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[Shane Bobrycki receives 2014 Derek C. Bok Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching of Undergraduates](#)

Please join us in congratulating **Shane Bobrycki** for receiving the **Derek C. Bok Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching of Undergraduates**. This award is given each year to five teaching fellows who have been nominated by their departments. The recipients are chosen from the list of nominees by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. The award includes a \$1,000 prize from a gift given by David G. Nathan '51, M.D. '55 (Robert A. Stranahan Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School) and his wife Jean Louise Friedman Nathan.

Recipients of the Bok Award:

2014:

[Shane Bobrycki](#) (History)

Peter McMurray (Music)

Emily Jacobs-Palmer (Organismic & Evolutionary Biology)

Christine Zgrabik (Engineering & Applied Sciences)

Trevor Stark (History of Art & Architecture)

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[Professors Laurel Thatcher Ulrich and Andrew Gordon featured in Boston Globe article about Harvard's embrace of online technologies for teaching and research](#)

“Laurel Thatcher Ulrich and Andrew Gordon, both preparing to teach a new breed of free online classes, met in the iconic Widener Library — bequeathed to Harvard University by the family of a Titanic victim — to discuss a topic in social history: the influence of the sewing machine on Japan’s modernization. They were surrounded not by leather-bound volumes but by a multimillion-dollar production studio and no fewer than five bustling staff members adjusting cameras and microphones and ensuring the scholars made their points clearly.” [Read the full story here.](#)

**Story by Marcella Bombardieri for the Boston Globe, May 18, 2014*

Read more about [HarvardX](#), Harvard University's online resource "Supporting faculty innovation in the use of technology in teaching & research, on campus, online, and beyond"

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[Marco Basile wins John R. Marquand Prize](#)

Marco Basile, JD /PhD in our program and tutor in Lowell House and a History House adviser, was recognized for winning the *John R. Marquand Prize for Exceptional Advising and Counseling of Harvard Undergraduates*. The Award award has been granted annually by the Undergraduate Council since 2001.

Other winners for 2014 are: **Lauren Brandt**, Allston Burr Resident Dean, Leverett House; **Christopher City**, Head Coach — Men's and Women's Nordic Skiing; and **Dakota Santana-Grace**, Peer Advising Fellow, Matthews Hall.

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[What is the Future of the History PhD?](#)

In April 2014, professor of history [Daniel Smail](#) of Harvard University's [Department of History](#) organized a panel discussion with three experts in the humanities: [Robert Darnton](#), Carl H. Pforzheimer University Professor and University Librarian at Harvard University; Robert Townsend, director of the Washington office of the [American Academy of Arts and Sciences](#); and [Caroline Winterer](#), Anthony P. Meier Family Professor in the Humanities and the director of the [Stanford Humanities Center](#). They shared their thoughts about the past, present, and future of the discipline with a packed room of graduate students and faculty.

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[Jill Lepore elected to the American Philosophical Society](#)

Please join us in congratulating Jill Lepore on election to the American Philosophical Society in April of 2014 (in the Social Sciences division). For the full list members, see <https://www.amphilsoc.org/members/electedApril2014>

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