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MULLIN PRESENTERS DISCUSS WORK IN DISTANT PLACES

On January 11, the 2011 Ted Mullin History Prize winners, seniors Laura Michel, Callie Millington, Ben Somogyi, gave presentations on researching history in far-away lands. Laura regaled us with tales of her adventures in London learning about Jewish settlement in Early Modern England. Callie confided with the audiences her experiences returning to old home of Salt Lake City and studying the interactions between Mormons and “Gentiles” at the main archives of the Church of Latter-day Saints. Ben explained how his attempt to research the displacement of Portuguese Jewish children to Sao Tome e Principe was both a failure in gathering information and a growing experience. Ted Mullin’s parents (shown in the accompanying picture with the presenters who are in order from the left: Callie, Laura, and Ben) and friends, professors, and friends of the presenters were all there.



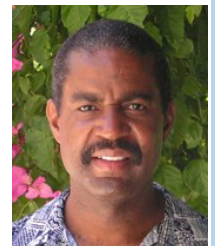
Applications for this year’s Ted Mullin Prize are due Friday, February 10! For more info go to: <http://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/>

WINTER LEFLER LECTURE this coming

Monday, Jan 30th, 4:30 pm, Lei 305

Professor Michael Gomez presents, “Early West African History Through A Different Optic”

Michael Gomez is Professor of History, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at New York University. His work concerns both Africa and its diaspora, and is primarily concerned with cultural and social history. He is currently in the writing stages of a book on the history of early and medieval West Africa, with a focus on imperial Songhay.



HEY HISTORY LOVERS!

Interested in history? Considering becoming a major? Have questions about the history comps?

FIRST: Sophomores and first year students who would like to **learn more about the History major** are invited to an **Info Session, Wed., Feb 8, 4:30 p.m., Leighton 304** to talk about classes, major requirements, OCS opportunities, comps, options after Carleton and more.

THEN: History SDAs Lily Sacharow and Raphael Coburn, and a panel of senior history majors lead a casual discussion and demystification of the comps process **at 5 p.m. ALSO Wed, Feb 8, in Leighton 304.** Students of ALL CLASS YEARS encouraged to attend!

Pizza will be served at 5 p.m. for BOTH groups!!

Wednesday, February 8th, 4:30 & 5 p.m., Leighton 304

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CHRISTMAS IN BEIJING!

Colleagues, Family, and Friends:

Yanjing Claire Du '08, Carleton history major and now a Beijing businesswoman and fashionista, made certain I would not be a wayfaring stranger on Christmas Day 2011. Earlier in the week I gave a Fulbright lecture and taught a seminar at a Beijing university but on Christmas Claire, a student in my History 298, picked me up at my hotel and took me to dinner at a ritzy restaurant known for its Sechuzan seafood. The attached jpg captures how the night ended: champagne in the woodsy wine bar on the 79th-floor of the nearby China World Trade Center Tower III. I was Claire's guest for the evening.

According to Wikipedia, Tower III is the tallest skyscraper in Beijing. Retail is at its base. Office space is located on floors 1 to 55, a five-star hotel occupies floors 64 to 77, and floors 79 to 81 are used for a restaurant and an observation deck.

Looking out into a crystal-clear wintry Beijing night, I imagined my grandmother saying to my mother: "That boy sho has come a mighty long way."

Professor Harry McKinley Williams



News from Kai Bird '73, and Sue Goldmark '75: From Kathmandu to Lima

Jan 15, 2012

New Year's Greetings from Lima!

A lot has happened to us in the past year. We began 2011 by attending the five-day Jaipur Literary Festival—250 writers, 60,000 participants, great music and dancing and fabulous architecture and costume jewelry. India is one of the few places in the world where newspapers and book sales are growing!

While in Jaipur, we learned that *Crossing Mandelbaum Gate* was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. I flew back to NYC for the awkward "academy award" type ceremony but lost this time. But I started conducting interviews for my new book project, *The Good Spy*, a new biography of Robert Ames, a CIA officer who died in the 1983 Beirut embassy bombing.

After four years in Nepal, it was time to move on. Sue was selected to become the Country Director for Peru, Chile, Ecuador, Bolivia and Venezuela. In April, we went to Lima and signed a four-year lease on a beautiful oceanfront apartment in Barranco—an artsy Lima neighborhood.

Back in Kathmandu we packed our belongings into a 20-foot container that was trucked out to Calcutta and then shipped to Lima. We left Kathmandu July 2nd and flew straight to Lima, arriving on July 3rd. Our container didn't make it to Lima until mid-October. It has taken us several months to acclimatize ourselves to the new life.

We are now more or less settled into our apartment and our new life in Lima. I have completed about one-third of the manuscript for *The Good Spy*. Sue has traveled to Bolivia and Chile—and is back in Washington, D.C. every few months.

Here is hoping to everyone's good health in the next year—please keep in touch!

Cheers,

Kai Bird and Sue Goldmark, www.KaiBird.com

Can't get enough of Harry Williams? Check out these links!

"Common Criminals or Portraits of Dissent?: Mug Shots from the Montgomery Bus Boycott 1955-56"

<https://apps.carleton.edu/campus/library/now/exhibits/pastexhibits/exhibits2006/>

"Contemplating James Baldwin: Language, Courage, and Tenderness, April 13-19, 2008"

<https://apps.carleton.edu/events/baldwin/>

Check out the following opportunities:

Spend Spring Break working in Northfield!

The History Department Office is currently looking for a second History Major Student Assistant to work independently in the History Department Office over Spring Break, 2012. The first assistant has already been hired.

Duties will include:

Obtaining books, magazines, and articles in the library and on the internet (j-stor, etc.)

Xeroxing materials for Spring term e-reserves

Putting additional course materials on Closed Reserve in the Library

Answering the telephone, taking and forwarding messages

Sorting all incoming mail

Taking outgoing mail to the ground floor Leighton mailroom

Anything else a History department faculty member needs you to do to help him/her prepare for Spring term classes

Running errands (bookstore) and simple office chores

Both Spring break workers schedules include a half hour or so on Friday, March 9 for basic training/office orientation, then up to eight hours daily beginning March 12-23, 2012.

Qualifications required: History major with high initiative, ability to work independently, basic office and computer skills adequate to perform the above-listed tasks. One on-campus reference required (this requirement is waived if you already work for the History department office). All applications will be considered carefully. Deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, February 3, 2012. E-mail applications accepted, and your referees can also send e-mail recommendations to nlambert@carleton.edu.

The **History Scholar Award** administered by The Gilder Lehrman Institute, **honors outstanding graduating college seniors** who have demonstrated academic and extracurricular excellence in American History or American Studies. We are reaching out to you to encourage the graduating seniors in your **History Department** to apply for this honor!

- **Four-Day trip to New York City, June 8-11, 2012.**
- **Special meetings with eminent history scholars.**
- **Exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of historic archives.**
- **Celebratory awards dinner.**

Recipients will be reimbursed for up to \$600 for travel expenses to New York, and room and board will be provided during the award weekend.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2012

Notification Deadline: April 16, 2012

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The Journal of Undergraduate International Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is currently accepting submissions for its Spring 2012 issue. The journal seeks to publish the best undergraduate work across the country related to international themes and topics including, but not limited to: international conflict and conflict resolution, human rights, environmental issues, history, comparative politics and economics, development and trade, global security and international health. To view previous issues, please visit: www.juis.global.wisc.edu.

Our submissions generally range in length from 5 to 20 pages, but may be longer. Submissions must not have been published in any other publication. Current undergraduates and recent graduates (one semester out or less) are eligible to submit their work. To submit your work, email it as an attachment to juis@global.wisc.edu, following these guidelines:

1. Use an easily read font, such as Times New Roman
2. Double-space your document
3. Convert all your citations and footnotes to endnotes
4. Make sure your name is not present in the text of your work.
5. Include an abstract of 100 words or less

Submissions must be received by February 22nd, 2012 at 11:59 pm CST. We look forward to reading your work!

We also welcome photos, both related to or independent of the content of submitted essays. These photos could appear in the published issues themselves or on our website, www.juis.global.wisc.edu. Photos can be sent as low resolution jpegs to juis@global.wisc.edu. Please indicate the subject, the location, and the date of the photo, as well as

Policy Internships

The [Koch Summer Fellow Program](#) places participants with more than 80 think tanks and policy organizations across the country. Participants gain *federal, state, or single-issue policy* experience. The program also includes seminars, resume workshops, and mentoring to hone professional skills.

Apply Now – Deadline: January 31

Learn More: www.TheIHS.org/ksfp

Journalism Internships

The [IHS Journalism Internship Program](#) offers participants the experience, knowledge, and skills they need to succeed in print, broadcast, or investigative journalism. The program includes placement with a newspaper, radio station, new media company, or non-profit newsroom and a weeklong seminar with lectures by top journalists and scholars.

Apply Now – Deadline: January 31

Learn More: www.TheIHS.org/journalism

Both internships offer a stipend, travel allowance, and housing assistance. *Undergraduates, recent graduates, and graduate students are eligible.*

GRAD SCHOOL NEWS FOR SENIORS!

Seniors, as you know, February 1st is a common deadline for graduate school application. If you are interested in applying to a particular institution, program or subject you might like to contact one of our History Alum grad school volunteers, on board especially to answer any questions you might have about the grad school application process - things to watch out for, things they might have done differently, recommendation info, notification time tables and even just for encouragement.

The newest addition to our pages, on January 16, 2012, is:

David Harrisville, '09, david.harrisville@gmail.com. I'd love to sign up for grad school advising. I'm in my 3rd year of grad school and I've recently worked for the WI Historical Museum and WI Historical Society Archives so I might be of use to people who are thinking of history grad school or museum/archive work.

Please go to <https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/graduateschool/> to review many other History Alum Grad School Volunteer Advisers.