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Macalester College
Dr. Linda Sturtz, Chair
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ST. Paul, MN 55105

Dear Dr. Linda Sturtz,

My name is Chris Corley, and I am the new Coordinator of the Graduate Program in History at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

I'm writing to ask you to inform your students and colleagues that our Graduate Program is currently seeking applicants for next year's class of students. Our department offers several Graduate Assistantships, and we currently have one new Assistantship to offer a prospective December graduate at your institution in January, 2016. If you know of a promising student who might benefit from this unique opportunity, please put them in touch with me as soon as possible.

For decades, the Graduate Program in History at Minnesota State Mankato has provided an opportunity for students, mostly from the Upper Midwest, to obtain skills necessary for professional advancement. Our graduate alumni currently teach in high schools, community colleges, and universities around the region and country. They work in library services, and in various elected and administrative government positions, including the United States Military. They work in local and state historical societies, and they manage archives. As you might expect, many of our alumni successfully own and operate their own businesses, and they work in management or marketing for larger corporations.

Graduate students may choose between an MA program, which generally leads them toward enrollment in advanced doctoral programs around the country, or an MS program, in which they develop skills that lead them toward advancing their professional goals in high school or community college teaching, or toward further opportunities in professional careers outside of academia.

Admission to the Graduate Program in History is based upon demonstrated academic excellence in undergraduate studies and a genuine desire to use skills and knowledge developed in historical studies to advance one's career. To enroll in the Graduate Program in History, students must first apply to the Graduate College. Once they are admitted to the College, students will be considered for the Graduate Program in History after submitting a statement of purpose, two recommendations, and a sample research essay in History directly to our Department.

If you would like more information about the Department of History and our Masters Graduate Program, please visit <http://sbs.mnsu.edu/history> and contact me at history@mnsu.edu or christopher.corley@mnsu.edu. Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or e-mail. I'd love to connect with you and your colleagues via phone, e-mail, and even personal visits to your campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CRCS", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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