

FACULTY PROFILE

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Biography

Professor Bloom joined the History Department in the fall of 2000 as a Lecturer in History and the Humanities. He completed his Ph.D. at Duke University in the spring of 2001 and became an Assistant Professor of History at Valparaiso in 2004.

His course offerings include Colonial America, the American Revolution, the Civil War and Reconstruction, History of Chicago, African American History, U.S. History through Sports, History of U.S. Immigration, and U.S. History through Film.

He has written essays on the history of homelessness, NIMBY movements, Malcolm X, and urban renewal in Valparaiso. He is currently writing a manuscript entitled: *'Where Else Can They Go?': Homelessness in Early Chicago, 1833-1871.*

Professor Bloom is the faculty adviser for the history honors society, Phi Alpha Theta. He also serves as Co-chair of VALPO Reads a Book!

Professor Bloom's hobbies include: swimming, walking, and cleaning his office tomorrow.

Education

B.A. - University of California at Santa Barbara M.A. and Ph.D. - Duke University

Research Interests

Chicago, Homelessness, Nineteenth-Century United States, and Colonial America

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