

# MUSINGS FROM MERWIN HALL

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## Service Learning Hours

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Service-learning hours can seem very intimidating. Logging onto Degree Works and seeing how many more hours you have left, with your course load, can make them feel almost impossible to complete. However, as Social Science majors we have so many options for earning hours in a quick, but also impactful way.

Checking Eagle Link for any calls for volunteers is a great way to get started. They have different events, both on and off campus, that need volunteers. This is an easy way to gain service learning hours and make a difference in the community.

History major, Emmaline B., shares her service-learning experience and how she was able to manage school and volunteering. Emmaline combined her love of soccer, coaching, and working with kids in order to reach her required volunteered hours. She sets up her volunteering times in conjunction with her schedule for the semester and arranges her weekly hours based on her course load.

David B. earned his service learning hours through the FGCU required colloquial course. He volunteers with Franklin Park Elementary school weekly. David says that volunteering with the school gives him the dual experience of knowing what to expect when he becomes a teacher while also serving his local community.

*"Following their passions, over 86% of FGCU graduating seniors exceed their service-learning graduation requirement."*

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## STUDENT, FACULTY, AND ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

This month the Social Science Department would like to put the spotlight on the History program's very own Corey Joe Hendricks! Corey fell in love with history through her love of reading found at a young age. History was always incorporated in her day-to-day life thanks to her childhood home in the South. She sought out real answers and developed critical thinking skills through reading and research.

Corey was recently published in the Florida Historical Quarterly on a paper she wrote about the history of abortions in America. Her paper uses a historiographical approach to describe the long plight of women from feminist movements in the 1910s to 1930s to the evolution of contraception through the 20th century. She is now hoping to get published through the Sam Johnson Library for her new research paper about My Lai in the Vietnam War.

In her free time, Corey enjoys watching Marvel movies and playing Lacrosse. She is also a member of FGCU's very own Lacrosse team!

The Social Science Department congratulates Corey on her scholarship and wishes her good fortune in her future endeavors!



Corey Joe Hendricks,  
History major  
Museum Studies  
minor

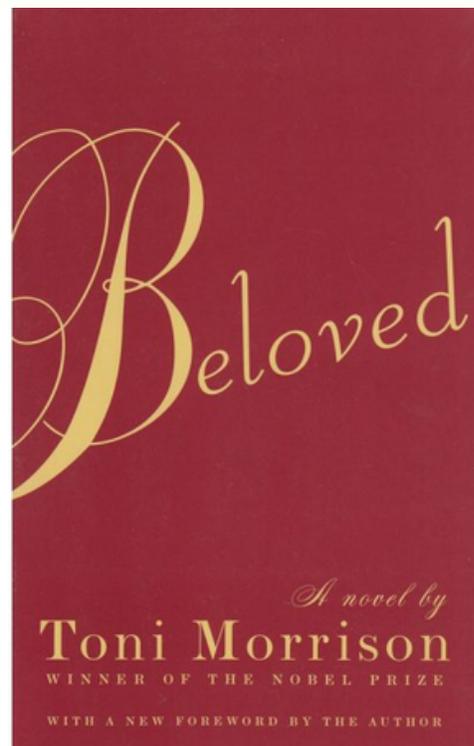
**March 19th, 2022: Phi Alpha Theta conference at Stetson University:**

Six students, Hailey Sinnott, Kiley Graham, Anastasia Samuels, Alyssa Schoettle, Alana Brooks, and David Blikstad, presented their original research at the PAT conference. Hayley won the runner-up prize for Best Graduate Student Award. Congratulations!

**April 22nd, 2022: Social Science Research Symposium at Research Day**

**May 2022: Archaeology Field School in Palm Beach County with Dr. Locascio**

**July 2021: Study Abroad in PERU hosted by Dr. Stein and Dr. Locascio**



## BOOK OF THE MONTH: *BELOVED* BY TONI MORRISON

In honor of Women's History Month, the book of the month is *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. *Beloved* examines the legacy of slavery in a work of historical fiction detailing the life of Sethe. The book begins before the Civil War and follows Sethe to Cincinnati, Ohio in 1873 as her home becomes invaded by an evil

spirit. Toni Morrison won the 1988 Pulitzer Prize for *Beloved* and is a very well own author. Her message to the world in this book is that "the past should not be an impediment to the present" To read more about Sethe and her journey, you can check this book out of the library at FGCU in the General Collections area.