Welcome back to the Department of History at Macalester College! Happy holidays, and soon we will start a new year.

The last twelve months offered major changes for all of the students and faculty. Our students continued to raise the levels for academic performance among liberal arts colleges nationwide through their projects during Study Away, the senior capstone course, and new Honors research projects. Our faculty have continued to establish important new insights in the historical profession, raising the standards for teaching and research for historians nationwide.

This semester, many of our students helped to organize the National Women's Studies Association conference in Minneapolis in mid-November. Their volunteer efforts impressed the association president, Dr. Karsonya Whitehead, who provided free registration for the students who had chances to meet Anita Hill, Angela Davis, Farah Jasmine Griffin, and Barbara Ransby during the conference. The event also coincided with two weeks of celebration and study of Afrofuturism and the Black Speculative Arts Movement through the new Marvel Studios' film, Black Panther: Wakanda Forever.

The themes of decolonization and Indigenous sovereignty continue to inform important new paths of historical research. As the Spring approaches, we anticipate rare new programs in Asian history, Latin American Studies, urban studies, and Indigenous history, led by our colleagues Dr. Yue-Him Tam, Dr. Hongde Lei, Prof. James Coplin, Dr. Ethan Besser Frederick, and Dr. Jacob Jurss.

As always, history is everywhere, and the best is yet to come.

Professor Walter Greason
DeWitt Wallace Professor of History
Chair, Department of History
**Dr. Jacob Jurss**

Dr. Jacob Jurss is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Indigenous History. His research interests include 18th and 19th century Dakota and Ojibwe relations, United States federal policy, and decolonization theory. His recently published article, “Relations Across the Lands” in the American Indian Quarterly that explores how relations between the Dakota and Ojibwe affected policies of the encroaching United States. In addition to teaching introductory Indigenous history survey courses, Dr. Jurss offers courses on settler colonialism, the American West, and the history of federal Indian law. He has found Macalester to be incredibly welcoming and a wonderful academic home. Outside of class Dr. Jurss can be found cycling throughout St. Paul, snowshoeing in Northern Minnesota, and camping along Lake Superior with his family.

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**Dr. Hongde Lei**

Professor Hongde Lei is a new visiting scholar financially supported by China Scholarship Council. He was born in a poor family in a small village in Honghu, Hubei Province; however, he was blessed to obtain all levels of education and to earn his doctoral degree from Peking University in 2004. Since then, until now, he has been working at the School of Education, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, one of the top ten universities in China. His teaching and research interests center around institutional research, college teaching and learning, and the history of Chinese higher Education.

In the academic year 2022-2023, Professor Lei plans to conduct a holistic case study on the institutional characteristics of the small liberal arts colleges (LACs), especially on the internationalism emphasized by Macalester. The study aims to provide multi-perspective insights for those students who would like to choose LACs, and to promote other countries such as China to develop its own LACs so that more students will benefit from the transformative power of liberal arts education. As a result, more well-educated whole persons and global citizens will grow to make the world better.
TIME TRAVELERS: TOURISM IN GLOBAL HISTORY
TAUGHT BY JESS PEARSON

Time Travelers is an FYC that explores the intersections between tourism, empire, decolonization, racism, and anti-racism. We take a global approach, considering how travelers from across the world have engaged with new locations, communities, and tourist sites. In addition to reading scholarly sources on the history of tourism, we are also reading and critiquing Agatha Christie's *A Caribbean Mystery*, which is very much the product of colonialism and colonial racism that continued to reverberate across the globe even after Britain's colonies obtained political independence. An important focus of the course is on different modes of tourist transport and the ways that they intersected with larger processes of both colonization and liberation.

BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA
TAUGHT BY MASHA FEDOROVA

"Between Europe and Asia" explores the history of peoples and spaces in Northern Eurasia from the medieval period to the fall of the Soviet Union. Stretching from the Baltic Sea to the Pacific Ocean, Northern Eurasia has been a place of intensive exchange (trade, wars, imperial rule, revolutions, socialist experiments, etc.) for many centuries. The complex history of relations among peoples is the subject of this course.

INDIGENOUS AMERICA
TAUGHT BY JACOB JURSS

From land acknowledgments to land back, organizations, including Macalester College, are wrestling with what it means to be a decolonizing institution. This semester students in Indigenous American considered what it means to decolonize academia? Can it be done? What would the process entail? To understand these contemporary issues, students dove into the past by exploring the differences between and processes of colonization and settler colonialism in the North American context. They surveyed the history of relations between Euro-Americans and Indigenous nations including the treaty era, boarding schools, and Red Power movement all in order to construct their answers to imagining decolonization.
**FALL KICK-OFF**

On September 26th, students and faculty got together to eat cheese and fruit in a celebration to start off the semester!

**PRE-REGISTRATION LUNCH**

On October 26th, the History Department hosted a soup lunch where faculty got to mingle with students and present their spring 2023 courses.

**END OF SEMESTER EVENT**

On December 8th the History Department got together for one final time to drink hot chocolate and celebrate the end of the semester.

**HISTORY CLUB**

History Club meets every Thursday (with snacks!) to discuss different historical events and figures.

**DEPARTMENT STROLL**

On October 16th, history department members and their families put their coats on to take a stroll down to the Mississippi.
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Macalester Course Schedule

History Course Descriptions

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NEW AND GRADUATING STUDENTS

NEW MAJORS & MINORS


DECEMBER GRADUATES

JESS COHEN

Majors/Minors: History Major, Legal Studies Concentration

After graduation Jess hopes to work as a middle school history teacher.

ABBY GREEN

THEY/SHE | FIRST GEN

Majors/Minors: American Studies Major, History Minor, Political Science Minor, Community and Global Health Concentration

After Graduation Abby will be working on the HIV outreach testing team with Southside Harm Reduction.
**Capstone Presentations**

**Ana Berman**  
*What to Expect of the Spanish Inquisition: Spain’s Black Legend and 21st Century Jewish Heritage Sites*

**Ethan Carlson**  
*The Old Firm A Look at Two Soccer Clubs’ Connection to Irish Independence, Scottish Sectarianism and English Independence*

**Fritz Gessl**  
*The Dictators’ Sport: How Mussolini and Hitler Used Sport in their Fascist Regimes*

**Noah Pellettieri**  
*Anti-Racist Hero or Paternalistic Bigot? Racism and Historical Memory in Dr. Seuss’ The Sneetches*

**Oliver Soglin**  
*‘I Would Then be Doing Exactly as Hitler is Doing’: American Jewish Support for Nazi Free Speech – Madison Square Garden and Skokie, Illinois*

**Vincent Wang**  
*Literature as Perspectives and Methods: A Tragic Fable of ‘Rural-Urban’ Dichotomy in Early 20th Century China*
**DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**PROFESSOR WALTER GREASON**  
**HE/HIM | DEWITT WALLACE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY**
Professor Walter Greason won the American Educational Studies Association Critics' Choice Award 2022 for his contribution in the *Encyclopedia of Critical Understandings of Latinx and Global Education*. He was also named DeWitt Wallace Professor of History. Additionally, he has two new publications *The New College Classroom* and *Schools for the Colored*. Sadly, his father, David Harlan Greason, passed away on September 15, 2022.

**PROFESSOR THOMAS L. DYNNESON**  
**HE/HIM | 1961 GRADUATE**

**PROFESSOR AMY SULLIVAN**  
**SHE/HER | VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**
Professor Amy Sullivan attended the international conference of the Alcohol and Drugs History Society in Mexico City last June and presented on the use of oral history and personal narratives in addiction histories. Our moderator, Nancy Campbell should be familiar to any Uses & Abuses students because we read some of her work a couple of the times during the semester. It was fun to finally meet her in person and hang out with UWC college friends in Mexico City and Oaxaca.

**PROFESSOR TARA HOLLIES**  
**SHE/HER | VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**
Professor Tara Hollies has a new journal article under review and is beginning her first book project based on her dissertation: “The book aims to privilege indigenous Igbo world views, knowledge systems, and periodizations while examining the changes that Igbo law endured during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in southeaster Nigeria.”

**BENJAMIN DILLE**  
**HE/HIM | 1982 HISTORY GRADUATE**
Benjamin Dille, a History and International Relations graduate, recently received a State Department Award for Heroism for the evacuation of the Embassy in Kabul in August 2021, where he served as Minister Counselor for Management Affairs. Ben has been a Foreign Service Officer with the Department of State for 30 years. As a diplomat, he has served in Caracas, Mexico City, Shanghai, Managua, Minsk, Washington, Prague, Baghdad, Basrah, Nur-Sultan, Khartoum, Freetown, Kabul, and Kolonia, and has served as Charge d'affaires (acting ambassador) at five of those posts. In fall of 2022, he will be teaching at the Marine War College in Quantico, VA. Ben is happy to discuss the Foreign Service as a career and can be reached at benjaminbdille@gmail.com.

**TANNER WILEMAN**  
**HE/HIM | 2022 HISTORY GRADUATE**
Tanner has been working as a park ranger at Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, which has included the development of a program on the history of the Old Cedar Ave Bridge and the opportunity to explore the archives of the Bloomington Historical Society. Over the winter, he’ll be continuing part-time at the refuge while also working part-time at Lebanon Hills Regional Park.
**DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**PROFESSOR ERNESTO CAPELLO**  
**HE/HIM | PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES**

Professor Ernesto Capello co-edited a new collection of essays called “Cartographic Expeditions and Visual Culture in the Nineteenth-Century Americas.” The volume represented the first transnational and hemispheric analysis of 19th century cartographic aesthetics, and featured the multidisciplinary perspective of historians, geographers, and art historians.

**PROFESSOR CHRIS WELLS**  
**HE/HIM | PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**


**PROFESSOR KARIN VÉLEZ**  
**SHE/HER | ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**

Professor Karin Vélez presented the inaugural lecture for the new Center for Research on Global Catholicism at Saint Louis University, speaking on "Refugee Trauma and the Ambiguities of Miracles." She was also the Distinguished Annual Speaker in Religious Studies at the University of Texas-Austin. She also continues to coordinate the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program here at Macalester.

**PROFESSOR CASSANDRA BERMAN**  
**SHE/HER | 2006 HISTORY GRADUATE**

Professor Cassandra Berman at Georgetown University published an article titled “Slavery’s Archive: Confronting Jesuit Slaveholding at Georgetown University” in the American Historical Association’s *Perspectives on History*.

**PROFESSOR JESS PEARSON**  
**SHE/HER | ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**

Professor Jess Pearson wrote the chapter “Transport and Tourism” in *The Oxford Handbook of History of Tourism and Travel*.

**PROFESSOR MASHA FEDOROVA**  
**SHE/HER | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF RUSSIAN STUDIES**

Masha Fedorova attended the Association for Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) conference this November. There, she presented her research on food insecurity during the post-WWI period. Masha also saw the pre-publication copy of Science, Technology, Environment, and Medicine in Russia’s Great War and Revolution 1914-22 which contains a chapter she contributed about the American Tractor Unit and its work in the southern Urals in the early 1920s.

**KARSTEN BELING**  
**HE/HIM | 2022 HISTORY GRADUATE**

Since graduating from Macalester, Karsten spent the summer traveling with friends in Europe and spending time at home in Utah. He’s currently living in Brooklyn, NY with a friend from high school and their friends from NYU! He’s working two jobs: one is at a North Face store and the other at an environmental non-profit at an equitable food access site. He says, “life is stressful sometimes but I’m grateful to be where I’m at!” Additionally, He offers some advice for current students: “as SOON as the temperature outside reaches 60 degrees, go bask in the sun by Lake Nokomis for hours on end (literally entire days) with your friends! Don’t worry about that reading or essay that’s due on Monday, take your time, and it’ll get done when it gets done. I didn’t realize how special lake life is until I moved away from Minnesota.”