Upcoming Events:

Thursday, April 22, 5:00 p.m.,
Leighton 305:

T.J. Stiles '86, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, will present a public talk entitled "I Am Afraid of This Man: Reflections on the individual in history from the life of Cornelius Vanderbilt."

The talk will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments. More about T.J. Stiles can be found at: http://www.tjstiles.com/

Please join us for this exciting event at 5:00 p.m. in Leighton Hall, Room 305.

Attention Junior Majors!

Please mark your calendars for a mandatory comps meeting and pizza lunch next Thursday, April 29, during common time (12-1 p.m.) in Leighton 304. It is essential that you attend to learn about the new comps process. All on campus junior History majors are expected to attend. Off-campus students should contact Clifford Clark cclark@carleton.edu, Annette Igra aigra@carleton.edu, or Victoria Morse vmorse@carleton.edu.

This Week in HISTORY!

April 19, 1775- The American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

April 20, 1771- The United States Supreme Court upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools.

You can also learn more about T.J. in this MPR interview or Minneapolis StarTribune article. Please see posterette below for additional details about public book signing at the Northfield Carnegie Public Library downtown on Friday afternoon, too.
April 22, 1970- Earth Day was observed for the first time.

April 23, 1564- William Shakespeare, English writer and actor is born (traditional approximate birth date in the Julian calendar based on April 25th baptism).

April 24, 1915- The Ottoman Empire rounded up Armenian political and cultural leaders in Constantinople at the start of what many scholars regard as the first genocide of the 20th century, in which an estimated 1.5 million Armenians died.

History News:
Serena Zabin was invited to speak about her book Dangerous Economies: Status and Culture in Imperial New York to the Herbert H. Lehman Center for American History at Columbia University on April 13.

Eleanor Zelliot, History professor emerita, has responded to requests for entries in several encyclopedias and dictionaries, in print or online. Among them are:

“Dalits” for the Encyclopedia on Race and Racism
“Dalits” (current status) for India Today: An Encyclopedia of Life in the Republic.
“Untouchability” for the New Dictionary of the History of Ideas
“Understanding Dr. Ambedkar” for Religion Compass
“Untouchables” for the Encyclopedia of the Developing World
“Pariah, global” for the Encyclopedia of Global Studies

Internships, Job Opportunities, and Fellowships:
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The Carleton College History Department is pleased to announce a public presentation by

T.J. Stiles, ’86
Biographer and Historian
Winner of the 2010 Pulitzer Prize in Biography
and the 2009 National Book Award

'I Am Afraid of This Man':
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Free and open to the public

Two Booksigning Opportunities!
- Thursday, April 22, 6:00 p.m. follows talk, Leighton 305
- Friday, April 23, 4:30 p.m. downtown Northfield Carnegie Public Library Centennial Anniversary Celebration

Copies of "The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt" and his previous book, "Jesse James: Last Rebel of the Civil War" are available for purchase at both events and prior to the events in the Carleton College Bookstore.