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From the History Department



by Timothy Shannon, Chair

Historians spill a lot of ink trying to explain why the past is different from today, but the old saying “the more things change, the more they stay the same” continues to hold truth. This past year brought its fair share of change to the History Department, but much stays the same here too. Our distinguished colleague Gabor Boritt retired from the History Department in May after many years of service to the college. Dr. Boritt’s retirement also means that the wheels of change are turning over at the Civil War Institute, where a search is underway to find his successor. On a sad note, Professor Emeritus Norman Forness, who retired from the History Department in 2000, passed away in April 2009 (this newsletter contains tributes to him by Professors Bowman and Birkner). Between them, Professors Boritt and Forness taught a generation of Gettysburg History majors. There will

also be some new faces around Weidensall this coming fall. Kwame Essien, a Ph.D. candidate in African History at the University of Texas, will be joining us as the college’s Gondwe Scholar for 2009-10, and Rob Lewis and Mike Weber will be here as one-year appointments in European history to fill the shoes of Professors Bowman and Sanchez respectively while they are on leave.

Some of the faces may change in any given year, but our work here remains the same. Professors are still in their classrooms and offices, prepping for lectures and meeting with students, and History majors are still haunting Weidensall’s hallways at all hours of the day and night, writing papers, reading books, enjoying each other’s company, and catching the occasional catnap on the couches in the lobby. 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.

Plan now to attend Alumni Weekend in fall 2009, when Dr. Stephen Ash (Gettysburg ’70) of the University of Tennessee will deliver the History Department’s Fausold Lecture. Mark your calendars also for the Fortenbaugh Lecture on November 19, which will feature distinguished Lincoln historian Michael Burlingame. Even if you can’t make one of our big events, please stop by and see us whenever you find yourself in town or on campus. You can also use our improved 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 2009-10.

Faculty News

MICHAEL BIRKNER



Teaching, scholarship and outreach again dominated Michael's year as it has most years during his now two-decade-long tenure in the history department. Michael taught a senior seminar on Ike as well as the usual Methods classes, Australian history, and twentieth-century U.S. History. Methods students continued the long-standing World War II oral history project (we now have more than 400 transcripts of WWII era interviews available at Musselman Library), in addition to inaugurating new projects on the "top 50 Gettysburg college alumni" and another researching and writing about life on specific streets in Gettysburg borough during different decades of the 20th century. Some of the students' papers were most impressive in their thorough (and creative) research, much of it at the Adams County Historical Society. Michael has been working on two new courses, a freshman seminar on America during the Eisenhower era (1940-1960) and a course on American politics in the 19th century which will be offered as a capstone for Civil War Era Studies minors and several history majors.

Michael's main writing during the year focused on his Hen Bream project. It reached fruition in June with publication of *Building Men: Hen Bream and Gettysburg College Athletics*. (The 220 page book is available through the college bookstore for \$19.95.) Some of the research derived from student papers over the years in *Historical Methods*.

Michael continued to write book reviews for various publications, among them *Historical New Hampshire*, *CHOICE*, and the *Twin-Boro News*. He completed work on a number of articles, including an essay on Thaddeus Stevens, for the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of American Political*

History. He spoke on Eisenhower at the annual Eisenhower Society luncheon in October 2008, and delivered the keynote address on Feb. 12 on "Abraham Lincoln and an Imperfect Union" to a joint session of the New Hampshire state legislature. A version of that talk was published in the *Concord Monitor* and several other New Hampshire newspapers. It is accessible as a link on the website of the Pennsylvania Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

In June Michael delivered a paper, "Not Yet Ready: Australian University Libraries and Carnegie Corporation Philanthropy, 1935-1945," at the 9th Australian Library History Conference meeting in Melbourne, Australia. He has since revised that paper for publication.

Additionally, Michael continues to work on a new volume of essays that he and Shippensburg University Professor John Quist are co-editing for the University Press of Florida. Titled *Disrupted Democracy: James Buchanan and the Coming of the Civil War*, the book will feature essays by leading scholars offering divergent views of the role of the nation's 15th president in exacerbating sectional tensions.

Michael's outreach activities have included commentary for the BBC and Canadian Broadcasting System, respectively, during the election campaign, continued work on the Gettysburg Borough Council, and referee labors as part of his service on editorial boards for historical journals in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, and New Jersey. In October 2008 he was elected to a term as a member of the Pennsylvania Historical Association's Council. In the spring Michael served as the faculty member on the Middle States team evaluating Goucher College for re-accreditation. He continues his service as a trustee of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society and Adams County Historical Society, and is a newly elected board member of Lancasterhistory.org, a union of the Lancaster County Historical Society and Wheatland.

In July Michael assumed new duties as interim head of the college's Civil War Institute, where he will help orchestrate the Institute's programs in a year that he hopes will be productive. He will be help hire a worthy successor to retired Institute

Faculty News (Continued)

Director Gabor Boritt.

A busy and otherwise gratifying year was marred by the untimely passing of Professor Norman Forness, who Michael first met more than four decades ago and with whom he had an abiding friendship.



WILLIAM BOWMAN

For 2008-09, Bill Bowman taught five courses: Twentieth-Century World, Modern Germany, and Nineteenth-Century Europe in the fall, and Russia/Soviet Union and Nazism in the spring. All of the courses presented good opportunities to work with students in interesting ways. As Bill had participated in an Arab/Globalization faculty seminar in 2007-08 and traveled with a faculty group to Cairo, Egypt in May of 2008, he incorporated several Muslim and Arab-based pieces into his Twentieth-Century World course, for example. Bill continues to incorporate much Russian literature (Pushkin, Turgenev, Lermontov, Solzhenitsyn) into his Modern Russia and the Soviet Union class, which the students find to be one of the course's exciting features.

In addition to weekly in-depth discussions, the senior seminar on Nazism involved such activities as a research trip to Washington, D.C. (the Library of Congress and the Holocaust Museum) and the formal presentation of the finished papers. Several of the students in that course are going on to graduate study in professional schools of one description or another.

This past year, two of Bill's published pieces appeared: an article on suicide in contemporary Austria, "Despair unto Death: Attempted

Suicide in Early 1930s Vienna," in the *Austrian History Yearbook*. Volume 39 (2008): 138-156; and an essay, "Suicide and Steinhof: Outline Comments concerning the understanding and treatment of suicidal patients in the first decades of the twentieth century," in Eberhard Gabriel and Martina Gamper, eds., *Psychiatrische Institutionen in Oesterreich um 1900*. Vienna: Verlagshaus der Aerzte, 2009. He also reviewed manuscripts for publication and attended academic meetings, including the national meeting of the American Historical Association in New York in January 2009, at which he presented a paper, "Anna Coreth's *Pietas Austriaca*: Religious Culture and Politics in the Habsburg Empire," as part of a panel that evaluated Coreth's work fifty years after its original publication. Bill worked several years ago with Anna Maria Leitgeb on a critical translation of Coreth's *Pietas Austriaca*.

During the academic year, Bill made two short research trips, first to Vienna in October 2008 and then to Tel Aviv in March 2009. Vienna has long been at the center of Bill's research interests and he has traveled there frequently, but his trip to Tel Aviv was his first opportunity to visit Israel. In addition to conducting research in archives, he was able to visit Jerusalem and its many historical sites. Bill is continuing to work on research and publishing projects in the summer of 2009. Although he is looking forward to his sabbatical for 2009-10, he knows that he will miss the day-to-day contact with students.

Faculty News (Continued)

FRANK CHITEJI

Frank Chiteji is on sabbatical in Tanzania for the 2009 fall semester to continue his research on Tanzania's colonial and postcolonial experience, and the role of Tanzania in the liberation movements during the era of Julius Nyerere (1961-1980). He will return in the spring to finish his last semester teaching before enjoying retirement.



SCOTT HANCOCK

Scott Hancock taught a typical load of courses, which included a senior seminar in which

the senior history majors examined how law and race have intersected in US history. The course began with an examination of legal scholarship from an interdisciplinary field, Law and Society in order to introduce students to basic legal concepts and schools of thought such as positive law, critical legal studies, and critical race theory.



DINA LOWY

Dina Lowy once again taught courses on Modern Japan, Gender in Modern Japan, and 20th Century World His-

tory. She was thrilled to have the opportunity to teach two special courses for the second time – one a first-year seminar on Samurai and Geisha and the other a team-taught course (with Sharon Stephenson of the Physics Dept.) on the History and Science of the Atomic Bombings of Japan. She believes that these unique teaching opportunities help make Gettysburg College such a special place. She also enjoyed advising Special Major (and History Minor) Callie Ellison on her senior thesis on China's disabled and orphaned children. Great job Callie! Dina continued to serve as faculty advisor to Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honor Society. Twenty-five new members were initiated this year, and over twenty seniors marched at graduation with their honor cords proudly swaying.

Dina continues to work on her new project on love and marriage in prewar Japan and hopes to have something to show for it soon. She also continues to serve as a campus liaison for undergraduate research and helped vet applications for our internal Mellon Summer Faculty-Student Research fellowships. She loves learning about all the creative and scholarly projects our students are pursuing.

Dina was delighted again to be a co-organizer – with Bill Bowman and Michael Weber – of Gettysburg's summer World History Institute. This was the second institute and it had a regional focus on "Asia in the World." Ten teachers from the middle school through college levels interacted with two top scholars in the field, a master teacher, one of our research librarians, and the three organizers as we worked on ways to navigate the often daunting task of teaching world history. It

Faculty News *(Continued)*

worked on ways to navigate the often daunting task of teaching world history. It was an energizing and stimulating week. Next summer the institute will turn to a thematic focus on “Greening World History.”

In addition to mentoring junior faculty and serving on two pre-tenure committees in Asian Studies, Dina is also an active member of the Globalization Studies Advisory Committee and chair of EPACC (Events and Performing Arts Coordinating Committee).

KAREN PINTO

Karen Pinto had a productive second year at Gettysburg College. She streamlined her introductory Islamic History offering and revamped her US-Middle East course as “US-Middle East Interaction 1776-1979.” She also offered a 300-level Ottoman History class for the first time. She hosted a number of guest scholars in her classes, including Thomas Goodrich, a specialist on Ottoman Cartography. She introduced innovative class assignments, including a letter to friends and family members telling them about the 15th century travels of the Austrian Ambassador, Ogier Ghiselin de Busbecq’s in Ottoman Anatolia. In keeping with the new “auditory turn” in history, Karen also introduced the concept of song as an accompaniment to historical learning. Thus, in addition to their regular assignments, Ottoman history students learned the words to a turn-of-the-century traditional Ottoman love song about a scribe and his young female boss, called “Uskudara Gider Iken” (Tr.: “While Going to Uskudar.”



Karen provided students with a translation of the words and explained the context of the song. The students did a collective singing performance of the song along with traditional Ottoman Fezes (hats) that they made themselves. As part of their final exam, students were asked to construct a 5 page essay of historical fiction based on the song about Ottoman Istanbul on the eve of the First World War. The performance efforts of the Ottoman history students can be viewed through the following You Tube link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_ZfPG5MYzw

Previously, in the Fall semester, Karen’s students in the US-ME history class did an a cappella rendition of Francis Scott Key’s original 1805 version of the Star Spangled Banner, which he wrote as a ballad in honor of the naval hero Stephen Decatur during the Barbary Wars. Key re-adapted this song in 1812 during the bombing of Fort McHenry. This was subsequently adopted as the national anthem. (Gettysburg students singing “The Ballad of Stephen Decatur” can be viewed on You Tube through the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4ChQ2TUH DU>).

Karen also advised, recommended, and assisted Kyle Lawson and Stephen Torok with their Summer 2009 Mellon Grant Applications. In “Where There’s Tarsh There’s Tarot,” Lawson proposed to study the connection between Middle Eastern and European block printing through a comparison of ‘tarsh’ (Islamic talismen) and the earliest European playing cards called ‘tarot.’ Torok proposed to study the “Role of the Media in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict Pre- and Post-911” by examining the reporting of two major incidents, one before 911 and one after, in American, British, and Middle Eastern newspapers. Kyle Lawson’s proposal was successful. He was awarded a Mellon Grant for research during summer 2009, which Karen supervised.

In addition to her work with students, Karen worked actively with IT and the library to build up resources for Middle Eastern history on campus. She also participated in a seminar-long series on “Globalizing Student/Faculty

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Research” as well as a 2-day JCCT “Advising as Part of Liberal Education” workshop. Karen received a JCCT Creative Teaching Summer Fellowship to conduct hands-on technological experiments that she could transfer to the classroom when she teaches History of Islamic Technology next Spring. She spent part of the summer constructing catapults and water-raising devices out of tinker toys and experimenting with making soap in her kitchen.

Karen also had a productive research year. In the fall, she gave her first paper at Gettysburg’s Friday Faculty Luncheon, entitled, “It’s a Bird, It’s a Plane, It’s the World: Maps in the Medieval Islamic Imagination.” She also attended the Middle East Studies Association Meetings in Washington, DC. At the end of the Spring semester she presented a paper at UCLA on “Portraits of ‘the West’ in Arab Maps and Poetry,” which was part of a CMRS Ahmanson Conference on “Mapping Medieval Geographies: Cartography and Geographical Thought in the Latin West and Beyond, 300-1600.”

During the summer, she completed and submitted two articles for publication: “The Maps Are The Message: Fatih’s Patronage of the Ottoman Cluster” to *Imago Mundi* and “Cartographic Portraits of the Islamic West” for the volume entitled *Mapping Medieval Geographies*, ed. by Keith Lilley at Queen’s Belfast University.



MADALENA SÁNCHEZ

This academic year Magdalena Sánchez taught classes on the Age of Discovery and a class on early modern Europe. A visit to Turin, Italy

in summer 2008 allowed her to begin work on the correspondence of Catalina Micaela, daughter of Philip II of Spain and duchess of Savoy from 1585 until 1597. In September 2008 she presented a paper on this research, which will be the focus of her sabbatical year (2009-10). During summer 2009, she worked collaboratively with one of her students, Evan Rothera, on the correspondence of Philip II with Catalina’s husband, Carlo Emmanuele, Duke of Savoy. This project was funded by the Mellon foundation, which also awarded another grant to Professor Sánchez to pursue her research this year. She will travel again to archives and professional conferences in Italy and Spain during her sabbatical.

Faculty News *(Continued)*

TIMOTHY SHANNON

This past year went by quickly for Tim. As a first-time department chair, he spent a great deal of time learning the ropes of the bureaucratic tasks that keep the institution chugging along. Things appeared to run smoothly enough, although Tim still has the sneaking suspicion that his management of the History Department budget somehow caused the global financial crisis.

In the classroom, Tim was excited to teach a new course this year titled *Britain, Nation and Empire, 1660-1815*. It is an upper-division offering for History majors interested in the British Isles, and Tim is glad to have the chance to blend his research pursuits in early American and early modern British history in a new way. This summer, Tim will teach a version of the course in the U.K., where he will be participating along with a dozen Gettysburg students in a seminar program in Bath, England.

This past year also saw some scholarly projects come to fruition for Tim. His latest book *Iroquois Diplomacy on the Early American Frontier* is now out in paperback and was a selection for the History Book of the Month Club. Tim also published two articles this past year. "King of the Indians: The Hard Fate and Curious Career of Peter Williamson" appeared in the *William and Mary Quarterly* in January 2009, and "The World That Made William Johnson" appeared in the Spring 2008 edition of *New York History*. Both articles reflect Tim's continuing research in Anglo-Indian relations in eighteenth-century North America. While attending a conference in Virginia this past spring, Tim had the chance to meet Phillip Hamilton, a Gettysburg College History alumnus who is now chair of the History Department at Christopher Newport University. As always, it was great to make a Gettysburg connection in an unexpected way, and Tim looks forward to crossing paths with more Gettysburg alumni in the year ahead.

BARBARA SOMMER



Barbara A. Sommer, Associate Professor of History and Coordinator of the Latin American Studies Program, enjoyed teaching both her first-year seminar, *Cultural Perspectives on the Body*, and the senior history seminar, *Comparative Frontiers of the Americas*, this year. Seniors in the seminar not only came up with original topics, but they also demonstrated an impressive theoretical and methodological sophistication. Prof. Sommer also taught a new 300-level history course called *Social Difference in Brazilian History*. Although she is the only Latin American historian at Gettysburg, as an assistant editor of the history journal *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History*, she travels to Drexel University in Philadelphia to attend quarterly meetings with colleagues from a number of other colleges and universities. Her summer travel plans include Rio de Janeiro and Fortaleza, Brazil, where she anticipates feasting on regional culinary delights.

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ALLEN GUELZO, CWES



DR. ALLEN C. GUELZO is the Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era, and Director of Civil War Era Studies. He is the author of *Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President*, which won the Lincoln Prize for 2000, *Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America*, which won the Lincoln Prize for 2005, *Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates That Defined America* (2008) which won the Abraham Lincoln Institute Prize for 2009, *Lincoln* (in the Oxford University Press 'Very Short Introductions' series) and a collection of essays, *Abraham Lincoln as a Man of Ideas* (2009). In September, 2005, he was nominated by President Bush to the National Council on the Humanities. He has been a fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies (1991-2), the McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania (1992-3), the Charles Warren Center for American Studies at Harvard University (1994-5) and the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University (2002-3).

Phi Alpha Theta

The 2008 - 2009 academic year was another active one for Gettysburg College's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. As always, highlighting our achievements is the addition of new members to our chapter of the national history honors society. In the fall we added twelve new members, with thirteen more in the spring. Both installation ceremonies went off nicely with a small reception held after. We continued the tradition of hosting a Reel vs. Real movie night, with students watching "Dr. Strangelove," followed by a discussion about the historical complexities of the movie with the History Department's very own Prof. Birkner. Phi Alpha Theta once again held an informal discussion with professors, seniors who had been through the graduate school application process, and students who were considering doing so, in order to give a better understanding of what the graduate process is really about. We also took a trip to Washington D.C. in February to visit the newly reopened Smithsonian. At the end of each semester we enjoyed socials where we had the opportunity to meet potential history majors.

Phi Alpha Theta was led this year by Steven Ferraro as president. Harry Stevens was Vice-President. David Hadley and Sara Flint held the positions of Secretary and Historian, respectively. Rob Flinch ably performed the job of Publicity chair. As always, our Advisor Professor Dina Lowy offered our chapter her guidance and support throughout the year.

The World History Institute

In July the History Department held its second World History Institute, a program developed for teachers of World History. This year the WHI explored the topic of "Asia in the World," providing participants with ideas and ways on how to effectively incorporate Asian themes and topics into the teaching of World History."

The department brought together a few of the top world history scholars in the United States, along with experienced secondary world history teachers, learning resource specialists, and our own faculty. Joining us this year were J. Megan Greene of the University of Kansas and Howard Stearns of Temple University, each spending time at the WHI to give lectures and answer questions. Next year's theme is "Greening History: The Environment in World History."

WHI participants earn 3.5 CEU's upon its completion.

For further information, visit our website at <http://www.gettysburg.edu/academics/history/whinstitute>, or email whinstitute@gettysburg.edu. We welcome more alumni to attend next summer!

47th Annual Fortenbaugh Lecture

The 47th Fortenbaugh Lecture given by Catherine Clinton was entitled, "The Tears of a President: Lincoln, Empathy and Leadership." Clinton arrived at Queen's University Belfast in 2006, where she holds a chair in United States history. She has previously taught at Union College, Brandeis University, Wesleyan University and at Harvard University in both the Department of African American Studies and the Department of History. She has held visiting chairs at the University of Richmond, Wofford College, Baruch College of the City University of New York, and at the Citadel. She recently stepped down from the executive council of the Society of American Historians and continues to serve on the Advisory Committee to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. She has served as president of the Southern Association for Women's History and has published over 25 books, from children's fiction about Phillis Wheatley to the Columbia Guide to American Women in the Nineteenth Century, from Civil War studies for the National Park Service to poetry anthologies. Her first book, *The Plantation Mistress: Woman's World in the Old South*, appeared in 1982 and her recent biography of Harriet Tubman, was named as one of the best non-fiction books of 2004 by the *Christian Science Monitor* and the *Chicago Tribune*. Her next project, *Mrs. Lincoln*, will be published by Harper Collins in 2009.



The Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College hosted its 27th annual summer conference June 21-27. The themes were "The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln" and "The Life of Mary Todd Lincoln." The week-long conference featured an unprecedented number of Lincoln experts and scholars, with over 300 people attending from all over the world. The 2009 Civil War Institute was endorsed by the National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

The Institute was under the direction of renowned Lincoln scholar Gabor S. Boritt, the Robert C. Fluhrer Professor of Civil War Studies at Gettysburg College and author of *The Gettysburg Gospel: The Lincoln Speech That Nobody Knows* (Simon and Schuster, 2006). Dr. Boritt serves on the boards of the National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, the Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Gettysburg Battlefield Museum Foundation, among others.

Discussion panels and lectures were led by nationally recognized scholars, including Michael Burlingame, Catherine Clinton, Daniel Epstein, Charles Lachman, Kate Clifford Larson, James McPherson, Matthew Pinsker, Edward Steers, Jr., Craig Symonds, Frank Williams and a host of other Lincoln scholars. The speakers included two winners of the Lincoln Prize—with five awards among them—and a Pulitzer Prize recipient. Craig Symonds, the 2009 Lincoln Prize laureate, lectured at the conference.

Participants devoted two days to touring various Lincoln-related sites in Washington D.C. and on the Gettysburg battlefield. Tour guides included Ed Bearss, Joan Chaconas, Scott Hartwig, Brad Hoch, Terry Latschar, John Schildt, Craig Symonds, Chuck Teague and others.

The Michael Shaara Prize



In 1997, Jeff Shaara, the critically acclaimed best-selling author, established The Michael Shaara Award for Excellence in Civil War Fiction. This award is named in honor of his father, the author of the novel *The Killer Angels*. In 2005, the \$5,000 Prize, honoring a novel about the Civil War and encouraging fresh approaches to Civil War fiction, moved to the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College.

The 2008 winner was Donald McCaig, for his book, *Canaan*. He has also authored *Jacob's Ladder* and resides in rural Virginia.

The Lincoln Prize



Two books that re-define Abraham Lincoln's command of the largest army and navy of the 19th century will share the 2009 Lincoln Prize, which is endowed by Richard Gilder and Lewis Lehrman and administered by Gettysburg College.

The winners are James McPherson for *Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander in Chief* and Craig Symonds for *Lincoln and His Admirals: Abraham Lincoln, the U.S. Navy, and the Civil War*. Each author will receive \$25,000 and a bronze replica of Augustus Saint-Gaudens life-size bust, "Lincoln the Man." McPherson, who won the prize in 1998, is the George Henry Davis Professor of American History Emeritus at Princeton University. Symonds, who was a finalist in 1993, is Professor of American History Emeritus at the United States Naval Academy. A formal ceremony will take place April 7 in New York City. The Lincoln Prize is one of the nation's most generous awards in the field of American history.

In Memory of Norman Forness



At Gettysburg College, Norm Forness played many roles: teacher, scholar, mentor, administrator, and lover of historical architecture. He was a rigorous and fair teacher, who worked hard with students to sharpen their abilities and bring out the best in them. Norm could also be surprising. Notorious for not accepting written work from students late, he would also graciously give extensions to any students who approached him ahead of deadlines. Hardworking and meticulous in his approach to academics, Norm also knew the value of enjoying moments along the way, such as the time he insisted that Prof. Sanchez and I join him for a road trip to Penn State University. Along the way, we stopped at every mountain ridge to enjoy the fall foliage and topped off the day with fresh ice cream from the on-campus creamery at PSU. Norm Forness could be the master of small pleasures. He also took enormous pride in maintaining and sharing his beautiful home with students, friends, and colleagues.

A teacher and friend to the end, Norm gave us all a lesson in how to accept death gracefully. In the last few weeks of his life, after he had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, he showed great courage. He remained remarkably composed, had nary a cross word for anyone, and commented frequently that he had no regrets in life and did

not fear death. As with everything with Norm, there was no bravado or self-importance in these statements, just the quiet dignity for which we will always remember him.

Bill Bowman, 25 April 2009
Remembrances from the Memorial Service for
Norm Forness
Christ Chapel, Gettysburg College

ALUMNI NEWS

Garrett Gaydosh, '08, was hired in August as the new Assistant Director of Campus Recreation at Gettysburg.

Amanda Spillman, '08, has spent the last year working as an AmeriCorps member in Southeast Louisiana. She has served the St. Bernard Project, one of the region's leading rebuilding organizations as the volunteer coordinator, managing over 7000 volunteers working in one of the most amazing, unique and culturally significant communities in the country. Amanda is the volunteer experience and getting the word out that the work in Louisiana is not yet done and still needs help!

Allison Carroll, '07, completed one year of Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies program at Richard Stockton College of NJ.

David Crumplar, '06, started his first year of law school at the University of Richmond School of Law. David has completed an MA in Irish History at Queen's University-Belfast in Northern Ireland. For the past two years he has worked for a non-profit in Washington, DC.

Jennilee Kemling, '06, graduated from Widener University School of Law in May.

Karen Sause, '05



Nicole Lenart, '06, married Nelson Avery '07 in July 2009. They live in NJ where Nicole teaches high school history.



Nicole and Nelson Avery

Jay Roszman, '06, married Rachel Marie Games in Maryville, TN in July. David Crumplar ('06), Josh Carmen ('06), and Jeff Parkinson ('07) were groomsmen. Rachel and Jay moved to Pittsburgh where Jay started a Ph.D. in History at Carnegie Mellon University, under the supervision of Professor David Miller.

Stephen Light, '05, graduated from the Cooperstown Graduate Program with a Masters in History Museum Studies in May of 2008, and I am now employed as Manager of Museum Programs at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

Karen Sause, '05, spent two years as a Residence Life Coordinator at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA. While there, she became an EMT and enjoyed volunteering at the local Ambulance Company. Karen graduated in May from Villanova University with an MA in History. Native American

history remains her focus and she plans to pursue a Ph.D. in the next year or two. While in grad school she published two articles "Roanoke" (2008) and "'Strange Ceremonies and Magic Arts': The Mystery of Native American Medicine" (2009) in *Concept*, Villanova's graduate journal. She also wrote an encyclopedia article on Native American Sports, forthcoming in *The Encyclopedia of North American Sport* by M.E. Sharpe Inc. She also presented a paper at the regional Phi Alpha Theta conference held at Millersville University in April.

Keith Swaney, '04, graduated from the University of Maryland in 2007 (M.A.-History, M.L.S.-Archives, Records, and Information Management), married Kristen Rimany, '03, and is now an archives and records management specialist at the New York State Archives.

Jennifer Wessner, '04, Campus Missionary, DiscipleMakers, Inc.

Nancy Moll Hillman, '03, lives in Yorktown, Virginia with her husband, Dan and is working on her dissertation at the College of William & Mary on race relations between black and white Baptists in southeastern Virginia, 1815-1877. Nancy and Dan are thrilled to announce that they are expecting their first child in December.

Peter Brauer, '02, and Stephanie Brauer '02, were married in Gettysburg on July 28, 2006. Peter completed a MLS from the University of Maryland and is currently an Archivist for the Cartographic Section of the National Archives and Records Administration. Stephanie completed her MED in School Counseling this spring from Loyola University and works for the Anne Arundel County Public School System in Maryland.

Gene Kraus, '00, has taught history, psychology, and sociology, and coached football and track and field at Hanover High School in Hanover, PA for the past nine years. A Lieutenant in the Army Reserves 323rd MI BN out of Fort Meade MD., Gene spent time in Wiesbaden, Germany supporting an Operation Iraqi Freedom mission. He is back to teach history at Hanover in the fall with some up to date situational awareness for his students. Gene has four children; Alysia (age 7), William (age 6), and identical twin girls Emily and Isabella (age 4).



Adam Fernandez, '98, practices tax law with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis in Philadelphia. Adam and his wife, Kate, moved to Media, PA in April and Kate gave birth to our daughter, Evelyn Kathryn, on May 11. Adam and Kate appeared on the August 6th episode of the Food Network show "Ace of Cakes," a reality show about a cake bakery (Charm City Cakes) in Baltimore, MD, when Adam surprised Kate with a special 30th birthday cake from Charm City Cakes and her cake was chosen to be featured on the show. The Fernandezes also enjoy getting together with Chris and Sherry Johnson (both Class of '98) and their two kids (Sam and Caroline).



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Marybeth (Korejko) Danowski, '98, started her 11th year teaching at Maple Shade High School this September. She, her husband Doug, '95, and daughter, Sammie, will be welcoming another baby on January 9. Between teaching, coaching, and raising a growing family, she'll certainly be kept busy!

Brent Hege, '98, serves as Lecturer in the Philosophy and Religion Department at Butler University in Indianapolis, teaching in the First Year Seminar program, intro courses in World Religions, and electives for Religion majors. Brent will give a paper at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Montreal, and contributed several entries to the forthcoming New Westminster Dictionary of Christian Theology.

Meredith (Bowne) Bove, '97, launched her own coaching and consulting business, Storywell (storywellcc.com), and is living and working in Portland, Maine, though spending much of her time in DC. Meredith will graduate from Georgetown's Leadership Coaching Program this fall. Her husband is a history teacher in Portland and her children are school aged now.



Robert Holmes, '97, received an MA in Chinese History and a Graduate Certificate in International Business from Seton Hall University in 1999. Robert lived and studied at both Beijing University and the University of Hong Kong. Robert and his wife Danielle (Scibelli, '97) have a daughter, and he works for Johnson & Johnson, and living in Pottersville, NJ. Marilyn Kary Auman, '96, is a third-year thyroid cancer survivor! Marilyn is a First Degree Correllian Nativist Clergy studying for her second Degree Clergy Certificate and mentoring first degree students.

Marc Ferriere, '96, Married Anne Marie (Moore) Ferriere ('99) in 2003. They live in Northampton, PA, and Marc works in graphic design at Clarke Systems in Allentown. The Ferrieres welcomed our daughter, Colette, in March of 2008.

Robb Johnston, '96, lives in NYC, working as a technician for a movie theatre chain. Robb enjoys Broadway and has become a routine contributor of photos to one of the columns on Playbill.com (Onstage and Backstage, by Seth Rudetsky).



Robb with Broadway show cast members, *Rock of Ages*.

Keith M. Finley, '95. My recent book, "Delaying the Dream: Southern Senators and the Fight Against Civil Rights, 1938-1965" was published by LSU Press in November 2008.

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Marsha Comegno, '94 received her Masters and Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. She married fellow classmate (poli-sci major) John Comegno and has three children Sarah Lynne (9), Jack (7), and Annie(5). She lives in Moorestown, NJ where her husband owns a law firm that specializes in Education Law. Marsha and John are excited to be chairing their 15th reunion and look forward to seeing classmates next year!

Matt Haag, '94, received the young alumni award for service at her 15th reunion. She is running for City Council in September Rochester, NY election.

Pat (Taylor) Hertzbach '94, and her husband, Dave Hertzbach '95 (math major) are approaching the sixth anniversary of their move to Germantown, Maryland. Pat started a new career as a preschool teacher at her sons' preschool. Alexander (5), is in kindergarten, and Benjamin (3), is at Shaare Torah Nursery School with Pat. She also works part-time at Barnes & Noble to feed her reading habit! William Morrison, '92, a volunteer for the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, recently had the opportunity to swim with whale sharks. The main tank is the largest in the world at 6.3 M gallons.

Robert Sandow, '92, published *Deserter Country: Civil War Opposition in the Pennsylvania Appalachians*. Fordham University Press, 2009.

Douglas J. Steinhardt, Esq., '91, is a partner in Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Fader, L.L.C., and was selected by the New Jersey State Bar Association Nominating Committee earlier this month to serve a two-year term as the Warren County Trustee to the New Jersey State Bar Association. Steinhardt also serves as Chairman of the Warren County Republican Committee, Vice-Chairman of

the NJ State Republican County Chairmen's Association and is the longest serving Mayor in Lopatcong Township history. He serves simultaneously as a Trustee of the Warren County Regional Chamber of Commerce, Member of the Legislation Committee of the NJ League of Municipalities, and on the Board of Directors of the Central NJ Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Shawn Boehringer, 90, is a lawyer and Director of Advocacy at the Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc., a non-profit firm serving indigent clients in civil matters. Shawn attended law school at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and has held positions in legal services firms in Appalachian Kentucky and Miami prior to his current position in Fort Lauderdale. His wife Kate is also a lawyer and is supervising trial attorney for the EEOC in Miami. Shawn and Kate have two children, Emeline (9), and Leo (2).

Rick Krause '89, teaches at Haddon Heights Jr.-Sr. High School in New Jersey. He has won his district's "Teacher of the Year" award in both 1992 and 1999, being nominated an additional three times. Rick coaches football and track, announces basketball games, and is the advisor to Student Council. Rick is also a choir director at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Burlington, NJ and a part-time parish musician at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Tabernacle, NJ and Trinity Lutheran Church, Runnemede, NJ. Rick married in 1998 (Kim) and has four children, Rebecca, Caroline, Emily, Andrew, ages 4-9.

Ingrid Skadberg, 89, earned a Ph.D. in sociology at the CUNY Graduate Center. For her dissertation, Ingrid researched the effect of being an immigrant as compared to being native born on educational attainment. She is the Director of Institutional Research and Planning at a community college in Worcester, MA. Carolyn Yaschur, '89, moved to Austin, TX to work on my PhD in Journalism at the University of Texas. She has a four-year assistantship and

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a fellowship from the school to study visual communication.

Rob Skrzypczak, '87, works in the Legal & Compliance Department at Credit Suisse in New York City, managing the Firm's Americas Anti-Money Laundering Group. Rob lives in New Jersey with his wife Kathy (Hesser '88) and their three kids, Peter (11), Mary (8) and Charlie (4).

Michael Pierson, '86, published *Mutiny at Fort Jackson: The Untold Story of the Fall of New Orleans*, by the University of North Carolina Press in 2009. He was also promoted to the rank of Professor in the History Department of the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

John Maxfield, 85, published his first book in January 2008. The book analyzes Martin Luther's lectures on Genesis, delivered at the University of Wittenberg, showing modern readers how a sixteenth-century professor engaged his students with the text of scripture. John serves as Associate Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Saint Francis, MN, where he lives with his wife, Jennifer, and their four children.

Tim Anderson '82, graduated with honors from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1993, and has been practicing criminal defense in Minneapolis. Tim married Julie Stapleton, a former coworker from NYC, in 2004. Tim sings with VocalEssence, a choir directed by Phillip Brunelle, and has served on the board of the Rose Ensemble, an internationally acclaimed early music voice ensemble.

Eileen Brogan Maffei, '80, teaches grade 7 U.S. History at Hillcrest Middle School in Trumbull, CT.

Vincent Guss, '73, earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Virginia Theological Seminary

with a dissertation based on a unique spiritual assessment instrument used to create a holistic healing environment. After several years as the Director of Pastoral Care of Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Vincent now serves as Chaplain and Bioethicist at the Air Force Retired Officers Community at Falcons Landing in Potomac, VA, where he is developing a new pastoral care and bioethics program.

Doug Rauschenberger, '73, retired last year after over 32 years with the Haddonfield, NJ Public Library. Doug continues with history projects, serving as the official Borough historian for Haddonfield. He co-authored *Lost Haddonfield*, published by the Historical Society of Haddonfield in 1989, and his second book, *Haddonfield, in Arcadia Press' "Images of America" series*, will be published this fall.

John Thomas, '72, will be the preacher at Christ Chapel on Homecoming Weekend this October. Meanwhile, he is concluding his 10 year term as General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ at the end of September. After three months of sabbatical, he will begin a new position as "Senior Advisor to the President and Visiting Professor in Church Ministry" at Chicago Theological Seminary, one of seven seminaries of the United Church of Christ.

Ivan Punchatz '71, resides in Yardley Pa., and is a shareholder with the law firm of Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney, PC, practicing health care law in the Princeton, NJ office. His daughter Jessica is a senior at the University of Miami and his son Charles is a senior at SUNY-Purchase College. His daughter Isabelle is a junior in high school.

Richard Uhl, '71. After retiring from a 33 year career in food service management in 2007, Richard is a writer of suspense novels, his first novel, *Wrong Conclusions*, published in 2008, and his second, *Under the Influence*, in late 2009. He is researching a historical novel set in south Jersey centered around the glass making

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industry during the 1800's. Richard returned to campus in April 2009 to do a book signing event at the college bookstore.

Stephen Michael Lyons, '70, is a Professor of History at Allegheny College.

Elliott Hoffman, '69, will become a first-time grandfather in October, by his daughter Stephanie Hoffman Caldwell ('96).

Stephen Nelson, '69, is an Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership in the Graduate School at Bridgewater State College. Stephen has produced two books about the college presidency, *Leaders in the Labyrinth: College Presidents and the Battleground of Creeds and Convictions*. Stephen and his wife Janet (Cooper) reside in Providence, R.I.

Jim Madison, '66, teaches history at Indiana University. His new book, *World War II: A History in Documents*, was published in the Oxford University Press Series, "Pages From History."

Jon Alexander, O.P., '65, published a book of his students' papers on American POW memoirs.

Bill McEwan '65, has practiced law in Colorado for the past 35 years, specializing in energy law. Bill recently helped a group of Colorado cities finance and construct a wind farm for the production of renewable energy. Chris Tragakis, '65, runs an AIG Insurance Company with offices all in Sri Lanka. Chris' off-time passion is fly-fishing. Chris and his wife Tina have lived in many countries since Chris' retirement from the Army over twenty years ago, travelling as frequently as possible.

Theodore G. Sharp, '64, spent many years as a high school history teacher and department chair, subsequently becoming a school principal and superintendent in the public sector, a

headmaster in the independent and international school sector, a university professor and dean, a consultant to the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Executive Assistant, Deputy Undersecretary for Intergovernmental and Interdepartmental Affairs for U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett in the Reagan Administration. Theodore is a consultant to the Maine Humanities Council program, Teaching American History Through Biography and is in his 12th year of teaching in the International Masters Degree Program of Framingham State College. Theodore and his wife Sharon, live in Cumberland Foreside, Maine.

Paul Henry, '63, served as Pastor of Faith Lutheran in East Hartford CT for 31 years before moving to Leicester, MA in 2008. He still serves as the Chaplain for the Fire and Police Departments in East Hartford.

John (Jack) Trautwein, '61, In addition to still working part time as a Lutheran Minister, Jack volunteers in historic Fell's Point. He has developed a walking tour, gives a course in the history of Fell's Point, and has been doing primary research of the Fell family for a publication.

Errol Clauss, '59, Retired in May after 46 years at Emory University and Salem College (N.C.). Errol has published numerous articles in Civil War military history, U.S. diplomatic history and Sino-American relations. He has ten children and twelve grandchildren.

Carol Youse, '59, retired in 2000 after serving in the ministry for 38 years, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, Baltimore for twenty-three years. His late wife, Joyce, and I have one daughter and three sons, his oldest, Elizabeth, graduating from Gettysburg in 1989. Carol is grandfather of three and enjoys old cars. He remarried in 2000.

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

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Ashley Towle with her family and Professor Barbara Sommer.



Brian Jordan with his family.



Jordan Zeihl, Professor Karen Pinto and Dakota Irvin.



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Chase Refinkle and Professor Bill Bowman.

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