In attendance: Risa Palm (Provost), Timothy Renick (Associate Provost for Academic Programs), Mary Finn (Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness), Lauren Adamson (Dean), Mary Ann Romski (Associate Dean), Hugh Hudson (Chair), and Michelle Brattain (Associate Chair).

The Department of History conducted an extensive self-study and program review during the 2007-2008 Academic Year, with a site visit by a peer review team in the Spring 2008 semester. The department analyzed the results of the written recommendations by the external review team and the academic program review committee, and articulated an action plan in consultation with the Dean of Arts & Sciences.

A review of this action plan was held on February 15, 2010. The action plan provided a summary of the general directions and areas of growth identified by the department, focusing on two areas of distinction, Heritage Preservation & Public History and World History. These two areas have been identified because they would add a distinctive niche to the department and capitalize on the intersection of the American, Public, and World History programs. Both of these areas integrate many faculty and students from the department's large American History program. Investments in each of the two identified areas will be made, while ensuring that the unassociated fields in American History are maintained to support the Ph.D. program. The Dean will identify, through existing budgeting processes, the resources to support History’s direction and growth.