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News and Announcements

Visiting Professor Research Talks

The History Department hosted talks by two of our visiting assistant professors about their research early this semester:

Professor Eric Roubinek, spoke about "**Creating a Fascist Empire: Colonial Border Crossings in Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy**" Fascist Italy's decision to go to war with Ethiopia in 1935 and Nazi Germany's support of this decision created a new alliance in Europe that preceded the formal creation of the Rome-Berlin Axis. More than just a diplomatic convergence between two states, the Ethiopian War began a period of close collaboration between these two imperial regimes. Following the border crossings of German and Italian colonialists and colonial ideas, this talk moved beyond comparisons that see German National Socialism and Italian Fascism as similar, but different and reframe fascism as a European phenomenon.

Professor Katie Batza's talk was titled "Doctors, Drag Queens, and Drug Companies: Building a Gay Medical Infrastructure in the Period Before AIDS." Against the backdrop of gay liberation and a venereal disease epidemic, community activists, gay performers, and gay medical professionals fought to change the medical and political understandings of homosexuality in the 1970s. They also provided badly needed medical services to a community previously underserved and mistreated by mainstream medicine. This talk explored some of the innovative public health, medical, and political tactics they used to re-frame homosexuality as an identity rather than an illness.



CHINA TALK SERIES

US-China Peoples Friendship Association of Minnesota
Macalester College's Department of History and Chinese Culture Club
announce the next events in the China Talk series. **Jamie Monson,**

"Reaching Out: Chinese in Africa, Africans in China" Tuesday, March 5, 2013
from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Harmon Room of DeWitt Wallace Library.

April 9, 2013 - **Kit Spangler**, Director of Marketing and Sales, Ten Square
International, on **"Counting Cal-ories: China, the United States, and World
Food Security"**

SAVE THESE DATES for Future Talks: October 8, November 5, and December 10,
2013.

History Department will Host a Panel and Discussion

"Traveling Bones: Mobility of the Sacred in the World Before 1800"

Monday, March 11, 7:00pm in Art Comm 102

Sacred objects, ideas and practices were on the move in the medieval and early modern worlds. Our panelists will discuss the itineraries of bone fragments and their containers (reliquaries); ancestral spirits; wampum belts; holy houses and other objects that shaped global spiritual encounters as they traveled through time and space. Presenters will use examples from Central Africa (Kairn Klieman, University of Houston), Europe (Victoria Morse, Carleton College) and the Americas (Karin Velez, Macalester College). Eric Otremba of Macalester College and the University of Minnesota will serve as discussant.

**It's Time to Get to Work on Your Classics Versus History But Open to
Everybody Marshmallow Peeps Diorama Contest and Peeps-a-pult Contest**

See the full announcements in EVENTS below.

History News About YOU?

We'd like to include news about you and your study of history in the newsletter. If you have a story to share about your research, study abroad, internship, or connection to the history department, please let us know.

Upcoming Events

Classics Versus History But Open to Everybody Marshmallow Peeps Diorama Contest and Peeps-a-pult Contest

Dioramas will be displayed, Peeps will be pulted, and prizes awarded at PeepsShow 2013 on Friday, March 29, in Old Main on the third floor. Tantalizing Peepsfreshments will be served to all who attend. The complete announcement, rules, and FAQs can be found in the "Peeps" document attached to the e-mail that disseminated this newsletter. Contact Herta Pitman 651-696-6376 or pitman@macalester.edu with questions.

Peeps Dioramas & Peeps-a-pult Contest entries are Due Monday, March 25.



Peeps Mission Control is shown here preparing for PeepsShow liftoff. Start making your entry today!

Dioramas are due March 25, but not procrastinating on this NOW is a great way to procrastinate on all your other obligations. If you contact Herta, she might be able to set you up with your Peeps Diorama Starter Kit.

The big event, "**Peeps-a-pult Contest and PeepsShow 2013**" will be on **Friday, March 29**.

If you are thinking, "PeepsShow, what?" you can get a better idea of what this is by viewing the 2011 PeepsShow video here:

<http://www.macalester.edu/news/2011/04/peeps-contest>

Events to add to your calendar:

Tuesday, March 5, China Talk series. **Jamie Monson, "Reaching Out: Chinese in Africa, Africans in China"** 6:30-8:00 PM in the Harmon Room of Library.

- [Mar 11 History Department Panel & Discussion "Traveling Bones: Mobility of the Sacred in the World Before 1800"](#)
- [Mar 14 Africa after Apartheid: South Africa, Race and Nation in Tanzania](#)
- [Mar 25 Peeps Dioramas Due](#)
- [Mar 29 PeepsShow 2013](#)
- [May 6 History and Classics End-of-Year Picnic](#)

Our Finest Hour: Civil War Memory in Minnesota

Macalester alum, Professor Mary Lethert Wingerd, who did a talk for our department about the US-Dakota War last fall, will be speaking at the Minnesota History Center at 2pm on Saturday, March 2.

The 2012-2013 Hognander Lecture with Dr. Mary Wingerd
FREE. Reserve tickets [online](#) or call [651-259-3015](tel:651-259-3015)

The American Civil War has long been remembered as our greatest moment, when Minnesota made the leap from infant frontier state to a full-blown part of a nation. The realities were more complex. Nearly 14% of the state's postwar population was comprised of veterans, maimed in body and mind by the carnage they had witnessed. Like much of the nation, Minnesota still faced a sluggish economy. The terrible US-Dakota War of 1862 imprinted Minnesota with the national reputation as a dangerous and violent outpost, and left thousands with scars that would not heal for generations.

Join esteemed historian Mary Wingerd as she examines how Minnesotans transformed the ashes of wartime history into a glowing patriotic story that allowed them to build the state, and how both Civil War realities and memories helped create the Minnesota we live in today. Dr. Wingerd is an associate professor of history at St. Cloud State University. She received the first-ever Hognander Minnesota History Award for her book, *North Country: The Making of Minnesota*.

This lecture is made possible by the Hognander Family Foundation.

<http://www.minnesotahistorycenter.org/events-programs/civil-war-events>

Opportunities

JUDGES NEEDED FOR MINNEAPOLIS EVENT, NATIONAL HISTORY DAY!

115 judges are needed for the Minneapolis Event of National History Day, sponsored by the Minnesota Historical Society, on Saturday March 23rd. All judges are served lunch, given a t-shirt, and if needed are housed for the day in one of the most exciting academic event in Minneapolis! Judges will also realize what an amazing experience they have provided to local young scholars, which may be the best prize of all. Judge training takes about 45 minutes and is done the morning of the event. Judges can sign up here: <http://education.mnhs.org/historyday/sign-judge-0>. The volunteer commitment is from 8am to 1pm that day. This is also a great opportunity for people who are interested in being fellows or interns with MHS or more specifically Diversity Outreach. To pass along good Macalester Department karma, in the section for volunteer sign-ups online where it asks who referred you, mention Kate Steir '12, one of our former history majors who came back to campus to recruit fellow Macalester folks for this endeavor.

Undergraduate History Conference at Mississippi State

Attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter is a flier for the 2013 Undergraduate History conference hosted by Mississippi State University. The conference will be held from April 26-27, 2013 on the Mississippi State University campus, and will provide undergraduates with a forum to present their original research and exchange ideas with fellow students, grad students, and professors.

Interested students must submit a 500-word abstract by March 1 (only two weeks away!) to Dr. Julia Osman at josman@history.msstate.edu. Mississippi State will offset the costs of one night's lodging and meals, but students are responsible for their own travel expenses. Please feel free to reach me if you have any questions.

2013 Summer Internship Opportunities with Indian Land Tenure Foundation

Please see the "Indian Land Tenure" flier that is attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter.

Industrial Workers of the World Researcher

Please see the "Industrial Workers of the World Researcher" flier that is attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter.

Night Kitchen Interactive Seeking Interns

Philadelphia-based design studio Night Kitchen Interactive is looking for two talented interns with a strong background or interest in American history and cultural institutions for the summer of 2013. Night Kitchen is working with a large historical organization to create an interactive website dedicated to the history of the United States Postal Service, featuring several online exhibits on special topics. The intern will play a key role in facilitating the integration of content into the new website. This is an opportunity for college students or recent graduates to contribute to an exciting digital history project and learn about historical interpretation from a technological perspective. There are two postings, one geared toward humanities students and one toward those who know HTML. Please see the "Night Kitchen" fliers that are attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter.

The History of Climate Change and the Future of Global Governance Seminar

Department of History, Columbia University, May 28 - August 16, 2013

The Hertog Global Strategy Initiative (HGSi) seeks talented undergraduates, graduate students, and mid-career professionals for its 2013 seminar on the History of Climate Change and the Future of Global Governance.

HGSi is a research program that explores how the world community has responded to planetary threats to derive lessons that will help us take on the challenges of the present and the future. Each summer, a select group of participants comes to Columbia University for three months to work with leading scholars and policymakers. This year's initiative hopes to train a new generation of researchers and leaders who understand both the development of climate science and the changing nature of world politics.

The 2013 seminar will be taught by Matthew Connelly, Professor of History at Columbia University, and Jim Fleming, Professor of Science, Technology, and Society at Colby College. They will be assisted in the classroom by Deborah Coen, Paul

Edwards, Mike Hulme, Anthony Janetos, Bill McKibben, Geoffrey Parker, Gavin Schmidt, John Topping, and many other leaders in the field. Participants pursue original research both independently and in teams. Students will receive eight credit points for the seminar, the equivalent of two semester-long courses at Columbia. For more information about the program, visit globalstrategy.columbia.edu. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter. Please direct any further questions to globalstrategy@columbia.edu or 212-854-9854. Application Deadline: March 5, 2013 Apply at: <http://globalstrategy.columbia.edu/admissions/>

The Fletcher School Summer Session

The Fletcher School, one of the world's leading professional schools of international affairs, is pleased to announce the 2013 Summer Session. The following courses will be offered through The Fletcher Summer School between May 20th and June 28th: International Human Rights Law, Decision Making and Public Policy, Processes of International Negotiation, and more

The Fletcher Summer Session provides an opportunity for individuals to join a community of scholars, professionals and students studying the complex issues facing the world. For more information please visit <http://fletcher.tufts.edu/Summer-Session>.

Third Annual ACTC Undergraduate Research Symposium: Cities in Common

Students from all disciplines are invited to submit their work for presentation in the third annual ACTC Undergraduate Research Symposium: Cities in Common. Proposals are due March 15, 2013.

The symposium highlights ACTC students' contributions to the vibrant Twin Cities community through direct study, applied research, community work, and original artwork or writing. "Cities in Common" will be held on Monday, April 22nd from 1-8 PM at St. Thomas. Please see the "Cities in Common" flier that is attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter.

Internship in the office of Congressman Keith Ellison

Please find attached a posting for summer internship opportunities with the district office of Congressman Keith Ellison.

Four Credit Summer Public History Course in Egypt

Students are invited to participate in the second annual summer oral history field school in Egypt from May 20-June 9. Students will learn about Egypt through hands on oral history work. The three-week study tour includes daily classes as well as visits to Cairo, Luxor, Alexandria, the western desert, and the Red Sea.

Cost: \$3602 (airfare not included), financial aid possible

Students will receive 4 credits (including 3 history credits and 1 credit of service learning) [See attached flyer.]

Interested students please contact: h Morrison@uwlax.edu

A summary of last year's program can be found

here: <http://news.uwlax.edu/students-get-an-up-close-look-at-egypt-and-its-revolution/>

Please see the "Egypt Flyer" that is attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter.

Work for a Green Future.

Each year, Environment America hires recent college graduates as Environment America Fellows to fight for environmental values. They are looking for a Federal Field Organizer to start in Minneapolis in August 2013. They are also accepting applications for fellowship positions with state affiliates across the country and in Washington, D.C. Fellows will work with senior staff, plan and run grassroots campaigns, lobby lawmakers, publish op-eds, set up and speak at news conferences, organize town hall meetings, run citizen outreach campaigns, identify new members, raise money, recruit and manage staff and much more. You can find out more and apply by visiting <https://jobs.environmentamerica.org>

To learn more about the fellowship program or summer intern opportunities, please contact Michelle Hesterberg mhesterberg@environmentamerica.org or call 612-331-3315

Call for Submissions to the Academic History Journal "Foundations"

The academic history journal Foundations is seeking "fresh, creative, well-researched and well-argued undergraduate history papers." Foundations has an undergraduate Editorial Board with an international Faculty Advisory Board, and they publish in association with the Department of History and Johns Hopkins University. Consider submitting your term papers to Foundations. You can find more information and read their published issues at their website, <http://www.jhu.edu/foundations>. Contact them with comments or questions at foundations@jhu.edu. For more information, please see the "Foundations submission policy" flier that is attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter.

Columbia University's Oral History Master of Arts

Columbia University's Oral History Master of Arts program (OHMA) offers a one-year interdisciplinary Master of Arts degree program in the field of oral history that focuses on interviewing methodologies and interpretative methods. OHMA links social sciences and humanities research across disciplines including: History, Sociology, Literature, Anthropology, Psychology and Public Health. OHMA trains students to conduct research through creating and analyzing interviews, and to develop fieldwork projects to address historical and contemporary issues that require interdisciplinary investigation. Our graduates go on to PhD programs, as well as careers in public history, media, archives, advocacy, and the arts. The application deadline for next year is April 15, 2013.

Content and New Media Internship in Governor Dayton's Office

Macalester student Sam Burgin is interning at the Governor's Office this semester, in the Communications Department. He says he is back for a second time "because this is simply the most wonderfully fun, meaningful, and educational internship I've had in college!" So he wrote to recruit students to join him. He says, "It might be February, but the Communications Department is still looking for motivated, energetic interns to help us build A Better Minnesota." If you're interested in politics, state service, and new media, check out the "New Media" documents attached to the newsletter that distributed this newsletter, or give his supervisor Jenna Covey (jenna.covey@state.mn.us) an email.

Student Research Awards

The History Department has funding available to help defray expenses incurred by History students for their research projects. Several History students have applied and received funding for their projects. If you have a project that you want to do and lack of money is holding you back, apply to The Bruce Fisher Fund or The Elmer Smith Fund. To learn more about these funds, go here:

<https://www.macalester.edu/history/studentopportunities/researchfunding/fundingapp.pdf>

To apply, submit your proposal in writing to Lynn Hudson, the department chair, copied to pitman@macalester.edu. The proposal should include a description of the research, an explanation of how the proposed expenses will further the research, and an estimated budget. A request by e-mail is satisfactory.

The Job Hunt

Our office receives occasional requests to forward e-mail announcements of events and opportunities to our majors and students in our classes. When possible, we consolidate these notes by including them in this newsletter. Otherwise, we generally reserve our e-mailing lists for department-specific communications. For information about job opportunities, we suggest advertisers post their opportunity with Macalester's Career Development Center (CDC). The CDC has career counselors who can help you with career planning, job search and graduate schools options. They offer resume & personal statement reviews, mock interviews, workshops, access to employment opportunities, and career assessment testing and interpretation to students and recent alumni. [Find their web site here.](#)

Of course, a conversation with a History professor about your aspirations is recommended as well.

Community

Mugs for Mugs

Majors and Minors, if you stop by the office, and get Herta to take your picture for the bulletin board she will give you a History Department mug. She will also give you a mug if you just ask for one, but since we want your photo for the board, let's pretend we didn't just tell you that.



Come to the Lounge

Use the community bookshelf, try knitting at Mac, make popcorn in a bag, and hang out in comfy chairs. Come spend time where History happens. Old Main room 311.

Alum News

To be included in the "Alum News" please send an update to Herta Pitman at pitman@macalester.edu.

Kim E. Nielsen ('88), professor in the School of Disability Studies at The University of Toledo has published, *A Disability History of the United States* (Beacon Press)

From the Beacon Press' description:

"The first book to cover the entirety of disability history, from pre-1492 to the present"



*A DISABILITY
HISTORY of the
UNITED STATES*

KIM E. NIELSEN



"*A Disability History of the United States* pulls from primary-source documents and social histories to retell American history through the eyes, words, and impressions of the people who lived it. As historian and disability scholar Nielsen argues, to understand disability history isn't to narrowly focus on a series of individual triumphs but rather to examine mass movements and pivotal daily events through the lens of varied experiences. Throughout the book, Nielsen deftly illustrates how concepts of disability have deeply shaped the American experience—from deciding who was allowed to immigrate to establishing labor laws and justifying slavery and gender discrimination. Included are absorbing—at times horrific—narratives of blinded slaves being thrown overboard and women being involuntarily sterilized, as well as triumphant accounts of disabled miners organizing strikes and disability rights activists picketing Washington."