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UT Austin Faculty Train K-12 Teachers in Online Course



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Several UT history faculty, including Daina Berry, Madeline Hsu, Peniel Joseph, Jeremi Suri, and Provost Maurie McInnis, extend their expertise to K-12 classrooms by teaching for the Pace-GLI Master of Arts in American History, with courses such as "The Lives of the Enslaved" and "American Immigration History."

GLI, or the [Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History](#) was founded in 1994 and is the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to K-12 history education and serves the general public. Its core mission is to promote the knowledge and understanding of American history through educational programs and resources.

GLI has partnered with Pace University to offer a Master of Arts in American History to K-12 educators—including district supervisors, librarians, museum professionals, and National Park Service employees. The program is designed to enhance expertise in American history, as well as in social studies, civics, and government. The program is designed for K-12 teachers to be affordable on a teacher's salary and manageable while working full time. It is a fully online, fully accredited, 30-credit degree program that enrolls around 450 students each semester with about 900 active students overall.

Each course is taught by a professor from the Gilder Lehrman Institute's extensive network of scholars. Lectures can be viewed asynchronously, allowing for maximum flexibility. In addition to video lectures, students engage in live, face-to-face discussions with their professor during digital Q&A sessions.

By participating in this MA program, UT Austin History Department faculty are helping to make available their leading expertise on topics such as slavery, immigration and ethnicity, civil rights activism, and international relations not only to hundreds of K-12 teachers, but to the thousands of students in their classrooms.

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