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News and Announcements

Chris Wells and Carleton Professor George Vrtis Receive Joint Historical Society Grant

Historian Chris Wells, assistant professor of environmental studies, along with Professor George Vrtis of Carleton, have received a joint grant from the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) for \$102,522. The partnership grant, will substantially advance the state of scholarship on Minnesota's under-studied environmental history. The centerpiece of the project will be a conference on the environmental history of Minnesota to be held at the Minnesota History Center in June 2012. As project directors, Wells and Vrtis will convene top environmental-studies scholars at the conference, where they will present and critique new research on the state's environmental history.



Following the conference, Vrtis and Wells will solicit essays for inclusion in a new book on the environmental history of Minnesota. Vrtis and Wells will edit this volume, contribute a jointly authored introduction to the volume and an essay focused on the Twin Cities, and they will also seek a publisher for the finished work. The final publication promises to be the first major study of Minnesota's environmental history.

Sophomores Need to Declare a Major Before Registering for Fall Classes

Students must file an approved plan for a major no later than the start of the registration period (begins April 16) for the first semester of their junior year. If you are a sophomore planning to major in History, you should meet with your advisor to complete your major plan, and then get it signed by our chair, Lynn Hudson.

Honors Proposals are Due April 15

But you can start planning now. History honors guidelines and the application form can be found here:

<http://www.macalester.edu/history/majorsminors/honorsprogram/honorsapp.pdf>

If your project could be enhanced with a little funding, don't forget to apply for the research funding available to History students. Details near the end of this newsletter. Find the application here:

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

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 (New This Year) Peeps-a-pult Contest

Dioramas will be displayed, Peeps will be pulted, and prizes awarded at PeepsShow 2012 on Friday, March 23, in Old Main on the third and fourth floors. [Peeps Dioramas and Peeps-a-pult Contest entries are Due March 9, the Friday before Spring Break.](#)

[The complete announcement, rules, and FAQs can be found here.](#) Contact Herta Pitman 651-696-6376 with questions.

Peeps-a-pult Contest and PeepsShow 2012 is March 23 4:00-5:30 pm. Tantalizing Peepsfreshments will be served to all who attend.



Peeps Mission Control shown here preparing for PeepsShow liftoff.

It's time to finalize your diorama! Dioramas are due March 9.

Rumor has it that students from English are planning to out-do History at PeepsShow. We can't have that.

You can stop in the History office to pick up your "Peeps Diorama Starter Kit," that is two packages of Peeps. We also have some supplies (like a glue gun) that you may want to borrow. The big event, **"Peeps-a-pult Contest and 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 video here:

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

The February Trivia Contest Winner and the March Trivia Contest

The March Trivia question was, "What is a Peeps-a-pult? The correct answer was "It's a catapult, but with Peeps instead of cats. Launching cats is cruel." Only one correct answer was submitted. So we dispensed with the hat this time. The winner Mollie Hudson. She has already come to the office to claim her fabulous and rare, designed-by-Herta, history department t-shirt.

Here's the **March question: When does registration for Fall 2012 begin?**

Contest entry deadline is **Friday, March 23.**



Submit your answer by phone (to Herta at 6493), e-mail (pitman@maclester.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.

- [Mar 9 Peeps Dioramas Due](#)
- [Mar 23 PeepsShow 2012](#)
- [Apr 30 History and Classics End-of-Year Picnic](#)

Opportunities

CAMPAIGN WORKSHOP Internships

Overview: Our internship positions will offer the chance to working in a fast paced political firm and learn the ins and outs of progressive political campaigning. Interns are involved in a number of different ways and on a number of different projects. Since we work on different types of projects such as: advocacy campaigns, candidates, trainings, and online advertising, interns get a broad range of exposure and experiences. By working in a firm with a handful of senior staff, interns are able work closely with staff and get to be very hands on with projects. Internships pay \$10/hour on a part-time basis.

Responsibilities

Assist in tracking the progress of campaigns and candidates we are working with.

Assist staff with copy writing and proofreading proposals and memorandums for clients.

Participate in and summarize daily staff meetings, distributing concise, accurate notes in a timely manner to team members.

Conduct research on candidates, campaigns and organizations and other issues related to

current clients.

Conduct search for stock photos to use in mail and online campaigns.

Data management and entry associated with current projects and jobs.

Organize samples of mail and online campaigns that we send out.

Other duties as assigned

To Apply - Applicants should email resumes and cover letters to itifo@thecampaignworkshop.com

The State Historical Society of Iowa 2012/2013 Research Grants

Call for Applications: The State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI) announces a grant program for the 2012/2013 academic year. SHSI will award up to ten stipends of \$1,000 each to support original research and interpretive writing related to the history of Iowa or Iowa and the Midwest. Preference will be given to applicants proposing to pursue previously neglected topics or new approaches to or interpretations of previously treated topics. SHSI invites applicants from a variety of backgrounds, including academic and public historians, graduate students, and independent researchers and writers. Applications will be judged on the basis of their potential for producing work appropriate for publication in The Annals of Iowa. Grant recipients will be expected to produce an annotated manuscript targeted for The Annals of Iowa, SHSI's scholarly journal.

Applications for the 2012/2013 awards must be postmarked by April 15, 2012.

Download application guidelines from our Web site

(<http://www.iowahistory.org/publications/the-annals-of-iowa/research-grants-for-authors.html>) or request guidelines or further information from:

Research Grants, State Historical Society of Iowa, 402 Iowa Avenue, Iowa City IA 52240-1806, Phone: [319-335-3931](tel:319-335-3931), e-mail: marvin-bergman@uiowa.edu

Smithsonian Associates Internships

The Smithsonian Associates offers internship opportunities to learn about all aspects of educational programming for both adults and children, while contributing extensively to one of the world's great cultural institutions. Intern projects are designed to benefit both the Institution and complement the intern's own interest, skills, and experience. More information can be found at:

<http://residentassociates.org/ticketing/internships/start.aspx>

The History Scholar Award administered by The Gilder Lehrman Institute, honors outstanding graduating college seniors who have demonstrated academic and extracurricular excellence in American History or American Studies. Highlights of the Gilder Lehrman History Scholar Award include: Four-Day trip to New York City, June 8-11, 2012; Special meetings with eminent history scholars; Exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of historic archives; Celebratory awards dinner. Recipients will be reimbursed for up to \$600 for travel expenses to New York, and room and board will be provided during the award weekend. Application Deadline: March 15, 2012

Notification Deadline: April 16, 2012

To apply, or for more information, visit:

www.gilderlehrman.org/historyscholaraward.

If you have questions about the award, please email scholars@gilderlehrman.org.

Prague Summer Schools

Prague Summer Schools 2012 is offering sessions on the following topics:

The Future of Europe: Lobbying in Brussels; Crime, Law and Psychology; European Union: Interests versus Culture?; China: A World Superpower - Myth or Reality?

Summer Schools will take place in Prague, Czech Republic June 30 – July 7, 2012
The Prague Summer Schools are seven-day academic programs designed to bring together undergraduate and graduate students of various nationalities and academic backgrounds to enjoy their summer holidays in the unique academic and cultural environment.

Visit www.praguesummerschools.org to discover the details about the upcoming programs.

Volunteer Cultural Exchange with Laura Jeffrey Academy

The Civic Engagement Center is organizing a weekly volunteer event at Laura Jeffrey Academy from March to April. By a regional group, approximately three to four students will go to the Academy and teach their native culture/language/interactive game to these students at Laura Jeffrey Academy. This is only a one time

commitment on one of those Fridays, from 11:40am-12:30pm. There will be an information session for the volunteers a week before this event.

The time slot sign up sheet is available at:

<https://docs.google.com/a/macalester.edu/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDJmSXZHUGZUUGZKOTBTR2FERnZuMHc6MQ>

If you have any questions, feel free to email Jungwon Lee at jlee9@macalester.edu

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.

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.

Alum News

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

News from our alums:

Alex Davies, '10 reports, "After a year teaching English in France, I am living in New York and writing for Discovery. I work in historical themes wherever possible, like "10 Historical Figures You Had No Idea Were Environmentalists" for TreeHugger.com (<http://www.treehugger.com/slideshows/culture/10-historical-figures-you-had-no-idea-were-environmentalists/>) and "7 Adventurers from History Who Broke the Mold" for Discovery.com (<http://dsc.discovery.com/adventure/7-adventurers-from-history-who-broke-the-mold.html>).

Laura Zeccardi, '07 went to NYU for grad school where she received her M.A. in Public History and Archival Management in January of 2009. She worked for the NYU University Archives for six months after graduation as an Assistant Research Scholar. Since December of 2010, she has been working for the Minnesota Historical Society as a Program Associate for National History Day in Minnesota. She works with History Day students in Southeast and Central Minnesota and is also the Legacy Library coordinator for History Day related library field trips.

Catherine Ming T'ien Duffly, '00 received her Ph.D. in Performance Studies at University of California, Berkeley in December 2011. She will be joining the faculty at Reed College in Portland, OR as an assistant professor in the Theatre Department.

David E. Miller, '91 says he was "delighted to spend some time with my advisor, Peter Weisensel, at my twentieth reunion this past June. After graduating in 1991, I received an M.A. in History from Georgetown University and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I worked for several years in Moscow and currently live in Maplewood, NJ with my wife, Jane Buchanan, and our two kids, Miriam Buchanan (age 5) and Noah Miller (age 1). I'd be delighted to hear from old friends."

Margaret M. Storey, '91 tells us that "after graduating from Mac, where I was inspired to become a historian by Jim Stewart, I received a Ph.D. in from Emory University in 1999 and was lucky enough to find a tenure-track position in Civil War history at DePaul University, where I am now an Associate Professor. My main

publications include a monograph on southern loyalists entitled *Loyalty and Loss: Alabama's Unionists in the Civil War and Reconstruction* (LSU Press, 2004), as well as the edited memoir of a Tennessee Union cavalryman, *Tried Men and True: Or Union Life in Dixie* (University of Alabama Press, 2011). My most recent, and really fun, project has been to help develop an online exhibit of Civil War related art with the Terra Foundation of American art. I live in Evanston with my husband, Jonathan Heller, and daughter, Josie (8)."

Jennifer Grace-Dawson, '90 shares a project she is working on:

"I have been working with Project Heart, which is a project initiated by the government of Israel and the Jewish Agency for Israel, to identify people who had property that was confiscated, looted, or forcibly sold during the era of the Holocaust. The project is being administrated by AB Data in Milwaukee, for whom I work, and we are broadcasting information about the Project around the world, issuing questionnaires to interested people, and receiving and sorting the information for Israel. Every day I see questionnaires from survivors and their relatives and heirs regarding their stories related to property that was taken from them. It's an inspiring project to be working on, and I ardently hope it will yield some manner of satisfaction for the survivors. Additional information can be found at <http://heartwebsite.org/>"

Ben Dille, '82 recently marked 20 years with the Foreign Service, and currently runs administrative operations at the U.S. Embassy in Prague, a building that took its present outline in the 30 Years War, during which the owner escaped to Old Town Prague to lead the successful defense from the Swedes in 1648. Ben's next assignment will be in Astana, Kazakhstan. In September, Ben submitted his doctoral dissertation, "Legal Consequences of Sandinista Era Property Confiscations in Nicaragua," to the London School of Economics.

J. Stefan Lupp, '78 graduated from Mac with majors in History, Philosophy, and German; and from William Mitchell College of Law with a JD in 1982. He practiced law in Minnesota and Texas from '82 – '95. He graduated from the Washington College of Law – American University, DC in 1996 with an LL.M. in International Legal Studies and then taught International Law and Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Bucharest, Romania 1997-2000. He went to work for the US Department of State in 2001 and is currently the Director of the Long-Range Planning Division in the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations.

Mary Chamberlain, '73 recently retired after over 30 years of Federal Civil Service. While at Mac, she earned a double major in History & Geography. She says, "Although those classes had no *direct* bearing on my subsequent career, they did teach me how to think, research, and analyze data – a real benefit. Strangely enough, there was one aspect of my Mac years that had a direct impact, though. I studied abroad (in Vienna, Austria) during my Junior year. Many years later, I was hired for a position with the US Army in Germany specifically because of that. The person doing the hiring figured that if I survived living abroad as a student and wanted to do it again, I wasn't likely to get homesick and want to leave after only a few months in Germany! As it happens, I spent about 10 years there, which let me indulge my interest in European history quite nicely. I'm now getting my "history" fix by working on my genealogy – something I started working on while I was at Mac. It's an interesting retirement hobby, and a good excuse for more travel!"

Ellen Steinbart, '72 writes "with gratitude to the Mac History Department for nurturing my interest in history, for teaching me that history includes not just nations and politics, but also neighborhoods and people, and for showing me the importance of history in understanding the world around us." Ellen's liberal arts education enriched a career in health science and research. After Mac, she received a BS and an MA in Nursing. Along the way, she worked as a hospital surgical nurse, intensive care burn unit nurse, diabetes research nurse, and instructor at the University of Washington School of Nursing. In 1986, she began working as a research nurse, studying the role of genetics in Alzheimer's Disease and used history to help uncover a rare genetic mutation causing Alzheimer's Disease in a handful of families.

She tells us for 25 years, she "had the extraordinary pleasure of integrating my interests in history and German into my work as a research nurse focusing

on genetics and Alzheimer's Disease. It underscored for me the value of bringing different disciplines together to address difficult problems and how vital history can be in helping us work toward solutions to those problems."

Leslie Berry, '71 is currently a grandmother to five, working at the University of Minnesota as a client relations supervisor, on the Board of the Friends of the Oval Foundation, and Chair of the annual Rose Parade in Roseville. She is currently living in Little Canada. Leslie worked many types of jobs, and has sold everything from school buses to hotel packages, and has helped to promote the St. Paul-Minneapolis area to tourists and business travelers. She says, "the path of my life has had many twists and turns but I am enjoying the journey."

Denny Tetu, '57 graduated with a History major and an Education minor. He taught American history and World history for 36 years along with coaching football, hockey and girl's softball. Denny stayed at South St. Paul High School all those years. He says, "Thanks to Mac it gave me a lifelong career." Denny retired in 1992.



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