

HI/HLS Department Newsletter

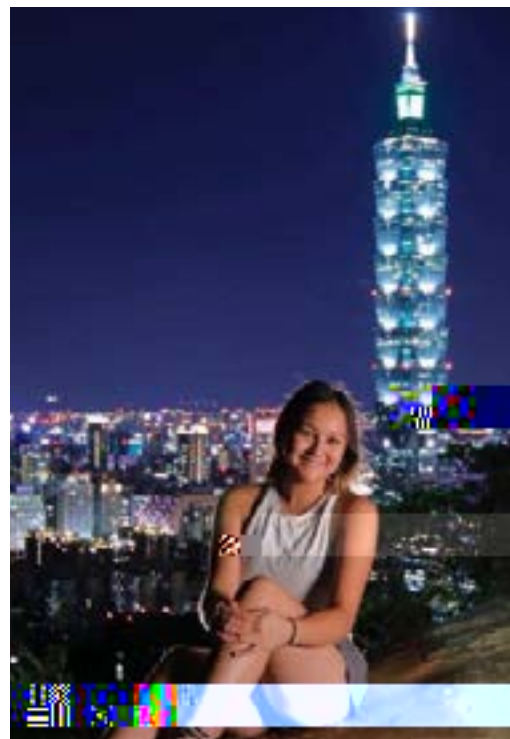
SUMMER '19 RECAP & BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS



AUP students and Prof. Kuo in Texas

Special thanks to Sydney Scarpa for providing this photo

Jasmine then sought out an internship through the Taiwanese Ministry of Education as an elementary school English teacher. Jasmine said that she had no experience teaching young students and did not know how to speak Mandarin or Taiwanese. To add to the language complexity, students in Tainan regularly switch between both languages. Once she became more comfortable, Jasmine said that she fell in love with teaching. The student's eagerness to learn English and mentorship of older teachers helped her to improve her classroom management skills and lesson plans.



Connecting back to her trip to Taiwan with AUP, Jasmine said that working in Tainan allowed her to meet native Taiwanese people who had helped her understand her identity as a Taiwanese person has changed throughout the course of their lives. The idea of an evolving Taiwanese identity is something we discussed deeply during the practicum, and I'm really grateful for the knowledge from the course which allowed me to ask more thoughtful questions while talking to locals."

Thank you to Jasmine for sending these photos



A New Club Comes to AUP this Fall: Migrant Justice Club

This semester, consider joining the newly formed Migrant Justice Club. Led by Alessandra Campbell '20, this club's mission is to provide hands on international opportunities to go out and volunteer at a detention center in Texas; working at a legal aid organization; and doing humanitarian work at refugee camps across Europe. Through connections made with organizations, the club aims to supply club members with opportunities and the tools needed to be resourceful. Upon return they can share their experiences with the rest of the club and the university community.

She hopes to connect students with refugees from all parts of the globe. Additionally, she also discussed potential projects coming to AUP that stem from her new research.

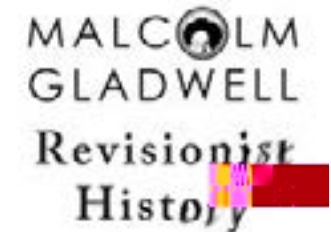
Listening Suggestions from our Professors

Looking for a new podcast to listen to? Looking to get into podcasts but don't know where to start?

-If you're curious about law school and the LSAT Profs. Wu and Kuo recommend this particular episode of "Revisionist History," on the LSAT, law school admissions, and the illusion of meritocracy. <http://revisionisthistory.com/episodes/31-puzzle-rush>

-Profs. Kuo and Wu recommend Serial Season 3. Many of you may have binge-listened to Season 1. But do check out Season 3—it's a riveting look at the criminal justice system; you'll hear conversations in courtrooms, judges' chambers, and the extraordinary stories of ordinary cases." <https://serialpodcast.org>

-They also recommend "The Daily," a daily, award-winning podcast from the New York Times. <https://www.nytimes.com/column/the-daily>



Faculty Spotlight — Prof. Spieler on the Research Process

Our distinguished Professor Spieler is currently working on a new book, *Slaves and Masters: The Making of a New World in Guiana* (Harvard Historical Series, Harvard University Press, April 2012) was awarded the prestigious the J. Russell Major Prize (2013) and the George L. Mosse Prize (2013) from the American Historical Association.

To get a sense of a professional historian's research process, Prof. Spieler graciously agreed to answer some questions about how she goes about her work, how she writes, and how she got inspired to do her project. She also discussed potential projects coming to AUP that stem from her new research.

Professor Spieler said that the book began as a research accident: "I was conducting research on the name-changing—compulsory and voluntary—the usurpation of other people's names, and similar puzzles related to a person's legal and social identity." She also discussed potential projects coming to AUP that stem from her new research.

Prof. Spieler believes that Paris has a unique relationship with slavery, saying that, “When we think about the relationship between plantation kōn] jg Yf \ ge] klā > j Yf [] \$o] f gje Ydh] f c YZgm > j] f [\ hgjl [āā kD: gj \] Ymp \$ F Yf I] k \$ D] Havre—with maritime economies that revolved around the slave trade.” Paris has long been seen as a “haven” city for slaves with the law being principally opposed to slavery. However, Yk H]g & Khā d j \ ā [gn] j \ ā f l] : Yklā d p k \$ the documents “draw attention to the role of administrators and even lawyers in helping masters with unruly domestics who sought to become free f l] [āā < ā [gn] j ā _ l ā \ a] j] f [] ā ā hgjl Yf I \$ she explains: “So long as we picture imperial slavery Yk Y e Yj ā Ydh] f ge] f gf ā > j Yf [] \$ Yf \ g \ ā d q ^ l] \ 9 l ā f l ā [g Yklā f] \$ > j] f [\ ā h] j ā d kōn] j q o ā j] e Yā] pl j ā kā \ g l] \] f] j Yd f Yj Yl ā] g ^ > j] f [\ history. My book aims to connect eighteenth- [] f l m j q H Y j ā d l] \ n z \ g ^ > j] f [\ f Yf [] \$ l] \ k] Yl of national courts, the center of intellectual life, of aristocratic society, and of European consumerism—to plantation slavery and the slave trade.”

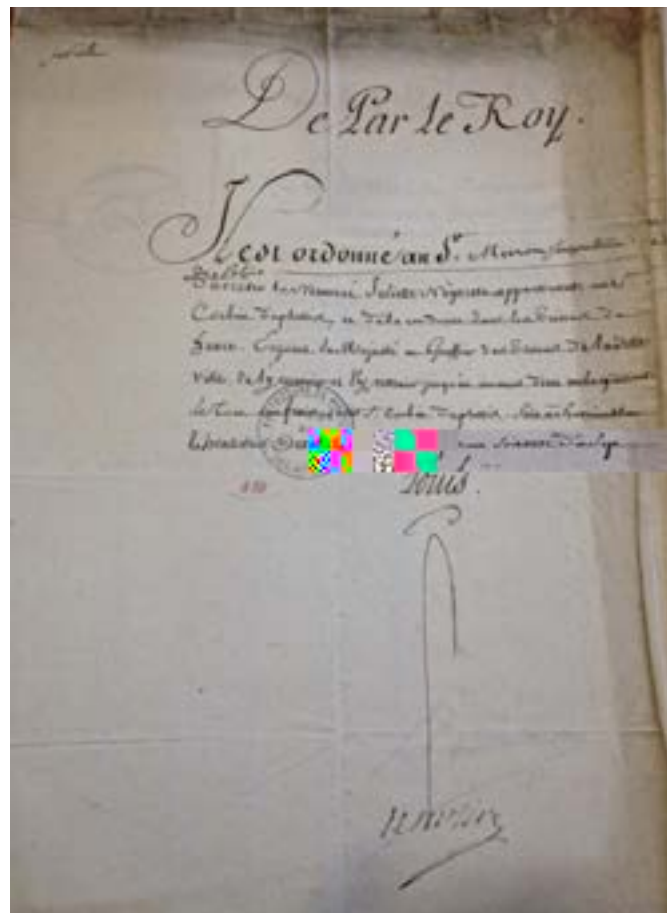
Prof. Spieler hopes that her students discover the pleasure of conducting archival research and that they understand the “detective-like quality” of what historians and researchers do. Prof. Spieler’s extensive use of not only primary sources, but also unpublished primary sources, certainly highlights how exciting archival research can be! Using these sources as her guide, Prof. Spieler will be able to portray a new perspective on the lives of slaves in Paris. To help inspire the love of research, Prof. Spieler aims to include primary source research into all of her classes.

In exciting news, this semester Prof. Spieler will hold a workshop about some unpublished sources she is using in her book. These sources relate to slave trading and the lives of enslaved domestics in Paris. A sample of possible materials for this workshop would include correspondence about Y > j] f [\ f Yn Yd [Ye h Yā f \ g \ \] kl j g q : j ā ā kōn] k ā k Yf \ ā l] j [] hl kōn] k g \ l] \ [g Ykl \ g ^ 9 j ā Y 3 a slave trading account book; a Parisian police p d ā ng d ā _ l] \ k l Yc] g m \ g ^ Y kōn] o ge Yf 3 Yf \ a Parisian marriage contract in which the bride’s property consists of a huge slave plantation in

Keep your eyes peeled in future newsletters for the exact date.

Additionally, there will be other opportunities to acquaint students with these materials in spring 2020, when Prof. Spieler is teaching both a course on comparative slavery and a seminar with Professor Kuo called “Becoming > j] \ ā l] \ [gn] k \ ā ph d j] k l \] \ ā] k g ^ g j e] j slaves and former convicts” and considers the “problem of liberation in the Americas, Africa, the Indian Ocean, and Asia from the eighteenth century to the present.”

Prof. Spieler’s book is under contract with the Harvard University Press. Although a work ā h j g [] k k \$ k \] \ gh] k \ g \ p ā \ l] \ Zggc \ Zq Summer 2020.



Pictured is one of the pages of the primary sources Prof. Spieler is working with in the archives. Thank you to Prof. Spieler for sending the photo.

Upcoming Events

HLS Open House—Open House for those interested in the History, Law, and Society major. **September 12th, 6:30PM on the 8th floor of Quai**

Interested in applying for fellowships and not sure where to start? Stuck on writing your personal k l Y l] e] f l ā f Yf \ Yh d Yl ā f 7 L \] j] Yj] Yf m e Z] j \ g ^ ā d o k ā k \$ ā [ā ā f _ l] \ > n z j ā _ l ā m \ Y l] ā [g e ā _ m h 2 G [l g Z] j \ O l \ i \$ l \] \ L j m e Yf \$ l \] \ ; g j g >] d o k ā \$ Yf \ g l \] j k \$ l \ Y l \ o ā ā f Yf [ā ā support your travel, research, or desire to do social justice work. Please come to a session led by Albert Wu, Assistant Professor of History and Department Chair of the History Department. H j g ā k k g j \ O m ā l \] j] [ā ā f l \ g ^ ā d o k ā k m \ \ Y k l \] \ 9 d p Yf \] j n g f \ @ m e Z g d l \ j] k] Y j [\ >] d d o k ā ā \ g j \ H g k l \ g [l g j Y d] k] Y j [\] j k 3 l \] \ > n z j ā _ l ā \ g j \ ?] j e Yf q 3 Yf \ l \] \ 9 [Y \] e ā \ K ā ā Y \$ L Y ā Yf \$ >] d o k ā ā \ g j \ < g [l g j Y d \ Yf \ ā Y l] k ā f l \] \ @ m e Yf ā ā k Yf \ K g [ā d k [ā f [] k & 9 \ ā ā f Y d \$ Professor Kuo, recipient of fellowships such as the Truman, the Soros, and the Skadden, will Skype in for this session. It will take place on **September 12th, 4:30 to 5:30 PM, in C-104.**

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