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# From the Department Chair

by Scott Hancock



In contrast to last year when six faculty members were on leave for a variety of reasons for either the fall or spring semester, this past year we had our full complement for the fall semester. In the spring, Professor Sommer was on leave in New Mexico. Our other department member on leave was Professor Bamba who, though he did not leave Gettysburg, was busy not getting much sleep, as he and his partner, Radi Ragnelova welcomed a potential future history major into their family when Samira was born on November 9.

Though the Samira's arrival can't be topped, the History Department forged on with an active spate of events through the year. We were fortunate to be able to have Chris Gwinn '06 as our annual alumni speaker. Chris is the Chief on Interpretation and Education at Gettysburg National Military Park, a job second only in importance to the GNMP superintendent at the nation's most visited Civil War era national park. Chris is in charge of virtually everything connected to what visitors experience and learn when they come to the national park here, and provided our students with an excellent window into the challenges of doing this kind of public history work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In April, in conjunction with the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic, we were able to bring historian Tim Townsend to campus for a lecture on the ministry of Lutheran pastor Henry Gerecke to the 21 imprisoned Nazi leaders awaiting trial for crimes against humanity. Townsend explored how Gerecke, who had visited Dachau and had seen the consequences of the choices these men had made, dealt with questions surrounding justice and morality, the price of empathy, and the limits of forgiveness highlighted by the Nuremberg Trials. The previous month, with the support of the Civil War Era Studies program, the Civil War Institute, and several other departments and programs, we were able to bring two nationally known scholars to discuss citizenship and the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment. Moderated by Professor Anne Douds from the Public Policy

program, Martha Jones of The Johns Hopkins University and Kurt Lash from the University of Richmond School of Law provided a stimulating and timely exchange of ideas and discussion with an audience of nearly 200 students, professors and members of the local legal community.

There are two significant transitions this year. As you know, this was the first time in 10 years that someone other than Tim Shannon has been chair, though he and other past chairs of the department have been a great help for me as I learn on the job how to keep the department flourishing. The other transition is we say goodbye to our Administrative Assistant, Clare Crone, who is retiring from Gettysburg College to focus on what is arguably the more important work she has been doing for years in her parish. Clare has been an invaluable part of what makes the History Department function well and maintain its reputation as one of the healthiest, most professional departments on campus. She will be assisting our incoming Administrative Assistant, Kari Greenwalt, before she departs on August 2.

And most recently, Professor Guelzo has decided to leave Gettysburg for an attractive position at Princeton University. We were fortunate to attract Allen to Gettysburg many years ago, and wish him well in his new endeavors.

As always: we most definitely want to hear from alumni. Please let us know how you're doing, for better or worse. We believe the relationships students form with professors during your four years here are important enough to last for a lifetime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SCOTT Hancock". The first name is in all caps and the last name is in title case. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Scott Hancock

# Department of History

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Dina Lowy, Associate Professor

Magdalena Sophia Sanchez, Professor

Karim Samji, Assistant Professor

Timothy J. Shannon, Professor

Barbara A. Sommer, Professor

Jill Ogline Titus, Adjunct Professor

Katheryn Whitcomb, Visiting Assistant Professor

Kari Greenwalt, Academic Administrative Assistant



# Faculty News



## Abou Bamba

Professor Bamba is on sabbatical for the 2019-2020 academic year.

## Michael Birkner

As Michael Birkner enters his 31st year of teaching at the college (32<sup>nd</sup>, if one counts his temporary appointment in 1978-79), his enthusiasm for all phases of his job continues unabated, with the possible exception of grading!

During academic year 2018-19, Michael taught his usual menu of five courses, including Methods each term, as well as Australian History, U.S. History 1900-1945, and a first year seminar on the 1960s. Highlights included the Australian history students' presentations on notable artists and photographers from "down under," and the Methods' students work on the correspondence of Elmer McKee, '44. This latter project focused on a versatile *Gettysburgian* at work and play on campus while pursuing relationship with future spouse "Diz." Among other highlights, three of Michael's students from the Fall Methods class presented their research from a "Hidden in Plain Sight" project at the college's annual "Celebration" poster session event in late April 2019.



The oral history program that Michael launched in 1990 is now being extended thanks to the library's commitment to gathering oral histories of college staff members and minority members of the alumni body, as well

as Vietnam veterans. It is gratifying to think of Gettysburg as a national leader in building an oral history archive along various tracks.

Michael continued this past year conducting oral history interviews with retired faculty, and as the College Marshal. In addition to teaching and service related activity this past year, Michael's professional plate was full.

In July 2018 he led a week long seminar on the Eisenhower Presidency at American University for secondary school teachers, under the auspices of the Gilder-Lehrman foundation. Many hours during the summer and fall of 2018 were spent working on two edited books. The first, published in December 2018, and coedited with Devin McKinney of the college library staff, was titled *Common Cause*. It was based on oral history interviews conducted by Methods students over a quarter century with special attention to the American home front during World War II.

The second book, coedited with Randall Miller of St. Joseph's University and John Quist of Shippensburg University, is a collection of essays titled *The Worlds of James Buchanan and Thaddeus Stevens*, examining aspects of place, personality and politics during the Civil War Era. It appeared in June 2019 under the imprint of Louisiana State University Press. Also in June, Michael appeared on a panel at Buchanan's home, Wheatland, on the occasion of the premiere of a new film on Buchanan ("Buchanan's America: A Nation Divided") funded by the Lancaster County Historical Society, for which Michael was a consultant and on camera presence. Later in June Michael spoke about Buchanan at a special book forum, "Great Conversations at Gettysburg," sponsored by the Gettysburg Foundation.

Among Michael's professional activities in 2018-19, chairing the program committee for the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association was probably the most time consuming. The conference, held in Lancaster in October 2018, featured more than 20 different panels or special talks, and proved to be a great success. Michael also contributed an essay on the history of the presidency of Gettysburg College to the Winter 2019 number of the college alumni magazine, and another essay for the program "Music in the Life of Dwight D. Eisenhower" at the Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale, Virginia Campus, April 7, 2019.

In June Michael spent two days in Lancaster as one of the historical consultants helping to envision the future of the Thaddeus Stevens site on King Street in downtown Lancaster, through the auspices of the Lancaster Historical Society and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Michael also served as a consultant to the Eisenhower Presidential Library Museum renovation project, as well as participating in the Eisenhower National Historical Site's strategic planning process.

Michael continued as a member of the editorial boards of *Historical New Hampshire* and *New Jersey Studies*, reviewing manuscript submissions for both journals as well as for *Pennsylvania History* and *New York History*. He served on the jury for the Abdel Ross Wentz article prize of the Lutheran Historical Association

In addition to writing book reviews for various scholarly journals, among them the *North Carolina Historical Review*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, the *Journal of American History*, and CHOICE (the latter a publication of the American Library Association), Michael continued to write occasional history related op-eds, mostly for the Lancaster newspaper, LNP.

Altogether, it was a hectic and productive year, capped by receiving periodic news from history alumni about their professional accomplishments and family lives. Gettysburgians who keep in touch with their Alma matter span the globe.

## **William Bowman**



professors with senior members of the college.

The 2018-2019 academic year was Bill Bowman's second as the Johnson Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Humanities. In this role, he continued his work with tenure-track faculty in their first year at Gettysburg College. Throughout the year, Bill arranged a number of meetings and social events to bring together the new tenure-track

In the fall 2018 semester, Bill taught History 103: Asia, Africa, and Europe and History 316: Transformations in Nineteenth-Century Europe. For spring 2019, he taught History 204: Modern British Isles and History 418: Senior Seminar on Nazism. In all his classes, Bill involves his students in classroom-based discussions and research projects based on primary and secondary documents. Students produced many fine papers in all of these classes. For example, Lindsay Richwine, a student in the nineteenth-century European history class, published a revised version of her paper for that course, “Victoria, The Girl Who Would Become Queen,” in the *Gettysburg Historical Journal* (GHJ). She conducted the original research for the paper while studying with Bill in the Fall 2019 semester.

Recently, Bill has renewed his connection to the International Affairs major on campus and now serves as a history department liaison to that program. He is also working with the German Studies program as faculty mentor to Richard (Tres) Lambert and as a resource for its external evaluation.

For 2018-19, Bill continued to work with the national Curriculum Committee for the IES Abroad consortium of programs. Along with faculty from institutions across the country, who meet twice a year in Chicago, he reviewed syllabi for proposed and revised study abroad courses from IES’s centers around the world. He also has continued as faculty advisor for the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and the Omicron Delta Kappa honorary society.

In the Fall 2018 semester, Bill began a three-year appointment to the Faculty Council (FC). The FC sets the agenda for faculty meetings and brings issues and concerns to the Provost and President of Gettysburg College. In the spring of 2019, the FC was also involved in honoring Janet Morgan Riggs, the outgoing President of Gettysburg College, and in welcoming Robert Iuliano, the new head of the institution.

In the past academic year, Bill has furthered his work on the history of sports. In particular, he has concentrated his research efforts on the history of football (soccer) in the last century. Ryan Bilger, class of 2019 (and recent Jeopardy champion!), served again as a research assistant on Bill’s “World Cup as World History” project, which is almost finished. Ryan was instrumental in locating and evaluating historic photographs, internet sites, and bibliographical sources.



Bill's family continues to do well. Lucas, the musician (keyboard/piano/organ), and his band, The Commonheart, have done several national tours in the last twelve months. Along the way, the band released its second CD/album. Matias just graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in history. He is prepping for the LSAT exam and planning to apply to law schools in the fall. Angela completed ninth grade as part of a home-school co-op that allowed her to do in-person classes in math, science, and history and online courses in French and English Literature.

## **Scott Hancock**



Scott Hancock presented a paper at the Popular Culture Association's national conference in Washington D.C. as the first step of an interdisciplinary project he's working on with David Seitz, a communications and rhetoric scholar teaching at Penn St. Mt Alto. Seitz and Hancock hope to offer the Gettysburg National Military Park conceptual and practical suggestions for thinking about how use the landscape and memorials of the Gettysburg battlefield to teach visitors about the role of slavery, African Americans, and white supremacy in the history of the battlefield.

Hancock also wrote a long book review for a British online journal, *Reviews in History*, along with refereeing a couple articles for other journals.

Outside the classroom, the most challenging parts of the academic year were doing an interview about Confederate monuments in Spanish with a documentary crew from Madrid, and, on a more somber note, serving students of color whose intellectual and social presence was challenged by professors and students on several fronts. On the flip side, the best parts of the past academic year outside the classroom were the opportunities to be with students in other ways - whether talking with elementary and high school students about leadership and the African American presence on the battlefield, being invited to give a 'Last Lecture' to sorority and fraternity students, or going to Rwanda on a Center of Public Service Immersion learning trip with nine brilliant Gettysburg College students.

That trip was unforgettable for a number of reasons, foremost of which was meeting Gatete Samuel, who talked with us for three hours about how he and his then 20-year-old wife Mukansonera, despite being threatened with rape and death, rescued twenty-two people from being killed in the 1994 genocide. Mr. Samuel graciously granted me permission to share parts of story as part of the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration keynote speech in January.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my colleagues and former students in the Africana Studies program for their initiative in nominating me for the Distinguished Teaching Award, which was presented at commencement. I was unfortunately abroad at the time, but nonetheless was deeply moved.

## **Dina Lowy**

In Fall 2018, Dina not only taught her regular favorites Modern Japan and Modern China, but introduced a new first-year seminar titled Tea: An Experiential History. In addition to learning about the global history of tea from its origins in SE Asia and China to its impact on culture, trade, wars, health and environment, students also learned the basics of the Japanese tea ceremony and several related arts. The students ended the semester by performing the tea ceremony for another FYS and even for a few faculty, staff, and administrators. Moreover, they did a great job! In the Spring, Dina returned to two courses she does not teach as regularly as she would like – Hist 110 20<sup>th</sup> C World and Hist 323 Gender in Modern Japan. Both classes were lively and generated interesting discussions.



In addition to classroom fun, Dina continued to serve as faculty advisor to Phi Alpha Theta [the History Honor Society] and as coordinator of the History Department Writing PLAs. For some crazy reason she agreed to fill in as chair of the International Affairs Program for the upcoming 2019-20 academic year while the current chair goes on sabbatical.

Dina continues to cheer on the soccer, tennis, dance, and French horn exploits of her very active and talented teenagers. She is also so proud of daughter Kim, an aspiring fiction writer, who won three writing contests this year.



## **Karim Samji**

Karim Samji is an historian of the early Islamic World who specializes in the literary analysis of the Qur'an and the historical origins of Islam in Late Antiquity. In the History Department, he teaches HIST 105: The Age of Discovery, HIST 208: Islamic History, HIST 330: The Ottoman Empire, HIST 427: Mediterranean Encounters, and HIST 429: History and Higher Criticism. He also recently developed a new course (HIST 380) on Conquest Narratives in Islamic History.

Samji presented his current research at the International Qur'anic Studies Association (IQSA) Annual Meeting. In addition, he will co-direct the colloquium on the Qur'an and its transmission in commentary. At present, he is preparing an article manuscript on the liturgical chapters of the Qur'an.

## **Magdalena Sanchez**

Magdalena's scholarly focus continues to be a book project on Catalina Micaela, Duchess of Savoy from 1585 to 1597, based primarily on over 3000 letters she and her husband Carlo, duke of Savoy, wrote each other during those years. As part of this project, she wrote an article titled "Vespers, Sung Masses, and Sermons: The Devotional Practices of Catalina Micaela, Duchess of Savoy," which will be appearing in a volume entitled *In their own Hands: Personal Letters in Habsburg Dynastic Networks* (Iberoamericana) later this year. In October 2017, she presented a paper, "Venerating the Virgin, Honoring the Saints, and Going to Confession: The Devotional Life of the Infanta Catalina Micaela, Duchess of Savoy," at a seminar on "Devotional Spaces: Women's Devotional Practices and Cultural Transfer in the Sixteenth Century," in Barcelona, Spain. In August, she traveled to Ireland, where she did research at the National Library in Dublin. In Gettysburg she continues to work steadily on her book manuscript – a labor of love that she returns to early every morning with pleasure.



Another major project this past year was planning, preparing, and teaching a new senior seminar on the topic of letter-writing and correspondence as an invaluable source of historical evidence. In the seminar, students looked at the evolution of letter-writing from the Renaissance to the modern period and worked on a variety of topics covering European and United States history. The class considered material aspects of letters, epistolary culture, and the role of the secretary, and looked extensively at women's letter-writing practices. Students had fun looking at a 1945 edition of Emily Post's rules of etiquette for letter-writing. Who would have known that the worst mistake a married woman could make in a letter was to sign it as "Mrs."? (Emily Post considered it the most important rule in her book for a woman to learn.)

In addition to senior seminar, Magdalena also taught two sections of Age of Discovery as well as Medieval Europe. This coming fall, she will be teaching Historical Methods and will continue to have her students work on letters. Her students will transcribe and analyze the handwritten letters written by and to Luther Jacob Thomas, a young man from Hanover, PA who fought in World War II. Thomas's correspondence is housed in Special Collections of Musselman Library.

Her teaching was not confined to Gettysburg College classrooms. Homeschooling her teenage daughter, Magdalena volunteered to tutor high-school students at a homeschooling co-op, Sacred Heart Tutorials, in a course on medieval history.

## **Timothy Shannon**

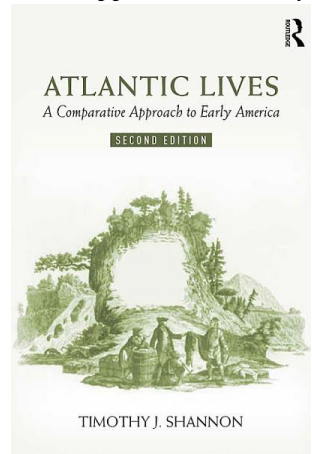
Highlights for Tim in 2018-2019 included teaching History 203: British Isles to 1800 for the first time in a long time. Tim's been listening to the "History of English" podcast, which has encouraged him to dive deeper



into the Anglo-Saxon section of the course (but he's still never going to read *Lord of the Rings* or watch *Game of Thrones*; he draws the line at dragons). In spring 2019, Tim served as faculty mentor for History major Lindsay Richwine '21, who presented her work on Quaker women and social reform at the McNeil Center for Early American

Studies Undergraduate Research Seminar at the University of Pennsylvania. Lindsay had started this project as a research paper for History 341: Colonial America in fall 2018.

During the past year, Tim continued to give public talks and conference presentations related to the publication of his book *Indian Captive, Indian King: Peter Williamson in America and Britain* in 2018. He also published a second edition of *Atlantic Lives: A Comparative Approach to Early America*, a primary source reader for courses in Atlantic history and early American history. The new edition expands on the original with many new source selections, covering topics from Philadelphia's yellow fever epidemic in the 1790s to sexual relations in the colonial fur trade. In October 2018, Tim participated in the Pennsylvania State Museum's annual Archaeology Symposium, presenting on the topic of "The Susquehannocks in Colonial Pennsylvania."



Looking ahead, Tim will be on sabbatical leave in spring 2020, and he intends to use that time to get underway with a new book project on Benjamin Franklin and Native Americans. He will be in the office in the fall term, so do stop by and say hello if you are visiting campus.

## Barbara Sommer



During the busy fall semester, Prof. Sommer taught two sections of Hist-106, *The Atlantic World, 1650-1850*, and her senior seminar, *Expedition Chronicles of the Americas*. Students in Hist-106, mostly first years, again conducted research in the Stuckenberg Map Collection at Musselman Library, but this year they delivered their presentations in Special Collections, which added a special note of distinction to the occasion.

During the spring, Prof. Sommer concentrated on her own research and organized a panel entitled “Native Sovereignities in Brazil, 1500-1850: Representation, Violence, and Alliance” for the Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin American Studies, where she presented a paper: “Indigenous Women and Portuguese Men: Interethnic Alliance in Eighteenth-Century Portuguese Amazonia.” She has continued to serve as an Assistant Editor on *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Latin American History*, a top peer-reviewed scholarly journal in the field of Latin American history and a Cambridge University Press journal.

Gettysburg graduate ('09) Leo Vaccaro breezed through Santa Fe, NM, again—always a pleasure to catch up with former history majors! Barbara also got to visit with Gettysburg writing professor Dusty Smith over the summer in Montana, on the far side of Bears Ears Mountain pass.

## **Katheryn Whitcomb**

Katheryn Whitcomb joined the History department (with a joint appointment in Classics) in Fall 2018 as a Visiting Assistant Professor.



She happily spent this past year getting to know her new colleagues and students, as well as becoming more acquainted with the Gettysburg community.

Professor Whitcomb taught two new courses this year, “Alexander the Great to Cleopatra” and “Augustan Rome” both of which draw on her research interests. Speaking of research, her article, “Coinage and the Client Prince: Philip the Tetrarch’s

Homage to the Roman Emperor” will be forthcoming in the *American Journal of Numismatics*.

Whitcomb is looking forward to the fall, when she will be teaching another new course, “Being Jewish in a Greco-Roman World,” a course which dovetails nicely with her current book project, *Allies, Avengers, and Antagonists: Rome’s Leading Men Through the Eyes of Judaeans*.



## **Peter Carmichael (Civil War Institute)**

Pete's *The War for the Common Soldier: How Men Thought, Fought, and Survived in Civil War Armies*, was released in November by the University of North Carolina

Press. More details about the book can be found at <https://www.uncpress.org/book/9781469643090/the-war-for-the-common-soldier/>.

*The War for the Common Soldier* also received the Eugene Felt Award in Civil War Studies given by the New York Military Affairs Symposium. Over the last year, Pete has delivered papers in New York City, Austin, Atlanta, Richmond, Houston, and Washington D.C. He also published an article on material culture and the end of the Civil War as part of Joan Cashin's edited volume *War Matters*, which was also released last fall.

The 2019 Civil War Institute summer conference explored a wide range of topics for an audience of more than 300 attendees and featured Gary Gallagher, Ed Ayers, Carol Reardon, and Amy Murrell Taylor. Much of the programming received national attention thanks to live coverage from C-Span on American History TV. All the videos can be found at <https://www.c-span.org/person/?petecarmichael>. Next year's program is already set and the schedule can be found at <https://www.gettysburg.edu/civil-war-institute/summer-conference/>. Gettysburg alums receive a discount to attend the conference.

Pete and his staff at CWI continue to build upon the Brian Pohanka Internship Program as well as the Public History minor. Both programs continue to flourish. There are more than twenty-five students enrolled in the Public History minor and nearly thirty students were placed in Pohanka internships in the summer of 2019.

Pete finalized new partnerships with Vicksburg National Military Park, and he created new position at Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania in the Cultural Resources department. During the summer, Pete worked with

Ben Roy, Erica Uszak, and Cameron Sauers in developing their independent research projects.



### **Ian Isherwood (Civil War Era Studies)**

Ian Isherwood had a reasonably productive year since his last newsletter entry. In academic year 2018-2019, he taught one course in the history department, *The Great War*. In *Civil War Era Studies*, he taught three courses: *Aftermath*, *Intro to War Studies*, and a new offering, *War in the Nineteenth Century*, which is a global survey of conflict from Bonaparte to the First World War. He also taught his first year seminar, *Soldiers' Tales*, to an eager group of first year students that all conducted original research in *Special Collections* for their final papers (thank you Amy

Lucadamo '00 for your patience, professionalism, and help!). Isherwood described this seminar as “history reading and writing boot camp” and like real boot camp, it was character forming. In addition to formal classroom teaching, he advised a Kolbe Summer Scholar on Holocaust art, and mentored several campus groups. In the spring, Isherwood was named the 2019 Outstanding Faculty Mentor for Undergraduate Activity.

Isherwood published a historiographical review article for the *Journal of the Civil War Era* entitled “When the hurlyburly’s done: Civil War and Great War Veterans in History and Memory.” The article compares veterans’ research in both the sub-fields of Civil War and First World War history. Isherwood also completed a bibliographical essay for *Oxford Bibliographies in Military History*, which is due to be published soon, and a chapter for an edited volume on *American First World War writing* that is due to be published by Cambridge University Press in the next year. This summer, Isherwood had two further book proposals accepted by publishers. This means that he will be very busy writing until 2023. More later on these projects as they develop.

In addition to formal publications, Isherwood presented at six conferences in the United Kingdom and in the USA in 2018-2019. Two of these opportunities were distinctive. In May 2019, Isherwood chaired a roundtable on *Civil War Veterans* at the Society for Military Historians conference in lovely Columbus, Ohio. In June, Isherwood, along with his



colleagues Amy Lucadamo '00 and R.C. Miessler led a workshop for First World War historians at a conference in Edinburgh, Scotland. The latter opportunity was, in his words, “the absolute tops.”

In May, Isherwood, Miessler, and Lucadamo were thrilled to receive a grant from the United States World War I Commission to continue work on their digital history project, The First World War Letters of HJC Peirs ([jackpeirs.org](http://jackpeirs.org)). The grant will fund overseas travel for the team in May 2020 and lead to the further development of the website as well as the creation of a new project on Gettysburg and the Great War. The whole team is profoundly grateful to receive the official sponsorship of the WWI Commission and to have funds to continue work on the college’s oldest digital history project.

When asked if there was anything else, Isherwood said “probably, but I can’t remember right now and I need to get back to work writing something,” so that’s what he did. He also added that the family is doing well. Mrs. Isherwood continues to amaze all who meet her and won the College’s Silent Leader award this past year. Henry has grown into quite the rambunctious lad with a keen interest in geeky historical things. And the family terrier, Bertie, continues his vigilant pursuit of campus rodents with aplomb.

### **Jill Ogline Titus (Civil War Institute)**

In 2018-19, Jill continued to serve as co-coordinator of Gettysburg’s Public History minor and to oversee the placement of Gettysburg College students (mostly history majors) in summer internship positions at national parks and private museums under the auspices of the Civil War Institute’s Brian C. Pohanka Internship Program.



Students in her Fall 2018 Introduction to Public History class produced [a digital annotation of the iconic Gettysburg Cyclorama painting](#).

She is currently at work on a book manuscript exploring the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg through the lens of the civil rights movement and the Cold War.

# Prizes and Awards

## 2019 Spring Honors Day Awards

### **Jeffrey Pierce Memorial Award:**

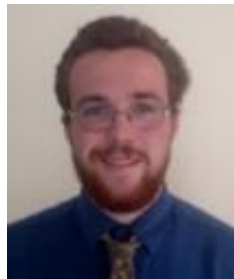
Established in honor of Jeffrey Pierce '71, to be awarded to a male senior who has reached the highest level of achievement in the field of history.



**Ryan D. Bilger '19**

**and**

**Zachary C. Polley**



### **Gettysburg College Award in History:**

**Abigail M. Cocco '19**

### **Phi Beta Kappa**

Seniors Inducted: Ryan D. Bilger '19; Andrew I. Dalton; Ian R. James '19; Savannah A. Labbe '19; Olivia J. Ortman '19; Zachary C. Polley '19; Jonathan E. Tracey '18

### **Department Honors for History**

Ryan D. Bilger '19; Joshua A. Getz '19; Ian R. James '19; Savannah A. Labbe '19; Olivia J. Ortman '19; Zachary C. Polley '19; Jonathan E. Tracey '18

## 2019 Fall Honors Day Awards

### **Anthony di Palma Memorial Award:** Emma Lewis

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:** Lillian Shea

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.

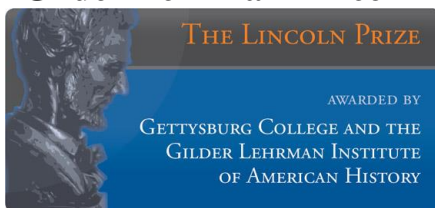
### **Greninger Prize:**

**Paper 10-pages or less:** Benjamin Roy

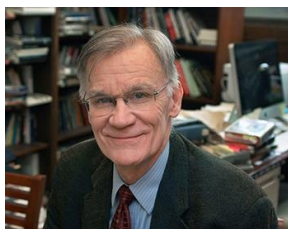
**Paper 10 plus pages:** Elizabeth Hobbs and Maddie Neiman

Established to encourage research and writing in history, this helps cover expenses relating to student research, including, but not limited to, travel expenses.

## 2019 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize



The Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize is awarded annually for the finest scholarly work in English on Abraham Lincoln, the American Civil War soldier, or a subject relating to their era.



Gettysburg College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History honored David Blight, author of *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom* (Simon & Schuster), the recipient of the 2019 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize, at an event April 16 at the Union League Club, New York City. A noted Civil War historian, Blight

is Class of 1954 Professor of American History at Yale University and directs the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at Yale University.

# Events, Organizations, Etc.



**Alumni Fall Lecture  
Brian Clyde Black '88  
October 29, 2019**

**“Battlefield to Gas Pump: Finding Patterns in the Familiar Past”**

Focused on material from his newly released book *Gettysburg Contested*, Black’s talk connects the work of the historian to familiar terrain—stories that we thought we may have already known. From the familiar past, Black uses the history of the Gettysburg Battlefield, for instance, to explore American ideas of patriotism and preservation. What about gas pumps? As one of the nation’s leading historians of energy, he will also relate how history informs the past and future of this most important aspect of humans’ interaction with the environment.

Following his four years at Gettysburg College, Black received a Master of Arts in American civilization from NY University in 1991 and his Ph.D. in American studies from the University of Kansas in 1996. He taught at Gettysburg and Skidmore Colleges before starting at Penn State Altoona in 2001, where he currently works as the Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and History and Head of the Division of Arts and Humanities. Black is the author or editor of several books, including *Petrolia: The Landscape of America's First Oil Boom*, *Crude Reality: Petroleum in World History* and *Gettysburg Contested: 150 Years of Preserving America’s Most Cherished Landscape*. His articles have appeared in the *Journal of American History*, *Environmental History*, *USA Today* and the *New York Times*. He is also the founding editor of the Energy and Society book series with the West Virginia University Press.



Current President: Brandon Katzung  
Hokanson '19  
Vice President: Tatiana Woliung '19  
Historian: Emma Lewis '19  
Secretary: Alex Cross '19  
Spring 2019 - 9 New Members  
Fall 2019 – 7 New Members

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

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

## Fortenbaugh Lecture 2019

Brooks D. Simpson is ASU Foundation Professor of History at Arizona State University. He specializes in 19<sup>th</sup>-century American history, with a focus on the Civil War and Reconstruction era, as well as American political and military history and the American presidency.



He is the author of numerous books, including *Ulysses S. Grant: Triumph Over Adversity, 1822-1865* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2000); *The Reconstruction Presidents* (The University Press of Kansas, 1998); *The Civil War in the East: Struggle, Stalemate, and Victory* (Praeger, 2011); *Let Us Have Peace: Ulysses S. Grant and the Politics of War and Reconstruction, 1861-1868* (University of North Carolina Press, 2014); and *Reconstruction: Voices from America's First Great Struggle for Racial Equality* (Library of America, 2018). He is currently working on the next volume of his biography of Ulysses S. Grant, entitled *Ulysses S. Grant: The Fruits of Victory, 1865-1885*.

Simpson's 2019 Fortenbaugh Lecture is entitled "The Rollercoaster Reputation of President Ulysses S. Grant."

## Summer 2019 Pohanka Internships

Through the generosity of the John J. Pohanka Family Foundation, the Civil War Institute's Brian C. Pohanka Internship program continues to thrive. Twenty-two students spent the 2019 summer on the frontlines of history at thirteen different historical sights and archives throughout the mid-Atlantic region.



Established in 2011, 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 2019:

- Kevin Liu '22, **Antietam National Battlefield**
- Rebecca Burak '20, Carson Butler '22 and Steven Landry '22, **Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, Va.**
- Emma Lewis '20, **Civil War Defenses of Washington, D.C.**
- Madison Sidle '22, Dan Shevalier '19 and Lindsay Waller '21, **Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, Va.**
- Jared Barna '20, Rebekah Grimes '20, and Shannon Zeltmann '21, **Gettysburg National Military Park**
- Ariel Kline '21 and Kat Mangione '22, **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, W. Va.** (pictured above)
- Mary Frasier '21, **Maggie L. Walker NHS, Richmond, Va.**
- Thompson Dasher '21 and Ben Johnson '22, **Manassas National Battlefield Park, Va.**
- Claire Bickers '20 and Aren Heitmann '20, **Minute Man National Historical Park, Mass.**
- Alexis Zilen '20, **Petersburg National Battlefield, Va.**
- Sean Thompson '21, **Richmond National Battlefield Park, Va.**
- Garrett Glaeser '21, **Seminary Ridge Museum, Gettysburg**
- Jajuan Johnson '21, **Special Collections & Archives, Musselman Library, Gettysburg College**

# Study Abroad Students

## Fall 2018

**Joseph Accetta '20**

Abroad: IES – Vienna, Austria

**Katarina Barone '20**

Abroad: Syracuse University, Florence, Italy

**Claire Bickers '20**

Abroad: Lancaster University, England

**Brayden Bolan '19**

Abroad: College Year in Athens, Greece

**Alexander Cross '20**

Abroad: IES – Rome, Italy

**Jordan Fischetti '20**

Abroad: Lutheran College, Wahington

**Jack Lashendock '20**

Abroad: SIT – Switzerland (Geneva) International

**Ken McCracken '20**

Abroad: Butler, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

**Ethan Riexinger '20**

Abroad: IES – Freiburg, Germany

**Ashley Sonntag '19**

Abroad: University of Tromso, Norway

**Tatiana Woliung '20**

Abroad: Kansai Gaidai, Japan



# **Study Abroad Students**

**Spring 2019**

**Julia Burgess '20**

Abroad: IES – Madrid, Spain

**James Evangelos '20**

Abroad: CIEE – Spain International Business and Culture

**Mattea Ghaffary '20**

Abroad: IES – Rome, Italy

**James Goodman '20**

Abroad: Advanced Studies in England

**Aren Heitmann '20**

Abroad: University of Tromso, Norway

**Sarah Kirkpatrick '20**

Abroad: Arcadia, University of Wollongong, Australia

**Emma Lewis '20**

Abroad: McDaniel College Budapest, Hungary

**Jeremy Porter '20**

Abroad: Advanced Studies in England

**David Reinke '20**

Abroad: CIEE – Spain International Business and Culture

**Lance Tennenbaum '20**

Abroad: IES – Madrid, Spain

**William Thompson '20**

Abroad: Advanced Studies in England

**Mark Urbon '20**

Abroad: Advanced Studies in England

**Zach Wesley '20**

Abroad: Advanced Studies in England

**Tatiana Woliung '20**

Abroad: CIEE, Berlin – Global Inst. Germany

**Aidan Wright '20**

Abroad: IES – Freiburg, Germany

**Alexis Zilen '20**

Abroad: SIT – Samoa (Apia)

## History Department News



### **History Student Staff (2019-20)**

We say GOOD BYE to our student staff **Keira Koch '19**, an Indigenous Studies major with minors in History and Public History, and **Maria Kurt '19**, a Classics major and Education minor, and thank them for time well spent here in the office. They will definitely be missed.

**Lillian Shea '21**, a History major and Public History minor, will be studying abroad in England for Fall 2019 and return to the office in the Spring.

We welcome three new student staff to the office - **Madi Bulgajewski '22**, **Emma Groff '22** and **Abby Roos '22**.

We also welcome Kari Greenwalt, new Academic Administrative Assistant to the History and Classics Departments. She joins us from the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, Md.

Clare Crone retired in August to devote and dedicate more time, energy, and love to her family and parish community.

# Distinguished Teaching Award for 2019

The 2019 Distinguished Teaching Award recipient is our very own Scott Hancock, Associate Professor of Africana Studies and History! The award for Distinguished Teaching is the highest honor that the faculty can bestow on a colleague.

The winner of this award is selected annually by the Faculty Development Committee. The call is published on the College Digest by mid-February, and the award is presented at Commencement. He was officially recognized at the 184<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony May 19.

## The Jack Peirs Project

The [Jack Peirs project](#) began as a conversation between a student and his professor. History major, Marco Dracopoli '14, approached his professor,



Dr. Ian Isherwood, about writing a research paper on leadership in the trenches. The resulting paper “[A New Officer for a New Army: Major Hugh J.C. Peirs in the Great War](#)” was based on his ancestor’s First World War letters. Brainstorming the possibilities of the collection with the Dracopoli family and with Special Collections college archivist Amy Lucadamo, we decided to build a digital history project around the letters. The goal of the project is to make these letters available to the largest number of people and to provide a learning opportunity for our students. Read more about it [here](#).

# Department Journals

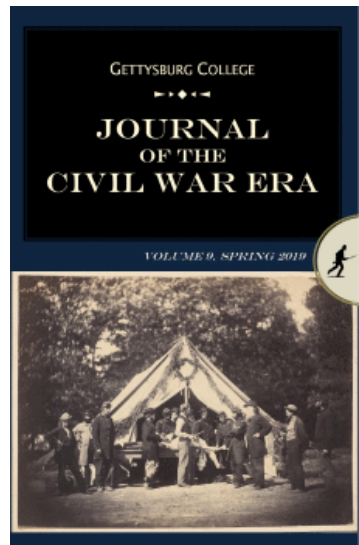
## Gettysburg Historical Journal



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

## Gettysburg Journal of the Civil War Era

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



# Alumni News

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

## Class of '64

### **Penn Lardner '64 -**

Still working at Mumm Napa Winery, Rutherford, Cali., discussing social and political events with customers from all over the United States and the rest of the world! These discussions add to the excellent taste of the sparkling wines. I offer a free tasting to any G-burg history major who visits the winery. Just ask for me!

## Class of '65

### **Gil Lusk '65 –**

I am retired, serving as a town councilman for the town of Sahuarita, Ariz. I am still managing partner for The Cholla Group, LLC and serve on the Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group in Benson, Ariz.

I published a new book on the U.S. National Park Service in 2019, *National Parks: Our Living Treasure, A Time for Concern* through Gatekeeper Press (ISBN (paperback) 9781642374971; eISBN 9781642374988). I sent a copy to the Gettysburg College Library, for the record. After all, “Who wouda thought!”

## Class of '66

### **Paul Haack '66 -**

My wife and I did a river cruise in the spring that took us to places in the Netherlands and Belgium. This was interesting to me from the standpoint of family history. One of my ancestors came from the Netherlands to New Amsterdam around 1630 and settled in Brooklyn. We continue to reside in Hanover, Penn.

### **Gary Hawbaker '66 –**

From searching back thru the newsletters, it appears that the last time I had an entry was in 2010. Since then, I have continued to publish and research.

In 2016, I published “The Family of Charles Thomas Hawbaker (1886-1970) Ancestors and Descendants,” mainly for my cousins. My

grandfather, Charles T. Hawbaker, grew up in Greencastle, Franklin County, Penn. His nine children were also born there, but in the early 1930s he moved to the George Bushman Farm (Gettysburg), used by the 12th Corps as a hospital (July 2-Aug. 5, 1863). His younger children grew up there; many of his grandchildren (my cousins) still live in the area. A copy of this volume was presented to the college and to Adams County Historical Society.

In early 2019, I published *The Camp Kettle*, “transcribed (with photographs and letters from the editor’s collection included). Biographies for 75 soldiers...have been included. Of special interest are the original soldier letters that families sent to the Pension Office to prove that a son had provided for the family before or while he was in the service” and never returned home. At 500 pages, it includes an index of over 8,000 entries; a copy of this is in the college library.

I am currently researching the Hershberger family of Ephrata, Penn. and members of the 30th Penn. Volunteers (1st Penn. Reserves - Civil War) with biographies of over 100 soldiers who belonged to this regiment as well as the publication of two diaries of member of the 1st Reserves.

### **Jim Madison ‘66 -**

Jim Madison is fully retired from a long career as a history professor at Indiana University, but he continues to write, with a new book out in fall, 2020, titled *The Ku Klux Klan in the Heartland*. He and Jeanne travel extensively, visit grandkids in Ann Arbor and D.C., read, garden and struggle to stay fit. Attending the dedication of the campus Vietnam Memorial in 2018 was a moving experience and reminder of past and present. Jim encourages history alumni to pay back with a contribution to the Charles Glatfelter Internship:

<https://www.gettysburg.edu/musselman-library/about/employment/internships/glatfelter-internship>

### **Class of ‘69**

#### **Stephen Nelson ‘69 –**

While there might be much more to report, the major good fortune, really a blessing, that I have had recently is that my seventh book was released (mid-September). The link to my publisher’s site is: *John G. Kemeny and Dartmouth College: The Man, the Times, and the College Presidency* (Lexington Books, September 2019). A recent interview with the New England Journal of Higher Education is found at: [Revisiting the](#)

[Work of Dartmouth's John G. Kemeny: A NEJHE Q&A with College Presidential Historian Stephen J. Nelson.](#)

I am hoping that we will be able to arrange some type of presentation, readings from the book on campus later this fall or in the spring term. I am working with Robin Wagner and the Bookstore, along with the Garthwaite Leadership Center and the Eisenhower Institute on this prospect.

I continue as a Professor of Educational Leadership at Bridgewater State University and a Senior Scholar with the Leadership Alliance at Brown University.

**Class of '71**

**Ivan Punchatz '71 –**

My oldest daughter, Jessica, was married last year and teaches K-5 choral in Greenwich, Ct. My son, Charles, is currently a manager in a web design firm in northern New Jersey. He recently became engaged and plans to be married in April 2020. My youngest daughter, Isabelle '15, is a test resolution specialist and has just started an MBA program at University of Florida. I am still at Buchanan, Ingersoll and Rooney, PC in Princeton, N.J., and was named Princeton Area Health Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers.

**Class of '72**

**Brad Hunt '72 –**

I have been on the board of the Association for a Buffalo Presidential Association, which has been seeking a place to call our own to celebrate Buffalo's rich Presidential history. Our quest has finally found a great space in the Erie County Central Library and with support from Erie County the build out will commence soon.

Buffalo was home to two American presidents - Millard Fillmore and Grover Cleveland - and due in part to the location at the western terminus of the Erie Canal, proximity to Niagara Falls and it's of import in the industrial rise of the US, it has been visited by almost more presidents than any city other than D.C. and NYC. The first visit was by William Henry Harrison during the war of 1812 to review the troops - quite a while before his presidency. The first sitting President to visit the village that had been burned, not once but twice, by the British was James Monroe in 1817; he was traveling to the Northwest Territories on the west end of Lake Erie.

One President was assassinated here in 1901 when William McKinley was shot at the Pan American Exposition and his successor, Teddy Roosevelt, was inaugurated at the Wilcox Mansion (which is now a National Historic Site and a great museum). We discovered recently that Woodrow Wilson, who was on the faculty at Princeton, attended the inauguration while returning from a summer vacation in Ontario.

Abraham Lincoln was here three times in life and laid in state following his assassination while his body was being transported back to Springfield. Jack Kennedy was giving a speech on the steps of Buffalo City Hall when he was informed of the presence of missiles in Cuba and left after the speech to return to the White House.

There is a lot of to visit here and I would encourage all who are interested to make the pilgrimage to the renaissance city of the great lakes. Shirley Chisholm, the first African American woman to run for President, is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery - which also houses the remains of Fillmore and Rik James! Belva Lockwood, the first woman to make a serious run for the Presidency, was born less than 10 miles from where I live. This and so much more keeps our board very busy, but also very fulfilling!

### **Class of '73**

#### **Pastor Vincent Guss '73 –**

I left my posts as the Director of Medical Ethics for Kaiser Permanente Southern Cali. and Mercy Hospital System in Mo. to return to where my professional and family home has been since 1985, northern Virginia. I am semi-retired, but I still teach clinical ethics to medical students at Georgetown University and often serve as an interim pastor at the direction of my bishop of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod of the ELCA. I shall always value my education in the History Department at Gettysburg College and fond memories of fellow students and professors there.

### **Class of '80**

#### **Eileen (Brogan) Maffei '80 –**

I'm in my fourth year of teaching family and consumer science (after 12 years in United States history) at Hillcrest Middle School, Trumbull, Ct. This is my 34<sup>th</sup> year of teaching!



### Class of '82

#### **Ellen McDaniel-Weissler '82 –**

I am a historian and tour guide now working in Cumberland, Md. Part of what I do are first-person portrayals of female historical figures including Louisa May Alcott, Eleanor Roosevelt, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Mary Queen of Scots, Anne Boleyn, Abigail Adams, Martha Washington, Mary Todd Lincoln and Judy Garland. I come from a long line of Gettysburg College and Seminary graduates, dating back to the 1840s, and any excuse to visit the 'Burg is always a happy one!



### Class of '84

#### **Jim Erickson '84 –**

Nothing has changed on my end this year. It is nice getting the updates and hearing about friends!

### Class of '85

#### **Joe Lynch '85 –**

I am coming up on 20 years as alumni director at Gettysburg College (start date was Feb. 1, 2000). I'm hoping to still be here for the Centennial Celebration of Weidensall - our "history home" - in a few years!

### **John Maxfield '85 –**

Summer 2019 marked ten years since I moved to Canada and started teaching history and religious studies at Concordia University of Edmonton, in Alberta. Originally appointed to the Religious Studies Department, as of July 2019 I have been "re-deployed" to the History Program (Department of Social Sciences). However, I'm still teaching a variety of courses in both history (focusing especially on the history of Christianity as well as medieval and early modern European history) and religious studies. With the departmental move, my title changed to Associate Professor of History and Religious Studies. I'm looking forward to continuing research on a book project in Germany next summer.

### Class of '89

#### **Rick Krause '89 –**

I continue to work as a 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teacher and coach the junior high track team in New Jersey.

## Class of '90

### **Steve Hessler '90 -**

I don't have too much to report for this year. On the work front, I've changed roles at Deutsche Bank and now am out selling our Corporate Trust services. I figured after 29 years of running some of the businesses, I should try something else now that I'm going on my 30<sup>th</sup> year with the firm!

My wife, Kellie, and I still live in Tustin, Cali. We traveled to Bulgaria and Romania earlier this year. We are now somewhere over 60 countries that we have visited for vacation over the years. I traveled back to Gettysburg this past February and played in the men's alumni basketball game – I didn't do much, but ran up and down the court a few times. It is much longer than I recall!

I got to see **Kevin Burke**, Gettysburg's Head Football Coach and my fellow History Major and roommate for three years when we were there – I mentioned him in last year's update and will continue to do so until he submits his own update.

Heading to Hawaii (Oahu) for the Columbus Day Weekend in October, and then to Paris later this year. I can't believe it will be 2020 in three months!

## Class of '95

### **Christ Hart '95 -**

It has been another busy year teaching and heading the Humanities Department at Yarra Valley Grammar. This year I have also been working on revising the American Revolution textbook for the state of Victoria. It has fun but an arduous process. In addition, I was awarded the 2018 HTAV Award for Excellence in History Teaching by a Secondary Teacher by the History Teachers' Association in Melbourne, Australia. It was a pretty big honour – I owe a lot of that to my time at Gettysburg!

## Class of '97

### **Meredith (Bowne) Bove '97 –**

I am a director at Emergent BioSolutions where I am responsible for leading the implementation of enterprise solutions for our labs, manufacturing and clinical functions. My Gettysburg education has served me well – lots of critical thinking/analysis and data presentation in my

work. My husband, Paul, is a high school history teacher and my kids are now 14 and nearly 18 (and applying to colleges!). We live in Potomac, Md.



### Class of '02

#### **Jason Weida '02-**

On November 1, 2019, Kyley and Jason Weida '02 were blessed with their fourth child (and third daughter), Hollis Grey.

### Class of '04

#### **Keith Swaney '04 –**

Kristen Rimany Swaney '03 and I welcomed our son, Thaddeus Robert, in October 2018! Kristen is director of the Academic Support Center at the University at Albany. I have been with the New York State Archives for the past twelve years, working as a senior archivist in the Researcher Services unit. I was a co-author of *A Spirit of Sacrifice: New York State in the First World War* (SUNY Press, 2017), which was the companion catalog to the New York State Museum exhibition of the same name.



### Class of '05

#### **Molly Gale '05 –**

I am still working for my school district in Michigan as the curriculum specialist for English and Social Studies. I help to write and revise curriculum and work with teachers in their classrooms, so it's a very engaging job! I had a busy year of travel last year, chaperoning a student trip to Costa Rica and then exploring Peru and Isle Royale National Park over the summer. I hope all is well in the History Department!

#### **Andi Wagner '05 –**

Andi Wagner began her 13th year at Palmyra Area School District and moved into a K-12 ESL role this year, where she teaches high school and elementary ELLs. She enjoys the opportunity to learn about different countries and cultures from her students and to teach history and civics

through English literacy skills. She also began her second M.Ed. for Language & Literacy to obtain a Reading Specialist license.

**Class of '09**

**Joseph Cook '09 –**

I began a new job teaching history at Hudson Catholic Regional High School in Jersey City, N.J. And, I got engaged this year!

**David P. Hadley '09 –**

The University of Kentucky Press has recently released a new book by David, *The Rising Clamor: The American Press, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Cold War*. He is a visiting assistant professor at Ashland University.

**Jason Tercha '09 –**

I have some exciting news/updates to share with the History Department. On Aug. 17, I married my long-time sweetheart, Laura Caruso. Laura is also a Gettysburg College alumna, class of 2009, though she majored in Sociology. Dating since college, we finally tied the knot. I am still in upstate New York and am currently working on my dissertation in history at Binghamton University. To be very brief, it investigates railroad development in the mid-nineteenth century upper south and explores the social, political economic and environmental effects of internal improvement. Hope all is well in Gettysburg!

**Class of '10**

**Liz Johns '10 -**

Liz purchased a home with her husband, Ron Jacak, outside of Baltimore, Md., and started a new job at Goucher College as their Teaching and Learning Librarian. She has completed one year of her doctoral program at Johns Hopkins University and has a few more to go!

**Class of '11**

**Rachel (Santose) Koenig '11 –**

Rachel and **Timothy Koenig '12** welcomed the birth of their first child, Silas Henry Ginn Koenig, on June 8, 2019.

**Class of '12**

**Tim Koenig '12 –**

Timothy and **Rachel (Santose) Koenig '11** welcomed the birth of their first child, Silas Henry Ginn Koenig, on June 8, 2019.

**Elizabeth (Amrhein) Massey '12 –**

I am continuing to work on my dissertation at the University of Maryland, doing most of my research at the Folger Institute in Washington, D.C. My research focuses on Restoration-era English popular music and the creation of national identity.

**Daniel Willever '12 –**

In May I received my Master's degree in history and culture from Drew University, Madison, N.J.

**Class of '14**

**Jacob Hebner '14 –**

After spending five years in the military, he was accepted to Duquesne and will be starting a M.A. program this fall.

**Class of '15**

**Bryan Caswell '15 and Heather Clancy '15 –**

Wedding bells will be chiming April 11, 2020 as these two history grads tie the knot!

**Sam Gilvarg '15 –**

I am working for Northeast Region Fire and Aviation Management (NPS), helping to analyze the response of vegetation to fire on sites that the NPS uses fire as a means of resource management. This includes both cultural and natural resource objectives, including maintaining open spaces in battlefields.



**Class of '16**

**Jesse Siegel '16 –**

My first year in the History Ph.D. program at Rutgers in New Brunswick has been terrific. The highlights of the past year include presenting at the Graduate Student Conference in April; receiving a Foreign Language Area Studies Grant from the University of Pittsburgh to study beginner Czech at their Summer Language Institute and a four-week research trip to the Czech Republic and Germany. Additionally, I presented at the “In the Shadow of the Habsburg Empire?,” the inaugural conference held by the research project “Continuity/Rupture: Art and Architecture in Central Europe, 1918-1939,” based at Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic. My presentation was about my seminar paper studying German-speaking

artists from Czechoslovakia, focusing on art historian and Sudeten German nationalist activist Otto Kletzl.

### **Class of '17**

#### **Abby Currier '17 –**

Here at IUPUI (Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis), I am a dual degree student getting my master's in Public History and Library and Information Science.

My master's thesis focuses on the creation of race in Open Air Museums with a specific look at how the Irish are (or are not) seen as a specific group of people in Open Air Museums. I spent six weeks this past summer in Northern Ireland doing different kinds of research at an open air museum there called the Ulster American Folk Park and am hoping to present some of my findings in March at NCPH.

I primarily study 20th century history with a focus on Europe and World War II but I also do research into terminology (which is somewhat hard to explain but boils down to how we choose to remember events and what do the terms we choose say about those events). So, for example, when something is labeled as a genocide, how do we decide it is a genocide? There's a surprising number of definitions for genocide and it's a term that can have serious political consequences, so I'm always intrigued by that.

#### **Ke Ma '17 –**

I was accepted to study for a M.A. in oral history at New York University.

#### **Kevin Olson '17 –**

He is attending the Northeastern University of Law School.

#### **Maxine Peskens '17 –**

Maxine will graduate from Notre Dame Law School in May 2020 and has accepted a position at a New Jersey based law firm.



### **Class of '18**

#### **Brad Klustner '18 –**

My second year of teaching 5th grade history in Bed Stuy, Brooklyn has been going really well. I have guest taught the Gettysburg lesson for the seventh graders and used lots of elements of war memory study from Carmichael's and Isherwood's classes to have a quality

dialogue with the kids. I love being a history teacher and sharing my love of the subject with young kids. I am currently applying for a Master's of Science in Education. I hope to make it back out to CWI next summer.

**Jeffrey Lauck '18 –**

After graduating in May 2018, I completed a three-month AmeriCorps service term in rural Iowa, working on environmental education and preservation. Since then I moved to Portland, Oreg. I am currently serving another AmeriCorps service term with Metropolitan Family Service, a social service non-profit here in Portland. This past summer I got married to fellow Gettysburgian **Ashley Lookenhouse ('17)**. History Department alumni **Kevin Lavery ('16)**, **Sam Weathers ('18)**, **Meredith Staats ('18)**, **Jesse Campana ('18)**, **Cameron Kinard ('18)** and **Nicole Hindley ('18)** all attending as part of the bridal party.

**Class of '19**

**Charlie Cosenza '19 –**

On Sept. 3 of this year, I started my professional career as an Economist with the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington, D.C. I will be working in the Office of Prices and Living Conditions, while in the Branch of Industrial Pricing, specifically non-durable goods. I will be responsible for collecting and analyzing economic data regarding the industries of apparel and textiles in order to help produce the monthly, federal economic indicator, the Producer Price Index. I believe Gettysburg has prepared me well for this opportunity and I look forward to seeing what the future holds.

**Andrew Dalton '19 –**

I am now the executive director of the Adams County Historical Society, located in Gettysburg.

**Ian Farber '19 –**

I am completing a one-year M.A. program at Glasgow for 2019-20.

**Ian James '19 –**

Will be attending a M.A. program in education at one of the Connecticut state schools.

**Austin Mowers '19 –**

Has been accepted into several law schools.

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