

# The Historian



CARLETON HISTORY DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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## COMPS PRESENTATIONS: COME LISTEN!

We would like to invite you to the 2011 History Comps Panel Celebrations in Leighton 304. The refreshments and beverages are already ordered, and everyone is welcome!

### May 3rd, 5-6 pm:

**Mira Alecci**, *Botanic Diversions: Mary Somerset's Plant Collecting in Enlightenment Science.*

**Logan Nash**, *Middle-Class Castle: Modernism, Gentrification, and Urban Space at London's Barbican Estate.*

**Rob Kaye**, *Bonneville Dam in the Media: Hopes and Fears in the Pacific Northwest.*

**Austin Bell**, *From Guild Life to Gilded Age: Birmingham and Liverpool at the Dawn of Urban Modernity.*

### May 5th, 5-6 pm:

**Ross McIntire**, *"With Saints on Our Side": The Role of 'Vengeance' Miracles in the Hagiography of Gregory of Tours.*

**Julio Rodriguez**, *Resistance Under Franco (1959-1975): Exploring the Role of Basque Clergy and Their Involvement with Euskadi ta Askatasuna (ETA).*

**Hunter Knight**, *"The Times Demand the Sacrifice of Our Convictions": Childhood Changes in WWI France.*

**Kristina Taketomo**, *Home Is Where You Park It: Cold War Caravans and the Mobile Domestic Space.* For more [info](#)

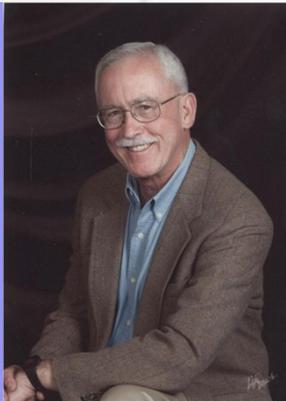
### Attention Juniors!

Please mark your calendars for a mandatory comps meeting and pizza lunch for Thursday, April 28, during common time (12-1 p.m.) in Leighton 304. It is essential that you attend to learn about the History comps process. All on campus junior History majors are expected to attend.

### Picnic sign up

sheet will be available on 4/25 - or send e-mail order to Nikki for what Hogan Bros hoagie or pita you want & beverage choice (iced tea, lemonade, water, pop).

## Faculty Kudos



**Robert (Bob) Bonner**, the Marjorie Crabb Garbisch Professor of History and the Liberal Arts emeritus (MCGPHLAE), will be awarded an honorary degree, from his alma mater, the University of Wyoming. The degree honors Bonner for all of his contributions as a scholar, educator, and humanitarian. Bonner began teaching at Carleton in 1967, and retired in 2001. "Bonner's life and career reflect the culture of Wyoming at its very best," says William Moore of Wisconsin. "I am especially struck by his appreciation of learning; his passion for teaching; his quiet, personal integrity and his love of family and community."

## Upcoming Events

**Stranger-Kings and Stranger-Kin: The Alterity of Power and Vice-Versa**  
*The Frank G. and Jean M. Chesley Lecture presented by Marshall Sahlins, The Charles F. Grey Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus, Department of Anthropology, The University of Chicago*  
**Tuesday, April 26, 7:30 pm, Boliou 104**

**Exhibition Opening: Photography on the Edge** (see right)  
*An exhibit of photography by Sebastian Meyer '02 (French), who now operates the first photographic agency in Iraq. Meyer has won numerous photography awards and has been published by the likes of Time and The New York Times.*  
**Wednesday, May 4, 5:00 pm, open lounge LDC (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**



**“The Power of a New Political Imagination: The 2011 Uprisings in North Africa and the Mid East”**  
*A public talk by Malika Zeghal, Professor of Contemporary Islamic Thought and Life at Harvard University.*  
**Thursday, May 5, 7:00 pm, Sevy Great Hall**

**“Transnational/Transcultural/Transgender Performances of Identity”**  
*A talk by Moroccan-French artist 2Fik and Denis M. Provencher, Associate Professor of French Studies at the University of Maryland, that incorporates photography, video, and live performance to capture the tension of various identities.*  
**Friday, May 6, 6:00 pm, Boliou 104**



## THE CLASS OF 2013: WHO ARE THEY?

A few weeks ago, it was once again time for the Sophomore class to make up their minds, grit their teeth, and officially choose a major. Twenty members of the Class of 2013 declared History. In order to get a brief glimpse as to who they are, I have asked a random selection a few questions. Here is a quick profile of some of the members of the History Class of 2013:



### **JABARI PERRY, MENLO PARK, CA**

I decided to be a history major in order to come up with my own viewpoint of what events in the past led to the world being shaped the way it is today. Professor Williams motivated me to become a history major. My historical crush would be a tie between Cornelia van Nijenrode and Jane Austin.



### **ELI ADELMAN, NEEDHAM, MA**

History has always been the field that I find most intriguing, and now that it still is after almost two years at Carleton, I decided I'd be a history major. I definitely have gleaned a ton of intellectual insight, as well as a different perspective on what it means to think critically and apply this critical thinking in all aspects of life from Professor Williams, both in the classes I have taken with him and on the Ghana trip. In general, I've really enjoyed all the history courses I've taken at Carleton so far. I guess my historical crushes would be Cleopatra and Maya Angelou. If we are including non-famous people (but historical figures nonetheless), it would definitely be Auntie, the matriarch of the family I lived with for a few days in Ghana.



### **CHARLIE ROSENTHAL, PITTSBURG, PA**

I decided to be a history major because of American Social History II with Professor Williams, which completely altered how I thought about history. My historical crush is W.E.B. DuBois.



### **CLARE HARRIS, McLEAN, VA**

I declared history because I think it is important to know about the past in order to adequately place and understand ourselves in the present. I also just really like learning about the different people and events who have shaped the world we live in today. Alcibiades and Voltaire.



### **RACHEL FEINBERG, NEW YORK, NY**

I chose History because I enjoyed all the classes I took in the department, particularly the two-part course, History and Memory of the Atlantic World. This class gave me the opportunity to travel to Ghana over Winter Break with Professor Williams, Dean Wagner and eleven awesome Carls. Together we studied slavery, pan-Africanism, worked on independent research projects and got to explore three unique Ghanaian cities. The trip to Ghana was one of the greatest experiences of my life. My historical crushes are John Adams and Fannie Lou Hamer.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY-APRIL 22

1500 - Pedro Alvares Cabral discovered Brazil and claimed it for Portugal.

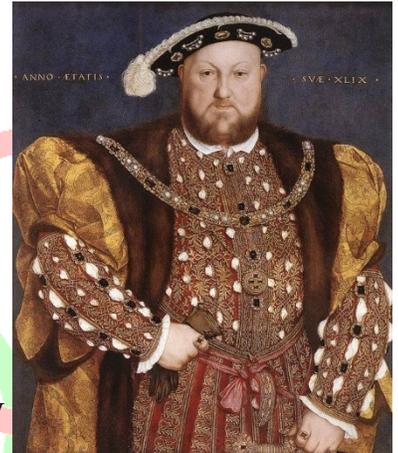
1509 - Henry VIII became king of England.

1529 - Treaty of Saragossa divides the eastern hemisphere between Spain and Portugal along a line 297.5 leagues or 17° east of the Moluccas.



1864 - Congress authorized the inscription "In God We Trust" on coins minted as U.S. currency.

1906 - The 1906 Summer Olympics, not now recognized as part of the official Olympic Games, open in Athens.



He looked better in '09

1969 - British yachtsman Sir Robin Knox-Johnston completes the first solo non-stop circumnavigation of the world.

1970 - The first Earth Day was observed.

2000 - Armed immigration agents took Elian Gonzalez from the Miami home of his relatives to reunite him with his father.

## TRIVIA

Easy:

1. In what year was the national anthem of Namibia adopted?
2. What were the two official languages of the unrecognized Kingdom of Araucanía and Patagonia?
3. The 2005 Kenyan constitutional referendum used which fruit to represent a 'no' vote?



*Drago sanguinus*<sup>1</sup>

4. What is the third most populous Anglophone country in the Americas?
5. The Dragon Blood Tree is native to which Yemeni archipelago?



Hard:

1. Which tiny country did The New York Times incorrectly report to have declared war on Austria-Hungary on 4 June 1915?
2. Which Egyptian city has the highest Coptic Christian concentration?
3. Located in the Dolmabahçe Palace, the world's largest Bohemian crystal chandelier was a gift from which monarch?
4. Which Chinese military leader was on the cover of Time on 8 September 1924.
5. Which Sanskrit text is often claimed to be one of the first novels in the world?



HINT: SHE WAS PART OF THE "ENLIGHTENMENT"?

1. Merlin Ambrosius, "Where I Put the Dragons," in *Beasts to Botany, Britain's Brutish Bushes*, eds. Mary Sommerset and W. North, (Socotra: Pangolin Press, 1202). Page 3,045.

## MAIL BAG

### Trivia Answers

#### Easy

1. 1991
2. Mapudungun and Spanish
3. Orange
4. Jamaica
5. Socotra

#### Hard

1. San Marino
2. Asyut
3. Queen Victoria
4. Wu Pei-fu
5. Kādambari

This is a handmade post-card from the art studio of

### Post Card



*I'm starting a PhD program in modern South Asian history next year at Columbia University!*

*Dominic Vendell '09*

*Program Assistant*

*McCormick School*

*Northwestern University*

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## Call for History T-Shirt designs!

It's that time of year! The sun is out, the grass is (almost green) and the T-Shirts are coming out to play (along with the Frisbees). Needless to say it is the perfect time to update your t-shirt wardrobe. If you want a new history department t-shirt, and if you want it to be the best, take matters into your own hands. Email designs to Nikki Lamberty.



### Policy Job Opening in D.C

The Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies at The George Washington University is seeking an individual to assist with our writing, editing and research projects. The position entails helping to develop our position papers, academic articles and op-eds, and helping to communicate our message to elected officials, media, and the public at large. The chosen candidate will work directly with director Amitai Etzioni. A bachelor's degree in political science, international relations, sociology, history, English, communications, or related field is required. Salary is commensurate with qualifications. Tuition remission at The George Washington University may be available. Please submit a cover letter, resume, references with phone numbers, and a short academic writing sample to Julia Milton, [jmilton@gwu.edu](mailto:jmilton@gwu.edu).