



The Dr. Edward G. Gray Award for Undergraduate Exploratory Research in History

In order to promote in-depth undergraduate research, the family of the late Dr. Edward G. Gray, in cooperation with the Department of History and the College of Arts and Sciences, has established the Dr. Edward G. Gray Award for Undergraduate Exploratory Research.

This award will typically be given annually to an undergraduate History major who is planning to write an Honors in the Major thesis in the coming academic year. The purpose of the award is to help cover the costs of exploratory research in archives, special collections, and libraries, etc., and/or to acquire relevant skills essential to carrying out the proposed Honors in the Major thesis. These skills may include (but are not limited to) those involved in documentary, biographical, or oral history, archival research, and language training. Given that Dr. Gray's primary area of research and scholarship was American/U.S. History, there will be a preference for applicants who plan to write an Honors thesis in that field.

History Majors who are completing an Honors in the Major in the upcoming academic year are eligible to apply in the Spring (date TBD). Students who are interested, should consult with their major professor and History's academic advisor, Ms. Kozar.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$5,000



Edward G. Gray joined FSU's faculty in 1998 after earning his Ph.D. from Brown University in 1996. His early research interests centered on how nations and empires shape themselves and function on the ground and, subsequently, what it was like for societies to live with the consequences of those processes. He spent most of his professional teaching and administrative career at FSU, including service as department chair from 2013 to 2022. He focused on colonial and revolutionary era-U.S. history, from European contact with early America in the latter part of the 16th century through the early 19th century. Among his many publications were four books: *New World Babel* (1996), *The Making of John Ledyard* (2007), *Tom Paine's Iron Bridge* (2016), and *Mason-Dixon: Crucible of the Nation* (2023).

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