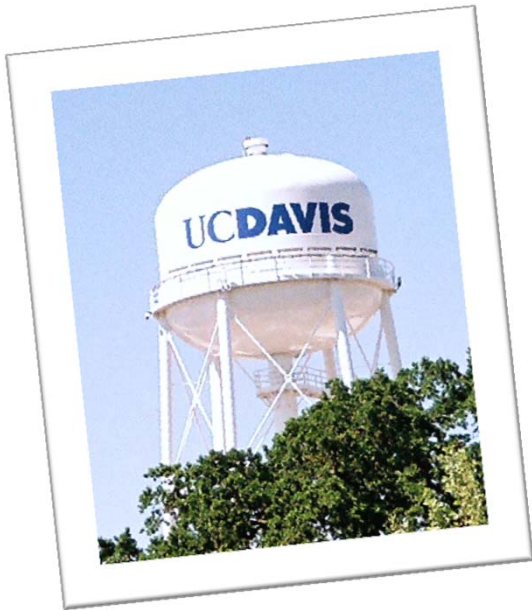


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Application: Tips for Applying



November 28, 2016
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Disclaimer

- These tips are targeted to the application process for the UC Davis Department of History.
- Following these suggestions is no guarantee of admission, but when implemented successfully, should help increase your chances of admission to our program.

Agenda

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 - Professor Ellen Hartigan-O'Connor, Graduate Program Committee Chair
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 - Professor Lorena Oropeza
- Selecting a Writing Sample
 - Professor Justin Leroy
- Crafting a Personal Statement and Personal History and Diversity Statement
 - Professor Andrés Reséndez
- Q & A

Nuts and Bolts

- **Deadline:** January 5, 2017
- **What you need to apply:**
 - Unofficial transcripts
 - Letters of Recommendation (3)
 - Recent GRE Scores (within the last five years)
 - Writing Sample
 - Statement of Purpose/Personal History and Diversity Statement
- **What it costs to apply:**
 - Domestic Students (\$105)
 - International Students (\$125)
 - Apply for fee waivers through the Office of Graduate Studies (gradadmit@ucdavis.edu)

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Approaching a Faculty Mentor

Lorena Oropeza

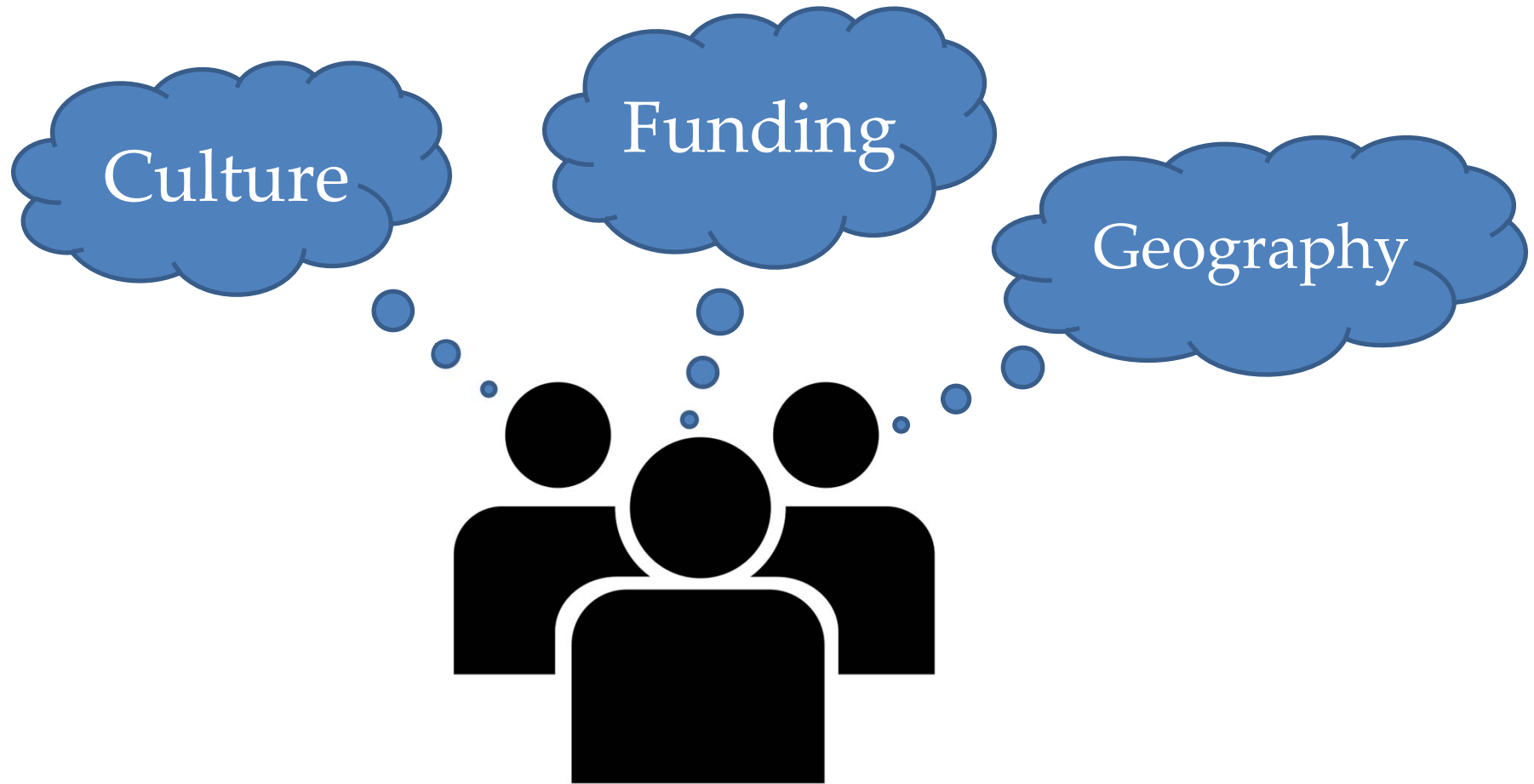
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Holistic Approach



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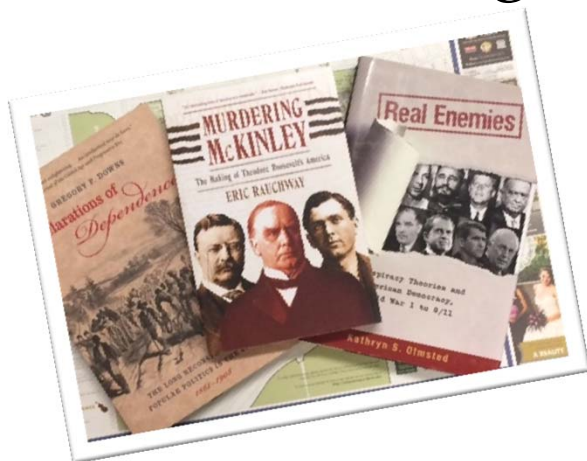
Working with Advisor(s)

- You will work with more than just one person.



Put Your Research Skills to the Test!

- Employ your research hunting skills at this stage of the process.
 - Read.
 - Contact.
 - Ask for graduate student recommendations.



Selecting a Writing Sample

Justin Leroy

Assistant Professor

19th Century US History

What is the purpose of a writing sample?

- Measures your ability to write at the graduate level.
- Demonstrates your ability to construct an argument.
- Shows your ability to engage with sources and do research.



How to Choose Your Best Sample

- Best length is 15-20 pages.
- Usually a seminar paper or part of a thesis, but can be original work.
- Ideally it would be a historical paper related to your proposed area of study...
- ...But you should use your strongest work in any humanities or social science discipline as long as it showcases your ability to make a clear, strong argument and analyze evidence.

Revising Your Writing Sample

- Don't just submit a paper you wrote previously without editing it, even if you got an "A."
- See if you can strengthen your argument or make the structure more clear.
- Ask the professor you wrote it for how you could improve.



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Writing the Statement of Purpose and Personal History & Diversity Statement

Andrés Reséndez

Professor

Latin American History

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#1 Tip for
Statements

Clear Writing!



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Statement of Purpose

1. Preparation

2. Research Interests

3. Fit



Personal History & Diversity Statement

- Personal Background
 - Do not duplicate but add to what is already in the Statement of Purpose
 - Davis is a public university that supports the diversity of its graduate students. Provide any information that may be relevant to achieve this goal.



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