HISTORY NEWS/EVENTS:
James Loewen ’64 (who today gave a convocation on entitled “History I Never Learned at Carleton—And Why it Matters.”) will be in the History Department lounge TODAY (Friday) from 3-4 for an open conversation. There will be FOOD! So come, eat, and find out about what the department just isn’t telling you….

Congratulations to the following professors in the history department, who have received Faculty Development Grant Awards!
* Jamie Monson will receive support from the Mellon Endowment Fund for the first phase of a long-term project to document the transnational labor history of the Chinese, Tanzanian and Zambian railway workers who built the TAZARA railway between 1965 and 1976.
* Harry Williams will receive support from the Mellon Faculty Development Fund to develop a new course that investigates ideological and visual connections between the Black Panther Party and the Chinese Cultural Revolution.
* Serena Zabin, History will receive support from the Hildebrandt-Higinbotham Fund to visit several archives in Boston to begin a new project tentatively entitled Street Politics and the Boston Massacre.

Carleton History Professor emeritus Carl Weiner will lead the History 298 discussion on the Annales School and Fernand Braudel Friday, January 19. History Professor Greg Kaster of Gustavus Adolphus will offer a session of History 298 on Friday, March 2. He will lead the session on “David Roediger, Labor, Manhood, and Whiteness Scholarship.” Coffee and snacks at the Snack Bar after the class with interested students and majors. Contact Professor Williams if you would like to join the sessions, and visit Nikki after the classes if you need a snack bar ticket.

OPPORTUNITIES:
Apply for an Institute for Humane Studies fellowship (of up to $12,000 😊😊😊!!!) to do work exploring the principles of a free society. Apply online at http://apply.TheIHS.org>http://apply.TheIHS.org. ?s http://www.theihs.org/About/.

Interested in public policy, nonprofit management, journalism, broadcast media or film production? Apply for an Institute of Humane Studies internship at https://www.theihs.org/intern. All internships are paid, and include reimbursement for travel and housing. It's a pretty sweet deal, guys.

Foundations: An Undergraduate Journal in History (published by students at Johns Hopkins University) is announcing a CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS for undergraduate history papers. They are looking for previously unpublished papers between 15-40 pages that make use of primary source research. All submissions and questions: foundations@jhu.edu.

Interested in grassroots political organizing? Alex Beauchamp (’06) will be on campus recruiting for Grassroots Campaigns, Inc. on February 22 and 23, he can be contacted at: abeau...@grassrootscampaigns.com

HISTORICAL FACTS OF THE DAY (thanks, Wikipedia!)
January 12: 1932 - Hattie W. Caraway becomes the first woman elected to the United States Senate.
January 14: 1690 - The clarinet is invented in Nuremberg, Germany.
January 15: 1784 - The United States ratifies a peace treaty with England.
January 16: 1908 - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the first Greek-letter organization by and for Black college women is established.
January 17: 27 BC - Gaius Julius Caesar Octavian receives the title Augustus by the Roman Senate.
January 18: 1819 - Simón Bolívar proclaims the Republic of Colombia.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE WEEK: How long did the Hundred Years’ War last?
(got the answer? email abramowa or feders)
Congratulations (and COOKIES) to Aariel Aaronson-Eves for being the first to answer last week’s question:
Q: There are two U.S. bills of currency that feature the pictures of non-presidents. Who are the people featured on these bills, and what are the denominations of currency? A: Alexander Hamilton ($10) and Benjamin Franklin ($100).

STAFF BIOGRAPHY: DIETHELM PROWE
LAIRD BELL PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

Q: How long have you worked in the Carleton College history department?
A: 40 years.

Q: What projects are you working on now?
A: Besides French Revolution and old kingdoms in East-Central Europe in History 140 & 249, I am getting ready the next issue of German Studies Review (with the help of Matt Pechous ’07) and in the longer-term researching Czechs and Germans in the bi-ethnic city of Olmuetz/Olomouc in Moravia post-1848 (to 1900).

Q: If you were any object in your office, what would you be? Why?
A: Well, today I would be one of the Mexican fireplants on my window sill to enjoy the sun. They are about to burst into bloom for the sheer joy of it.

Q: What is the best book you have read in the last year?
A: Well, at the moment probably Jeremy Rifkin’s The European Dream, but then I am rereading Politics, Culture, and Class in the French Revolution for History 140 by Lynn Hunt (class of 1967), and that remains one of my all-time favorites. I do also recommend Michael H. Kater, Hitler Youth, as an excellent recent book in German history.

Q: Do you have a super power? If not, which one do you wish you had?
A: I don’t have one. If I did, it would be the power not just to study and write history, but to change it (the secret wish of all historians - and some imagine they have it) - to undo the Iraq War, or better, to have the candidate with the plurality of the popular vote have been declared the winner in the presidential election of 2000.

Q: Do you have any advice for undergraduates trying to make their way in the world?
A: Do the history teaching internship in the middle school - it’s fun, and you’ll learn a lot by trying to teach.

Q: Dogs or cats?
A: Cats.

Q: What makes you so special?
A: I can (or at least have in the past) eat three pints of ice cream in a sitting and not feel sick.

This picture of Professor Prowe was taken in the Czech Republic. I looked online, and couldn’t figure out how to say “WAY COOL” in Czech.

SENIOR BIOGRAPHY: KELSEY BARALE

Q: How is history like a box of chocolates?
A: hmmm. If I had a box of chocolates for every hour I spent on comps, my life would be AMAZING.

Q: What is your primary field? Why is it so fascinating?
A: Latin America. I love it. Everyone should take a class - it’s interesting and will make you a more informed global citizen.

Q: So what’s your comps on? Why’dya pick it?
A: My comps in on the Mormon colonies in Northern Mexico (1886-1912) - they went down there when the US outlawed polygamy, and came back because of the Mexican Revolution. I’m trying to look at how they portray both Mexicans and their own community/history, and how it all connects. I got started on it when I accidentally found a source while doing a library catalog search for something different - there is a surprising amount of stuff out there (although it is basically all memoir/oral history) and it’s really interesting/weird/different, plus now I dream about Mormons all the time.....

Q: What children’s TV show are you still obsessed with?
A: We didn’t watch any t.v when I was little... I did have a big Rainbow Brite phase at some point.

Q: Do you have any advice for juniors trying to make their way in the major?
A: Do the history teaching internship in the middle school - it’s fun, and you’ll learn a lot by trying to teach.

Q: Dogs or cats?
A: Cats.

Q: What makes you so special?
A: I can (or at least have in the past) eat three pints of ice cream in a sitting and not feel sick.

Kelsey is the one on the left. Stylin’ as usual...