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Notes From the History Department Chair

by Timothy Shannon



It has been a quiet year in the History Department, which is probably a good sign. Among the faculty, we welcomed Professor Karim Samji as our new historian of the Islamic World, and we celebrated promotion to the rank of full professor for Professors Magdalena Sanchez and Barbara Sommer. In March, Professor Scott Hancock helped students organize and host a meeting of Free the Slaves, a new organization made up of historians and students who study slavery in contemporary and historical settings and raise awareness about it as a global issue. Elsewhere in the halls of Weidensall, faculty continued to teach their courses, advise students, and plug away on their research projects, while students attended their classes and thought about their futures. If you are interested in learning what kind of history our students are studying and writing these days, look for the latest editions of our two student journals, the *Gettysburg Historical Journal* and the *Journal of the Civil War Era*, both available through the History Department's web site by clicking on the link for Faculty and Student Research (or, send us a request for a paper copy of either journal and we will mail it to you, as long as supplies last).

If you follow the news in American higher education, then you know that the past year has seen lots of articles published about the "crisis of the Humanities" on college campuses, as students abandon traditional majors for ones that they think will land them better jobs after graduation. The number of History majors at other institutions may be declining, but here at Gettysburg it is going strong. Over the past several years, we have been graduating about fifty majors annually, which places us within the top three or four majors at Gettysburg (along with Political Science, Psychology, and Economics). Many of our majors leave Gettysburg for graduate study in teaching, museum studies and public history, library and information science, and law. Others continue to find employment in business, government, and the non-profit sector. Please do keep us posted on your adventures in the "real world," and if you have experiences or expertise to share with our current undergraduates, get in touch so we can have you speak at Career Night or Graduate School Night.

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 2015-16.

Sincerely,

Tim Shannon

Faculty News

Abou Bamba



This past academic year was the fifth for Professor Abou B. Bamba. Taking advantage of his sabbatical leave during the spring semester of 2014, he completed a book manuscript which is now under contract with Ohio University Press and will appear in the publisher's New African Histories series. In addition, Prof. Bamba developed two new courses: "France and Sub-Saharan African in Global Context," which was taught in the History Department (Fall 2014) and "Africa in Fiction, History, and Memory," which will be taught in Fall 2015 in the Africana Studies Program. Over the Winter Break (Dec. 2014/Jan. 2015), he served as Faculty Mentor for the Gettysburg College Immersion Trip to Alabama.

Michael Birkner



2014-15 marked Michael Birkner's 25th year in the History Department at Gettysburg, not counting a fill-in year for Bruce Bugbee (on medical leave) back in 1978-79. *Tempus fugit*. It was a busy and productive year on various counts for Professor Birkner, who continues to teach Historical Methods every term. This year marked the close of a project that Birkner launched back in 1990—interviews with individuals who lived through World War II. More than 800 of these interviews, which include recordings, transcripts, and in some cases, memorabilia and photos—have been archived in Musselman Library. When the library find the resources to do so, the plan is to digitize both the recordings and the transcripts so that these often remarkable stories can be accessed from computers across the globe.

Michael's scholarly work over the past year included publication of a piece on the New Jersey governorship in New

Jersey Studies, an on-line interdisciplinary journal published by a consortium of colleges in the Garden State. He also wrote an essay on James Buchanan's foreign policy for the Dictionary of American History volume on America in the World, 1776 to the Present, to be published next year by Scribner's. He also collaborated with Devin McKinney of Musselman Library on a book of reminiscences about Dwight Eisenhower, which appeared in conjunction with Ike's 125th birthday anniversary. This, and the usual run of scholarly papers, book reviews, and referee work for academic presses, as well as service as a consulting historian for the electronic website of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission.

Michael's 2013 book on James Buchanan and the Coming of the Civil War was released this past year in paperback from the University Press of Florida. As a result, Michael and his co-editor, John Quist of Shippensburg University, gave several joint lectures in different venues and were interviewed on WITF's "Smart Talk" as well as the Pennsylvania Cable Network's book program hosted by Brian Lockman.

Michael's oral history work continued along a broad front, including a seven part series with former Gettysburg College Provost Baird Tipson, and ongoing interviews with former President Gordon Haaland, as well as interviews with WWII vets, the current mayor of Gettysburg, Bill Troxell '50, and a distinguished Lehigh University historian, the latter for an on-line publication of the Pennsylvania Historical Association.

Michael has launched a new book project, an illustrated history of the Eisenhower Farm in Gettysburg, in collaboration with retired site historian Carol Hegeman, '73, and Kevin Lavery, '16.

From a service standpoint, Michael continued his labors as President of the Borough Council. He will retire from those duties at the close of 2015 after more than eight years of service. In July he stepped down after six years on the Board of the Lancaster County Historical Society (Lancasterhistory.org). He continues, however, to serve as President of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, and on the executive council of the Australian/New Zealand American Studies Association of North America, and on the editorial board of Historical New Hampshire, the quarterly scholarly journal of the New Hampshire Historical Society.

Michael wrote many recommendations for Gburg students and alumni for graduate and professional school in the past year, and was pleased to see a number of those alums admitted to the programs of their choice.

Two final notes: Michael was recognized at Commencement with the Gettysburg College award for Distinguished Teaching; and he accepted appointment as the College Marshal, which means he will wield the college baton at Commencement and academic convocations.

William Bowman



In the 2014-15 academic year, Bill Bowman taught five different courses: Modern Britain, Post-1945 European History, and a First-Year Seminar on Sports History in the fall and Modern Germany and Nineteenth-Century Europe in the spring. He enjoyed working with students from a wide variety of disciplines and backgrounds. There were many highlights in the academic year, including an in-class debate on the British Empire of the 1920s and 30s, an in-class debate on several issues of post-45 European history, and a visit to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC in April. As always, Bill focused considerable attention on research projects in all of his classes; in several of them students also made presentations based on their work. Students in his 300-level classes wrote historiographical essays that became the introduction to lengthier term papers. Students in the German history class wrote essays on cultural topics in addition to research papers. The sports history seminar featured many presentations from several guests discussing topics such as Title IX and gender balance in intercollegiate athletics and hooligan culture in British soccer. In the summer of 2015, Bill will be revising his sports history course in order to create hopefully a 200-level version of it for the department and college.

Several students in Bill's courses also did research projects that overlapped with their coursework or other academic interests at Gettysburg College. In this way, these students were able to complete their "course cluster" as part of their overall undergraduate requirements or they employed languages other than English in their research projects. In August of 2015, Bill will present a paper at the National Social Science Association's annual meeting on "language across the curriculum," which is an academic approach that emphasizes using foreign languages in as many college courses as possible.

In the summer of 2015, Bill will work with Katie Clark, class of 2016, on a summer Mellon research project. Katie will be investigating the use of media and political culture in Serbia and Bosnia Herzegovina in the aftermath of the breakup of ex-Yugoslavia. She has already begun some of this research while studying abroad in Belgrade. Bill also serves on the Mellon selection committee.

As in the past, Bill also worked with many students on applications for graduate school, law school, study abroad, and academic grants, including applications for Fulbright scholarships. Thankfully, many of these applications were successful and several recent history graduates will begin studies in professional schools this fall. For the 2014-15 year, Bill was, for the first time in many years, free from major committee work.

In early November, Bill authored an editorial on the 25th-anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, which in turn syndicated the piece with several other regional newspapers in the United States. The editorial focused on the mostly unknown members of the East German dissident community who were in active opposition to the single-party state before 1989 and their role in helping bring about the collapse of the communist regime in East Germany.

In addition, Bill continues to work on several writing projects, most of which are related to his interest in Hakoah Vienna, the interwar Jewish sports club based in Vienna. He plans a research trip to Central Europe in the summer or fall of 2015 and also hopes to visit the Denmark International Studies program, at which he has been invited to teach in the spring semester of 2017 as part of his planned sabbatical leave.

Bill's family continues to do well. Lucas returned from Tokyo to continue his study of music at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. He has now progressed far enough that he can be found playing local musical "gigs" almost every weekend. Matias is completing his senior year of high school and is planning to attend Catholic University in Washington DC in the fall of 2015. Although he is not firm about his college plans, he has expressed interest in history and political science. Angela did very well in fifth grade. In March, she won the Harrisburg Diocese's spelling bee, which was the first time ever that a student from her local grade school had been able to finish first in the competition. Later, she won the class prize for building the fastest in-class version of a roller coaster. Clearly, she has a diversity of interests, which is perfectly appropriate for a curious eleven-year old.

Finally, at spring honors day in May, Bill won the college's Dr. Robert E. Dutton, Class of 1946, Memorial Mentorship Award. He was both very surprised and thankful. The award is based on working with students, which is the heart and soul of what all faculty members at Gettysburg College do. Bill considers it a privilege to work at this liberal arts institution.

Scott Hancock



In addition to writing three book reviews, Scott Hancock consulted on a project at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, commented on a panel at the annual Society for Historians of the Early Republic conference, and refereed an article for the journal *Social Inclusion*. Most notable was working with students of the campus chapter of Free the Slaves and the administrative assistants from History, Africana Studies, and the President's Office in organizing a conference dealing with modern day slavery, which connected scholars from Historians Against Slavery with student activists from Gettysburg College, five other colleges and universities, and the 200+ Gettysburg College students who attended over the two days.

After the school year, Hancock spent a week in Cape Town and Durban, South Africa assisting in the evaluation of study abroad programs and connecting with Gettysburg College students in those cities. In July, he presented a paper exploring how escaping slaves defined citizenship in the antebellum North at the SHEAR conference in Raleigh NC. Two days later, thanks to a Language Renewal Grant, he flew to Cochabamba Bolivia for three weeks of language school.

Dina Lowy



In 2014-15, Dina Lowy taught courses on Modern China, Modern Japan, and Tokugawa Japan, while also serving as chair of Asian Studies for the second year in a row. Dina continued to serve as faculty advisor to Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honor Society, and as coordinator of the History Department Writing PLAs. Her research interests are still focused on love and marriage in prewar Japan, but she is also contemplating an offer to write a textbook on gender in Modern Japan. She enjoyed working with Brenden McMahon on a Mellon research fellowship during summer 2014 and welcomed the opportunity to rework the research component and general design of her Tokugawa Japan class afforded by a JCCTL Information Literacy grant. She is perhaps most proud of the fact that she survived 1st-year Chinese (yes, as a student).

Dina's children continue to delight and exhaust her. Drew, 13, became a bar mitzvah in March. He is on the middle school (and travel) soccer, basketball, and cross country teams. Kim at 10, has caught the Percy Jackson/mythology of any sort bug and will be Medusa for Halloween. She continues to play travel soccer along with taking ballet and jazz classes. And finally, after many years of trying, Dina's USTA mixed doubles tennis team will play in Nationals this November.

Karim Samji



Karim Samji joined the faculty of the History Department in the Fall of 2014, specializing in Islamic History. He teaches HIST 105: The Age of Discovery, HIST 208: Islamic History (600-1500 CE), HIST 330: The Ottoman Empire (1300-1923 CE), and HIST 427: Senior Seminar on Mediterranean Encounters. Karim Samji's research focuses on Islamic historiography, narratology, and hagiography. At the 49th Annual Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Meeting in Denver, Colorado, Karim Samji will present his current research in the panel entitled: Contestation in Early Islamic Historiography. Peer reviewed by international authorities, his article "Aswaq-cum-Maghazi: Commerce and Conflict in Late Antique Arabia" has been accepted for publication in *Der Islam: Zeitschrift für Geschichte und Kultur des islamischen Orients*, founded in 1910 by Carl Heinrich Becker. In addition to professional membership in the International Qur'anic Studies Association (IQSA), Karim Samji participated as an invited conferee at the Qur'an colloquium held in Tucson, Arizona. He was also awarded The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Faculty Research Grant in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies. At present, Karim Samji is preparing a solicited manuscript entitled: "Method and Impasse: Critical Remarks on the Reconstruction of Formative Islam."

Magdalena Sanchez



In fall 2014, Magdalena taught Medieval Europe for the first time in eight years and thoroughly enjoyed it. She had a great group of students, who joined her in reading and discussing such texts as *Beowulf*, *Song of Roland*, and the letters of Abelard and Heloise. In spring 2015 Magdalena once again taught her senior seminar on the Spanish Inquisition, a class she continues to enjoy and find challenging.

2014-15 was another busy academic year for Magdalena. In October she was invited to lecture about her research on the infanta Catalina Micaela (1567-1597) at the Complutense University in Madrid and to take part in a seminar on the Habsburgs' letter-writing practices. While in Spain she also managed to sneak in a day of research at the Archivo General de Simancas – Spain's principal archive for the early modern period.

This was also a productive year for Magdalena's research. Her article on the pregnancies of Catalina Micaela was published in the Oxford journal, *Social History of Medicine*. Her article on the royal convent of the Descalzas Reales in Madrid will appear this summer in *Sixteenth Century Journal*. Magdalena also finished co-editing a volume entitled *Early Modern Dynastic Marriages and Cultural Transfer*, which includes an essay that she wrote. The volume will be published by Ashgate Press in January 2016.

As the academic year ended in May, Magdalena received the very welcome news that she will be promoted to full professor effective this fall.

Timothy Shannon



Tim had a productive year of teaching and writing. In the fall semester, he taught a new First Year Seminar titled "A Whale of a Tale: *Moby Dick* in American History and Culture." Students in the seminar read the classic American novel in its entirety, and studied the life and times of Herman Melville, the rise and fall of the American whaling industry, and the biology and evolution of whales. The students seemed to enjoy their immersion into the world of whaling, and Tim looks forward to offering the course again in 2015-2016.

In his research, Tim continues to work on his biography of Peter Williamson, an eighteenth-century Scottish indentured servant who came to Pennsylvania and had various adventures as an Indian

captive and soldier during the Seven Years' War. Tim presented two papers on different aspects of Williamson's story at the McNeill Center for Early American Studies in Philadelphia, one in the fall semester that examined Williamson's life as an indentured servant in Chester County and one in the spring semester that examined his claim to having been kidnapped from his native Aberdeen. Tim also published an article that resulted from research he did in the British National Archives regarding Williamson's experiences as a prisoner of war. That article, "French and Indian Cruelty? The Fate of the Oswego Prisoners of War, 1756-1758," appeared in *New York History* 95 (Summer 2014): 381-407. During the past year, Tim also published an essay related to the geopolitical significance of the Hudson River during the colonial era: "Avenue of Empire: The Hudson Valley in an Atlantic Context," in *The Worlds of the Seventeenth-Century Hudson Valley*, eds. Jaap Jacobs and L.H. Roper (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2014), 67-84.

On a final note, Tim participated in the faculty seminar series during Alumni Weekend in June 2015. He enjoyed it immensely, especially the opportunity to catch up with some former students, including Barb Dickson, '00; Steve Light, '04; and Kate Banks, Molly Gale, Karen Sause, and Emily Voss, all '05.

Barbara Sommer



Barbara A. Sommer, Professor of History and Edwin T. Johnson and Cynthia Shearer Johnson Chair for Distinguished Teaching in the Humanities, taught courses in Latin American history as well as a particularly successful section of her senior seminar, *Comparative Frontiers of the Americas*. In May, she accompanied senior Dori Gorczyca to Philadelphia, where Dori presented her thesis, "Water, Bison, and Horses: Natural Resources and Their Impacts on Native Raids and Relations in Eighteenth-Century Spanish Colonial New Mexico," at the McNeill Center for Early American Studies Undergraduate Research Workshop at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Sommer traveled to Paris, France, to serve on a Ph.D. dissertation committee at the École des Hautes Etudes des Science Sociales (EHESS, School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences), and to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, to present a draft of her chapter "Forests of Refuge, Rivers of Exchange: Allies and Enemies in Eighteenth-Century Amazonia" at an authors' colloquium for the Oxford Handbook *Borderlands in the Iberian World*. She continues her service as an Assistant Editor of *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Latin American History*, one of the top U.S. peer-reviewed journals on Latin American History.

During her first year as the Johnson Chair for Distinguished Teaching in the Humanities at Gettysburg College, Prof. Sommer met regularly with the new tenure-track faculty and she hosted a campus visit for Cynthia Johnson and family members, which included the Schmucker Art Gallery and Special Collections at Musselman Library, two of her favorite on-campus laboratories for the Humanities.

Allen Guelzo (Civil War Era Studies)



No update at this time.

Peter Carmichael (Civil War Institute)



No update at this time.

Jill Titus (Civil War Institute)



In 2014-15, Jill once again enjoyed the opportunity to teach courses in public history and civil rights history. She and her Introduction to Public History students plunged into the realm of digital history this past year, curating three online exhibitions based on materials housed in Musselman Library Special Collections. Jill helped to guide the college's new interdisciplinary minor in public history to fruition and is excited to see the program launch in Fall 2015.

Jill continued to work with students in a variety of outside-the-classroom ways this year, overseeing the placement of 22 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 served as a discussion leader for the inaugural year of the First-Year Common Reading Program, and participated in a panel on open-source learning sponsored by the Johnson Center.

Over the course of the year, she gave several presentations for teachers at Gettysburg National Military Park and spoke on her research on massive resistance at the American Friends Service Committee headquarters in Philadelphia. Jill is currently in the early stages of a new research project on the relationship between interracial educational relocation programs and civil rights struggles in home and host communities. She's particularly interested in what the timing and trajectory of these programs (which peaked in the 1960s and 70s) might reveal about contemporary perceptions of the geography of segregation and inequality, and about patterns in northern race relations.

Ian Isherwood (Civil War Institute)



This autumn saw Ian Isherwood enter his fourth year as Assistant Director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College. In this position, Isherwood has taught courses in British history, war and memory studies, and has offered two first year seminars for Gettysburg College students. He has published several scholarly articles in his tenure at the CWI and begun a new multi-year digital history project with special collections centered around a collection of WWI letters. Isherwood's book, *Remembering the Great War* (I.B. Tauris), will be published in 2016. In addition to these projects, Isherwood is the academic program coordinator of the Civil War Era Studies minor and he continues his role mentoring students through the CWI Fellows program and directing the institute's blog, *The Gettysburg Compiler*.

Other than teaching and scholarship, Isherwood advises the Civil War Era Studies house, Tri Sigma Sorority, *The Gettysburg College Journal of the Civil War Era*, and is the faculty sponsor of a new C.S. Lewis/J.R.R. Tolkien reading group. In May 2015, Isherwood served as faculty on a GRAB trip hiking the historic West Highland War in Scotland, a trip which he will be leading again in 2016. When not involved in campus life, Isherwood can be found chasing his toddler, Henry, around campus with his wife Sam and dog Penny.

Summer 2015 Pohanka Internships



Under the auspices of the CWI's Brian C. Pohanka Internship program, 22 Gettysburg College students spent the summer of 2015 on the frontlines of history, interning at a wide variety of the nation's leading historic sites and museums. Pohanka interns led tours and developed public programs, processed archival collections, cataloged artifacts, created multimedia products, led children's programs, developed content for social media accounts, staffed visitor information desks, and conducted historical research for their host sites. Established in 2011 thanks to the generosity of the John J. Pohanka Family Foundation, the Pohanka Internship Program supports long-term partnerships between Gettysburg College and a wide range of the nation's most high-profile Civil War sites. Interns participate in a rigorous

interview process, and those selected for participation in the program receive free housing and a \$1500 stipend.

The following students have been selected as 2015 Pohanka Interns:

- Blake Altenberg '17, **Andersonville National Historic Site**
- Alexandria Andrioli '18, **Harpers Ferry National Historic Site**
- Amelia Benstead '16, **Boston African American National Historic Site**
- Jesse Campana '18, **Richmond National Battlefield Park**
- Jonathan Danchik '17, **Appomattox Court House National Historical Park**
- Meghan Eaton '18, **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park**
- Melanie Fernandes '16, **Boston African American National Historic Site**
- Jenna Fleming '16, **Seminary Ridge Museum**
- Sean Hough '16, **Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park**
- Sam Kauker '16, **Antietam National Battlefield**
- Matt LaRoche '17, **Gettysburg National Military Park**
- Thomas Nank '16, **Manassas National Battlefield Park**
- Amanda Pollock '18, **Appomattox Court House National Historical Park**
- Jacob Ross '15, **Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park**
- Kyle Schrader '16, **Seminary Ridge Museum**
- Steven Semmel '16, **Special Collections & College Archives**
- Jennifer Simone '18, **Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park**
- Elizabeth Smith '17, **Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park**
- Mikki Stacey '17, Stratford Hall: **The Home of the Lees**
- Amanda Thibault '17, **Women's Rights National Historical Park**
- Andrew Vannucci '15, **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park**
- Max Zammataro '16, **Petersburg National Battlefield**

Fortenbaugh Lecture, 2015



The 54th annual Robert Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecture will be held on November 19, 2015, featuring Dr. Joseph T. Glatthaar. Professor Glatthaar's lecture, "A Tale of Two Armies: The Confederate Army of Northern Virginia and the Union Army of the Potomac," will begin at 7:00 pm at the Majestic Theater. Tickets will not be required.

Joseph T. Glatthaar is Stephenson Distinguished Professor of History at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he also serves as Adjunct Professor of the Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense. His teaching interests center on military history and the history of the American Civil War. Glatthaar is the author of numerous books, including *Soldiering in the Army of Northern Virginia: A Statistical Study* (UNC, 2011), *General Lee's Army: From Victory to Defeat* (Free Press, 2008), *Forgotten Allies: The Oneida Indians in the American Revolution*, with James Kirby Martin (Hill & Wang,

2006) and *Forged in Battle: The Civil War Alliance of Black Soldiers and White Officers* (Free Press, 1990).

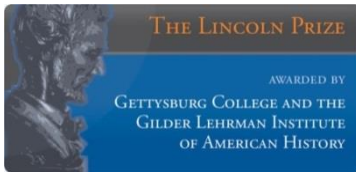
His awards include the Fletcher Pratt Award (New York Civil War Round Table), the Jefferson Davis Award (Museum of the Confederacy), and the Bell Irvin Wiley Award (National Historical Society). In 2015, Glatthaar received the Samuel Eliot Morison Award from the Council of the Society for Military History, which recognizes scholars whose distinguished body of work provides a significant contribution to the field of military history.

Glatthaar earned his Ph. D. in History from University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1983. He is currently at work on a book-length study tentatively titled "General Grant's Army: From Defeat to Victory."

The Robert Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecture is presented each year on November 19, the anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. Jointly sponsored by the History Department and the Civil War Institute, the lecture aims to speak to the literate general public without abandoning solid scholarly moorings. This annual event honors Professor Robert Fortenbaugh, who taught history at Gettysburg from 1923 until his death in 1959.

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.



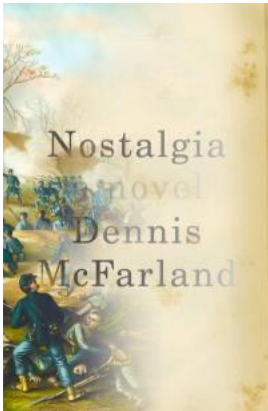
The Prize is awarded by Gettysburg College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The winners were chosen from 114 nominations. Guelzo and Johnson each received \$25,000 and a bronze replica of Augustus Saint-Gaudens's life-size bust, "Lincoln the Man" in a ceremony April 24 in New York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



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.

Alumni Fall Lecture, 2015

Rachel Burg '08

"How Can you Represent 'Those' People?: How History Helps Answer the Question"



Originally from Wisconsin, Rachel graduated *summa cum laude* from Gettysburg College in 2008 with a History and Political Science double major. After college, Rachel completed a Fulbright Fellowship in Germany studying at the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy in Erfurt, Germany. Rachel graduated *cum laude* from the University of Michigan Law School where she was an articles editor for the University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform and worked for the Michigan Innocence Clinic. Now Rachel lives in Miami, Florida where she is an Assistant Public Defender.

"How Can you Represent 'Those' People?: How History Helps Answer the Question"

"How can you represent those people?" It's a question that criminal defense lawyers and public defenders specifically, hear frequently. Public Defenders don't choose their clients. They don't have the luxury of choosing only the 'good' cases. But day after day, Public Defenders set out in the trenches and fight for the innocent, the guilty, and those in between. By looking at who 'those'

people, who she is, and how history has impacted the paths of everyone, Rachel Burg attempts to answer this question.



By President Robert “Shaw” Bridges



Living up to the organization’s high standards of historical scholarship, members of Phi Alpha Theta continue to distinguish themselves on campus. Members serve as editors and reviewers on the editorial boards for the college’s historical journals, conduct independent historical research with professors, and works as fellows with the Civil War Institute. Membership continues to grow as new students

demonstrate exceptional talent, helping to engage campus in ongoing and new discussions on various historical topics. This fall, Phi Alpha Theta members also participated in the Adams County Heart Walk, sponsored by the American Heart Association, in solidarity with the local community. With the support of their fellow students of history and academic mentors, senior members are currently planning for various careers that will help bring history to wider and new audiences, be it in the academic or public field.

History Department News and Awards

2015 Fall Honors Day Awards

Anthony di Palma Memorial Award: **Jesse E. Siegel ‘16**

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

James Hamilton and Lucretia Irvine Boyd Hartzell Award: **Caitlin T. Connelly ‘17**

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

Edwin T. Greninger ’41 Award in History: **Andrew C. Nosti ‘18**

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

Dr. William Bowman of the History Department recieved the Dr. Ralph Cavaliere Endowed Teaching Award. See the write up [here](#) by Student Senate President, Taylor Bury!



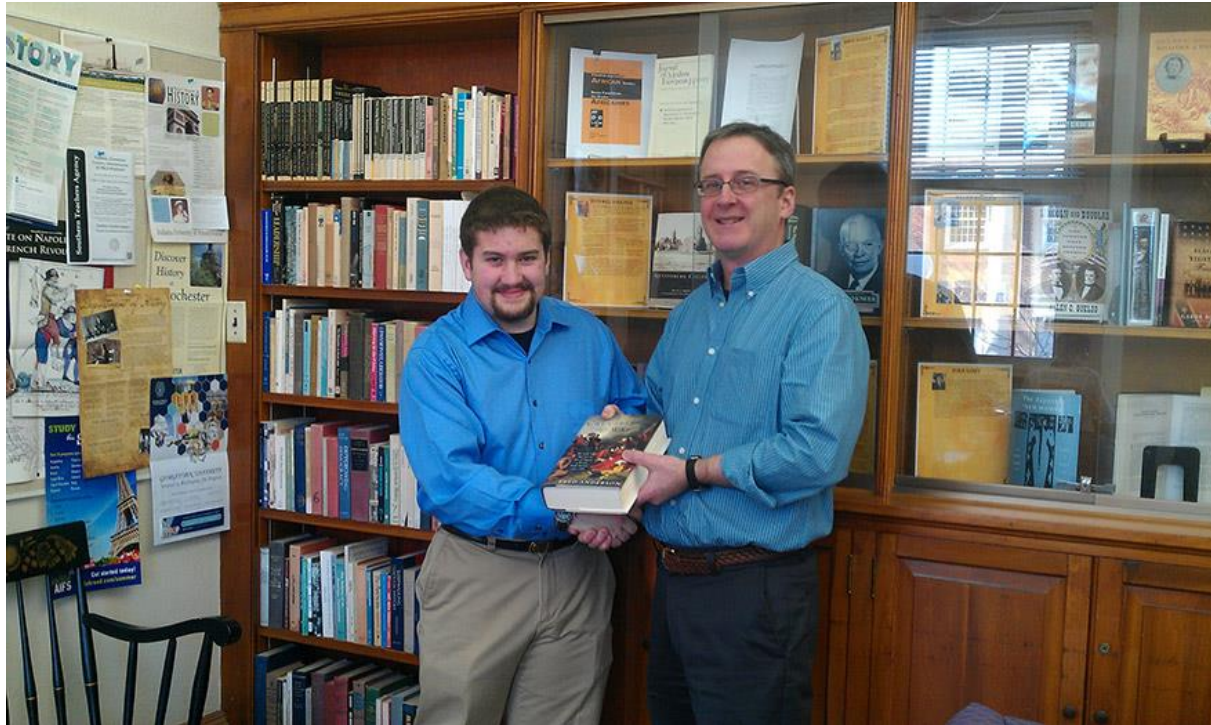
David Wemer '14 wins the American Historical Association's 2013 Raymond J. Cunningham Prize

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.

Mellon Grant Recipients for 2015

This past summer **John Denny, '16**, received a Mellon fellowship to research the fate of Jews who were expelled from the Spanish kingdoms in 1492. In particular John focused on Jews who went to Italy, looking to see how cities such as Venice, Livorno, and Ancona tried to attract Jews for primarily financial reasons. John looked at the writings of Jews who had been expelled from Spain to see if by emphasizing their wealth and talents, they actually encouraged certain communities to want to recruit them. He also considered how common perceptions of Jews as moneylenders might have caused city authorities to invite them to settle. John is hoping to present his findings at a conference for undergraduate students. He will also continue to research related ideas during his senior seminar this semester with Professor Karim Samji.

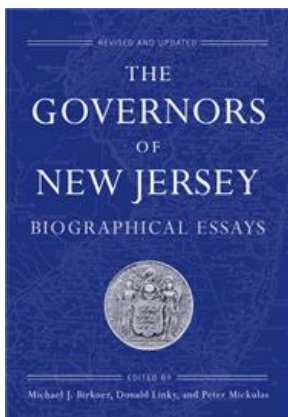
Read more about [*John's experience*](#)

Kathleen Clark, '16, has been pursuing research on the history and memory of the breakup of ex-Yugoslavia in the 1990s. In particular, she has been studying questions of identity in Serbian and Bosnian communities. Professor William Bowman has served as her mentor for this work, which she began in the fall 2014 semester in his contemporary European history class. In the spring of 2015, Katie was in Serbia and Kosovo, where she was able to conduct a number of first-person interviews with people about their experiences and memories of war and conflict in the region. In the summer of 2015, she has continued this research with the help of a Mellon grant. Professor Bowman is the faculty mentor for the Mellon project, too, which has allowed Katie the opportunity to conduct interviews among the Bosnian community in Carlisle, PA and in Gettysburg. She has also become interested in the history of memorials in ex-Yugoslavia and how individuals from that region have negotiated the transition to the United States. In the academic year 2015-16, Katie will continue her study of Serbian and Bosnian identity and present her work at several professional venues. Read more about [Kathleen's experience](#)

Jerome Clarke, '17 discusses his Mellon experience. Read more about it [here](#)

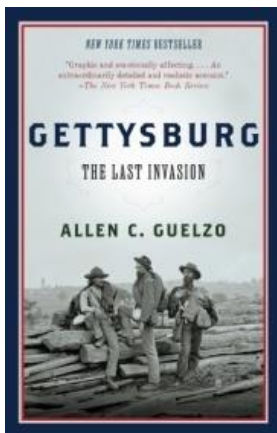
Book Notes

By Michael Birkner

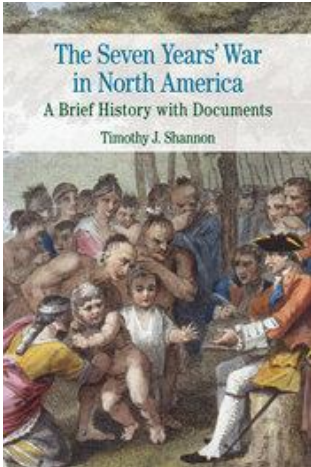


Michael Birkner has co-edited *The Governors of New Jersey: Biographical Essays*, for Rutgers University Press (2014). The book is a revised and expanded edition of a work first published in 1982. *The Governors of New Jersey* includes an introduction on the governors' office and essays on each of the 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.

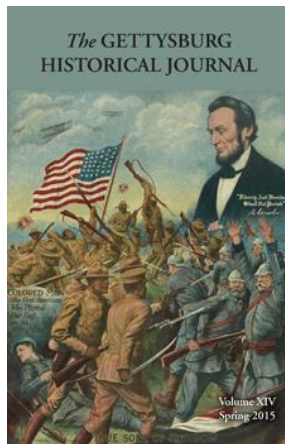


By Timothy Shannon

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.

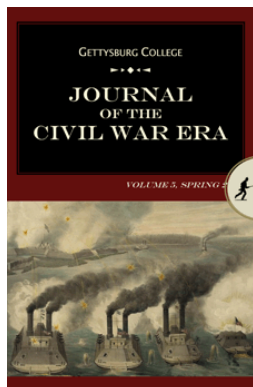
Department Journals

Gettysburg Historical Journal



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

Gettysburg Journal of the Civil War Era



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

Alumni News

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

History Alumni at Library of Congress



Logan Tapscott '14 and Dallas Grubbs '12 working at the Library of Congress in the 2015 Junior Fellows Summer Intern Program. Logan graduated at Gettysburg College in 2014 in History and Classics with a minor in Civil War Era Studies. Dallas graduated in 2012 in History and Religion. Logan is completing a dual degree program at Shippensburg and Clarion Universities, finishing a Master's degree in Public History at Shippensburg and a Master's degree in Library and Information Science at Clarion online. Dallas is completing a Ph.D. in Medieval History at Catholic University of America. At the Library of Congress, Logan worked in the reference services in the Manuscript Division, while Dallas worked in Hebraic Manuscripts section of the African and Middle Eastern Division

CLASS of '55

Barron Maberry - Hello...wonderful and exciting are not familiar words now that I'm in my 80s, but I did enjoy the 60th reunion of the class of '55 at reunion weekend in June, and in loving memory of fellow history major and fraternity brother, Don Brake, I did stop at several roadside markers on a recent trip to N.H., thereby boring my spouse to death...thanks for asking...

CLASS of '56

(Sam) Alan Ruby – graduated Magna Cum Laude and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Ordained a Lutheran pastor for 55 years. Giving Lectures in Lancaster on American Women for 15+ years. Travels all around giving lectures on great Americans. Amish farmland tour guide for 23+ years in Lancaster, Hershey, and Gettysburg Battlefield tours. Will be giving a series of talks on 3 great ladies, Sojourner Truth, Clara Barton and Rachel Carson this year and their impact on our American history.

John Weaver - I am still working with the Samaritan Center, Church, Hospital, and have been a broker of antiques since retirement in 1994. The Gettysburg History Dept. has been a daily mentor in my life. From the stock market to marketing a letter of George Washington or researching a painting, the College has been the key to my success. Entering my 81st year I will continue to keep the mind active and send more outstanding students to G-burg. Best Wishes

CLASS of '59

Carol R Hamilton - As a 1959 History Major grad I am not sure I have anything exciting to report. However History is still an interest of mine. I started out as a Jr High (now Middle School) teacher. I stopped teaching when my own children arrived but volunteered for about 12 years as a Tour Guide of the CT State Capitol Building. Now for the last 15 years I have been giving tours to

school groups of all ages who visit the Noah Webster House in West Hartford, CT - the birth of Noah Webster, author of the first Dictionary of English Language in America. I love keeping in touch with History and trying to make it come alive for others.

CLASS of '60

Paull Spring - Last August I celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of my ordination as a Lutheran pastor. While I am retired, I continue to serve as a member of several committees of the North American Lutheran Church. I am presently assisting in the formation of a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church in State College, Pennsylvania. I also audit courses at Penn State University, mostly in the history department, on a regular basis.

CLASS of '61

Joseph Kiser - Celebrated 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Ireland including overnight stay at Ashford Castle which was built in 1228. *Celebrated 50th anniversary of Ordination as a Lutheran Pastor * Docent at the last home of George Rogers Clark, Locust Grove, in Louisville. *Celebrated 80th birthday with my triplet brothers in Johnstown, PA. *Currently serving as Vacancy Pastor at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Louisville, KY *My wife, Judy, and I enjoy spending time with our children and grandchildren..

CLASS of '63

Paul E Henry, Jr - I am the stated supply Pastor at our local Episcopal Church, which is one mile from our condo. This church is the oldest Episcopal Church in Worcester County. The floor of the nave has warped 24 inch boards that make you feel like you are walking on waves. Their pulpit rises high above the pews and looks more like a Lutheran pulpit in Germany than an Episcopal one in America.

On October 25, 2015 I preached at the 300th Anniversary of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hook, NY This congregation was founded by German Palatines and is one of the oldest parishes in continued existence in New York State. I grew up in Red Hook and that is why they invited me back to preach at this historic anniversary celebration. I served as the Assistant Pastor at First Lutheran, Albany, NY upon my Ordination in 1966. First Lutheran is the oldest Lutheran Church in the country. It was established in 1644 by a group of Dutch Lutherans.

Don Burden - arrived in Shrewsbury in 1976. Interest in the Borough's history focused on the resources available at the Shrewsbury Historical Society where he now serves as President. A graduate of Gettysburg College with a degree in history, his passion for history remains evident as the co-author of *The Story of Shrewsbury, Revisited, 1965 -2015*. His professional career spanned more than 47 years with the McGraw-Hill Book Company employed as an editor for college textbooks. In 2010 he was elected Mayor of Shrewsbury. He is Secretary to the Monmouth County Library Commission and Chair of the Two River Council of Mayors.

CLASS of '66

Jim Madison - retired from full-time teaching at Indiana University, but continues to work in the vineyards of history. Perhaps it was Dr. Glatfelter's methods class at 7:50am, T,Th,S, that so warped his mind. Or was it Professor Crapster walking out of the classroom when none of us had done the reading (it was a party weekend but that was of no significance!). Or was it comprehensive exams? Four grandkids and other pleasure provide important distractions. Hoping to make the 50th College reunion in 2016.

CLASS of '69

Sam Laudenslager (Jan'69) - Military Attache Staff at German Embassy, Washington. My responsibilities are as Customs & Postal manager for the NATO air facility at Dulles -- I'm now just 18 months out from my (second) retirement with 25 years' service. BUT -- one of my collateral assignments is assisting our Lt Col Training Officer and the G3 office with logistics and escort for our "Staff Ride" programs and visits to Civil War and American Revolution battlefields. (This was not part of my original job description, but added to my resume after a Chief of Staff noticed that the in-house Gburg alum knew the battlefield, the town and all the locations where we could conduct German-style "After Action Reports" [a/k/a "BEER CALL"] better than the chaps we called in from the War College, Carlisle.)

TYPICALLY, I plan and guide (auf Deutsche Gespräch genau -- in German language), 4 or 5 staff rides each year -- typically to Gettysburg, Antietam, or Manassas. These German tour groups range from (1) German reserve officers, (2) German liaison staffs at various US installations, (3) Universitat Bundeswehr Munchen (Germany's West Point) exchange students, (4) our own cadre at Dulles/Embassy, to (5) German, Swiss, Austrian, Dutch armed forces VIPS or "top brass". The 2015 staff ride schedule was particularly busy for me -- with 4 trips to Gettysburg, 2 to Antietam, 2 to Petersburg and two weekend 2-day trips -- one to Chancellorsville-Wilderness-Spotsylvania-North Anna, and one Peterburg to Appomattox along the Army of Northern Virginia final retreat route. Our September 10 Gettysburg staff ride resulted in the anecdote which I immediately shared with class of '69 classmate, Col. Fred Schumacher, and which I am forwarding as separate Email.

Steve Nelson - A few tidbits from one alumnus. I was promoted to Professor of Educational Leadership at Bridgewater State University where I am now in my twelfth year on the faculty. I continue to teach primarily at the graduate level with students preparing to become educational leaders and administrators at the K-12 level. I am teaching a First Year Seminar about the college and university in America: "The University: What is It? Why Do We Need It? How Do You Fit in It?"

My next book, *The Shape and Shaping of the College and University in America: A Lively Experiment*, will be published in early 2016 (probably about February) by Lexington Books of Rowman and Littlefield.

Gary B. Thompson - Since retiring from academic librarianship in 2014, I have been busy volunteering with two history-related projects, namely serving on board for the Pruyn House (Dutch patrol agent) in Colonie, NY and serving as church historian for the Newtonville United Methodist Church.

Linda Wrigley - currently Congress Editor for the Congress of Vienna 2015: In Search of Principles for a Stable World Order, a project of the Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership. She was previously Managing Editor of *World Policy Journal* and Senior Editor at the New America Foundation.

CLASS of '70

David Kepley - Retired in 2011 after working for 37 years working for the national archives and records administration. I am still an adjunct history professor at northern Virginia community college. I have gotten into amateur photography in a big way and am doing a lot of volunteer work to persuade my county government to be greener.

CLASS of '71

Richard Uhl - Retired in Hilton Head S.C. area with my wife Jane (Buge) class of 1971. Still a student of history as member of a local Civil War Roundtable group.

CLASS of '77

Marc Levin - Retired in May 2015 from UC Berkeley after 36 years of service as the Associate Director of its Institute of Governmental Studies. Currently affiliated with Stanford University's Bill Lane Center for the American West launching a new program on the arts in the West.

Matthew Shannon - retired government lawyer, in DC for 38 years

CLASS of '78

Dale Luy - Track & Field/Cross Country coach and adjunct professor at Frostburg State University (MD). Online adjunct for Davenport University - Sport Management. Track team sent an athlete to NCAA championships for 6th time in 8 years at FSU. Son, Kevin Luy '03 working for Colorado State Archives - unbelievable view of Colorado state capitol building from his office!

CLASS of '79

George White - Since 2010 I've been executive director of New Jersey Press Association, the organization of New Jersey's newspaper & digital news companies.

CLASS of '80

Frank Bernhardt - Married to Mary, 4 children: Matthew is a lawyer in Annapolis, Md. married, and with our first grandchild, John works in Center City Philadelphia at Braskem, Sarah is in Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC, and Patrick is a student at the United States Naval Academy. I am in my 14th year as a Magisterial District Judge in Montgomery County, Pa., and am the managing partner of Bernhardt, Rothermel & Siegel P.C. also in Center City Philadelphia.

Eileen Brogan Maffei - I am now certified and in year 2 of teaching Family and Consumer Science at Hillcrest Middle School in Trumbull, CT. This is my 30th year of teaching (15 were U.S. history). My husband, Bob teaches physical education at Trumbull High and is the football and baseball coach. Our son, Bobby is in his second year at Temple as a grad assistant and is coaching football there under the defensive coordinator. He will finish his master's degree in Educational Leadership in the spring.

David Spence - I am a professor of law and regulation here at the University of Texas at Austin, where I teach mostly energy law courses. I am co-author of the leading energy law casebook used in law schools, the 4th edition of which came out in 2015. I do a lot of speaking on energy law issues around the country. I live in Austin with my wife and 2 kids.

CLASS of '81

Chris Jentsch - Brooklyn based composer/guitarist Chris Jentsch ('81) is among the recipients of this year's Chamber Music America New Jazz Works commissions supported by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. He'll be writing an extended composition for his nine piece chamber jazz ensemble Jentsch Group No Net entitled *Topics in American History* (composed and improvisational impressions of concepts or events such as Manifest Destiny and the first Moon landing). The commission supports several performances, a recording, and other opportunities, with the premiere

probably to happen sometime in the Fall of 2016. See/hear Jentsch Group No Net at YouTube/ChrisJentsch or learn more at ChrisJentsch.com.

CLASS of '87

John Deeben - I continue to work at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, DC. I currently serve as an Old Army specialist with the Archives I Reference Section. I assist researchers with military records from the Revolutionary War to the beginning of the 20th century. In 2015 I was one of the recipients of NARA's annual Archivist's Achievement Awards, receiving the Outstanding Achievement Group Award for efforts to create and improve NARA webpages for researching records relating to American Indians. I edited the military content for the webpages. I also received the Elaine Spires Smith Family History Writing Award from the Indiana Genealogical Society, on April 13, 2015. The award was presented for my article "Marching Towards Tippecanoe: Indiana Militia Service during the Wabash Expedition, 11 September to 24 November 1811," published in The Indiana Genealogist 25:3 (September 2014).

CLASS of '90

Stephen Hessler - I hope all is well and I received your letter regarding "exciting" news – not sure that this is exciting, but as I haven't contributed to the newsletter before, I figured I would share the following:

Having graduated in 1990, my classmates and I celebrated our 25th graduation reunion this past year! I was unable to attend as my wife (Kellie) and I were traveling in Scandinavia as part of our 12th wedding anniversary (and Kellie's birthday, both on May 23rd) – on this trip, we went to Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Estonia. We enjoy traveling and have now been to forty-three countries, and have been to all seven continents – we went to Antarctica in December of 2010. I have been in transaction banking since graduation, and also celebrated my 25th anniversary with Deutsche Bank earlier this year. Originally I was based in New York City, but relocated to Southern California (Orange County) in 1997. I manage groups in both locations (Santa Ana, CA and New York City), so between traveling back and forth, and Kellie's job as an attorney, time is literally flying by! I still enjoy playing in a basketball league, and have added training for the Los Angeles Marathon (February, 2016) to my list of activities – if all goes well, it will be my fourth after New York City, Tucson and Chicago. Thank you for reaching out – have a great afternoon!

CLASS of '91

Andrew Sonn - I work as the Assistant Vice President in George Washington University's Division of Student Affairs while serving as a Visiting Professor in GW's Graduate School of Education and Human Development. One of my highlights professionally is teaching a course on the History of Higher Education at GW, and channeling all of the lessons that Gettysburg College History Professors Birkner, Forness, Boritt, Bugbee, and many others taught me as an undergraduate.

CLASS of '94

Erica (Harris) Nardone - Enjoying life in Hampton, NH. It is a great place to surf, snowboard, and raise a family. I currently work teaching on a 5th grade team. Love that we study the Civil War in 5th grade. We also study the Revolutionary War and get to go to Boston to the Freedom Trail for field trips.

Peter Vermilyea - Hello, I recently learned that I will be the recipient of Culture Max award in the category of heritage. (Culture Max awards are presented by the Northwest Connecticut Arts

Council). The award is being given for my book, Hidden History of Litchfield County. More info here: <http://culturemax.org/> All best, Pete

CLASS of '95

Chris Hart - The year has been great. I got married to my partner of seven years, became Head of Humanities at Yarra Valley Grammar in Melbourne, Australia and just received the Award for Outstanding Contributor to the Teaching and Learning of History and to the HTAV by an Early Career Educator (HTAV is the History Teachers Association of Victoria).

CLASS of '97

Christy (Sonnenberg) Coluccio - Christy has been working in HR for Bentley Systems, a computer software company providing software for the Architecture/Engineering/Construction industry for the last 7 years. She lives in West Chester, PA with her husband and two future historians, son Nate (6) and daughter Leah (4).

CLASS of '98

Amber Snook Browning - has been teaching Spanish for the past 16 years and has recently started working as an adjust professor at Hofstra University, teaching a graduate course on theory and methodology for aspiring foreign language teachers.

Adam Fernandez - I was elected to the partnership of Wisler Pearlstine, LLP in January 2015, where I have practiced since 2010. My practice is 50% estate planning and estate administration and 50% advising closely held businesses with legal issues of all kinds, including taxation issues. I hope Dr. Bowman and Dr. Sanchez and their kids are well! Please pass along my regards.

Brent Hege - Brent Hege is Instructor of Religion at Butler University in Indianapolis, IN. In May he was elected an honorary member of Butler's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in recognition of his passion for the liberal arts and his many positive contributions to Butler's academic culture. He is currently directing the Butler Seminar on Religion and World Civilization on the theme of Religion, Race, and Culture. The Seminar brings notable scholars and activists to Butler's campus for public seminars and interaction with students committed to social justice. This year the themes of the seminar include the Black Lives Matter movement, Jewish-Muslim dialogue, religious freedom in international relations, and social justice activism in Indianapolis.

Paul Hutchinson (Hutch) - Thanks for the call for History Alum updates, I actually have some great news to share. In May of this year, I earned my Ph.D. from Boston University's American and New England Studies program. My dissertation, "Crafting an Outdoor Classroom: The Nineteenth-Century Roots of the Outdoor Education Movement", not only drew from my training in the Gettysburg History Department, but also owed a debt to the Gettysburg Recreational Adventure Board (GRAB) program for introducing me to the field of outdoor education.

I'm now teaching full time in the undergraduate and MBA programs at the Questrom School of Business at Boston University and am living with my wife and our two kids in New Hampshire.

CLASS of '00

Barbara Dickson - I received a master's of professional studies, with a focus on publishing, from George Washington University this summer. I currently work in Bethesda, Maryland for the publishing program of a professional association. I also continue to volunteer at Ford's Theatre in

Washington, DC and got to be part of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Lincoln assassination.

David J. Gary - working as the Kaplanoff Librarian for American History at Yale University. His current project involves curating a collection of VHS films, and his work in this regard was featured in an article in the *Atlantic Monthly* in August 2015 titled "Saving the Scream Queens: Why Yale University Library decided to preserve nearly 3,000 horror and exploitation movies on VHS."

CLASS of '02

Jared Peatman - recently published *The Long Shadow of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address* with Southern Illinois University Press.

CLASS of '03

Jessica (Wininger) Merkel - became a partner with the law firm of Bunger and Robertson in January, 2014. Jessica and her husband, Clint, are expecting their third child in February, 2016. The baby will be welcomed by older siblings, Cecelia (6), and Calbert (3). The Merkels are proud residents of Bloomington, Indiana.

Drew Seitz - Got married in September! Got a new job with the National Outdoor Leadership School! Moved to Chile for the new job; Mountaineering Program Supervisor for NOLS Patagonia.

CLASS of '04

Katie Orlando - I relocated in May to historic Waterloo, Iowa and now serve as the CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Iowa. I also serve on the Waterloo Historic Preservation Board and was recently appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for the Iowa Mentoring Partnership. In October I was selected to moderate the televised mayoral and municipal candidate debates for the cities of Waterloo and Cedar Falls.

CLASS of '06

Jay Roszman - recently completed his Ph.D. in British History at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

CLASS of '07

Stephanie (Hafer) Shaak - is the Director of Event and Exhibition Rentals at the Reading Public Museum, in her hometown of Reading, PA, a position she has held since early 2011. It's her dream job, as she gets to pursue a career in event planning (a goal she's had since graduation!), while being surrounded by history every day! Stephanie married her high school sweetheart, Tyler Shaak, a '07 alum of Temple University, in December 2012, and they bought their first home together in April 2014. She continues to be a KARE Volunteer for Gettysburg, representing the college at fairs in the Reading area, and also writes the Class Notes column in the *Gettysburg Alumni Magazine* for the Class of 2007. Steph is a member of the Junior League of Reading, and Team Corridor, a group of young professionals in the Reading area committed to the rejuvenation and revitalization of downtown Reading, in addition to serving on her church's governing council. Steph and Tyler rescued Mac, a Chihuahua/Dachshund mix in May 2015, and are loving life!

CLASS of '08

Rachel Burg - working as a Public Defender in Miami, Florida, and she returned to Gettysburg this fall to deliver the annual History Department Alumni Lecture.

CLASS of '09

Joseph Cook - Elected as the new Editor-in-Chief of the "Saber & Scroll Journal of History"

Ellice (Fullam) Moore - I am a December '09 grad for history. I have the exciting news that on June 20, 2015, I got married at Joseph Priestley's grandson's house in Northumberland, PA, at a property calls the Preistley-Savidge House (Joseph Priestley discovered oxygen, so he is pretty historically significant!) Many Gettysburg alums were in attendance. Other than that, things are quiet up here in Central PA!

Jessica Wismer - Started second year as an elementary school counselor in Hyattsville, MD

CLASS of '10

Chelsea (Bucklin) Fairley - Graduated from the University of Maryland with a Master of Library Science, concentration in Archives, Records & Information Management. Is now working as an archivist and cataloger with the Smithsonian Institution as an Archivist & Cataloger in the Freer & Sackler Gallery Archives. She also got married this past spring and moved with her husband to Frederick, Maryland

Jeb Cook - I am entering my second year practicing law in Baltimore, putting my historical methods research skills to good use!

Andrea Friedhoff - currently in her fifth year as a DC resident and Congressional staffer. She recently became the Director of Scheduling for Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, after spending several years with two home state Members from Washington State.

Brian Garvey - Financial Aid Counselor at D'Youville College

Liz Johns - Liz Johns moved from Richmond, VA to Baltimore, MD and started as a teaching and research librarian at Johns Hopkins University. She works with students in JHU's School of Education, and especially enjoys her new role working with students in the History of Science and Technology Department, and the Medicine, Science and Humanities program. Liz is also the National Archivist for Sigma Sigma Sigma National Sorority, where she is building the organization's archives from the ground up!

Sean Parke - As of Oct. 5 I became the University Archivist at the University of Hartford (Hartford, CT).

CLASS of '11

Elizabeth (Lisa) Ungemach - I graduated from Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) this past May 2015 with a dual degree in Public History and Library Science. I accepted a 2 year position at Loyola Notre Dame Library earlier this month as a Project Archivist.

CLASS of '12

Elizabeth (Amrhein) Massey - started a PhD in Musicology program at University of Maryland, College Park

Alex Ferraro - In May of 2015, Alex graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He is now an Associate Attorney in the Business Services Group at Cohen & Grigsby, P.C. Both Alex and his wife, Allison Barrett Ferraro '12, live and work in downtown Pittsburgh.

Dallas Grubbs - completing a Ph.D. in Medieval History at Catholic University of America. At the Library of Congress, Dallas worked in Hebraic Manuscripts section of the African and Middle Eastern Division.

Christine Luthy - completed her M.A. in Museum Studies at the Cooperstown Program and has accepted a position at the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C., where she is working as at the Development Assistant for Individual Giving.

Nicholas Oristian - I was recently hired at the United States Capitol to act as a tour guide and historian specializing in the US Capitol during the American Civil War.

Nick Scerbo - currently pursuing his M.A. in History at Rutgers University.

CLASS of '13

Elizabeth Elliott - is working as a program assistant for the American Historical Association in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Amelia Grabowski - completed her M.A. in American Studies at Brown University and is now working at the National Museum for Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Maryland.

Erin (Richards) Jarabeck - In May I graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a Master's degree in Historical Administration and recently I became a Museum Educator at the Virginia Beach History Museums.

Johnny Nelson - Recently moved to South Bend, Indiana, where he is pursuing a PhD in history at the University of Notre Dame. He is in his first year of the program, and his area of specialization will be early American History with a focus on the frontier of the Great Lakes and Ohio country.

CLASS of '14

Rebecca Corso - Now teaching World and U.S. history at Trinity Catholic High School in Stamford, CT.

Kathryn (Rettig) Kister - I am currently working as the librarian at Rose Hill Elementary School in Reynoldsburg, OH. In August I started the Master's in Educational Technology program through American College of Education and am working on getting my social studies teaching license.

Erin McGodrick - is working at Oxford University Press in New York City.

Logan Tapscott - I will graduate at Shippensburg University in May 2016. Logan is completing a dual degree program at Shippensburg and Clarion Universities, getting her M.A. in Public History at Shippensburg and an M.A. in Library and Information Science at Clarion online. At the Library of Congress, Logan worked in the reference services in the Manuscript Division.

Alexandra Ward - currently completing a Master's degree in American Material Culture at the Winterthur Program and the University of Delaware.

CLASS of '15

Emily Cranfill - I began work in August as a Guest Engagement Interpreter at Conner Prairie Interactive History Park in Fishers, IN. This job involves first-person interpretation in a variety of living history experience areas, with my focus being on family life in 1836 Indiana, as well as inventions and engineering in 1957. I love that I get to interact with young people visiting on field trips who have never experienced history so tangibly, especially because I once attended Conner Prairie on a field trip - which clearly had a huge impact on me!

Stephanie Harrington - attended the Columbia Publishing Course this summer and is now working at Pearson Publishing in the higher education division.

Elizabeth Hunziker - Moved from New Jersey to Boston and is working as an Account Executive at a payment processing company called Cayan.

Abby Rolland - As for my news, I have been teaching English to high schoolers in Chile since August and will leave in December. I am also planning on interning with a women's group in Cambodia in the spring for two months.

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