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## Meet Your Departmental Student Advisor!

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*History*

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**Hometown:** Plymouth, MI

**Majors:** History and English

**Concentration:** American Studies

**Study Abroad:** Bonn, Germany

**Favorite Ice Cream Flavor:** Cherry Garcia

**Best Adjective to Describe You:** Stellar

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

History is awesome!

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

My love for history began in the fourth grade when I read my first John F. Kennedy biography, but I knew I wanted to major in history after taking American Diplomacy with Dr. Lewis.

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

Take as many history classes as possible, and not just in the area you specialize in. If 20<sup>th</sup> century is your specialty, take a class on the colonial period. If you focus on East Asian history, take an African Studies class. You'd be amazed how interrelated history really is.

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

The professors; they are truly stellar individuals.

**What are your career aspirations/next steps after K?**

I plan on going for my Masters and PhD, and after that we'll see what happens!

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

That I was not meant to be a Poli-Sci major. As a senior in high school, I was convinced I was going in to politics or law.

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

Everything is a part of history: sports, science, literature, math, and anything else you can think of. The fact that history itself links all things helps me to become more educated in my own interests like swimming and southern literature.

**What has been your favorite class at K? Why?**

Without a question, Slave South. The topic itself is what interests me most in American history, and Dr. Boyer Lewis is one of the best professors we have at K.

**What is your SIP?**

Southern Women and Insanity from 1880 to 1940. I'll be looking at what defined a woman as insane and how those women dealt with their "insanity."

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