

The Historian



Carleton History Department Newsletter

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The Historian Welcomes Submissions: Feel free to send announcements, choke-holds, brief anecdotes, updates on life after Carleton, editorials, full nelsons, job opportunities (for the love of god please I'm a senior), pictures, or anything else you would want to read but already know to nlambert@carleton.edu

Welcome Poskanzer!



**Welcome President Poskanzer!
(And the Wienermobile!)**

The Historian is proud to be the first news service to announce the inauguration of Carleton's newest president (far right, spiffy medallion). It is even more proud to announce that he, on the very day of his installation, had top level discussions with none other than the Oscar Meyer Wienermobile. He was accompanied by our very own professor Susannah Ottaway (3rd from right) who has the wienermobile whistle to prove it.

Breaking News: Not All of Carleton on a Hill!

Northfield has been inundated, not only by freshman but also by over 7 inches of rain in 24 hours. This has led to historic levels of flooding (thus its pertinence to this publication) including over 6ft over the west fields, basement flooding in town, and the Canon River getting 'cocky'. Carleton's students, professors, and townies worked hard to save the town, including shoveling like maniacs to sandbag the city and yelling "they're flooding the town, go get your guns boys!" Major damage has been done to the stadium, track, and Froggy Bottoms (now unfortunately referred to as Soggy Bottoms). Our thanks to all those who contributed time and effort, and our hearts go out to those who have suffered from the flooding. For more info see this great student video.





Oct 7, 5 pm, Leighton 305.

The Lefler Speaker, Kathleen Brown, Presents: "Am I Not a Man and a Brother?" Anglo-American Abolition & the Concept of Human Rights".

Kathleen Brown is a historian of gender and race in early America and the Atlantic World. She is author of *Good Wives, Nasty Wenches, and Anxious Patriarchs: Gender, Race, and Power in Colonial Virginia* which won the Dunning Prize of the American Historical Association for best book by a junior scholar. Her current research focuses on the exchange of goods, materials, and ideas about health, sexuality, and the body in the early modern Atlantic.



Ted Mullin Fellows Travel the World!

Hunter Knight and Kate Trenerry, co-winners of the 2009-10 Edward "Ted" Mullin Fellowship Prize share a little about their experiences trekking across Europe this past summer.



Kate Trenerry, '11: Biking the Iron Curtain

Kate biked 1,000 miles in 40 days, retracing the former border that divided East and West Germany, to research "Biking Borders: Conversations and Comparison Along the Iron Curtain Trail." Kate, a double History and Cinema and Media Studies Major from Rochester, MN, has had a compelling interest in this specific region – the area along the dividing border -- for some time. With the funding she received from the Ted Mullin Fellowship, Kate wanted to "learn the history of the region in a local way." Biking six to nine hours a day (mostly by herself), Kate stopped in small towns along the remnants of the border and spoke with the locals that she met there. The mental impressions that the border left in people's minds are still

"overwhelmingly" intact. "There was a certainly a lot of stereotyping that I heard, although it very much depended on who you talked to," Kate says, "and many said that we would have to wait one or two more generations for the divisions to really disappear."

What made this trip especially difficult was the pure physicality of it. As an athlete, Kate wanted to challenge herself to the fullest. She hoped that the hardships she would face by pushing herself so far physicality would in some way bring her closer to an understanding of the emotional trials that the inhabitants of the region endured. She found that spending so many hours biking alone on the trail or in the woods was at times difficult, but eventually a meditative and peaceful experience.

Kate plans to incorporate the photographs and notes she took along the trail into her CAMS comps project, and to focus her History Comps paper on one of the towns she passed through, named Mödlareuth. *The Historian* will keep you up to date and hopefully include some of her photos/comps in a future issue.





Hunter Knight, '11: Camino de Santiago

Hunter joined thousands of other pilgrims walking the 500 mile Camino de Santiago in northern Spain. A traditional pilgrimage dating back to the early Middle Ages, the Camino has now become a lifetime dream and goal for literally tens of thousands around the world. Most of the people she met during her adventure, including three good friends she made, were in some sort of transitional period in their lives, and were searching to learn something about themselves. Hunter first

heard of the pilgrimage at age sixteen, and “the idea just got stuck in my head. I couldn’t think about doing anything else.” For 5 weeks in the middle of the summer, Hunter woke up at 6 AM in a variety of pilgrim hostels, cathedral basements, or even gymnasiums along with thousands of other pilgrims. She walked four to eight hours a day, pausing to eat and rest. There is no official route so Hunter and her companions endeavored to see as many of the northern cities as possible. Sometimes, if she powered ahead of some of her friends, she would leave notes behind in the cities for her friends to find the following day. The pilgrimage culminated in Santiago de Compostela on the feast day – an event that happens every three, four, or in this case, eleven years (the feast day only occurs when the date, July 25, lands on a Sunday). This year, 200,000 individuals rushed to reach Santiago by July 25, (half the estimated Mediaeval peak).

The most rewarding aspect of her trip was the eye opening experience of encountering fellow pilgrims of different ages, nationalities, and lifestyles. Today Hunter shamelessly promotes the Camino: “it’s the biggest thing I’ve ever done in my life, and proudest thing I’ve ever done.”



This Day in History

1700. French explorer Pierre Charles Le Sueur arrives at the mouth of the Blue Earth River. Here he builds Fort L'Huillier, and then travels to New Orleans, leaving nineteen men to continue operations. When Le Sueur returns, the fort had disappeared. In 1907 A. Mitchell would find on his farm seventeen decapitated skeletons and many arrowheads about a mile and a half from the fort's site. The bodies had been arranged in a straight row, leading to the conclusion that two men had survived an attack and buried their comrades. Their fates are unknown.

1890. Yosemite National Park is dedicated in California.

1908. The Ford Model T, the first car for millions of Americans, hits the market. Over 15 million Model Ts are eventually sold, all of them black.

1924. Jimmy Carter, 39th president of the U.S, is born. (1977-1981)

1935. Julie Andrews (Julia Elizabeth Wells), actress and singer whose films include *Mary Poppins* and *The Sound of Music*.

1942. The German Army grinds to a complete halt within the city of Stalingrad.

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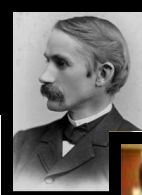
1. Where did the *Great Railroad Strike of 1877* begin and why was it initiated?
2. Why did Yusuf Karamanli, the Pasha of Tripoli, declare war on the United States in 1801, and by doing so started the first *Barbary War*?
3. What happened this week, 72 years ago, in Munich?
4. Who was the Field Marshal, who was later to be known as the *Iron Duke*, who led the *Seventh Coalition* to glory in the *Battle of Waterloo*?
5. Identify the person in the portrait.



Email answers to: lavim@carleton.edu

Last Weeks Answers: Zachary Taylor; the *Neutrality acts*; *Luftwaffe* attempting to neutralize the *RAF* in the *Battle of Britain*; Tylman van Gamen, architect for John III; The *Battle of Crécy*, 26 August 1346, the *Kingdom of England* (and its allies) against the *Kingdom of France* (and its allies).

Fall History Mixer



Things to Do and See TONIGHT!!!

Breakdancing Performance: Friday at 7 in the Rec:

Breaking or bboying is an integral part of popular American culture in larger cities. The artists pride themselves in their fancy footwork and acrobatic style, and this Friday night at 7 p.m. in the Rec Center you will have the opportunity to watch a bboy battle, hosted by three world-class bboys from NYC: Kid Glyde, Whorah, and Gravity. Last year Kid Glyde was one of only 16 bboys in America to be selected for the Red Bull BC1 competition; this year Gravity has been selected.

ALUMNI KUDOS

Charlie Cogan '82, Associate Dean of Admissions at Carleton, received the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World from the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, April 8, 2010. The award is for sustained service to the polio eradication effort. Up to ten individuals around the world are recognized annually. Rotary International, the WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, are major partners in the global polio eradication effort. Charlie and Nalongue Cogan are shown at center of photo (right).



Outside Carleton Opportunities

Jobs:

Field School for Environmental Organizing.

Graduating seniors: paid training program for environmental advocacy.

Our next deadline is Oct. 18th

MinneapolisHires

Job fair! Attendance is FREE

Over 200 positions will be available at this event!

For a list of attending companies, click the link below and fill out the brief registration form:

[Click Here to Register](#) – Free to Attend!

Date: Monday, October 11
Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Location: Holiday Inn & Suites Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport
Address: 3 Appletree Square, Bloomington, MN 55425**