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New Facebook Page and New Majors to Like and Love!!

The Class of 2014 has ten new History majors who dared to devote themselves to finding the truth about the past! Fellow newly declared major Ellen McKinstry interviewed three brave cohorts about their choice.

Sameera Nalla: What drew me to the History department was that, in my high school, I only really had U.S. History and our world history class was so broad that we really didn't go over much. What I loved about the History department here was that there were classes specific to a particular region. I was especially drawn to History classes on South Asia, because my parents are from India and most of my family lives in India. It gave me a better understanding of how my grandparents and parents grew up, and it made me feel more connected to my family's roots. I definitely had more questions for my parents after taking History of Modern South Asia and Women of South Asia here at Carleton. My primary field, as you may have guessed is Asia and Middle Eastern studies. I did not decide on History as my major from the get-go. I actually thought I would be a bio major. But, I found that I really enjoyed my history classes, and I can still be pre-vet while being a History major!



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**WE HAVE A NEW
FACEBOOK PAGE!**

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Please "Like" our page! Find jobs, internships, grad school info, alumni, events, & more to come!

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Attention New Majors:

Come celebrate declaring a major with your fellow History majors and History Professors with refreshments!!!

Wed., April 25 at 5 p.m. in the Department Lounge

THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPORT AND SOCIETY
Murray Edwards College, University of Cambridge, UK, 23 - 25 July 2012
<http://www.SportConference.com/>

Interviews with New Majors



Peter Hall: I came to Carleton thinking of a history major because I enjoyed history during high school. It wasn't, however, until I took Prof. Ottaway's "Ireland: Origin of the Troubles," in which we studied the meaning and effects of historical memory, that I felt I understood why history is important. Prof. Williams "Black Slaves, White Masters: Historians and Slavery" also helped me realize the importance of revisionism.

My primary field is the US, although I have no idea about what period or region of the US I'd like to study closely.

I would recommend Black Slaves, White Masters to first-year students. The class focused on historiography, so it introduced me to the differences between studying history in high school and in college.

Want to learn more about our new majors? See our final interview on the History Department's new Facebook page!

In the News this week —

PANEL DISCUSSION: CELEBRATING THE SHAHNAMEH.

On Thursday, April 19, History Professor Adeeb Khalid, Arabic Professor Yaron Klein, and Dr. William N. Buffet '55 discussed the importance the Shahnameh, a poem central to Persian culture that was written around 1000 by Ferdowsi. The *Shahnameh* tells the story of pre-Islamic Iran, beginning in the mythic time of creation and continuing forward to the Arab invasion in the seventh century in the Library Athenaeum

Upcoming Events:

Hey, Class of 2013: Your Comps is due in 316 days.

Come to the Mandatory Junior Majors Meeting in one week!

The mysteries of History Comps will be revealed.

April 26, 12-1 p.m., Leighton 304

Save these dates:

Tuesday, May 1st, 5 pm, Lei 304, History Comps Panel Celebration I

Tuesday, May 8th, 5 pm, Lei 304, History Comps Panel Celebration II

Tuesday, May 15th, 5 pm, History Picnic, Sign-Up Sheet posted in lounge

Tuesday, May 22, 5 pm, Senior Cocktail Party, invitations coming soon!

Former Carleton Benedict Visiting Professor of African/African American Studies Professor Manning Marable won the Pulitzer Prize in History for his book, *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention*. Sadly, he died just a few days before his magnum opus was published. In Spring Term of 1990 he taught two courses in African/African American Studies: Black Social Protest Movements: From Abolition to Black Power and Black Intellectuals: Political and Social Thought of the Diaspora.



Check out the following opportunities:

The Career Center Hosts an Info Session about Consulting at Deloitte

The session is mostly directed to juniors thinking about applying in the fall (I know—it seems super early, but the application process really picks up in the late summer/early fall), but seniors interested in the field should definitely come too.

Students can contact Alex Evangelides ('11) at aevangelides@deloitte.com with questions.

Sunday May 6, 5:30 p.m., Location TBA

Summer is coming and some of these internships might be fun for majors to consider:

Baseball Internships for College Credit:

<http://baseballjobs.teamworkonline.com/teamwork/jobs/jobs.cfm/Internships?supcat=474>

National Council on Public History Internships:

<http://www.wright.edu/cola/Dept/hst/pubhst/opportunities/internships.html>

Internships for History Majors: <https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/internships/>

Meanwhile, in China....

Colleagues, Family, and Friends:

First heard about the hukou system my second or third week of Fall Semester class. I was curious about the migration of rural workers to the cities, including Changchun. A student: male, a "civilized" Mongol minority from Inner Mongolia writing a thesis on American religious history under one of the eminent historians in the field in my host department, said that under

hukou migrants do not have access to education and health services. More than a handful of students contested his point of view -- he revealed to a "foreigner" -- me -- a "secret" fact of life borne out in this book review which I am calling to your attention. This is the same student who said last semester: (1) women do not have the nature to be historians; more than half the class was female! Not a single woman refuted him, though some rolled their eyes; (2) his thesis adviser once "joked" in a class "If the President of the United States is gay, would his husband be the First Lady?" That drew guffaws from several students, particularly males, and sent me to my bed after class. The student, by the way, is the same one who was good enough to take me shopping to buy long johns lined with rabbit fur at the knees and lower back. Complex.

Many of the food workers in Chinese joints where I take my meals, including the enormous university canteen across the street, are staffed by migrants who live on site and apparently visit their families in the countryside once a year during Chinese New Year. I have become friendly with one female puren [fu u ren] servant/waitperson who wears a wedding band. After months of struggle and with her teaching, I finally can order rice, spinach, potatoes, beer, and a pork or beef dish without looking them up in my English-Chinese dictionary.

Professor Harry McKinley Williams





THIS WEEK IN HISTORY:

April 19, 1839: The Treaty of London establishes Belgium as a kingdom.

April 19, 1971: The first space station, USSR's Soyuz 1, is launched.

April 20, 1792: France declares war against Hungary and Bohemia, beginning the French Revolutionary Wars

April 20, 1912: The first games ever are played in Boston's Fenway Park and Detroit's Tiger Stadium

April 21, 1967: Colonel George Papadopoulos leads a coup d'état in Greece, establishing military rule for the next 7 years.

April 22, 1876: The first National League baseball game is played.

April 22, 1912: Pravda, the main newspaper of the Bolshevik Party, begins publication.

April 24, 1704: The News-Letter, the first regular newspaper in America, is published.



Tiger Stadium



The annual picnic is just around the corner! Here are some photos

from previous festivities!

