

# CONTRIBUTORS

**Lingxiao ‘Linda’ Gao**, the University of Notre Dame: a history major with minors in PPE and German. Linda is from Beijing, China and plans to pursue a PhD in history after graduation.

**Colleen McLafferty**, Ohio University: a freshman from Cleveland, OH studying history, English, and law, justice, and culture studies. Her interests include social and political history. While she plans to earn her master’s degree, Colleen also hopes to pursue a career in policy and research. In her free time, she loves to read, write, and spend time outside.

**Dylan Sanderson**, the University of British Columbia: a recent graduate from Vancouver, Canada, who completed his studies with a double major in history and German. While interested in numerous areas of historical study, his primary research interests are Germany during the National Socialist period and the Holocaust. Dylan’s long-term goal is to be an active participant in the world of academia, pedagogy, and knowledge transmission, bridging the worlds of academia and more public discourses around the past while exploring and developing how historical knowledge can help bring about social justice, enrich and problematize understandings of the past, and provide context for the present.

**Morgan Hundley**, Duke University: a recent graduate from Birmingham, AL. Morgan majored in ancient religion and society, an interdepartmental program in religious and classical studies. She was also a history minor with a concentration in Europe and Russia. While at Duke, Morgan was a Deans’ Summer Research Fellow with the Religious Studies Department and a Seymour H. Shore Fellow with the Jewish Studies Department. During her dual fellowships, she explored how gender norms were constructed and maintained in both the ancient and contemporary worlds. In fact, her thesis investigated the mechanisms first implemented by the Southern Baptist denomination to stall the Civil Rights Movement, and later to undo female ordination. In the fall, Morgan will pursue a master’s in religious studies with a concentration in New Testament at Yale Divinity School.

**Benjamin Trost**, the University of Alabama: a graduate of Central High School in Tuscaloosa and now a freshman majoring in both biology and socio-environmental studies through the New College, with a minor in the Blount Scholars program. Benjamin is interested in historical analyses that utilize local histories as tools for truth-telling and reconciliation in America, and he hopes to continue his work in this area through the lens of environmental justice and ecological studies.

**Chandani Desai**, Georgia State University: born in Lawrenceville, GA, and raised in Buford, GA, Chandani first discovered her love for history after taking an Advanced Placement class in the tenth grade. At GSU, she used her background in technology and website-building to make history more accessible for the common person. She has since graduated *magna cum laude* with a B.A. in her favorite discipline. While Chandani has not yet settled on a career path, she aims to use her history degree to make the world a better place. Her historical interests include most everything, but she is experienced in South Asian history and American history.

**Maya Gonzalez**, University of California-Santa Cruz: a senior, who, upon graduating in spring 2021, will have completed majors in Jewish studies and history. Originally from San Diego, California, their areas of historical interest include Holocaust memory in film, genocide and gender, and modern Jewish history. After graduation, Maya will be attending the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, to earn a master’s degree in public history in hopes of pursuing a career in Holocaust and genocide education.

**Katie Marks**, the University of Alabama: a senior originally from Alabaster, AL, majoring in history with a minor in criminal justice. History has long been a passion of Katie’s and some of her favorite historical subjects include the Cold War, slavery in the Americas, the Civil Rights Movement, and modern Mexican history. She plans on going to law school after graduating from UA and intends to eventually work in either civil rights or immigration law.