

The HISTORY DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER



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From the History Department Chair

by Timothy Shannon



Another year has passed in Weidensall Hall, and change is evident in the History Department. This year we welcomed Clare Crone as our new office administrator, and she has done splendid work with our faculty and students. Those of you who might be missing Becca Barth, have no fear: you can visit her when you are on campus at her new position in Career Services. Weidensall lobby also got an upgrade this year with the arrival of new furniture (purple is out; autumnal oranges and brown are in).

Highlights from the History Department's calendar this year included our annual Alumni Lecture, which featured attorney Rachel Burg, '08, who talked with our students about her experiences as a public defender in Miami, Florida. At Career Night in the spring semester, three History Department alumni returned to campus to share their post-graduate career paths with our students: Brent LaRosa, '00, who works as a foreign service officer for the U.S. Department of State; Amelia Grabowski, '13, who is an education and digital outreach specialist for the National Museum of Civil War Medicine; and Jen Giambrone, '10, who works with History Associates, Inc.

Despite a noticeable decline in the number of undergraduate History majors at colleges and universities around the nation, the History program remains healthy here at Gettysburg. Our number of majors is bucking the national trend by holding steady, and students are doing great work in and out of the classroom, presenting at national conferences and workshops, putting together exhibits in Musselman Library, winning international fellowships, and engaging in internships in a variety of professional fields. If you are interested in learning more about their interests and talents, 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).

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 2016-17.

Sincerely,



Tim Shannon

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Justus Grant Hartzok, Adjunct Assistant Professor
Ian Andrew Isherwood, Adjunct Professor
James Krysiak, Adjunct Assistant Professor
Dina Lowy, Associate Professor
Magdalena Sophia Sanchez, Professor
Karim Samji, Assistant Professor
Barbara A. Sommer, Professor
Jill Oglie Titus, Adjunct Professor
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Faculty News

Abou Bamba



This past academic year was the fifth for Professor Abou B. Bamba. It was a major year for him. First, he was granted tenure in December 2015. In addition, Prof. Bamba taught during the Fall of 2015 a new course, “Africa in Fiction, History, and Memory,” which he developed for the Africana Studies Program. The course also counts toward both History (Major and Minor) and Public History (Minor). Finally, Prof. Bamba put the finishing touches to his book, *African Miracle, African Mirage* (see cover picture), scheduled for release in mid-November 2016.

More information about the book can be found from Ohio University Press,
<http://www.ohioswallow.com/book/African+Miracle,+African+Mirage>.

Michael Birkner

Academic year 2015-2016 represented Michael Birkner’s 27th year teaching at Gettysburg College, and his first year of service as College Marshal – the person who carries the baton on ceremonial occasions, including commencement. Of course there is something fresh each academic year, as a historian tries out new ideas, new readings and films in classes seeking most effectively to engage students with course material. It is the back and forth in class, in the library, and in the informal conversations in the office that makes teaching such a privilege and pleasure.



Michael’s year was a busy one both inside and outside the classroom. He continued to teach Historical Methods, 20th century U.S. History, Australian History, and the Early Republic. He served on the faculty Personnel Committee, among other campus duties, and continued his service as President of the Pennsylvania Historical Association.

After nearly nine years on the Gettysburg Borough Council, the last three as Council President, Michael opted not to run for re-election, leaving a bit more time for other activities.

Michael's scholarly enterprise this past year yielded a 100-page book, coedited with Devin McKinney of the college archives staff, titled *Encounters with Eisenhower*. Published in conjunction with Ike's 125th birthday anniversary, the book collected first hand stories about Eisenhower dating back to World War II and forward to his final year living in Gettysburg and working in what is now the college admissions office.

Moving back a century in time, Michael helped organize a national conference on President James Buchanan in Lancaster in September 2015. Many of the papers from this conference, and others solicited since, will provide the substance of a new book on Buchanan, to be published by Louisiana State University Press. Michael's co-editors are Randall Miller of St. Joseph's University and John Quist of Shippensburg University.

During the past academic year Michael published an essay on Buchanan's foreign policy in *America in the World, 1776 to the Present: A Supplement to the Dictionary of American History*, published by Charles Scribner's Sons. In October 2015 he delivered a paper on Pennsylvania and the Presidential Election of 1952 at the Pennsylvania Historical Association's Annual Conference and over the course of the year published a dozen book reviews for such publications as the *American Historical Review*, *New Jersey History*, *Pennsylvania History*, *Historical New Hampshire*, and *CHOICE*, the latter a publication of the American Library Association. Michael has been publishing half a dozen reviews annually for that publication for more than three decades.

During the Spring and Summer of 2016, working in conjunction with Carol Hegeman, '73, and assisted by Kevin Lavery, '16, Michael completed a book on the Eisenhowers in Gettysburg, to be published by Arcadia Press in 2017. It was a special pleasure working with Hegeman, the retired Supervisory Historian at the Eisenhower Site, and with Lavery who Michael had gotten to know through the Historical Methods course.

Michael did the usual referee work for various publications as well as the American Philosophical Society's grants program. In February 2016 He delivered a paper on NBC Radio Correspondent Martin Agronsky's World War II reporting from Australia, for the Australia/New Zealand American Studies Conference meeting in Winter Park, Florida. Michael continues to pursue research on Agronsky and

hopes to produce a book related to his remarkable story telling as a foreign correspondent during the war years.

William Bowman



In the 2015-16 academic year, Bill Bowman taught five different history courses: Twentieth-Century World, Russia/Soviet Union, Modern Britain, Europe 1914-45, and a Seminar on Nazism. 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 European history, and a research visit to the Library of

Congress and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC in February 2016. As always, Bill focused significant attention on research projects in all of his classes. Students in his 300-level classes wrote historiographical essays that became the introduction to lengthier term papers. In the summer of 2016, Bill used the outline to his sports history course to create a European-based sports history class for the study abroad program in Denmark (Denmark International Studies), where he will teach in the spring of 2017. In March of 2016, Bill visited the DIS program in Copenhagen. At the end of the year, he served as chair for a panel of Mellon students as part of the college's Celebration program.

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 example, Jesse Siegel, class of 2016, will be in Munich, Germany on a Fulbright research grant. Kyle Schrader (2016) will begin graduate study at the University of Villanova, and David Heim (2016) will do the same at the University of Maryland.

At fall honors day in October 2015, Bill won the college's Dr. Dr. Ralph Cavaliere Endowed Teaching Award. He was very thankful and appreciative. This year, he also served as academic advisor to Omicron

Delta Kappa, the national leadership fraternity, and Alpha Phi Omega, the national service fraternity. He was also a member of the college's Mellon selection committee.

Bill attended academic conferences in Austria in December of 2015 and at Dickinson College in April of 2016. On both occasions, he presented papers connected to his current research interests in sports history.

In the summer of 2016, Bill was project leader for a faculty trip to Serbia and Kosovo. The trip was funded by the Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation and featured stops in Belgrade and Pristina. The focus of the trip was recent conflicts and memory, but the group was also able to visit several ancient historic sites, such as the field upon which the Battle of Kosovo supposedly took place in 1389. Some members of the faculty group, including Bill, were also able to visit Professor Carolyn Snively's archeological site in eastern Macedonia. The departing flight from Skopje left from Alexander the Great Airport.

In June 2016, Bill authored an editorial on the possible future political relationships between Vladimir Putin and Donald Trump. The piece appeared online with RealClearPolitics and is also available through Gettysburg College's Cupola site. The editorial focused on Putin's ability to maneuver and make geopolitical calculations under a possible Trump presidency.

For 2016-17, Bill will be on sabbatical leave and plans to make progress on several research and writing projects. For some of the fall semester, he will be in Vienna, Austria and Turin, Italy, where his academic wife, Magdalena Sanchez, has research interests. In the spring, as noted above he will be in Copenhagen, Denmark teaching at the DIS program and hoping to make further progress on his writing.

Bill's family continues to do well. Lucas graduated with honors and a degree in music from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in May 2016. He is currently working at several music-related jobs in Pittsburgh and hopes that his band, The Commonheart (check them out on youtube), is invited to go on a national tour. Matias completed a very successful first year at Catholic University in Washington DC, but has decided to transfer to the University of Pittsburgh for the 2016-17 academic year. He is leaning toward a double major in history and journalism. Angela did very well in her first year of home schooling and was able to travel

with her father and mother to Vienna in December 2015. She found that she has a real taste for European museums and architecture. She is a very curious and engaged person and will travel more with her parents during the 2016-17 academic year.

Scott Hancock

On the scholarship front, this past year Scott Hancock presented two papers. The first resulted from research conducted at the Library Company of Philadelphia, enabled by a research and development grant from Gettysburg College. The paper, presented in North Carolina at the Society of Historians of the Early Republic, explored why African Americans escaping slavery before the Civil War bothered claiming US citizenship instead of running to Canada.

The other paper, delivered in Oxford, England, examined how black South

Africans used soccer and law to make citizenship claims during apartheid. In between those two conferences, he spent three weeks at language school in Cochabamba Bolivia thanks to the college's Language Renewal Grant. Hancock also had the good fortune to accompany two outstanding groups of students on immersion trips; one over spring break to León Nicaragua and the second in May to Kansas and Arkansas. Finally, Hancock has been increasingly drawn into public discussions regarding the Confederate battle flag, giving an invited talk to a couple hundred students at Mount Saint Mary's University, writing a post for *Medium* and *Huffington Post*, and organizing a corrective protest to a Sons of Confederate Veterans 'celebration' of the flag at the Peace Light Memorial in the Gettysburg National Military Park on March 5th. It is worth noting that his role in this was significantly enabled by Africana Studies and Gettysburg College, which covered the extra expenses incurred because he had to delay his flight to Nicaragua by one day...this is putting our money where our mouths are!



Dina Lowy



In 2015-16, Dina Lowy taught courses on Twentieth Century World, Science & Technology in the Modern World, Modern Japan, Gender in Modern Japan, and the Pacific War. She welcomed the opportunity to rework the research component and general design of her Gender in Modern Japan class afforded by a Mellon Curriculum Development Grant, especially since it had been seven years since she taught this course. Dina continued to serve as faculty advisor to Phi Alpha Theta, the

History Honor Society, and as coordinator of the History Department Writing PLAs. Her research interests are still focused on love and marriage in prewar Japan as she continues to research, translate, and write about a scandalous love triangle. She enjoyed mentoring Alaina Keller on a Mellon research fellowship [summer '16] about changing attitudes toward homosexuality in Japanese history.

Dina's children continue to delight and exhaust her. Drew, 14, is entering high school and intends to be a three-sport athlete - soccer, basketball, and tennis. Kim at 11, will enter middle school and will continue soccer, tennis, ballet, and jazz. She is also in the midst of writing a novel (162 handwritten journal pages and counting) – something about a teenage female ninja spy. And finally, Dina got to cross two things off her bucket list this year – swimming with stingrays and going to the US Open Tennis Tournament in NY (sadly no Federer).

Karim Samji

Karim Samji's research focuses on Islamic historiography, narratology, and hagiography. Peer reviewed by international authorities, his article "Method and Impasse: Critical Remarks on the Reconstruction of Formative Islam" has been published in *Der Islam: Zeitschrift für Geschichte und Kultur des islamischen Orients*, founded in 1910 by Carl Heinrich Becker. In addition to professional membership with the Middle East Medievalists (MEM),



Karim Samji’s article entitled “Aswaq-cum-Maghazi: Commerce and Conflict in Late Antique Arabia” appeared in *Der Islam* 93.1 (2016): 1-34. At the 49th Annual Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Meeting Karim Samji presented a paper entitled “Narrative Reconstruction: The Case of Dumat al-Jandal” that addressed a critical gap in early Islamic historiography. Karim Samji 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. At present, Karim Samji is researching and writing a book manuscript on the *Qur’an*.

Magdalena Sanchez



NO UPDATE

Timothy Shannon

Tim taught updated editions of his senior seminar, Native American history, and Revolutionary America courses this past year. Highlights included the senior seminar’s field trip to the Pennsylvania State Museum and Archaeology laboratory in Harrisburg, and a semester-long discussion in the Revolutionary America course about what the Founders would have thought of the 2016 Presidential primary campaign (if there was ever a time when we needed to build a wall to keep Canadians out of the U.S., it would have been in 1776-1777!). In April, Tim joined two of his senior seminar students, Ryan Nadeau and Sophie Vayansky, when they presented their work at the McNeill Center for Early American Studies Undergraduate Research Workshop in Philadelphia.



Over the past year, two new publications from Tim saw the light of day. The fourth edition of his textbook *Going to the Source: The Bedford Reader in American History* (co-edited with Victoria Bissell Brown) was published by Bedford/St. Martin's Press. Also, Tim's essay "Iroquoia" appeared in *The Oxford Handbook of American Indian History* (edited by Frederick E. Hoxie). Tim continues to work on his biography of eighteenth-century Indian captive Peter Williamson, and in April he gave a talk at the 19th Annual Ohio Country Conference on Williamson's experiences as a prisoner of war after Fort Oswego fell to a French and Indian force in 1756.

The high point of the year for Tim, at least in media exposure, was his appearance on the television program *Who Do You Think You Are?* Tim helped Katy Sagal interpret documents related to her German ancestor's Indian captivity in eighteenth-century Pennsylvania. This was his first time working with a "reality" television program, and he was relieved when a critic writing in the *New York Times* called *Who Do You Think You Are?* "the classiest show in The Learning Channel's trash-heavy lineup." Even better, after the show aired, he heard from a number of Gettysburg alumni who just happened to be watching. It is always fun to hear from former students, no matter what circumstances prompt them to get in touch!

Barbara Sommer



Barbara A. Sommer, Professor of History and Edwin T. Johnson and Cynthia Shearer Johnson Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Humanities, spent fall semester in the company of first-year students, teaching FYS *Cultural Perspectives on the Body and Atlantic World, 1600-1850*. FYS student

Emma Mugford presented her research project, "Facial Tattooing: Maori Tribe and White Supremacists," at the College's new CAFÉ Symposium (Celebration of Academic First-Year Engagement), the first-year equivalent of Celebrations! During the spring semester, upper-level history majors excelled in both *Modern Latin American History* and *The Mexican Revolution*. For those alums who took *The Mexican Revolution*, a new edition of primary documents in English translation now gives students an appreciation for the everyday experiences of early-twentieth century Mexicans.

As for research, Dr. Sommer presented a paper, “The Confluence of Identity and Place in Seventeenth and Eighteenth-Century Amazonia,” on the panel “Native Autonomy and Portuguese Sovereignty in Colonial Brazil,” at the Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies (RMCLAS) in April of 2016. The paper explores how the waterways of equatorial South America facilitated interethnic conflict and cooperation, while the occupation of geographical and ecological zones defined social identities. These ideas are further developed in a chapter, “Alliance, Conflict, Migration, and Place in the Evolution of Identity in Portuguese Amazonia,” forthcoming in the Oxford Handbook *Borderlands in the Iberian World*, ed. Cynthia Radding and Danna Levin Rojo (Oxford University Press).

Returning to her life-long interest in photography, Sommer gave a lecture on the work of Manuel Alvarez Bravo, in conjunction with the exhibit “Paul Strand and Manuel Alvarez Bravo: Photography in Mexico” at the Schmucker Art Gallery. Alvarez Bravo’s photography reveals an inherent concern with the photographic process and his images transform the everyday into mysterious, yet playful invitations to look. Barbara was fortunate to count Don Manuel, one of the world’s most acclaimed photographers and an innovator of early-twentieth century modernism, as a friend until his death in 2002, at the age of 100.

Allen Guelzo (Civil War Era Studies)

Over this past year, Allen C. Guelzo was hit with a perfect storm of health issues, starting with the onset of shingles in the second week of the fall semester, followed by an attack of meningitis and post-herpetic meningitis which compelled a medical leave for the balance of the fall semester, and only permitted the teaching of one course in the spring semester.



Nevertheless, he managed to see into print *Redeeming the Great Emancipator* (Harvard University Press), which originated as the 2012 Nathan I. Huggins Lectures at Harvard, along with “Little Note, Long Remember: Lincoln and the Murk of Myth at Gettysburg,” in *The Gettysburg Address: Perspectives on Lincoln’s Greatest Speech* (Oxford University Press), “Lincoln, Cobden and Bright: The Braid of Liberalism in the Nineteenth Century’s Transatlantic World,” *American Political Thought* 4 (Summer 2015), “Four Roads to Emancipation: Lincoln, the

Law, and the Proclamation,” in *Abraham Lincoln and Liberal Democracy* (University Press of Kansas), and “Union League of Philadelphia,” in *The Encyclopedia of Philadelphia* (Rutgers University Press).

He also published articles on “What Did Lincoln Really Think of Jefferson?” *New York Times* (July 4, 2015), “Did Religion Make the Civil War Worse?” *The Atlantic* (August 23, 2015), on Josiah Royce as the “Dissenter for the Absolute,” *First Things* (January 2016), and his first Spanish-language article, “Gettysburg, El Segundo Dia,” in *Desperta Ferro* 20 (February 2016). In July, 2015, he participated in a “historical evening with David Rubenstein on “Grant and Lee” at the Library of Congress for 220 members of Congress and their staffs, and lectured on “The Soldiers of *Cold Mountain*,” for the Opera Company of Philadelphia’s premiere of Jennifer Higdon’s *Cold Mountain* at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. In April, 2016, he participated in the Seminar in Constitutional Thought and History, Corpus Christi College, Oxford University, and in May, 2016, he was awarded the James Q. Wilson Award for Distinguished Scholarship on the Nature of a Free Society, Association for the Study of Free Institutions, Princeton University.

Peter Carmichael (Civil War Institute)



Pete Carmichael was on research leave for the academic year 2015-16, and during that time he completed his book, "The War for the Common Soldier," which is under contract at the University of North Carolina Press. He also delivered the Richard W. Smith lecture at Ohio Wesleyan University, and commented on papers delivered at West Virginia University's conference on material culture and and at the American

Historical Association in Atlanta on Civil War trauma and PTSD. In the spring, the journal *Civil War History* published his article "Relevance, Resonance, and Historiography: Interpreting the Lives and Experiences of Civil War Soldiers as part of a special issue entitled "The Future of Civil War History" that he edited with Jill Titus and Jim Broomall. You

can find this issue at <http://www.kentstateuniversitypress.com/2016/june-2016-volume-62-no-2/>

The 2016 Civil War Institute summer conference explored emancipation and Reconstruction with a sold out audience of more than 300 attendees. When we look back over the wide range of events and programs during the Civil War 150th, the CWI conference on Reconstruction will stand as a landmark event that reached a broad audience about the revolutionary period that followed Appomattox. Much of the programming received national attention thanks to live coverage from C-Span. Next year's program is already set and the schedule can be found at <http://www.gettysburg.edu/cwi/conference/schedule.dot>

Pete and his staff at CWI continue to build upon the Brian Pohanka Internship Program, which places between 15 and 20 Gettysburg College students at various historical sites where they work as summer historians. Internships are typically at Civil War--related sites that are usually part of the National Park Service system. Pete is working with to create internships in France through the Institute of American Universities (IAU) in Aix-en-Provence, where he spent spring 2016 as a research fellow.

Pete continues to serve on the boards of the Gettysburg Foundation, the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War at Shepherd University, and the Journal of the Civil War Era. He is also co-editor of the Civil War America series published at the University of North Carolina Press. A list of some of the series' publications can be found at http://uncpress.unc.edu/browse/books?page_type=series&page_type_id=10

Pete appeared on the BBC program "Great American Railroad Journeys," which aired last February in England and should be released in the United States in 2017. He was also part of a panel discussion on the Lost Cause that was taped by C-Span and can be found at <https://www.c-span.org/video/?410243-4/origins-lost-cause>

Pete is looking forward to returning to the classroom after his sabbatical, and in the coming academic year (2016-17) he will be teaching two new courses: Gender and the American Civil War and Gettysburg in History and Memory.

Ian Isherwood

Like his other colleagues in the department, Ian Isherwood had a busy year. On the professional front, Isherwood finished his fourth year as Assistant Director of the Civil War Institute. He did so while teaching three classes, having a full slate of advisees, and finishing his book,



Remembering the Great War: Writing and Publishing the Experiences of WWI, which will be published in December of 2016.

In addition to these duties, Isherwood advised the Tri Sigma Sorority, the Civil War Era Studies House, the *Gettysburg College Journal of the Civil War Era*, served as the academic coordinator for the Civil War Era Studies minor, was editor in chief of the CWI blog, *The Gettysburg Compiler*, led a backpacking trip for Gettysburg College students to Scotland, and took a team of researchers from the college to the western front (France and Belgium). In addition to his book, Isherwood authored a major article for the journal *War in History* on WWI British war memoirs and completed a book chapter for the compilation *War Stories*, which will be released this fall by Berghahn Books. Excitingly, this year Isherwood launched a digital history project with classmate Amy Lucadamo '00 that features the letters of a WWI soldier from the family collection of one of his former students, Marco Dracopoli '14. If you have the chance, check out Jackpeirs.org.

Beginning in August, Isherwood accepted a new position at Gettysburg College in War and Memory Studies ending his tenure at the CWI. In his new role, he will continue to teach classes on the history of war and British history to our students.

Prizes 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

2016 Spring Honors Day Awards

Jeffrey Pierce Memorial Award; Jesse Siegel

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

Gettysburg College Award in History: Rebecca Duffy

Spring Honors: Jesse Siegel, Kevin Lavery, Tyler Leard, Rebecca Duffy, Ryan Nadeau, Sean Hough, Kyle Schrader.

Phi Beta Kappa

7 Seniors Inducted: Abigail Campbell, Jake Farias, Melanie Fernandes, Kevin Lavery, Ryan Nadeau, Kyle Schrader, Jesse Siegel

**2016 Hardinge Award Recipient:
Jennifer Simone '18 for Early American History**



History Department Chair Timothy Shannon congratulates Jennifer Simone '18, from Mahwah, New Jersey, winner of the 2016 Hardinge Award for Early American History, given by the Hardinge Family Foundation. Jennifer is a History major and Education minor interested in teaching Social Studies. Cork Hardinge of Seattle, Washington (and a native of York, Pennsylvania) has over the past several years funded a prize given to a History student interested in early American history and a career in teaching.

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.

**2016 Dewitt Justin Research Award Recipient:
Victoria Brittany Duffie-Fritz '17**

**2016 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize Recognizes Martha Hodes,
Mourning Lincoln**



The 2016 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize was awarded to Martha Hodes, Professor of History at New York University, for her book *Mourning Lincoln*, published in 2015 by Yale University Press.

The book is a culmination of years of research focusing on the personal reactions of Americans across regional, racial, economic, and political lines to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

The Prize is awarded by Gettysburg College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Hodes's book was chosen from 132 submissions and five finalists as the 2016 recipient. Hodes received \$50,000 and a bronze replica of Augustus Saint-Gaudens' life-size bust "Lincoln the Man" in a ceremony on April 21 in New York City.

"To get a telephone call from James Basker one January evening seemed like a dream," recalled Hodes. "As someone who has studied and taught the Civil War for 25 years, the Lincoln Prize affirms the import of imparting that knowledge to students and readers."

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

*Hodes will deliver The Fortenbaugh Lecture on November 19, 2016.

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Events, Organizations, Etc.

Alumni Fall Lecture, October 26, 2016

Clifford Murphy '94



Author, Ethnomusicologist, and Director of Folk and Traditional Arts at the National Endowment of the Arts

Historical Methods Changed My Life:
Recording the Soundscape of American Culture

An assignment in his History 300: Historical Method course on oral history ignited in Cliff Murphy a lifelong love for American history, stories, and songs. As a professional musician, historian, and ethnomusicologist, he works to preserve and educate Americans about their folk music and traditions.



By President Savannah Rose '17

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

Fortenbaugh Lecture, 2016

November 19, 2016, featuring Dr. Martha Hodes. Martha Hodes is Professor of History at New York University, and has taught as a Visiting Professor at Princeton University and a Fulbright Senior Lecturer in Germany. She holds degrees from Bowdoin College, Harvard University, and Princeton University.



The Fortenbaugh Lecture is a collaboration between the History Department and the Civil War Institute, and is presented each year on November 19, the anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. The goal of the lecture is to speak to the literate general public without abandoning solid scholarly moorings; it is named in honor of Professor Robert Fortenbaugh, who taught history at Gettysburg from 1923 until his death in 1959. The lecture will begin at 7:00 pm at the Majestic Theatre. For more information, contact the Majestic Theatre at [717-337-8200](tel:717-337-8200).

Professor Hodes is the author, most recently, of *Mourning Lincoln*, named one of ten long-list finalists for the National Book Award in nonfiction, and a Best Book of 2015 by the *Wall Street Journal*. The book won the Lincoln Prize in 2016, and was reviewed on the front page of the Sunday *New York Times Book Review* and subsequently named an Editor's Choice. *Mourning Lincoln* has occasioned appearances ranging from Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., on the anniversary of Lincoln's death, to PBS NewsHour, the Diane Rehm Show on National Public Radio, the *Los Angeles Times* Festival of Books, and the Miami International Book Fair. Professor Hodes has also been interviewed about Lincoln on numerous other public radio programs and in the *Boston Globe*, and her writing related to Lincoln's assassination has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and Salon.com.

Professor Hodes is also the author of *The Sea Captain's Wife: A True Story of Love, Race, and War in the Nineteenth Century* (W.W. Norton, 2006), a finalist for the Lincoln Prize, and *White Women, Black Men:*

Illicit Sex in the Nineteenth-Century South (Yale University Press, 1997), winner of the Allan Nevins Prize for Literary Distinction in the Writing of History. She is also the editor of a collection of essays, *Sex, Love, Race: Crossing Boundaries in North American History*. Her books have earned strong reviews, both in scholarly journals and in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Review of Books*, and the *Times Literary Supplement*. For more, please visit <http://www.gettysburg.edu/cwi/events/fortenbaugh/>.

Summer 2016 Pohanka Internships

Marisa Shultz '17 and Annika Jensen '18 demonstrate 19th-century games during their internship at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park



Under the auspices of the Civil War Institute's Brian C. Pohanka Internship program, 24 Gettysburg College students spent the summer of 2016 on the frontlines of history, interning at a wide variety of the nation's leading historic sites and museums. Pohanka interns led tours and developed public programs, processed

archival collections, cataloged artifacts, created multimedia products, led children's programs, developed content for social media accounts, staffed visitor information desks, and conducted historical research for their host sites. Established in 2011 thanks to the generosity of the John J. Pohanka Family Foundation, the Pohanka Internship Program supports long-term partnerships between Gettysburg College and a wide range of the nation's most high-profile Civil War sites. Interns participate in a rigorous interview process, and those selected for participation in the program receive free housing and a \$1500 stipend.

The following students completed internships in 2016:

- Andrew Astley '16, **Andersonville National Historic Site**
- Sam Kauker '16, **Antietam National Battlefield**
- Jonathan Tracey '19, **Appomattox Court House National Historical Park**
- Jon Danchik '17, Jeffrey Martin '18, and Emily Timberlake '19, **Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park**

- Amanda Pollock '18 and Savannah Rose '17, **Gettysburg National Military Park**
- Annika Jensen '18 and Marisa Shultz '17, **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park**
- Ashley Lookenhouse '17, **Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site**
- Ryan Bilger '19 and Kevin Lavery '16, **Manassas National Battlefield Park**
- Chris Sniezek '17, **Monocacy National Battlefield**
- Luke Frigon '18 and Bailey Harper '19, **Petersburg National Battlefield**
- Jeffrey Lauck '18, **Richmond National Battlefield Park**
- Julia Sippel '18, **Seminary Ridge Museum**
- Matt LaRoche '17, **Special Collections & Archives, Musselman Library**
- Caitlin Connelly '17, **Stratford Hall: The Home of the Lees**

Study Abroad Students

Fall 2016

Alexandria Andrioli '18

Abroad: Washington D.C.

I'm interning for the Civil War Trust in Washington, D.C.!

Lindsey Katenmoyer '17

Abroad: England



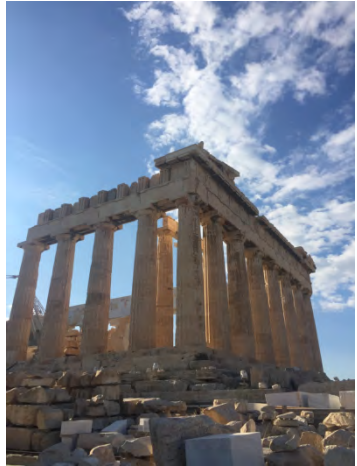
This photo was taken on the ASE hike trip to Wales. We went to the Brecon Beacons, and it was super foggy. We actually had to cut the hike short because of it. The mountain was pretty steep too. It was pretty tough for someone who has never hiked a mountain before! Even so, it was really fun, and once the fog cleared a bit the view was great. It was a great experience that I will always remember

Christopher McDonald

Abroad: Germany

Jennifer Simone '18

Abroad: Greece



Elizabeth Smith '18

Abroad: England

Here is a picture of me at the Lake District in England on a field trip learning about William Wordsworth and John Ruskin!





Ryan Wheatley '18

Abroad: Peru

"I'm Ryan Wheatley and a double major in history and anthropology, specializing in Archaeology. Right now I am in Peru through SIT studying the lives and histories of Indigenous peoples outside of Cusco, Peru. At 10,000 above sea level it's a lot of fun to explore the mountains that surround the city, but with the program we've had trips in Lima, Machu Picchu, Puerto Maldano (part of the Peruvian Amazon), the island of Taquile in Lake

Titicaca, and the second largest city of Arequipa. I will be spending all of next month working on a research project, with my topic being the comparison of Andean and Amazonian myths and folklore in the two towns above Cusco called Ocongate and Marcapata."

Spring 2016

Kevin Bielicki '17 - China

Tyler Black '17 - England

Lauren Bradford '18 - Germany

Caitlin Connelly '17 - England

Alexandra Golabek '17 - France

Matthew LaRoche '17 - England

Ke Ma '17 - Japan

Margaret McCabe '17 - Greece

Brianna O'Boyle '18 - China

Rachael O'Dell '16 - England

Philip Pane '17 - England

Amanda Thibault '17 - Tanzania



Caitlyn Connelly '17

"Last semester I studied abroad in Bath, England, and it was one of the best experiences of my life. Being able to live and study in a city that is so old but also so full of life made for several unforgettable months filled with exploration, unexpected discoveries (like a twelfth century hospital tucked away on a quiet street, and that tea is actually not too bad), and

new friends."

Matt LaRoche, '17, spent the spring semester of his Junior year abroad in Bath, England. What better way to show his appreciation for history than posing as a cheeky revolutionary at Blenheim Palace, Churchill's ancestral home?



History Department News

History Student Staff (2015-16)



The History Department celebrates our 3 student staff here in the Administrative Office during the Career Development Student Appreciation Week held April 11 – 15, 2016. They were very excited to take their “survival” packages along with

them to help get them through the end of the semester and finals week. From left to right: Anoush Aghababian '16, Classics major; Chentese Stewart-Garner '18, Sociology major; and Keira Koch '19 undeclared but strong interest in History and Classics.

C-SPAN's popular “Lectures in History” series

takes viewers inside college classrooms around the country every week to hear lectures on various American history topics. In September 2016, a crew will visit Gettysburg College to record a session of



Prof. Jill Oglie Titus's “Modern Black Freedom Struggle” class. A segment of Prof. Ian Isherwood's “Aftermath: The Experience of War and Modern Memory” course aired in Fall 2014. The series is shown Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and midnight ET. Videos of past episodes are available on cspan.org under Series: American History TV: Lectures in History. The series is also available via podcast on iTunes.

Ian Isherwood backpacking in Scotland on a GRAB trip with Gettysburg history majors Sarah Johnson '15, Natalie Sherif '14 and Johnny Nelson '13.



Dr. Ralph Cavaliere Endowed Teaching Award Speech

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



MCEAS Undergraduate Research Workshop



On April 15-16, 2016, two of Gettysburg College's senior History majors presented their work at the Undergraduate Research Workshop sponsored by the McNeil Center for Early American Studies

(MCEAS) at the University of Pennsylvania. In fall 2015, Ryan Nadeau and Sophia Vayansky were students in Professor Shannon's senior seminar, History 426: Pennsylvania's Indians. They applied to present their work at the MCEAS workshop in spring 2016. The MCEAS paired each undergraduate student with a graduate student or doctoral fellow, who read their work and commented on it at the public presentation of the students' work in April. Ryan's and Sophia's peers in the workshop came from Johns Hopkins University, Stockton College, Brigham Young University, The College of New Jersey, and Providence College. You can identify Sophia as the third from the right and Ryan as the fourth from the right.

Read more here: <http://www.gettysburg.edu/academics/history/research/>

Friends of Mussleman

What was Gettysburg College like for its original students? How did they amuse themselves outside of class? What clubs and activities were popular in the 19th century and how did that change over the course of the 20th century?

Three amazing students —Melanie Fernandes '16, Jenna Fleming '16, Avery Fox '16 — offered a whirlwind tour of student social life from the College's founding through the 1960s. Each presented their experience curating and installing an exhibit in Special Collections and talked about the College history that they learned in the process. These are history majors *doing* history (and doing it well!)

Read more here:

<http://www.gettysburg.edu/academics/history/news/detail.dot?id=c0af507e-bcb0-4378-b914-1252f2c88ec3>



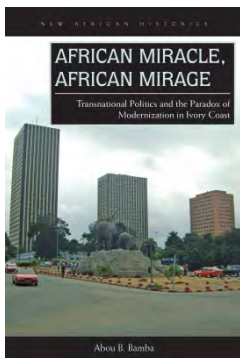
Recent Weidensall Lobby Changes

Last summer new furniture was placed in the Lobby area of Weidensall enhancing the space for Receptions, additional study space, meetings, etc. Next time you are on campus, stop in to see how much this has improved the space!



Book Notes

By Abou Bamba



Prof. Bamba put the finishing touches to his book *African Miracle, African Mirage*, scheduled for release in mid-November 2016. More information about the book can be found from Ohio University Press, <http://www.ohioswallow.com/book/African+Miracle,+African+Mirage>.

By Michael Birkner

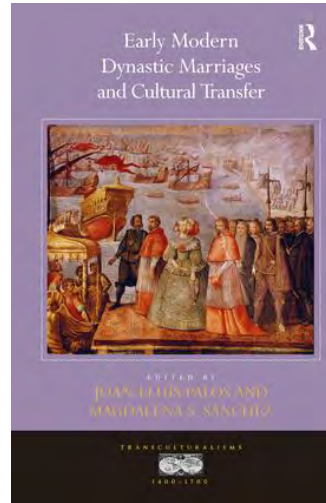
With Dwight Eisenhower's 125th birthday anniversary approaching in October 2016 Musselman Library sought to commemorate the 34th president (and Gettysburg resident) by publishing a book about him. Professor Michael Birkner and Archives Assistant Devin McKinney collaborated on a



volume of previously unpublished personal reminiscences of Eisenhower, many of them originally collected thirty years previously by the Eisenhower Society, and some of which derive from oral history interviews conducted by Birkner and his historical methods students. The result is a multi-faceted and sometimes amusing set of memories that cast fresh light on Eisenhower's ingenuousness and fundamental decency.

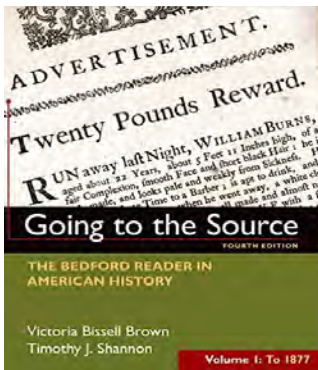
By Magdalena Sanchez

Toward the end of the fifteenth century, the Habsburg family began to rely on dynastic marriage to unite an array of territories, eventually creating an empire as had not been seen in Europe since the Romans. Other European rulers followed the Habsburgs' lead in forging ties through dynastic marriages. Because of these marriages, many more aristocrats (especially women) left their homelands to reside elsewhere. Until now, historians have viewed these unions from a primarily political viewpoint and have paid scant attention to the personal dimensions of these relocations. Separated from their family and thrust into a strange new land in which language, attire, religion, food, and cultural practices were often different, these young aristocrats were forced to conform to new customs or adapt their own customs to a new cultural setting. *Early Modern Dynastic Marriages and Cultural Transfer* examines these marriages as important agents of cultural transfer, emphasizing how marriages could lead to the creation of a cosmopolitan culture, common to the elites of Europe. These essays focus on the personal and domestic dimensions of early modern European court life, examining such areas as women's devotional practices, fashion, patronage, and culinary traditions.



By Timothy Shannon

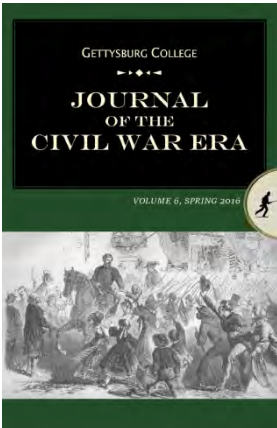
Tim Shannon recently published, along with his co-author Victoria Bissell Brown, the fourth edition of *Going to the Source: The Bedford Reader in American History*, 2 volumes (Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's Press, 2016). This book introduces students in U.S. History courses to the varieties of sources and methods used by historians to interpret the American past.



Department Journals

Gettysburg Historical Journal

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



Gettysburg Journal of the Civil War Era

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

In Memoriam: George Fick

George Fick (1929-2016)



Many students from the late 1960s through the early 1990s will remember taking classes with Professor Fick, who was the department's Early European history expert during a teaching career that commenced at Lafayette College and encompassed the years 1967-1996 at Gettysburg. The first thing to say about George is that in appearance, he was the quintessential college professor. Ruddy face, silver hair, tweed suits, paisley ties, and an ever-present pipe, which he could never keep lit no matter how hard he tried.

George's teaching style—and it never changed during his years on the college faculty—was traditional. George not only did not refer to notes in class, he did not bring notes to class. He simply talked, about obscure kings, princes, warlords and historians of days gone by: Dietrich of Niem and Osric of Northumberland, for example, as well as more famous history makers including Joan of Arc, Savonarola, and Frederick the Great.

As a teacher and mentor George brought an encyclopedic knowledge of European history to bear, but if he had any particular strength it lay in his respect for felicitous expression and his efforts to encourage students to be more intentional about their writing. Some of this derived from George's natural affinity for language and linguistics. He had majored at Harvard College in Germanic Languages and Literature and pursued that field for a Master's Degree at the University of Minnesota before returning to Harvard to earn a PhD in Medieval History. Along the way George dabbled in Swedish, Spanish, and French.

In class George's approach was leisurely to the point of ponderous. But at the same time, he knew so much about the great men and events of early modern European history that no student who took his classes seriously would come away feeling undernourished intellectually.

In personality George was not a wave maker, not a hard charger, and in terms of his academic career he lacked the ambition to build a record of scholarly accomplishment. But George was willing to work closely with any student with deficient writing skills who showed real interest in improving. In one case a freshman with poor skills spent hours in Weidensall Hall working on his writing with George, went on to law school, served as counsel to a United States Senator, and is today a federal district judge in Concord, New Hampshire.

George had a happy extended retirement. With Barbara at his side, he enjoyed many adventures, particularly in Barbara's native country of Chile. The Ficks made many friends and lived the good life until fairly recently.

He was, in sum, an erudite, kindly man, with a ready smile and a wonderful manner of throwing his head back and laughing at one or another of life's absurdities. He liked people, and people liked him. That is not a bad way to be remembered.

Michael J Birkner

[This tribute to George Fick has been adapted from a eulogy delivered at a memorial service for him at Christ Lutheran Church, June 29, 2016]

Alumni News

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

Class of '50

Bert Buller –

Still retired!

Class of '52

Robert Pillote –

I do wish to stay in contact with the History Department, but at age 87, I am now reading rather than making history ! Best regards

Class of '53

Richard Garman –

Obtained JD degree from the U of Louisville in 1961--employed by State Farm Insurance--Ass't V Pres and Claim Counsel--retired in Dec 1994

Class of '55

Barron Maberry –

In August, 1963 I had the privilege of marching in the MLKing, Jr. March on Washington. Three yrs. ago, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of that March, I was privileged to participate in a commemoration of that day here in Annapolis, Md., where I presently reside. The other original marchers and I received commendations from our Mayor and the Governor of Md., and have our names inscribed on a Memorial Marker in downtown Annapolis. thanks for inviting me to share this bit of important history in my life.

Class of '56

Dawn Zukswert Smith –

Thank you for your email. I remember fondly my 4 years as a history major with professors Crapster, Bloom, and Glatfelter. They were well respected and very personal leaders who encouraged us to do our best. I taught social studies for several years in my Madison school district,

using much of the knowledge I had acquired from those gentlemen.
Great memories!

Louise Tarman –

I taught middle and high school World history and American history in Fairfield PA and State College Pa.

Class of '57

Joan Habecker Patches –

I'm sure you don't have any previously submitted news from me. Just this summer the Lutheran Historical Society asked me for a summary of a history that's been languishing for decades. I suppose it is exciting to see the end of research and notetaking to refurbish and make new my 1957 senior thesis, which is available to others only by microfilm in the library's special collections. I do have a copy of the microfilmed original handwritten thesis and a copy of it my husband translated into print by using Word Perfect eight years ago.

My son, Craig Patches, is a graphic designer. His editorial guidance and technical expertise is the power behind getting it ready to publish sometime this year.

It is exciting to see the end of research and many rough drafts to revise my 1957 senior thesis, which was a history of my home church and neighborhood in Kissel Hill, near Lititz, PA. This account tries to weave together threads from that history with human interest stories, photos, and drawings added to facts and dates while following what became of early groups and practices. Salem Lutheran Church began as a union congregation with Reformed Evangelicals as other protestant groups did in colonial times. Highlights include the building of the church and its architecture; rules and expectations of the leaders; the Sunday School's beginning in a schoolhouse a half mile from the church and later moving to the church building; becoming a mother church to two now flourishing Lutheran congregations, St. Paul, Lititz, and St. Peter, Neffsville; becoming a single congregation when the Reformed congregation slipped into oblivion; being a preaching point for pastors of other congregations, and then served by supply pastors, several full-timers, students and interims; times of possibly closing or going back to multiple charge status; and pulling together for an active ministry today with their new pastor, Alison Bowlan.

Now comes the hard part of finishing the pieces to fit the summary, getting all the details in between.

Class of '60

Paull Spring –

August, 2015 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 '62

Mary Lou (Hoffman) Swan –

I do enjoy reading the newsletter.

Class of '63

Paul E Henry, Jr –

Living in Rockdale, Massachusetts. An ordained minister for 50 years. Married to the same woman for 50 years with 3 children, 9 grandchildren of which 4 are now in college. Is supplying at the Lutheran and Episcopal churches. Enjoying retirement tremendously!

Deborah Wood –

I am excited to be part of a new group at my retirement community which studies our local South Carolina history and culture. The group is called "The History Project" and we are learning about the Native American Catawba tribe (our local area is still called "Indian Land"), growing up Southern, and the very critical contribution to the winning of the Revolutionary War by our Southern "back country" patriots. We northerners are getting a much-needed new perspective on our Southern neighbors! And my best to all at Gburg.

Class of '64

Richard Penn Lardner –

Just wanted to keep updated with the History Department. I am working at Mumm Napa Winery in Napa Valley, California, and my self-assigned job is to remind my colleagues about the famous dates in history. I also use my history background in conversations with winery visitors when I come across customers who visit from certain parts of the country or are foreign visitors who nations I have visited. I have been retired from teaching social studies at the junior high school/ senior high school level for 15 years. I am always grateful for having been a history major! My

name reflects the historical fact that I am a relative of William Penn. William was married twice; of the six children of the second wife, one was named Richard Penn who married Hannah Lardner. In 1725, William brought the family to Philadelphia and by the Revolutionary War, there was a person named Richard Penn Lardner. Fast forwarding, my dad was Richard, and I am Penn. Unfortunately, all of the family's money was left behind!!!

Tim Parsons –

After 38 years of full-time parish ministry in the Episcopal Church, I retired in 2006 to Maine from Central New York. I completed seven years of part-time ministry in Rumford, ME, and since then have been focusing on yoga and tai chi, participating in a Buddhist-oriented meditation group, working with a Jungian analyst, gardening, reacquainting myself with my guitar, doing Sunday supply in nearby parishes, reading with a continued interest in history, and generally taking life as it comes. Life is good, and Maine is a great place to be.

John Sims –

Gone are the days of Drs. Bloom, Bugbee and Crapster from my days studying history at G-Burg, but from time to time, I still review some of my text books they wrote. Here is my update for this year.

Due to family illness' this year, I have delved into more reading of history. As my son lives in Australia, I first read *Kokoda* by Peter Fitzsimmons, where a small contingent of untrained Australians defeated a vastly superior force of elite Japanese units in New Guinea. It was not only an accurate account of history, it was so riveting a read that I could not put the book down. It was the battle that saved Australia from being taken over by Japan during WWII.

My second read was *Fire In The Sky* by Michael Molkenntin. It was about the Australian Flying Corps in WWI. It was interesting to read about events during WWI we never studied here in North America. We concentrated on the Western Front, and forgot that there was a war going on in Egypt, Palestine, the Ottoman Empire and other countries in that area.

Finally, after 59 years, I found the true story of my 2Xgreat Uncle who "died in the hands of the enemy" at the Battle of Fort Stedmen, March 25 1865, at Petersburg during the Civil War. At age 16, I had come across a

tin-type of Page Tallman in uniform, with his musket. Being a relative, he fascinated me. For years I researched him, but only found that he had enlisted with the 14th New York Heavy Artillery in Utica, New York in 1863. I knew there was something missing, as he was my great-grandmother's brother, and she was from Providence, Rhode Island. Again, while visiting the Petersburg Battlefield, the National Park Service only had him listed as wounded in the battle and later dying.

Then I discovered my great-great grandmother's Bible which recorded all relatives birth and death dates. It turned out that Page was actually Nathan Page Tallman. It appeared that during enlistment, he went to Utica, where no one would know him, and stated his age was 18. In fact, he was actually 15...too young to enlist. I finally found that he was one of the many artillerymen from the 14th Heavy who were either killed or wounded during Lee's 6:00AM final assault to drive out the Yankees so they would not attack and capture Richmond and the critical food supplies he needed. Page died in the Confederate General Hospital in Petersburg of his wounds at age 17 and unlike most of his unit's dead, who were buried at the Poplar Grove Cemetery on the Battlefield, was buried at the Petersburg city's Blandford Cemetery in the Military Section. His family new he had been killed as the Bible entry stated that he was killed at Petersburg, but his body was never returned. That was because the military did not know where he was really from.

I wish you all a prosperous and healthy 2016/2017 until next year's alumni update.

Class of '65

Gil Lusk –

I have been on the Sahuarita Town Council for the past four years, a nonpartisan position, the Quail Creek Active Adult Community board for the past eight years and hold a board position on the Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group in Benson, Arizona. Having received an Honorary PhD from Gettysburg College in 2001 for my career in Public Service, I still enjoy plying that trade at the local level.

John Nagle –

I have been busy traveling with my wife Lanie '64. We spent several weeks visiting the five 'Stans in the spring, took their children and grandchildren to Egypt in June, and are leading a group of 16 people to Australia in the fall. They were checking out history all the way! (And

my granddaughter, Sofia Mouritsen, began her freshmen year at Gburg in August!)

Class of '66

Stewart Lebo –

Attended the 50th Reunion, as did many in our class. I was impressed in how the college has grown and prospered.

Jim Madison –

Jim Madison '66 returned to campus for his 50th reunion and had an opportunity to reminisce with several history majors about our glory days in Weidensall Hall. Jim is delighted he could contribute to the new endowment fund in honor of Professor Charles Glatfelter and hopes many others will. The endowment will give students a chance to work in the College Library's archival collections and conduct historical research using primary sources. Anyone who remembers Dr. Glatfelter's methods class will understand the significance of this opportunity. And for those of us who arrived in that class at 7:50am a bit unprepared, this is a way to pay back.

Jim Rush –

Below is an announcement of a new book titled: *Hamka's Great Story: A Master Writer's Vision of Islam for Modern Indonesia* from University of Wisconsin Press.

<https://uwpress.wisc.edu/books/5456.htm>

The deep roots of this book lie in Gettysburg College classes taught by J. Roger Stemen of history and Louis Hammann, who taught religion. All good wishes and greetings to Gettysburg historians.

Class of '67

Jay Adams –

I am a 1967 Gettysburg history graduate who has not previously taken the opportunity to stay in touch via the History Department newsletter. Given that 2017 is our 50th-reunion year, I guess now is the time. Not staying in touch means I don't know what my fellow graduates have done with their history degrees and training. I chose to spend 30 years teaching history not in the classroom but at outdoor living history sites, including Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts and Old Fort Western in Augusta, Maine. I was a history major precisely because places such as these wakened a sense of history in me as a child. Looking back, I

would make the same career choice again without hesitation. I think that doing good public history has never been more important. Amidst the constant flood of bad news and broken dreams and unfulfilled civic promises, it is more important than ever to remind ourselves that we still have choices in America, that each generation can choose to live up to our ideals, regardless of what may have come before. Especially now, when time spent in the classroom on history and the other social studies disciplines continues to erode, it is the better (meaning not merely nostalgic) history museums and living history sites that carry the torch for an informed and enlightened citizenry. I am grateful for having studied history at Gettysburg. I wish all involved there the very best. I look forward to being back on campus next June.

Bob Ehrhart –

I finally retired this summer after two very different careers. After graduation I spent 20 years in the Air Force, during which time I received an M.A. and a Ph.D. in diplomatic and military history from UT-Austin and taught for six years at the Air Force Academy. Other assignments included a tour in Vietnam, command of a radar site in Alaska, and staff officer positions in NATO and at USAF HQ. In 1987 I decided it was time for “something totally different.” I retired from the Air Force and went back to school at U of Montana, where I received an M.S. in Forestry/Range Management. After six years as a field researcher for an organization called the Riparian and Wetland Research Program in Montana, I spent the next seventeen years developing and teaching courses in the distance B.S. degree program in Natural Resources for Oregon State University. While courses such as “Modern Warfare and Society” at the Academy and “Desert Watershed Management” at OSU may be worlds apart in content, it turns out the principles of effective teaching and learning—as well as the joys and frustrations!--are the same regardless of the topic. My wife, Marilyn MacGregor, and I now live in McMinnville, Oregon.

Class of '69

Bob Lineburger –

I've been volunteering as a guide/interpreter at Washington's HQ at Valley Forge National Park for the past six years.

Steve J. Nelson –

My most recent book, *The Shape and Shaping of the College and University in America: A Lively Experiment* (Lexington-Rowman and

Littlefield) was released last March (2016). I continue as a Professor, Educational Leadership, at Bridgewater State University, entering my thirteenth year on the faculty there. My teaching (to those aspiring to be public school leaders) includes courses in organizational leadership and culture, educational research, and a foundation leadership seminar. I am in the early stages of research for a next book about John G. Kemeny, president of Dartmouth College, 1970-1981 (and chair of President Carter's Three Mile Island Commission in 1979). That book will be completed to be released ahead of the fiftieth anniversary of Kemeny's Inaugural (March, 1970) in late 2019 or early 2020.

My wife, Janet, Chaplain of the University at Brown, and I live in Providence.

Bob Wagner –

I continue to be active in the insurance business, specializing in life and medical insurance. Also "Safe Money" retirement planning. I'm unofficially known as "Chief Greeter" to Gettysburg operating out of Moms Coffeepot on weekdays, Ragged Edge on weekends and on occasional evenings at the Appalachian Brew Pub. My wife Judy and I live in a pre-civil war house dating back to 1747, occupied by confederate soldiers on 1st and 2nd day of Battle of Gettysburg. Yes we do have Ghost.

Class of '70

Steve Conrad –



I retired from teaching in June 2015 after 44 years of teaching (Greece, Abington Pa, Montco Intermediate Unit, Philadelphia SD, and Council Rock SD [35 years]).

I've attended the Civil War Institute since 1986.

MA in History at Temple in 1980 and *still* working to finish a PhD dissertation at

Six of the chapters have been published in the *Journal of Coast Defense* so there is hope of finally finishing. One article, "The Three, or Four, or Five, Fort Delawares" was published in the *Fort Delaware Journal*.

The Coast Defense Study Group has endured two lecture/talks from me, and the Fort Delaware Society (picture included) survived another talk.

Stephen Lyons –

This past spring I retired after a 37 year career as Professor of Medieval History at Allegheny College, and I have moved to my home on Cape Cod.

Class of '71

Lawrence T. Larmer –

This email triggered a memory from 1978 when I was Principal Speechwriter and Researcher for the then Lt. Governor of Pennsylvania. One summer afternoon I ran into the late Dr. Charles Glatfelter in the Pennsylvania State Capital Complex. He was doing some research in the state archives but mentioned he was having trouble getting access to one or two specific collections. I went back to the office and made a few calls on behalf of the Lt. Governor the result of which allowed Dr. Glatfelter full and immediate availability to everything he needed. It was gratifying to know that the success of Dr. Glatfelter's research depended in part on the intercession of one of his former B- students.

Ivan Punchatz –

I have now completed my 21st year as a shareholder of Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney, PC where we count 6 Gettysburgians among our ranks of attorneys/lobbyists. I practice healthcare law in Princeton, NJ. In December, I will celebrate my 40th year as an attorney (Seton Hall Law). My daughter Isabelle graduated G-burg in 2015 as an English major (although she does like history). Son Charlie is a web site designer and daughter Jessica is a choral teacher/conductor. My wife Shelly is General Manager of Corporate Branding/Marketing at Education Testing Service (ETS) in Princeton.

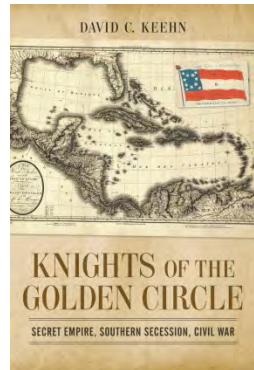
Elliot Soloman –

Somehow 45 have passed since I left G-burg (Class of '71). Don't know how its flown by so quickly, but it's been a great ride so far. Made all the better by sharing all of these years with my better half, Nancy (Chamberlain, Class of '72).

I've worked in four capacities over the past 45 years – 3 years in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, 3 years as a prosecutor in Northern New Jersey, 16 years in private practice in a firm in Hartford,

CT and the past 20 years as a Connecticut Superior Court judge (where I currently serve as the Deputy Chief Court Administrator for Connecticut courts). I've been fortunate to have thoroughly enjoyed each position, each of which had its own reward. It always seemed that the opportunity to move came about as I was ready for a new challenge. I guess the next logical move would be retirement – but, fortunately, I enjoy what I do too much to leave it.

The interest which I've always had in history manifests itself in the reading I do and the places to which we've traveled. When asked, it's always hard to say which countries I've enjoyed the most. I do know that, while it may not have as lengthy a history as England, Italy, Russia, Greece, Turkey and so many other places we've been fortunate enough to visit, I'm always happy when it's wheels down in the USA!



Class of '72

Dave Keehn –

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

From the American Heroes Channel's TV schedule that was just posted for October 18, it looks like the Civil War show containing the Knights segment will premiere at 10 p.m. (EST). AHC is one of the few left that present history in a realistic manner so I'm hopeful the KGC segment (which I was told involved actors to recreate scenes) won't be too sensationalized.

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

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

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

Robert Sudlow –

Deputy County Executive for Operations and Public Safety Bob Sudlow '72 spearheaded Ulster County NY efforts in the reclamation and rededication of the Revolutionary War grave site of Second Lieutenant Moses Depuy. Moses Depuy served in the New York Second Militia in the Ulster County Regiment enlisting as an Ensign. Born in 1754, Depuy was not only part of the founding of the USA but also a Founding Father of the Town of Rochester where he was buried in 1828 on the family farm. Other family members, including his wife, are also interred at the site. Following a telephone contact with his great great great grandson Walter Depuy of Fayetteville PA, the over grown family cemetery was on the verge on being lost forever to the encroaching forest. A crew of the Ulster County Department of Public Works worked diligently to restore the site and Walter Depuy secured a new headstone from the Department of Veterans Services. On May 22 2016 the grave site was rededicated in a ceremony featuring the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Family members in attendance extended their gratitude for memorializing this place of history.



BEFORE



AFTER

John Thomas –

“I am retired from my administrative and teaching position at Chicago Theological Seminary on August 31 following forty one years of ministry in local and national positions with the United Church of Christ. My wife Lydia and I will continue to live in Chicago where I will teach occasional courses, volunteer with Arise Chicago, a non-profit linking the religion and labor communities on behalf of low wage and immigrant workers, and serve on the steering committee of the United Church of Christ Palestine Israel Network, a grassroots organization working for a just peace in the Middle East.”

Class of ‘77

Charlie Scott –

Active love of history alive and well . . . along with my wife, Janette Guarisco Scott '77, hiked the full length of Hadrian's Wall in northern England during the first week of July 2016 . . . from Bowness-on-Solway

on the west coast to Wallsend on the east coast. Professionally, still adjunct faculty in the MBA program at Temple University and doing some HR consulting. Privileged to serve on the board at Gettysburg College and Philadelphia Futures.

Class of '79

Joe Mohr –

As a National Park ranger at National Mall and Memorial Parks for 19 years I have researched and given special ranger talks. This year I presented talks at the MLK Memorial about Ella Baker and about the Herring migration. Last month I gave talks about General John J Pershing, and next week about the 1838 Charles Wilkes expedition of the US Navy to Antarctica.

Class of '80

Nancy Rhoads –

I recently became part of the full-time faculty at Allen University, a Historically Black College and University in Columbia, SC. I teach in the divisions of Social Science and Business, and mentor students in pre-law organizations. I moved to Columbia, SC from Philadelphia, PA two years ago, and am enjoying the change in weather!

Class of '82

Tish Bischoff –

No news, retired from NYC advertising in 2004. Enjoying daily freedoms.

Kenneth Lee –

After receiving my M.A. in History from Villanova, I will soon celebrate my 30th year of practicing law specializing in complex commercial litigation, having spent about half my career in Pittsburgh and half in Harrisburg. I have two children; Samantha (Gburg class of 2016) and Evan who soon turns 3 (and if my calculations are correct, he will enter Gburg, hopefully, the year of my 50th reunion!). Serve/served on the Board of Directors of The National Civil War Museum (come visit), the United Way Allocation Committee, Executive Women International Scholarship Committee, Boy Scouts, Associated Pennsylvania Constructors committees, committees of the Associated General Contractors of America, American Road & Transportation Builders of America, the Pennsylvania Democratic Committee, Chair of the local Democratic Committee and former Congressional candidate. I see and

communicate with Dr. Boritt often as we have maintained our friendship for almost 35 years!

Robbin (Walley) Vitt –

I'm in my 23rd year teaching third graders in Wenonah School, Wenonah NJ. I married Ed Vitt ('81) and have two grown children and a granddaughter.

Class of '83

Brian Martin –

I've been enjoying returning to campus frequently to visit our daughter Jessie who is now a junior chemistry major. I was also honored to share my professional experience with Professor Titus' public history class last spring. My work leading History Associates remains a challenging and rewarding extension of my lifelong interest in history and I learn something new every day!

Class of '86

BJ Cunningham –

Thank you for your recent email regarding the History Department. I am a proud alumnus and my start at Gettysburg has helped me in my career in higher ed (27 years). I mentor students on my own campus and have throughout my career and I am happy to offer my time to talk to current students about graduate school and career pathways, particularly in higher ed and government (I lived in DC for 15 years and I did some research for a government agency on the side). I have worked in academic affairs and student affairs on four university campuses.

I was a double major in History and Poli Sci and I have graduate degrees from American University (MA in Comparative Politics), the University of Auckland in New Zealand (Master of Literature in Political Studies), and a PhD in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University.

My expertise is in political violence and terrorism and I have taught graduate level courses on these topics. I lived in New Zealand for five years and I also encourage students to study abroad.

History has always been my passion and if I can be of any help to your students or the department please let me know.

Class of '87

John Deeben –

I continue to work at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, DC, as an archivist with the Archives I Reference Section. I continue to serve as an Old Army specialist assisting researchers with military records from the Revolutionary War to the beginning of the 20th century. I also serve as secretary and board member for the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic, alongside new board member Jill Oglie Titus! And I occasionally run into CWI director Pete Carmichael (my fellow grad student colleague from Penn State!).

Class of '89

Rick Krause -

In my hometown of Magnolia, New Jersey, the Roman Catholic parish of St. Gregory closed its doors in 2010. The property was sold to developers and demolition was planned on the site for the summer of 2016. As a member of the Magnolia Historical Society, I worked with a number of other members to document and preserve important elements of the site (church, school, convent, rectory).

As a result of our efforts, we were able to save and preserve a number of important items (altar, lectern, baptismal font, pews, mosaics, organ, banners, pictures) as well as two time capsules which will be opened in the near future. We are also in search of another time capsule which was buried on the property during our nation's bicentennial (1976). We have narrowed the search and are hoping to begin digging soon!

In addition, we worked with the developer and demolition company to save some bricks from the church building. They are going to be offered to former parishioners and local residents who would like a keepsake from an important part of our town's history--free of charge.

My education at Gettysburg College certainly helped me in our efforts, and the entire project has been a very memorable, rewarding, and worthwhile experience!

Class of '90

Steve Hessler –

Not too much to mention this year, so to follow up on last year's submission, I continue to work for Deutsche Bank (26+ years now) and have had a few trips back to New York City already this year. My wife (Kellie) and I have also continued our travels, and will be visiting our fiftieth country later this year. I successfully completed the Los Angeles

Marathon in February, my fourth marathon to date. That is about all for now – thank you for reaching out and enjoy the rest of summer.

Class of '91

Jonathan Berkey –

I am an associate professor of history at Concord University in Athens, WV. I have just started my 11th year there. I live in Athens with my wife Michell (class of 1992) and my children Joel and Mary Ellen.

Thomas Weber –

I've been married for 15 years and my wife Mary and I (Villanova '96) have four young children and spend most of our time chasing them from field to field. For the last 22 years I have had my own business in my hometown of Rutherford, NJ as a Certified Financial Planner (www.aptam.com) and been recognized as a Five Star Wealth Manager for the past 4 years running.

Class of '93

Carolyn (Yaschur) Haslinger –

I'm beginning my third year as an assistant professor at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. I teach multimedia journalism courses, news literacy, mass communication theory, and research methods classes as part of the communication studies department. I just presented a visual eye-tracking research paper at the Association for Educators of Journalism and Mass Communication conference and am gearing up for the new school year. I currently live in Davenport, Iowa with my husband, our three-year old son, and two dogs.

Class of '94

Frederic Cook –

My wife and I recently celebrated our 5th wedding anniversary. I have two adorable toddlers (daughter, Maddy, 2, and son, James, 3), and a wonderful stepdaughter, April, who is 10 years old. As you might have guessed, our celebration plans are in a bit of a holding pattern while the wee ones keep us crazy-busy! I am an attorney with a general practice in Parkville, Maryland, and my lovely wife is a full-time mom who also works part-time for a local bank. I return to Gettysburg on a yearly basis (frankly, I go back any chance I get), but I haven't been to the campus in a while. I hope to correct that soon!

Peter Vermilyea –

This summer marked my 22nd as the director of the Student Scholarship program at the Civil War Institute. In this endeavor I am thrilled to work with Pete Carmichael, Jill Titus, and Jared Peatman '02. My book *Wicked Litchfield County* was published this July. I was named one of Litchfield County's most influential people for my work as "an ambassador of local history."

Class of '95**Scott Algeier –**

I have expanded my homeland security consulting firm, Conrad, Inc. (www.conradinc.biz) and opened a new office in Old Town Manassas, VA. I started the firm in 2006. We are at the intersection of cybersecurity policy and operations, helping companies manage cyber threats to their enterprises while also engaging with policymakers to develop and implement effective policies that promote collaboration among industry and government.

The Lord has blessed me with a loving and healthy family. My favorite moments in life are spent hanging out with my wife and our 8 year old twin daughters, walking with them in the Manassas Battlefields, and hiking with them in the Shenandoah National Park.

Class of '96**Robb Johnston –**

Since the last newsletter I have had a number of photos that I took published in Seth Rudetsky's *Broadway Diary*, Volume II and have sat in as a contributor on the *This Week on Broadway* podcast discussing the off Broadway show *Privacy*, starring Daniel Radcliffe.

Here is a pic with Lin-Manuel Miranda, author of the Pulitzer and Tony winning show *Hamilton*.

Laura Turowski –

I am starting my fifth year as Director of Library Services at St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C. In addition to working in the library, I am the advisor for the Model United Nations club. We participate in conferences at Columbia University, Johns Hopkins and American University. St. John's is very much a service-oriented school and I have participated with students in service immersion trips to Sacred Heart Southern Missions in Mississippi and the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana. I never thought my job as a school librarian would involve so much travel! Last year was an exciting year in the Malloy-Turowski

household. We bought a house in May in Fort Washington and in October, Kristopher and I welcomed our son, Jameson. He is now 11 months and keeps us on our toes!

Class of '97

Meredith Bove –

Meredith (Bowne) Bove '97 is an Associate Director at Sucampo, a biopharmaceutical company headquartered in the DC metro area. I live in Potomac with my husband (a history teacher) and two children - ages 11 and 14.

Class of '98

Marybeth Danowski –

Marybeth (Korejko) Danowski has started her eighteenth 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. This school year, of course, the Club will stage a school-wide election. She is facilitating a trip to Gettysburg on October 20, 2016 for her U.S. History classes and will be at Servo from 1:30-2:30 if you want to say hello. On a personal note, she and Douglas Danowski ('95) are parents to four daughters: Sammie, Maddie, Kimmie, and Mackenzie. Swimming, basketball, softball, gymnastics, homework, and family time are keeping them very busy!

Dr. Brent Hege –

I was selected by my bishop to serve as co-chair for the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in 2017

Paul Hutchinson –

In addition to teaching at Boston University, I'm co-curating the upcoming exhibit at the Museum of the White Mountains in Plymouth, NH. Titled "Summer Camps: The White Mountain Roots of an Iconic American Experience, the exhibit opens on May 1, 2017, will be open until the end of September and is based on my dissertation. "Hi" to all in the History Dept!"

Class of '00

David Gary –

In June 2016, I left Yale University Library to become the Curator of Printed Materials at the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. In my new position I will promote, build, and interpret the Society's various printed collections.

Jonathan Hemmerdinger –

I married Jennifer Hemmerdinger in September 2015, and in May 2016 we moved from Arlington, Va., to Weymouth, Mass., near Boston. I am a senior reporter for aviation magazine Flight International and related website FlightGlobal.com.

Amy Lucadamo –

As part of the Jack Peirs project that I am working on with Dr. Isherwood, I travelled to France, Belgium, and London this summer. Click [here](#) for more about the project.

I am actually on leave this semester from Gettysburg because I am with my family in England. My husband, Tim Funk (also '00 and a faculty member in the chemistry department) is leading the College's London/Lancaster study abroad program this semester, so I am with my family in London right now

Class of '01

Ryan Gottschall

I continue to work for the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO); however, for the past year I have been on detail to the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Energy and Commerce as a professional staff member working on the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. As a history tie--Energy and Commerce is the oldest standing legislative committee in the House, dating to 1795. In October, I'll return to writing reports for Congress with GAO's Natural Resources and Environment team where I have focused primarily on energy issues. I reside in Arlington, VA with my wife Sarah (Doherty) '01 and children Miles (6) and Madeleine (3). We all thoroughly enjoyed our visit to campus in June for our 15 year class reunion and look forward to visiting again soon!

Class of '02

Jason Weida –

I am joining the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts, in Boston, as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. In that role, Jason will represent the United States in a variety of litigation matters in federal court. He lives in Hingham, Massachusetts, with his wife, Kyley, their son Bowen (age 4), and their daughter Alden (age 2).



Class of '03

Jessica Merkel –

Jessica and her husband, Clint, along with their children Cecelia (7) and Calbert (4) welcomed baby Corinne Irene to their family on February 25, 2016. Jessica is a partner at the law firm of Bunger & Robertson in Bloomington, Indiana practicing in the areas of Wills and Trusts, Estate Administration, Fiduciary Litigation and Family Law.

Class of '04

Katie (Farrer) Hall –

Currently employed as a reference archivist at the Delaware Public Archives in Dover, Delaware, but I don't have any exciting alumni news to share.

Class of '05

Molly Gale –

I am heading into my twelfth year of teaching history in Michigan. Two years ago, we created a new program within our school district called the Middle School Visual and Performing Arts Program, which takes history theater, art, and music, and integrates them in a dynamic, half-day program. Our goal is to create an experience for our kids that focuses on critical thinking about history, hands-on learning, project-based experiences, lots of writing, and experiential learning through field trips to local historical and arts-based sites in Michigan. We also conclude the year with a weekend trip to Washington D.C., although this year, we will be visiting New York City. It has been a wonderful experience creating

this program, and so much of what I learned at Gettysburg has been pivotal in guiding it!

Karen Sause –

I just passed my comprehensive exams and advanced to a Doctoral Candidate in the History program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. In true liberal arts fashion, I am putting my second Gettysburg minor in Studio Art to work and am starting my second semester as the long term substitute teacher for the Art Program for grades 7-12 at Hopkins Academy in neighboring Hadley, Massachusetts. Hopkins was founded in 1664 and is the fourth oldest public high school in the country, so history is all around me!

Class of '06

Mike Caton –

Have been named COO of our company - M3 Technology, effective September 2016. Appointed to the Defense Trade Advisory Group - body provides guidance and assistance to the US Department of State for Export Compliance Regulations and matters. Elected Secretary of the ADDAPT Board - ADDAPT is a Long Island-based Aerospace and Defense Advocacy and Networking association aimed at maintaining and developing the region's industry and innovation.

Jay Roszman –

I've been teaching courses in Irish and British history this past year at Carnegie Mellon University while looking for the rarest of jobs: a full-time faculty position. My dissertation, "'Outrage' & 'Justice': Irish Agrarian Violence and British Governing Policy during the Age of Reform, 1835-41," was awarded the 2015 Adele Dalsimer Prize for Distinguished Dissertations by the American Conference of Irish Studies (ACIS), where I also presented my research. Having my rich Gettysburg learning experience to draw from, my teaching was recently awarded the 2016 Michael J. Goldman Award for Teaching Excellence at Carnegie Mellon. While presenting my research at the annual meeting of the North American Conference of British Studies in Little Rock, I had the pleasant surprise of an airport run-in with Professor Birkner and was again reminded just how much the History faculty cared about me and my post-Gettysburg pursuits. I have a forthcoming article in *Historical Journal* entitled, "'Ireland as a weapon of warfare': Whigs, Tories, and the problem of Irish outrages, 1835 to 1839".

Class of '07

Nicole Santos –

After teaching in Japan from 2010-2014, I returned to Massachusetts. I have recently been promoted from Assistant Director to Director of Annual Giving at Elms College in Chicopee, Massachusetts.

Stephanie Shaak –

I have since gotten a promotion at my job. I am now the Vice President of Event & Exhibition Rentals, Reading Public Museum.

Class of '08

Mike Emrey -

I began practicing law as a bankruptcy attorney, representing mortgage lenders.

Steven Nelson –

Since 2008 I briefly worked as a paralegal on Wall Street at the law offices of Ford, Marrin, Esposito, Witmeyer & Gleser. I attended the City College of New York, The City University of New York (CUNY) and received my masters in Landscape Architecture June 2015. I married my wife Dana Nelson (SUNY Binghamton 2008) October 2014. I am currently working as a Construction Project Manager for the New York City Department of Design and Construction, managing construction for the Libraries for the City of New York

Jack Pittenger –

I am currently living in Boston and working as an Exhibit Developer and Historian for ObjectIDEA, a museum consulting firm that specializes in interpretive planning, exhibit development, and visitor advocacy. I recently finished my MA in Public History at Arizona State University, where my thesis topic was the interpretation of trauma and violence on the wayside markers at Gettysburg National Military Park.

Jayne Scally –

Completed PhD in Education from the University of York in England, "Intercultural Competence Development in US Undergraduates: A Comparison of Three Study Abroad Program Models" In August began faculty position in the Honors Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Class of '09

Danielle Beasley –

I earned my MED in Higher Education and Students Affairs from the University of South Carolina in 2011. Since then I have been living in Boston and working for Babson College (Wellesley, MA) in the Office of Graduate Academic Services. I work specifically with Full-Time Specialized Masters students.

Joseph Cook –

I was honored as the author of the top paper at the Symposium on 19th Century Press at UT-Chattanooga (2nd time), served as commencement speaker at the school at which I teach, and was heavily quoted in the New York City area press criticizing the recruiting efforts of the KKK.

Ben Jacobs –

5/2012, J.D., American University Washington College of Law *8/2012-8/2013 clerked for the Hon. Gregory E. Jackson, D.C. Superior Court, Washington, D.C. *5/2014, LL.M. (Tax), NYU School of Law *6/2014, married Neala Horner (class of 2009) *7/2014-present, Tax Associate, Jones Day, New York, NY *8/1/2016, first daughter with Neala - Louisa Ray born.

Dakota Irvin –

Advanced to PhD candidacy (ABD) in history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is writing a dissertation on the Russian Revolution and Civil War in the Russian provinces. In 2016 he published three peer-reviewed articles, in English and in Russian. In September, he will travel to Russia for twelve months of dissertation research funded by a Cohen-Tucker Dissertation Research Fellowship, awarded by the Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. He also received a Fulbright Award for Russia, as well as a Title VIII/ACTR Research Scholar fellowship, but was forced to decline them. In 2017, he will present his research at academic conferences in Russia, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

Jason Tercha –

At the end of the month, I will be beginning my second year as a graduate student at Binghamton University where I am pursuing an MA/PhD in History, specializing in early American history.

Ashley Towle –

I am currently working on completing my PhD in United States History from the University of Maryland. I am lecturer at the University of Southern Maine where I teach courses on nineteenth century US history, and the history of gender and sexuality in the United States.

Leo Vaccaro –

Prof. Sommer with History major Leo Vaccaro (class of 2009) in Santa Fe, NM. In addition to teaching History in Philadelphia, Leo runs a summer camp for Navajo kids at St. Michael's in Arizona.



Class of '10

Elyse Bennett –

I just moved to Williamsburg this summer to become an Accessories Craftsperson in the Costume Design Center at Colonial Williamsburg. I'm very excited that I get to help bring history to life every day.

Mary Dixon –

Married to Joel Dixon in July. Also began working as a children's librarian for Frederick County Public Libraries.

Liz Johns –



Liz Johns married Ron Jacak on May 21, 2016 in Cleveland, Ohio. Robin (DeMarco) Ortiz '10, and Carolyn (Bembridge) Stefanelli '10 were bridesmaids. Other Gettysburg alumni included Adam Ortiz '10, Beth (Leamy) Gross '10, Matt Gross '10, Klara Shives '10, Rebecca (Tarvin) Davis '10, Trish (Mullinix) Hykes '10, Tylor Hykes '11, and Madeline Shepherd '09. Liz and Ron honeymooned on a road trip through Croatia, and live in Baltimore, MD.

Danielle (Hiss) Smyth–

I work as the Project Manager for Mount Ida Press, a historical press in Albany, NY. As Project Manager, I oversee editorial and publication tasks for the Association for Preservation Technology Bulletin, a journal dedicated to architectural and engineering techniques used in historic preservation.

Class of '11**Rachel (Santose) Koenig –**

Rachel '11 and Tim Koenig '12 (both History majors and CWES minors) were married on August 13, 2016 in Cleveland, Ohio. The two currently live in St. Lawrence County, NY. Rachel is Instruction and Assessment Librarian and College Archivist at SUNY Canton, and Tim is a 1LT(P) in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Drum, NY.

John Mazzoni –

Since graduation, I have pursued and completed two Master's degrees from SUNY New Paltz in English, and Secondary English Education. I am now in my second year of teaching Humanities classes at New Vision Charter High School for the Humanities in The Bronx, NY. I have used my education in Historical Methods from Gettysburg to augment the teaching of traditional English literature through New Historicism. Since graduation from Gettysburg, I have also published articles on the ideological implications of historical and literary narrative in 1790's England through reading of Jane Austen's *Love and Friendship*, as well as the sociological developments of Neo-Marxism surrounding a post-war American understanding of subject, using the journals of Sylvia Plath as a source text.

John Varley –

I am beginning my second year at the Cooperstown Graduate Program, getting my Master's in Museum Studies. I have just finished my graduate internship with the Underground Railroad History Project in Albany, New York.

Class of '12**Natalie Huso-**

In November I started a new position as the Events Manager at BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown, MD. I am tasked with renting out our spaces for weddings, mitzvahs, and other special events, which is an exciting new direction for me.

Tim Koenig –

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Elizabeth Massey –

Elizabeth (Amrhein) Massey '12: currently pursuing a PhD in Musicology at University of Maryland, College Park.

Nick Scerbo –

I am in my final year pursuing a masters in history at Rutgers University.

Daniel Willever –

I am currently pursuing my MA in History and Culture in the Caspersen School of Graduate Studies at Drew University, in Madison, New Jersey.

Class of '13**Samuel Holmes –**

I am back in Boston, readjusting to life in America and looking for a job. I completed my two year Peace Corps service in Moreland Hill, Jamaica on April 27, 2016. During my service, I helped the RockHouse Foundation implement and was the administrator for Pearson's Success Maker software to target weaknesses in literacy and math skills of all 96 students at the school. With cooperation from teachers, we drove improvement in the school's literacy rate from 28% to 84% (and that's not including results from the 2015-2016 school year!) I also delivered one-on-one intervention sessions to facilitate mastery of critical skills in high risk students identified through performance reporting. For the final five months, I trained a Jamaican how to do my job so she has taken over and is continuing what I started. In collaboration with community members, I created and taught custom after school computer classes designed to address community needs. In addition, I initiated a cross-cultural exchange program (skype and pen pals) between grade 5 and 6 students at Moreland Hill and a class of grade 5 students at a private school in Concord, MA (My hometown). Finally, I introduced positive reinforcement strategies as a motivational tool and alternative to the status quo of corporal punishment and evolved these methods over time to find effective solutions.

Johnny Nelson –

I am in my second year in the history program at the University of Notre Dame, where I am working on my PhD, focusing on early American history. I hope to work on the canoe routes of the Great Lakes frontier as my dissertation topic. I spent the summer doing archival research in Canada, and even got to paddle some of the historic canoe routes myself near the Georgian Bay of Lake Huron.

Molly Nulty –

I've been living in State College and working at Penn State in the Office for Student Orientation and Transition Programs since January. We wrapped up ten weeks of New Student Orientation in mid-July and welcomed the largest first-year class in PSU history -- almost 9,000 students total. We also had over 11,000 parent and family members attend the program. Now that NSO has ended we are getting ready for Fall Welcome Week and the start of a new semester. I'm looking forward to having things slow down a bit and to start planning for next summer's Orientation.

Outside of work I'm still playing golf as often as I can and getting ready to start training for another half marathon. This year I'll be running the Nittany Valley Half Marathon the first weekend of December. While I didn't think it would happen, I am becoming a big fan of the Nittany Lions. I'm excited to experience my first Penn State football and hockey games in the coming weeks.

Tricia Runzel –

In March, I began a new job as the Curator of Education and Interpretation at the Ellwood House Museum in DeKalb, IL.

Class of '14

Rebecca Corso –

Currently teaching AP World History and U.S. History at Trinity Catholic High School in Stamford, CT. Pursuing a M.A. in Teaching and Foundations from Fairfield University.

Devon Moore –

I am teaching world history at East Middle School in Westminster, Maryland. We focus on the Middle Ages, covering topics such as the rise of Islam, the rise and fall of feudalism in Europe, and the Age of Exploration.

Katie Quirin –

I completed my Masters in Library and Information Science with a focus in Archival Science in July 2015. I am now employed as the Ridge Archivist at Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA, overseeing the Thomas J. and Michele Ridge Collection. In addition to processing the collection, I will teach an Introduction to Archival Science course to Mercyhurst's Public History undergraduate students during the Spring 2017 semester. I also serve as a volunteer Preservation Specialist for my national sorority, Sigma Sigma Sigma. I'm working with our volunteer National Archivist, Liz Johns '10, to build an archive from the ground up and educate our membership on the importance of archives.

Michele Streeter –

I work in DC as the communications manager at Education Finance Council.

Kristen Trout –

Right now, I am a staff member at the Missouri Civil War Museum at Historic Jefferson Barracks, where I have been helping in the design and interpretation of exhibitions at the museum, and conducting research into various aspects of the forgotten Trans-Mississippi Theater of the Civil War. Additionally, I am working towards my MA in Nonprofit Leadership at Webster University. I continue to write articles for Emerging Civil War, and I hope to begin writing my first book in the coming months. Thanks! I hope all is going well at the History Department!

David Wemer –

Named Young Professionals in Foreign Policy's Europe Fellow; published pieces in the Huffington Post, Euractiv, and the Diplomatic Courier.

Class of '15

Emily Cranfill –

In addition to continuing my work as a Guest Engagement Interpreter at Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, I have had the privilege this year to be a featured interpreter in a PBS documentary celebrating Indiana's bicentennial.

Harry Fones –

I spent the first half of 2016, working for John Kasich's Presidential PAC New Day For America. I worked in New Hampshire, Vermont, Michigan and Ohio during the respective primaries in those states and then spent the rest of the primary season in Columbus, Ohio. I'm currently working at the Republican National Committee and am residing in Washington DC.

Sam Gilvarg –

After finishing up my AmeriCorps position with SCA Massachusetts, I will be beginning another AmeriCorps position in September with Barnstable County (MA) AmeriCorps. I have been accepted into their 'firecorps', where I will be doing a mix of wildfire suppression, proactive fire mitigation for habitat maintenance, and education in conjuncture with the NPS at Cape Cod National Seashore. I am excited to explore more about fire ecology, while also working to protect Pine Barren habitat!

Rachel Hammer –

Got a job as an assistant librarian to the Special Collections Librarian at the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington. This is located on George's estate, Mount Vernon.

Kevin Nicholson –

I was recently hired to teach history at a new boarding school in upstate New York that's opening this fall. It's called Whitestone Academy and they've been running a day & boarding private school in New York City for 35 years and decided to open up a second branch upstate. I'm very excited to have this job and extremely relieved I don't have to spend so much of my time stressing over the job search process. Additionally I've also begun to think about applying for grad school this fall. I had thought about applying a year ago but I wasn't fully committed to it until it was too late to apply for a program - although at least I was able to take the GRE last winter. I'm interested in looking into PhD programs for history.

Class of '16

Melanie Fernandes –

I am currently the Barbara Holley Library Intern at Musselman Library. Next fall I will matriculate into a dual Master's Degree program at

Simmons College in History and Library and Information Science, with a concentration in Archives Management.

Sean Hough –

As of last August, I was accepted by Friedrich Schiller University of Jena in Germany into their Modern History Masters Program. I am excited to be starting classes by Mid-October of this year and I will be there for two years. Afterwards, I plan to return to the United States to pursue a PhD program.

Sophia Vayansky –

I recently began working as an Activity Specialist at Pathways Inc. Kids' Adventure Club, a before and after school program serving elementary schools in and around Corning, NY.

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