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Notes From the History Department Chair

by Timothy Shannon



Summer has arrived here in Gettysburg, and the denizens of Weidensall Hall are counting ourselves lucky to be snug inside our offices while various construction projects are underway on campus. Many of our colleagues have been sent packing to temporary offices in trailers set up in Constitution parking lot while Glatfelter Hall undergoes a major renovation, but life in Weidensall goes on in air-conditioned splendor.

This has been a year of special events convened in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, and many more are on their way in 2013-2014. In October 17-19, the Pennsylvania Historical Association will hold its annual meeting in Gettysburg for the first time since 1982, and many of its sessions will feature work related to the Civil War in Pennsylvania. Mark your calendars for the Fortenbaugh lecture on November 19, featuring Yale University professor David Blight. Also, we invite all of our History Department alumni back for Homecoming Weekend and to attend our alumni lecture on Friday, September 27, which will feature Professor Phillip Hamilton (Gettysburg '83) of Christopher Newport University.

This past year the History Department was lucky to count among its faculty Aaron Cavin, a modern U.S. historian who filled in for Professor Birkner while he was on leave. Aaron is moving on to a position at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana (a town named after Greencastle, Pennsylvania, and so Aaron will not be far from Gettysburg after all). We wish Aaron good luck and thank him for his hard work here at the college. I would also like to thank Professor Dina Lowy for serving as acting chair of the History Department in fall 2012.

This newsletter is also a good place to acknowledge the generosity of donors and benefactors who have recently provided special funds to support the History Department. We would like to thank the family of Frederic Dewitt Justin '38 and Catherine A. Justin for endowing funds to support the History Department's annual alumni lecture, the Gettysburg College Journal of the Civil War Era, and a summer research fellowship for a Gettysburg College History major. We would also like to thank the family of Kenneth H. Newbould '58 for endowing a fund to support course enrichment for the History Department's 100-level courses, and the Asplundh family for endowing a fund to support course enrichment, student research, and the Gettysburg Historical

Journal. Cork Hardinge of Seattle, Washington has also generously given an annual award for the past several years to recognize a Gettysburg College History major interested in learning and teaching about the American Revolutionary Era (this year's winner was Johnny Nelson).

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 2013-14.

Sincerely,

Tim Shannon

Faculty News

Abou Bamba



Professor Abou B. Bamba completed his third year in the Department. He successfully passed his 3rd-year review and has applied for a leave for spring 2014. During the course of the year, he participated to the annual meeting of the South East World History Association in Atlanta, Georgia in October 2012 where he presented a paper on “The (Trans)nationalism of Decolonization: The 1958 Referendum and the End of Empire in French West Africa.” Professor Bamba also chaired a panel on decolonization at the annual meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies in Cambridge, Massachusetts in April 2013. During the summer, in addition to gardening (tomato, peppers, and spices), he continued researching and writing for his book manuscript. His research trips included several trips to the Washington, DC area (Library of Congress and U.S. National Archives at College Park) and one trip to upstate New York (Cornell Library). Finally, Professor Bamba revised a journal article under consideration for the *International Journal of African Historical Studies*.

Michael Birkner



The 2012-2013 academic year meant “sabbatical” for Michael Birkner. Highlights included completion of several writing projects, a four-month sojourn in Melbourne, Australia, and service as President of the Gettysburg Borough Council.

Probably the most rewarding part of the year was the period from late November through mid-March, when Birkner was based in the history department at the University of Melbourne, where he had originally established connections during a 2003 sabbatical. An office and a library card made it easy to exploit the riches of the university’s library. Birkner’s research led him to the State Library, and archives in Canberra and Hobart, respectively. All told, Michael and his wife Robin (the college’s library director) had a rich and rewarding experience abroad.

While Birkner was in Australia he lost a good friend back in Gettysburg. Charles Glatfelter, known to many who will read these lines as the backbone of the Gettysburg College history department for more than three decades, died on February 6. Birkner’s eulogy was read at a funeral service by Pastor Stephen Herr, ’89, and subsequently published in part in the York Sunday News. Birkner’s appreciation of Charles Glatfelter from a scholarly perspective can be found in the Summer 2013 number of the quarterly journal Pennsylvania History.

The past year saw a good deal of scholarly enterprise reach fruition. In late summer 2012 Ohio University Press published Prosperity Far Distant, a journal of an Ohio farmer named Charlers Wiltse, that Birkner edited and introduced. The journal is a wrenching account of the hard life of farmers in south central Ohio during the depths of the Great Depression and the failure of the federal government, even during the New Deal years, to offer meaningful assistance.

Over the winter months Birkner completed work on a collection of essays, James Buchanan and the Coming of the Civil War, co-edited with Shippensburg University Professor John W. Quist. This book was published in February 2013 by the University Press of Florida. As of this writing Birkner is reading page proof for a new and expanded edition of his 1982 book, The Governors of New Jersey, which Rutgers University Press will release sometime during the winter of 2013-14.

In addition to these books, Birkner published an essay on New Jersey History during the Jacksonian era in Maxine N. Lure and Richard Veit, eds., New Jersey: A History of the Garden State (Rutgers University Press). In May he published “‘More to Induce Than Demand’: Eisenhower and Congress,” for the journal Congress and the Presidency. This piece offers a revisionist view of Eisenhower as a hands-on and effective executive in relations with Congress. Birkner has completed work on an article on the Carnegie Corporation and Australian and New Zealand libraries, which will appear in a British library journal in fall 2013, and an article on the scandal that drove White House Chief of Staff Sherman Adams from his job in 1958. This latter essay will appear in a new book on American Political Scandals to be published by Continuum in early 2014.

In October 2012 Birkner gave an invited lecture at Texas Christian University for its Paul F. Boller Symposium on the American Presidency. His subject was E. Frederic Morrow, the first African American to serve as a member of the White House Staff. (Morrow served President Dwight Eisenhower from 1955-1961.) In November Birkner spoke on Eisenhower as “The Necessary Man” as the Howard and Adelle Picking lecturer at the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown. Subsequently he served on panels relating to Eisenhower and the Media, and the Eisenhower Memorial, respectively, at the National Press Club in Washington, joining there such other Eisenhower scholars as Eisenhower Papers editors Louis Galambos and Daun Van Ee, and author Evan Thomas. In April 2013 Birkner spoke in Harrisburg on “Lincoln, Buchanan, and Secession” to the Commonwealth Court Historical Society.

Over the course of the year, Birkner engaged in referee work for scholarly publications, wrote book reviews, responded to media requests for quotes on various topics, and continued his service as co-chair of the college’s Sesquicentennial Committee.

A major part of Birkner’s time in the past year has been devoted to borough business. As Borough Council President in Gettysburg, he helps set the Council’s agenda, runs its monthly meeting, attends committee meetings, deals with personnel issues and outreach with various constituencies inside and beyond the borough. It’s a demanding but rewarding part of his life.

Birkner also currently serves as Vice President of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. He is on track to become that organization’s president in Fall 2014. Assuming that happens he will step into a position previously occupied by three other

Gettysburg College historians: Robert Fortenbaugh, Robert L. Bloom, and Charles H. Glatfelter.

As part of his responsibilities Birkner is collaborating with Professor Tim Shannon in local arrangements for the October 2013 PHA conference in Gettysburg, and with Professor John Quist of Shippensburg University in shaping the program for that meeting. It is going to be an exciting conference, and we encourage all who might be interested to check out the PHA website for details.

Looking ahead, Professor Birkner heads back to the classroom this autumn. This coming year will mark the 25th year that he has taught at Gettysburg College. And while there won't be another 25 years in that role, he is just as enthusiastic about teaching Gettysburg students as when he first began.

William Bowman



In the 2012-13 academic year, Bill Bowman taught five different courses: Sports in the Modern World, Modern Russia and the Soviet Union, and Europe in the Post-1945 period in the fall semester and Modern Britain and Nineteenth-Century Europe in the spring. As always, he enjoyed working with students in his courses and especially on their research projects. Students in his Modern Britain class, for example, conducted research based on an electronic version of the Churchill Archives. Students in the Nineteenth-Century Europe class wrote historiographical essays that became the introduction to lengthier term papers. Students in the Sports History class, which was an introductory First-Year Seminar, made several oral presentations based on their research and were able to visit Ravens Stadium and Orioles Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore as part of their work in the class.

David Wemer, a junior history major, completed his Mellon grant project focused on the relationship of Poland and Ukraine in the post-Second World War period under Bill's mentorship. David, Johnny Nelson, Kavya Kumar, and Mia Harpel, worked with Bill on a set of presentations as part of the college's 2013 Celebration Program in early May. As in previous years, Bill also worked with a number of students on applications for graduate schools, law schools, study abroad, and academic grants. Many of these applications were successful.

Dina Lowy, Ian Isherwood, and Bill are at work on planning the 2014 summer institute for world history teachers to be held in July at the college. The theme will be military matters in world history and the focus will be the First World War, which

will mark the 100th anniversary of its start next summer. College and secondary-level teachers please take note and plan to join us for the World History Institute in 2014 (information is online).

In the past year, Bill finished an essay on “Reform Catholicism in Enlightenment Austria” for a volume to be published in late 2013 or early 2014 by Purdue University Press. This essay grew out of a paper he presented at the Wirth Institute for Austrian Studies in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in September 2011. In January 2013, he attended the World Universities Forum annual meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, where he presented a paper on language across the curriculum. This conference focused on the role of the university in the 21st century and coming academic innovations. Bill also presented a paper on “Sociability and the Sports Club: the Case of Hakoah Vienna” at the annual meeting of the North American Society for Sports History in Halifax, Nova Scotia in May 2013. He is also at work on an article on a member of Hakoah Vienna, a sports organization in interwar Austria.

Bill’s children continue to thrive: after two years at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Lucas is headed to Tokyo Japan for a year studying abroad; Matias is doing well in high school and continues to play a lot of basketball and baseball; and Angela loves to read, paint, swim, and run.

Scott Hancock



Scott Hancock had an article appear in the June issue of *Civil War History* that argues for reevaluation of the importance of the Underground Railroad in American history. He also has or will have several book reviews appearing in various journals, ranging from *The New West Indian Guide* to *The Journal of the Early Republic*. He was invited to give a lecture commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation last September at the Gettysburg National Military Park, and another lecture as a part of the Catoctin Center’s *In Search of Freedom* conference in March. Finally, he had the opportunity to write a couple of blogs that appeared on Huffington Post.com, and another blog coauthored with Alexandra Milano, a junior History major and Africana Studies minor, which appears this August in the New York Times series entitled “Disunion.”

Dina Lowy



(No update at this time)

Karen Pinto



Karen Pinto completed her sixth and next-to-last year at Gettysburg College.

Karen was awarded a prestigious full year National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) fellowship to complete her book on the “The Mediterranean in the Islamic Cartographic Imagination.” She will be taking up this fellowship in 2014-15. In addition, she has been invited to serve as a panelist for the NEH.

The University of Chicago Press will be publishing Karen’s first book on *Ways of Seeing Islamic Maps*. She hopes that it will see the light of print in the coming year. *Mapping Medieval Geographies*, ed. by Keith Lilley, containing her chapter on “Passion and conflict: medieval Islamic views of the West,” is set to be released by Cambridge University press this coming November, 2013.

Her article on “The Maps Are the Message,” continues to hold its place as the number one ‘most read’ article on the *Imago Mundi* website. It has held this position since late 2011. *Imago Mundi* will be publishing her article on “Fit for a Prince. An 8th Century Umayyad Map Fresco” in their next volume (No. 62). This article details Karen’s discovery and interpretation of possibly the earliest extant medieval map. This is a significant find for the history of cartography. She presented her findings on this map to the Gettysburg faculty in a Feb. 2013 Friday Faculty Luncheon talk.

Karen gave a talk at the 127th American Historical Association meeting in New Orleans in Jan 2013 on “Place and Imagination: Ethnonyms and Medieval Islamic Maps of the World.” She also presented a paper on “Islamic Maps and Mediterranean Networks” in a workshop on the “Informational

Fabric of the Premodern Mediterranean, 1400-1800,” for the 14th Mediterranean Research Meeting, in Mersin, Turkey. She thoroughly enjoyed the experience of this productive workshop as she did the workshop on “Gendering the Mediterranean,” held at UCLA in Feb. 2013 to which she was invited as a participant.

Karen continued her active support of student research. She sponsored paper presentations by eight Gettysburg students at the 2012 Moravian College Undergraduate conference. Joshua Poorman '13, Olivia Price '13, Natalie Zink '14, Julian Weiss '15, Robert Shaw Bridges '15, Samantha Smith '15, Kelsey Chapman '15 and Alex Skufca '13 presented papers in panels on medieval history, medieval Islamic history, and Ottoman history. An anonymous donor stepped forward to cover the travel expenses of the students. With Felicia Else, Karen co-sponsored Josh Poorman '13's research into Italian Renaissance influences on Ottoman miniature painting, which was supported through an MEIS grant. Through this grant Josh was able to spend two weeks working in the manuscript libraries in Istanbul, Turkey.

Karen continues to offer her courses on Islamic history, Ottoman history, and US-Middle East. She also offered the second iteration of her Mediterranean Encounters Seminar. Students and professor thoroughly enjoyed the discussion and debates that took place during this seminar. Karen has encouraged some of her seminar students to publish their papers in Gettysburg College's *Cupola*. Participants of the seminar were delighted by a visit of specialist Molly Greene from Princeton who discussed Mediterranean piracy with the students. Karen arranged for Molly to come to campus to give the History department's Spring lecture on “1453: What's in a Date?”

Karen's daughter, Safiye continues to grow and thrive. Her spoken Spanish is improving by the day thanks to Vida Charter's School's bi-lingual curriculum. Last year she studied Ancient Greek with Audra Foster '13. She continues to pursue her love for sketching and painting. Safi is a prodigious reader and has begun work on her own book of fiction to rival her parents.

Magdalena Sanchez



During the past academic year Magdalena Sánchez taught Historical Methods for the first time. With the help of a Mellon Curriculum Development grant, she developed a Historical Methods project focused on gift-giving, and her students came up with interesting examples of gift exchanges ranging chronologically from Ancient Egypt up to present-day America. Her experience teaching Methods was sufficiently positive to persuade her to teach Methods again, which she'll do in spring 2014. Magdalena also taught for the second time a senior seminar on the Spanish Inquisition, significantly updating the readings from her previous Inquisition seminar. Her students chose diverse topics dealing with the Inquisition in Spain and the New World, and Magdalena herself was pleased to profit herself from their researches.

2012-13 was also a productive year for Magdalena's research. She published an essay on the correspondence of Isabel Clara Eugenia, elder daughter of Philip II of Spain. The essay was included in *Isabel Clara Eugenia: Female Sovereignty in the Courts of Madrid and Brussels*, a volume dedicated to Isabel, a much-neglected female ruler, who governed the Low Countries in the early seventeenth century. Magdalena continues her research on the correspondence of Isabel Clara Eugenia's sister, Catalina Micaela, with her husband, Carlo Emanuele duke of Savoy. With María José del Río Barredo, a historian at the Universidad Autónoma in Madrid, she published an essay on Catalina's correspondence with her father Philip. Another of Magdalena's essays on Catalina will appear in December 2013 in a book on Habsburg women (Ashgate Press). Finally, Magdalena finished an article on Catalina's cultural adaptation to life in Turin after her marriage to Carlo in 1585. This article will be a chapter in a volume on dynastic marriages and cultural adaptation, edited by Joan Lluís Palos of the University of Barcelona, now under review by an academic press.

Timothy Shannon



Tim was on a sabbatical leave in fall 2012, and he used this temporary respite from his regular duties to pursue his next book project, *Indian Captive, Indian King: Peter Williamson in America and Britain*. Tim spent September and October in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he chased his subject—an eighteenth-century Scottish indentured servant in Pennsylvania who claimed also to be a Delaware Indian captive—through the National Archives and

National Library of Scotland. He returned home on the tail of Hurricane Sandy and spent the rest of his sabbatical conducting research in Harrisburg and Philadelphia and writing away in his basement office. In spring 2013, Tim was back in the classroom, teaching History 106: The Atlantic World and History 312: Britain, Nation and Empire and resuming his work as chair of the History Department.

Two of Tim's long-term projects finally came to completion this past year and should be published soon. *The Seven Years' War in North America: A Brief History with Documents* features an introductory essay and selections from 35 primary sources on this important colonial era conflict. It will be published by Bedford/St. Martin's Press in August 2013. *American Odysseys: A History of Early America*, co-authored with David Gellman of DePauw University, offers a concise narrative of North America's colonization, c. 1450-1763, and it will be published by Oxford University Press in fall 2013.

On a personal note, Tim and Colleen's oldest child Caroline is off to college this fall! He can't believe that the day has finally come when he can tell his students, "I am old enough to be your father." Luckily, Daniel (15) and Elizabeth (10) are still at home to keep him busy.

Barbara Sommer



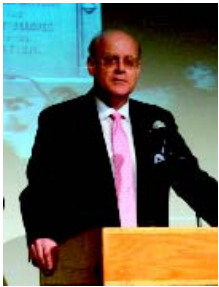
During the fall semester, Barbara A. Sommer, Associate Professor of History, once again enjoyed working with first-year students in Hist-106 *Atlantic World 1600-1850* as they analyzed the College's Stuckenberg Collection of antique maps to explore the period's changing intellectual and political climate. Meanwhile, the seniors in her *Comparative Frontiers of the Americas* produced original, accomplished theses grounded in primary sources. A few of these majors presented their findings at a May Celebrations panel entitled "Notions of Frontier: Literature, Geography, and Identity in America's Borderlands." Johnny Nelson gave his paper, "The Niagara Portage: Eighteenth Century Confluence of Empire," at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies Undergraduate Research Workshop at the University of Pennsylvania.

Prof. Sommer delivered a paper entitled "The Substance of Amazonian Sociality: Flesh, Food, Fluid, and Bones in Colonial Context" at the 60th annual Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies meeting. Employing recent ethnographic understandings about the interrelation of bodily substance and sociality, she reinterpreted

Portuguese and Spanish colonial texts about indigenous attitudes that were central to social and political interactions.

Barbara continues to enjoy her work as an assistant editor for *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Latin American History*. Her extracurricular activities include lap swimming at the Bullet's pool, explorations in film (including Antonioni's made-in-the-USA work), and forays into contemporary fiction.

Allen Guelzo (Civil War Era Studies)



ALLEN C. GUELZO completed his ninth year as Director of the Civil War Era Studies program and taught two new courses on 'Gettysburg in History and Memory' (HIST 347) and 'Secession, the Constitution and the Civil War' (CWES 400). His book on the battle of Gettysburg, *Gettysburg: The Last Invasion*, was published by Alfred A. Knopf in May, and spent eight weeks on the *New York Times* best-seller list. He participated in the whirlwind of activities surrounding the 150th anniversary of the battle, doing television interviews for ABC, the AP, and Pennsylvania Cable Network, and for NPR's "Leonard Lopate Show," Tom Ashbrook's "On Point," and Marty Moss-Coane's "Radio Times." He also published op-eds and features for the 150th anniversary in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today* and the *Toronto Globe and Mail*. In February, he became the 23rd recipient of the Union League of Philadelphia's Lincoln Award, and in March, received the Samuel P. Towne Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Brian Jordan (Civil War Era Studies)



Brian is thrilled to be back on campus. He taught the introductory Civil War survey and an upper-division seminar on Reconstruction during the 2012-2013 academic year. He also advised several summer internships in CWES. Brian will receive his Ph.D. from Yale in December 2013. His dissertation, *Embattled Memories: Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War*, is now under contract with Liveright/W.W. Norton and slated for release in April 2015. The dissertation, based on research conducted in nearly eighty archives throughout the United States, explores the ways that Union veterans complicated sectional reconciliation in the aftermath of the Civil War. It was advised by

David Blight. In academic year 2012-2013, Brian published twelve book reviews in *Civil War History*, *The Journal of the Civil War Era*, *Ohio Valley History*, *The Civil War Monitor*, and *The Civil War News*, as well as an article in the Gettysburg College alumni magazine on the 1938 Blue-Gray reunion. He served as a PCN talking head during the Gettysburg sesquicentennial; addressed Civil War Roundtables in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, Ohio, New York, and Washington, D.C.; appeared (with CWI Assistant Director Ian Isherwood) on C-SPAN 3's American History TV; and presented a tour, "In the Footsteps of a Soldier," for the 2013 Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College. An historiographical essay on The Petersburg Campaign that he co-authored with Allison Jordan will appear in the *Blackwell's Companion to the U.S. Civil War*, to be released in 2014. Brian is currently working on an article, commissioned by *The Journal of the Civil War Era*, on how Civil War veterans assessed the results of the war immediately after Appomattox.



Peter Carmichael (Civil War Institute)



Peter S. Carmichael accepted the co-editorship of the University of North Carolina Press's prestigious Civil War America Series with Carolina Janney of Purdue University and Aaron Sheehan-Dean of LSU. See http://www.uncpress.unc.edu/browse/books?page_type_id=10&page_type=series

With his staffs at the Civil War Institute and at Gettysburg National Park, he helped organize the conference The Future of Civil War History: Looking Beyond the 150th from March 14 to 16. This event drew more than 400 scholars, museums professionals, teachers, and public historians for round table discussions, fieldwork, and lectures. A volume of essays will published based on the proceedings. More than 430 people attended the annual Civil War Institute conference. Many of the sessions were covered by C-Span and Professor Carmichael was the final guest for C-Span's special coverage of the Gettysburg anniversary. He continues to serve on the editorial board of The Journal of the Civil War Era and over the last year has reviewed manuscripts for Cambridge University Press, Civil War History, and The Journal of Southern History.

Jill Ogline Titus (Civil War Institute)



Jill can hardly believe that her first year at Gettysburg College has come and gone so quickly. In 2012-2013, she had the opportunity to work with students in a wide range of settings, ranging from the classroom to the battlefield to the museum landscapes of the Southeast. In Fall 2012, she spent a lot of time in sneakers, exploring museums and historic landscapes with the students in her History 301: Introduction to Public History class. Jill also oversaw the placement of 17 Gettysburg College history students in summer internship positions under the auspices of the Brian C. Pohanka Internship Program, and recently returned from visiting these interns in the field.

In January 2013, Jill served as project mentor for a Center for Public Service-sponsored Civil Rights Immersion Trip. Over the course of the 10-day trip, the Gettysburg College group visited some of the sites that played a central role in the 20th-century black freedom struggle, participated in service projects, and explored the relationship between civil rights history and contemporary struggles for justice. During the spring semester, Jill served as point person for the March 2013 *The Future of Civil War History: Looking Beyond the 150th* conference, which brought approximately 450 attendees from all walks of the historical profession to Gettysburg College.

In October 2012, Jill's first book, *Brown's Battleground: Students, Segregationists, and the Struggle for Justice in Prince Edward County, Virginia* (UNC, 2011) was named a finalist for the Library of Virginia Literary Award in Nonfiction. She authored a short entry on civil rights activist James Farmer for the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, and recently finished an article on the interpretation of slavery during the Civil War 150th, which will be published by *Journal of the Civil War Era* in 2014. In Spring 2013, Jill was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Council on Public History.

Ian Isherwood (Civil War Institute)



After graduating with his PhD in Modern History from the University of Glasgow in June 2012, Ian Isherwood '00 (Go Bullets!) began a new position as [Assistant Director](#) of the [Civil War Institute](#). Isherwood is a specialist in twentieth century British history and war studies; his dissertation was on First World War writing and memory in Britain. In his position at the CWI, Isherwood is responsible for the [CWI Fellows Program](#), which in 2012-2013 meant the supervision of twenty-six student fellows. He also edits the CWI blog [The Gettysburg Compiler](#) and has been actively involved with his students and colleagues at the CWI on a number of exciting projects. In 2012-2013 he taught British history in the department and a new comparative class on the experience and memory of war in the [Civil War Era Studies](#) program (*CWES 320: Aftermath*). Both classes were choc-full of enthusiastic students that kept Isherwood's life lively, his face buried in books on Anglo-Saxon brooches and obscure war memoirs, his brow furrowed deeply from the intensity of lecture preparation. In the spring semester, Isherwood was honored to be invited by students to speak at the Gettysburg chapter of TED X, a talk entitled [‘Subverting the Grain’](#) on the value of the liberal arts education. Isherwood was also pleased to speak at the annual legacy breakfast in fall 2012 and on the First World War at Alumni College in spring 2013, both events sponsored by Alumni and Parent Relations.

In 2013-2014, Isherwood will be teaching three classes at the college along with his other duties at the CWI: a new first year seminar entitled *The Soldiers' Tale* on war writing, *History of the British Isles: 1800-Present*, and *CWES 320: Aftermath – The Experience of ‘Modern’ War and Memory*. In July 2013, Isherwood and his wife Sam welcomed their first son Master Henry Isherwood into the world. They both look forward to pleasant autumnal walks on campus with the little chap and their seven-year-old West Highland White Terrier, the indefatigable Miss Pennsylvania.

Pohanka Fellows



Avery Lentz '14



Heather Clancy '15



Megan McNish '16 and
Erin Richards '13



Yaou Liu '14 and
Blair Mitchell '16

Under the auspices of the Civil War Institute's Brian C. Pohanka Internship Program, 17 Gettysburg College students spent Summer 2013 on the frontlines of Civil War history. Participating students gave public tours of iconic Civil War sites, gained hands-on experience with original artifacts, assisted their host sites with social media outreach and education programs, conducted their own research, and engaged visitors in conversations about the legacy of the conflict.

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 stipend to cover their living expenses.

The following students held Pohanka positions during Summer 2013:

- Natalie Sherif, **Stratford Hall**
- Heather Clancy, **Andersonville National Historic Site**
- Blair Mitchell, Yaou Liu, and Maria Makarova, **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park**
- Avery Lentz & Rachel Hammer, **Gettysburg National Military Park**
- Megan McNish & Conor Breeden, **Appomattox Court House National Historical Park**
- Bobby Novak, **Petersburg National Battlefield**
- Emma Murphy, **Richmond National Battlefield Park**
- Valerie Merlina & Kathryn Rettig, **Manassas National Battlefield Park**
- Rebecca Duffy, Brian Caswell, Estelle Reed, & Steven Semmel, **Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park**

Pohanka Interns come away from their summer experiences with a greatly expanded awareness of the career options available to students with academic training in history and increased commitment to engaging public audiences in meaningful dialogue about the past. Former interns are now pursuing graduate work at West Virginia University, Eastern Illinois University, American University, Indiana University, and University of Louisville, and

several have been offered seasonal positions at various National Park Service sites.

Born in 1955, Brian Pohanka was a graduate of Sidwell Friends School and Dickinson College, where he majored in history. His passion for 19th and 20th-century military history and Civil War reenacting was legendary, and he was widely recognized as a leading authority on the Battle of Little Bighorn. The internship program, which makes it possible for students to spend their summers at sites that played a huge role in Pohanka's life, cultivating conversations with public audiences, is a fitting tribute to his legacy.

“Future of Civil War History”



Becky Oakes '13,
Logan Tapscott '14,
Heather Clancy '15,
and Sarah Johnson '15

In March 2013, Gettysburg College partnered with Gettysburg National Military Park and the Gettysburg Foundation to host a special 150th anniversary program on campus. The *Future of Civil War History: Looking Beyond the 150th* conference drew approximately 450 attendees from all walks of the historical profession (academics, public historians, consultants, historic preservationists, etc.), as well as Gettysburg College students and members of the general public.

Making use of a highly conversational framework, the conference devoted itself to exploring new ways the historical community can make the Civil War past more engaging, more accessible, and more usable to public audiences as we look beyond the 150th commemorations and to the future of Civil War history. Built around a wide variety of panels, presentations, working groups and field experiences, *The Future of Civil War History* included small-group conversations on topics such as the environmental history of the war; internationalizing our understanding of the Civil War; interpreting slavery and contraband history at Civil War sites; conflict tourism; teaching the Civil War; reinterpreting Civil War monuments; and gaming the war. Lively conversations also emerged over social media outlets, as attendees invited those following the proceedings in cyberspace to join the discussion.

The program featured over 150 speakers, including David Blight, Scott Hartwig, Nina Silber, Stephen Berry, Brooks Simpson, Tiya Miles, Mark Smith, Megan Kate Nelson, and John Hennessy.

Fortenbaugh Lecture



The 52nd Annual Robert Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecture will be held on November 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Gettysburg College's Majestic Theater.

David W. Blight joined the Department of History at Yale University January 2003. He is one of the nation's foremost authorities on the US Civil War and its legacy. As of June, 2004, he is Director, succeeding David Brion Davis, of the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at Yale. In the Fall of 2012, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and delivered a lecture on behalf of the humanities inductees, entitled "The Pleasure and Pain of History." During the 2006-07 academic year he was a fellow at the Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Writers and Scholars, New York Public Library.

Blight is the author of *American Oracle: The Civil War in the Civil Rights Era*, (Harvard University Press, 2011); and *A Slave No More: Two Men Who Escaped to Freedom, Including Their Narratives of Emancipation*, (Harcourt, 2007), this book combines two newly discovered slave narratives in a volume that recovers the lives of their authors, John Washington and Wallace Turnage, as well as provides an incisive history of the story of emancipation. In June, 2004, the *New York Times* ran a front page story about the discovery and significance of these two rare slave narratives. Blight is also the author of *Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory* (Harvard University Press, 2001), which received eight book awards, including the Bancroft Prize, the Abraham Lincoln Prize, and the Frederick Douglass Prize as well as four awards from the Organization of American Historians, including the Merle Curti prizes for both intellectual and social history. Other published works include a book of essays, *Beyond the Battlefield: Race, Memory, and the American Civil War* (University of Massachusetts Press, 2002); and *Frederick Douglass's Civil War: Keeping Faith in Jubilee* (LSU Press, 1989). Blight is the editor of and author of six books, including *When This Cruel War Is Over: The Civil War Letters of Charles Harvey Brewster* (Univ. of Massachusetts Press, 1992); *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave* (Bedford Books, 1993); co-editor with Robert Gooding-Williams, W.E.B. Du Bois, *The Souls of Black Folk* (Bedford Books, 1997); co-editor with Brooks Simpson, *Union and Emancipation: Essays on Politics and Race in the Civil War Era* (Kent State Univ. Press, 1997); and Caleb Bingham, *The Columbian Orator* (orig. 1797, NYU Press, 1997), the book of oratory and antislavery writings that Frederick Douglass discovered while a youth. The edited

volume, *Passages to Freedom: The Underground Railroad in History and Memory*, was published by Smithsonian Press in 2004 and is the companion book for the opening of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati. Currently, he is working on a new full biography of Frederick Douglass.

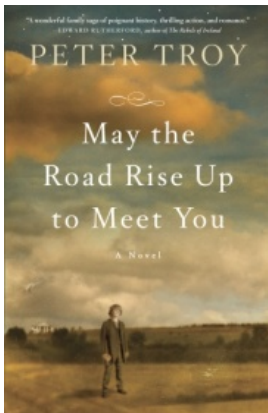
The Michael Shaara Prize



In 1997, Jeff Shaara, the critically acclaimed best-selling author, established **The Michael Shaara Prize for Excellence in Civil War Fiction**. This prize is named in honor of his father, the author of the novel *The Killer Angels*. In 2005, the Prize moved to the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College. A \$5,000 prize is awarded annually at Gettysburg.

[Information about nominating a title for the Michael Shaara Prize.](#)

Peter Troy Wins the 2013 Shaara Prize for Civil War Fiction



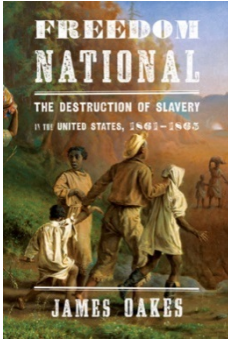
Set against the dramatic backdrop of the Civil War, *May the Road Rise Up to Meet You* is a story of four unforgettable characters who, together, illuminate the quintessential American experience.

Ethan McOwen survived the worst of the Irish Famine and made the treacherous crossing to America, but his endurance is tested by the rough neighborhoods of New York until he discovers a passion for photography; Marcella Arroyo arrives from Spain a high-spirited society girl but defies her father to become a devoted abolitionist; and slaves Mary and Micah plot a clandestine escape on a cold Christmas Eve in the hopes of finding a better future. When war brings them all together, it will dramatically change the course of their individual lives.

Lincoln Prize



The 2013 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize will go to James Oakes of the Graduate Center, City University of New York, for “Freedom National: The Destruction of Slavery in the United States, 1861-1865” (W. W. Norton & Company).



The Prize is awarded by Gettysburg College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Oakes was chosen from 104 nominations as the 2013 recipient. He will receive \$50,000 and a bronze replica of Augustus Saint-Gaudens' life-size bust “Lincoln the Man” in a ceremony April 10 in New York City. Oakes earns this honor in the midst of the nation’s [150th commemoration](#) of the American Civil War.

Organizations, Events, Etc.



By President David



This spring, Phi Alpha Theta members continued to be actively involved around campus, attending numerous lectures and events and building connections with campus organizations such as Omicron Delta Kappa, Sigma Tau Delta, and the Eisenhower Institute. The highlight of the semester was a graduate school panel hosted by the seniors of Phi Alpha Theta and Sigma Tau Delta. The panel discussed how to identify potential graduate programs, suggestions for how to build better applications, and how to fund graduate study. This fall, Phi Alpha Theta is looking to expand its campus and community involvement as the organization continues to grow.

History Department News

Recent Gifts to History Department Enrich Research and Learning Experiences for Students



John Nelson '13, winner of the Hardinge Award, and Prof. Timothy Shannon

Students at Gettysburg College have always benefited from the generosity of our alumni, but we would like to take a moment to acknowledge several recent gifts that have enriched our History program.

The **Kenneth H. Newbould '58 Endowed Fund in History** provides funding for the enrichment of 100-level courses addressing world history. This year, proceeds from the fund were used to help purchase a sixteenth-century map of Africa for the library's rare map collection, which will be used by students enrolled in History 103: Europe, Africa, and Asia, History 105: The Age of Discoveries, and History 106: Atlantic World.

The **Asplundh Fund for History** also provides funds for learning enrichment in History Department courses, including field trips, guest speakers, and student research projects. This year, the fund was used help support a Washington, D.C. field trip and individual research trips by students enrolled in Professor Bowman's senior seminar.

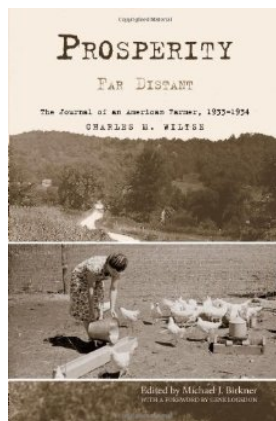
The family of **Frederic Dewitt Justin '38** has recently endowed three separate funds for the History Department. These include a fund to support the publication of the *Gettysburg College Journal of the Civil War Era*, a fund to support the annual History Department alumni lecture delivered each year on Homecoming Weekend, and a fellowship to support a student conducting an independent summer research project. This year, the Justin '38 Fellowship was awarded to Shaw Bridges '15, who is working on a project related to the Salem Witch Trials of 1692.

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. This year's winner of the **Hardinge Award in History** was Johnny Nelson.

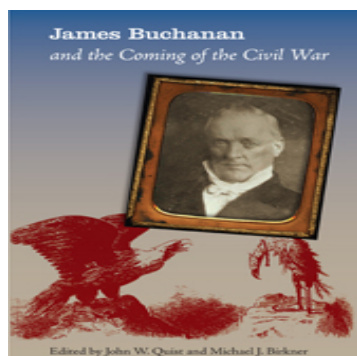
History students and faculty extend their sincere thanks to these benefactors of the College and to everyone who has designated gifts over the years to the History Department.

Book Notes

By Michael Birkner:

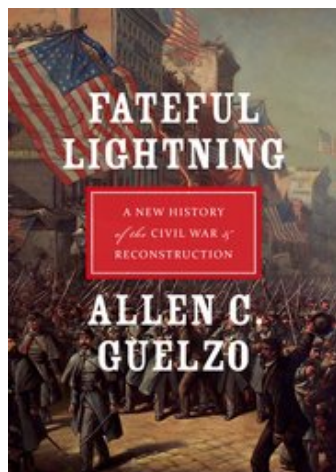


Prosperity Far Distant (Ohio University Press): the diary of a Cornell University trained history Ph.D who spent the year 1933-1934 laboring on his family's subsistence farm in south central Ohio. The diary vividly evokes the travails of those on the bottom rung of the economic ladder during the Great Depression. Michael wrote the interpretive introduction and afterword to the volume.

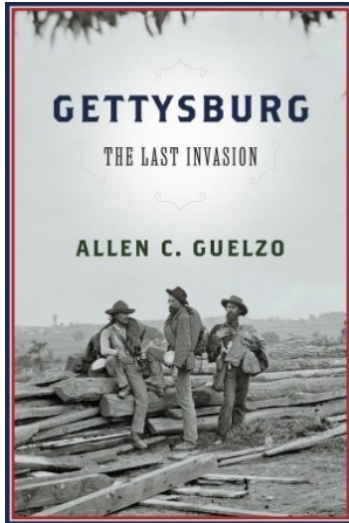


James Buchanan and the Coming of the Civil War (University Press of Florida): co-edited with John Quist of Shippensburg University, this comprises essays from leading scholars about the Buchanan presidency. It is a reminder that while Buchanan is unlikely to rise from the basement in presidential rankings, there is much still to learn and debate about his stewardship of the White House during a turbulent era.

By Allen Guelzo:



Fateful Lightning: A New History of the Civil War and Reconstruction (Oxford University Press): a portrait of the Civil War and its era, covering not only the major figures and epic battles, but also politics, religion, gender, race, diplomacy, and technology.

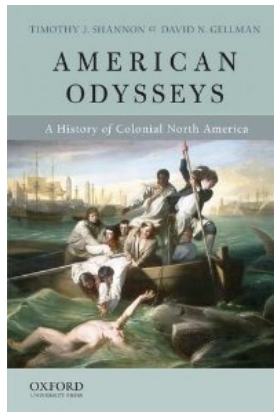


Gettysburg: The Last Invasion (Alfred A. Knopf): a history of the climactic three-day battle of Gettysburg (July 1–3, 1863).

About the Book:

From the acclaimed Civil War historian, a brilliant new history—the most intimate and richly readable account we have had—of the climactic three-day battle of Gettysburg (July 1–3, 1863), which draws the reader into the heat, smoke, and grime of Gettysburg alongside the ordinary soldier, and depicts the combination of personalities and circumstances that produced the greatest battle of the Civil War, and one of the greatest in human history.

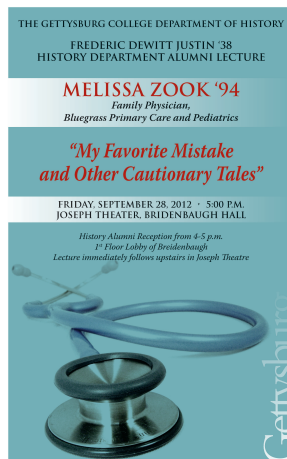
By Timothy Shannon:



American Odysseys: A History of Colonial North America (Oxford University Press): co-written with David Gellman of DePauw University, this book offers a narrative of the colonial era, c. 1450-1763, covering important topics that shaped the American experience across time, peoples, and regions.

History Lecture Series

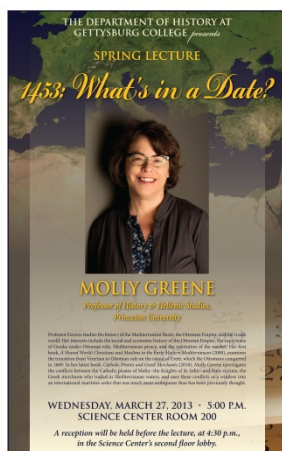
Fall 2012



The History department hosted the Frederick Dewitt Justin '38 Alumni Lecture on September 28, 2012 given by Dr. Melissa Zook, '94. Melissa, a family physician at Bluegrass Primary Care and Pediatrics, gave an outstanding lecture titled "My Favorite Mistake and Other Cautionary Tales."

Each fall the History department invites a Gettysburg College, History Major Alumni to speak to our current students. These lectures allow current students, alumni and faculty the ability to reconnect.

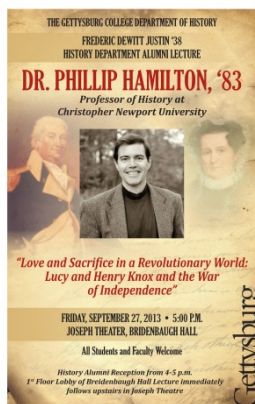
Spring 2013



The History department hosted its spring lecture series with Dr. Molly Greene, Professor of History and Hellenic Studies from the University of Princeton. Her lecture titled "1453: What's in a date?" was held on March 27, 2013.

Each spring the History department invites a lecturer to campus to provide our students the opportunity to connect with other History faculty in various fields of study.

Fall 2013



The History department will host the Frederic Dewitt Justin '38 lecture on Friday, September 27th at 5pm in Breidenbaugh Hall, Joseph Theater. This lecture will be given by Dr. Phillip Hamilton '83, Professor of History at Christopher Newport University. His lecture is titled "Love and Sacrafice in a Revolutionary World: Lucy and Henry Knox and the War of Independence."

Alumni News

1955

Eugene F. Irschick

Eugene graduated in History from Gettysburg in June 1955. Until 3 years ago he taught here at the University of California, Berkeley. He is writing to let you know that he has finished a book called A History of the New India to be published next year by Routledge in England. He will let you know when it is published. But he wanted to give you a heads up for the future. Please let him know if there is anything more you want from him.

1957

Joan Patches

Joan's longtime dream to publish the history of Salem Lutheran Church, Kissel Hill, Lancaster County, is moving along to completion. Her thesis was the last one that Dr. Fortenbaugh allowed to be handwritten. Her typing on the old typewriter of the day was not as accurate as her handwriting. Now, 56 years later and full retirement with computer skills, she is happy to be closer to finishing even though it looks like it will take another year to get all the loose ends together and revising, revising, revising. With Dr. Glatfelter's advice to make history a new, whole piece by adding or subtracting information and eliminating errors, it took a long time to figure out how. It seems that once he asked God to show him the way and give him the words, then the newness took shape. He just wishes this would have occurred while Dr. Glatfelter was still with us. While all professors are remembered kindly, he has been the most beloved and influential for many of us. There have been special events in other years, but this is current, even

though it has been dragging on for many. With the help of others since 2008, the project is gathering momentum while more researching needs to be done to fill in some details. Lancaster County Historical Society, Lititz Library and Historical Foundation, and Salem's own archives are on his "To Do Yet"; list. Or, rather, "Again" list.

1958

Guy Graybill

Guy has attended the reunion this summer on campus, and hosted a book signing event at the campus book store. That was enjoyable and allowed him to make initial contact with some of his former classmates, most of whom did not know him, since he was married [and remain so] when he studied at Gettysburg, and he worked at one of several places of employment in the community. In May of this year, the SUNBURY PRESS, INC. of Camp Hill published his book of poems, short commentaries and a lone novella. The novella is entitled, "The Agitator," and the entire book is entitled WHIMSY AND WRY. He is particularly proud of the variety of subjects discussed and the amount of wry humor involved. There is little doubt that they reflect some considerable influence from my history teachers in the old classrooms of Glatfelter.

1953

Errol M. Clauss

Errol recently published THE NATION'S LONGEST STRUGGLE: LOOKINGBACK ON THE MODERN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT contains a lengthy oral memoir of his participation in the movement as a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC or "Snick") in Georgia, 1960-1961.

1961

Judy Kiser

This marks Judy's 50th year in the parish ministry. She is currently serving as the Vacancy Pastor of a congregation here in Louisville, Ky. For the last 5 years she has enjoyed being a docent as Locust Grove, the historic home of George Rogers Clark. It also has the destination of being the only surviving building in which Louis and Clark stayed enroute back to Washington from their expedition. She still has fond memories of her days at Gettysburg.

1963

Paul Henry

Paul took part in his other class Reunion in May and found out why Gettysburg has always had a fine History department. Ron Couchman should have a statue placed in the library for his fourth

floor exhibit of the history of the 1963 class. They all learned a lot from Professors Glatfelter, Bloom, Crapster and Bugbee, and Ron brought it all out in that exhibit.

1964

John Sims

John has traveled to historic sites around the US for many years and since 2010 on four seven week trips. He introduced his grandchildren to many of these sites while they were in the middle and high schools. It was fun for John to see their intense interest in such sites at “Old Ironsides”, a reenactment at Concord Bridge, and other sites. His wife’s family owned the old Sedgewick house in Sheffield, MA, to where the slave Mumbet escaped from her slave owner, Colonel Ashley in 1781. Lawyer Theodore Sedgewick, who owned the house, gained Mumbet’s freedom in the Massachusetts Supreme Court, the first slave to be free in Massachusetts. So they all had a personal relationship to history. Because of their trips, beginning this year their granddaughter decided to be a history major at Springfield College in Massachusetts. Her goal will be to teach history at the middle school level. John has told her that her first assignment (from him) is to visit Deerfield and study the 1704 Road on Deerfield and Sturbridge Village.

1966

Jim Madison

Jim Madison is in his second year of retirement but spends most of his time reading and writing history. The recent passing of Charles Glatfelter brought fond memories of a teacher whose lessons endured. Jim is happy to tell all youngsters about the joys of Dr. Glatfelter's methods course, which he attended in Weidensall Hall on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings at 7:50. It was uphill both ways.

James Rush

Recently two of James’ books about Indonesia have been published in Indonesian-language editions by Kommunitas Bambu in Jakarta. In June there a book launching there, where the attached photos were taken.

The books are:

Candu Tempo Doeloe (translation of Opium to Java: Chinese Enterprise in Colonial Indonesia, 1860-1910).

Jawa Tempo Doeloe: 650 Tahun Bertemu Dunia Barat, 1330-1985 (translation of Java: A travellers’ Anthology).

1968

Gary Graham

Gary wishes that he could say that his life was exciting. He is a retired YMCA exec for 43 years. Gary and his wife, Bonnie, had a conference on Social Responsibility named after them and which they chair.

1969

Mike Langey

Mike is now a retired “old retired guy”. He served on the board of Directors of the Whatcom Community College Foundation, primarily helping raising funds for scholarships and other college needs.

David Keehn

Since April 2013 when David’s nonfiction book on the Knights of the Golden Circle was published by LSU Press, he has made a series of well-received slideshow presentations (and related media appearances) describing the seven year process through which he unraveled the secrets of this Civil War-era society. The militant Knights initially planned to establish a slave empire in the Southern hemisphere, shifted to precipitating secession in key Southern states, and they participated in rearguard actions during the Civil War including apparent involvement in the assassinations of Abraham Lincoln (see www.davidkeehn.com). His presentations included an April 13 book launch at the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, May 1st at the National Archives in Washington (covered by C-Span3 and broadcast in July 13), the Filson Club in Louisville on May 21, the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond on June 13, and a presentation at the Gettysburg Civil War Institute Conference on June 22. During the process, he has discovered further evidence regarding the Knights’ activities in Pennsylvania that have been described in related articles in the Reading Eagle and Allentown Morning Call. His book has garnered favorable reviews and has been selected by the History Book Club as a featured title for September. He is presently lining up further presentations and appearances for this fall.

1970

Raymond Smith

In 2008, Raymond retired from 34-year career as a public historian with New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. He administered all aspects of the National Register of Historic Places program within a nine-county region of New York State. Since retirement, he has pursued a number of historical research and writing projects and serves on the executive board of the Pinal County Historical Society Museum in his winter home, Florence, Arizona. In August, 2013 he returned to Gettysburg as a member of the 77th New York

Regimental Balladeers string band to play the annual invitational Civil War Music Muster conducted by the National Park Service (their 12th appearance at this event.)

1971

Ivan Punchatz

Ivan has a couple of professional and personal updates for 2013. He is still with Buchanan, Ingersoll and Rooney, PC in the Princeton NJ office. He was again selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *New Jersey Super Lawyers*® lists and was named the 2013 Princeton Health Care Law Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers. His youngest daughter, Isabelle, transferred to Gettysburg and is a rising junior majoring in English with a concentration in Writing. His son, Charles. Received his MA in Music Composition from Montclair State University. Ivan hopes that this is exciting enough.

1972

Carl J. Witmeyer, II, Esquire

Carl is now the chairman of the Family Law Section of the Virginia State Bar for 2013-2014.

1973

Vincent Guss

Vincent used his history major as a basis for his theological training in seminary in preparation for ordination as a Lutheran pastor. After four years in the parish ministry, he spent most of his career as a hospital chaplain, director departments of pastoral care in four different health care facilities in Virginia, and also became involved as clinical ethicists in those facilities. Two and half years ago, he was appointed as the Director of Medical Bioethics at the Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles Medical Center in L.A.

Kathleen Frederick

Kathleen married William Estelle on June 30, 2013 and has relocated to Palmer, AK. Kathleen is an attorney for the State of Alaska's Office of Elder Fraud and Assistance. Her new husband is a Judge in Palmer, AK.

1974

James Wohlsen

In January of this year James retired from his position as vice President & Relationship Manager at Fulton Financial Advisors (the trust arm of Fulton Bank). For 29 years he worked providing consulting, administrative and investment services to participants in employer sponsored

qualified retirement plans. His wife (Cyndie) also retired and they hope to take more time to enjoy their home along with their two children and six grandchildren. In his retirement, he will be returning to the Board of Directors of the Humane League of Lancaster County where he had previously served for 12 years (two years as board chairman). He has also embarked on a long held dream to become an author. Since March, he has been diligently working to craft a novel from the genre of history and politics. He currently do not have a publisher and if truth be told, have no idea if he have any real talent, but the exercise of writing allows him to stimulate the creative part of his brain for a few hours each day.

1977

Paul M. Krieger

Paul is living in Asheville, North Carolina for the past 14 years. He is the headmaster of an all-boys prep school. He is also married to Beth (Howley'80) and has three children 26, 23, and 20.

Thomas Ehrhart

Thomas is currently working as the “High School Communications Specialist” at an elite, trilingual (English, Chinese, and Thai) international school here in Bangkok, Thailand. While he obviously work with kids from Gr. 9-12, my main task is working one on one with the seniors on their college essays and various other writings and presentation (of which they have a many, including on Dr. Glatfelter Historical Methods length paper.) The kids come to him with the whole gamut ranging from History to Lit to philosophy to even the sciences, so it gives him a great opportunity to finally drag out what he learned at Gettysburg and in his personal reading over the years.

He was not hired for this. But he has become the contrarian conservative to give the students an alternative point of view when he pops into the upper level courses. His colleagues are great about wanting the students to hear a free exchange of ideas.

Lastly on July 18, after 12 years of togetherness finally made it formal with Wannapa Klaibubpha, signing on the dotted line at the local town hall (pictures attached, if you can use them).

1980

Eileen Maffei

Eileen is in her 29th year of teaching For the 19 years she has been at Hillcrest Middle School in Trumbull CT and has taught special education, grade 8 and currently grade 7 U.S History. Her husband Bod teaches at Trumbull High School and is the Head Varsity Football and Assistant Varsity baseball coach. Their son Bobby graduated from the University of Nebraska in 2011, where he majored in Spanish/secondary ed. And was a student assistant to the offensive

coordinator with Nebraska football. He is currently coaching football and the director of football operations at Central Connecticut State University.

1983

Mary Collins

Mary had a lot of fun the last year writing a huge mixed media Connecticut American Revolution project with a partner, Sal Lilienthal, who is an expert travel tour operator. In the last 25 years she has written a lot of history for National Geographic and the Smithsonian and in 2007 shifted to a job as a tenured Associated Professor of Creative Nonfiction at Central CT State University, in part to be closer to family. The www.CTAmericanRevolution.com website focuses on 9 themed driving/bicycling tours that we created. They center on narrative threads—such as Benedict Arnold’s hometown, his apothecary shop and New London, which he torched after he turned traitor. Most tour sites and books focus on battles but we intentionally avoided that approach. She is hosting an official CT Revolutionary Breakfast at the CT Historical Society on October 3 at 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and all CT Gettysburg Alumni are welcome to come to the slide show and talk (it’s free).

1984

Christopher Roth

Christopher has been teaching 2nd and 3rd grade for 25 years at the Waretown Elementary School in Waretown, NY (Ocean County). For the past 8 years, he has been looping with his 2nd graders to 3rd grade with them. When they go to 4th grade, he goes back to 2nd for a new crew. He is also the director of the district’s Extended Day Program and Summer Extended Day Program—a town wide before and after school care program, which becomes a day camp in the summer.

1992

Kevin Sheets

Kevin is the associate professor of history at the State University of New York, Cortland. He received a \$160,000 National Endowment for the Humanities “Landmarks in American History and Culture” grant to work with 80 K-12 teachers from across the country. His project invited teachers to spend a week this summer at SUNY Cortland’s National Historic Landmark site, Camp Huntington, the first “great camp” of the Adirondacks, once the summer retreat of industrialists Collis Huntington, where teachers studied the Gilded Age and Progressive Era from the perspective of the wilderness. He is also completing a two volume primary source reader. Titled Source’s for America’s History, to be published January 2014 by Bedford/St. Martin’s Press.

1996

Robb Johnson

Robb continue to be involved with many aspects of the Broadway fan community. Not only did he get to attend the Tony's for the third time, he also was invited to be one of the 700 fans of the Pippin to be a part of the cast recording of the year's Tony winning Revival. Robb claims that he is so proud to be part of the audience sing-along with Andrea Martin in the song "No time At All."

1997

Christy Coluccio

Christy works in Human Resources for Bentley Systems, a computer software company providing software valuable to the Architecture/Engineering/Construction industries. Every day as she uses the internet for research, posting jobs, etc., she thinks back to her Historical Methods class in 1995, remembering her first research project using the World Wide Web. How times have changed! Christy's kids, Nate (4) and Leah (2) will never know what it is like not to have the world connected at your fingertips.

1998

Marybeth Danowski

This coming year marks Mary's fifteenth year teaching history at Maple Shade High School. She also continues to advise the History Club, but gave up her coaching duties (in exchange for tee ball). She organized a freshmen class trip to Gettysburg in May and her kids loved the experience. She made sure to eat at the dining hall and give them a campus tour too. The food is still good and the Burg has a special place in her heart!

Brent Hege

Brent is still teaching in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Butler University, and he was recently named Director of the Butler Summer Religion Institute, a summer program introducing Indianapolis-area high school students to the academic study of religion. He also received the 2013 Gettysburg College Young Alumni Achievement Award for Professional Development.

2000

David Gary

In December 2012, David successfully defended his American History dissertation at the City University of New York-Graduate Center. The title of his dissertation is "Rufus King and the

History of Reading; The Use of Print in the Early American Republic.” On August 1st, David began working at Yale University as the Kaplanoff Librarian for American History.

Jason Pratt

Jason graduated from Widener University School of Law in 2003. He currently work for the federal government at United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)- Administrative Appeals Office as an Administrative Appeal Officer where he write appellate decisions related to denied immigrant petitions. He now greatly appreciates the rigorous reading that Gettysburg history department provided, and still regularly read history books as a result. He now lives in Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia with his wife, 4 year old daughter and 2 year old son.

2001

Edward Charlesworth

Edward and his wife, Holly Elizabeth Charlesworth, welcomed their first child to the world. His name I Alexander Stephen Charlesworth and he arrived 06 September 2012.

2002

Ryan Adams

Ryan Admas, class of 2002, completed a two week study tour of South Korea this summer. Ryan was one of 40 teachers selected by the Korea Foundation to travel to South Korea to study the history, culture, and political history of the Korean Peninsula. Teachers toured ancient Buddhist temples, Confusion Academies, modern industrial plants, the DMZ and more to gain a better understanding of the history Korea. Upon return, teachers are required to submit lesson plans and present Korean history at an educational conference. Information about the study tour and access to lesson plans can be found at www.koreasociety.org.

Joseph Shorr

Joseph and Kristi Shorr welcomed their first child into the world on March 10th, William Stanley Shorr. He has received one open heart surgery already at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and will need to palliate his congenital heart defect, Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. He realize this is not quite career news, but we are both history graduates, so not sure if it is what you are looking for.

2003

Craig MacDonald

Craig graduated from Simmons College in 2013 with a Master of Science in Library and Information Science (MSLIS) with a concentration in Archives Management. He currently works at Ropes 7 Gray, LLP as the records coordinator.

Jessica (Wininger) Merkel

Jessica and her husband, Clint, welcomed a son, Calbert Quincy Merkel, to their family on June 14, 2012. They are all in love with the newest family member.

2004

David Thomas

David is still living in Philadelphia, involved with group called “Team RWB” (Team Red, White, and Blue) which is a veteran’s support organization that helps veterans stay involved in their local communities through physical fitness and social activities. They are a national organization with chapters all over the country. It’s not a strictly veterans-only organization. Anyone who wants to be involved can be whether veteran, family member of veterans or just veteran supporter. Here’s their national website for more information: www.teamrwb.org

Jennifer Wessner Martin

Jennifer and her husband, Joel, welcomed their daughter on Feb. 17 2013 and are making plans to move to Lancaster at the New Year to continue our work with DiscipleMakers.

2005

Andi Wagner

Andi is still working for Palmyra High School, but his position has changed. They are phasing out the German program and he is phasing into the English department. He has also picked up the role of Gifted Coordinator for the 2013-14 school years. Andi is also a coach for his school's Brain Busters/Quiz Bowl team and has become a representative for his school's union.

2006

Jennilee Kemling

Jennilee began working for the York County Public Defender’s Office in York, PA in April 2013.

Jamie Booth

Jamie married her longtime boyfriend Jeff Dixon (Hamilton College '06) in July 2012 in Crested Butte, CO where they both reside. They road-tripped with their dog Vida down the Baja Peninsula for a month as their honeymoon. She also decided to leave the small performing arts organization she has been working for for the last 5 years and start a small events company of her own. She started BlueBird Weddings and Events and have already planned and produced 10 weddings. She claims that business is good as is married life!

2007

Valerie Werse

Valerie graduated from law school in May (Rutgers School of Law-Newark).

2008

Brett Jackson

After graduating from law school and clerking on the Maryland Court of Appeals, Brett started as an Assistant State's Attorney at the Fredrick County State's Attorney's Office in Maryland. He prosecutes criminal offenders in the District Court for various misdemeanor offenses including DUI, theft, domestic assault, and drug offenses.

Garrett Gaydosh

Garrett was just hired to be a Recreation Intern in the Campus Recreation Office at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.

Jack Pittenger

Jack spent the past two years in the Southwest pursuing a Master's in Public History at Arizona State University and successfully completed all coursework for that degree. Currently he is working to finish his thesis examining the portrayal of combat trauma in the signage at Gettysburg National Military Park.

Stephen Nelson

Stephen continues as an Associate Professor of Educational Leadership at Bridgewater State University. A fifth forthcoming book, *College Presidents Reflect: Life In and Out of the Tower* will be released by Rowman and Littlefield later this year (December 2013 projected) or early in 2014. He annually mentor Graduate Research Assistants on a research project of their selection as part as part of the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (C.A.G.S) in Educational Leadership, the primary program in which he teach. Like so many of us, mindful of his loss, he

remain forever indebted to the to the teaching and leadership of Dr. Glatfelter, who always raised the bar, but always showed you how to reach it.

2009

Joseph Anthes

Joseph is engaged to Madeline Weinland (Denison University '10) on June 27th 2013 in Ireland. They met in the summer of '09 while both studying abroad through Advanced Studies in England in, Bath, England.

Jason Tercha

In May 2013, Jason graduated from The George Washington University with a Master's degree in American Studies. Also, this upcoming November, Jason will be presenting at the D.C Historical Studies Conference in Washington D.C.

Dean Vlahos

Constantine wanted to email you and update you and the rest of the History Department at Gettysburg as to her whereabouts and news. She is finessing up a M.A Degree from the West Chester University of Pennsylvania and will be graduating in May, 2014. It will be a Master's degree in History. Her concentration is in American history. She is currently still teaching full time at Paxon Hollow Middle School, 8th Grade Social Studies, and coaching 8th Grade Girls Soccer and Boys Track and Field. She has done quite a bit of traveling and recently returned from an adventure to the Four Corners Region of the United States. Constantine hopes all is well with you and everyone else at the Gettysburg History Department.

Benjamin S. Jacobs

Benjamin lives at 3435 R Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C 20007, with his fiancé, Neale V. Horner (also class of 2009). In May 2012, he graduated, magna cum laude, from American University Washington College of Law. Since August 2012, he has been clerking for a judge at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. In two weeks, though, he will move to New York, and begin pursuing a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in taxation at New York University School of Law. And in January 2013, he received his license to practice law in the state of New York.

2010

Klara Shives

Klara recently completed a Master of Science in Library Science from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

K. Elizabeth Leamy

Beth is currently working at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C. She recently got engaged to Matt Gross (also class of '10) and they are planning a summer wedding in 2014.



2011

Adam Ganser

Adam just finished 2 years as a High School Geometry teacher. He is accepting a commission as an intelligence officer for the Navy. He starts OCS on the 25th of August.

Jenna Boehm

Jenna is the candidate Sourcing Recruiter for Robert Half International, Accountemps Division. This is a recent career change for me, and she is following her ultimate goal of recruiting, something she had a lot of experience in while she was at Gettysburg.

Ryan Lester

Ryan moved from Atlanta, GA to Oakland, CA in November 2012. He is an employee at AT&T and is volunteering as a Cross Country coach for Skyline High School.

Charles Zange

Charles was admitted to the George Washington University graduate program in Museum Studies. This fall, he will be moving to DC to study collections and collections management. Charles owes everything to the supportive faculty and staff of the History Department at Gettysburg College. This opportunity would never have been available to him without that support. He really can't thank the department enough!

2012

Elizabeth Amrhein

In September, Elizabeth will start as The Peabody Institute of JHU this fall for her Master's degree in Musicology!

Nick Scerbo

Nick is currently working as a history teacher and assistant football coach at Mater die Prep, a high school in Middletown, New Jersey.

Samantha Yeider

Samantha left her job in the US Senator Mark Kirk's office for a position in the US Senate Dailiey Press Gallery as a Media Relations Coordinator in July of this year.

Abbey Waltimire

This fall Abbey will be starting the Master of Science in Social Policy program at the University of Pennsylvania.

2013

Katelyn Stauffer

This August Katelyn has entered her first year of study at Indiana University, where she will be pursuing her Ph.D. in Political Science. She arrived in Bloomington a few weeks ago and has been settling in well.

Kaitlin Reed

Kaitlin was recently accepted into the City Year Greater Philadelphia Program and will be moving to Philadelphia to participate in this amazing AmeriCorps Program.

Rebekah Oakes

Accepted to grad school at West Virginia State University.

Megan Harinski

Megan was accepted at both New York University and Long Island University and will be attending this Fall, earning an MA in Media, Culture, and Communication and an MS in Library and Information Science.

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!

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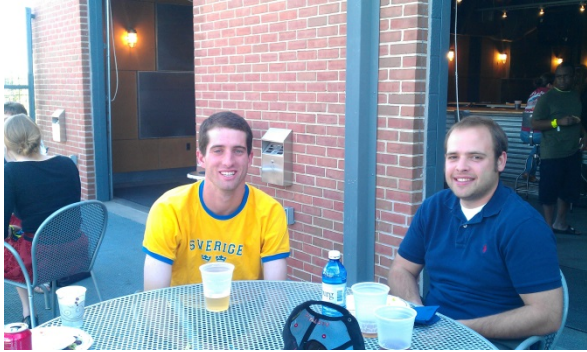
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Prof. Ian Isherwood and Becky Oakes



Christopher Curan and



Amelia Grabowski, Prof. Barbara Sommer, and John Nelson



Nick ? and Prof. Magdalena Sanchez



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May 2013

Congratulations, Class of 2013!



Thomas Knapp, Klaxon Wilson, and



Prof. Ian Isherwood and John Nelson



Prof. Peter Carmichael, who?



Prof. Abou Bamba, who?



Prof. Barbara Sommer and her senior seminar class



Greer Luce and who?



Patrick Sully



Prof. Scott Hancock and Lauren Roedner



Christopher Curan



Erin Richards



John ?



Prof. Michael Birkner and Josh Poorman



Prof. Timothy Shannon and Elizabeth Elliott



Who and Benjamin Flanders



Prof. Dina Lowy, who, and who?



Prof. Magdalena Sanchez and Katelyn?