

# The Historian



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## Welcome Back Party



Welcome Home!

At the annual fall History department welcome back party,

Annette Igra,

History Department Chair, will introduce Professor Thabiti Willis, our new faculty member. We are excited to welcome everyone back to campus with delicious fall refreshments and beverages. Everyone is welcome - friends, roommates, and families.

**When:** Tuesday, September 21st at 5:00pm

**Where:** 2nd Leighton hallway and History 204 lounge.

So mark your calendars and we will see you there!



**REMEMBER:** The history lounge = a great place to spend some time between classes, do some homework, eat leftovers, and generally be surrounded by historical knowledge and people! All are welcome.

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## COMPS + GRE

**Seniors, comps proposals are due in the History department office by noon on Friday, October 15th.**

<https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/201011/>

Register by October 8th for on Campus GRE Subject testing to be held November 13th. Register for the testing sooner rather than later (<http://www.ets.org/gre/subject/about>), our limited testing spots tend to fill quickly.

(GRE Subject Tests will also be offered in Minneapolis on April 9.)

# People You Should Know

## Department Liaisons



### SDAs (Student Departmental Advisers)

**Mark Olson**, [olsonm@carleton.edu](mailto:olsonm@carleton.edu) and **Kristina Taketoma**, [taketomk@carleton.edu](mailto:taketomk@carleton.edu), are your resource for knowing about what classes are great, which profs are awesome (all of them), and how to navigate being a history major (declaring history as your major etc...). Before registration time they will hold a pizza and answer session to help you decide what classes to take, but ask them questions any time of year.

### DCCs- (Department Curriculum Committee)

**Dustin Goldberger**, [goldberd@carleton.edu](mailto:goldberd@carleton.edu) and **Kate Webb**, [webbk@carleton.edu](mailto:webbk@carleton.edu), are your official link to curriculum decision making in the department. Is there a class that you wish was taught? Talk to these guys to make it happen. Really need a class to be in a different term so you can graduate? Talk to these guys and they will go to bat for you. They work closely with Serena Zabin, our most vaunted **Faculty Schedule Tsarina**.



### Nikki Lamberty:

#### The Power behind the Throne.

Nikki is your source for any logistical question when it comes to history. She knows everything, from all time. She has been here over 30 years, and remembers some of our professors from their days as undergrads. Think of her as the den mother of the history department, who can answer any question about requirements, events, and knitting. She loves it when students and friends to come visit the very comfy lounge (there is always candy).

### *Her Excellency,*

Duchess of Rice County, Baron of the South Riding of Minnesota, and most importantly CHAIR OF THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT, Annette Igra. [aigra@carleton.edu](mailto:aigra@carleton.edu)



Annette Igra  
Duchess



Nikki-Den Mother

## Meet Your Editors



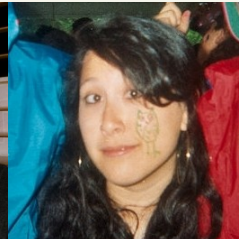
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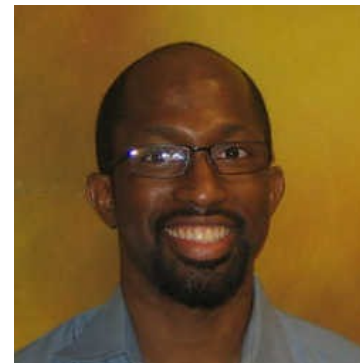
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Editor in Chiefest

## The New Guy:

Interview with Professor Willis.  
(With Editors Comments)



Q: How many languages do you speak?

**A: Two – English and Yoruba**

Q: When you were in college, what was your favorite late night snack?

**A: Ramen Noodles (we wholeheartedly agree)**

Q: Which temperature would you prefer to be in, -10<sup>0</sup> or 110<sup>0</sup>?

**A: 110 (good luck this winter!)**

Q: Which sport do you prefer, Frisbee or Broomball?

**A: Frisbee -- What's Broomball? (We'll teach you, wear kneepads)**

Q: Do you have a signature dance move?

**A: Yes, it's a step in African dance (\*he showed us the move, it looks great, but I don't know how to explain it)**

Q: What was the last song you downloaded?

**A: The Whisperers: "Children of the Night."**

Q: Which do you drink, coffee or tea?

**A: Tea – herbal tea**

**(You'll be drinking more and more...)**



## This Day in History

(Friday, September 17th)

- 1394 - Jews are expelled from France by order of King Charles VI
- 1778 - 1st treaty between the US & Indian tribes signed (Fort Pitt)
- 1787 - US constitution adopted by Philadelphia convention
- 1911 - 1st transcontinental airplane flight, NY-Pasadena in 82 hrs 4 min (so don't complain about the long flight from LA to MSP)
- 1934 - USSR joins League of Nations (Netherland, Swiss & Portugal vote no)
- 1938 - British premier Neville Chamberlain leaves Munich
- 1949 - North Atlantic Treaty Council (NATO) meets for 1st time
- 1961 - Minnesota Vikings' 1st NFL game (beat Chicago Bears 37-13)

## TRIVIA

### *The Historian: Trivia Competition Fall '10*

In every issue of *The Historian* you will find five challenging trivia questions provided by your Minister of Trivia, Moshe Lavi. We will be holding a term long competition, and be announcing current leaders in every issue. The prize? Glory, and a yet to be determined reward. To participate, simply email Moshe your answers. We are trusting you not to use the internet or other outside resources. Good luck, and let the games begin.

1. I was the last victorious Whig, an American military hero, although my son decided to become a Confederate brigadier. Who am I?
2. What legislation did the US Congress pass during the 1930s in order to restrict American foreign policy and enforce the isolationist policies of the government?
3. We pounded from air these proud isles but they refused to surrender to our mighty pilots. Who are we and what did we try to do until we decided to say adieu?
4. In Gdańsk you will find a royal chapel, built by one who was regarded as the greatest (Dutch)-Polish architect of his time. To whom was the chapel dedicated and who was the notable architect *behind it*?
5. Please recognize this battle: When did it take place, where did it take place, who were the opposing armies and what was its name?



## Things to Do and See

**Professor Kevin Mumford** (Pictures Right), Department of History, University of Iowa, and Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer, will speak on "Untangling Pathology: Black Gay History Before Stonewall," Monday, October 11th, 7:00 PM in SSC 10, Gustavus Adolphus College.



### **Opening reception for *A Peace of My Mind***

A new exhibit which includes a portrait of Carleton '11 **Khant Khant Kyaw** (Right) September 21, 2010 from 6pm-8pm at Midtown Global Market in Minneapolis, located at the intersection of East Lake Street and 10th Avenue South.



<http://www.apeaceofmymind.net>

## Outside Carleton Opportunities

### The 2010 Williams-Mystic Essay Contest in Honor of Joseph Conrad

Awarding a \$500 prize

Deadline: October 15, 2010

The Essay: Submissions of either fiction or nonfiction should be between 1,000-5,000 words.

It should be about the sea (or large-ish body of water).

[http://www.williams.edu/williamsmystic/Joseph\\_Conrad\\_Essay\\_Contest.html](http://www.williams.edu/williamsmystic/Joseph_Conrad_Essay_Contest.html)

The official **college bus stop resumed at Willis Hall** on September 7th. If you have questions about the *free* LOCAL Bus, which provides Carleton and St. Olaf students a way to get to popular locations in town and on the highway, [follow this link](#).

### University of Wisconsin:

The Journal of Undergraduate International Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is currently **accepting submissions** for its Fall 2010 Issue on topics related to international themes including international conflict and resolution, environmental issues, economics, development and trade, global security and international health.

October 9th, 2010

Submissions generally range in length from 5 to 20 pages. To submit your work, email it as an attachment to [juis@global.wisc.edu](mailto:juis@global.wisc.edu).