Brittany Vosler Receives Fulbright Award

Ms. Brittany Vosler of the University of South Florida has been awarded a Fulbright Research Grant to continue her doctoral dissertation research at the University of the West Indies – Cave Hill in Barbados. Brittany is one of only two students to receive a full grant to Barbados under the Fulbright program this year.

Focusing on the British Caribbean, and specifically Barbados, Brittany will research how Pan-Africanism and other internationalist ideologies connect local struggles against colonial rule with global politics under the mentorship of Dr. Frederick Ochieng-Odhiambo at the University of the West Indies. Brittany received her master’s degree from USF in History and her bachelor’s degree from the University of Central Florida in History and English Literature.

As a Ph.D. student in History, Brittany represents the Graduate School, where her academic achievements have been noted inside and outside of the classroom. Since 2009, Brittany has been a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Department of History for United States History, United States and the World, History of Latin American Civilization and Modern European History and has received the Graduate Instructional Fellowship from 2009-2013. In 2012, she was awarded the Swanson Memorial History Research Fellowship and passed her PhD Comprehensive Exams with Distinction. Brittany has published in the *British Scholar* (2010) and presented her research at the USF Graduate Research Symposium (2009) and the USF Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference (2007). She is a member of the American Historical Association, the Association for Caribbean Histories, the North American Conference on British Studies and the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society.

Upon her return to the United States, Brittany plans to use her extended research in Barbados to complete her dissertation under the supervision of Professor Fraser Ottaneli. Her future career goal is to teach British history and Caribbean history at the University level. This Fulbright research opportunity will allow her to foster relationships with Barbadian scholars and students to help achieve this goal.

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