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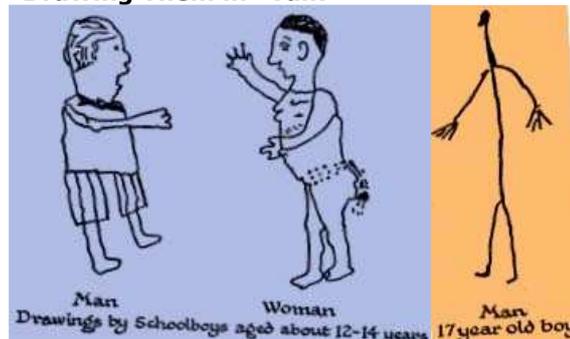
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News and Announcements

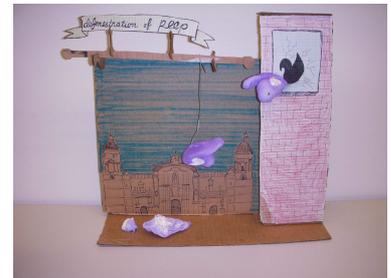
"Drawing Them in" Talk



On March 22, visiting Professor Lacy Ferrell gave a talk titled, "Drawing them in: Children's Drawings as Historical Evidence of Social and Educational Change in Northern Ghana". Her dissertation research explores changing ideas of education in colonial Ghana between 1901 and 1948.

Classics Versus History But Open to Everybody Marshmallow Peeps Diorama Contest and Peeps-a-pult Contest was on Friday, March 23

Peeps dioramas, pulped Peeps, Peepfreshments, and prizes were enjoyed at PeepsShow 2012. The diorama, "The Defenestration of Peep," (picture, right) by history students Ian Henderson-Charnow, Ilana Master and Julia Sillen won the "Best Director" prize. The Best Director prize goes to an extraordinary diorama that incorporates many of the components for which we award prizes. Some controversy erupted over the new-this-year Peeps-



a-pult addition to the event. Though the majority of attendees seemed to enjoy the launching of Peeps with the Peepsapult (see the picture left of Professors Karin Velez and Lacy Ferrell enjoying the activity), a small contingent of protesters (see picture right) gathered down the hall to protest Peeps cruelty. One anonymous protester shouted, "sic semper tyrannis."



Registration for Fall begins April 16

Check out new History courses ranging from "Gender, Race, and Health in 20th Century US," "Asian American History," "Science, Magic and Belief in the Early Modern Atlantic," "Vikings, Tartars, Slaves: Early Russia starting from the Viking

Conquest," "Oceans in World History," and more. [Click here to view History's Fall 2012 offerings](#). Sophomores need to declare a major before registering for Fall classes.

Honors Proposals are Due April 15

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>

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.

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

History Senior Honors Presentations, April 19

Come to hear oral discussions of historical honor's theses, along with snacks, beverages and conversation at a presentation of advanced historical research by some of our senior honors students! These Honors presentations will be held on Thursday, April 19 from 4:45-5:45 in Old Main room 003.

"Story City" Inaugural Event

History alum Jemma Brown, '11 is one of the creators of the "Story City" storytelling events. The very first one will be on Thursday, April 19th at 7:00 pm at The Nomad on Cedar near Riverside in Minneapolis. Local story tellers will share their stories on the theme of "WHERE I COME FROM: stories of place, home, and belonging." Details can be found here:

<http://storycitymn.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/storycitymn>

History picnic

Save the date! The end-of-the-year picnic is on Monday, April 30, 4:30-6:00 pm at the Alumni House.

The March Trivia Contest Winner and the April Trivia Contest

The March Trivia question was, "When does registration for Fall 2012 begin?" The correct answer was "April 16." Three correct answers were submitted. Our student winner was **Emily Geris**. Emily please come to the History office to claim your t-shirt. We also have an alumni winner this month, Susan Perry. Her fabulous and rare, designed-by-Herta, History department t-shirt will be mailed to her.

Here's the **April question: What did protesters shout at the March 23 PeepsShow?** Contest entry deadline is **Friday, April 13.**



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 (or two, one student and one alum) 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.

- [Apr 19 History Senior Honors Presentations](#)
- [Apr 30 History and Classics End-of-Year Picnic](#)

Opportunities

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

Student Internships Available at Scott County Historical Society

The Scott County Historical Society has summer internship positions available in the areas of museum exhibit development, marketing and communications, program delivery and educational program development and they are accepting applications through April 15th. "The SCHS offers an intensive hands-on internship program to college students to gain practical experience in a local history museum. Interns must be either undergraduate or graduate students with some background or interest in history, museum studies, and/or education. Applicants should be enthusiastic, creative, and have strong written and oral communication skills. Interning at SCHS will give students a great introduction to the field of local history and non-profit work, and will help build contacts and personal interests."

SCHS is seeking exhibit, program, education, and social media interns. Interns will assist in other areas of museum work, including public programs, exhibition development and publicity."

Summer internships are for the full three months (June, July, August). For more information, please see their website at:

http://scottcountyhistory.org/volunteer_opportunities.html

Mondale Research Fellowships

The Center for the Study of Politics and Governance at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs is offering a new research opportunity. Beginning this spring, the Center will be awarding Mondale Research Fellowships. The Fellowship will encourage research in the archives of the Minnesota Historical Society on elected government officials whose service in office improved Minnesota and the opportunities of its

citizens. The Fellowship is open to students, faculty, and non-academic researchers. A full description of the Fellowship and application information can be found here: http://www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/cspg/research/mondale_papers/mondaleresearchfellowship.html

Please feel free to contact Lea Chittenden with any questions. [612-625-2530](tel:612-625-2530)
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Minnesota Children's Museum Offering Unpaid Summer Internships

The Children's Museum in downtown St Paul is seeking applicants for summer internships in the following categories: Costume Design and Props; Museum Development; Environmental Intern, Live Animals; and Museum Operations. Applications are due April 20. For more information contact the Macalester Internship Office.

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. The summer deadline has passed, but information about future opportunities can be found at:

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

Greenpeace Semester - Summer or Fall

The [Greenpeace Semester](http://www.greenpeace.org/usa/semester) is an opportunity for students to learn what it takes to protect the planet and become environmental leaders. Much more than an internship, the program combines intensive workshops in a classroom setting with hands-on projects, working side-by-side with Greenpeace staff on critical issues. You'll learn from experts on climate change, ocean protection, nuclear energy, forest conservation, toxic pollution, and corporate abuse of the environment. You'll learn Greenpeace's approach to environmental advocacy: the skills of grassroots organizing, creative direct action, and strategic campaigning. The program is based at our Washington, D.C. headquarters. There is a five-week course in the summer or a twelve-week course in the fall and spring. Find out more at

www.greenpeace.org/usa/semester.

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:

Nadia Stennes-Spidahl, '11 exclaims, "I've just started my Master's of Library and Information Studies at the School of Library, Archival, and Information Studies at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC (Canada!). I'm loving my courses,

and even more I'm loving the setting - the mountains are beautiful, it's incredibly green, and the weather's not bad (though a bit damp). This summer, I'm going to be an intern at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY! I'll be working in the reference department, and everyone who loves baseball - and/or history - should definitely come visit this summer!" She sends all her best to everyone at Mac.

Hillary Sorin, '11 has been admitted to the Master's in Social Work program at the University of Pennsylvania, and has been awarded a Dean's Merit Award for funding.

Gretchen Wolf, '02, graduated from Hamline University School of Law in 2005 and is a solo practitioner in Minneapolis practicing Estate Planning and Probate. She also coaches figure skating at the Three Rivers Figure Skating club and recently got engaged. She and her fiance will be married May of 2013.

Chris Dayton, '98 worked in the financial industry for a couple years, then went to Boston University to get a PhD in archaeology (finished in 2008). He's been managing the cultural resource management (CRM) department of a small environmental consulting firm in Austin, TX since 2009. Chris offers, "Any Mac students or alums who have been through a field school and are interested in CRM archaeology in the southern and southwestern US should shoot me a resume/CV and a Linked In connection (cdayton@gmail.com; <http://www.linkedin.com/in/chrisdayton>)."

Christopher Tassava '95 says, "After graduating from Macalester, where I enjoyed all of my many history courses, I worked for a time before going to graduate school in U.S. history at Northwestern University. I completed my PhD there in 2003, having written a dissertation on San Francisco Bay shipbuilding during World War II. Though my search for a teaching job was unsuccessful, I lucked out in 2005 by getting a job as a grantwriter at the other best school in Minnesota, Carleton College. I've been working at Carleton ever since - by now, for a longer time than I attended Mac! - and have had a hand in securing grants for faculty and institutional projects, including, this winter, the grant awarded by the Minnesota Historical Society to Chris Wells at Mac and George Vrtis at Carleton. I live in Northfield, Minnesota, with my wife Shannon (Mac '95) and my two daughters, ages 7 and 5. Both girls think Mac would be a good school for them, except for the part where they couldn't live at home."

Michael Scarlett, '95 tells us, "After teaching social studies in the St. Paul Public Schools for 11 years I am now an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Theory and Practice at Montana State University, Billings. I received my Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in Curriculum and Instruction, Social Studies Education. I am also an assistant state coordinator for Montana National History Day. We are doing our best to promote history education in the state of Montana."

Matthew H. Kirtland, '94 reports, "After Mac, I attended Duke University School of Law, where I roomed for one year with fellow '94 grad, Ryan Long, who was getting his PhD at Duke. Upon graduating from Duke in '97, I joined the Washington, DC office of the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski, where I am now a partner specializing in international arbitration and complex commercial litigation. I have been fortunate to have my practice take me around the world, including significant time spent in Saudi Arabia, England, New Zealand and the United Arab Emirates. I fondly recall my times studying (and working in) the History Department with Peter Weisensel, Jim Stewart and David Itzkowitz, the teachings of whom have continued to have relevance throughout my career. I live in Washington, DC with wife, Nora, and daughter, Caroline.

Rich Bailey, '92 recently left a 12 year stint as the Director of Business Development at WolfNet Technologies in Minneapolis to return to the classroom and teach Modern World History at Shattuck-St. Mary's School in Faribault, MN. Next year he will also be teaching AP Economics. His wife Tabitha has taught at Shattuck for 4 years and currently teaches middle school Geography and AP Psychology. He loves being a Dorm Parent and spending time with their 2-year old daughter Kaitlin.

Nick Weiner, '90, after earning his MS in Urban Public Policy at the New School in New York, moved to Washington, DC to work for the labor movement. Since then he has worked for several different unions as a strategic campaigns researcher and organizer. For the past six years, he has worked for Change to Win and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and is the national campaign director for the Clean Ports Campaign (www.cleanandsafeports.org). Last October, the campaign took him to Melbourne and Sydney, Australia where he was hosted by the Transport Workers Union and was "blown away by the country's vastly more favorable labor relations regime."

Mic Hunter, '79 says after graduating, "I began authoring and editing books. I always insist whatever the topic that it be examined in a historical context. I even had Norm Rosenberg write a foreword. You can see all the books at my author page at Amazon.com."

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!"