

HISTORY

A history major promotes critical thinking, provides the basis of informed citizenship, and cultivates a unique skill set applicable to a variety of careers. These include law, business, government, museum and historic site management, research and archives, teaching, and journalism. The major is also excellent preparation for graduate and law school.

Jenna Radford, '06

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Jenna Radford, '06, became interested in history during her childhood, when watching *The Sound of Music* inspired her to learn more about the real occurrences depicted in the film. History became her favorite

subject, and that didn't change once she arrived at Meredith.

"I loved the interdisciplinary nature of the program. I took courses not only in history, but also in archaeology, architecture, and art history. I gained exposure to many different fields of knowledge," Radford said.

Her history coursework helped build skills in critical thinking, analysis, and persistence, said Radford, who has worked in human resources, for an educational nonprofit, and in higher education.

"Go into a history major with an open mind. There are so many opportunities out there where the kind of thinking and analysis one does as a history major can be useful."

Radford now serves as coordinator for Wake Forest University's Wake Washington Program. "Many of the students I work with are in majors similar to my own. I am able to use my college experiences to help them think through how to approach problems."

Radford believes humanities majors like history serve an important role in society.

"STEM majors get a lot of attention, but liberal arts and humanities majors will always be in demand because someone has to be able to explain the complex technical concepts in ways that can be easily understood by a variety of audiences, including policymakers," Radford said. "This is an area where history majors thrive."

Meredith history majors have found success in a variety of fields.



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- Director of Education, The Goddard School



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- Global Business Intelligence Product Marketing Manager, SAS Institute
- Vice President, Government Affairs, CRT/Tanaka



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- Assistant Site Manager, Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site
- Senior Grant & Contract Administrator, ODU Research Foundation



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