



# The Normandy Scholar Program

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## Faculty

Jean-Pierre Cauvin,  
*French & Italian*

David Crew, *History*  
*NSP Director*

Francoise de Backer, *French & Italian*,  
*NSP Associate Director*

Michael Stoff, *History*

Charters Wynn, *History*

## Past Faculty

Lance Bertelsen, *English*  
1992-1994, 2000

Martin Blumenson,  
*Visiting Professor*, 1990

Louisa Cauvin, *French*, 1990

Judith Coffin, *History*, 2001

Robert Divine, *History*, 1991

Don Graham, *English*,  
1995-1999

Thomas M. Hatfield,  
*History*, 1990-1997

Roger Louis, *History*,  
1990-1992)

Robert Osborn, *History*,  
1990-1991

James Schneider,  
*Visiting Professor*, 1991

*A course on 20th Century Journalism was taught by Donald Shaw in 1990 and by Robert Kahan in 1991.*

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Welcome to the first edition of the Normandy Scholar Program newsletter!

As we approach the 20th anniversary of the program at the University of Texas, we are excited to announce the formation of several organizations which will assist us in our efforts. The **Friends of the Normandy Scholar Program** is a UT student organization whose members are program alumni still enrolled at the University. With their help, we are able to increase our presence on campus and recruit the most highly qualified students.

The **Normandy Scholar Alumni Association** was formed to preserve the Normandy Scholar Program by increasing support from alumni, past faculty, and program friends. They provided a scholarship for a member of the Class of '07, and are working to provide additional funds for future program participants.

The **Normandy Scholar Foundation** has been formed to step into the role of former program sponsors the Franco-American Normandy Scholar Foundation and the Battle of Normandy Foundation. Since 1997, the NSP has been entirely run by the University of Texas faculty and staff and funded through donations and a program fee. Through a partnership with the NSP administration and staff, the Foundation will work to educate the larger community about the NSP's mission and activities, raise the program's public profile through lectures and seminars, and raise funds for the continuation of the program at the University, eventually expanding the program to other universities and colleges.

As we move forward, we need you. If you are an alumni of the program - send us your stories: what are you doing now? How did the program affect you? What memories do you have to share? Are you looking to reconnect with someone from your year?

If you are a member of the community - share your news with us. Are you hosting an event or lecture of interest? Have you read a great book that you'd like to share?

Working together, we can make sure that the Normandy Scholar Program can continue their mission: to preserve and learn from the events of WWII, and pass down those lessons to future generations.

*If you would like more information about volunteering, contact Victoria Osborne (469-450-8794 or victoria@dramaqueendesign.com).*

## What is the Normandy Scholar Program?

The Normandy Scholar Program's (NSP) academic focus is the Second World War. While a strong interest in the origins of the War and its multiple aspects is a prerequisite, the Program is in fact much more. According to its alumni, it is also a life-enhancing experience.

The NSP brings together each spring semester about 20 students from different backgrounds and different majors who take the same courses, share the same challenges, travel together in May with the NSP faculty, and form a community of friends whose bonds last a lifetime. Beyond the study of history, the readings, the papers assigned, the guest lectures, the film showings, the meetings with WWII combatants and Holocaust survivors, and the opportunity to visit WWII sites in Europe, perhaps the most striking feature of the program is the personal development and intellectual growth it fosters.

Students who meet the program requirements and are looking for an extraordinary educational experience are invited to inquire and apply.

Contact NSP Administrative Coordinator Martha-Gail Moore, GAR 0.134, 475-7276 for more information.

## NSP Class of '08 Announced

The '08 scholars were chosen in November, and introduced at the annual NSP reception.

They are: Jamie Brod, Lauren Conner, Christopher Connolly, Christopher Corbitt, Andrew Cross, Thomas Divine, Elena Dufner, Anna Emelianova, Laura Fowler, Jacob Garner, Cheryl Joseph, Upaasna Kaul, Alyshia Ledlie, Zane Martindale, Mathew Martinez, Colin Pace, Alyssa Potasznick, Lauryn Radice, Kristin Schneider, Garrick Smith, Chandra Srivastava, and Brynn Wilson. Also pictured are faculty members Jean-Pierre Cauvin, David Crew, Francoise de Backer, Michael Stoff, and Charters Wynn.



## NSP 2008 Calendar of Events

Jan 31 - Feb 1: "Come Back to Garrison"  
Open House (more info on back)

April TBA:  
BBQ for students, parents & faculty

May 9 - 31: Class of 08 in London, Paris,  
Normandy and Berlin

October: Applications for Class of '09 Due  
November: Presentation of Class of 09 and  
annual NSP reception, this year  
celebrating the program's 20th  
Anniversary

*If you are interested in attending a 20th anniversary event with the Class of '09 in Normandy (May 2009) please contact Francoise de Backer at fdb@mail.utexas.edu. We will keep you posted on this exciting event!*

*"This program is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Seeing the actual sites in Europe brings the war alive and makes it seem more real. I have a substantially greater appreciation for the overall war effort as well as for the individuals who fought.... I absolutely loved the program and will always cherish NSP.... The program and the experience proved invaluable.... Thanks to all of you for an unparalleled semester."*

— David Stern, History/  
Government major



*"I knew this program would be special and rewarding when I applied. I never imagined how life-changing it would be. I interacted with twenty incredible people and five great professors on a daily basis.... The classes I took through the program were some of the most challenging of my life. They were also the most rewarding. It was great to have in-depth discussions about such historically significant events."*

— Kelli Benham, Govern-  
ment/Economics major

## *Come Back to Garrison*

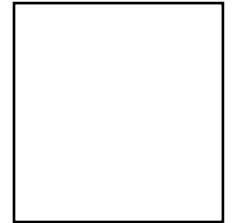
*Jan 31 - Feb 1, 2008*

Join the History Department as we present a showcase of events to celebrate the re-opening of Garrison Hall and the launch of the Institute of Historical Studies with 2 days of tours, receptions, lectures, films, and exhibits. On Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 2008 our award-winning faculty will take a break from their regular classes to showcase their most popular lectures, their favorite films, their most interesting new research, and their exciting discoveries among the rich resources in the libraries and museums at The University of Texas.

- \* Hear College of Liberal Arts Dean Randy Diehl & Chair Alan Tully on the state of the department and university
- \* Attend lectures by our award-winning faculty (no exams! no research papers!)  
Feb. 1, 1:30 - 3:30pm: David Crew, Michael Stoff, Charters Wynn,  
"The Second World War in Global Perspective: The Normandy Scholar Program Looks at a Turning Point in World History"
- \* Take faculty-guided tours of exhibits at the Blanton Museum, the Harry Ransom Center, the Center for American History, the LBJ Library, the Benson Collection
- \* See teachers you remember & meet our newest faculty
- \* Browse our recent publications
- \* Feb. 1, 7 pm: **Dine with Historians!** Please join the faculty of the Department of History for dinner at the Texas Exes Alumni Center, Keynote Speaker: Professor George Forgie  
Reservations: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/history/comeback/>



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## *Why Study WW2 in the 21st Century?*

The beginning of the Battle of Normandy in the early summer of 1944 was one of the most remarkable military operations ever, and saw the bold use of amphibious and airborne operations in an attempt to launch a successful invasion of occupied France; but questions are still being asked about its conduct and how and why the Germans reacted in the way that they did. Today, the battle is with time: each day the world loses more than 1,000 of those who served in uniform during WWII who can provide first-hand testimony about these events. It has been estimated that in five years, only 10% of those who served in World War II will be left, most of them in their 90s.

The Normandy Scholar Program endeavors to keep the memories of the Second World War alive by studying its causes, conduct, consequences, and contemporary representations first in the classroom, then in the field.



*The Class of '96 had an unscheduled bus "stop" (breakdown) just outside of Dieppe. Yes - that is a bunker, point down in the beach.*

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