

The Historian



Carleton History Department Newsletter

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We Believe Congratulations are in Order

Congrats to Professor Andrew Fisher



whose essay on the transformation of priest-parishioner relations during Mexico's independence era, "Relaciones entre fieles y párrocos en la Tierra Caliente de Guerrero durante la época de la insurgencia, 1775-1826," was published this month in the

anthology *Religión, política e identidad en la Independencia de México* in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of Father Miguel Hidalgo's call for rebellion against Spanish rule.



Hats off to Seniors!

Way to go on turning in your comps proposals! Now you just have to write.



Carleton Pays For Research Student Research Assistantship Applications Due October 22

Student Research Assistantships, promote both faculty scholarship and the involvement of students in meaningful research. Applications for SRAs for the winter break are available online and are due Friday, October 22 at 5 p.m. Questions? Contact Cathy Yandell.

Majors Fair

Monday, October 25th from 6-7:30 pm in The Great Hall

Freshman and Sophomores: come learn about History and other departments at this year's major's fair where students from every major will entice you to explore their area of study with candy and knowledge. This is a great place to go if you are uncertain what you want to study, just ask the students why they are in their major.

DCC Representatives Elected

Robin Reich and Ben Somogy] have been elected the new Departmental Curriculum Committee reps for the class of 2012. Their term is for two years, 2010-12.



Get into the *Historian*!

We want to know what you great history majors from long ago or just last year have been up to! So please send us an online postcard from here: <https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/UpcomingEvents/Newsletter/updates/> And we will happily include it in the next issue.

Introducing the Newbies (Juniors)

To help us get to know the newly declared history majors, we sent investigative reporter Rachel Schwartz into the field. What she discovered with her unprecedented access will blow open the doors to the secretive club, known as 'the history department'. The three subjects were chosen for their intellect, good looks, geographical diversity, and willingness to respond to Rachel. [Editor's clarifying comments included in brackets]

Becca Litwin, South Orange, NJ. James Kerson, NY, NY. Robin Reich, NY, NY.

What is your primary field of study?

Becca: "Latin America."

James: "American History."

Robin: "Ancient and Medieval Europe"



Are you enrolled in a history class right now:

Becca: No... [Awww, come on]

James: I'm currently taking David

Tompkins' Modern Central Europe. [he's also in Intro to European Studies with David]

Robin: "Two: Serena Zabin's 298 and Bill North's 395." [cough, overachiever, cough cough]

What class did you take that made you want to become a history major?

Becca: It would have to be my Freshman Seminar: The Age of Elizabeth with Susannah Ottaway. I think Susannah had a lot to do with my declaring history. [and this is why everybody should take a history freshman seminar]

James: My Freshman Seminary with Harry Williams: Black Slaves, White Masters.[see!]

Robin: I knew I wanted to be a history major since before I applied, so I pretty much dove right in. I think my favorite class has been Bill North's Institutional Structure and Culture in Medieval Europe because it both gave a really comprehensive overview of monasticism and other institutions of medieval Europe, and brought up some really interesting questions about the nature of bias and belonging to a group. It's that kind of combination of researching a specific topic and considering more essential questions about human nature that make me really like studying history. [...I don't even know what to say after that...you go girl?]

Who is your historical crush?

Becca: Emiliano Zapata (a leader of the Mexican Revolution)... that face, that goatee... umph![umph indeed, probably all he could say under the mustache]

James: Winston Churchill, he was a pretty cute guy.

Robin: I should say someone like Constantine, but it's actually Otto von Bismarck. First of all, look at him: Second, his influence as a single person shaping the modern western world is just incredible. [We are sensing a mustachioed theme, and all Churchill needs is a little bit of blackout to fit in]



What revolution do you think was the most revolutionary?

Becca: The French Revolution.

James: The Polish Revolution. I bet no one expected that! [yup, you got us there... I may be endangering my role as senior history major but...what was the Polish Revolution? Sorry Poland]

Robin: The Scientific Revolution. It was so significant in shaping not only what we think, but how we think. [I think you just broke the thought fourth wall or something]

Wonderful Lefler Speaker

Two weeks ago, Thursday, the history department was pleased to host Lefler speaker Kathleen Brown. Students enjoyed the opportunity to eat lunch with her when she not only shared some great insights on her book *Foul Bodies: Cleanliness in Early America* (Yale, 2009), but joined in a debate about the pros and cons of historical fiction. Professor Brown also dropped into a couple of classes but the highlight of her visit was her talk "Am I Not a Man and a Brother." In this insightful presentation, she questioned the relationship between popular ideas and formal definitions of humanness during the abolition movement. She explored the ways in which the movement may have entrenched the exclusion of women from human rights because of the gendered nature of its appeal. Professor Brown drew on many innovative sources, including current feminist, transgender and queer theories to formulate her thinking on the topic. Her exciting approach gave all who attended the lecture much to think about and we will look forward to hearing more as her research progresses.



This Day in History, October 20th

1803 – The United States Senate ratifies the Louisiana Purchase.

1818 – The Convention of 1818 signed between the United States and the United Kingdom which, among other things, settled the Canada – United States border on the 49th parallel for most of its length.

1859 – John Dewey, American philosopher born (d. 1952)

1931 – Mickey Mantle, American baseball player born (d. 1995)

1944 – General Douglas MacArthur fulfills his promise to return to the Philippines when he commands an Allied assault on the islands, reclaiming them from the Japanese during the Second World War.

1947 – The House Un-American Activities Committee begins its investigation into Communist infiltration of Hollywood, resulting in a blacklist that prevents some from working in the industry for years.

1971 – Snoop Dogg, American rapper born

1973 – The Sydney Opera House opens.



TRIVIA

Email answers to: lavim@carleton.edu

1. Who led the American Continental Army and the French Army to a victory in the Siege of Yorktown?
 2. Which American President signed the Helsinki Accords, marking a move towards détente in the Cold War?
 3. Which marriage led to the unification of the Kingdom of Aragon and the Kingdom of Castile and the foundation of the Kingdom of Spain?
 4. Why did the Arab members of OPEC decide to enforce an oil embargo against several Western countries, such as the United States and the Netherlands, and reduce oil supply in October 1973?
 5. Identify the person in this picture. (Upper Left)
- Last Week's Answers:

1. Railroad Strike: Martinsburg, West Virginia, USA; the cutting of wages for the second time in a year by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.
2. Yusuf Aramanli, the Pasha of Tripoli, declared war on the United States in 1801, he demanded a tribute \$250,000 from the US for protecting American merchant vessels.
3. The infamous 'Munich Agreement', in which the Sudetenland was taken away from Czechoslovakia and given to Nazi Germany, was signed by Nazi Germany, Italy, Great Britain, and France.
4. Duke of Wellington.
5. Franz Joseph I of Austria.

Alum Updates

Dear Friends,

As some of you may know, my husband Steven and I are ecstatically (and even somewhat exhaustedly) celebrating the birth of our first child, Saul Wole Petty-Adams. His name (with a little poetic license) means "What we have prayed for has come home to us." He arrived promptly at 7:02 am on Monday, September 27, weighing in at 6 pounds 14 oz. We are thrilled to let everyone know about the birth of our son.

Sending light,
Miriam



History Day Volunteer Opportunity

Did you participate in the National History Day Competition in middle or high school? Are you a history or ed studies major looking to work with Northfield middle and high school student on their history projects? If you are at all interested in this volunteer opportunity, email anderser.

Things to do and see

Flamenco! Wednesday, October 20th at 8 p.m. in The Great Hall.

Susana di Palma will conduct a flamenco workshop Wednesday, October 20th at 5 p.m. in the Cowling Dance Studio.

Combining a passionate love for traditional Spanish flamenco with the creative choreographer's spirit, Susana di Palma (the Director of Zorongo, a flamenco company in the Twin Cities) has mesmerized audiences on several continents. Her shows have been described as "ferocious, enigmatic, poignant."

Five Years After Katrina:

5:00 pm, 10/21, Boliou 104 for "Coming Back: New Orleans Five Years After Hurricane Katrina."

Noel Henderson-James (HIST '00), Tracie Washington '85, and Lizzie Shephard '06 will share their experiences and insights on the recovery and future of New Orleans. Students are invited to join the speakers for dinner after the forum at Wellstone House, Farm House and Canoe House.

Jobs

Mississippi Teacher Corps.

The Mississippi Teacher Corps' two-year program, designed for non-education majors, recruits college graduates to teach in the Mississippi Delta and other "critical-needs" areas.

The first application deadline is October 18th.

MTC also offers a **summer internship** for current juniors, sophomores and freshmen. The summer internship aims to be the most interesting college course you take.

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