

History Department Newsletter

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News and Announcements

History Search News

The History Department search for a new tenure-track faculty member in Pre-1800 C.E. Global/Comparative History is approaching the final stages. In the next three weeks we will have three candidates visit campus. The student representatives on the search, Maya Lindberg and David Bliss will be calling for volunteers to attend the job talks and go to lunch with the candidates. So be prepared to participate in all the search action. The talks will be on February 10th, 14, and 21st at 4:30 in Old Main.

December Events Wrap-up

The Senior Seminar Conference on December 6 was a great success. Congratulations to all our senior majors who shared the results of their research for our senior seminar. This year's event had six panels on:

- Food and Drink: Ethnicity, Labor & Leisure in Turn-of-the-Century Minnesota
- History, Myth & Power: The Conscious (Re) construction of the Past
- Gender Trouble: Crossing Border, Reinterpreting Sources

- Minnesota Not So Nice: Political Tensions in the Late Twentieth Century

-Conflicting Histories: Remembering, Forgetting and Inventing

-Contested Terrains: Popular Culture and Urban Education

The History End-of-Semester Lunch on December 13 happened to fall on the only Macalester snowday in recent memory. Still a surprising number of brave students and even some faculty found their way to the Old Main 4th floor lounge for food, fun, and a reduced number of fabulous folks. Everyone who both came to the lunch and had submitted a correct answer to the trivia contest received a fabulous and rare, designed-by-Herta, history department t-shirt [that is, one person] .

Upcoming Events

"Never Again for Anyone" Auschwitz Survivor Event on Feb. 8

On Tuesday, February 8, at 7PM in the John B. Davis Auditorium, Dr. Hajo Meyer, Auschwitz survivor, physicist, and violin maker, will discuss lessons from his experiences which he considers relevant to resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This is part of his "Never Again for Anyone" U.S. tour. At Macalester, his respondents will be Lakota activist Coya White Hat-Artichoker, and Osama Abu Irshaid, founder and editor of the Palestinian-American newspaper, EL MEZAN. This event is free and open to all. For more information; Peter Rachleff, X 6371 and rachleff@macalester.edu.

The Next History Salon, Feb. 24

The next History Salon is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 24th. More information about the Salon will be sent to you via e-mail soon.

February Trivia Contest

Here's the February Trivia Question: For what position is the History

Department seeking a new tenure-track faculty member? Contest entry deadline is **Friday, February 11**. Submit your answer by phone (to Herta at 6493), e-mail (pitman@macalester.edu), or campus mail (Herta Pitman, History), or in person in Old Main room 311. The history trivia contest isn't necessarily about history trivia, although sometimes it is. It's a trivia contest for history students. Each month (more or less, well actually never MORE) we send out a question via e-mail and you all get a chance to win a fabulous and rare, designed-by-Herta, history department t-shirt. All correct answers submitted on-time are eligible to win. The person who creates the question determines the "correct" answer. One winner will be drawn from a hat containing the names of all correct answerers. You may only enter once per month and win once per school year. You've gotta try to win.

Peeps Diorama Contest Dates in March

The "History versus Classics Peeps Diorama Contest" is less than two months away! Dioramas will be due the Monday after Spring Break, Mar 21. We expect that History students will make a competitive showing. We have some supplies (like a glue gun) in the office that you may want to borrow. And if you let us know in advance, we will be sure to set aside your "Peeps Diorama Starter Kit," that is two packages of Peeps. The big event, "PeepsShow 2011" will be on Mar. 25.

If you are thinking, "PeepsShow, what?" you can get a better idea of what this is by viewing the 2010 PeepsShow catalog here:

<http://www.macalester.edu/history/Peeps2010catalog.pdf>
and the contest announcement for the 2010 event is available here:
<http://www.macalester.edu/history/Peepscontestannouncement.pdf>

Opportunities

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:

<http://www.macalester.edu/history/prizes/#research>

To apply, submit your proposal in writing Lynn Hudson, the department chair. 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.

Community

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.