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News and Announcements

Introducing Karin Vélez and Lacy Ferrell



Karin Vélez is our new Assistant Professor of pre-1800 Global History. Her research interests include the history of the Atlantic World, early Modern Iberian and French empires, and popular religion. Before coming to Macalester, Vélez taught at Northeastern University, Duke University, and her undergraduate alma mater, Williams College, where she was a Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellow in the pilot days of that national program. She has offered courses on oceans, magic and science, conquest and conversion, and cultural intermediaries, as well as introductions to world history and to writing in the humanities disciplines. This fall she is teaching Pirates/ Missionaries/ Translators: Between Atlantic Empires 1450-1800, and Senior Seminar. In spring she will teach Discovering World History, and Conversion and Inquisition: Religious Change in the Early Modern Atlantic. Vélez finds both her teaching and research meet around the question of how the past must be reinvented and reframed to remain useful to the present.

While Jamie Monson is on sabbatical, Lacy Ferrell is our Visiting Professor teaching courses in African History. This fall her courses are Women in African History, and History of Africa to 1800. In the spring she will be teaching Africa Since 1800, Commodities and Exchange in Urban Africa, and Schooling and Childhood in Anglophone Africa. Lacy is currently completing her PhD in African History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her dissertation research explores changing ideas of education in the Gold Coast (Ghana) from 1901 to 1948, examining why and how schools became more popular and widespread during this time. She has visited Ghana several times, and has developed a list of favorite foods in each region of the country. Her office is in Old Main 406.



Please join us in welcoming Professors Vélez and Ferrell.

The Newest Baby in History!



Look how cute
Scott Shoemaker's four month-old baby,
Hazel is.

Welcome to the world adorable little one.

New History Web Site Coming Soon



We are in the last stages of the History Department web site makeover. Departments all over campus are restructuring their sites in hopes of making more of the information you use easier to access. We have been working with staff in the Communications and Public Relations office to fill the History site with useful and interesting information and features. We think you'll like the new site. Look for its debut very soon.
<http://www.macalester.edu/history/>

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.

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

The October Trivia Contest

Here's the **October question: What do you have to do to get a History coffee mug?** Contest entry deadline is **Friday, October 14**. 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.

Dec. 9, 2011

[History End-of-Semester Lunch](#)

Annual lunch for History students. More info to come.

Dec. 12, 2011

[History Senior Seminar Conference](#)

Senior History majors present their capstone research. More info to come.

Peeps Dioramas are Due March 9 and PeepShow 2012 is March 25



Peeps Mission Control shown here preparing for PeepShow liftoff.

Start planning now to enter your creation! Dioramas are due March 9.

Dioramas are due the Friday before Spring Break.

The big event, **"PeepsShow 2012" will be on Friday, March 23.**
If you are thinking, "PeepsShow, what?" you can get a better idea of what this is by viewing the 2011 PeepsShow catalog here:
<http://www.macalester.edu/history/Peeps2011catalogfinal.pdf>

Opportunities

Fall Information Sessions for the Humphrey School of Public Affairs Schedule is available here:

<http://ecommunication.umn.edu/read/archive?id=75635&e=beegle%40macalester.edu&x=847969a5>

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 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.

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.