

Patricia Gajda (1941-2022) was a native of Cleveland, Ohio, where she received her PhD in modern European history from Case Western Reserve University in 1972. In 1974, Dr. Gajda became the second historian to join the faculty of Tyler State College (now UT-Tyler). In addition to teaching, she served the university in a variety of capacities, including Faculty Senate President. She was the founder of the graduate program in history and served as its director for many years. Scores of UT-Tyler alumni had their first experience of Europe as students in travel study courses led by Dr. Gajda each summer for over two decades.