History Department Newsletter

Monday, October 1, 2007

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Majors, faculty members and alumni are invited to send news, updates, photos, and possible student opportunities to include in the newsletter & on our web pages to:

nlambert@carleton.edu

Upcoming Events: All events are free and open to everyone!

Summer Research in China: A Panel Presentation

by Jamie Monson, Harry Williams, and Wayne Soon

TUESDAY, October 2, 2007,

12:00 NOON-1:00 p.m.!

Leighton 402
PROF. KATE WITTENSTEIN, Gustavus History Department, will conduct a seminar entitled "Fanny Lou Hamer and the Civil Rights Movement" in History 322 on Friday, October 5, 2007 from 12:00 NOON -1:00 p.m. in Leighton 202. EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

This seminar is open to all History department students, majors, and faculty! If you are interested in meeting Professor Wittenstein for lunch following the seminar, please come to the History department lobby. If you are off-board, you may pick up a free lunch ticket from the office so you can join the lively lunch session with her. For more information about her, see http://homepages.gac.edu/%7ekwitt/

Attention Majors:

UPCOMING COMPS PROPOSAL DEADLINE

SENIORS: PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT YOUR CONTENT ADVISERS NEED AMPLE TIME TO READ YOUR DRAFT WELL BEFORE THE DUE DATE!

The Comps Proposal
All seniors must submit a proposal by noon on Friday, October 19, 2007. Your comps proposal consists of a five-page statement specifying the significance of your topic, focal questions of your paper, and an outline of the kinds of sources you anticipate using. You should describe sources and questions as concretely as possible at this point, even though you may refine your formulation considerably after further research and reflection. You should locate your project in the relevant literature: How have other historians approached your topic? Are there clear divisions among different schools of thought? Include a bibliography at the end of your proposal. Please list the courses you have taken that pertain to your topic. Please note: We will not accept projects for which you do not have sufficient background and coursework. If your project grows out of your research paper in a 395, state explicitly the ways in which the comps paper will differ significantly from the 395 paper. By the fourth week (THIS WEEK!) of fall term you must have discussed a full draft of your proposal with your content advisor. Normally, proposals require multiple drafts; please allow yourself adequate time for revisions. Your proposal must be reviewed and accepted by your content advisor by noon on Friday, October 19, 2007.
DCC - Departmental Curriculum Committee Members for 2007-08  Class of 2009 - The run-off election resulted in a three-way tie! Therefore, the History Department is happy to announce that there are three new DCC members representing the class of 2009: Brandon Walker, Ted Falk, and Jessica Brooks. Congratulations to each of you, and also a thank you to the many voters of the Class of 2009! https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history-major/dcc/

There are also three senior DCC members: Caroline Church, Wayne Soon, and Eric Yiu. All majors should contact the DCC reps with any curriculum concerns or problems for winter and spring term 2007-08, and any potential concerns for 2008-09.

Kirk Jeffrey, 2007-08 DCC Faculty Advisor
Victoria Morse, Course Planning Tsarina

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**General Notices:**

**Africa News Update:**

The Norwegian Council for Africa, a non-profit NGO, offers a free e-newsletter, AFRICA NEWS UPDATE, that includes news items and background articles for reading and information purposes. To subscribe, please go to afrika.no at: http://www.afrika.no/newsletter

Current articles:
1. Sierra Leone: Chance for a new country (editorial)
2. Africa at large: New survey picks continent's best, worst-governed nations
3. Africa at large: Governance index is 'an African effort' for development
4. South Africa: Crime pushes country down in Africa survey
5. Southern Africa: Informal trade crucial for jobs
6. Namibia: War veterans threaten new demonstration
7. Congo DRC: Renewed fighting breaks out
8. Congo DRC: Plan to flush LRA out of the country “recipe for impunity”
9. Uganda: Curb overfishing on Lake Victoria (editorial)
10. Nigeria: Government to restrict foreign ownership of banks

**History Department Links of Interest Page:**

https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/resourcesindex/ . If you have discovered or regularly use any other History links that might be of interest to our faculty, majors, and alumni, please send to nlambert@carleton.edu to include on this page.

**Want to Play a History Game?**

Visit http://www.libertyarcade.org/ to try your hand at some games with an educational twist.
Alumni:

Alum wins MacArthur Fellowship:

Congratulations to Jay Rubenstein, '89, winner of the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship! For more on this year's MacArthurs, just announced:
http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.2913817/k.3EC5/2007_Overview.htm

Updated entries on each of these pages:

- Alumni historians: https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/histalum/
- Volunteer History Department Alumni Career Consultants: http://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/
- Volunteer History Department Graduate School Consultants: https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/graduateschool/

Opportunities:

Internships, Jobs, Fun & Games from the Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University: http://www.theihs.org/

| General Mills Market Associate Program: Please join us to learn more about the Marketing and Brand Management at General Mills, Inc. |
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| **Information Session: Tuesday, 10/2, 7:00 PM, Hill Lounge** |
| Resume Deadline: Wednesday, 10/10 |
| First Round Interviews: Wednesday, 10/17 (On Campus) |
| Second Round Interviews: Friday, 11/2 (at General Mills HQ) |

The Marketing Associate program at General Mills offers three years of experience on a variety of challenging marketing assignments at a leading consumer goods company. This is an excellent opportunity to use your critical thinking and leadership skills developed at Carleton to help grow powerful consumer brands. After three years as a Marketing Associate, there is the possibility of earning a company-sponsored MBA at a top tier business school and the chance to return to General Mills as an experienced Associate Marketing Manager.

We are looking for seniors with strong demonstrated leaderships experience and skills, superior interpersonal and communication skills, excellent problem-solving skills, and the ability to lead multiple while meeting all deadlines. All Majors Welcome to apply!

Questions? Feel free to contact Greg Pearson '01 (greg.pearson@genmills.com) or John Smith-Ricco '07 (john.smith-ricco@genmills.com).
Editor’s Note:

If you have any suggestions for improving the newsletter, or if you are a major and would like to help edit, please e-mail me (obrienj@carleton.edu).

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