak for a people, and cultural history can teach us that our common interests bring us together, not drive us apart. When asked what the most important lesson he has learned from history is, he replies that our time is fleeting. Our lives are just one small act in the whole human drama, and we need to look to what came before us, as well as what effect we will have on the future.



Chelsea Baldini is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. Her research interests include the effect of Social Darwinism on the racial policies of Nazi Germany. Chelsea also holds an interest in the field of Art History and enjoys discovering the effects of socio-political conditions on artists and their work. Upon graduation, Chelsea hopes to teach. She wishes to share her knowledge of history with children in low-income areas.



Charles Brooks Etheredge is working toward earning his Master of Arts degree in History with a specific focus in American history and the period surrounding the framing of our nation's Constitution. Brooks hopes to provide others with an understanding of the relevance of the Constitution to the modern age. He notes that constitutional and political theory never lose their meaning. The most important lesson he has gained through pursuing the study of history is the realization that despite every modern scholar's belief that they know best, people from the past may have been much cleverer than we are. Sometimes, he adds, it is best to just listen to the past and let it speak for itself.



Brittany Richards Foust is currently completing her Master of Arts degree in History. Her interest in history was sparked at a young age thanks to her father and one particularly inspirational teacher in high school. Her research interests include women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. To Brittany, the most important aspect of history is that it is an area where there is room for exploration and interpretation. With history, one document reads differently to multiple parties, and this leads to a greater understanding of the past, as well as the achievements of the present and the possibilities of the future. She is optimistic that future generations will learn the importance of history and the reality that our future is built on our history and what we take from it.



Beth Hunter is completing her Master of Arts degree in History, and hopes to teach, continue to conduct research, and edit publications in the future. She enjoys Alabama history and the particular topic of subsistence homesteads and farms. Outside of Alabama history, Beth also finds the plight of children during WWII to be an extremely fascinating subject. The subject is one that she feels is important because the children of WWII possessed a unique perspective in that many had not yet experienced the prejudices of the world. To Beth, a key aspect of being a good global neighbor is learning more about other cultures, because without this knowledge, it is difficult for people to find common ground to work together.



Clelly Johnson is working toward a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, and has had a passion for history ever since he can remember. His research interests include gender and sexuality, terrorism, and Russian and Eurasian history. His interest in the subject matter stems from the fact that many groups that are discriminated against do not possess a voice within their own society. For Clelly, the knowledge that everyone has a story and every story is an important thread in the fabric of the past is the most important lesson he has learned from his study of history.



Thomas Kulovitz is currently seeking a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. He enjoys examining how various civilizations were structured and how they lived at various points in history, particularly in comparison to our current society. He hopes to attend graduate school to obtain a Master of Arts degree in Library Science. To Thomas, the most critical aspects of history are the understanding of how the past relates to the present and the recognition that the nature of the world today is a result of all of the developments of the past. Given the opportunity to sit down with one historical figure, Thomas would ask Augustus Caesar how he learned to play the political game so well.



Billy Mann graduated in 2011 with a Master of Arts degree in Secondary Education. He notes the importance of history in every young person's education and loathes that history courses have developed such a negative reputation in the classroom. His career focus as a teacher is to make the study of history be relevant to the students in his classroom. He wants his students to actively participate in history by exploring the past and not just act as passive recipients of knowledge. His appreciation of the past, and how it shapes the present is what sparked his interest in history at an early age. His favorite aspect of history is that it is incomplete and constantly being explored to learn greater truths.



Dawn Neel is currently pursuing a Master of Arts degree in History after successfully completing her B.A. in English. Her central focus is the history of the early American republic. Her interest in history is fueled by the recognition that we possess the ability to learn from the lessons of the past. To Dawn, the fact that history seems to repeat itself is imperative to understanding our studies. When asked what is the most important lesson she has learned from the study of history, Dawn replies that one should never judge what happened yesterday in the context of today.



Maya Orr is currently completing her Bachelor of Arts degree in History, with a minor in English literature. Her research interests include twentieth-century history, with a focus on the developments of the modern era and the effects of globalization on societies. She wrote her senior Capstone project on communist Czechoslovakia and the impact of Vaclav Havel's essay, "The Power of the Powerless." To Maya, the joy of history comes with analyzing and writing. She hopes to pursue a career in the publishing industry after obtaining her degree.



Edward Savela is currently completing his Master of Arts degree in History. He holds an undergraduate degree in Business and previously served as a CPA and corporate financial executive. He has owned two businesses, and served in Naval Intelligence during the Vietnam War. With his experience, he has gained a broad view of world affairs. With a specific interest in twentieth-century history and Latin American history, his main goal is to apply his knowledge through writing. He hopes that through his writing he can convey the history of U.S.- Cuba relations, of which most Americans are not aware. He believes that through the study of history, we can grasp an understanding of the present conflicts around the globe and find ways to ameliorate them.

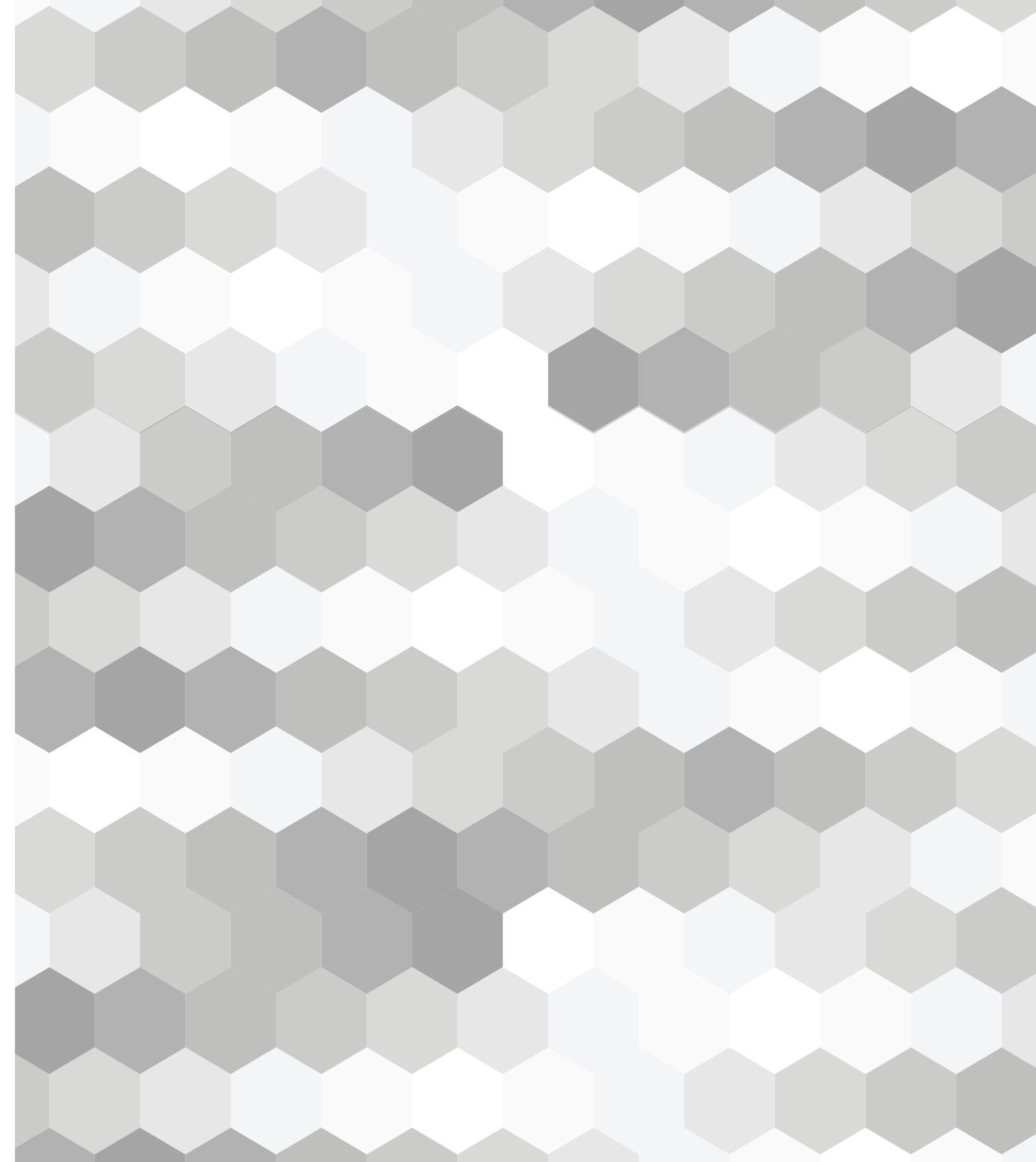
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