

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 23, 2009

TO: Dean Karen Carey
Division of Graduate Studies
Graduate Committee

FROM: Michelle DenBeste
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RE: Certificate of Advanced Study: Teaching American History

I am enclosing our new request for a graduate certificate program. The certificate has been developed in cooperation with local school districts and the assistance of two Teaching American History grants. The certificate contains only one new course (History 200C) and utilizes existing faculty and existing resources.

We received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education in 2005 which assisted in the development of a new teaching option for our graduate program. The first 13 students will graduate from that option this spring. We have just received a new five year grant from the USDE which will allow us to admit another cohort of teachers and which also proposes a new certificate program. The certificate program aims to reach those teachers who cannot commit to an entire M.A. program or who do not need to complete an entire MA in history. Some teachers already have an MA (in education) but need graduate level units in history. Others received an MA in another subject and now find themselves teaching history. Still others would simply like some additional graduate level training in history.

The new certificate would be comprised of 12 graduate level units (History 200C, History 296, History 210T and a graduate elective).