

# History Thesis Proposal Cover Sheet

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Provisional Title \_\_\_\_\_  
( This is a working title for your thesis which you are free to change later.)

2. Thesis Topic \_\_\_\_\_  
What will be the focus of your thesis? What are your research questions?

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(Be sure to note the scope of your investigation.)

Please append the following information to your proposal:

3. Thesis Rational  
What major questions do you intend to explore? Why are these questions important? Why is this an original, interesting and/or timely topic to pursue?
4. Historiography  
What work has already been done on your topic? What are some of the important books or articles written by other scholars in this area? How will your work complement, advance and/or challenge existing scholarship on this topic?
5. Methodological Approach  
How will you go about answering your research questions?
6. Annotated Bibliography (preliminary)  
This should be a list of the primary and secondary sources you plan to consult with brief narrative descriptions of each. Annotations are brief summaries that also address the significance of the work to your own project. Formatting for the bibliography should consistent with guidelines established by the Chicago manual of style and the Department Style Sheet.

## **The Colin Leroy '10 Research Fund**

This fund was established in honor of Colin A. Leroy, who graduated as a history major in 2010. Sadly, he died one year later on July 4, 2011. His parents, Craig Leroy and Bethany Alvord, decided to honor his memory by establishing a fund in the History Department. The purpose of the Leroy Fund is to assist history majors in research projects, including research outside of the U.S. Does your thesis proposal envision applying to the Leroy Research Fund? In which specific ways, archives, where? Consult with your thesis advisor or other History Department faculty on this.

**The John Chatfield '64 Research Fund**

Each year a thesis candidate will be selected as the History Department's 'Chatfield Fellow.' The criteria for the award will be the excellence and promise of the thesis proposal. All submitted prospectuses, regardless of subject or field, will be considered. In addition to the title 'Chatfield Fellow,' the thesis writer designated as the recipient of this honor will receive support to visit archives or libraries and otherwise pursue the research project. Support will be furnished subject to the discretion of the Chair of the Department. This award is named for the late Professor Jack Chatfield '64, whose teaching career in the History Department spanned close to forty years. Professor Chatfield was a thesis adviser par excellence and the fund that supports this award also honors his contributions as a teacher and director of student research in history.

Your Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Thesis Advisor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Thesis Advisors Name (please print)\_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Second Reader\_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Major Advisor\_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED\_\_\_\_\_