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From the History Department Chair

by Timothy Shannon



It is summer again in Gettysburg, which can only mean that our college campus is once again under construction, from stem to stern (chain-link fences! trenches! cranes!). The College Union Building and Servo are getting makeovers, but change comes at a much slower rate in Weidensall Hall, which is fitting for a building full of historians.

This past year, the History Department was pleased to welcome back to campus several distinguished alumni of both recent and (shall we say) seasoned

vintage. Cliff Murphy '94 delivered the Alumni Lecture in fall term. Cliff, who remembered his History 300: Historical Method course fondly, is now an ethnomusicologist and the Director of Folk and Traditional Arts at the National Endowment for the Arts, once again proving that you can do anything with a History degree. At Career Night in the spring term, History alumni Brett Jackson '08 (a state's attorney in Maryland), Chelsea Bucklin '10 (an archivist at the Library of Congress), and Jared Peatman '02 (founder and director of Four Score Consulting) came back to campus to inspire our current majors and minors with stories from their post-graduate lives. Also in spring 2017, David Hadley '09 came back to his alma mater to teach as an adjunct for us. David received his Ph.D. in History from the Ohio State University in 2015, and he will be here as a Visiting Assistant Professor in 2017-2018. If you are interested in learning more about what our current majors and minors are up to, be sure to check out the latest editions of our two student journals, the *Gettysburg Historical Journal* and the *Journal of the Civil War Era*, both available through the History Department's web site by clicking on the link for Faculty and Student Research (or, send us a request for a paper copy of either journal and we will mail it to you, as long as supplies last).

In the pages that follow you can catch up with your favorite History professors and learn about some of the research and teaching projects that have kept them busy over the past year. We hope it has been a busy and productive year for you too. Please stop by and see us whenever you find yourself in town or on campus. You can also use our web site to keep in touch, to learn about History Department events, and to tell us your news. We are always glad to hear about your recent accomplishments, personal and professional, whether via email, the web

site, or (best of all) personal visits when you are back on campus. Until then, our best wishes for 2017-18.

Sincerely,



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David Hadley, Adjunct Assistant Professor

Scott Hancock, Associate Professor

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Ian Andrew Isherwood, Adjunct Professor

James Krysiak, Adjunct Assistant Professor

Dina Lowy, Associate Professor

Magdalena Sophia Sanchez, Professor

Karim Samji, Assistant Professor

Barbara A. Sommer, Professor

Jill Oglie Titus, Adjunct Professor

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Faculty News

About Bamba



The past academic year brought tremendous gratification to Professor Abou B. Bamba as a scholar. Indeed his book, *African Miracle, African Mirage* came out in November 2016. And the following month, he conducted a successful book signing event (see pic) at the annual meeting of the African Studies

Association in Washington DC where he also made a panel presentation. The title of his paper was “Against the Specter of 'Cut-Rate Africanization': Whiteness, Modernization, and the World of Consultancy in Early Postcolonial Ivory Coast.” In terms of governance in the College, Prof. Bamba chaired the Academic Policy and Program Committee (APPC). He had various motions adopted by the Faculty, including a revision of the Cultural Diversity goal of the Gettysburg Curriculum. Prof. Bamba will be chairing the Africana Studies (AFS) program during the 2017-2018 academic year.

Michael Birkner

Looking back at what was more or less a “typical” academic year, it is almost astonishing to realize how many different paths a professor will walk, above and beyond the basics of the job, including teaching, mentoring students, writing recommendations, committee work and so on. For Michael Birkner, 2016-17 was “ordinary,” but it was also exceedingly busy and fulfilling.

In the summer of 2016 Michael mentored two students—Christina Noto and Brittany Duffie-Fritz—who were working on independent projects funded by different



college endowments. Both students made good use of original sources and in Noto's case, conducted a number of oral histories with alumnae who remembered the issues of the late 1960s from a variety of perspectives.

Michael taught Methods both semesters, as always, maintaining the same spine for the course while trying new readings in certain segments, most notably in treating the issue of how we students read and process information today. The whole issue of "fake news" and information literacy is ever more pressing, as is the issue in an era of bits and bites of maintaining an attention span for serious reading.

In Fall 2016 Michael concluded his two year term as President of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, though he remains on the Executive Board for another two years. It was a productive and enjoyable experience, not least for the opportunity to represent a venerable organization in the public sphere and to work with a wide range of thoughtful scholars and public historians.

One task that took up a good deal of time was working as a member of the Middle States team that evaluated St. Mary's College of Maryland for re-accreditation. One learns a lot about what makes a college tick in reading internal documents and doing an on-site visit.

In winter 2017 Michael gave a talk for prospective students about the values of the humanities, and on the other end of the spectrum, lectured to a Lifelong Learning Academy (all senior citizens) on the presidency of James Buchanan. He also gave two scholarly papers: one on the historian Allan Nevins and his engagement with Australia and New Zealand during World War II; the other on New Jersey's role in the presidential election of 1824.

Two of Michael's articles were accepted for publication during the past academic year: one, on E. Frederic Morrow, the first African American to serve on a president's executive staff (during the Eisenhower presidency), was published in the July 2017 issue of New Jersey Studies. The second, on Pennsylvania and the struggle over the Republican Presidential nomination in 1952, will appear in Pennsylvania History early in 2018. Among Michael's other publications in 2017 was an illustrated history of the Eisenhowers, co-authored with Carol Hegeman, '73, for Arcadia Press. Carol and Michael gave a presentation on this book, titled Eisenhower's Gettysburg Farm, for alumni college in June.

Michael continues to work on two book projects, the first a co-edited volume on James Buchanan, the second a study of the presidential

election of 1952. In June 2017 Michael spoke on Buchanan's troubled presidency at the college's Civil War Institute.

Two more notes: Michael continued to publish op-eds in 2016-17, including pieces for North Jersey.com and the Philadelphia Inquirer, respectively, focused on various political issues within a historical framework. As a kind of lighthearted look at history, Michael was interviewed for the podcast on presidential humor for DCImprov.com. It's still accessible, without commercials and it's free.

William Bowman



Bill Bowman spent most of 2016-17 in Europe. A sabbatical leave enabled him to conduct research and work on writing projects while in Vienna, Austria in September. In particular, he read and wrote on the history of soccer's world cup, Hakoah Vienna (an important Jewish sports club), and on popular educational societies in Vienna. In October, Bill joined his wife,

Magdalena Sánchez, and daughter Angela in Turin, Italy. There, he continued research and writing on his sports history projects. He also visited both the Juventus and AC Torino football stadiums and took in as much local culture as possible. For example, he visited the national film and automobile museums in Turin and traveled into its surrounding towns. A highlight of the month was a trip to Italy's lake district and visits to historic sites, such as Locarno and Stresa.

November and December found Bill back in the United States.

For the spring semester, Bill taught as a visiting faculty member at the Denmark International Studies (DIS) program in Copenhagen. Gettysburg College has a long-standing and deep relationship with DIS. As part of the academic program, Bill was able to participate in study tours to southern Denmark, Poland, and Germany. In particular, he visited Schleswig-Holstein, Warsaw, and Berlin and participated in guided tours to historic sites, such as the Warsaw Ghetto, Brandenburg Gate, and Olympic Stadium. On his own, Bill visited Oslo, Norway and southern Sweden. He also rendezvoused with his family for two weeks in early June in Madrid. These trips included too many highlights to

mention in a short newsletter account. Finally, Bill will spend the last week of July and most of August back in Vienna to finish some research and writing projects.

In the spring of 2017, Bill published a review essay in the journal, *Central European History*. The piece is about new trends in Austrian historiography after the publication of a major new synthetic work by Pieter Judson on the Habsburg Empire. Bill is writing a book, tentatively entitled “The World Cup as World History,” which will hopefully appear with Rowman and Littlefield press. Finally, he has continued his research on Hakoah, Vienna throughout the 2016-17 academic year.

Bill’s family continues to do well. Lucas graduated from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in May of 2016. His band, The Commonheart, has begun playing concerts throughout the Midwest and along the east coast of the United States. One can find their schedule online and their music on Youtube, Spotify, Itunes, and Amazon. Matias transferred to the University of Pittsburgh, has declared a major in history, and had a good year. Angela was home-schooled this past year, which allowed her to travel quite extensively with her parents. Over the course of 2016-17, she visited Italy, Switzerland, Denmark, and Spain. She remains a voracious reader.

Bill will return to fulltime teaching at Gettysburg for the 2017-18 academic year. He does so as the newly named Johnson Chair in the Humanities, a position that he will hold for the next three years. He is grateful to the college for this honor.

Scott Hancock

In a relatively slow year for Scott Hancock, he participated in a panel discussing 30 years of Africana Studies at Gettysburg College at the National Ethnic Studies Conference. Other formal scholarly activity was limited to writing a book review and referencing an article, both for the *Journal of American History*. Other activities included presenting talks at Southwestern High School’s Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day, at DiscpleMakers Winter Staff



conference, and being invited to participate in the Lincoln Memorial Co-Design Workshop in Washington D.C.

Dina Lowy



In 2016-17, Dina Lowy taught courses on Modern Japan, Tokugawa Japan, Modern China, and Twentieth Century World. She welcomed the opportunity to teach her First-Year Seminar on Samurai and Geisha after a six-year hiatus. Not only did she link her FYS to the 'Burg program but she joined in the college-wide Year of Food by adding a tea ceremony component to the class. Students studied the history of tea in Japan and learned a simplified tea ceremony that they performed

for another FYS class. Dina is now contemplating developing a new course – Tea: A Global History. In addition to classroom fun, Dina continued to serve as faculty advisor to Phi Alpha Theta [the History Honor Society] and as coordinator of the History Department Writing PLAs. Her research interests are still focused on love and marriage in prewar Japan as she continues to research, translate, and write about a scandalous love triangle. She will be on sabbatical during fall 2017 and will spend part of that time in Japan. [Yay!]

Karim Samji

Karim Samji specializes in the Islamic World. In the History Department, he teaches HIST 105: The Age of Discovery, HIST 208: Islamic History (600-1500 CE), HIST 330: The Ottoman Empire (1300-1923 CE), and HIST 427: Senior Seminar on Mediterranean Encounters. In addition to professional membership in the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), Karim Samji also participated as an invited conferee at the counter-Enlightenment colloquium held in Savannah, Georgia. Karim Samji is currently preparing a book manuscript on the *Qur'an*.



Magdalena Sanchez



Magdalena was on sabbatical during the 2016-17 academic year, working on a book project on Catalina Micaela, Duchess of Savoy from 1585 to 1597. The sabbatical year allowed Magdalena to concentrate on research and writing and to travel to Italy, Denmark, and Spain. With the help of a grant from the Renaissance Society of America, she conducted archival research in Turin and Milan,

Italy, in October 2016. In March and June 2017 she worked in Spanish archives thanks to grants from the Spanish government and Gettysburg College.

During the year, Magdalena completed an essay, entitled “*Visperas, Misas Cantadas y Sermones: Prácticas Devocionales de la Duquesa de Saboya Catalina Micaela*,” (“Vespers, Sung Masses, and Sermons: the Devotional Practices of Catalina Micaela, Duchess of Savoy”) which will be published in an edited volume by Iberoamericana Press in 2017. She also delivered a public lecture at the Fundación Carlos de Amberes in Madrid on the devotional world of Catalina and her husband, duke Carlo Emmanuele I.

Her travels are not over; she has been invited to present her research about Catalina Micaela at a small seminar at the University of Barcelona in October.

In the meantime, she continues this summer to work steadily on her book manuscript, and is also preparing to teach a new senior seminar this fall on letters and letter-writing in history.

Timothy Shannon

In 2016-2017, Tim had the chance to teach two courses for the first time in a long time: History 106: Atlantic World and History 312: Britain, Nation and Empire. He enjoyed the challenge of getting up-to-date in both, and for History 106, his students worked on a digital humanities project titled “From Farm to Table in the Atlantic World,” which was linked to the College’s “Year of Food” programming. During the spring term, Tim participated in a pilot project sponsored by the Council for Independent Colleges to develop online humanities courses. Tim adapted History 230: European-Native American Encounter in North America to an online format.



Over the past year, Tim moved two major scholarly projects closer to completion. *Indian Captive, Indian King: Peter Williamson in America and Britain* will be published by Harvard University Press in Fall 2017. In July 2017, “A ‘wicked commerce’: Consent, Coercion, and Kidnapping in Aberdeen’s Servant Trade” will appear in the *William and Mary Quarterly*. With the publication of those works, Tim will finally lay to rest his decade-long fascination with the faux Pennsylvania Indian captive Peter Williamson. Two other highlights for Tim from the past year were participating in a panel discussion on *Hamilton* for WITF in Harrisburg (Tim finally got to see the show in Chicago in June!), and giving a talk at the National Museum of the American Indian in New York City for a symposium on Native American Fashion co-sponsored by the Fashion Institute of Technology.

Barbara Sommer



During the fall semester, Prof. Barbara A. Sommer enjoyed teaching a first-year seminar and a senior seminar. Two of the senior history majors, Hannah Christensen and Caitlin Connelly, delivered their papers, “Cultural Exchange and Culture Clash: Anglo-American Colonization in Texas in the 1820s”

and “Intent to Conquer: Reconsidering the Motives of the Rivera and Dominguez-Escalante Expeditions” respectively, in May at the Ninth Annual Undergraduate Workshop at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Accomplished first-year students Hannah Peterson and Bre Lohbusch presented their research projects from *Cultural Perspectives on the Body* at the January CAFÉ Symposium.

As for her own research, Prof. Sommer participated in the workshop “Linguistic and Other Culture Exchanges across Brazil: The Indigenous Role” at the University of Chicago in October and she gave a paper entitled “Feeding the Ancestors: Generative Substances and Colonial Amazonian Sociality” at the Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies meeting in Salt Lake City in April. She has a chapter forthcoming in the Oxford Handbook *Borderlands in the Iberian World*. On a lighter note, Prof. Sommer contributed to the April issue of *Dig into History* (a publication for young readers) dedicated to Brazilian history and anthropology.

Prof. Sommer completed her final year as the Edwin T. Johnson and Cynthia Shearer Johnson Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Humanities and is happy to report that the honorary chair will pass to her colleague in the History Department, Bill Bowman.

Allen Guelzo (Civil War Era Studies)

Allen C. Guelzo (Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era) continued in his role as Director of the Civil War Era Studies program and during the year taught two sections of CWES 205

The American Civil War Era, CWES 502 *The American Civil War* (an on-line course in conjunction with the Gilder-

Lehrman Institute), and HIST 410, a history department senior seminar on the theme of “Lincoln and His Biographers.” With Brianna Kirk (GC ’15) he published “The Hancock-Walker Correspondence on Gettysburg” in *Gettysburg Magazine* (February 2017). He wrote a series of op-ed pieces with his co-author and K Street attorney (and old school-mate) James Hulme on the Electoral College, California secession and presidential politics in the *Washington Post*, *RealClear Politics* and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. (Can syndication be far away?) He also produced book reviews for the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Claremont Review* and *Washington Monthly*. He spoke on a variety of Civil War history subjects at Gettysburg National Military Park, Sam Houston State University, Blinn College, Christopher Newport University, the Mechanicsburg Museum, the Tredyffrin Public Library, the Center for Law and Free Institutions at the University of California at Los Angeles, at the Seminar on Constitutional Government at Harvard University, at the Abraham Lincoln Institute’s annual symposium at Ford’s Theatre, and at the Cosmopolitan Club in Philadelphia. He chaired the session on “Nationalism and Commemoration: The U.S. Civil War and Nationalist Festivals in the Atlantic World,” at the American Historical Association’s annual meeting in Denver, which also featured Evan Rothera (GC ’10). In March, 2017, the Teaching Company released on DVD his new 36-lecture series on *America’s Founding Fathers*. He was appointed a Senior Fellow of the Claremont Institute, and was a member of the PhD examination committee for Zachary Fry (Gettysburg Semester ’09) at Ohio State University. In his alternate universe – which is to say, classical music – he wrote on Ralph Vaughan Williams (*Books & Culture*), American symphonists (*First Things*) and contributed the article on “Classical Music” to *The Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia*.





The Teaching Company crew on the set in Chantilly, VA (picture)

Peter Carmichael (Civil War Institute)

Pete returned from his research leave and taught two new courses this past year: Gender and the American Civil War and Gettysburg in History and Memory. Students in the Gettysburg course created a digital exhibit entitled “Killed at Gettysburg.” To get this ambitious project off the ground,



the entire class ventured to the National Archives in Washington, D.C. There they researched the life of a Union soldier buried in the Gettysburg National Cemetery. From original research culled from the archives and other untapped sources, the students retraced the last moments of their particular soldier across the Gettysburg battlefield, taking pictures of key spots so that visitors to the digital site can follow in the man’s final footsteps. The public launch of “Killed at Gettysburg” should occur during the upcoming academic year.

The 2017 Civil War Institute summer conference explored a wide range of topics for an audience of more than 250 attendees. Among the many highlights were Pulitzer Prize winner T. J. Stiles’s talks on Jessie James and George Custer; Michael Birkner and John Quist’s engaging discussion of James Buchanan’s presidency; and Lorien Foote’s presentation on escaped Union POWs. Pete interviewed the acclaimed Lincoln scholar Harold Holzer and he led roundtable discussions on the generalship of George Gordon Meade and the “Myths and Realities of

Civil War Tactics.” Much of the programming received national attention thanks to live coverage from C-Span on American History TV. It can be found at <https://www.c-span.org/video/?429745-5/conversation-lincoln-scholar-harold-holzer>. Next year’s program is already set and the schedule can be found at <https://www.gettysburg.edu/cwi/conference/>. Susannah Ural, Deirdre Cooper-Owens, Brooks Simpson, and James I. Robertson are among the featured speakers.

Among his many public appearances last year, Pete received some airtime on The Learning Channel’s genealogy program *Who Do You Think you Are?* He showed actress Liv Tyler the ground in the area of the Wheatfield where her ancestor George Washington Elliott fought. He helped interpret the significance of her 3x great-grandfather’s experience as a soldier who was half-black but who passed as a white man in order to serve in the Army of the Potomac. Pete also delivered lectures at the University of Florida and Phillips Exeter Academy. Pete’s completed his book, *The War for the Common Soldier*, which is slated for publication in 2018. He also wrote an article on material culture and the end of the Civil War as part of a forthcoming book of essays edited by Joan Cashin entitled “Objects of War.”

Pete and his staff at CWI continue to build upon the Brian Pohanka Internship Program, which placed more than 25 Gettysburg College students at various historical sites that are usually part of the National Park Service system. Pete is working to create new internships with Shiloh National Park and the Frederick Douglass home in Washington, D.C. This fall Pete will be teaching Introduction to Public History, and as part of the class the students will visit the Lincolns Cottage in Washington, D. C., and meet with a curator from the Smithsonian.



NPS Students on Little Round

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Ian Isherwood (Civil War Era Studies)

Ian Isherwood began a new job as a full-time faculty member this year teaching courses in history and Civil War Era Studies. In the history department he taught modern British history and his course on the First World War. In Civil War Era Studies, he taught a new course – Introduction to War Studies – along with CWES 320: Aftermath. He also taught a first year seminar, Soldiers’ Tales, where he was introduced to a new class of boisterous Gettysburgians.

In addition to teaching and maintaining a full slate of advisees, Isherwood published a book in the spring entitled *Remembering the Great War:*

Writing and Publishing the Experiences of WWI (London: IB Tauris, 2017). It has a fetching cover. He also published a chapter on British war memoirists in Philip Dwyer’s edited volume *War Stories* (Oxford: Berghahn, 2017). Isherwood also co-authored a journal article on ‘Gettysburg and the Great War’ with his former student, Sarah Marianne Johnson ’15, which has just published in *War and Society*. The article is based on research conducted by Johnson during her 2014 Mellon Summer Scholarship at Gettysburg College. In April, Isherwood presented a paper on the writer Guy Chapman at the Imagining the First World War conference at the University of Aberdeen (Scotland). In the past year, he has also worked with classmate (and history major) Amy Lucadamo ’00 on the First World War Letters of H.J.C. Peirs – a digital history platform found at jackpeirs.org. He is currently writing on Peirs and has begun a new project on American First World War literature and memory.

Personally, the Isherwoods had a difficult spring after losing their dog, Penny. She was beloved by all who knew her on campus. Though still mourning her loss, the Isherwoods became the puppy parents this summer of a Cairn terrier named Bertram ‘Bertie’ Woofster. He chews things. Their son, Henry, continues to be a spirited youth – he is now an energetic four-year-old. He likes trains, corrects his father constantly on items of technical detail, zooms about rather alarmingly on his orange bicycle, and remains, in general, a pleasant boy.



Jill Ogline Titus (Civil War Institute)



In 2016-17, Jill continued to serve as co-coordinator of Gettysburg's new Public History minor and has particularly enjoyed working with students completing the field experience (internship) component of their studies. She participated with Musselman Library staff in the

2017 PCLA mini-conference on Digital Scholarship, and has spoken with several visiting teacher/student groups about using the Gettysburg battlefield as a resource for teaching the history of the civil rights movement and the Cold War.

Jill has continued to oversee the placement of Gettysburg College students (mostly history majors) in summer internship positions at national parks and private museums under the auspices of the Civil War Institute's Brian C. Pohanka Internship Program. This past year, she published a comparative review of two books exploring the black freedom struggle in Mississippi in *Reviews in American History*, and an article on Gettysburg's 20th -century Confederate monuments, "Fighting Civil Rights and the Cold War: Confederate Monuments at Gettysburg," in *History News*.

Prizes and Awards

2017 Spring Honors Day Awards

Jeffrey Pierce Memorial Award:

Matthew D. LaRoche '17

Established in honor of Jeffrey Pierce '71, to be awarded to a male senior who has reached the highest level of achievement in the field of history.

Gettysburg College Award in History:

Caitlin T. Connelly '17

Phi Beta Kappa

Seniors Inducted:

Tyler Black '17, Hannah Christensen '17, Caitlin T. Connelly '17, Abigail Currier '17, Rachael O'Dell '16

Department Honors for History

Tyler Black '17, Hannah Christensen '17, Caitlin T. Connelly '17, Abigail Currier '17, Julia Deros '17, Rachael O'Dell '16, and Kaylyn Sawyer '17

2017 Fall Honors Day Awards

Anthony di Palma Memorial Award:

Andrew Nosti '18

Established by the family of Anthony di Palma '56, to be awarded to the junior having the highest marks in history. Other things being equal, preference is given to a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

James Hamilton and Lucretia Irvine Boyd Hartzell Award:

Ryan Bilger '19

Zachary Polley '19

Created by James Hamilton Hartzell '24 and his wife, to be awarded to a sophomore student for outstanding scholarship and promise in the field of history.

Edwin T. Greninger '41 Award in History:

Established by Edwin T. Greninger '41, to be awarded on the basis of the quality of a student's paper written for any of the courses in the Department of History.

Savannah Labbe '19

Brandon Peeters '20

**2017 Hardinge Award Recipient:
Andrew Nosti '18 for Early American History**



History Department Chair Timothy Shannon congratulates **Andrew Nosti '18**, from Palmerton, Pennsylvania winner of the 2017 Hardinge Award for Early American History, given by the Hardinge Family Foundation.

Andrew is a double major in History and English with a Writing Concentration interested in teaching creative writing.

Cork Hardinge of Seattle, Washington (and a native of York, Pennsylvania) has over the past several years funded a prize given to a graduating senior interested in early American history and a career in teaching.

**2017 Frederick Dewitt Justin '38
Research Fellow Award
Recipient:
Bradley J. Klustner '18**

Major: History

Mentor: Professor Ian Isherwood

Title of Project: *"And then came Dachau, the worst day of the war": The Influence of Concentration Camp Liberation on American War Memory*



As a recipient of the Dewitt Fellowship, I had the opportunity to research the liberation stories of American infantrymen who discovered Nazi concentration camps. I benefited greatly from the support and advice of my faculty mentor, Dr. Ian Isherwood. I spent most of my days researching at either the US Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, PA, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. My research this summer has culminated into a paper which analyzes the emotional effect of liberating the camps and how this is reflected in memoirs, letters, diaries and oral histories after the war. This summer has been incredibly rewarding, and I could not have done it without the academic and financial support from Gettysburg College and the History Department.



**2017 Kolbe Fellow Research Award
Recipient:
Christina Noto '19**

Kolbe Fellow in the Humanities

Major: History

Mentor: Professor Michael Birkner

Title of Project: *Women of Gettysburg College*

Christina explored the feminist movement at Gettysburg College from 1969-1974. She worked with primary sources in Special Collection, including manuscripts, letters, oral histories, and published material. She also consulted records from the College Archives, specifically the Women's Student Government Minutes.

Click [HERE](#) to read more about her project

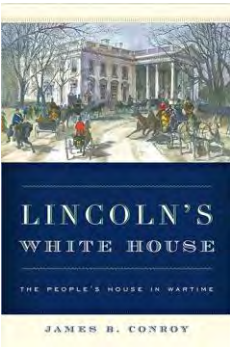
The 2017 summer issue of the MARAC journal includes a brief interesting piece by Christina Noto about her experience as a Kolbe fellow last summer. Check it out (pages 9, 31) with this [link](#).

Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize

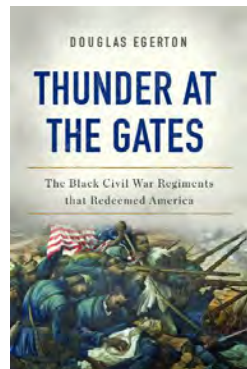


The Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize is awarded annually for the finest scholarly work in English on Abraham Lincoln, the American Civil War soldier, or a subject relating to their era.

The 2017 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize will be awarded to two recipients this year:



James B. Conroy, author of *Lincoln's White House: The People's House in Wartime* (Rowman and Littlefield),



and Douglas R. Egerton, author of *Thunder at the Gates: The Black Civil War Regiments That Redeemed America* (Basic Books).

Click [HERE](#) to read more of the story.

Events, Organizations, Etc.

Alumni Fall Lecture, October 20, 2017

Joe Gasparro '07



Currently a member of Credit Suisse's Capital Introduction Team, spearheading its Strategic Advisory efforts. Previously, he was a Vice President in the Firm's Investment Banking Division

Title: "Making the Most of Your Gburg Diploma – What They Can't Teach You in Class"



Current Co-Presidents: Jennifer Simone and Alexandria Andrioli
Spring 2017 - 9 New Members
Fall 2017 – 18 New Members

Living up to the organization's high standards of historical scholarship, members of Phi Alpha Theta continue to distinguish themselves on campus. Members serve as editors and reviewers on the editorial boards for the college's historical journals, conduct independent historical research with professors, and works as fellows with the Civil War Institute. Membership continues to grow as new students demonstrate exceptional talent, helping to engage campus in ongoing and new discussions on various historical topics. This fall, Phi Alpha Theta members also participated in the Adams County Heart Walk, sponsored by the American Heart Association, in solidarity with the local community. With the support of their fellow students of history and academic mentors, senior members are currently planning for various careers that will help bring history to wider and new audiences, be it in the academic or public field.

Fortenbaugh Lecture

The Robert Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecture is presented each year on November 19, the anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. To read more about the history of the Lecture, click [here](#).

November 19, 2017, will feature **Dr. Thavolia Glymph**, who will present, "*I'm a Radical Girl: Enslaved and Free Black Women Unionists and the Politics of Civil War History*."

Thavolia Glymph is Associate Professor of History at Duke University in the Departments of African & African American Studies and History and a Faculty Affiliate in the Duke University Population Research Institute (DuPri) and the Program in Women's Studies. Glymph is a historian of the nineteenth century U.S. South specializing in gender and women's history, slavery, emancipation, the Civil War, and Reconstruction. She has published numerous articles and essays and is the author of the prize-winning *Out of the House of Bondage: The Transformation of the Plantation Household* (Cambridge University Press, 2008) and co-editor of two volumes of *Freedom: A Documentary History of Emancipation, 1861-1867* (Series 1, Volume 1 and Series 1, Volume 3).

She is currently completing two book projects, *Women at War: Race, Gender, and Power in the American Civil War* and *African American Women and Children Refugees in the Civil War*. Her next project is entitled "Playing 'Dixie' in Egypt: Civil War Veterans in the Egyptian Army and Transnational Transcripts of Race, Nation, Empire and Citizenship, 1869-1878." Glymph has received research support from the National Institutes of Health for her work on Civil War refugees. She was the 2015 John Hope Franklin Visiting Professor of American Legal History at Duke Law School and is an Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer and a member of the American Antiquarian Society.

The Fortenbaugh Lecture is a collaboration between the History Department and the Civil War Institute, and is presented each year on November 19, the anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. The goal of the lecture is to speak to the literate general public without abandoning solid scholarly moorings; it is named in honor of Professor Robert



Fortenbaugh, who taught history at Gettysburg from 1923 until his death in 1959.

The lecture will begin at 7:00 pm at the Majestic Theatre. For more information, contact Heather Miller at 717-337-6590 or email hmiller@gettysburg.edu.

Summer 2017 Pohanka Internships

Julia Deros '17 leading a tour of the Sunken Road at Fredericksburg



Jeff Martin '18 with a group at Manassas

Under the auspices of the Civil War Institute's Brian C. Pohanka Internship program, 21 Gettysburg College students spent the summer of 2017 on the frontlines of history, interning at a wide variety of the nation's leading historic sites and museums. Pohanka interns led tours and developed public programs, processed archival collections, cataloged artifacts, created multimedia products, led children's programs, developed content for social media accounts, staffed visitor information desks, and conducted historical research for their host sites. Established in 2011 thanks to the generosity of the John J. Pohanka Family Foundation, the Pohanka Internship Program supports long-term partnerships between Gettysburg College and a wide range of the nation's

most high-profile Civil War sites. Interns participate in a rigorous interview process, and those selected for participation in the program receive free housing and a \$1500 stipend.

The following students completed internships in 2017:

- Wellington Baumann '20 and Andy Knight '18, **Andersonville National Historic Site**
- Laurel Wilson '19, **Antietam National Battlefield**
- Abby Cocco '19 and Zach Wesley '20, **Appomattox Court House National Historical Park**
- Erica Paul '18, Boston **African American National Historic Site**
- James Goodman '20, Savannah Rose '17, and Jonathan Tracey '19, **Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park**
- Ashley Sonntag '19 and Sam Weathers '18, **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park**
- Lucy Marks '19, **Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site**
- Jeff Martin '18 and Thomas Pelchat '18, **Manassas National Battlefield Park**
- Jonathan Danchik '17 and Olivia Ortman '19, **Minute Man National Historical Park**
- Meredith Staats '18, **Petersburg National Battlefield**
- Kaylyn Sawyer '17, **Richmond National Battlefield Park**
- Alex Andrioli '18, **Seminary Ridge Museum**
- Chloe Parrella '19, **Special Collections & Archives, Musselman Library**
- Nick Tarchis '18, **Stratford Hall: Home of the Lees of Virginia**

Study Abroad Students

Fall 2016

Alexandria Andrioli '18

Abroad: Luthern College, Washigton, US

Lindsey Katzenmoyer '17

Abroad: Advanced Studies in England

Christopher McDonald '18

Abroad: CIEE, Berlin-Global Inst., Germany



Jennifer Simone '18

Abroad: College Year
in Athens, Greece

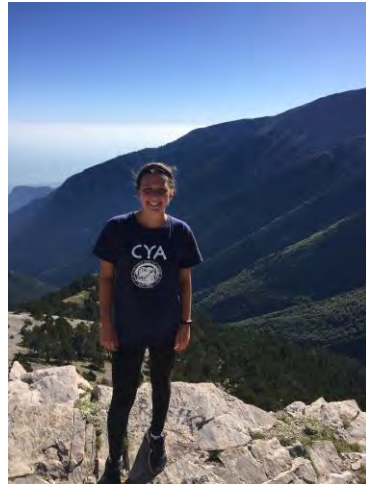
Last fall I studied at CYA, a school based in Athens, and through the program I had the opportunity to explore not only Athens, but also the rest of Greece. I had class on the Acropolis more

times than I can count and traveled across the country from the islands to the northern mountains. One of the highlights of my experience abroad was climbing Mount Olympus. Though it was extremely strenuous, it was surreal to be climbing the mountain that I have heard about ever since I was little.

Elizabeth Smith ‘18

Abroad: Lancaster University,
Lancaster, England

This past fall I had the opportunity to study abroad at Lancaster University in the United Kingdom. During my educational schooling there, I had the opportunity to take history courses in disciplines which I had yet to explore at Gettysburg. Outside of my schooling, my educational experience was more worthwhile than I could have ever imagined. The picture that I selected is of me at the Lake



District, which is not too far from the city of Lancaster. My study abroad program allowed me to explore outside of the classroom and make real world connections that broadened the lessons’ meaning. This was one of the most beautiful days I have ever seen in England, and was truly an experience I will never forget. We were able to take a tour of William Wordsworth’s home that day, and first-hand experience the area which he lived in. It was an unforgettable semester, and I definitely felt blessed to have had the privilege to spend a semester in England. Although I missed my home at Gettysburg, I was definitely able to find my own home in Lancaster England.

Ryan Wheatley ‘18

Abroad: SIT, Peru (Cuzco)

Spring 2017

Bridget Ashton '18

Abroad: IES French Studies, Paris, France

Ask the high school version of me about minoring in French, taking courses completely taught in French, and living with a French host family who spoke almost no English, and I would laugh in your face. However, that is exactly what I did last Spring of 2017. Thanks to the support of the French and History departments here at Gettysburg, I felt empowered, interested, and prepared to take on Paris through a completely immersive program. While I not only took classes on Charlie Hebdo, legends of Paris, and modern French history through IES, I was also able to follow a course on Ancient Roman History at the Sorbonne Paris IV. Of all of my experiences, I am extremely thankful to my host family, who showed me the secrets of Paris and French culture. Having grown up the youngest child of four kids, I finally had my dream come true of having a younger sister to spoil and hang out with! I was also able to travel throughout France, from Normandy to Giverny to Nice, and throughout Europe, from London to Salzburg to Prague! To read more about my adventures abroad, check out my blog at bridgettakesparis.wordpress.com!



Daniel Bower '18

Abroad: IAU, Aix-en-Provence, France



My study abroad experience was amazing and I loved every minute of it! My host mother was fantastic (and a really awesome cook!) While I was in Aix-en-Provence for my studies, I was very keen on traveling around Europe to see as many historic sites that I could. Being a WWII reenactor

of the US 45th Infantry Division, I wanted to see where they fought, so I saw Anzio and the Dachau Concentration camp. I also visited Paris, Omaha Beach, the American cemetery in Luxembourg, and the Montfaucon World War I battlefield. I did not get to see everything that I wanted to see, so that gives me some reasons to go back!

Lauren Bradford '18

Abroad: CIEE, Berlin-Global Inst., Germany

Nicole Hindley '18

Abroad: Lutheran College, Washington, US

Jeffrey Martin '18

Abroad: CIEE, Berlin-Global Inst. , Germany

Meghan O'Donnell '18

Abroad: IES-Nantes, France

Amanda Pollock '18

Abroad:IAU, Aix-en-Provence, France



Jennifer Sakai '18

Abroad: Kansai Gaidai, Japan

For the Spring 2017 semester, I studied abroad in Japan at Kansai Gaidai University. I traveled to several places in Japan such as, Kyoto, Hiroshima, and Tokyo. On this trip, I was able to learn more about Japanese culture and history. The picture that I have chosen is the front gate of Kiyomizu Temple, a Buddhist temple in Kyoto.

Juliette Sebock '18

Abroad: Advanced Studies
in England

I had the incredible opportunity to live and study in Bath, England this past spring and fell absolutely in love with the city and the people. I've always been drawn to the



UK, so this was really a dream come true! As a double major, my interests were perfectly matched to my courses and adventures as part of my time with Advanced Studies in England. Specifically as a history major, it was amazing to be literally surrounded by history pre-dating my Civil War Era studies back in Gettysburg. I was able to explore my interest in English history with a highly esteemed Oxford professor (and got to study at Oxford's University College itself!), all while experiencing the culture I'd long admired from afar. In addition to the unbelievable academic opportunities, I've said to anyone who asks (or who could be forced to listen) that the people I met while abroad truly made the experience amazing. Both staff (fellow ASE alums will recognise Lucy Martin and Rob Jones, my fellow ASE library staff, in this photo!), students, and locals became incredible mentors and friends, and I am truly grateful for having met them.

History Department News



History Student Staff (2017-18)

The History Department celebrates our returning student staff here in the Administrative Office for the FALL 2017 Academic Year.

From left, Keira Koch '19 an Indigenous Studies major and Public History minor; Lillian Shea '21 a History major and Public History minor; Maria Kurt '19 a Classics major and Education minor.

Dr. Ralph Cavaliere Endowed Teaching Award Speech



Michael Birkner was awarded the Ralph Cavaliere Teaching Award at Fall Honors Day in October 2016. The three people in the photo are Ralph Cavaliere (Professor Emeritus, Biology), Amelia Smith (Student Senate), and Michael.

NARA Undergraduate Research



Students hard at work in the reading room of the National Archives Building, working with the pension files and service records of Civil War soldiers.

Later in the afternoon, some students visited the Smithsonian Museum of American History, but others stayed at the Archives and received an introduction to the Papers of Abraham Lincoln by assistant editor David Gerleman.





At the end of the visit, students met David Ferriero, the Archivist of the United States.

Pete Carmichael and Students at the National Archives



The Jack Peirs Project

The [Jack Peirs project](#) began as a conversation between a student and his professor. History major, Marco Dracopoli '14, approached his professor, Dr. Ian Isherwood, about writing a research paper on leadership in the trenches. The resulting paper “[A New Officer for a New Army: Major Hugh J.C. Peirs in the Great War](#)” was based on his ancestor’s First World War letters. Brainstorming the possibilities of the collection with the Dracopoli family and with Special Collections college archivist Amy Lucadamo, we decided to build a digital history project around the letters. The goal of the project is to make these letters available to the largest number of people and to provide a learning opportunity for our students.



Read more about it [here](#).

Campus Construction

Some major renovations and construction have been going on over campus this summer. The biggest changes are at the CUB (College Union Building) and to the Dining Hall (Servo). There will be various departments moving across campus, but we hope to keep you posted to where the new locations will be. However, have no concerns; the History Department still resides in Weidensall Hall, 2nd floor!! Here are just a couple of pictures you may enjoy seeing.



College Union Building

College Union Building



Old Specialty/New
Temporary Bullet Hole

Weidensall receiving
fresh paint



Outside the History &
Classics Office Suite

Department Journals

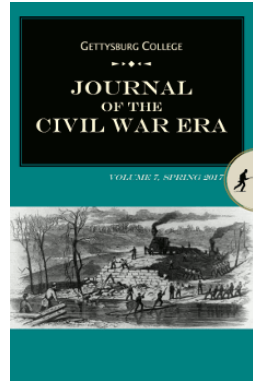
Gettysburg Historical Journal

[*The Gettysburg Historical Journal*](#) features original undergraduate student research and essays. It is produced by students at Gettysburg College and published annually. While the Gettysburg Historical Journal focuses on research in the field of history, we publish and encourage submissions from other disciplines that utilize historical viewpoints or methodologies, including sociology, anthropology, and classics.



Gettysburg Journal of the Civil War Era

[The Gettysburg College Journal of the Civil War Era](#) annually publishes undergraduate papers on the Civil War Era and its lasting memory. We are interested in academic essays, public history essays, and book reviews broadly relating to the American Civil War.



In Memoriam: Harlowe “Cork” Hardinge (1930-2017)



The History Department at Gettysburg College lost a friend and benefactor when Harlowe DeForest (Cork) Hardinge died at his home on Mercer Island, WA on August 23, 2017 at the age of 87. Cork was born in Albany, New York and grew up in York, Pennsylvania. He attended Cornell University and served in the Air Force during the 1950s. For many years, he worked in business, but in 1976 he moved his family to Seattle so that he could take up a new career in teaching. Cork’s association with Gettysburg College began when he donated

his rare book collection to Musselman Library. An avid reader of History and a committed teacher of it, Cork liked the idea that his rare books would become part of Special Collections and be readily available to Gettysburg students. Over the past several years, Cork also sponsored an annual prize for a History major interested in early American history. We appreciate the generosity Cork has shown to the History Department and join his family and friends in grieving his loss.



Alumni News

**Thanks to all our alumni who submitted their news!
We look forward to hearing back from you in the
years to come, and always welcome a personal visit to
campus!**

Class of '50

Anderson O'Day –

Andy and his wife, MaryLouise, have moved to a retirement community called Clemson Downs. It is in Clemson, SC, home of the college national football champions, Clemson University. The quarterback coach is Brandon Streeter, son of Barry who is your football coach.

My recollection is the incoming class in 1946 had only 11 women, but you can check with Ruthe Craley on that number.

We had to go to Hood and Wilson for dates.

Regards, Andy

Class of '58

Guy Graybill –



Today's e-mail offered two items of serious interest to me. I got the reporter's draft of the feature article he just wrote and I got your call for 2018 data on former students of Gettysburg's excellent History Department.

I've attached the feature, from the Bloomsburg "Press Enterprise." Perhaps there's some way that you can use something from the article. If you have questions, kindly contact me.

Best wishes from a member of the hoary class of '58.

Barry Kunkel -

Well things have not changed much and yet things have changed quite a bit. Cindy, my wife of 60 years, and I are still living in an RV traveling the USA. It is coming up on 10 years and we are planning to sell our full time rig to purchase a small cottage in the Gettysburg area. We plan to

live in it 7 months of the year and still hang out on the road for 5 months. Anyway that will give us more time for Gettysburg family and college.

Last time I wrote it was a short comment on the use of the Confederate flag alongside the USA flag. This time it is about confederate statues and flags and what they mean to the general public. As I reflect upon these and the trouble they seem to be stirring I reminisced about something Grant said in his memoirs about wishing he would have placed the States who succeeded into the Confederate States of America under military law until the rights of those freed could have been realized. Below is what I believe is the hangover we have in the USA and possibly why one third of the Trump voters wanted the CSA to have won the Civil War.

In the course of warfare when an awful war ends the losing country's leaders are usually punished for their war crimes, i.e.; WWII trials of Nazis for their war crimes. This act tends to allow most to obtain satisfactory closure from the horrors of the war at hand. The Confederate States of America was the losing side in the United States of America Civil War. The leaders of the CSA were never tried for their treason nor for their war crimes against the citizens of the USA which by then included the former slaves. It is my opinion that the recent movement to remove the statues and flags from public places is an expression of anger for the lack of closure on that awful war. Although we cannot try those individuals today we can remove their flags and statues from public lands as a symbol of punishment for their treason against the USA. This could finally bring closure to that ugly Civil War and allow us to move on to the greater and more worldwide problem of white supremacy and those other hate groups that have been with us humans since we formed the concept of Alpha Male Supremacy.

Class of '60

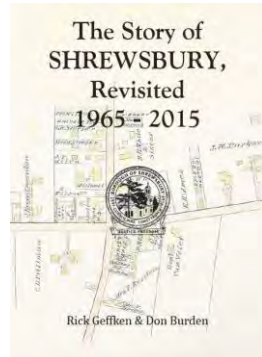
Paul Spring –

Although retired, I continue to be active in my congregation in State College, Pennsylvania. I also serve as convenor for the Commission on Theology and Doctrine of the North American Lutheran Church and as a member of the Board for our North American Lutheran Seminary. Living in State College, I am able to take advantage of numerous cultural and sports activities, the use of two large libraries and continuing/life-long learning opportunities. Last May my wife and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary.

Class of '63

Don Burden –

About to complete his second term as Mayor of Shrewsbury, New Jersey. Recently appointed to a three year term to the Monmouth County Historical Commission. He is also a commissioner & secretary to the Monmouth County Library with 13 branch libraries, 14 member libraries representing 40 member municipalities in Monmouth County. He is the co-author of "The Story of Shrewsbury, Revisited 1965-2015" written by Rick Geffken & Don Burden. Click [here](#) to read more!



Class of '64

David Schneider –

In addition to my semi-retired role as a probate litigator, I have stayed involved in a non-profit farm, local land trust and political action. I am rereading some of my history to see if it can teach me anything about how to deal with our difficult national situation.

John Sims –

Linda and I returned in June from a 45 day, 8000 mile driving trip to the East Coast. The highlight was our oldest granddaughter's graduation from Springfield College, Massachusetts. During the trip we spent a day with the Ramapogue Historical Society in West Springfield at the Josiah Day house. Built in 1754 by Josiah Day, who was Linda's 6x great grandfather, the house is the only remaining stone salt box house standing in the USA. We also visited Antietam again; the US Air Force Museum in Ohio; the Pony Express Museum, where it all started, in St. Joseph, Missouri; a still existing original Pony Express Station in Gothenberg, Nebraska; and our favorite stop on each trip at Ft. Laramie, Wyoming, where all wagon trains heading to the Oregon Trail, California Trail and Mormon Trail, as well as the Pony Express stopped to resupply. Linda and I hope you all have a wonderful summer and a successful 2017/2018. John Sims - Class of 1964 BA History

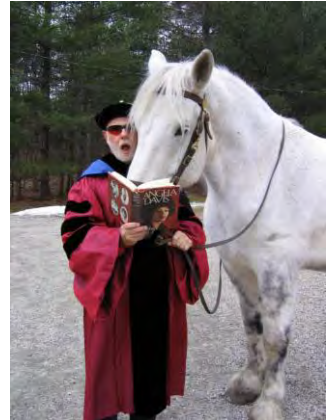
Class of '65

Jon Alexander –

For the last few years I have been very busy: winding up my teaching career at Providence College as cognitive impairment began to make lecturing difficult, then serving as the pastor of three churches south of Santa Fe NM. I am semiretired now and I am planning to move to the assisted living community of my Province next year. It is located across the street from the Provincial Office in Chicago which houses the Provincial Archives and if my brain does not deteriorate too rapidly I may be able to prepare a history of St. Albert Province.

Attached* is my last academic project. Of my publications the one I like the most is *American POW Memoirs From the Revolutionary War Through the Vietnam War* (Wipf & Stock 2007). All the chapters were written by students (all undergraduates but one) in a seminar I designed. For many years it had been a personal goal to teach a class in which the student papers were published. (After this project was completed it occurred to me that one could make a big splash with an analysis of the life writings of athletes [for example, basketball players memoirs--a sport in which both women and men participate]. If anyone is interested in trying this I can send them the syllabus of the soldiers seminar and the titles of some secondary literature on sporting memoirs).

The manuscript attached* is a technical examination of the way that the type of life writing (the MLA term for an autobiography or memoir) shapes the narrative construction of a life writing. It is a programmatic examination of six US life writings written by authors that would usually be classified as having different identities or affiliations. It is an eccentric project, but not without a moral concern (pages 37-38), and it is sometimes amusing--especially some footnotes. The fun begins on the second page (where most publishers might prefer a tweedy author in front of a wall of books). Angelia Davis in her *Autobiography* (page 88 of the hardback edition) mentions that she loved to ride the draft horses when she was a little girl visiting a relative's farm, and Whitaker Chambers recalls (Witness page 548) that a neighbor who was a Percheron breeder and his family came to offer support



to the Chambers family during a difficult time. So you see that it is appropriate that Lenny, the horse in the photo, who is a Percheron and also a draft horse, have a place there. But I was surprised how interested Lenny was in Ms. Davis Autobiography!

The authors note at the beginning explains that some quoted material is copyrighted but what I have written is not. So you are completely free to share the manuscript in any way.

* Attachment was in pdf form and unable to add to the Newsletter

Class of '66

Jim Madison –

Retired from active teaching, I continue to write history, mostly about the NAACP and the fight for civil rights in the 1940s. Influential in that interest, I suspect, was meeting John Hope Franklin when he came to the College my sophomore year--not realizing that he was the stellar scholar of African American history of his generation. I'm interested also the project to honor Professor Charles Glatfelter, the terror of our 7:50 am Historical Methods class. Sure hope other alumni who learned from him and will join in contributing. The endowment will enable a student with a history background to work with archival collections and conduct historical research using primary sources in the Musselman Library.

Class of '68

Ronald Rice –

Still practicing Law.

Class of '69

Elliot Hoffman –

I have recently made several trips to the Trans Mississippi Theater and have walked the battlefields of Lexington, Lone Jack, Newtonia, and Wilson's Creek in Missouri, Mine Creek and Fort Smith in Kansas, Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, Pine Bluff, and Arkansas Post in Arkansas, Honey Springs, Oklahoma, Glorietta, New Mexico, and the Little Big Horn in Montana. But, most summer days will find me at Horseneck Beach in Westport, Massachusetts or in my hammock in Tiverton, Rhode Island, retired from academia and the Army. And entertaining the grandkids.

Steve Nelson –

I continue to teach at Bridgewater State University, educational leadership to graduate students (mostly current teachers looking to become school administrators). We offer C.A.G.S. and Master's in educational leadership. I am entering my fourteenth year on the faculty, now at professor level. I also serve as a Senior Scholar (pro bono) in the Leadership Alliance at Brown University, national consortium of schools dedicated to address the issue of the minority pipeline in the college and university professor ranks, and now celebrating its 25th anniversary. My History major, the guidance of the likes of Professors Glatfelter, Bloom, Bugbee and other Gettysburg teachers such as Lou Hammann, Norm Richardson, and John Loose fashion the basis every day for my thinking, contemplating, writing and teaching.

I am currently researching and writing a book, biography about John Kemeny, president of Dartmouth College from 1970-1981. Kemeny is known for a lot of things, among them advisee of Einstein's, founder of college and university computing, remarkable leadership of Dartmouth through tumultuous times (two months into his presidency when Kent State happened), and nationally as the Chair of the Three Mile Island Commission in 1979.

Class of '72

Dave Keehn –



Those receiving the History Department newsletter might be interested in the segment on the Knights of the Golden Circle that will air on "Codes and Conspiracies of the Civil War", a show featured on the American Heroes Network at 9 p.m. (EST) on Tuesday, Oct. 18. Formerly called The Military Channel, this is a premium channel for RCN and Service Electric in our area, but I believe it's part of the regular package on Comcast and the dish networks.

As the author of "Knights of the Golden Circle: Secret Empire, Southern Secession, Civil War" (now in its second printing), I spent a morning being interviewed for the show in Reading back in December 2015. The producers then traced the march of the 300 strong KGC Heidelberg Brigade down Penn Street when they massed at the Berks County courthouse to protest the April 1863 arrest of their leaders. At dusk, the producers also filmed at a barn out near Womelsdorf where a local historian confirms the KGC in

Berks County held meetings (see the 1895 book "Enemies In The Rear; Or a Golden Circle Squared by Francis T. Hoover). The Lehigh County historical record contains similar references to meetings near Lynnvillle and other locations.

I have not seen the segment but from the promo, it looks like the KGC will be sensationalized by Hollywood. While the KGC in Berks County did reference the abduction of President Lincoln as part of their oath, it's a leap to say that they were plotting his assassination in the dead of night. For precise time in different time zones, consult American Heroes Channel for listing.

Carl J. Witmeyer II-

After a year on a trip on a motorcycle with friends to Mexico and the Southern parts of the United States, I went to the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond and graduated with a law degree in 1976. I have been able to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia for almost 42 years. I met my wife 38 years ago and we have now been married for 36 years and have three grown children and the most exciting news in our family is that our son, Wes, who is the youngest son, became a lawyer 3.5 years ago and practices law with me at the Witmeyer Law Firm. Having served as Chairman of the Virginia State Bar, Family Law Section and numerous local bar associations; the greatest thrill for me is to practice law in the fourth quarter of my legal career with my son in a litigation practice firm.

Class of '73

Carol Hegeman -

Carol and Michael Birkner '72 presented a session at Alumni College entitled The Eisenhowers at Gettysburg. This program was based on their new book, Eisenhower's Gettysburg Farm, published in March 2017 by Arcadia Publishing as part of the Images of America series. Carol and Michael featured some of the 190 photographs in the book as part of their Powerpoint program. The following day the College Bookstore hosted a book signing for them. They hope to reprise their program next year at Alumni College.

Class of '74

Johanna (Gauer)Edge-

I presented a paper at the Eighth International Conference on the State of Mark Twain Studies, held August 3-5, 2017, in Elmira, New York. The theme for this year's conference was "The Assault of Laughter." My

paper, "Satire as Subversion: Mark Twain and the Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson," was part of a discussion of Twain and race--it was culled from a chapter of the dissertation on which I am working in pursuit of a DLitt degree from Drew University's Caspersen School of Graduate Studies.

Class of '75

Bob Baker –

After Gettysburg, I moved to Washington, DC to attend George Washington Law School. I practiced law in the DC metro area until 2016, when I accepted an appointment as an Administrative Law Judge with the Social Security Administration. I have been an ALJ in Miami since February 2016. In October, I am transferring to the Baltimore Hearing Office. My plan is to continue working as long as my body and mind allow.

I have always enjoyed reading the History Department Newsletter. Thanks for your efforts.

Class of '76

Rob Blomberg – P'14

After retiring from Liberty Mutual Insurance Company after 38 years I began working for the Boston Red Sox giving tours of historic Fenway Park in May of 2015.

While this is somewhat of a non-traditional use of my History Major at Gettysburg I gave 310 tours last year alone to more than 13,000 people from around the world. Fenway Park is the oldest major league baseball stadium as it opened in 1912 and is rich with history. In fact former Gettysburg College student George Winter pitched at Fenway Park in its inaugural season so there are connections between the college and Fenway. If any alums or students are in the Boston area come take the tour of historic Fenway.

Class '78

Scott Heberling –

For the past 31 years Scott has been working as a historian and historical archaeologist for Heberling Associates, Inc., a small cultural resource consulting firm based in Alexandria, PA and Pittsburgh, PA. The company performs archaeological and historical studies for federal and state agencies, municipalities, and private clients. Currently Scott is working with the PA Main Line Canal Greenway and PA Historical & Museum Commission on a long-term project to document, interpret, and

preserve canal-era resources in a number of towns located along the Pennsylvania Main Line Canal in central and western Pennsylvania.

Class of '79

Luara (Quigley) Shupe -

I am the Director of Faith Formation at the Church of St. Michael in Farmington, MN.

Class of '81

Chris Jentsch –

Chris and his jazz quartet have released *Fractured Pop*, a double album length CD studio recording accompanied by extras including a DVD of a short live set. Watch/listen at: YouTube/jentsch chris. He is also in the third year of his Chamber Music America grant commissioning *Topics in American History*, an hour-long work for his nine piece chamber jazz ensemble that abstracts Jentsch's impressions of various episodes in American history such as pre-Colombian North America, the Lincoln/Douglas Debates, the Domino Theory, Manifest Destiny, and the Lincoln assassination conspiracy (video and audio to come). ChrisJentsch.com.

Class of '83

Michael R. Hall -



I was a keynote speaker at the Second International Conference *The Street and the City: Thresholds* that took place in Portugal at the School of Arts and Humanities, University of Lisbon, and at the Estoril Higher Institute for Tourism and Hotel Studies from 5 to 7 April 2017. Professor of History at Armstrong State University in Savannah, Georgia, I was one of three guest speakers

at the conference. My presentation, *Urban Rail from One Century to the Next: The Santo Domingo Metro in the 21st Century*, detailed the development and impact of the Santo Domingo Metro, the most extensive rapid transit system in the Caribbean.

See attached photo with Dean of School of Arts and Humanities.

We just started our new semester yesterday. This fall I am teaching the undergrad seminar [Brazil] and the grad seminar [the Cold War]. I am presenting a paper at conference in Marrakesh, Morocco in December....taking the train (Marrakesh Express) from Casablanca. I am really enjoying my career choice....and it all started with a history survey course with Dr. Crapster in 1978.

Class of '84

Beverly (Bagge) Stenberg -

I'm doing well and remember the History Department professors fondly. I attended Gettysburg when Dr. Charles Glatfelter, Dr. Roger Stemen, Dr. Basil Crapster, Dr. George Fick, Dr. Bruce Bugbee, Dr. Norman Forbess, Dr. Gabor Borrit and Dr. Michael Birkner were actively teaching and lecturing and to this day I feel so enriched by the experience.

One thing that I took away from their careful instruction was the discipline of writing, and writing well. In my opinion, the skill of writing a coherent paragraph detailing events, whether historical or fictional has been lost on the millennial generation. I was shocked when I got out into the business world to see for myself just how few people who were supervising me were able to put more than a few sentences together and entertain a coherent thought.

What I found even more jarring is when I would get notes back from my kid's teachers full of spelling and obvious grammatical errors and I would think- this person graduated college? This person is teaching my kid?

So, I would stress that besides gaining an important understanding of where the U.S. is in relation to other nations of this world, that the art of composing the written word or "writing that doesn't suck" is a skill that one can acquire by majoring in History at Gettysburg College. I know that I am not alone in this conclusion.

Love to all!

Peace!

Class of '90

Steve Hessler –

My wife, Kellie, and I have continued our travels and have now visited over fifty countries. We also sailed the Panama Canal late last year, and re-visited France earlier this year. We recently visited Channel Islands National Park and look forward to some additional vacation time later this year. On the work front, I continue to work for Deutsche Bank's

(27+ years now) Corporate Trust business in Santa Ana, California. I hope all is well!

Class of '91

Jonathan Berkey –

I am still teaching history at Concord University in Athens, West Virginia. This fall I received promotion to full professor.

Class of '94

Andrew Edgerton –

Andrew has 3 children, and is married to Caroline (Racz) Edgerton (Gettysburg 2001). He is currently employed as a Law Enforcement and Medevac Helicopter Pilot for Fairfax County Police Department living in Arlington, VA. All is well and still have nightmares about History 300 Methods...

Dr. Melissa Zook –

Melissa had a “small world” Gettysburg encounter in Lexington, Kentucky recently when she met the brother of Chase Wallace, who has been teaching as an adjunct for us these past few years. She is a family physician in Berea, Kentucky. Most of her practice is addiction treatment, HIV, Hepatitis, mental health and management of adults with complicated medical problems. She speaks and writes frequently on her experiences in rural practice. She Chairs the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians and has worked on a number of committees and projects at the state level to improve the health of all Kentuckians. Her wife and she have an 11 year old son, Sam, and are in the process of adopting our three year-old son, Landen. Melissa’s wife is a Purdue grad and teaches architecture, civil engineering, robotics and technology to high school students. They are trying to teach the boys to spend time and resources on exploring, and on doing and giving rather than on buying, and accumulating.

Class of '95

Christopher Hart –

It has been a great year! I got married in September 2015 back in Massachusetts but am still residing in Melbourne, Australia where I am Head of Humanities at Yarra Valley Grammar, an excellent private school. I am the teacher of History: Revolutions, a Year 12 subject that has a final exam that counts towards their mark to get into university. I was awarded the Outstanding Contribution for the Teaching and

Learning of History and to the HTAV by an Early Career Educator by the History Teachers Association of Victoria at the end of 2015. I have spoken at many conferences for teachers and students on the French, Russian and American Revolutions. I owe this in great part to my training at Gettysburg with Prof Hardwick and Prof Birkner who inspired and challenged me. My love for history and teaching has allowed me to visit Europe with my school and have the greatest connections with my students!

Class of '96

Alyson Reichgott Jones

This summer I started a new position as Director of the Altoona Public Library in northwestern Wisconsin. My husband Ryan, along with our daughters Winnie, 8, and Susannah, 5, have lived in Eau Claire, WI for the past 11 years and enjoy our time in the land of subzero temps, cheese curds, and the Packers.

Class of '97

Lisa Gensel -

I am now in my 10th year working for the University of Delaware, where I am the Archives Coordinator. I am fortunate to work with a wide variety of researchers from throughout the University and from the public, preserving and interpreting the University of Delaware's history. I returned to Gettysburg this past summer for my 20th reunion, and was delighted to see a number of friends, catch up with changes on campus, and get my time-on-the-battlefields fix.

Darcy Daniels -

Darcy teaches history at Mount Ida College in Sharon, MA. She has embarked on an oral history project, interviewing people who went to the Women's March on Washington (specifically the march in DC.) Anyone can participate, but Gettysburg Alums who participate will have their interviews donated to the Special Collections of Musselman Library at Gettysburg College and at the national repository at University of Florida. If you are interested in being interviewed, please contact her at ddaniels@mountida.edu. Thanks!

Class of '98

Marybeth Danowski –

Hello fellow alumni! I continue to teach History classes at Maple Shade High School and advise the History Club. This is my nineteenth year! On

October 26, I'll be leading another trip to Gettysburg with my ninth graders. Of course, we'll be eating at the dining hall and touring campus (this is as much for me as it is them)!

Dr. Brent Hege –

I still live in Indianapolis and am beginning my 10th year as Instructor of Religion at Butler University, but this year I am taking on an additional role as Butler's Center for Faith and Vocation Scholar in Residence, where I will mentor our 16 CFV Scholars in vocational discernment and interreligious engagement. My second book, *Myth, History, and the Resurrection in German Protestant Theology*, will be published this fall by Pickwick Press. I will also be giving several lectures throughout Indiana to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation this year. Finally, I was honored with the 2017 Outstanding Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching by Butler's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Paul Hutchinson –

I've had a great year this year. I co-curated an exhibit at the Museum of the White Mountains titled "Summer Camps: The White Mountains Roots to an Iconic American Experience" as well as writing the exhibit catalog that went along with the exhibit. The website for the exhibit is at: <https://www.plymouth.edu/museum-of-the-white-mountains/exhibitions/summer-camps/>. The exhibit also got some great press, including a television piece

(<http://www.wmur.com/article/tuesday-august-1st-what-i-learned-at-summer-camp/10376583>) and a piece on public radio

(<http://nhpr.org/post/summer-camps-only-nh-civics-101#stream/0>).

Other than that, I'm still teaching at Boston University and living in New Hampshire with my wife and two kids.

Hope all is well in the 'burg! Please tell everyone I say hello.

Chris Johnson –

I had the chance to participate in the Normandy: Sacrifice for Freedom Albert H. Small Student-Teacher Institute in June. The Institute gives an opportunity to a select group of 15 high school students to engage in research regarding a soldier or sailor buried at the American Cemetery in Normandy.



I served as a mentor for a rising senior at Central Bucks High School East as she researched the life of First Lt. Edmund Duckworth, a native of Lancaster County. (Article featured here in [Lancaster Online](#))

I am entering my twentieth year of teaching in the Central Bucks School District. Currently I serve as department coordinator at East High School, teaching mostly economics courses but constantly looking for ways to engage students in historical research and learning.

Nicole (Bangert) Smith -

I recently started a new position in my hometown at the York County History Center. My title is Assistant Director of the Library and Archives. It's great to be working in local history and helping with the planning of a new museum, library and archives for the History Center set to open in York in 2020. I got married in 2015 and my husband and I live in Lemoyne, PA.

Class of '00

Amy Lucadamo –

As Gettysburg College Archivist will be laying preliminary plans for the Vietnam memorial.

Class of '01

Christina (Dickert) Fattore -

I am an associate professor in the political science department at West Virginia University, where I teach and research international trade and development issues. I always encourage my students to take history courses (or do a double major as I did) because it's the perfect compliment to political science. I also serve on the International Studies Association's Women's Caucus executive board, where I am able to help promote women and their work in the discipline. I live in Morgantown WV with my husband, Andrew, and our two kids Leo (5 and is just starting kindergarten this year) and Lila (1).

Class of '02

Jared Peatman –

With Brett Jackson '08 and Chelsea Bucklin '10 all graciously shared their post-graduate work experiences and advice with our current History majors and minors at Career Night this past spring.

Class of '03

Jay Gallagher-

Jay graduated with his master's degree in Counseling Psychology and has been working as a mental health therapist in the Boston area. His wife, Meg and he were married in October 2013 and welcomed a wonderful baby boy, Jayme, in January of 2017.

Class of '04

Meggan (Emler) Smith –

I am starting my tenth year as a Research & Instruction Librarian at Gettysburg College's Musselman Library. Helping students find primary sources and properly cite in Turabian are just a few of the perks of my job! My husband Mark and I just bought a house in Gettysburg, so we are thrilled to be officially putting down our roots in the town I love. Our 6 year old daughter will be starting first grade this year, and our soon to be 4 year old son will be continuing preschool at the daycare on campus.

Class of '06

Leah Bower –

Was recently recognized by The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) with a prestigious Excellence in Technology Transfer Award. The award is presented annually by the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer (FLC) in recognition of outstanding work by laboratory employees in the transfer of technology from federal laboratories to the commercial marketplace.

Julia (Grover) Patton -

Welcomed daughter, Evelyn, with husband Jason ('05) in January. Joined big brother Thomas. Now working as Director of Operations at the University of Valley Forge.

Jay Roszman –

Recently completed his Ph.D. in British History at Carnegie Mellon University and is teaching in the Pittsburgh area.

Class of '07

Susannah Rhodes Hoffman –

Stopped by in May with her husband Eric Hoffman to share the news that they are living in Chambersburg with their children Joanna, 3.5, and Nation 5 months.

Jessica (Haines) Rudy -

After nearly 10 years as a journalist and editor in Gettysburg, I decided to make a career change and finish my history education. I will graduate from Shippensburg University in December 2017 with a Masters degree in Applied History specializing in archives and museum collection management. While completing my degree I have been employed by the university's Archives and Special Collections. Additionally, I will be one of three panelists at the Pennsylvania Historical Association's annual meeting in Scranton in October 2017 speaking about "Gettysburg: Public History, Tourism, and Memory." I will be joined on the panel by my husband and fellow 2007 history alum John M. Rudy.

Class of '08

Brett Jackson –

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Class of '09

David Alex Bilodeau -

Alex is currently employed as an archivist for the National Archives.

Justin Causey –

Gettysburg Class of '09 married Jennifer Ducz, Gettysburg Class of '11 in July, 2016. They live in Fairfax County, Virginia. Justin now works for a Defense/Security contractor in Chantilly, VA. Jennifer works as a senior research analyst at George Mason University.

Ellice C.E.F. Moore -

Not much has changed with my husband, Brandon or me. His business, Moore's Custom Building, has been doing very well since he set off on his own 18 months ago. Some of his projects can be viewed at [Facebook.com/moorescustombuilding](https://www.facebook.com/moorescustombuilding). We spent a vacation again in the 1000 Islands region this past summer in upstate NY drinking in all of the beauty and history we could find.

I attended a conference at Washington & Lee University this past summer and took the time to visit both Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee, as well as Traveller. It was an awesome experience to be in the presence of both of those men, and the famous horse.

Planning on taking a trip to Pittsburgh in November to see the Tennessee Titans (my husband's team) play the Steelers. I am more interested in visiting Fort Ligonier while we are in the region, but he should be happy enough to see the Titans that there won't be so much gnashing of teeth should I request a visit to historical sites. 😊

I'm still working at Bucknell University in the Annual Fund managing their Student Calling Program. As of December, I will be there for five years.

I think that's about it from me. Still living in Mifflinburg with my husband, our Jack Russell terrier, Toby, and our five cats - Pete, Chester, Solomon, Jake, and Murphy. And yes, they are all indoor cats. And no, I'm not quite old enough to be a crazy cat lady, but I sure do have the makings of one.

All my best to Gettysburg College and everyone in the history department at the start of a new academic year! Go bullets!

Rachel Ramsey-

Having finished training to become a Waldorf teacher a few years ago, I am now well into my teaching career. Currently, I teach High School Humanities at the Waldorf School of the Peninsula in Mountain View, CA, after spending time teaching High School Humanities in Boulder, CO. I'm also the proud owner of three cats, who've traveled with me for several years now.

Constantine Vlahos –

Currently in pursuit of a Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership from St. Joseph's University of Philadelphia.

Class of '10

Elyse Bennett –

I just accepted a position as the Historic Farm and History Specialist at Carter Historic Farm in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Chelsea Bucklin –

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Evan C. Rothera-

Evan C. Rothera defended his dissertation, "Civil Wars and Reconstructions in America: The United States, Mexico, and Argentina, 1860-1880," on June 14, 2017. Dr. Rothera completed his PhD at The Pennsylvania State University under the supervision of Amy S. Greenberg. He graduated on



August 12, 2017. He will be a Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow at in the History Department at Penn State for the 2017-2018 academic year.

James Stoeffel -

Has been admitted to the M.A. program in Strategic Intelligence Studies at the Institute of World Politics in Washington, D.C.

Class of '11

Stephanie Diorio -

I'd like to update my location to the Jewish Historical Society of North Jersey in Fair Lawn, NJ, where I've been employed for the past year.

Class of '12

Shannon Buchal –

I have been accepted into the MLitt Museum Studies graduate program at the University of Aberdeen. I am currently abroad and in the process of completing the one year course.

Anna Maria Charalambous –

Is living in New York City and teaching Theater and English.

Elizabeth (Amrhein)Massey –

I have completed coursework for a PhD in Musicology at University of Maryland, College Park.

Nick Scerbo –

Recently completed his M.A. in History at Rutgers University.

Class of '13

Greer Luce -

Hello! I hope all is well with the Gettysburg History Department :) I graduated with my Master of Arts in History Museum Studies degree from the Cooperstown Graduate Program in May. I am currently working as a Communications Officer at the New Jersey Historical Commission in Trenton, NJ. Thank you!

Johnny Nelson –

John Nelson is living in South Bend, Indiana, where he is a PhD candidate in the University of Notre Dame's history department. He's lately entered the dissertation phase, and is in the process of researching and writing about the early Great Lakes frontier. John recently had the pleasure of hosting his old Gettysburg mentor, Tim Shannon, who was out to Notre Dame as a guest speaker.

Molly Nulty –

I'm now the Assistant Director of Welcome Programs at Penn State. With this new position, I was given the opportunity to teach a course this past spring, HIED 397: Leadership Development Through Orientation. Students who have been hired to work as members of the Orientation Team are required to complete this course to help them prepare for their roles during New Student Orientation. Once Welcome Week wraps up in early September I'm looking forward to looking at ways that we can revamp our welcome programming for next year and beyond.

Kaitlin Reed –

In May 2016, I graduated from Lesley University with a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education, and a Masters Degree in Special Education. I am completing my fourth year of teaching at a public charter school in Washington DC, where I am fill the position of Reading Interventionist for the school.

Lauren Roedner-

I recently accepted a new position at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture. I will be relocating to Baltimore soon to start as their new Registrar and Collection Manager.

Michele (Seabrook) Streeter -

I am the Communications Director for Education Finance Council in Washington, DC.

Class of '14

Logan Tapscott –

I completed my Masters of Library and Information Science Degree in December 2016 and will be completing the Digital Curation for Information Professional Certificate through University of Maryland at College Park's School of Information Studies.

Class of '15

Harry Fones –

I'm working at the Republican National Committee in Washington, DC.

Sam Gilvarg –



Just accepted a seasonal position as a Biological Science Technician on the Fire Ecology crew at Sequoia/ Kings Canyon National Park. He will be primarily monitoring research burn plots and studying the effect of the recently concluded drought on vegetative mortality in the

park. Here is a picture taken of him sporting his Orange and Blue pride at a burn that the Cape Cod National Seashore's Fire Management Office was helping out at Joint Base Cape Cod, a military base operated jointly by Massachusetts National Guard forces and the US Coast Guard. They were burning to open up Pitch Pine/Oak Forests that were severely overgrown.

Rachel Hammer –

Quite a bit has changed since the last newsletter! I unfortunately left the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington earlier this year. I am now back at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington DC (I previously worked here in 2015) as their Acquisitions Coordinator in the Acquisitions Department. This fall I am attending a week long class about the history of bookbinding taught by the retired Keeper of the Binding Collection at the Dutch Royal Library, Jan Storm van Leeuwen and hosted by Rare Book School at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Julian Weiss-

This Fall I have begun my first semester as a law student at the University of Pennsylvania.

Class of '16**Derek Pinchbeck –**

Began work as an administrator, in May, at the Fund for Johns Hopkins Medicine.

Jesse Siegel- Successfully completed a Fulbright research grant on the Sudeten Germans in the Interwar years in a placement at the Collegium Carolinum in Munich, Germany, and completed presentations at the Bohemisten-Treffen at the Collegium Carolinum, the Fulbright Berlin Seminar, and a workshop at the Haus des Deutschen Ostens in Munich. Looking forward to delivering a lecture on the research project at Gettysburg College and hopefully will continue this research project into graduate school next fall.

Richard Wilson -

Since May 17th I have been working for the Hertz corporation in the Rent-A-Car division, I am currently a manager trainee and working on being promoted to the next step and eventually to a branch manager where I will operate my own office.

Class of '17**Gregory Dacheille-**

I now work as an Assumption Mission Associate for the Associate Missionaries of the Assumption. I work alongside college students and other lay volunteers in assisting in the execution of the community ministries of the sisters of the Religious of the Assumption.

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