June 3rd in HISTORY*

1098 – Antioch falls to the crusaders after an eight-month siege.

1539 – DeSoto claims Florida for Spain.

1888 – The poem "Casey at the Bat", by Ernest Lawrence Thayer, is published in the San Francisco Examiner.

1931 – Raúl Castro is born.

*first planned date for this newsletter.

Mullin Memorial Fellowship Prize Reception held

The History Department was delighted to host a special lemonade reception for Ted Mullins’ parents, Mary Henry & Rick Mullin, our three 2009 prize recipients, Erika Huckestein, Jordan Smith and Naomi Yoder, our two prize recipients from 2008, Ted Falk and Alexander Persaud, and to honor Ted on Honors Convo Day, May 29, 2009.
Mullin Benefit Book Sale
Thanks to all of you who participated in the book sale benefit for the Edward H. (Ted) Mullin Memorial Fellowship Prize fund. It was originally planned for May 21, but was spread out over several more days, because faculty members from other departments continued to add excellent books to the table, in addition to our own History books. It was a very pleasant and casual browsing sale, with an unsupervised money jar on the table, that yielded over 500 books sold at a quarter apiece. All proceeds (& additional contributions) went to Ted’s fund. Thanks very much to Professor Bill North and the History department SDAs, Emily Traggert and Josh O’Brien, for their hard work in organizing and managing this very special book sale for Ted. The leftover books are on the Katie Thompson Newell ’05 Free/Trade Bookshelves in Leighton 218.

*Katie Thompson Newell ’05 came up with the wonderful idea that History majors who had extra books at the end of each term bring them to the History department bookshelves in Leighton 218 and leave them for other students to take and/or trade, rather than sell them to booksellers for fractions of their value or putting them in storage. Everyone is encouraged to take or bring books to these bookshelves.

The three 2008-09 Mullin prize-winning projects:
Erika’s summer research will take place in London and Dublin this summer;
Jordan’s summer work will take place in London at the British Museum, British Library, and the National Archives;
Naomi will do her research at the “Anabaptist Convictions after Marpeck” Conference at Bluffton University in Bluffton, Ohio in late June.

Attention Junior History Majors, Class of 2011:
Application info: 2010 Edward “Ted” Mullin Fellowship Prize

NOTICE: Annual Fall History Department Welcome Back Reception (click for details)
Everyone welcome! Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 22, 2009, 5:00 pm, in Leighton 304. Professor Annette Igra, History Department Chair, will introduce our new visiting faculty members for 2009-10, Professors Brendan LaRoque & Oswald Masebo. Then Erika, Jordan, & Naomi will each speak for several minutes about what they did this summer for their Mullin projects. Followed by our usual Fall reception refreshments.

Annette Igra (Chair), Ted Falk ’09, Bill North, Emily Traggert ’09, and some of the many browsers & the generous contributors to Ted’s Fund.
Words of Wisdom from Our Seniors
Congratulations to all graduating seniors! As they prepare to graduate, the editors asked what advice they would like to pass on to their fellow majors present and future. Here are the responses received in time for publication.

Advice about Comps - Do your compson something you like, whatever got you interested in history in the first place. I did, and I really enjoyed the whole comp process. Everything I researched was something I was wholly interested in, and each new article and book I discovered continued an exciting adventure into my topic. David Harrisville ’09 (Topic - WWII tanks.)

No matter how dry, or convoluted, or pretentiously self-serving postmodernist language may seem to you when you take history methods, you will eventually come to embrace the idea of socially constructed norms. It will be easiest if you try not to fight it, because if you do (and I speak from personal experience) all that will come of it is a mild identity crisis the first time you talk to someone from another major about their methods. - Keith Carr-Lee ’09

I remember a story of Cliff Clark’s about his college roommate who never fell to writer’s block; the moral was that people who write papers quickly think about them long before sitting at the keyboard. Think about what you want to write when you’re in the shower or at the rec. - Jillian Larson ’09

I guess the most important thing I’ve learned is the importance of feedback. If you have questions or concerns ask your professor and your fellow majors for input. You can’t go wrong. - Jose De La Torre ’09

Sometimes, when you’re writing your eighth essay of the week, it’s hard to remember why you chose history. Once in a while, put down your homework and read a history book for fun. Be bold and read historical fiction! - Liz Bonawitz ’09

Talk to your professors. When you don’t know what to do or how to approach something, they can help. Problems don’t get solved by avoiding them. - Taylor Schieck ’09
Alumni News

Update from Katie Goetz ‘08:
I'm in the History Graduate Program at the University of Minnesota. I finished my MA this spring, and I'm planning to continue on toward my doctorate. I'd be glad to be on List 1, if anyone wants to talk about grad school in general. Also, I've been active with several different public history venues in Minnesota, so if someone is looking for experience in museums/public history I'd be glad to share what I know. Contact Katie at: ktgoetz@gmail.com.

Update from Katie Thompson Newell ’05: I will be starting my doctoral studies at the University of Tennessee under the guidance of Dr. Jay Rubenstein ’89 this fall (2009). I received my MA in Medieval History from the University of New Mexico in December 2008. Since leaving Carleton, I have also worked as a historic interpreter at Fort Sumter National Monument and Minute Man National Historical Park. If anyone has any questions about working at national parks, feel free to contact me: katherine.newell@gmail.com.

Spring Term Campus Visit of Jay Rubenstein ‘89

Annette Igra (Chair), Victoria Morse, Meredith McGroarty, Jay Rubenstein ’89, May 19, 2009, at the History Department Picnic

Jay Rubenstein, ’89, currently an Associate Professor, History Department, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, came to Carleton as a Distinguished Headley House Visiting Professor Spring Term. He gave a two-week class in May, “The First Crusade & the Invasion of France,” and a public presentation on May 21, 2009. His visit was hosted by the Class of 1957 Revolving Lectureship, established by the Class on the occasion of their 30th Reunion. Jay’s public talk, “Crusade and Aftermath, Living with a Holy War, 1095-1125,” was followed by a public reception.

Jay has been researching and writing about the First Crusade for nearly ten years. His work has led him to return to the original, contemporary interpretation of Jerusalem’s conquest. Not only was it an entirely new type of warfare, but
it seemed at the time to represent a significant rupture in the history of salvation. Many observers believed that the crusade had ushered in the world’s Last Days. He showed why many informed and educated observers believed that the end of the world had begun in 1099, and why some were able to hold onto these beliefs for a quarter of a century after the fact. Jay’s themes of religious warfare and the prophetic frenzies that drive it are ones that have unfortunate resonance with our own recent history: how men and women in the 12th c. learned how to live with a holy war that, once launched, seemed likely never to end.

Graduate School Assistance from our History Department Grad School Volunteers
https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/graduateschool/

Alumni Career Advice, Jobs, Internships, More
http://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/

New Career Center Alumni Link for Class of 2009
http://apps.carleton.edu/campus/career/Alumni/engagement_program/

Link of interest (the little museum where David Harrisville ’09 is spending his summer): http://www.traces.org/index.htm
(See picture of David Harrisville to the left of John Cooney ’09 & David Hirsch ’09, clowning around at picnic) 

History Department Picnic Fun, May 19, 2009 - See more History Picnic Photos 2009:
https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/UpcomingEvents/
New Bulletin Board Tsarina

We are happy to announce our new History Department Bulletin Board Tsarina, Gwen Neumeister ’12. She has put together a photo exhibit of our upcoming Fall 2009 History classes, using a historic world map as the centerpiece, surrounded by symbolic photographs of each of our seven fields of History, accompanied by faculty photos. She intends to update the board each term.

Department Events Photographer

We are pleased to report that we now have an events photographer, Lief Esbenshade ’12. You have probably already met Lief - he took most of the pictures you see in this newsletter (department picnic, the Edward H. (Ted) Mullin Benefit book sale, the Senior Party, and the Mullin reception). Thanks so much, Lief! Shown here with Sara Lopez ’09 & Diet Prowe in background.

Please send your announcements, news, photos, questions, vitals, messages to edit your entry on our webpages, to be added or deleted from e-mail list, or anything else to nlambert@carleton.edu over the summer.
3. Last Byzantine emperor.
6. Given name of Holy Roman Emperor "Barbarossa."
13. Many-laked state admitted to the union in 1858.
15. Ottoman capital prior to conquest of Constantinople.

1. Famous Lord Chancellor under Henry VIII.
2. Ruins of this great Aztec city can be visited in Mexico City.
3. I, the fourth emperor of Rome.
4. Appointed in command of the Army of the Potomac by Lincoln in January 1863.
7. America's namesake.
8. Composed a "Fantastique" symphony in 1830.
10. U.S. President of a "Great Society."
11. First female Chancellor of Germany.
12. Author of Discipline and Punish.