Events:

Dr. Glaire Anderson, "An Islamic Villa Culture? The Case for Tenth-Century Cordoba" this Thursday, February 7!

The Departments of Art and Art History, History, and Medieval and Renaissance Studies are pleased to present an Edwin L. Weisl, Jr. Lectureship in the Arts sponsored by the Robert Lehman Foundation and the Herbert P. Leffer History Department Speaker fund. Dr. Glaire Anderson (University of North Carolina) will present, "An Islamic Villa Culture? The Case for Tenth-Century Cordoba," Thursday, February 7, 5:00 p.m. in Boliou 104. Dr. Anderson is a historian of Islamic architecture (PhD MIT, 2005). She teaches courses on pre-modern Islamic art, architecture, and urbanism; villas, gardens, and court cultures; Orientalism and visual culture. Anderson has received awards from the College Art Association, the Samuel H. Kress Foundation for the Study of the History of Art, the Society of Architectural Historians, the Historians of Islamic Art, and the Barakat Foundation, among others. Her research focuses on medieval Islamic villa cultures of Islamic Iberia and North Africa, as part of a broader history of the villa in the Mediterranean. Other interests include cultural interchange, early modern representations of Islamic architecture and cities, and historiography. She is the editor (with Mariam Rosser-Owen) of Revisiting al-Andalus: Perspectives on the Art & Material Culture of Islamic Iberia & Beyond (Brill Academic Publishers, Fall 2007), to which she contributes an article on the architecture of the Cordoban Umayyad villas.

Please direct any questions about the event to Professor Victoria M. Morse, History Department, Carleton College, vmorse@carleton.edu, or call her at 507-646-4210.

Announcing the Winter 2007-08 Herbert P. Lefler Lecture next week!

The History Department is pleased to invite you to attend the Winter Herbert P. Lefler Lecture, "Tales from the Dark Side: Lucas Alamán, Conservatism, and Modernization in 19th-Century Mexico," to be presented by Eric Van Young, Professor of History, San Diego
Opportunities:

Edward "Ted" Mullin Prize in History, 2007-2008:

Dear History Majors in the Carleton Class of 2009,

I am very pleased to announce the new February deadline for the Edward "Ted" Mullin Prize in History to be awarded to a junior history major for travel and/or research opportunities to enhance your broader learning journey.

The Carleton College History Department invites junior history majors to submit applications for the 2008 Edward H. (Ted) Mullin Prize in History. Ted entered Carleton with the Class of 2006, and despite time lost while battling cancer, was on track to graduate in the spring of 2007. Sadly, Ted lost his battle, passing away September 3, 2006. He was deeply committed to his life at Carleton, both as a history major and three-year letter winner on the men's swim team. While at Carleton, Ted also co-captained two American Cancer Society Relay for Life teams.

The Edward H. (Ted) Mullin Prize in History, established in 2007, is an endowed fund awarded each year to the junior history major who most exemplifies Ted's love of history, academic excellence, selflessness, courage, and tenacity. This prize fund is to be used to support travel and/or research opportunities that enhance the student's academic or broader learning journey.

The prize is awarded by a committee of history department faculty. The selection criteria includes academic excellence (a GPA of at least 3.5) and personal qualities of character similar to the ones that we cherished in Ted: integrity, academic and/or athletic drive and competitiveness, selflessness and generosity, an inquiring and flexible mind, religious and/or broader ethical inquiry, and tolerance and curiosity.

To make an application, please submit the following to: The Mullin Committee, History Department Office by Friday, February 15, 2008 (paper copies only please; no electronic submissions):

i. Project Proposal and Budget
Provide a 2-3 page description of your project, including your research topic; the methodological approach you plan to use; and the specific research activities you hope to carry out with the support of the Ted Mullin Prize. For example, these activities might include: transportation to a research site; living expenses; purchase of microfilm or archival materials; videotape for carrying out oral interviews. Include a one-page project budget that details these proposed expenses. The dollar amount of the prize to be awarded to the prize winner in 2007-08 is $600.00.

ii. Personal Statement
Write a one-page personal statement in which you explain the way your proposed research project fits into your larger academic goals, including your intellectual journey as a history major.
iii. Unofficial Transcript
Include a copy of your unofficial transcript with your proposal.

iv. Faculty Letters of Recommendation
Provide two letters of recommendation from Carleton faculty who know you and your academic work well, including at least one from the History Department.


Prize recipient will be announced by February 25, 2008.

Good luck!
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Please also see Ted's pages:
https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/newsletter/memories/
http://apps.carleton.edu/campus/edward_mullin/
https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/prizes/MullinPrize2007/

Institute for Humane Studies

There are MANY wonderful opportunities are available for sophomores and juniors at the Institute of Humane Studies - please check this website and the associated links found on it often, if you have an interest in fellowships, internships, contests, summer opportunities and other possibilities - the deadlines are on-going! http://www.theihs.org/internship_programs/

HECUA Partners Internship Program

The Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs’ (HECUA) Partners Internship Program (PIP) provides internship grants to nonprofit organizations in Minnesota, North Dakota and northwestern Wisconsin. Each recipient organization hires an undergraduate student who manages a project designed by the agency. With this grant interns are paid to work full time for 400 hours (10 weeks) during the summer months.

Twenty nonprofit organizations all over the region are awarded PIP grants each summer and twenty students from the region are hired to work on their projects. HECUA coordinates the recruitment of organizations and student interns, supports the development of PIP projects, facilitates experiential learning for organizations and student interns, and coordinates seminars at the beginning and end of the internships.

PIP seeks to advance the nonprofit sector and to benefit communities and students. The program is guided by the following objectives:
• To provide students with job experience in the nonprofit sector that is substantive and valuable and that furthers personal, educational, and professional growth
To promote student interest in employment or other forms of participation in the nonprofit sector
To assist nonprofit organizations in engaging students and volunteers more effectively through project-based work
To encourage projects that will have a positive and lasting impact in communities in which the nonprofit works
The student application deadline is March 3, 2008: http://www.hecua.org/pip.php

The Fifth Annual Northwestern University Conference on Human Rights (NUCHR)
Announcement:
A national student conference on "Globalization and the Universality of Human Rights," will take place on Northwestern's Evanston campus on April 10-13, 2008. The Conference will examine the impact of globalizing forces on the tension between cultural relativism and the universality of human rights in four key areas: cultural and religious tensions, multinational corporations, international justice, and health.
NUCHR will provide the funding to bring talented undergraduate student leaders and activists from colleges across the country to attend a three-day summit. Students will interact with distinguished speakers and panelists, comprised of top academics, activists, and policy-makers in the field.

As the largest student-organized and student-attended human rights conference in the United States, the conference is dedicated to fostering social activism and raising awareness of international human rights issues by uniting student leaders from across the country with renowned activists, academics, and policy makers over a three day summit. In the past, the conference has focused on issues such as American interventionist policy, American policy towards HIV and AIDS in the developing world, human trafficking, and torture. We have featured distinguished speakers such as ome Dallaire, Richard Holbrooke, Bernard Kouschner, Stephen Lewis, John Miller, and Cherif Bassiouni.

To apply to attend the Conference as a student delegate (including funding for travel and housing expenses) and for more information on NUCHR, please visit our website: http://www.cics.northwestern.edu/NUCHRweb/index.html

Applications are due on February 25, 2008.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact the co-chairs of this year's conference, Elizabeth Nielsen and Gauthami Soma, via e-mail: onferenceonhumanrights@u.northwestern.edu or phone 612.695.7944.

New Two-year Dual Master's Program -
Columbia and London School of Economics in International and World History

I would like to tell you about a new initiative that Columbia and the London School of Economics is launching in international and world history. This spring we are accepting applications for the first class of a two-year dual master's program. Students will spend the first year in New York and the second year in London and receive degrees from both institutions.

As you know, most graduate studies in history are still defined by national and regional boundaries. This program will provide an important alternative. It will build on the growing interest in academia and beyond for historical studies on the nature and scope of globalization. Students will explore the world by studying the forces that have been remaking it: migration, trade, technological revolutions, epidemic disease, environmental change, wars and diplomacy. The program also responds to the American Historical Association’s recent call for revaluing the master’s degree in history, The Education of Historians for the Twenty-first Century.
The dual degree will provide students with the opportunity to work in distinct but complementary intellectual environments. Such an expansion of perspective is invaluable, perhaps even indispensable, for students of international and world history. The relatively close cultural relationship between Britain and the U.S. - and their common language - allows students to make the necessary adjustments quickly and maximize the advantages of a two-year program.

You can find more information about the program at www.worldhistory.columbia.edu. Prospective applicants should contact the program coordinator, Line Lillevik, at worldhistory@columbia.edu or call (212) 854-3860.

Sincerely,
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Alumni:

Thinking about life AFTER CARLETON? Our Alumni, Career, and Graduate School Pages have been updated. Our History Department Alumni information is located at

- Alumni News (https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/alumninews/)
- Alumni Volunteer Career Consultants
- Volunteer Graduate School Consultants, (we have also built a Graduate School Index)
- History Department Alumni pages (for inspiration!).

These pages are designed to be planning and networking tools for our current History majors to contact and/or to simply be inspired by History alumni. History Alumni Volunteers are available for advice, assistance, and encouragement to help you to plan your career and/or apply to graduate programs. Alumni, please send us your news and websites, and tell me if you want to be included on one or the other Volunteer pages, or both. - Thanks, Nikki, nlambert@carleton.edu

Carleton Alumni GATEWAY Index (additional Carleton History Alumni and friends!)

Graduate School Update: Rice University

"I am a 2004 graduate of the Carleton History Department, and currently working on my Ph.D in history at Rice University. I was glancing at your internet database and simply wanted to update you on a few figures, as well as to let you know I am happy to be a contact for any students considering Rice or the Houston area. We currently have base stipends of $15,000 that are guaranteed for five years providing satisfactory performance, along with a tuition waiver.

It is a wonderful place that is particularly strong in the U.S. South, but we are really looking to bring in students from other fields and have incredible instructors in European, African, Caribbean, and all aspects of American history. The small size of the overall program (around 40 students) allows for many of the advantages I experienced at Carleton.

Please let me know if you need any further information about myself or Rice.

Best Wises,
Alyssa Honnette ’04"