

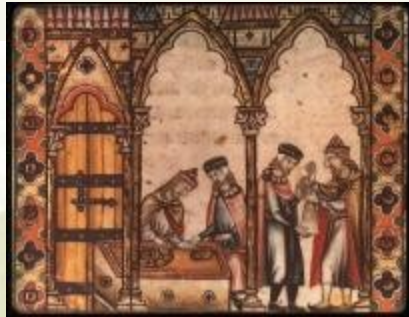
# The Historian



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Not to worry; there are plenty of fun and interesting courses offered this term. Among them: **Jewish Collective Memory (MELA 230, 5a.)** It explores the questions of how the fields of history and collective memory open different windows into the Jewish past and how we can investigate Jewish living environments in the Diaspora and in Israel, as well as pivotal events for the Jewish people, through expressions of public memory. Time periods this course will cover include: Medieval Jewish Spain, Eastern European/ Russian shtetls (Jewish villages), Early twentieth century Algeria Palestine/Israel before and after 1948.

**LAST SECOND EVENTS THIS WEEKEND!**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 20: 7:00 PM**

**Registration starts Monday**

Prof Behnaz Mirzai, AFRO IRANIAN LIVES, film showing, conversation and discussion with producer/director (refreshments)

**MONDAY, FEB. 21: 4:30 PM**

Prof Behnaz Mirzai, Transformations in African Identity in Iran, public talk, refreshments reception (refreshments)

**THURSDAY,**

**FEB. 24: 5:00 PM**

History Winter Lefler Lecture, Prof Derek Krueger, Liturgical Time and the Religion of Relics in Early Byzantium



**Spring Break History Office Jobs!**

**Cry of Help from Nikki:**

We've only hired 2 students for the first week of Spring break and the dates that the History office really needs a worker are Monday March 21-Friday March 25, with the 1/2 hr orientation on Mar 7.

Work in the History Department: one full-time (40 hours) or two part-time (20 hours each) workers to work between 4-8 hours daily beginning Tuesday, March 15 through Friday 25, 2011 to cover the History Office over Spring break. Also expected to come to a half hour (paid) of office orientation on Monday, March 7th.

**Please email Nikki Lamberty at [nlambert@carleton.edu](mailto:nlambert@carleton.edu) if interested, it's a great place to work!**

**MEET WITH YOUR SDAS (THEY HELP YOU CHOOSE CLASSES)**



History Department SDAs Kris-

tina Taketomo and Mark Olson will be having SDA office hours **Tuesday of 8th Week during common time from noon-one in upper Sayles in room 250** and hope to see you there. During this time Kristina and

Mark will be happy to answer any questions you might have about classes or the history major in general.



## Out of the Library and Into the Wild

With this week's unexpected and highly unseasonal burst of springtime sun and warmth, the piles and piles of snow and ice are starting to melt away to reveal the (somewhat brown) bits of green that make this campus so beautiful. Accordingly, we are reminded of the glories of one of Carleton's prized attractions – the Cowling Arboretum (affectionately abbreviated to the 'arb'.



The Arb in winter (i.e. what it *should* look like right now)

While we may expect the Arb to collaborate with departments like Geology or Environmental Science, Nancy Braker, Director of the Cowling Arboretum, has a number of ideas about how members of the history department could get involved

with Arb activities and projects. The Arb office has been looking for different ways of documenting and recording the history of the Arb, and hope that history majors, alumni, classes and friends and fans of history might be able to help. They would like to post information about the Arb history on their web site, provide historical information for students conducting research in the Arb, and collect historical information to be used in future publications.



That's right—historians can collect seeds on the prairie too!

The Arb has a rich and varied history that not many are aware of, and a number of interesting topics could be explored. Here are just a few subjects that might prove interesting to research:

- History of the Carleton Farm (much of what is now the Arb was originally the Carleton Farm)
- The Waterford Mill Site and dam (located along the Cannon River in the Arb)
- The Iron Bridge (which marks the “exit” of the Arb if traveling by water)
- Man-made features along Spring Creek in the Upper Arb meant to “improve” the aesthetics, (small dams to create waterfalls, stone crossing locations, places the stream edge was lined with boulders). What did the implementers of these practices have in mind and how did it fit with the trend of the time (1920's-1930's?) to try and improve nature to make it more beautiful?
  - Creation of Bell Field by moving Spring Creek. Is this a story of man over nature?
  - The Women's Equestrian Program. How did they use the Arb, where were the stables and trails, and why did it end?

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McKnight Prairie

There are a number of resources that can be used to find source material, including the Carleton Archives, the Carleton Digital Collection, the Northfield Historical Society and the Northfield News.

For those who are interested in pursuing any of these projects, or otherwise collaborate with the Arb Office, feel free to email Nancy at [nbraker@carleton.edu](mailto:nbraker@carleton.edu), or call the Arb Office at 503 222 4543.



### DISCUSSING DIGNITY AND DEMOCRACY

Dr. Pontuso I, Charles Patterson Professor of Government & Foreign Affairs at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, will be visiting next week. Don't miss his talks in the Gould Library Athenaeum: **“Beauty will save the world”: What Communism's dissidents still show us about human dignity Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30-9:00 PM.** Prospects for Democracy in the Islamic World: A View from Kurdish Iraq, Tues., February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00-6:00 pm.

He is Higher Resolution in Person

## This Day in History February 18<sup>th</sup>

1841 – The first ongoing filibuster in the United States Senate begins.

1861 – In Montgomery, Alabama, Jefferson Davis is inaugurated as the provisional President of the Confederate States of America.

1929 – The first Academy Awards are announced.

1953 - Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz signed a contract worth \$8,000,000 to continue the "I Love Lucy" TV show through 1955. The deal was the richest contract in television.

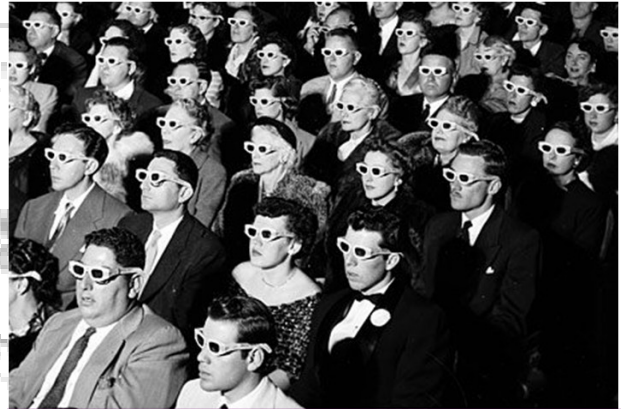
1954 – The first Church of Scientology is established in Los Angeles, California.

1885 – *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain was published.

1953 – The first 3-D movie, *Bwana Devil*, opened in New York.

1965 – The Gambia becomes independent from the United Kingdom.

1979 – Snow falls in the Sahara Desert in southern Algeria for the only time in recorded history.



Screening for *Bwana Devil* (1953's *Avatar*)



### Birthdays:

1745 – Alessandro Volta, Italian physicist (d. 1827)

1838 – Ernst Mach, Austrian physicist (d. 1916)

1931 – Toni Morrison

1933 – Yoko Ono Lennon

1954 – John Travolta

1957 – Vanna White

1965 – Dr. Dre, American record producer and rapper

### Deathdays:

1546 - Martin Luther, German leader of the Protestant Reformation, died.

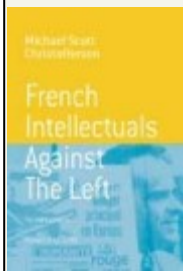
2001 - Dale Earnhardt, Sr., died from injuries sustained at the Daytona 500.

## Trivia

1. Why did the United States break off relations with Germany on 3 February 1917?
2. Which territory was jointly occupied by the British and the Americans from 1818 until 1846?
3. Which famous British speech started Britain's policy of decolonisation?
4. What was the largest single enlargement of the European Union in terms of people, landmass and number of countries?
5. Identify this famous European dissident.



## ALUMNI UPDATES (AMONG OTHER THINGS)



Michael Christofferson has changed institutions (and email addresses). Michael, the author of *French Intellectuals Against the Left: The Antitotalitarian Movement of the 1970s*,

Berghahn Books, 2006, is now Associate Professor of History and Department Chair at Adelphi University. He is also currently working on a book on François Furet.

### Trivia Answers:

1. Because Germany announced on 2 February 1917 a new policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.
2. The Oregon Territory.
3. 'The Wind of Change', made by the British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan on 3 February 1960 in Cape Town.
4. The 2004 Enlargement which gave accessions to Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia.
5. Václav Havel

## JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS AND GRAD SCHOOL (OH MY)

### The Weitz Internship at Joslyn Art Museum

Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, Nebraska, seeks applications from 2011 graduates of Carleton College for a one year program beginning the summer or fall of 2011. Interns work closely with Museum staff on projects related to the Museum's permanent collection and its public programs, and will have the opportunity to participate in all phases of museum operations, including: curatorial, collections, education, outreach, development and marketing. The annual stipend will be \$26,000 plus an additional travel allocation of \$1,500. Interested candidates should

send a letter describing their interest in museums and the arts along with a resume and the names of three references electronically to [slatham@joslyn.org](mailto:slatham@joslyn.org). A review of applications will begin on April 1, 2011 and a final decision will be made before April 25.

### New Summer program on "The History and Future of Pandemic Threats and Global Public Health"

at Columbia University (deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>) Includes two week seminar on historical research methods and intro to fields of international history and global public health. The following eight weeks are spent conducting independent and team projects at archives around the world and contributing to a shared virtual archive. In August, the class reconvenes and participants present their research. For more information [globalstrategy.columbia.edu](http://globalstrategy.columbia.edu), or contact the program's executive director, Sydney S. Gross, at [globalstrategy@columbia.edu](mailto:globalstrategy@columbia.edu)



schools for the duration of their programs. All programs of study

Interested in issues of race, poverty, education and social justice? The Mississippi Teacher Corps application deadline is Monday, February 21st. You can apply online [here](#). The Mississippi Teacher Corps (MTC) is the most competitive teaching program in the country. The two-year program, designed for non-education majors, recruits college graduates to teach in the Mississippi Delta and other "critical-needs" areas. MTC also offers a summer internship for current juniors, sophomores and freshmen. The online internship application is [here](#). The application deadline is March 15. Applicants will be notified no later than March 31, 2011.

### Apply to Bard's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program

Teacher certification programs are offered at Bard's main campus in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, in New York City, in Delano, California, and in Palestine; M.A.T. students are fully emerged into high-needs urban and rural schools for the duration of their programs. All programs of study include integrated course work, student teaching, and independent research. Full-tuition scholarships and living stipends are available For more information see [www.bard.edu/mat](http://www.bard.edu/mat)

### Washington County Historical Society

#### Offers Summer Internship for Students in Stillwater, Minn.

– This paid summer internship position at the Warden's House Museum. The internship program intro-

duces students to the day-to-day workings of a regional history. Please send application letter, resume, and two letters of reference by April 1, 2011 to: Washington County Historical Society, c/o Internship Committee, P.O. Box 167 Stillwater, MN 55082. Please call (651) 439-5956 or visit [www.wchsmn.org](http://www.wchsmn.org) for more information.