

Department of History

Willard Rollings & Barbara Williams-Rollings Scholarship

Willard Hughes Rollings (1948-2008), a distinguished scholar of Native American History and Ethnohistory, joined the UNLV History Department in 1989 and helped to build the department's Ph.D. program. In his nearly two-decade-long career at UNLV, Willard published two research monographs (*The Osage: An Ethnocultural Study of Hegemony on the Prairie-Plains and Unaffected by the Gospel: Osage Resistance to the Christian Invasion, 1673-1906: A Cultural Victory*); wrote numerous articles; and was widely recognized as one of the university's truly outstanding teachers and mentors. Remarkably, and inspirationally, he accomplished so much while courageously fighting brain cancer for a decade and losing his beloved wife and companion, Barbara J. Williams-Rollings, in 2007. This scholarship is a fitting tribute to a man whose legacy includes training graduate students to become professional historians who learned to listen to Native American voices, and tell their stories.

Selected by Department of History Scholarship Committee

The Willard Rollings and Barbara Williams-Rollings Scholarship in History shall be awarded to a student(s) meeting the following criteria:

1. Student must be formally admitted to UNLV;
2. Student must pursue a graduate degree in History;
3. Preference to student with an interest/emphasis in Native American History through coursework and/or thesis/dissertation; and
4. Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and may be part time or full time.

*Unless otherwise noted, all students who fill out a FAFSA or alternate need form and meet the criteria for the scholarship will be considered. No other application is needed.

*Selected award winner's name is due to the College of Liberal Arts Dean's office by December 1st.