Greetings from the Department of History

As I complete my second year as chair, I am pleased to observe that the Department of History remains one of the strongest and most vibrant components of the university. Several of our faculty members enjoyed significant career milestones this past year. Solomon Getahun received a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship and will be spending next year working on a project in Ethiopia. John Robertson was this year’s recipient of the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences (CHSBS) Maroon Award for excellence in teaching. Both Greg Smith and Lane Demas received tenure, while Carrie Euler and Solomon Getahun were promoted to Associate Professor. Tim Hall spent the year as Assistant Dean of the CHSBS.

Jennifer Green provided meritorious service to the department this past year as a member of the Faculty Association bargaining team. After a year of effectively guiding the Michigan Historical Review as its editor, she is stepping away from that role. The department endorsed Lane Demas to take over those duties at the beginning of the new academic year, and Tara McCarthy will step into his former role as book review editor.

The department has been at full staff this year with only one exception. David Rutherford was away for the year on what we trust was a productive sabbatical, and will return in August to resume his regular teaching schedule. For the second consecutive year, the CMU history department did not hire any new full-time faculty members. More significantly, as detailed elsewhere in the newsletter, one of our longest-serving members, David Macleod, is retiring after a distinguished 42-year career. Departing after a shorter tenure is Ryan Edgington, the college and department’s first postdoctoral fellow. Ryan was very helpful this year in getting our new course on comparative environmental history up and running, but he has moved on to another opportunity at Macalester College and we wish him well. We are fortunate in being able to bring in another postdoctoral fellow. Joining us this coming fall will be Brittany Fremion (PhD Purdue University), with a two-year appointment in the field of environmental history.

Several distinguished scholars spoke as guests of the history department this year. Among them were Allan Winkler (Miami University), who presented “The Lasting Legacy of FDR” as the William T. Bulger Lecture in Biography; Melvin Small (Wayne State University), whose “Watergate: The Constitutional Crisis” was the Constitution Day Lecture; Lesley Gordon (University of Akron) presented “So Much Suffering: The 16th Connecticut in War and Memory” for the George M. Blackburn Endowed Lecture on the Civil War and Reconstruction; Robert Melson (Purdue University), “The Armenian Genocide & the Holocaust,” and Guy Stern (Holocaust Memorial Center), “Kristallnacht: A Night of Broken Glass, Broken Bodies, Broken Hearts,” both spoke as part of the Dr. Harold Abel Endowed Lecture Series.

The History Department is pleased to share with the Department ofForeign Languages, Literatures and Cultures a new graduate assistantship from the Dean’s office that we are using this year to bring in an additional student from Latin America. The department remains well-served by its staff members, Annette Davis and Roxanne Jordan. They were supplemented this year by student workers Katie Bryant, Lindsay Harwood, Rachelle Kviz, and Chelsea Smith.

Mitchell Hall, Department of History Chair


**CARRIE EULER** presented “The Professor’s Desk: Faculty at the Zurich Lectorium, c. 1550-1610,” at the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference in Montreal (October 2010). Her article “Zwingli and Bullinger” will be published in The Brill Companion to the Eucharist in the Reformation.

**JENNIFER R. GREEN**’s second book, The Southern Middle Class in the Long 19th Century, co-edited with J.D. Wells, was published in late 2011. She wrote the chapter on professionals in 1850s South Carolina in the book. Dr. Green served on the Faculty Association bargaining team for negotiations regarding the contract that ended up in court in the fall of 2011 and served as editor of the Michigan Historical Review for the 2011-2012 school year. This summer she will continue to chair a dissertation prize committee for southern studies and return to her research and writing regarding an 1864 battle during the Civil War.

**MITCHELL HALL** continues as a consulting reviewer for the May 4 Visitors Center at Kent State University, and this past year reviewed book manuscripts for the University of North Carolina Press and Bedford/St. Martin’s Press. In March 2012 he presented “The History of Rock and Roll” to the CMU Phi Alpha Theta organization, and in April chaired a session at the CMU International Graduate Historical Studies Conference.

**DOINA HARSANYI** presented “Bonaparte against the Revolution” at the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era in Baton Rouge in February 2012, and “Defying the Master of All Europe” at the Society for French Historical Societies in Los Angeles in March 2012. She is continuing research and writing on her next book, Working for Napoleon: Parma under the Administration of Moreau de Saint Mery, 1801-1806.

**ERIC JOHNSON** presented “Organizing the Study of Global Genocide” at the University of Rotterdam in May 2011; “Nazi, Soviet, and Other Terrors” at Northwood University in April 2012; and “Murder and Mass Murder in European and World History” at the University of Helsinki in May 2012. Professor Johnson’s Nazi Terror is now available as an audiobook at Audible.com. His current research project concerns the capture, imprisonment, and murder of allied pilots in the last months of the Second World War.

**STEPHENV JONES** coauthored Presidents and Black America: A Documentary History (2012). He and Benjamin Ramirez-shkwegnaabi have received an FRCE grant to create an archive of oral history interviews about Anishinaabeg history and culture: “Keepers of the Three Fires Oral History”. The purpose of the project is to record and preserve Anishinaabeg history and cultural traditions that Anishinaabeg elders have accumulated in their lives. The project is also being funded by Michigan State University Press.

**JAY MARTIN** presented “Public History and Sustainability” and “Envisioning New Careers in Public History” at the National Council on Public History in Milwaukee in April 2012. This July, he will be presenting “Economic Engine, Humble Icon of Inland and Coastal Commerce: A Comparative Study of Capital Investment in and Longevity of Scows on the Great Lakes of Canada and the United States to the Scows of New Zealand” at the 6th International Congress on Maritime History in Ghent, Belgium. Professor Martin notes that the Museum Studies Program set a record this semester for the number of signed minors. The total is currently at 55 students.


**JOHN ROBERTSON** is responsible for the creation of a new undergraduate certificate in Middle East and Islamic Studies as well as a new major and minor in Global and Cultural Studies. He is a member of the National Screening Committee for Fulbright Student Awards to study in the Middle East. His book, Iraq: A Short History, will be published later this year.


**JONATHAN TRUITT** presented “Covering the Capital: Mexican Tenochtitlan, Its Doctrina, and Its Indigenous Parishioners” at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, January 2012. He is coediting Dead Giveaways II: Testaments from the Americas (forthcoming), and completing his book on indigenous and Spanish religious interactions in colonial Mexico City.
Professor David I. Macleod Retires

In 1970 the Canadian-born and Wisconsin-trained Dave Macleod came to Central Michigan University as a new professor of history. For over four decades Professor David Macleod built a distinguished career as a scholar, teacher, and leader.


Dave's commitment to the department of history is unparalleled. He served as department chair for over six years, was director of graduate studies, and became the first director of undergraduate studies. He served the larger university community as a leader on numerous committees and as Chair of the Academic Senate. He has been a fair-minded leader in departmental and university matters large and small.

The department of history will miss Dave's commitment to excellence in teaching and research, and his steady guidance and advice in departmental affairs. We wish Dave, and his wife Beth and his two sons, Ian and Jamie, the very best and will continue to enjoy his company and dry sense of humor.

Remembering William T. Bulger 1927-2012

William Bulger died February 16, 2012, following a long convalescence after radiation therapy. Bill grew up in Flint, Michigan, where he graduated in an accelerated program from Central Senior High School. He enrolled at Kenyon College, but after only one year his studies were interrupted by military service at the end of World War II. Bill said that his chief military accomplishment was learning to disguise himself as a tree at the Army's camouflage school.

Having decided to continue his studies in history, Bill enrolled at the University of Michigan in 1949. In grad school Bill regarded his selection as the first candidate for the Ulster-American exchange as one of the best opportunities of his career. He used the year of study at Queens University (Belfast) to pursue his major field from a very different perspective, and he hit upon a research topic that he was still pursuing this year: a biography of the Earl of Bristol and sometime Bishop of Derry, a character that George III called the wickedest man in England.

Bill came to Central Michigan University in 1958. He always reminded his colleagues that he taught everything except his major field at CMU. Joe Huston had pre-empted English history, and as a junior in the department, Bill taught ancient, French Revolutionary, modern European, and early American history, finally settling into colonial and Revolutionary history as the department added specialists.

Bill became the favorite teacher of hundreds of students, both because he brought history to life and because he took a personal interest in them. He knew their hometowns, and he often knew their teachers and could connect them to their studies. In a long career, he taught three generations of some families. Because he was about the only Americanist that taught both halves of the large US survey, students followed him from one course to the next. He thought that he had taught about 10,000 students during his career at CMU, and from that number he reckoned that he'd written recommendations for at least 10% of them.

Bill developed similar relationships with colleagues wherever he studied or taught: fellow students at Kenyon and the U of M, at Queens, and in the department and across the university at CMU. He carried on a remarkable, life-long correspondence with dozens from these groups. He was active in the Faculty Senate, chaired search committees, and took a leading role in organizing the faculty for collective bargaining. He held life memberships in the Organization of American Historians and the American Historical Association, and he rarely missed attending at least one annual professional meeting.

Bill married in 1967, and he and his wife had one child, Ann Marie. Bill retired a bit early when his wife, Margery, was stricken with cancer, and in these later years his joy has been Ann, her husband Scott, and his two grandsons, Zachary and Kendall. He took equally great pleasure from visits by dozens of alums, some who came long distances to pay their regards for a favorite teacher and long-time friend. Bill's memory will linger on and be renewed each year when the History Department sponsors a lecture series on American biography that was endowed in his honor.
Andy Arena (BA 1985) Honorary Degree Doctor of Humane Letters (2010) has retired from the FBI and is now working for law enforcement in Detroit.

James Booth (BSED 1969) retired in 2011 from SAIF Corporation, where he was trial counsel and special assistant attorney general for Oregon’s workers’ compensation insurer. James started at SAIF in 1989 while attending law school at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon.


Ray DeBruler, Jr. (BS 1992) completed a PhD in history from Western Michigan University in 2007 and earned tenure at Kellogg Community College in 2010. Ray and his wife Kristen welcomed a daughter to their family in April 2011.

Laura Failing (BS 1986, MA 1987) teaches in New Zealand at Avonside Girls High School and has been involved in the clean up after New Zealand’s earthquake.

Ben Feril (BSED 1980) is a captain in the U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps and was recently assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff as Director, Joint Staff Medical Planners Course.

Jon Forslund (BS 1984) teaches in Canton and claims that he and his dog ran over 2000 miles last year.

Doug Gabert (BS 1976, MA 1983) is involved in Democratic politics in Big Rapids and managed his wife’s run for the State House.

Timothy Gay (BS 1976) teaches at the federally funded Navajo School, Chóoshgai Community School in Tohatchi, New Mexico.

Amanda (Russo) Herwitz (BSED 2004) lives in Fayetteville, North Carolina and is teaching civics and economics. She recently achieved certification to teach Advance Placement World History.

Jim (Clint) Hill (BA 1992) is living in Los Angeles and writing an e-book, a guide to finance and financial management.

Joan L. Hoggatt (BA 1957) retired from Riverview Community High School after teaching U.S. History, English, and Art for 29 years.

Michael G. Knapp (BS 1978) presented “Understanding Islam and Its Extremists” for the Colonel William B. Nolde Lecture Series, sponsored by CMU’s Military Science and Leadership Department & Leadership Institute, at the Park Library Auditorium in November 2010. His articles on the subject were published between 2003-2008 in four books and three professional journals. Michael works as a Middle East analyst for the U.S. Army in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Kathleen “Kay” (Marquardt) Kujawa (BS 1962) retired in 2000 after 32 years of teaching. She and her husband reside in the Upper Peninsula and do extensive volunteer work for the North Country National Scenic Trail.

Byron Otto Kuxhaus (BA 1971) [known to old-timers for publishing Efif in the 1970s] practices law in Detroit. He visits often with his fellow-“journalist” and attorney, Andy Marks.

Judy McAveley (BSED 1967) teaches part-time at the Fellowship Baptist Academy in Carson City.

Dean Metry (BS 1977) has been appointed a Federal Administrative Law Judge.

John Milner (BS 1989) has completed his 6th year as a counselor at Tivy High School in Kerrville, Texas. He and his wife have been in education for over 22 years and have a son in the 8th grade and daughter in 5th grade.

Ed Plawecki (BSED 1975) is chief counsel for a major international manufacturing group.

Dick Powell (BSED 1969, MA 1973) is a retired Deputy State Fire Marshal for Education and Training. He now lives in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

Errol Putman (BSED 1967, MA 1971) retired from the State University of New York system and returned to Michigan. He is active in the Democratic Party and has taken up painting as a hobby.


Stan Spencer (BSED 1969, MA 1970) retired after teaching 41 years at Caledonia High School, Hope College, and Grand Valley State University. He and his wife Nancy (BA 1969) enjoy taking their grandchildren to CMU’s Grandparents University. Stan serves as President Elect of the Ohio River Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and volunteers as one of their national Lewis and Clark Ambassadors.

Gary Skory (BS 1978) is director of the Midland County Historical Society.

Bob Stebbins (BS 1988) is a partner in Willkie-Farr, a major international law firm in New York.

Justin Dolan Stover (BS 2003) held the Old Library and Archives Fellowship at Le Centre Culturel Irlandais, in Paris, France during the summer of 2010. He recently completed a PhD in History at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.

Shawntell (Mullins) Trigenis (BSED 1999) along with her husband Dr. Emmanuel A. Trigenis welcomed their second child in June 2011. They reside in Bedford, MA and she is an attorney with Blue Law International. Shawntell is a Major in the U.S. Air Force Reserves, Judge Advocate General’s Corps, and serves reserve duty at Aviano AB, Italy.

C. Dennis Vanderstelt (BSED 1969) retired in 2007 after 38 years in secondary education. He taught Social Studies for 10 years at Oakridge High School, was principal for 4 years at Ravenna High School, and finished his career as assistant principal at Mona Shores High School.

Bruce Waggoner (BSED 1978, MA 1985) is employed as a military consultant at Fort Monroe and lives in Washington, D.C.

Jonathan Wessell (BS 1992) has filled in as an adjunct faculty member for 13 years. He has worked at CMU, Grand Valley State University, Western Michigan University, and Baker College. Jonathan is currently working on a PhD with a concentration in Field Study Education from Walden University.
ROBERT S. BORRELLI completed the requirements for the joint M.A. from CMU and Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands. He wrote "Into the Free Market: Slaves, Freedmen, and Market Interaction, The Continuity Between Slavery and Freedom" for his thesis at Erasmus University, and presented "The Identity of Henry Brown: Negotiating Race and Labor, A Narrative Analysis" at the International Student Historical Studies Conference at CMU in April 2012.

THOMAS DARRAGH received his M.A. from CMU and his MSC in Historical Studies from the University of Strathclyde in Scotland. He presented “Zoos, Imperialism, and the Development of Transnational Consciousness” at the International Graduate Student Historical Studies Conference at CMU in April 2012.

TIMOTHY DAY began his Ph.D. candidacy in January 2012 and will conduct archival research in the United Kingdom and France during the summer of 2012.


JONATHAN KLAUKE presented four papers this year, including “The Process of Textual Translation and Transmission of Scientific Knowledge” at the Midwest Medieval History Conference in Kansas City in October 2011; and “The Influence of the Abbasid Translation Movement on Muslim Perceptions of Western Crusaders” at the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts & Letters at Alma College in March 2012.


INGMAR PACK presented “Antebellum Detroit and its Rival Cities” at the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts & Letters, at Alma College in March 2012; and “Hot Summer Hooliganism: Attitudes and Anticipations of Detroit’s Black Media Concerning Civil Disturbances, 1966-1967” at the International Graduate Student Historical Studies Conference at CMU in April 2012. He received his Joint M.A. in May 2012.

MARKO SCHUBERT taught a course on urbanization and crime in the United States, 1800 to the present, at Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena, Germany, in January 2012.

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**Student Award Winner**

2011 CHSBS Graduate Student Paper Competition

Andrew Dietzel


Sponsor: Eric Johnson

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**2012 Scholarship Recipients**

Duane Bouliew Scholarship

Brittany Hild
Kyle Sheel

Mae Teeters Scholarship

Katie Buning
Andrea Howard

Thavenet Study Abroad Award

Hannah Faleer

Thavenet History Department Study Abroad Award

Laura Eickhoff

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**2012 History Conference Paper Award Winners**

Best Paper by a CMU Undergraduate Student


Best Paper by a CMU Graduate Student (tie for 1st)

Andrew Clark - “Gender Boundaries in the Late 20th Century Scottish Labor Movement”

Dale Moler – “Blockade Running and Its Effects on British-American Relations during the American Civil War”

Best Paper by a non-CMU Graduate Student

Elizabeth Koprowski (University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom) - “We Should Now Be No More English and Scotch, but Britons”

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See page 7 for more news about the conference
Giving Something Back

Were you a student who benefited from department scholarships, assistantships, work-study appointments, or simply enjoyed good teaching, advising, and the fellowship of favorite teachers? If so, you may welcome the opportunity to give something back so that future students can enjoy similar benefits. Here are some opportunities to participate:

**George M. Blackburn Endowment**
Endowment income funds an annual lecture on the American Civil War and Reconstruction in honor of George Blackburn, a greatly admired teacher and scholar during his thirty years as a member of CMU’s history faculty.

**William T. Bulger Endowment**
This endowment funds a lecture series in the field of American Biography in honor of Professor Emeritus William T. Bulger, who served the CMU history department for 35 years.

**Howard Evans Study Abroad Scholarship**
This endowment supports a junior or senior student studying abroad with a minimum GPA of 3.0. It honors former history professor Howard Evans.

**J. D. Smith Award**
The cash award recognizes one of the department's outstanding graduate students. It is named for our former colleague, Dr. J. D. Smith.

**Dennis Thavenet Study Abroad Awards**
The department, especially Professor Emeritus Dennis Thavenet, has been very active in fostering study abroad. If you enjoyed an overseas experience, your contribution can help the next generation to share similar benefits by contributing to one of these two awards.

**Mae Teeters and Duane Bouliew Scholarships**
These cash awards are given to outstanding undergraduate history students. Requirements include a GPA of 3.25 or higher, letters of recommendation, and the Teeters scholarship includes the composition of an outstanding essay in a CMU history seminar.

**Gabriel Chien Memorial Fund Essay Prize**
This fund was created to honor the memory of Gabriel Chien, a former CMU history professor. The $1,000 scholarship is awarded for a written essay that focuses on an aspect of Chinese culture, Sino-American relations, or a comparative study of China.

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Excellence in Teaching Maroon Award

**Dr. John Robertson**, professor of Ancient Near East and Egypt and Islamic and Modern Middle East Studies, received the 2012 Excellence in Teaching Maroon Award. The recipients are selected by the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences Excellence in Teaching Committee. The annual award recognizes faculty members who go above and beyond what is expected in creating exceptional learning opportunities for our students. The Maroon Award is presented annually to a tenure-track faculty member from the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Fulbright Award

**Dr. Solomon Getahun**, associate professor of African history, was awarded a prestigious Fulbright U.S. Scholar Fellowship. The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government. Professor Getahun will lecture and conduct research in Ethiopia during the academic year 2012-2013.

International Graduate Historical Studies Conference: Borders, Boundaries, and Beyond

The International Graduate Historical Studies Conference--Borders, Boundaries, and Beyond, held April 13 and 14, was a huge success. Over forty non-CMU graduate students, from as far away as Australia and Greece, joined twenty seven CMU students to present papers on a range of topics from blockade runners during the Civil War to zoos in the age of scientific imperialism.

The keynote speaker was the noted global historian, Harvard Professor Erez Manela. Dr. Manela's talk, “What's Beyond the Border: History in a Transnational Age,” explored the use of transnationalism as a lens for exploring the history of the twentieth century. The conference also served as the North American premier of Spanish director Guzmán de Yarza Blache's documentary, *Eternal Sunrise*, which considers the globalization of international travel.

Conference organizers were Associate Professor Kathleen Donohue and doctoral students Thomas Darragh and Patrick Kirkwood.

International Graduate Historical Studies Conference

April 5 and 6, 2013

The keynote speaker is famed Harvard historian David Armitage. The conference is open to the public. For more information email: histconf@cmich.edu
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