

History Concentration Graduation Program

April 29, 2011 – MLB Auditorium 3

Graduates of the History Class of 2011 and their families were the honored guests at the History Department Graduation Program on April 29, 2011. The crowd nearly filled Auditorium 3 in the Modern Languages Building. Department Chair Geoff Eley (*Karl Pohrt Distinguished University Professor of Contemporary History*) welcomed the group with stories of former students contacting him years later with the common greeting, “You probably don’t remember me.” He went on to explain why professors very often do remember students from earlier years.

He introduced speaker Philip Deloria (*Carroll Smith Rosenberg Collegiate Professor in the Department of History and the Program in American Culture*). Professor Deloria, also the Dean for Undergraduate Education at the University of Michigan, encouraged the graduates to take the lead in their own educations and lives. “An education is risky, exploration is daring.” He told them that connections are made by an imaginative mind that thinks outside the box. To illustrate his point, Professor Deloria led the audience through a face-paced slide show of his own family history demonstrating how unexpected paths crossed in unexpected places. To conclude, he encouraged the graduates to go into an uncertain world with patience and creativity.



Graduates listen to speaker Philip Deloria (left).

History faculty from left to right: Kathleen Canning, Elise Lipkowitz, Dario Gaggio, Matt Lassiter, Douglas Northrop, and Deborah Dash Moore.



Members of the Class of 2011. Several students wear their honors cords which were presented at the History Honors Symposium earlier in the morning.





Each student is called to the stage for individual recognition. Professors Stephen Berrey and Gina Morantz-Sanchez present department graduation certificates.

