Greetings from the Department of History!

The Department of History enjoyed a successful 2014-2015 academic year. We were delighted to recruit Dr. Andrew Wehrman as our new specialist in US Colonial through Early Republic history, replacing Dr. Timothy Hall, who now serves as the Associate Dean of our college. Other highlights this past year include one-semester sabbaticals for Lane Demas, Carrie Euler, and Tara McCarthy, promotion to Associate Professor for Ben Weinstein, reappointment for Assistant Professor Brittany Fremion, and a professor salary adjustment for Mitch Hall. Unfortunately, both Ben Weinstein and Jennifer Green resigned from the department during this past summer. Jennifer moved to Portland, Oregon while Ben moved with his family back to Great Britain. Student worker Aleah Bell, is also graduating and moving on. We have been very fortunate in bringing in Shari Orisich on a two-year postdoctoral teaching fellowship in Latin American history for 2014-16, and will welcome Jeff Fortney for a similar post in Native American history for the 2015-17 academic years. The department also elected Tara McCarthy as Director of Undergraduate Studies for 2015-2018.

Several distinguished scholars spoke as guests of the history department this year. Among them were David Laven (University of Nottingham), who presented “Inventing a City: The British and Venice in the Nineteenth Century”; Wilma King (University of Missouri) delivered the George Blackburn Endowed Lecture on “African American Women and Children in the Civil War Era West of the Mississippi”; Thomas Bender (New York University), whose “Transnational & Global History—Why Now?,” served as the keynote address at the annual graduate student conference; and Walter Beach, a CMU alum and author of Consider This.

Other highlights are addressed at greater length throughout this newsletter, so please take the time to read about what has been going on in Powers Hall, and let us know what you’ve been doing.

Mitchell Hall
Department of History Chair
CARRIE EULER
Dr. Euler is engaged with a new research project on local grammar schools in Tudor and Stuart England. She took two research trips to England this year and has one more planned for July/August 2015. She also presented initial findings of her research at the North American Conference on British Studies in Minneapolis in November 2014, at the Faculty Excellence Exhibition at CMU in March 2015, and will be presenting another paper at the Midwestern Conference on British Studies in Detroit in September 2015.

DOINA HARSANYI
Dr. Harsanyi presented “The Napoleonic Policies of Art Removal” at the Florida State University Institute on Napoleon and the French Revolution in February 2015. She also presented a paper titled “Surviving Napoleon - Small Town Strategies of Coping with Napoleonic Rule” at the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era at High Point, North Carolina in February 2015.

MICHAEL EVANS
Michael published Inventing Eleanor: The Medieval and Post-Medieval Reputation of Eleanor of Aquitaine, Continuum, in November 2014. He also presented “Is Pre-Columbian America ‘Medieval?’” at the 29th International Conference on Medievalism in Atlanta in October 2014, supported by a CMU Premier Display Grant.

ERIC JOHNSON
Eric will be chairing and moderating a session at a German conference on Volksgemeinschaft (Folk Community) in the Third Reich in Hannover, Germany in late June of this summer. He will be doing research at the German Federal Archives in Koblenz and at the Central Interrogation Center at Oberursel, Germany this summer, as well as publishing a book review in the Journal of Military History on a new book by British scholar Kim Wuenschmann on Jews in Nazi Concentration Camps before World War Two (Harvard University Press, 2015).

BRITTANY FREMION
Brittany Fremion presented “Filling the Gaps with Silence: Women’s Stories and the Movement to Save the Indiana Dunes” at the Oral History Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, and “A Constituency of Concerned Citizens: Antinuclear Protest in the Great Lakes Basin” at the American Society for Environmental History Conference in Washington, DC. She also discussed the history of contraception as part of the CMU Women’s History Month Panel, hosted by the Women and Gender Studies Program, and participated in two Phi Alpha Theta workshops.

JAY MARTIN

SOLOMON GETAHUN
This past year, Solomon Getahun received his 10-year service award from CMU. Dr. Getahun also spoke at a conference commemorating the 119th anniversary of the Victory at Adwa, held in Dallas, Texas.

TOM O’NEIL

MITCHELL HALL
Mitchell Hall is completing his fifth year as department chair, received a professor salary adjustment from CMU this past year, and is currently working on a new book project dealing with student activism and the 1970 Kent State Massacre. He has been actively involved in the development of two new university initiatives, the Cultural Resource Management graduate program, and the American Studies undergraduate certificate program.

JOHN ROBERTSON
John Robertson’s long-in-gestation book, Iraq: A History, is scheduled to be published by Oneworld in September. He’s also hard at work on revising his contributions to Perspectives from the Past: Primary Sources in Western Civilizations, the 6th edition of which is to be published by W. W. Norton later this year. (He also notes that he got his Medicare card in January, but has no intentions of using it in the near future.)
FACULTY NEWS CONTINUED

STEPHEN SCHERER

GREGORY SMITH
Dr. Smith presented an invited paper titled “Daimones, Evolution, and the Pneumatic Type of Thought” at a special conference called “Locating the Daimonic: Daimones, Spaces, and Places in the Greek World,” convened at King’s College London on March 2015. Greg has also been invited to present a paper called “Demons in the Graeco-Roman World” at a symposium at the University of Washington called “Otherworldly Beings in the Ancient World,” which is scheduled for May 2015.

JONATHAN TRUITT
During spring 2015, Dr. Truitt organized a workshop on Game-Based Learning that brought educators from across the state together to explore emerging ideas on the power of games in the classroom.

In May, Truitt will be running his educational game Mexico in Revolution, 1912-1920 at the 15th annual “Reacting to the Past” Faculty Institute at Barnard College in New York City. Truitt’s game will be the first one presented at the conference which deals specifically with Latin American History.

Truitt’s book Native Wills from the Colonial Americas: Dead Giveaways in a New World, co-edited with Mark Christensen, is scheduled for release with the University of Utah Press in July.

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CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

In Fall 2014 the new interdisciplinary Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Program at Central Michigan University began accepting students. Over two years in the making, the graduate program was designed to meet the growing needs of private businesses, educational institutions, and governmental agencies that require the completion of projects in Public History, Museum Studies, or Archaeology to meet statutory requirements for the discovery and preservation of cultural heritage artifacts and sites.

Students enrolled in the CRM Program are grounded in the theory and practice of all three primary fields, but are encouraged to choose a track in one discipline and work closely with program faculty to build credentials to meet federal standards for employment as a historian, curator, or archaeologist.

The 36 credit hour Master of Arts program takes about two years to complete. Each student in the M.A. program is required to satisfy an internship or fieldwork capstone experience and pass a comprehensive examination on laws and ethics relevant to cultural resource management. A shorter option is the Graduate Certificate program, which takes about one year and consists of 18-21 credit hours.

To date, CRM students have been involved in local and regional oral history projects, museum collections and management projects, historic preservation studies, and various archaeological investigations throughout Michigan. Visit www.chsbs.cmich.edu/crm for more information.
Kate presented “When Big Bill Haywood Comes to your Office: Reflections on Using Reacting to the Past” at the International Graduate Historical Studies Conference at CMU in March 2015. Kate also submitted an Aztec Economics proposal to *Global Economic History: An Encyclopedia of People, Ideas and Institutions That Created the Modern World Economy*. She will be studying abroad at Strathclyde, Scotland during 2015-2016.

Thomas was reelected to the History of Science Society Graduate and Early Career Caucus as the CV Review Coordinator. He presented “Equality and the Rise and Fall of the Students for A Democratic Society” at the Reacting to the Past Game Developer’s Workshop, July 16–19, 2014. Thomas presented “Debating Racism with Fredrick Douglass: Using Immersion to Help Students Explore the Good, the Bad, and the Downright Ugly Sides of History,” at the International Graduate Historical Studies Conference at CMU in March 2015.

Wade serves as assistant professor of theology at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee. He teaches classes on ecclesiastical history, philosophy, and Christian thought. He has been invited to present at conferences in Wisconsin, California, and Croatia in the coming year on the Lutheran Reformation and confessionalization.

Patrick continues working toward the completion of his dissertation focused on colonial administrators in the U.S. Philippines and British South Africa. In the past academic year he has taught a range of courses at CMU, Saginaw Valley State University and Delta College. His article “Michigan Men’ in the Filipinos and the Limits of Self-Determination in the Progressive Era” was published by the *Michigan Historical Review* in Fall 2014. Another article, coauthored with Jennifer R. Green, formerly of CMU, “Reframing the Antebellum Democratic Mainstream: Transatlantic Diplomacy and the Career of Pierre Soulé,” will be published in the forthcoming September 2015 edition of *Civil War History*. In May 2015 he will present his work at the University of Michigan’s U.S. history conference, “Disentangling Empire: The United States and the World”.

Dallas spent this year researching and writing his dissertation project, “Jewish Forced Labor in Romania under the Antonescu Regime, 1940-1944,” supported by funding from the Claims Conference Saul Kagan Fellowship in Advanced Shoah Studies. He also presented dissertation research at the Beyond Camps and Forced Labour Conference in London in January, and currently has an article, entitled “A Comparative Study of Jewish Labor Service Systems in Hungary and Romania, 1938-1945,” accepted and awaiting revisions for a special edition of the *Hungarian Historical Review* this fall. Dallas contributed to the *United States Holocaust Memorial Museum’s Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghetto*, 1933-1945 (Vol. 3), and was also selected to serve as the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies’ liaison with the Southeastern European Studies Association.

Jennifer presented at the annual conference of the Scottish Association for the Study of America at the University of Edinburgh and won the postgraduate paper prize competition for her paper titled “Uneasy Pluralism: Anti-Communism and Anti-Semitism, 1947-1962.” She also presented at the annual conference for the British Association of American Studies as part of the Historians of the Twentieth Century, US panel in April at Northumbria University.

Marko gave a lecture titled “Remembering the Holocaust” at CMU’s Issue Day in November 2014, and gave a guest lecture on current issues in Holocaust scholarship and the psychology of mass murder at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, WI in February 2015.

Douglas Zywiol, a teacher at Hayfield Secondary School in Fairfax County, has been named the Virginia recipient of the James Madison Fellowship for 2015. James Madison Fellowships support the graduate study of American history for secondary school teachers of American history, government, and social studies with a focus on the U.S. Constitution. A veteran educator with eight years of teaching experience, he earned his bachelor’s degree from Central Michigan University, where he majored in social studies and minored in history.
Please consider supporting and encouraging our current CMU students as they prepare for their future. Your financial assistance will help provide scholarships for study at CMU and abroad, essay competition prizes, the opportunity for students to hear guest lecturers, and money for student research and conference attendance. The following are some of the opportunities available:

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- J.D. Smith Award (graduate)
- The Mae Teeter History Prize (undergraduate)
- Duane Mark Bouliew History Award (undergraduate)

**STUDENT SCHOLARLY RESEARCH & WRITING AWARDS**
- Gabriel Chien Memorial Fund Essay Prize

**ENDOWMENTS**
- George M. Blackburn Endowment
  *(annual lecture on American Civil War & Reconstruction)*
- William T. Bulger Endowment
  *(lecture series in American Biography)*

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The Department of History hosted the 2015 International Graduate Historical Studies Conference on March 27-28 in the Bovee University Center. This year’s theme was “Locating History: The Local, the National, the Transnational.” Building on the success of previous years, the conference continues to attract exciting and innovative historical scholarship from graduate students around the world. At the opening dinner, President George Ross welcomed over fifty presenters and commenters from a variety of disciplines and institutions, including several North American universities as well as universities from France, Poland, Great Britain, and Hong Kong.

Research ranged from piracy on the high seas to television in the Cold War years, from the St. Bartholomew’s Day Massacre to tunnel warfare in Vietnam. A panel on Tibet was especially lively as members of the audience and panelists engaged in a heated debate over the history of Tibetan/Chinese relations.

Dr. Thomas Bender of New York University delivered this year’s keynote speech, “Transnational and Global History: Why Now?” Professor Bender’s keynote was a fascinating exploration of the ways in which the current American focus on globalization is transforming the ways in which historians study the past. The speech was followed by a lively question and answer session.

Students and faculty from across CMU helped to make the conference a success. Several CMU students took advantage of the opportunity to present at an academic conference and received valuable criticism from commenters invited from regional universities, as well as the opportunity to network with influential scholars and other graduate students from around the world. Students in CMU’s history PhD program particularly enjoyed the opportunity to share a meal and some stimulating conversation with Professor Bender.

Conference coordinators would like to extend a warm thank you to the graduate students and department faculty and staff who assisted in so many ways, from judging papers to chairing sessions to going out of their way to make sure that our guests from across the nation and around the world felt welcome.

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Jacqueline Kirkham, McMaster University

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Aurelia Jandot, Blaise Pascal University

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Elliot Worsfold, Western University

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Sponsored by the CMU Graduate School
David Papendorf, Central Michigan University

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Jan Hildenhagen, Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Join us at next year’s conference on April 8-9, 2016 as we discuss “Time, Space and Place.”
STUDENT AWARDS

Wyatt Bush received the CHSBS Gabriel Chien Memorial Scholarship for 2013-2014.

Benjamin Harris received a CHSBS Undergraduate Paper Prize for 2013-2014.

Lucas Wiles received the Duane Mark Bouliew History Prize.

Gwyneth Richard received the Mae Teeter History Prize.

Anna Godzik received the Howard Evans Study Abroad Scholarship.

Tyler Winowiecki received the Dennis Thavenet Study Abroad Scholarship for spring 2015.


INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Three of our doctoral students spent the year studying at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland; Patrick Cull, Katie Krawetzke, and Jennifer Vannette.

We also welcomed two new graduate students from partner institutions; Julianne Häfner from Friedrich Schiller University in Germany, and Sean Scally from the University of Strathclyde.

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NEWCASTLE PARTNERSHIP

CMU welcomed Dr. Martin Farr from Newcastle University on April 9-10th. Dr. Farr met with faculty and students and gave a presentation on Newcastle and the university, with whom the Department of History at CMU is beginning a new partnership in 2015. Collaboration between CMU and Newcastle focuses on the Joint MA/PhD program and includes plans for both graduate and faculty exchanges.

A central feature of the Joint Program is the requirement that students spend a minimum of one academic year at a partner institution. Ordinarily taken in the second year of a student’s course of study, this year abroad offers the chance to take coursework in an international setting, work closely with international faculty and colleagues, and begin the pursuit of dissertation research. Since the agreement involves Newcastle’s departments of history, classics, and archaeology, the CMU history department is especially excited about the opportunity for our students to work with a wide range of faculty in an equally broad range of research areas.

On April 16–18, Dr. Gregory Smith, Director of Graduate Studies, and CHSBS Associate Dean Dr. Timothy Hall visited Newcastle to finalize the agreement and arrange the details of our first graduate exchange in fall 2015.

Katie Krawetzke studying abroad in Scotland.
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