Today in HISTORY!

146 AD – Septimus Severus is born.

1689 – William and Mary are crowned as joint sovereigns of Britain.

1899 – Spain cedes Puerto Rico to the U.S.

1968 – Lyndon Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act.

1979 – Ugandan dictator Idi Amin is deposed.

News and Events:

April 13-19, 2008

History Professor Harry Williams has organized this exciting symposium, and students are especially invited to all of these events!

Contemplating James Baldwin: Language, Courage, and Tenderness, a week-long symposium that brings together national Baldwin scholars and regional professors to present an array of perspectives, discussing the importance of Baldwin as writer, moralist, human rights activist, democracy theorist, public speaker, and celebrity. Lectures and media presentations address such topics as the photo-text genre and visuality, history and race, masculinity, sexuality and Black Power, Christian thought, and the structures of feeling in black music and theatre.

Read more about James Baldwin and the symposium, http://apps.carleton.edu/events/baldwin/

Featured Event: James Baldwin: Down From the Mountaintop
Saturday, April 19

James Baldwin: Down From the Mountaintop is a one-man play written and performed by Tony Award nominee Calvin Levels. The play depicts the rich and impassioned life of James Baldwin, esteemed American novelist, playwright, essayist and civil rights activist. This performance is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Request your tickets now!!!

Monday, April 14 – Composing the Party Line: Music, Politics, and the Building of Socialism in East Germany and Poland, presented by David Tompkins, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Leighton 304, 4:30pm. Refreshments in History lobby following talk. Everyone welcome!
Tuesday, April 22: Mandatory Junior Comps Meeting. Pizza provided! Come chat with Professors Susannah Ottaway and Clifford Clark about the comps process, which begins now. Well, you don’t have a choice, so be there. Leighton 304, Common Time, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 24 – Special public talk, BERLIN 1968, BERLIN 1972, to be presented by David Barclay, Executive Director, German Studies Association, in honor of Professor Diet Prowe’s retirement. Leighton 304, 5:00 pm. Everyone welcome!

Faculty Interview: Diethelm Prowe

LN: What will you miss the most about Carleton?

DP: The students! I’ll miss students, and classes, and lively discussions.

LN: Of all of the classes you teach, do you have a favorite?

DP: Oh, that’s tough. I like the variety. They’re all different in their own way. The freshmen seminar is fun, as well as the survey courses, because you get these [former] high school students who haven’t thought about history in a small class setting...it’s always fun. Everyone likes the research seminars. In one of my classes I even assign a 500-page novel—I use literature in all my classes—to read over winter break when you get sick of your family.

LN: What about a favorite historical figure?

DP: Oh well, you know, there’s quite a few and it’s hard to do that. Bismarck is a fascinating figure. And Washington, who had the guts to give up his post when he felt it was time. He could have been a dictator if he wanted.

LN: Do you have any big plans for your retirement?

DP: Well, I’ll still be doing the German Studies Review, but we do have other plans. We plan on doing much more travel, Brazil is one place we’ve always wanted to go to. We also have grandchildren that need to be played with!

LN: Do you have any thoughts on Foucault?

DP: Foucault! [Laughing] Oh my. Fascinating intellectual...sometimes insane. He was also very Eurocentric, even if he didn’t realize it. He has very imaginative mentalities, almost to the point of what’s sane and insane. He’s not a particularly influential historian for me, is he a influential historian for you?

LN: Dear god, no. Finally, do you have any words of advice for your successor?

DP: Oh no! I would never do that! Not to listen to me! No, I really appreciated not being closely mentored when I started.

LN: How’s about for the graduating seniors?

DP: Go at it! It took them only 4 years to graduate and it took me 42! They’re all very smart and I know they will all do very well.
Senior Interview:

Jack Lindberg

TF: So Jack, what did you study for your comps?

JL: Can we please not talk about comps? Alright... Irish women during the Great Famine.

TF: What was your favorite History class at Carleton?

JL: I really liked the Origin of the Troubles with Susannah, but Prowe’s 141 was my favorite.

TF: What are you going to miss when he retires?

JL: The tangents, the ascots, the experience.

TF: What was the last book you read outside of class?

JL: Sadie Smith edited The Book of Other People – a collection of short stories by British and American authors.

TF: What are you going to do next year after you graduate?

JL: I’m going to law school, but I’m not sure which one.

TF: What’s the most interesting thing about you?

JL: I’ve had three sets of front teeth.

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Internship and Job Opportunities:

- Columbia University Summer Term Courses in International Human Rights [www.ce.columbia.edu/summer](http://www.ce.columbia.edu/summer)

- Help Northfield Middle School eighth graders work on a book about the Jesse James Gang’s retreat route. Contact Professor Clark for more information.

- Seniors- interested in teaching junior high and high school history classes? [Bard College Master of Arts in Teaching](http://cty.jhu.edu/summer/employment/index.htm)

- Summer Job opportunities with the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth for both undergraduates and graduates. [http://cty.jhu.edu/summer/employment/index.htm](http://cty.jhu.edu/summer/employment/index.htm)

- Summer Guide Jobs available at Minneapolis’ Historic Ard Godfrey House. Contact Ted Falk ([falkt@carleton.edu](mailto:falkt@carleton.edu)) for information.

More listings of all available jobs, internships, and grants are available on the Carleton History Department website at: [http://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/](http://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/)