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Notes From the History Department Chair

by **Timothy Shannon**



Another year has passed by in Weidensall Hall, and all is well with the History Department. The faculty are excited to have new furniture and A/V equipment in the seminar room and a new copy machine in the office. We were less excited about the skunk who got inside the building in late April, and whose presence can still be felt (or smelt?). Less likely to linger are our recently graduated seniors, who are off to start their post-graduate lives. Some are headed to graduate school, some to jobs in business, government, and non-profit agencies, and some are still figuring out their next step. We wish them all well in the years ahead.

There are still a lot of special events going on around Gettysburg to mark the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, but during this past year the History Department also helped host the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, and many of our faculty and students participated in its sessions and programs. In other departmental news, we are pleased to announce that one of our own majors, David Wemer '14, won the American Historical Association's Raymond J. Cunningham Prize for the best article published in an undergraduate journal. You can read more about David's award in this newsletter.

Looking forward to 2014-2015, the History Department will be welcoming a new faculty member. Karim Samji will be coming to Gettysburg to serve as our historian of the Islamic World. Karim received his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan, and he has most recently taught at Iona College in New Rochelle, New York. Also, mark your calendars for this year's History Department Alumni Lecture, which will feature Paul Reber, Executive Director of Stratford Hall, the historic home and birthplace of Robert E. Lee. Paul will be on campus on Wednesday, October 1, for a 4:00pm lecture. We hope you can join us.

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 2014-15.

Sincerely,

Tim Shannon

Faculty News

Abou Bamba



Professor Abou B. Bamba, the Africanist in the History Department, published two articles in peer-reviewed journals during the academic year of 2013-2014. Titled “Transnationalising Decolonisation: The Print Media, American Public Spheres, and France’s Imperial Exit in West Africa,” the first piece appeared in the December 2013 issue of *Journal of Transatlantic Studies*. The second article, “An Unconventional Challenge to Apartheid: The Ivorian Dialogue Diplomacy with South Africa, 1960-1978,” was published in the March 2014 issue of *International Journal of African Historical Studies*. Taking advantage of his sabbatical leave during the spring semester of 2014, Professor Bamba also completed a book manuscript and submitted it to an academic press. For the summer, the Department’s Africanist is bound for France (Paris and Nantes) where he will be conducting preliminary research on a new project that aims at studying French presence in postcolonial Africa. During the same trip, Professor Bamba will gather additional materials for his upcoming course on “France and Sub-Saharan African in Global Context.”

Michael Birkner



Rounding out a quarter century of teaching at Gettysburg College, Michael can reflect back on numerous changes in the history program in that period. Yet its continuing core mission—sharing knowledge, inspiring young minds to indulge their intellectual curiosity and enhance their analytical skills—remains as central to the department as ever.

Highlights of the past year included stepping back into the classroom after a year on sabbatical and publication of two books in 2014, one a collection of essays on the governors of New Jersey, published by Rutgers University Press, the other an oral history of Gettysburg’s only alumnus who served as governor of Pennsylvania—George Leader, ’39. A handsomely illustrated 180-page volume, the Leader volume is published in a limited edition by Musselman Library. Michael’s other publications in 2013-14 included articles on the Carnegie Corporation’s philanthropy in Australia, for a British library and information science journal; an essay on Zachary Taylor and the political crisis of 1850, for a book on antebellum American presidents edited by Cornell University historian Joel Silbey; and an article on the fall of

White House Chief of Staff Sherman Adams in 1958, for the book Scandal! An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Consequences, Outcomes, and Significance of Political Scandals, published by Bloomsbury Press of New York.

Michael delivered several papers at academic conferences during the past year, including one stemming from his work on Australian history. He delivered the keynote address at Rutgers University's Eagleton Institute in November 2013 on "Governing New Jersey," lectured on James Buchanan at the Lancaster County Historical Society, spoke to various Gettysburg College audiences on historical matters, wrote a half dozen book reviews, and produced various reports on scholarly articles and book manuscripts, in addition to dozens of letters of recommendation for Gettysburg students seeking further education.

Michael also continued his labors conducting oral histories with individuals who lived through World War II, as well as with retired Gettysburg College faculty and administrators, among them former President Gordon Haaland, former Provost Baird Tipson, and such individual faculty members as John Commito, Mary Margaret Stewart, and Larry Marschall, among others. Oral history work of Michael's Methods students found its way into a Musselman Library publication, Voices from D-Day, which came out in time for the 70th anniversary of D-Day in June 2014.

In addition to these activities, Michael remains active as a member of the editorial board of Historical New Hampshire and serves on the historians' committee of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission e-history project, which meets semi-annually in Washington to appraise and advise on the construction of a permanent website delineating the life and times of America's 34th president.

Michael is in the eighth year of his service on the Gettysburg Borough Council, currently serving as Council President. He also serves as Vice President of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, and will assume the presidency at its annual meeting in October in Philadelphia, for a two-year term. This role has special meaning because three previous historians from Gettysburg College—Robert Fortenbaugh, Robert Bloom, and Charles Glatfelter—previously served terms as president of this venerable organization.

While Michael can't look forward to another twenty-five years on the history faculty at Gettysburg, he is as enthusiastic starting year number twenty-six as he was when he first began, and ever more proud of a

department that can reasonably claim today to be one the best liberal arts college history departments in the USA.

William Bowman



In the 2013-14 academic year, Bill Bowman taught four different courses: Modern Germany and Europe 1914-1945 in the fall and Modern Russia and a Senior Seminar on Nazism in the spring. As always, he enjoyed working with students in his courses and especially on their research projects. Students in his senior seminar, for example, conducted research in the Library of Congress, at the Army War College, and at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Students in the Europe 1914-1945 class wrote historiographical essays that became the introduction to lengthier term papers. Students in the Russian history class wrote essays on cultural topics in addition to research papers and also followed closely throughout the semester the developments in Ukraine.

In the spring semester, Natalie Sherif, a senior history major, completed a directed readings course with Bill on the history of Nazi medicine. Her work ultimately took her to Auschwitz in the summer of 2014. Several other students in Bill's courses also did research projects that overlapped with their coursework or academic interests at Gettysburg College. In this way, these students were able to complete their "course cluster" as part of their overall undergraduate requirements. As in previous years, Bill also worked with a number of students on applications for graduate schools, law schools, study abroad, and academic grants, including applications for Rhodes, Marshall, and Fulbright scholarships. Many of these applications were successful. For the 2013-14 year, Bill also served as co-chair of the Faculty Personnel Committee, which was a very time-consuming, but vitally important task.

In the past year, Bill finished an essay on "Educating the People in Vienna, 1887-1914," which he will submit to a journal in the summer of 2014. His piece, "Reform Catholicism in Enlightenment Austria," now has to find a new home as the planned volume with Purdue University Press fell through because of financial considerations (the vagaries of academic publishing). In late May, Bill was in Vienna to meet with an international group of scholars who are researching interwar Jewish sports history. While there, he also conducted research in the Austrian National Library and several smaller archives. (In Vienna, he also treated himself to a live performance of *Cirque du Soleil* and an open-air concert performed by the Vienna Philharmonic, with Lang Lang as guest soloist). Finally, Bill is still at work on an article on Hakoah Vienna, a Jewish sports organization in interwar Austria.

Bill's children continue to do well: Lucas is studying music, language, and history while abroad in Tokyo Japan (he will return in August 2014); Matias completed his junior year of high school and is already busy playing summer basketball games; and Angela, the precocious ten-year old, still loves to read, sing, dance, swim, and watch fireflies in the summer.

Scott Hancock



In addition to writing a few more book reviews, Scott Hancock was invited to lecture at an NEH workshop for elementary and secondary school teachers and at the Richard Bartol Jr., Conference for Educators, deliver a lecture at the Washington Theological Consortium 41st Convocation, participate in a panel at the 2014 SHEAR conference in Philadelphia, referee an article for the *William and Mary Quarterly*, participate in a few radio interviews for the 150th commemoration of the Gettysburg Address, and speak at the United States Colored Troops Dedication Day Ceremony Gettysburg National Cemetery. Most memorable were Hancock's work with the students of the campus chapter of Free the Slaves, facilitating an Allies discussion about the documentary *God Loves Uganda*, and spending five days with the Garthwait Leadership students in Kansas and Arkansas.

Dina Lowy



No update at this time.

Magdalena Sanchez



During the 2013-14 academic year, Magdalena Sánchez taught Renaissance and Reformation, Spain and the New World, and Historical Methods (for the second time). She particularly enjoyed teaching Methods again, especially having her students work on a project involving the letters of John Kinnear, a Washington and Lee student who served in the Army Ambulance Corp in the First World War. Kinnear's letters are housed in Special Collections in Musselman library and the students were able to look at and transcribe the originals. One of our senior history majors, Dori Gorczyca, processed the collection, wrote a brief guide to the letters, and selected several of the letters to be digitalized. Readers of this newsletter can see the digitalized version of Kinnear's letters at the GettDigital site on the Special Collections page of Musselman Library.

Magdalena continues actively to pursue her own research on Catalina Micaela, daughter of Philip II of Spain. Her essay, "“Lord of My Soul”: The Letters of Catalina Micaela, Duchess of Savoy, to her Husband, Carlo Emanuele I," was published in *Early Modern Habsburg Women: Transnational Contexts, Cultural Conflicts, Dynastic Continuities* (Ashgate 2013). (The essay has been uploaded to the Cupola on the Gettysburg Library's website if you're interested in reading it.) She has also been hard at work co-editing a volume – *Dynastic Marriages and Cultural Transfer in Early Modern Europe* – with Joan Lluís Palos of the University of Barcelona. Her essay, "“She Grows Careless”: The Infanta Catalina Micaela and Spanish Etiquette at the Court of Savoy," will appear in the volume, which Ashgate will publish in 2015.

In March 2014 Magdalena travelled to Japan for the first time to visit her son Lucas who was studying in Tokyo for the academic year. She thoroughly enjoyed her trip, visiting Hakone (the starting point for ascending Mt. Fuji), Kyoto, and Tokyo, where as luck would have it she was able to visit an exhibit about a Japanese samurai, Hasekura Tsunenaga, who led the first recorded Japanese diplomatic mission to Europe and was even baptized at the court of Philip III of Spain. Even in Japan, Magdalena can't get too far away from Spanish history.

Unfortunately the 2014-15 academic year won't bring another trip to Japan, but it will bring a research trip to Spain. She has been invited to deliver a lecture at the Universidad Complutense (Madrid) in October 2014.

Timothy Shannon



Tim had a productive year of teaching and writing. He enjoyed getting back into the classroom after his sabbatical in Fall 2012, and taught courses on the American Revolution, Native American History, and his senior seminar (Pennsylvania's Indians). As always, the senior seminar featured a field trip to the collections and archaeology lab at the Pennsylvania State Museum in Harrisburg, but this time they also enjoyed a field trip closer to home, spending some time in Special Collections examining the College's own growing collection of captivity narratives. Tim was also glad to mentor two students' special projects this year: Shaw Bridges '15 presented a paper on the aftermath of the Salem witch trials at the regional Phi Alpha Theta meeting at Shippensburg University, and Adam Messenlehner '14 presented a version of his senior thesis at the Undergraduate Research Seminar at the McNeill Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. In Fall 2014, Tim will teach a new First Year Seminar on *Moby Dick* and the history of American whaling.

On the publication front, this past year brought two book projects into print for Tim: *American Odysseys: A History of Colonial North America*, co-authored with David Gellman of DePauw University, was published by Oxford University Press, and *The Seven Years' War in North America: A Brief History with Documents* appeared in the American History and Culture Series published by Bedford/St. Martin's Press. Tim continues to plug away on his biography of eighteenth-century Indian captive Peter Williamson, and he looks forward to spending some time in London archives this summer tracking down more details about his fascinating life in America and Britain.

Barbara Sommer



Barbara A. Sommer, Associate Professor of History, has been named the next Edwin T. Johnson and Cynthia Shearer Johnson Chair for Distinguished Teaching in the Humanities at Gettysburg College, a position she will hold for the next three years.

Last fall Professor Sommer taught her First Year Seminar, *Cultural Perspectives on the Body*, in which students explored the ways in which different cultures find personhood, identity, and sociality through their physical presence, appearance, and interrelations. Students looked at theories of origin and conception, the assignation of race and gender categories, and death and the post-mortem body. Lighter topics included voluntary amputation, incarceration and

surveillance, and UFO abductions. Prof. Sommer also enjoyed teaching Hist-106 *The Atlantic World 1600-1850* and introducing students to the College's Stuckenberg Collection of antique maps. Each student used these maps to explore some aspect of the period's changing intellectual and political climate. Spring semester courses included *Colonial Latin American History* and *Social Difference in Brazilian History*.

As for publications, Prof. Sommer's essay "The Amazonian Native Nobility in Late-Colonial Pará," was published in *Native Brazil: Beyond the Cannibal and the Convert, 1500-1899* (University of New Mexico Press, 2014) and she reviewed Mariza de Carvalho Soares' *People of Faith: Slavery and African Catholics in Eighteenth-Century Rio de Janeiro* for the *Journal of Latin American Studies*. Barbara continues to serve the profession as an assistant editor for *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Latin American History*.

Last year's highlights included Barbara's return to the classroom as a student in the English department. There she joined other Gettysburg students in Dusty Smith's *Introduction to Creative Writing*, where they were challenged to write non-fiction, a short story, poetry, and a screenplay.

Allen Guelzo (Civil War Era Studies)



Allen C. Guelzo completed his tenth year as Director of the Civil War Era Studies program. His book on the battle of Gettysburg, *Gettysburg: The Last Invasion*, was awarded the inaugural Guggenheim-Lehrman Prize in Military History, the Lincoln Prize (jointly with Martin P. Johnson), the Fletcher Pratt Award of the New York City Round Table, and the Richard Harwell Award of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table. He has had a much-travelled year, including speaking at Ohio Wesleyan University, Saginaw Valley State University, the Lawrenceville School, the Hill School, Washington & Lee University, Emory University, Colgate University, the St. Albans School, and Rochester Institute of Technology. He was featured, along with Peter Carmichael, as a commentator in Chris Wheeler's PBS series, *The Civil War: The Untold Story*. He is now in the process of turning his 2012 Nathan Huggins Lectures into a book for Harvard University Press, *Redeeming the Great Emancipator*, writing a new volume in Oxford University Press's 'Very Short Introductions' series on Reconstruction, and preparing a new DVD lecture course on the Founders and the Constitution for The Teaching Company.



Peter Carmichael (Civil War Institute)



During the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, Professor Carmichael helped organize two major conferences at Gettysburg College. *The Future of Civil War History: Looking Beyond the 150th* was a special anniversary event held from March 14-16, 2013, which drew more than 450 attendees from all walks of the historical profession as well as members of the general public. The following June the Civil War Institute's annual conference opened to record numbers. Many of the presentations can be seen on C-Span's American History TV, including Professor Carmichael's live call-in show from Gettysburg National Park on the final evening of the anniversary. He has also appeared in Smithsonian's recent documentary entitled *Civil War 360*.

Professor Carmichael continues to co-edit the *Civil War America* Series, published by the University of North Carolina Press, and he serves on the editorial board of *The Journal of the Civil War Era*. He is putting the finishing touches on his manuscript *The War for the Common Soldier*, which is under contract with the University of North Carolina Press and to be part of the *Littlefield History of the Civil War Era*.

Jill Ogline Titus (Civil War Institute)



In Fall 2013, Jill once again enjoyed the opportunity to teach the department's Introduction to Public History course. She and her students tromped field, forest, and museum, examining both popular and professional interpretations of history in public settings. She developed a new class for Spring 2014, *The Modern Black Freedom Struggle*, which explored the twentieth-century African-American struggle for equal rights from the bottom up, examining the complex interactions between activists, observers, and obstructionists and the relationship between local action and national/global politics.

Jill also continued to work with students in a variety of outside-the-classroom ways, overseeing the placement of 17 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. She also mentored two independent research projects in 2013-14, a Mellon fellowship exploring the relationship between

Christianity and white supremacy and an International Bridge Course project comparing museum interpretations of poverty and welfare in the US and the UK.

Jill's first book, *Brown's Battleground: Students, Segregationists and the Struggle for Justice in Prince Edward County, Virginia* (UNC, 2011), was released in paperback in Summer 2014, and her article, "An Unfinished Struggle: Sesquicentennial Interpretations of Slavery and Emancipation" appeared in the June 2014 issue of *Journal of the Civil War Era*. In March, Jill participated in a roundtable discussion about the productive value of failure at the annual meeting of the National Council on Public History (she's now afraid to include this presentation in her CV), and authored a piece on the Cold War and civil rights dimensions of Gettysburg's monuments for NCPH's blog, *History@Work*. Over the course of the year, she also gave several presentations to teachers and spoke at the Robert R. Moton Museum and Gettysburg's Seminary Ridge Museum.

On a personal note, Jill and her husband Sean welcomed their son Josiah into the world in November 2013. He's kept them quite busy ever since.

Ian Isherwood (Civil War Institute)

No update at this time.



Summer 2014 Pohanka Internships



Under the auspices of the CWI's Brian C. Pohanka Internship program, eighteen Gettysburg College students will spend the summer of 2014 on the frontlines of history. Selected students will offer walking tours and interpretive programs at some of the nation's best-known Civil War sites, gain hands-on experience in exhibit design, learn archival management and cataloguing, lead education programs, and work on multimedia projects.

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 for the summer.

The following students have been selected as 2014 Pohanka Interns:

- Abby Rolland '15, **Stratford Hall: Home of the Lees of Virginia & Birthplace of Robert E. Lee** (Stratford, Virginia)
- Elizabeth Smith '17, **Andersonville National Historic Site** (Andersonville, Georgia)
- Elizabeth Steinhour '15, Ashley Lookenhouse '17, and Matthew LaRoche '17, **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park** (Harpers Ferry, West Virginia)
- Jordan Cinderich '15, **Gettysburg National Military Park** (Gettysburg, Pennsylvania)
- Stephany Harrington '15, **Seminary Ridge Museum** (Gettysburg, Pennsylvania)
- Melanie Fernandes '16, **Boston African American National Historic Site** (Boston, Massachusetts)
- Jacob Ross '15 and Sophia Vayansky '16, **Appomattox National Historical Park** (Appomattox, Virginia)
- Rebecca Duffy '16, **Petersburg National Battlefield** (Petersburg, Virginia)
- Tyler Leard '16, **Richmond National Battlefield Park** (Richmond, Virginia)
- Sean Hough '16, **Manassas National Battlefield Park** (Manassas, Virginia)
- Thomas Nank '16, **Antietam National Battlefield** (Sharpsburg, Maryland)
- Bryan Caswell '15, **Special Collections & College Archives, Musselman Library** (Gettysburg, Pennsylvania)
- Megan McNish '16, Meg Sutter '16, and Emma Murphy '15, **Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park** (Fredericksburg, Virginia)

Fortenbaugh Lecture, 2014



[The 53rd Annual Robert Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecture will be held on November 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Gettysburg College's Majestic Theater.](#)

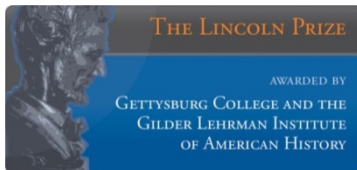
Nina Silber has taught in both the History Department and the American and New England Studies Program since coming to Boston University in 1990. Her research and teaching focus on the US Civil War, US women's history, and the history of the American South, and she offers classes for both undergraduates and graduate students. On occasion she has also offered team-taught classes that explore the history and literature of the South. Her books include *The Romance of Reunion: Northerners and the South, 1865-1900* (1993); *Divided Houses: Gender and the Civil War* (1992); *Daughters of the Union: Northern Women Fight the Civil War* (2005); and *Gender and the Sectional Conflict* (2009). She has been the recipient of numerous grants, including the Charles Warren Fellowship at Harvard University, a Fulbright Senior Lectureship at Charles University in Prague,

and a Senior Research Fellowship through the Boston University Humanities Foundation. Aside from her teaching and research, Professor Silber has also worked on numerous public history projects, ranging from museum exhibitions at the Gettysburg National Military Park to film projects on the Civil War and Reconstruction eras.

Professor Silber is currently researching a new project that examines the various ways the Civil War was remembered, memorialized, and invoked in the years of the Great Depression and New Deal.

2014 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize Recognizes Guelzo, Johnson and Spielberg

(Video: [Steven Spielberg accepts the 2014 Lincoln Prize](#))



The 2014 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize, which includes an award of \$50,000, went to co-winners Allen C. Guelzo of Gettysburg College, for "Gettysburg: The Last Invasion," (Alfred A. Knopf) and Martin P. Johnson of Miami University Hamilton, for "Writing the Gettysburg Address" (University Press of Kansas). Steven Spielberg also received a Special Achievement Award for the movie "Lincoln," released in 2012, which won two Academy Awards, was nominated for twelve and grossed over \$275 million worldwide.



The Prize is awarded by Gettysburg College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The winners were chosen from 114 nominations. Guelzo and Johnson each received \$25,000 and a bronze replica of Augustus Saint-Gaudens's life-size bust, "Lincoln the Man" in a ceremony April 24 in New York City. Spielberg's Special Achievement Award will be the first ever in the 24-year history of the Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize.

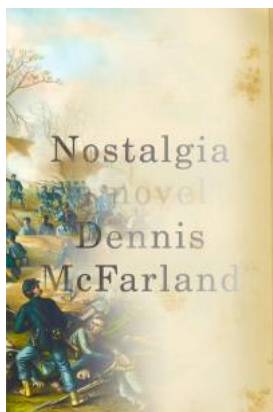
The Prize was co-founded in 1990 by businessmen and philanthropists Richard Gilder and Lewis Lehrman, co-chairmen of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in New York and co-creators of the Gilder Lehrman Collection, one of the largest private archives of documents and artifacts in the nation. The Institute is devoted to history education, supporting history theme schools, teacher training, digital archives, curriculum development, exhibitions and publications, and the national History Teacher of the Year Award program.

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.](#)



Dennis McFarland wins the 2014 Shaara Prize for Civil War Fiction

This stunning Civil War novel from best-selling author Dennis McFarland chronicles the journey of a nineteen-year-old Union soldier abandoned by his comrades in the Wilderness, who is struggling to regain his voice, his identity, and his place in a world utterly changed by what he has experienced on the battlefield.

Organizations, Events, Etc.



By President Robert "Shaw" Bridges



This spring, Phi Alpha Theta members continued to promote historical inquiry across campus, attending lectures, thesis presentations, and college sponsored events. Several members also presented papers at regional and national undergraduate academic conferences. The highlight of this semester was our initiation ceremony and luncheon with the department faculty in the Pennsylvania Hall Lyceum, at which students were encouraged to discuss graduate programs and career opportunities with their mentors and peers. This fall, Phi Alpha Theta will continue to develop connections with other campus organizations and academic departments, and foster student scholarship on and off campus.

History Department News



David Wemer '14 wins the American Historical Association's 2013 Raymond J. Cunningham Prize

David Wemer '14, has won the American Historical Association's 2013 Raymond J. Cunningham Prize for the best article published by an undergraduate in a history department journal. David's article, "Europe's Little Tiger?: Reassessing Economic Transitions in Slovakia under the Meciar Government, 1993-1998" appeared in the department's *Gettysburg Historical Journal*.

Pictured left to right: Tim Shannon, chair of the History Department; Katie Quirin, co-editor of the *Gettysburg Historical Journal*, Wemer; Allie Ward, co-editor of the *Journal*; and Bill Bowman, David's faculty mentor.

[Read more about David Wemer & his story](#)

[Read David's article in The Cupola & Gettysburg Historical Journal](#)



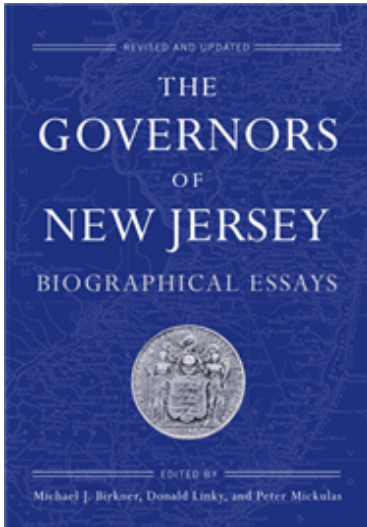
Bryan Caswell '15 wins the 2014 Hardinge Award for Early American History

History Department Chair Timothy Shannon congratulates Bryan Caswell, Class of 2015, From Wilton, CT, Winner of the 2014 Hardinge Award for Early American History, Given by the Hardinge Family Foundation. Bryan intends to pursue graduate study in American History and a career as a college professor.

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.

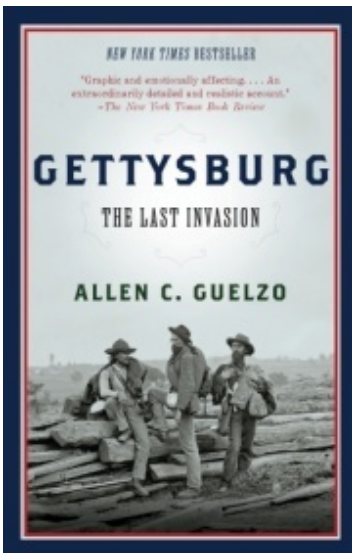
Book Notes

By Michael Birkner



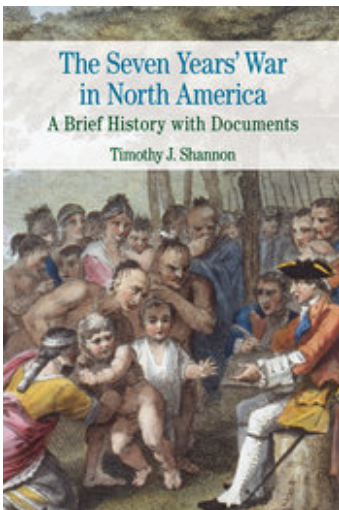
Michael Birkner has co-edited *The Governors of New Jersey: Biographical Essays*, for Rutgers University Press (2014). The book is a revised and expanded edition of a work first published in 1982. *The Governors of New Jersey* includes an introduction on the governors' office and essays on each of the individuals who have served as governor since 1664, when East and West Jersey were organized as proprietary colonies of the British Empire. Truth in advertising: there's no essay on Chris Christie, as it seemed premature to evaluate someone still in office.

By Allen Guelzo



Gettysburg: The Last Invasion was released in paperback in February as part of the Vintage Civil War Library. Since its initial publication in May 2013, *Gettysburg: The Last Invasion* has garnered the Guggenheim-Lehrman Prize in Military History, the Lincoln Prize, the Fletcher Pratt Award of the New York Civil War Round Table, and the Richard Harwell Award of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table.

By Timothy Shannon



The Seven Years' War in North America: A Brief History with Documents (Bedford/St. Martin's Press): published in Bedford/St. Martin's highly regarded American History and Culture series, this book gives readers an overview of the most significant war of the colonial era, along with primary source readings selected from personal journals, captivity narratives, Indian treaties and councils, and a variety of other documents.

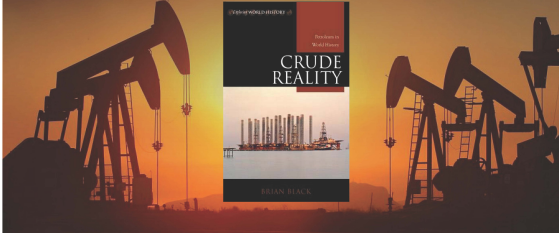
History Lecture Series

Spring Lecture, 2014

THE GETTYSBURG COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
presents

Brian C. Black '88
*Head, Division of Arts and Humanities
Professor of History and Environmental Studies
Penn State Altoona*

***"Tapping the 1970s Oil Crisis:
Recent History and the Challenge of
Discerning Energy Transitions"***



Building off his recent book *Crude Reality: Petroleum in World History*, Black explores the meaning of the 1970s Oil Crisis forty years later. While speaking to the general challenges of studying recent historical events, Black's lecture will also place petroleum within the general patterns of world history in order to explore our contemporary energy conundrum. He argues that America's current energy transition forces us to reconcile "green thought" with new considerations of national security and even to revisit our very definition of terms such as "energy" and "oil."

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014 · 4:00 P.M.
COLLEGE UNION BUILDING, ROOM 260

Gettysburg
COLLEGE

Fall Lecture, 2014

by Executive Director of Stratford Hall, Paul Reber '82

Breidenbaugh Hall, Joseph Theater

October 1, 2014

4-5:30pm

Alumni News

Class of 2014

Angela Badore: Angela Badore is currently the Holley Intern at Musselman library, so back at Gettysburg once more!

Elizabeth Thomasian: Elizabeth Thomasian is currently in a Full Time MAT program at Hopkins for Elementary Education. She started her program in June and will graduate in May 2015. She is also doing an internship through her program at Patterson Park Public Charter School in Baltimore City in a fourth grade classroom. She loves the kids and the program so far. She is very excited to become a teacher and have her own classroom by next fall.

Class of 2013

Sam Holmes: Sam Holmes is currently serving in the Peace Corps as a literacy tutor in Jamaica. Sam is living with a host family in a small, rural community and working at the local primary school. Sam is doing small group pull out sessions with the worst performing students to help them improve their literacy and numeracy skills. Sam completed two months of in-country training in May and plans to live and work in the community for the full term of service until May 2016.

John Nelson: John Nelson is currently working for his Alma Mater in the Office of Annual Giving, where he advises the Senior Class Gift Committee, coordinates the Phonathon, and works specifically with student development and programming. While he is enjoying his time at Gettysburg, he has plans to go back to graduate school soon.

Tricia Runzel: In May 2015, Tricia Runzel will complete her master's degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in Museum Studies.

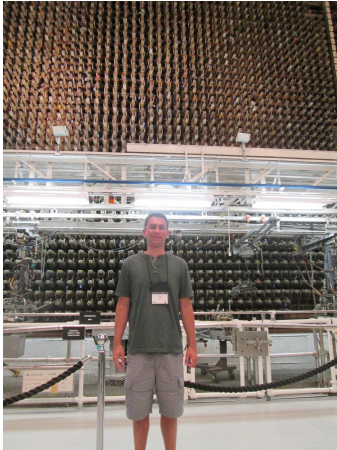
Class of 2012

Anna Maria Charalambous: Anna Maria Charalambous is currently en route to becoming a fixed income, portfolio, and auxiliary program specialist at Bloomberg LP in New York, NY. She also just started attending Pace University and is pursuing her Masters in Education to apply what she learns in the workplace to the classroom.

Caitlin Kaltenbach: For the past year, Caitlin Kaltenbach has been working towards her MS in Higher Education. She will receive her degree from Drexel University in August 2015. Ms. Kaltenbach currently serves as an Academic Coordinator at Drexel University College of Medicine in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professional Studies.

Daniel Willever: Daniel Willever is currently teaching United States history at Ramsey High School in Ramsey, New Jersey. This year he was accepted as one of 40 participants in the National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks Seminar "Atomic West, Atomic World." For one week in July, he traveled to Washington state to study the political, social, economic, and environmental

effects of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. The highlight of the trip was touring the B Reactor, now a National Historic Landmark, which produced the plutonium for Fat Man, the bomb that was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan in August of 1945, ending World War II. Although this facility ceased operation in 1966, the lingering effects of such technology are still present locally and around the world.



Class of 2011

Kelley Baer: In July, Kelley Baer relocated to Melbourne, Australia for graduate school. She is currently in her first semester of study for my Master's in International Relations at the University of Melbourne.

Jenna Boehm: Jenna Boehm recently transitioned back from the agency world to the corporate world and is currently at Remy Cointreau USA as the Human Resources Coordinator at the US Headquarters in New York City.

Adam Ganser: Adam Ganser is currently in the Navy, stationed on the USS PELELIU out of Sasebo Japan.

Ryan Lester: He spent the first half of the year traveling the United States by Amtrak and was able to visit over 25 cities in almost 20 states. He is now working at an education technology start-up (Versal) helping them to build their sales team.

Elizabeth Ungemach: Elizabeth Ungemach spent this past summer as an accessions intern at the Lilly Library at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN and archiving raw footage taken by Indianapolis's public television station. She is now entering the third and final year of her dual degree program in Public History and Library Science. This year, she is interning at the Indiana Historical Bureau, the state agency responsible for maintaining the state historical marker program.

Class of 2010

Jennifer Giambrone: Jennifer Giambrone started graduate school over the summer and will be pursuing a Master's degree in Public History from American University in Washington, DC. She will

continue to work at History Associates during school, and has received a research fellowship from AU for her work at the company.

Alexander Lopez-Wilson: Alexander Lopez will be married to Kathryn Dicken in Jackson Hole, Wyoming on October 12th. The two met in Park City, Utah and have moved full time back to Jackson.

Class of 2009

Joseph J. Cook: In the past year, Joseph Cook joined the editorial board of the *Saber and Scroll Journal of History*, has been recognized as the author of the top paper at the 2013 Symposium on 19th Century Press at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, completed his master's degree in history, and begun a job as a teacher of US History (regular and AP) and Civics at the Wayne Country Day School in Goldsboro, NC.

Sara Flint: Currently Sara Flint is at Lehigh University, starting her fourth year, preparing for her comprehensive exams for a PhD in American history.

Jay Hagerman: He is an attorney that works at the law firm of Ekker, Kuster, McCall & Epstein, LLP north of Pittsburgh.

Allison Heinbaugh: Allison graduated from the University of Maryland with a Masters in Library Science. She now works for Colonial Williamsburg as a reference librarian.

Jason Tercha: Jason Tercha has presented historical papers at the DC Historical Studies Conference (November 2013) and the Virginia Forum (March 2014).

Class of 2007

Jameson Calitri: Jameson Calitri just started JD/MBA program at Northeastern University. His expected graduation date is 2017

Jeff Parkinson: Jeff Parkinson is still teaching history at Hopewell Valley Central High School in Pennington NJ. Currently he is in my second year at Villanova University working towards a Masters in American History.

Class of 2005

Molly Gale: Molly Gale is entering her tenth year teaching in a school district in metro-Detroit, but this year, she is excited to be working in a new program for gifted students that integrates the visual and performing arts with early United States history. It gives her the chance to do even more hands-on activities, and she has the opportunity to take our students on a variety of field trips in Michigan, culminating in a trip to Washington, D.C. in the spring. She still travels quite a bit during her time off, and this past summer, she took a road trip out West to visit four national parks.

Class of 2002

Edward Ammarell: In 2002, Edward Ammarell retired as an 8th grade American History teacher in Owen J. Roberts School District. The school has named an award after him for a student that has a deep understanding and love for American History.

Class of 2001

Christina (Dickert) Fattore: Cristina Fattore was recently promoted with tenure and is now an associate professor of political science at West Virginia University. She is currently working on a book project, regarding how Latin American countries' relationship with the US affect their utilization of the World Trade Organization. When she is not working, she enjoys the outdoors of West Virginia with her husband, Andrew, and their two year old son, Leo.

Class of 1998

Marybeth (Korejko) Danowski: Marybeth Danowski has started her sixteenth year teaching History at Maple Shade High School. She continues to advise the school's History Club, which she organized. The History Club's main activity is participating in the Burlington County YMCA Model United Nations program held in Hershey, PA every January. On a personal note, she and Douglas Danowski ('95) are expecting their fourth child in November. Sisters, Sammie, Maddie, and Kimmie are excited for his/her arrival.

Brent Hege: Brent continues to teach in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Butler University in Indianapolis. He recently founded the Butler Religionists, a student organization dedicated to the study of religion and culture, and he was selected by last year's senior class to be their baccalaureate faculty speaker. Away from the classroom he brews delicious beer and ferments hard cider from an antique press.

Class of 1995

Chris Hart: Chris Hart has been living in Melbourne, Australia for five years. He has received his Masters in Teaching and was appointed Head of Humanities at Yarra Valley Grammar School for next year. In addition, Chris has spoken at several regional history teachers' conferences on creativity and literacy.

Class of 1994

Chris Gold: Chris Gold is currently in his 20th year teaching overall and his 14th year at Saint Xavier High School in Louisville, KY. He teaches World Civilization and also AP US History (where his students have averaged a 4.1 on the APUSH exam). He is also the head powerlifting coach and in his 22nd year coaching.

Class of 1993

Joseph D. Lipchitz: Joseph Lipchitz is a litigation partner at Mintz Levin in Boston. He joined the firm in 2000 after serving as a military prosecutor in the U.S. Army. He currently lives in Needham with his wife and two kids (Owen and Danika).

Class of 1991

Thomas Moore: Thomas Moore lives in Bucks County, PA with his partner Steven and works for U.S. Trust, Bank of America Corporation, where he manages a team of trust professionals who work with institutional non-profit clients providing comprehensive fiduciary and administrative services for endowments and planned giving programs. When he's not doing that, he is actively involved with the Reading Buccaneers Drum & Bugle Corps.

Class of 1989

Rick Krause: Rick Krause was selected the "2014 Volunteer of the Year" for the Borough of Magnolia, New Jersey and is the Chairman of the Borough's 100th Anniversary Committee. He has been a Social Studies/History teacher in the Haddon Heights Public School District for 23 years and currently is teaching 7th grade Geography. In addition, he is a church organist and choir director at Lord of Life Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Tabernacle, New Jersey. He and his wife, Kim, have four children (Rebecca, Caroline, Emily, and Andrew).

Class of 1980

Eileen Maffei: This year Eileen Maffei will be teaching Family and Consumer Science at Hillcrest Middle School in Trumbull, CT. She is excited to make this change following 12 years of teaching U.S. history.

Class of 1975

Joyce Wessel Raezer: Joyce Wessel Raezer continues in her position as Executive Director of the National Military Family Association (www.militaryfamily.org) serving as an advocate for military families and a translator for civilians about the issues affecting our military families today.

Class of 1974

James Wohlsen: In June of 2014 James Wohlsen published the novel [Call Forth the Better Angels](#).

Class of 1973

Kathleen A. Frederick: Kathleen Frederick was appointed by Alaska's Governor, Sean Parnell, to serve as Chief Administrative Law Judge for the State of Alaska on May 5, 2014. As Chief Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings, Judge Frederick manages the state's administrative law judges who serve in either Juneau or Anchorage, Alaska. The Office of Administrative hearings hears cases in sixty-six different subject areas which arise from appeal from executive branch agency decisions.

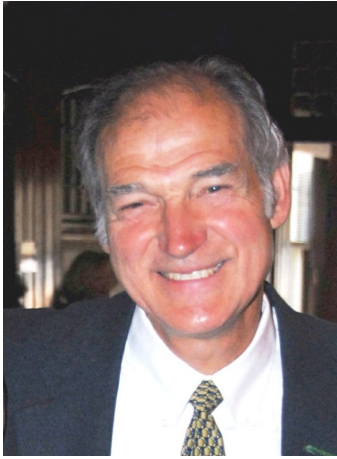
Class of 1972

Brad Hunt: Brad Hunt has taken a position on the board of trustees of the Association for a Buffalo Presidential

Carl Witmeyer: Carl Witmeyer recently completed a seven year term on the Board of Governors for the Family Law Section of the Virginia State Bar. His wife, Linda and he have three children and their youngest child, Wes Witmeyer, recently graduated from The Appalachian School of law and sat for the Virginia State Bar at the end of July, 2014 in Roanoke, Virginia. Hopefully he will join The Witmeyer Law Firm in Novemeber, 2014, as a young attorney specializing in criminal defense work.

Class of 1969

Stephen Nelson: Stephen Nelson's fifth book, College Presidents Reflect: Life in and out of the Ivory Tower, was published in December of 2013.



Class of 1968

Gary Graham: Gary Graham lives half the year in Canada and half in the states. Candanians have not been reluctant to remind us that they won the war of 1812. He is enjoying retirement and his 43 years in the YMCA put Weidensall Hall in a total different light.

Class of 1960

Paul Spring: From 1965 to 1988 Paull Spring served as Lutheran pastor of three different congregations in western Pennsylvania and in 1988 was called to serve as bishop of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In 2009 he was called to be the first bishop of the newly-formed North American Lutheran Church. Presently retired, he continues to serve as convenor for the Joint Commission on Theology and Doctrine of the NALC and as a member of the Board of Regents for the North American Lutheran Seminary.

Class of 1956

Ralph T. Werley: Ralph Werley has been retired from teaching and school administration for over 25 years in California. He and his wife are still active by reading and attending lectures at their local Chapman University, the same institution that he received my Master's Degree.

Dawn Zukswert Smith: Dawn Zukswert Smith continues to enjoy her retirement from teaching history in Madison.

Class of 1955

Barron (Bott) Maberry: Barron Maberry recently celebrated his 80th birthday with a 5 day “lots o’ Botts” cruise with his family.

Class of 1953

Barbara S. King: Barbara King became a homemaker and worked part time in various areas. She does participate in continuing education through a program at Wilson College.

Class of 1951

William R. Rock: At age 84 William Rock is still alive and well, living in Bowling Green, Ohio, having retired from teaching Modern European History at Bowling Green State University for 35 years in 1993.

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