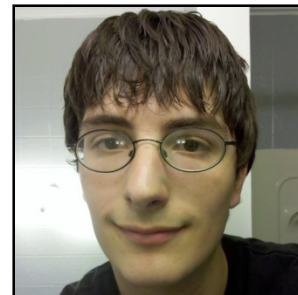

Meet Your Departmental Student Advisor!

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Hometown: Grand Rapids, MI
Majors: History and Philosophy
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Study Abroad: Budapest, Hungary
Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Superman
Best Adjective to Describe You: Reliable

In 10 words or less, why should someone want to be a part of this department?

The versatility of what you can study in American history.

When did you know you wanted to study this area? What pathway led you to this department?

I knew I wanted to study history after taking my first Boyer Lewis class. I think taking one American history class really orients people toward the department and learning more about American history.

What is the best way to get (and stay) connected to this department?

Having a desire to learn about the past always helps and talking to professors about what you are interested in is a great way to stay involved with the history department.

What would you miss the most if you were no longer a part of this department?

The amazing stories of how our nation formed.

What are your career aspirations/next steps after K?

I am planning on writing screenplays and working in the film industry.

What has been the biggest surprise you have encountered at K?

I think the biggest surprise that I have experienced at K is the night of Crystal Ball. It has been one of my favorite experiences at K.

How does your department connect to your other interests and activities?

I really enjoy watching movies and American history has played a large part in the film industry.

What has been your favorite class at K? Why?

U.S. History I was the class that made me interested in studying history. I learned there was a greater complexity to history and that the events of the past had no obvious outcome.

What is your SIP?

I am looking at the differences between audiences' and director's interpretations of how their films were seen in the late 1960's.
