

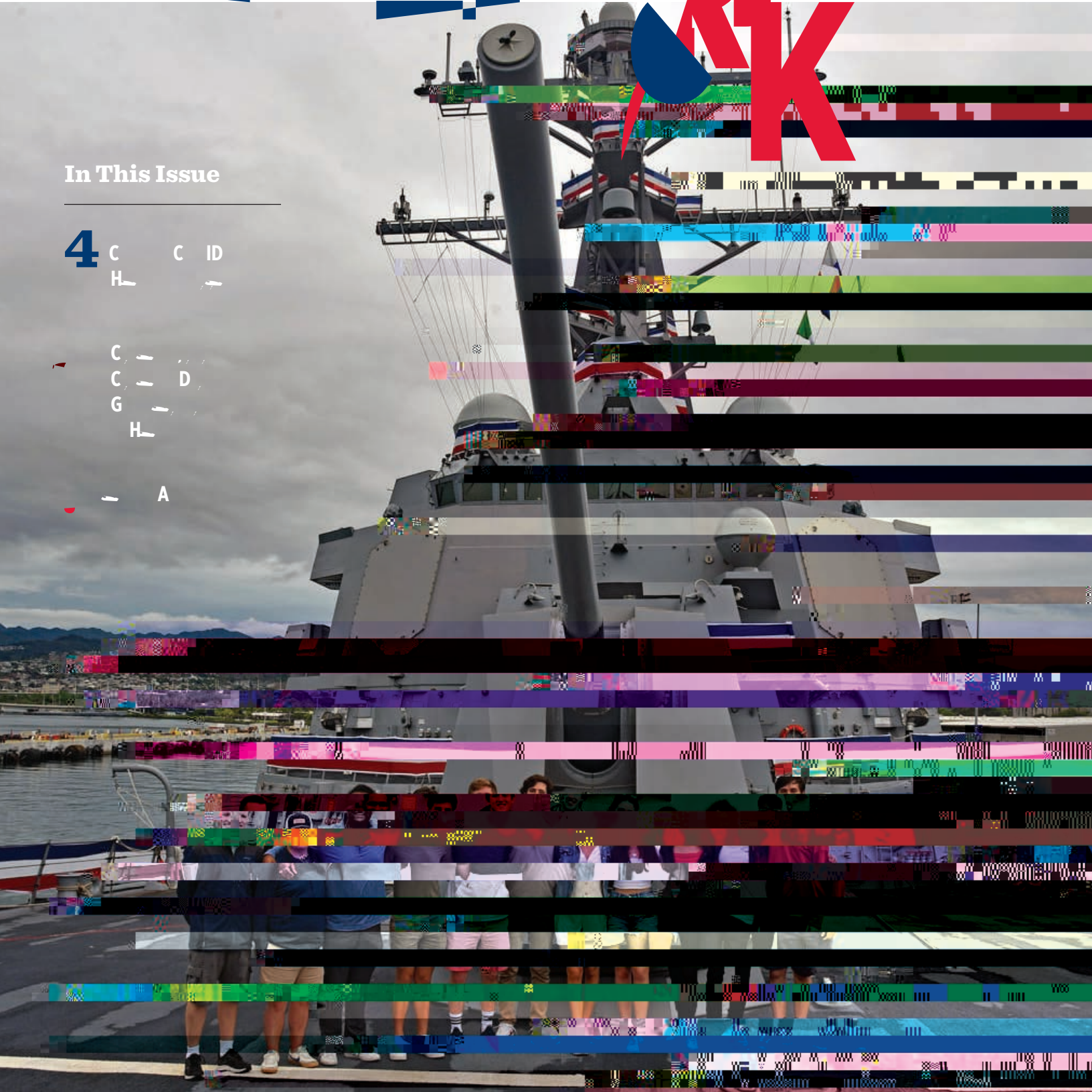


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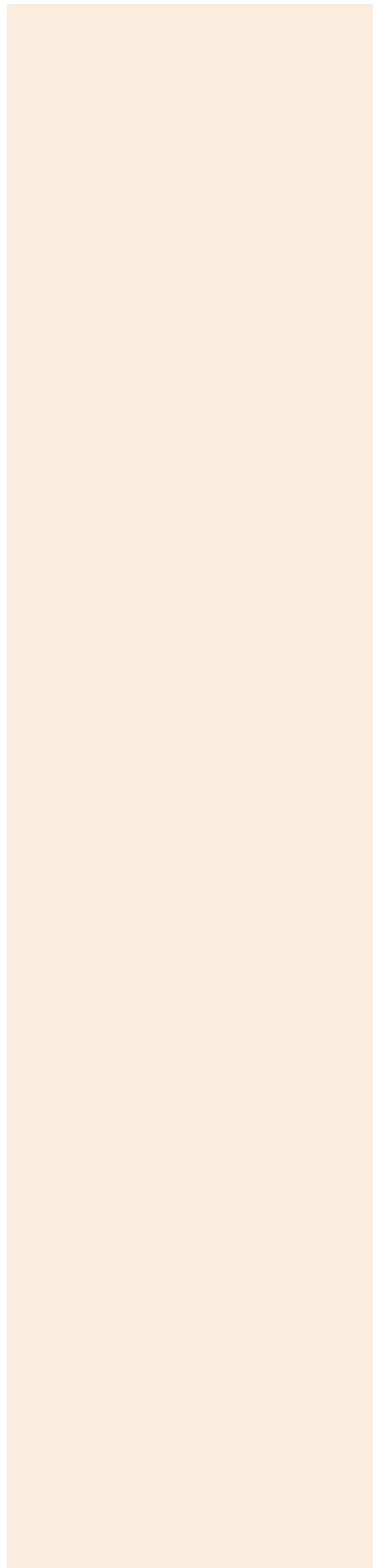
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Welcome to the latest edition of *History Works*, the newsletter of the Clements Department of History, edited by our colleague Professor Erin Hochman. We hope that you find these pages enjoyable and enlightening as they illustrate the wide-ranging ways that history works through the endeavors of our undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty.

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By Clare Ennis, Class of 2022

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By Professor Crista DeLuzio

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By Professor Jeffrey Engel

Germany lies at Europe's heart, as its engine of both politics and progress in the 21st century and the continent's tragic past. That is why we are heading there, and to the Czech Republic too, so that SMU history students and friends of the university can see with their own eyes how the landscape altered the ways that both World War II and the Cold War ended. The former leaves scars visible to this day, no more evident than in Berlin, Dresden, Leipzig, or in particular Nuremberg, site of the war crimes trials that for the first time in history made the concept of human rights more than mere abstraction. Especially now that the generation that fought and endured World War II is rapidly leaving no living remnant, trips such as ours, led as before by myself and Dr. Brian DeToy of Essential History Expeditions, take on new resonance and importance.

There are triumphs to be seen as well. Prague, Leipzig, Berlin: each witnessed euphoric moments of change in 1989 as Central and Eastern Europe threw off the shackles of Soviet domination. These were the subject of my latest book, and I in particular am looking forward to showing students and SMU alumni places central to that story. For many of our students in particular, this will be not only their first time abroad, but also the first chance to have done so since COVID-19 upset traditional study-abroad opportunities

over the past two years. No one can bring history truly alive. It is always in the

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By Professor Kate Carté

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Double Major in History and Biochemistry; Minor in Chinese

What I Love Most About History

H What I love most about history is that even though you're learning about events in the past, every piece of information is incredibly relevant to contemporary society. The history courses that I've taken have given me so much insight into why the world is the way it is today, and, as a result, have helped me better understand the world around me. Furthermore, as I will be attending medical school next year, my future will revolve heavily around the sciences. Though there will always be opportunities for me to engage with the humanities via books and other mediums in the future, I felt that this was really my last chance to take a deep dive into history and learn from all of these amazing historians.

How History Has Helped Me

H Through my time as a history major, I have become a much better

writer. A critical component of every history class is writing, and all of that practice definitely hones every history major into a much better writer than when they first started college. A lot of people don't realize it until much later, but being a proficient writer takes you very far, regardless of which career path you choose in the future. As someone who has gone through the entire process of applying to and interviewing at various medical schools, I cannot even emphasize how grateful I was for all of the writing practice I had as a history major.

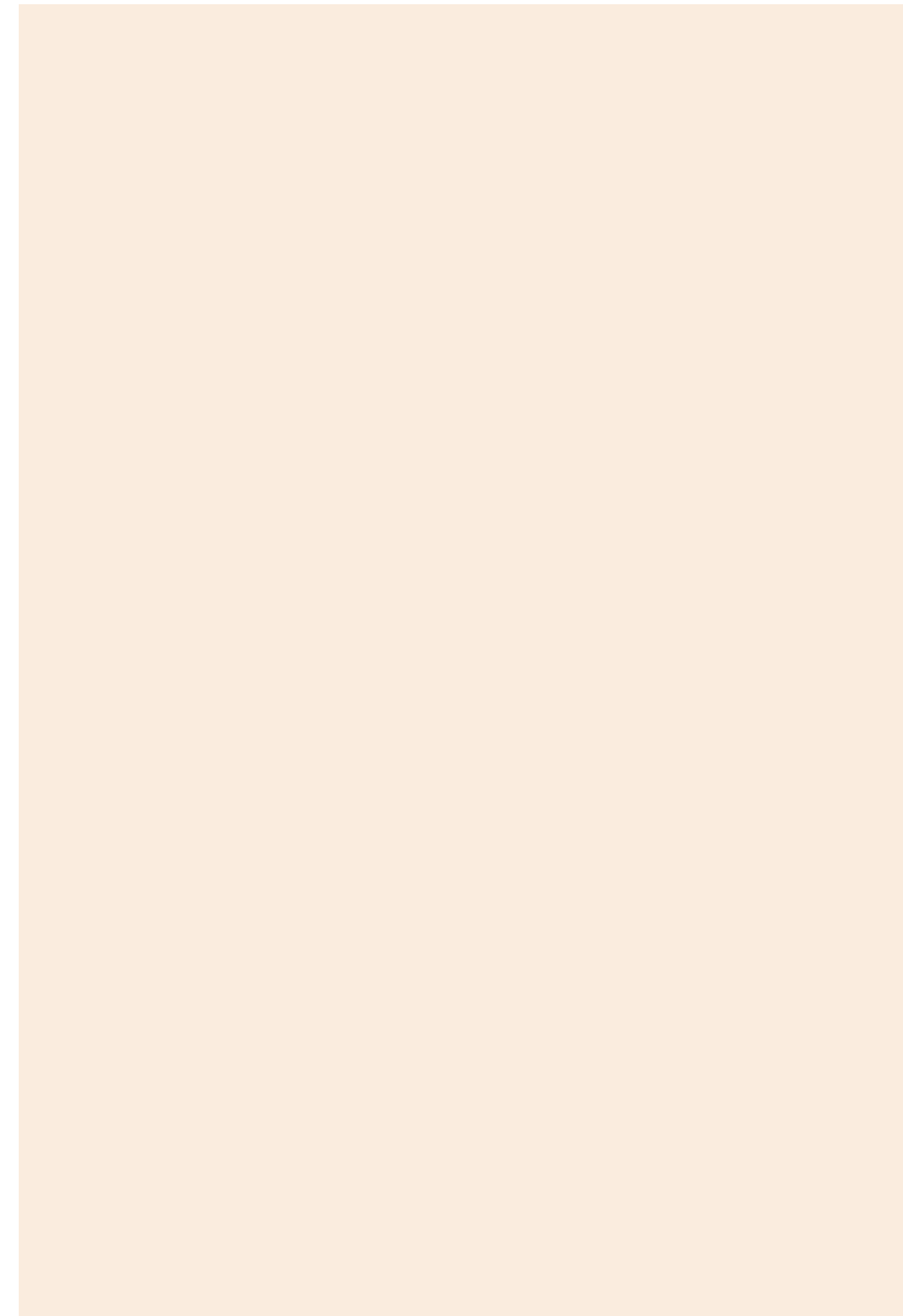
How History Has Helped Me

H One of my favorite parts of the major is actually how well it fits in with studying abroad. There are several SMU-Abroad programs that revolve around history courses. I personally had the opportunity to attend SMU-in-Oxford in the summer of my freshman year and it was one of the most amazing experiences in my time at SMU. Not only did I have the chance to travel and have fund me

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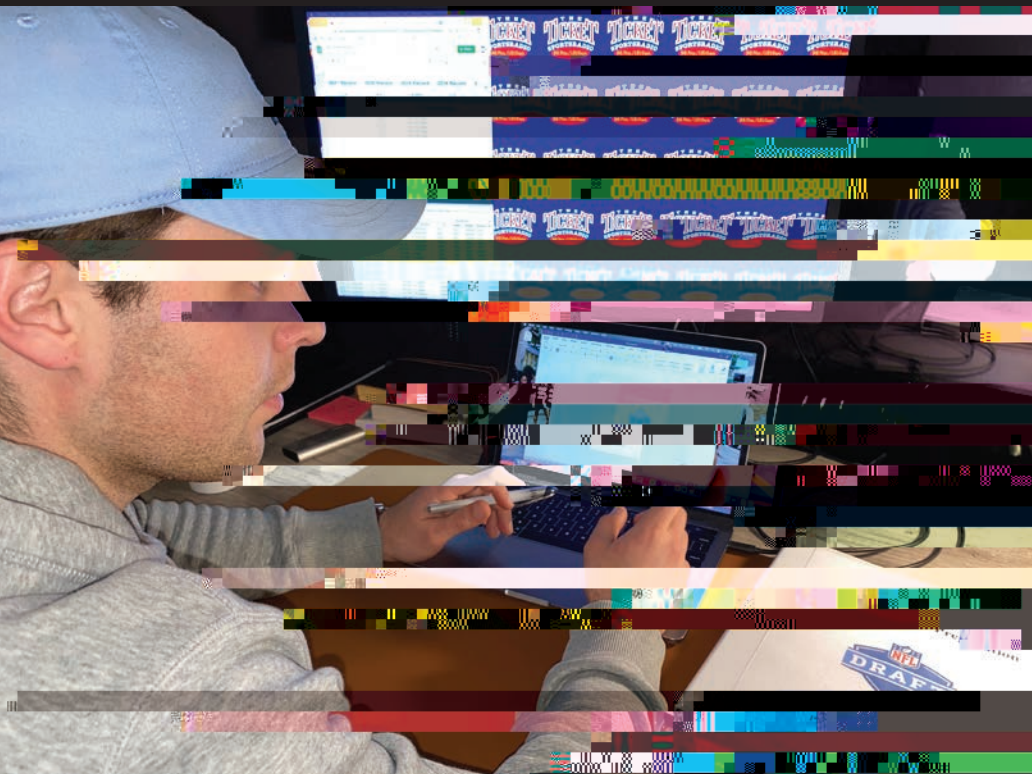


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