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HARRY WILLIAMS IN CHINA!

A Letter From Professor Williams:

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Dear Colleagues, Students, and Alums:

Changchun had its first significant snowfall today, and two events happened that would forever etch this rather mundane fact in my memory. (Continued on Pages 4)



Wednesday, Jan 11, 4:30 PM, Leighton 304—The 2011 Edward M. "Ted" Mullin History Prize Winner

Presentations presented by Ben Somogyi, Laura Michel, and Callie Millington.



Juniors, please see last page of newsletter for how to apply for Mullin Prize funds for your own research journey this summer.

Delicious refreshments event!



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EVENTS TONIGHT, Tuesday, January 10, 2012

- 5 PM Leighton 305, AMST Talk: The Persecuted Body: Evangelicals, Media, and Spectacles of Suffering on the Global Stage, A public talk by Professor Melani McAlister, American Studies, International Affairs, and Media and Public Affairs at George Washington University.
- 5 PM in LDC 104, Classics Talk: Tranquility and Its Discontents: securus in Lucan's de Bello Civili. Professor Chico Zimmerman's Hazel Lillian Amland Grose lecture.
- 7PM in Weitz Center Meeting Room (236), Lori Pappas, the director of the NGO Global Team for Local Initiatives in Ethiopia, will give a talk on working with the Hamar of Ethiopia. Several faculty and students from Carleton have had roles in her initiative.

- Ted Mullin Application
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- Upcoming talks— Kathleen Vongsathorn '07 on Thursday!
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YOU ARE INVITED TO A PUBLIC TALK BY



KATHLEEN VONGSATHORN, '07,

this coming **THURSDAY, Jan. 12, at 5 pm** in the **Gould Library Athenaeum, (with delicious refreshments)**

“What Suffering Will be Saved”: Replacing Stigma with Charity in the History of Leprosy from the Middle Ages to the Present. She is a D. Phil candidate at the Oxford University. She will also be available to have lunch with students interested in the history of medicine on Friday at noon, and to meet with you to talk about applying to graduate school abroad, as well!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JOBS! Contact Andrew Ladner, Senior Account Manager, about 2012 Hiring at Google! *Google is in the midst of its annual hunt for its class of 2012 University grads for positions across the US. If students are interested in applying, I'm always available to discuss their options with us. I'm based in Chicago, IL helping Google and its clients grow their business. As a Carleton alum and History major, I really think the job is a perfect fit for Carleton students in general and history majors in particular. Feel free to email me with any questions. I am available as a resource person for any students interested in advertising, Google, or both!* ladner.andrew@gmail.com

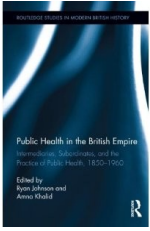
Alumni Updates:

Kate Trenerry is published!

<http://germanyiswunderbar.com/eastern-germany/germany-holidays-the-iron-curtain-trail/>

Katherine (Kit) French '84 is now the J. Frederick Hoffman Professor of Medieval and Early Modern English History at the University of Michigan. Her work has been on late medieval women and local religion and late medieval households and material culture. She “blames” our retired Professor Phil Niles for her decision to become a medievalist.

Katie Newell '05: In Spring 2011 I was awarded the University of Tennessee History Department’s Susan Becker Award for Excellence in Teaching. I also passed my Ph.D. comprehensive exams in September 2011 and am now ABD. In October I gave a paper, “Intellectual Traditions in the Books of Chivalry of Ramon Llull and Geoffroi de Charny,” at the 2011 SEMA conference in Decatur, GA; I am also a member of the SEMA Executive Council. I am currently serving as graduate student coordinator for UT’s Medieval Frontiers Faculty-Graduate Seminar, in addition to TAing in the History Department.



Congratulations, Professor Amna Khalid, on the publication of *Public Health in the British Empire: Intermediaries, Subordinates, and the Practice of Public Health, 1850-1960*, book co-edited by Amna Khalid and Ryan Johnson, Routledge Studies in Modern British History Series, Routledge, Taylor and Francis, New York, 2012. In addition to co-editing the book Amna co-wrote the Introduction, and wrote Chapter 2, "*Unscientific and Insanitary*": *Hereditary Sweepers and Customary Rights in the United Provinces*.

The 2011-12 Department Curriculum Committee



Congratulations to Rachel Feinberg and Charlie Rosenthal, the Class of 2013 elected reps for our Departmental Curriculum Committee! The Committee will be meeting during winter term to discuss next year's schedule. If you have concerns about next year's schedule, please contact them. For more information about the DCC, please visit: <https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/major/dcc/>

Check out the following opportunities:

A call for submissions to the *Tufts Historical Review*, an academic journal of global history that seeks undergraduate and graduate papers of the highest caliber. The *Tufts Historical Review* is one of the few undergraduate-led journals of its kind in the United States.

This year's theme is THIEVES AND TYRANTS. History has been marked by individuals and groups that have exhibited extraordinary charisma, aberrant behavior, and a knack for bending or breaking laws and customs. Whether these actors are dictators, imperialists, pirates, rebels, vigilantes, or demagogues, all have had a hand in transforming or transgressing traditional power structures and social, political, and economic norms. The *Tufts Historical Review* seeks outstanding articles that explore the historical development, application or understanding of tyranny and deviance that have shaped civilizations, cultures, and polities.

All submissions must be cited in accordance with the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 15th Edition. All submissions that have previously appeared in another publication will not be considered eligible. Submissions from both undergraduate (B.A.) and graduate (M.A., PhD.) students are welcomed. Submissions should range between 2,500 and 8,000 words. Longer submissions are acceptable, but may be subject to editing by the Editorial Board of the *Tufts Historical Review* for purposes of brevity if selected. Applicant's name and information (including academic affiliation and contact information) should only appear on a cover page.

All submissions must be emailed to tuftshistoricalreview@gmail.com by February 12, 2012 for review by the editorial board of the *Tufts Historical Review*. We look forward to

New initiative at Columbia University and the London School of Economics - a two-year dual master's degree program in international and world history.

<http://www.worldhistory.columbia.edu/>

MISC. OPPORTUNITIES

- Boren Scholarships and Fellowships provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to add an important international and language component to their educations. Focus on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study that are critical to U.S. national security, broadly defined, and underrepresented in study abroad. The 2012 Boren application deadlines are: Undergrad (for overseas study or overseas combined w/domestic programs) Boren Scholarships deadline: February 9, 2012 and for Grad Student Alumni: Boren Fellowships deadline: January 31, 2012, Go to: <http://www.borenawards.org/> (questions also to Helena Kaufman, hkaufman@carleton.edu, Off-Campus Studies, http://www.borenawards.org/institutions/minnesota/carleton_college_352).

HARRY WILLIAMS' LETTER FROM CHINA (Continued)

About 7:45 a.m. I got a text message while polishing my lecture on "Charles Grandson Finney and Liberal Protestantism" for my 8:30 a.m. US intellectual and cultural history class. Minmin, my female TA working on a masters on female Irish immigrants to the United States, wrote, "Professor its [sic] slippery outside do you want help getting to class." Twenty-five minutes later, weighed down by my 15-year-old shearling and anchored in REI snow boots, I met her at the gate to my building. Two of my other graduate students, one male and the other female, joined us as Minmin clutched my right forearm. I slid once -- I heard the voice of my grandmother, who had never set foot on any campus until my Brown graduation, exclaim "Child, it's slippery as glass!" -- we made the 10-minute journey to the History Building without incident.

The class ended at 11:30. Three other students silently decided to assure that I safely returned to my apartment, which is on the third-floor of the 12-story School of Overseas Education building. Not only is it the tallest building on campus, but also it is the only one with a Western toilet and a hot water tank for showering in each apartment. Only foreign students and "expert professors" -- mainly Koreans, Russians, Europeans, and Americans -- live in the building. Single-sex dor-

mitories for Chinese students have squat toilets and cold-water face bowls. NENU's 20,000-plus students shower at an on-campus bathing house.

On the street perpendicular to the History Building and as far as the eye could see, a small army of students, each with a shovel, scraped ice and pushed snow to the side of the road. I stood amazed at the spectacle. Wu Bin, my male TA, who had joined Minmin and Sharon, whose MA thesis is on American black culture, explained that the students were members of an undergraduate club that cleaned major campus streets after every snow.

Wu Bin took pictures with my camera. According to him, snow-removal volunteerism was no big thing, confirming what a chain-smoking university vice president, noting my arched brow, told me at a dinner in September. Wu Bin himself, who will do research in the United States in 2012-13 as a Chinese Fulbright Ph.D. Student, had shoveled snow as an undergraduate. "Do students at your school do this?" Minmin asked. "We love our university." Thinking about her morning text message and what I witnessed: you know my unvarnished answer.

Rather than going directly home, I took the trio to lunch in the third-floor dining room at the huge campus canteen. Our exchange of questions about the United States and China, Carleton

and NENU, extended the luncheon to a three-hour conversation.

Regards,

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Harry McKinley Williams, Jr.

Laird Bell Professor of History



Also: Kudos to Professor Williams for giving a Fulbright Lecture at Beijing University of Chemical Technology on December 22 entitled "Is Barack Obama Martin Luther King's Dream: Of a President, a Prophet, and Affirmative Action." On December 23 he taught a seminar for BUCT students in the International Business Curriculum (IBC) Program, College of Economics and Management, on "Can Science Solve the 'Race' Problem?: George Schuyler's 1931 novel Black No More."



2012 Edward H. (Ted) Mullin Fellowship Prize Application Procedure

The Carleton College History Department invites Junior History majors to submit proposals for the 2012 Edward H. (Ted) Mullin Memorial Fellowship Prize in History. Ted entered Carleton with the Class of 2006, and despite time lost while battling cancer, was on track to graduate in the spring of 2007. Sadly, Ted lost his battle, passing away September 3, 2006. He was deeply committed to his life at Carleton, both as a history major and three-year letter winner on the men's swim team. While at Carleton, Ted also co-captained two American Cancer Society Relay for Life teams.

The Edward H. (Ted) Mullin Memorial Fellowship Prize in History, established in 2007, is an endowed fund. The interest from the fund is awarded each year to the junior history major who most exemplifies Ted's love of history, academic excellence, selflessness, courage, and tenacity. This generous fellowship is to be used to support travel and/or research opportunities that enhance the student's academic or broader learning journey.

The fellowship is awarded by a committee of history department faculty. The selection criteria includes academic excellence (a GPA of at least 3.5) and personal qualities of character similar to the ones that we cherished in Ted: integrity, academic and/or athletic drive and competitiveness, selflessness and generosity, an inquiring and flexible mind, religious and/or broader ethical inquiry, and tolerance and curiosity.

To make an application, please submit the following to Susannah Ottaway, Chair, History Department Office, Leighton 210, by noon, Friday, February 10, 2012 (paper copies only please; no electronic submissions) to make copies and distribute them to the Mullin Prize Committee members.

i. Project Proposal and Budget Provide a 2-3 page description of your project, including your research topic; the methodological approach you plan to use; and the specific research activities you hope to carry out with the support of the Ted Mullin Prize. For example, these activities might include: transportation to a research site; living expenses; purchase of microfilm or archival materials; videotape for carrying out oral interviews. Include a one-page project budget that details these proposed expenses.

ii. Personal Statement Write a one-page personal statement in which you explain the way your proposed research project fits into your larger academic goals, including your intellectual journey as a history major.

iii. Unofficial Transcript Include a copy of your unofficial transcript with your proposal.

iv. Faculty Letters of Recommendation Provide two letters of recommendation from Carleton faculty who know you and your academic work well, including at least one from the History Department.

The 2012 Edward H. (Ted) Mullin Memorial Fellowship recipient/s will be announced at the beginning of Spring term, 2012, and will also be recognized at Honors Convo, May 25, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. in Skinner Memorial Chapel.

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