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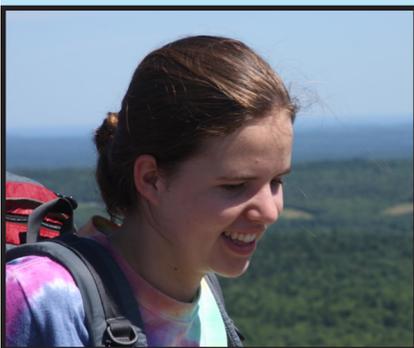
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NEW HISTORY MAJORS

This spring, we welcome 33 members of the class of 2016 to the History major. These students represent the largest crop of new majors in six years, after a temporary decrease. New majors are invited to a reception in Leighton tomorrow to celebrate their declarations, with our annual pizza party at Basil's to follow! Junior and senior majors are welcomed to join the group heading to Basil's as well.

The Newsletter editors spoke with sophomore Nora Katz (pictured below), about her decision to declare History.



What drew you to the History department?

Before college, I was interested in English, theatre, history, political science, classics, and Spanish, and I honestly had no idea what I would major in - in fact, I half expected to declare a humanities major and then have a sudden realization and decide to become an astrophysicist. Taking *Foundations of Modern Europe* with Susannah Ottaway made me sure I was a history major, and *The Atlantic World* with Serena Zabin cemented my interest.

What is your primary field?

My primary field is the Atlantic World. However, studying ancient and medieval history is my first love, so I'm also a Medieval & Renaissance Studies and Archaeology concentrator. It's the best of all possible worlds.

(To read the rest of Nora's interview, flip to the back page!)

*Two Events to Welcome
New History Majors, Class of 2016!*

**Tuesday, April 29th, 2014
History Lounge (Leighton 204)**

Event #I: 5:00-6:00 pm

Annual Welcome & Appetizer Party

For our new Sophomore History Majors

Hosted by our SDAs, Jonathan Kagan-Kans '14 & Ellen McKinstry '14



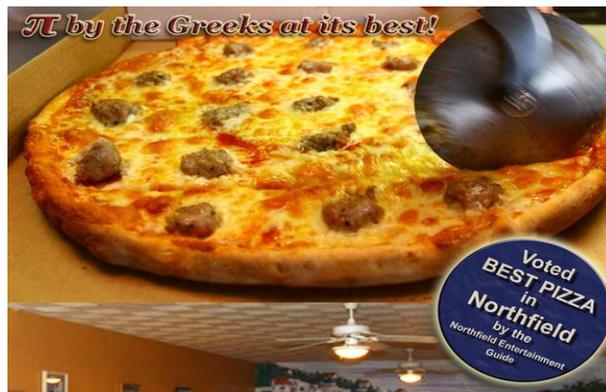
Event # II: 6:00 -7:00 pm

Annual March to Basil's Pizza Palace for free Pizza Dinner!

led by Ellen and Jonathan, *ALL new sophomores,*
and ALL junior & senior History majors
are invited to enjoy our

Welcome-to-the-History-Department Pizza Dinner!

Please mark your calendars!



PATHWAYS IN THE HUMANITIES

Professors Harry Williams and Paul Petzschmann participated in the Learning and Teaching Center's *Pathways in the Humanities* panel on Wednesday, April 23rd in the Athenaeum. They joined representatives of the English, Philosophy, Religion and Classics Departments to share their experiences and offer advice on



humanities careers. Prof. Petzschmann described the international story of his career before Carleton, and Prof. Williams spoke about his career in journalism, urging students to cultivate relationships with professors to serve as mentors.

25 YEARS OF HARRY WILLIAMS



This spring marks the culmination of Professor Harry Williams' 25th year with Carleton's History Department. Congratulations, Harry, for your 25 outstanding years at Carleton!

This beautiful flowering plant was a surprise 25th-anniversary gift from his sister, Ellen Bracey, of Richmond, Virginia.

A VISIT FROM JOY CALICO

On Tuesday, April 22, Joy Calico, Associate Professor of Musicology and Director of European Studies at Vanderbilt University, visited the European Studies Senior Colloquium and the Music Department to discuss the role of Arnold Schoenberg's piece, *A Survivor from Warsaw*, in postwar Europe. Before her public talk on the piece, Professor Calico held a more informal discussion with students and faculty on the role of the work and the general reactions to it. Later, at her public talk, Professor Calico detailed its movement throughout Europe and the various reactions it generated across the continent in the Postwar era.



UPCOMING EVENTS

TUES, APRIL 29, 5PM, HISTORY LOUNGE – The history department is delighted to host its annual **WELCOME PARTY FOR NEW MAJORS!** All members of the History community are invited to welcome our 33 new sophomores with a special refreshments reception in the Leighton lounge. Afterwards, the History SDAs (and all other interested junior and senior History majors) will join sophomores in our annual March to Basil's for a pizza party!

TUES, APRIL 29, 1:00-4:30 - Shana Crosson '87, will return to Carleton for a **30 Minutes Program** with the Career Center. Shana is the Web Content Manager for the Minnesota Historical Society, and has spoken at Carleton on issues of technology, museums and education. Students interested in meeting Shana can sign up for a half-hour slot by logging into The Tunnel.

THURS, MAY 8, COMMON TIME, LEIGHTON 202 – Junior History Majors are expected to attend this year's **Mandatory Junior Comps Session & Pizza Lunch**. This important meeting will introduce majors to the comps process, so please mark your calendars. Off-campus students should contact Prof. Adeeb Khalid, 2014-15 Comps Tsar.

THURS, MAY 8 - In a bookend to Salman Rushdie's visit in the fall, the University of Chicago's Professor Wendy Doniger will visit Carleton for two events:

3:15PM, WEITZ CENTER LOUNGE (Lounge Over the Main Entrance) – Professor Doniger will participate in a **faculty and student discussion** of her experience with India's censorship of her new book, *The Hindus: An Alternative History*. Students will have a chance to engage with her in a small, interactive setting, and refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Sandy Saari by Friday May 1st to sign up for the discussion.

5:30PM, WEITZ CINEMA – Professor Doniger will present the 2014 Lindesmith lecture, **Freedom of Speech in India: From the Vedas to the Present**. Questions should be directed to Kristin Bloomer, who is the main organizer of these events.

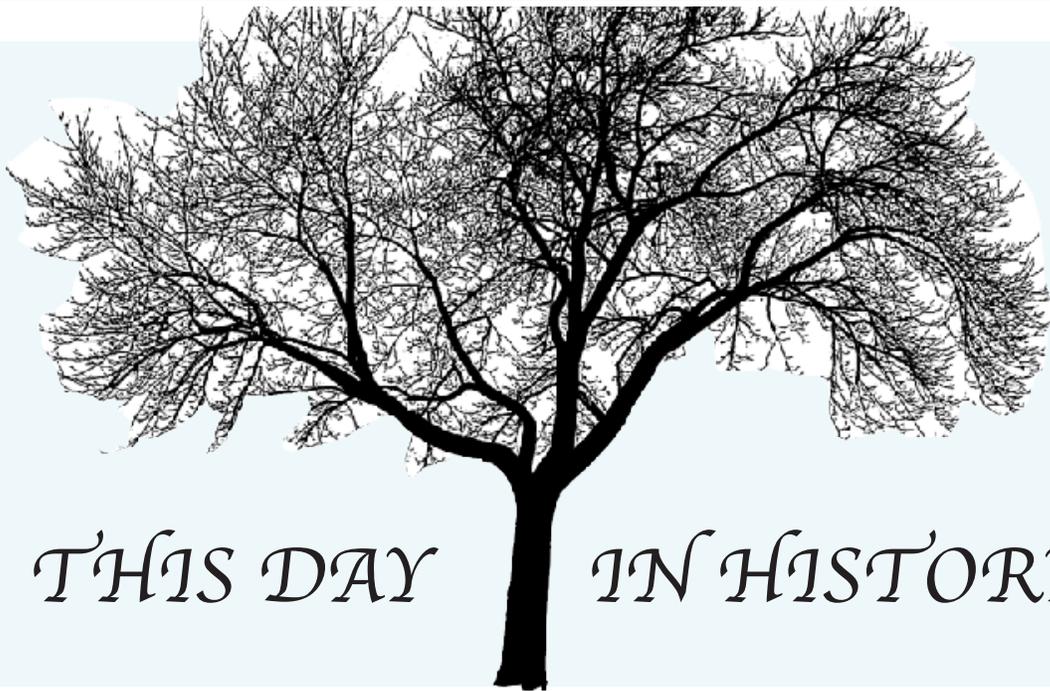
TUES, MAY 13, 5PM, LEIGHTON 402 – All are welcome to our **2014 History Comps Panel Presentations**. Each presenter will offer a 10-minute talk about his or her comps project, with refreshments provided by the History department.

TUES, MAY 20, 5PM, LEIGHTON FRONT LAWN – The department will host its annual **History Majors, Faculty, Families and Special Friends' Department Picnic**, come rain or shine. Sign up in the History lounge for Hogan Bros: a hoagie or flatbread!



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<http://www.facebook.com/CarletonHistoryDept>



THIS DAY IN HISTORY

April 28

- 1788 - Maryland becomes the 7th state to ratify the US Constitution
- 1869 - Chinese and Irish laborers lay 10 miles of track for First Transcontinental Railroad
- 1930 - First night game in organized baseball history takes place in Independence, Kansas
- 1945 - Benito Mussolini and his mistress are executed by firing squad
- 1948 - Terry Pratchett is born
- 2001 - Millionaire Dennis Tito becomes the world's first space tourist

NEW MAJOR INTERVIEW: NORA KATZ

What History classes would you recommend to the freshman class?

Take classes that cover time periods you've never learned about. Take classes in time periods you thought you knew a lot about. Take classes where you never stop writing papers.

What are you looking forward to in the major?

I am looking forward to taking 395 and 298 - I haven't read Foucault yet, and I know that's coming. I know that my history degree will prepare me for a career (probably in academia), but it will also teach me how to write, research, and communicate effectively. In the next two years, I am looking forward to continuing my relationship with the department and becoming a full-fledged Atlanticist. I'm also looking forward to comps - I'm terrified and unbelievably excited!

