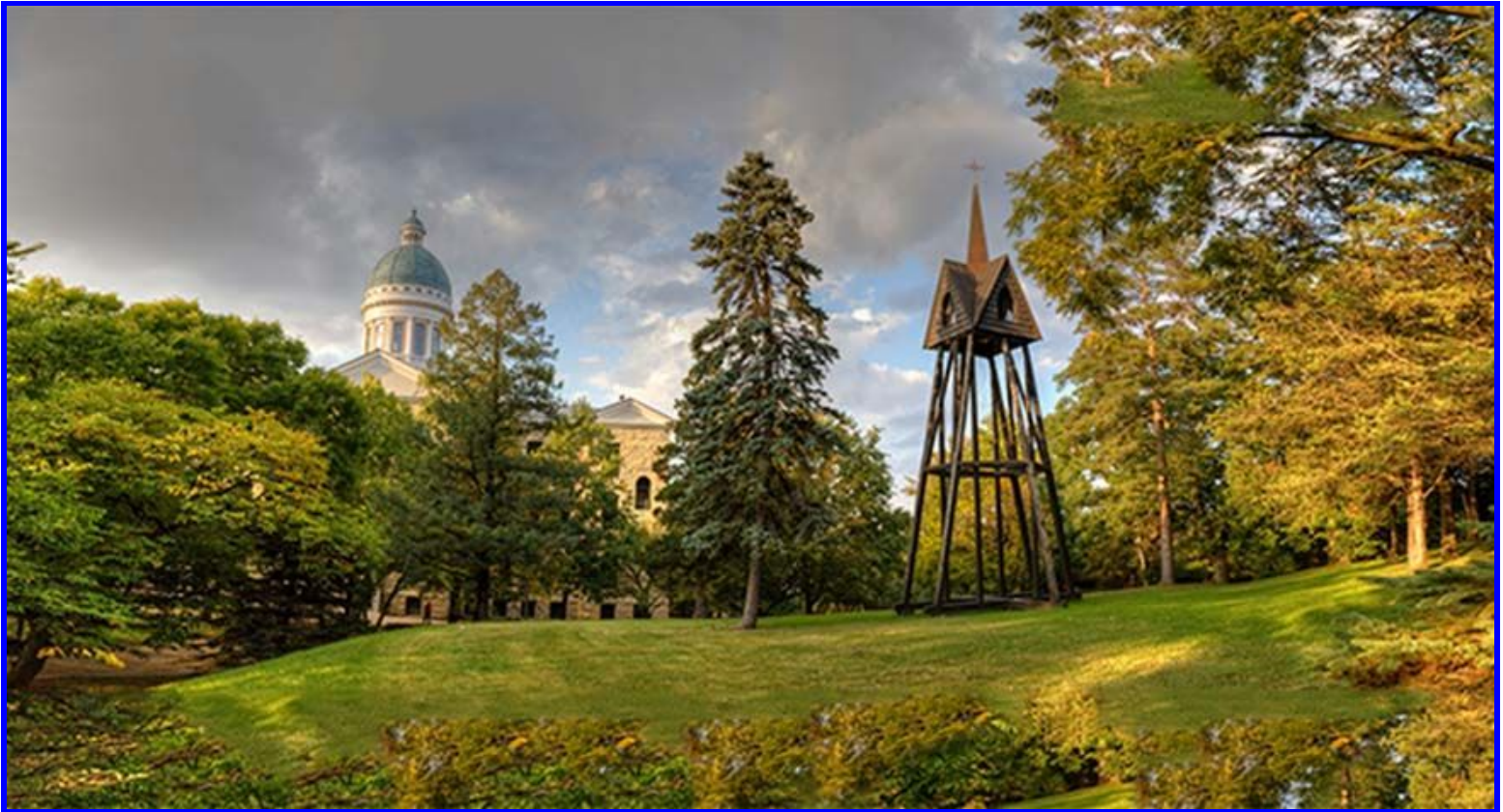


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Herald of a New Age!



The Inside Scoop

Welcome to the first volume of *The History Herald*— the History Department's first newsletter! Our aim for providing this short bulletin is to inform History Majors/Minors and general History enthusiasts about upcoming events on campus in addition to talk about historical and current events.

History Repeats: The Great Galveston Hurricane of 1900



Before Harvey, this monstrosity devastated not just Galveston, but affected the whole state of Texas, the Midwest, and even made it as far as to Canada! Reported as the deadliest hurricane in U.S. history, the Galveston Hurricane has the highest body count with up to 12,000 lost lives. Just to put that in perspective, Katrina estimates are around

Aftermath of storm, Galveston Island, September 1900

1800— about 6.7x less than the damage that occurred 117 years ago.

Galveston was called the “Ellis Island of the West” and the “Wall Street of the Southeast” as the island was a major port destination for goods. After the storm, the local economy collapsed and by the time Galveston was rebuilt the prestige and financial success of the city was eclipsed by Houston with the oil boom in the late 1910s.

The terror of Galveston’s deadliest hurricane transformed the attitude of weather safety and communication in the U.S. as it became standard practice to issue more warnings and continuous coverage and invest in better infrastructure, such as seawalls and levees in Texas and other U.S. coastal cities.

History Factoids - September

9/2/1666 - The Great Fire of London

9/3/1783 - Treaty of Paris signed, ending the American Revolutionary War

9/9/1776 - Formal name change of United Colonies to United States

9/12/1990 - German reunification of East and West Germany

9/19/1893 - New Zealand becomes first country to give women the right to vote

Remembering 9/11: The Numbers of Grief and Terror

While numbers are a cold view of tragedy, they do make their impact. Just under 3,000 people died, including those on the four planes, the World Trade Center complex, the Pentagon and emergency responders and firefighters. An additional 6,000 were wounded from immediate impact. It is estimated that about 20% of all Americans knew someone that was hurt or killed in the attack.

Tower One and Tower Two stood burning after impact for 56 and 102 minutes respectively. It took only 12 seconds for both to fall. Exact costs of buildings and other infrastructure are well noted but it is incalculable to measure the loss of human life.



Things to Look Forward!

The History Department is planning on hosting two sessions dedicated to talking about what a history degree means in today's current job field(s) and the expectations for graduate school. These sessions will be a great opportunity to talk with faculty and recent alumni and how history classes and using historical skills shaped their journey beyond Augie. Keep an eye out for those emails as we settle on specific dates and times!

History Club is back!

Be on the lookout for the new date and time when History Club will convene! We will discuss plans for the year, possible trips to take, movies to watch, and other fun, engaging activities!

Summer Experience!

We are still looking for students' summer experience stories! If you completed an internship, did original research, studied abroad, or even went somewhere awesome, we want to hear about it! These summer experience stories will be posted on the History Department's Facebook page and on the display board in Old Main. Additionally, we want to archive what students are doing to recruit new History majors/minors AND to record what students have done during their time at Augustana. (Never know, maybe fifty years down the road, future students will search in Special Collections and find YOUR work!)