The Carleton College History Department recently awarded three Junior History majors the 2011 Edward H. (Ted) Mullin Memorial Fellowship Prize in History. The Fellowship, established in 2007, is an endowed fund that honors the memory of Ted, who entered Carleton with the Class of 2006 but lost his battle with cancer in September of 2006.

Callie Millington: Salt Lake City, UT-Mormons and “Gentiles” in the Sands of Southern Utah.
Callie’s project centers on the diaries of Southern Utah Mormons from the second half of the 19th century. After the Mormons immigrated to Salt Lake City, their leader, Brigham Young, asked a number of them to continue south and set up farming colonies in the desert. At this time, Utah Mormons were experiencing a lot of pressure from the federal government to assimilate with the rest of the nation. (Continued page 2)

Attention Junior Majors!
Please mark your calendars for a mandatory comps meeting and pizza lunch for Thursday, April 28, during common time (12-1 p.m.) in Leighton 304. It is essential that you attend to learn about the History comps process. All on campus junior History majors are expected to attend.
Looking at archives in the LDS Church History Library and Brigham Young University, Callie wants to investigate how Mormons in the southern farming colonies responded to government pressure to “Americanize.” As a non-Mormon growing up in Salt Lake City, Callie, “tried my hardest to ignore the LDS population” because she felt that she “didn't fit into that world.” Last term, though, Callie conducted a project on Mormons and the environment and realized that she did actually have an interest in the culture that had always surrounded her. Academically, the Mormons are a fascinating group to study, particularly because the Church has actively collected and archived Mormon documents since its founding. Callie also feels that this project is the next step in developing a sense of place and coming to understand her home: “I'm a little embarrassed that I have survived so long as a Utah without having to understand Mormonism...but I'm going to change that this summer!”

Ben Somogyi: Buffalo, NY - Collective Memory, Identity Politics, the Jewish Diaspora and Colonialism in São Tomé and Principe.

This summer, Ben will be traveling to Portugal, São Tomé and Principe to explore the ways in which collective memories function within the Jewish communities in these West African islands. In 1493, four years before the expulsion of Jews from Portugal, King Manuel imposed large poll taxes on the Jewish community to expand his colonial enterprise. When it became apparent that the majority of the Jews could not afford payment, Manuel expelled and collectively baptized approximately 2,000 Jewish children to São Tomé and Principe. These children would become the first permanent residents of the islands. In the present day, many São Toméans can trace their ancestry back to the original Jewish population.

Using the early modern colonial period as a foil, Ben proposes to examine the legacy of this expulsion in São Tomé an and Portuguese collective memory through experiences. How is this tragic episode viewed among the remaining Portuguese Jewish community? Does this expulsion have a place in the traditional narrative of the Portuguese Inquisition? How does this imagining of the Jewish population contribute to the founding myths of the islands? What impact did the Jewish children have on the culture of São Tomé and Principe?


Laura also plans on study diasporic Jewish communities; however, she will be looking at the Spanish and Portuguese Jewish congregation in London in the early-mid nineteenth century. By going through the archival documents of the congregation, which was the first English synagogue since the Inquisition, Laura hopes to discover what kind of support the community gave to its poor members following the New Poor Law of 1834. For her 395 research paper, Laura examined the use of the language of family in opposition to England’s New Poor Law. This summer, she will also be attending a program at the University of Pennsylvania in Early American Studies in which she plans to examine how subgroups in the United States (like the Pennsylvanian Quakers) responded to and dealt with their own poorer constituents. Through conversations with Professors Susannah Ottaway and Serena Zabin, Laura is formulating ideas of conducting a comparative study of these sub-cultural groups for her Senior Comprehensive Project.

To learn more about the Ted Mullin Fellowship, visit: here
Fun, Fun, Fun (till her daddy takes her T-bird...)

This day in History (April 8th)
1513 - Explorer Juan Ponce de Leon claimed Florida for Spain
1730 - 1st Jewish congregation in US forms synagogue, "Shearith Israel, NYC"
1789 - House of Representatives 1st meeting

1832 - Charles Darwin begins trip through Rio de Janeiro
1869 - American Museum of Natural History opens (NYC)
1879 - Milk was sold in glass bottles for 1st time
1914 - US & Colombia sign a treaty concerning Panama Canal Zone
1935 - Works Progress Administration approved by Congress
1940 - Germany battle cruisers sink British aircraft carrier HMS Glorious (who’s name meant it probably had it coming)
1963 - 35th Academy Awards - "Lawrence of Arabia," wins best picture
1985 - India files suit against Union Carbide over Bhopal disaster

Trivia

Hard
1. Which two European kingdoms were allied with the United States during the First Barbary War? (hint for one right)
2. Whose tri-colored flag is predominantly featured on the flag of the only remnant of New France that remains under French sovereignty?
3. The name Venezuela is the corrupted diminutive form of which European city?
4. As the Governor of Syria, who sold the remains of the Colossus of Rhodes to a traveling salesman?
5. On April 13th, 1941, the Soviets signed a nonaggression pact with which country?

Easy
1. Whose military junta collapsed as a result of the Falklands War? (hint right)
2. How many new cabinet-level departments did Jimmy Carter create during his presidency?
3. When did the Maldives gain independence from the United Kingdom?
4. Skanderbeg is the national hero of which European nation?
5. Who is the Queen of Papua New Guinea?
Fellowships, internships and Symposiums, Oh my!

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“The Roles and Responsibilities of the US and Europe in the New World Order and Digital Revolution: Exploring the Political, Economic, and Cultural Dimensions”

(Washington, D.C., 18th-21st May 2011)


and The USA Meets Europe: A Forum for Young Leaders


Call for History T-Shirt designs!

Its that time of year! The sun is out, the grass is (almost green) and the T-Shirts are coming out to play (along with the Frisbees). Needless to say it is the perfect time to update your t-shirt wardrobe. If you want a new history department t-shirt, and if you want it to be the best, take matters into your own hands. Email designs to taketomk@carleton.edu

Apply for the Master of Public Affairs at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. This program trains students in policy analysis, leadership, public and non-profit management, and analytics to advance careers in public affairs. The deadline for this program is June 15th. There will be an information session in Rochester Minnesota Wednesday, March 23rd. They also host on-campus information sessions every month in Minneapolis. For more information visit: http://www.hhh.umn.edu/index.php

Check out the Internship Program at the Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness. This program is designed to provide students with quality work experience with a non-profit conservation organization in all areas of its operations, including policy; outreach and education; membership; fund raising; and general administration. Visit http://www.friends-bwca.org/ for more information about the Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness. paul@friends-bwca.org

Trivia Answers:

Hard
1. Sweden and the Kingdom of Two Sicilies (whose arms were shown)
2. The flag of Basque Country
3. Venice
4. Muawiyah I
5. Japan

Easy
1. Leopoldo Galtieri of Argentina
2. Two - the Department of Energy and the Department of Education
3. 26 July 1965
4. Albania
5. Queen Elizabeth II

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