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 & OPEN TO EVERYONE! Please mark your calendars!

A free lunch & two public talks!

Professor Carl Petry, Middle East historian, Northwestern University

STUDENTS, PLEASE NOTE: if you would like to have lunch with Professor Petry on Monday, September 17, please come to the History Department lobby for a 12:30-1:40 p.m. lunch hour – you will receive a free lunch ticket if you are off-board – please obtain from Nikki in the History Department office.

Monday, September 17, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Modernist Egypt in the 21st Century
Leighton 304, Carleton College

Tuesday, September 18, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
State of Medieval Islam, Library Athenaeum, Carleton College, Students are welcome at this one, as well!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PROFESSOR PETRY:
http://www.history.northwestern.edu/faculty/petry.htm

Our History Department Annual Fall Welcoming Reception for Faculty, Majors & Friends of the Department
Wednesday, September 19th, 2007, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
2nd Leighton corridor, History 204 lounge
Please join us for delightful refreshments! Casual attire. RSVP not required.
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**Herbert P. Lefler Lecture**
presented by
**Professor Mrinalini Sinha**, State College, PA

* Civis Britannicus: The Strange Death of an Imperial Ideal

**Thursday, September 27th, 2007, 5:00 p.m.**
Library Athenaeanum, Carleton College

For more information about Professor Sinha:
[http://php.scripts.psu.edu/dept/history/faculty/sinhaMrinalini.php](http://php.scripts.psu.edu/dept/history/faculty/sinhaMrinalini.php)

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**ALSO:**

Date and time, soon to be announced for: **Summer Research in China: A Panel Presentation**
by Jamie Monson, Harry Williams, and Wayne Soon.

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### UPCOMING COMPS PROPOSAL DEADLINE

**SENIORS:** Please note the comps proposal draft deadlines below, and be sure to contact your Comps adviser well in advance so he or she will have adequate time to review it before signing it.

If you are planning to ask an off-campus Professor (Annette Igra, Adeeb Khalid, Andrew Fisher, Seungjoo Yoon) to be your content adviser, please send him/her an e-mail right away to arrange a meeting or other means of communication to be sure he/she will be available to review your proposal, since they are not on campus this term! Some of them have already agreed to serve as content advisers. **They, as will ALL of the comps advisers, need ample time to read it before the due date.** If you are planning to request an off-campus comps adviser, please inform (e-mail) both Jamie Monson, jmonson@carleton.edu and me, Nikki Lamberty, nlambert@carleton.edu, so everyone will have a content adviser before the deadlines.

**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 of fall term (the week of September 24, 2007) 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.
**OPPORTUNITIES**

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

Volunteer History Department Alumni Career Consultants:  
[http://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/](http://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/)

Volunteer History Department Graduate School Consultants:  
[https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/graduateschool/](https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/graduateschool/)

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The Career Center is hosting an Interview Preparation and Alumni Mixer event next Tuesday, September 18, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Great Hall. Alumni from 3M, Target and other organizations will lead a session addressing interview tips, self-presentation skills and conduct role-playing interview exercises for break out groups. The program will conclude with time for student and alumni interaction (the mixer). **Hearty appetizers will be served. Deadline for students to sign-up (in the Career Center) is this Friday, September 14.**

Alums Know How to Present Themselves in Style!

Join us at an **Interview Preparation Program** and **Alumni Mixer**! Featuring:

Ted Smetana '92 – Target  
Sean McCauley '89 – Target  
Jeff Gunia ’98 – 3M

Learn effective interviewing tips and self-presentation skills! Observe role-playing demonstrations! Get FREE SNACKS!

**Sep. 18th**, 7-9 in the Great Hall  
**Sign up in the Career Center by Fri, Sep. 14th**

And More!
ALUMNI

Message to History Majors from Andrew Ladner, ’07
I recently started work in online advertising with Google in Ann Arbor, MI. As a Carleton alum and History major, I really think the job is a perfect fit for Carleton students in general and history majors in particular. Here’s what you need to know: What I've found so far is that Google is a WHOLE lot like Carleton - very intelligent people, little internal competition, lots of cooperation, and quirky office culture. The word "Googley" is tossed around a lot here to describe the character of the company, which basically can be defined as, "super-hard working with a laid back attitude." Could be a synonym for Carleton. Google is more of a project than a company, and perhaps the most ambitious intellectual project in recent history. After all, it’s pretty bold to have a mission statement like, “To organize the world’s information and make it universally accessible and useful.” If you'd like to know more about how the company works, the position itself, or about the Ann Arbor office, let me know. I'd be happy to talk about it. I can be reached at (952) 484-7258 or andrewladner@google.com. Andrew Ladner, ladner.andrew@gmail.com

Kathleen Vongsathorn, ’07 is going to Oxford University to study History of Medicine with a fellowship from the Wellcome Trust.

Cara Chomski, ’06 has just been accepted to Peace Corps.

SDAS

History Student Departmental Advisors for 2007-08

Katie Bates, Carolyn Church, and Peter Grassman
https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/major/sdas/

DCC - Departmental Curriculum Committee Members for 2007-08
https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/major/dcc/
The Junior DCC representatives election will take place early in Fall term – all History majors in the Class of 2009 will receive their e-ballots soon!