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## News and Announcements

### **Environmental Studies Historian Chris Wells Received Tenure**

A most pleasant, though not unexpected, bit of news. Congratulations Chris!

### **December 1 History Salon**

The History Salon on December 1 was on the "Memory of the 1911 Revolution in China." Seven Macalester students participated in the "Conference In Memory of the 1911 Revolution in China" held at Harvard University on October 29-30, 2011. Macalester History student Denghui Sun, '14 reported on his experience as a major organizer of this international academic event, attended by over 400 undergraduate and graduate students nationwide. Denghui's talk was followed by Jingyuan Qian, '14 who provided information about the 1911 revolution and its impact on China and the world today.

### **Do You Need a GER?**

History classes approved for GERs for Spring semester:

#### Internationalism

HIST and RUSS 261-01, Russian Cinema (Weisensel/Chadaga)

HIST and ASIA 275-01, History of Modern China (Tam)

HIST and ASIA 277-01, History of Modern Japan (Tam)

\*\* HIST 294-01, Commodities and Exchange in Urban Africa (Ferrell)

\*\* HIST 294-02, Schooling and Childhood in Anglophone Africa (Ferrell)

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HIST, INTL and LATI 381-01, Transnational Latin America (Capello)

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#### Writing

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\*\* HIST 294-02, Schooling and Childhood in Anglophone Africa (Ferrell)

HIST 379-01, The Study of History (Cremer)

HIST, INTL and LATI 381-01, Transnational Latin America (Capello)

\*\* - pending final approval from the faculty in December

### **MacHistory News goes Global**

On December 1 the November History Department E-newsletter was sent to 1212 Macalester alums worldwide who graduated with a History major and for whom we have an active email address. We've gotten happy replies from Alums from '54 to '09 and will include updates in the new "Alum News" section later in this newsletter.

### **History News about YOU?**

We'd like to include news about you and your study of history in the newsletter. If you have a story to share about your research, study abroad, internship, or connection to the history department please let us know.

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**Office Hours**  
Weekdays 8 a.m.  
to 4:30 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

### **The November Trivia Contest Winner & the December Trivia Contest**

The November trivia question was When does registration for spring classes begin? The correct answer is "November 14." Only three people submitted correct answers. The names went in the hat and **Sarah Levy** is our winner. Sarah please stop by the office to get your fabulous and rare, designed-by-Herta, history department t-shirt. The **trivia question for December is When is the History Senior Seminar Conference?** Contest entry deadline is **Friday, December 9**. Submit your answer by phone (to Herta at 6493), e-mail ([pitman@macalester.edu](mailto:pitman@macalester.edu)), or campus mail (Herta Pitman, History), or in person in Old Main room 311.

The history trivia contest isn't necessarily about history trivia, although sometimes it is. It's a trivia contest for history students. Each month (more or less, well actually never MORE) we send out a question via e-mail and you all get a chance to win a fabulous and rare, designed-by-Herta, history department t-shirt. All correct answers submitted on-time are eligible to win. The person who creates the question determines the "correct" answer. One winner will be drawn from a hat containing the names of all correct answerers. You may only enter once per month and win once per school year. You've gotta try to win.

### **Friday, Dec. 9, 2011**

#### [History End-of-Semester Lunch](#)

You are invited to attend this lunch for all History students. There will be a second chance drawing for the trivia contest, free History mugs for everyone, good food and great company.

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, Friday Dec 9, 2011, Fourth Floor Lounge, Old Main

### **Dec. 12, 2011**

#### [History Senior Seminar Conference](#)

Senior History majors present their capstone research. Junior, sophomore and first year majors this is a great chance for you to see what you will be doing in just a year or two or three.

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Monday Dec 12, 2011, Ground floor classrooms, Old Main

### **Peeps Dioramas are Due March 9 & PeepsShow 2012 is March 25**



Peeps Mission Control shown here preparing for PeepsShow liftoff.

Start planning now to enter your creation! Dioramas are due March 9.

### **Dioramas are due the Friday before Spring Break.**

The big event, "**PeepsShow 2012**" will be on **Friday, March 23**.

If you are thinking, "PeepsShow, what?" you can get a better idea of what this is by viewing the 2011 PeepsShow catalog here:

<http://www.macalester.edu/history/Peeps2011catalogfinal.pdf>

## Opportunities

### **Summer History Study in France**

A course in Monuments and Memory in France will be offered this summer May 18-June 9 by Macalester History alum/St Cloud State professor, Mary Wingerd.

Click on this link to check it out.

<http://prezi.com/va42jjuo7wkv/history-memory-in-france/>

Mary would be happy to talk to any student who would like to know more.

### **Usher at 1968: The Year That Rocked the World**

The Minnesota Historical Society and the History Theatre offer entertainment in

exchange for your time. Volunteer to usher at the upcoming production, *1968: The Year That Rocked the World* January 21 – February 19, 2012 and see the performance for free, enjoy free parking while on shift, receive discounts in the Museum Store and Café, and get a FREE Museum pass and a FREE ticket to History Theatre's next show.

Come to an Information Session and enjoy refreshments while you learn more about volunteering at the show. Sessions and performances will be at the Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, MN.

Info Sessions: Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30pm and Saturday, December 10 at 10:00am

Contact Shannon Larson at [shannon.larson@mnhs.org](mailto:shannon.larson@mnhs.org) for information or to RSVP for an Info Session.

### **Student Research Awards**

The History Department has funding available to help defray expenses incurred by History students for their research projects. Several History students have applied and received funding for their projects. If you have a project that you want to do and lack of money is holding you back, apply to The Bruce Fisher Fund or The Elmer Smith Fund. To learn more about these funds, go here:

<http://www.macalester.edu/history/prizes/#research>

To apply, submit your proposal in writing to Lynn Hudson, the department chair, copied to [pitman@macalester.edu](mailto:pitman@macalester.edu). The proposal should include a description of the research, an explanation of how the proposed expenses will further the research, and an estimated budget. A request by e-mail is satisfactory.

## **Community**

### **Mugs for Mugs**

Majors and Minors, if you stop by the office, and get Herta to take your picture for the bulletin board she will give you a History Department mug. She will also give you a mug if you just ask for one, but since we want your photo for the board, let's pretend we didn't just tell you that.

### **Come to the Lounge**

Use the community bookshelf, try knitting at Mac, make popcorn in a bag, and hang out in comfy chairs. Come spend time where History happens. Old Main room 311.

## **Alumni News**

**Molly Brookfield, '09** graduated from University College London and is working at The Wiener Library (<http://www.wienerlibrary.co.uk/>) which has just re-opened in a new location. You can see more info from the BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-15881261>.

**Annie Cullen '07** reports, "Here is a project two of Macalester's best and brightest History Dept graduates have created (which has been featured at Brown University and on the National Council of Public History's facebook page): <http://publichistorianryangosling.tumblr.com/>."

**Emily Potter '04** is working at the Brooklyn Historical Society. She completed a Masters in Museum Studies at NYU and says she has found that museums are a great place for history-majors!

**Lance Woodruff '64** was delighted to see the newsletter and writes that history is still his passion. He has spent much of his life in Asia (He lives in Bangkok and edits for Thai government-owned media MCOT). His 9 year-old daughter likes history too, mostly Cleopatra and Queen Elizabeth I. He will be moving to Philadelphia in the near future.

**Kenneth A. B. Wells '56** tells us, "Upon MAC graduation in 1956 I went on a Fulbright to the Univ. of Strasbourg to study Ancient History" and "this April 2011 I completed *The Autobiography of Rev. Kenneth A. B. Wells, 1935-2011*." It's available in the De Witt Library at MAC.

**Donald J. Severson '54** (parent '83 and '84) recently published *Atkinson: Pioneer Oregon Educator* which can be found on Amazon. The subject of the biography was the founder and shaper of the public education system of Oregon.

