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## News and Announcements

### **History Student Presents at National Conference**

Dustin Studelska '12 presented at a workshop on the "Sustainable Student" at the National Peer Education Conference held in Reston, Virginia, in November. He is part of the Health and Wellness Center student staff. He and another Mac student, Lauren Martinez presented information on their grant-funded program that explores a multidimensional process of achieving personal wellness.

### **Modern Chinese in Traditional China**



Six Chinese guests attended Yue-Him Tam's History of Traditional China class debate in November. They are young professors in various fields such as business, economics, communication, engineering and physical education from six universities in Beijing. They are currently on a government grant to receive mid-career training and to polish their English at the U of M.

### **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.

## Upcoming Events

### **The December Trivia Contest Winner and the February Trivia Contest**

The December Trivia question was, "When is the History Senior Seminar Conference" The correct answer was "December 12." Six correct entries were submitted and the winner of the contest is. please come to the office to claim your fabulous and rare, designed-by-Herta, history department t-shirt.

Here's the **February question: What is a Peeps-a-pult?** Contest entry deadline is **Friday, February 17**. 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.

### **Classics Versus History But Open to Everybody Marshmallow Peeps Diorama Contest and (New This Year) Peeps-a-pult Contest**

Dioramas will be displayed, Peeps will be pulted, and prizes awarded at PeepsShow 2012 on Friday, March 23, in Old Main on the third and fourth floors. **Entries are due by noon, Friday, March 9**. Tantalizing Peepsfreshments will be served to all who attend. The complete announcement, rules, and FAQs are attached to this e-

mail. Contact Herta Pitman 651-696-6376 with questions.

**Peeps Dioramas and Peeps-a-pult Contest entries are Due March 9, the Friday before Spring Break.**

**Peeps-a-pult Contest and PeepsShow 2012 is March 23**



Peeps Mission Control shown here preparing for PeepsShow liftoff.

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

Rumor has it that students from English are planning to out-do History at PeepsShow. We can't have that.

Start your diorama now. We have some supplies (like a glue gun) in the office that you may want to borrow. You can stop in the office to pick up your "Peeps Diorama Starter Kit," that is two packages of Peeps. If you let us know in advance, we will be sure to set aside yours so we won't run out.

The big event, **"Peeps-a-pult Contest and 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 video here:

<http://www.macalester.edu/news/2011/04/peeps-contest>

## Opportunities

### Smithsonian Associates Internships

The Smithsonian Associates offers internship opportunities to learn about all aspects of educational programming for both adults and children, while contributing extensively to one of the world's great cultural institutions. Intern projects are designed to benefit both the Institution and complement the intern's own interest, skills, and experience. More information can be found at:

<http://residentassociates.org/ticketing/internships/start.aspx>

### Dirksen Congressional Research Awards

The Dirksen Congressional Center invites applications for grants to fund research on congressional leadership and the U.S. Congress. The Center, named for the late Senate Minority Leader Everett M. Dirksen, is a private, nonpartisan, nonprofit research and educational organization devoted to the study of Congress and its leaders. Applications are accepted at any time, but the deadline is March 1 for the annual selections, which are announced in April. A total of up to \$35,000 will be available in 2012.

Complete information about what kind of research projects are eligible for consideration, what could a Congressional Research Award pay for, application procedures, and how recipients are selected may be found at The Center's Website: [http://www.dirksencenter.org/print\\_grants\\_CRAs.htm](http://www.dirksencenter.org/print_grants_CRAs.htm). PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY. Frank Mackaman is the program officer - [fmackaman@dirksencenter.org](mailto:fmackaman@dirksencenter.org).

**The History Scholar Award administered by The Gilder Lehrman Institute, honors outstanding graduating college seniors** who have demonstrated academic and extracurricular excellence in American History or American Studies. Highlights of the Gilder Lehrman History Scholar Award include: Four-Day trip to New York City, June 8-11, 2012; Special meetings with eminent history scholars; Exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of historic archives; Celebratory awards dinner. Recipients will be reimbursed for up to \$600 for travel expenses to New York, and room and board will be provided during the award weekend. Application Deadline: March 15, 2012  
Notification Deadline: April 16, 2012

To apply, or for more information, visit:

[www.gilderlehrman.org/historyscholaraward](http://www.gilderlehrman.org/historyscholaraward).

If you have questions about the award, please email [scholars@gilderlehrman.org](mailto:scholars@gilderlehrman.org).

### Godfrey House Summer Internships

We are recruiting students with great communication and people skills and a desire to work with the public, for our weekend 2012 June through August Godfrey Internships. The intern pay will be \$12.00 per hour. Qualified candidates must have

reliable transportation to and from the location, which is across the Mississippi River from Downtown Minneapolis in Chute Square. All candidates must be able to work at least two weekend afternoons per month, for 3 ½ hours on either a Saturday or Sunday in June, July and August, 2012. This internship requires interaction with the public providing tours at the Historic 1849 Ard Godfrey House. Interested students should forward resumes online to Intern Coordinator Beverly Franklin [bev.franklin01@gmail.com](mailto:bev.franklin01@gmail.com). Resumes will be reviewed and phone interviews prior to final selection may occur. The application process (including phone screens) will close on midnight February 26. Successful candidates will interview with the Woman's Club of Minneapolis Godfrey Committee on March 24 between the hours of 10:00am-3:00pm.

**The Journal of Undergraduate International Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is currently accepting submissions**

for its Spring 2012 issue. The journal seeks to publish the best undergraduate work across the country related to international themes and topics including, but not limited to: international conflict and conflict resolution, human rights, environmental issues, history, comparative politics and economics, development and trade, global security and international health. For guidelines, deadlines, and more visit: [www.juis.global.wisc.edu](http://www.juis.global.wisc.edu). Submissions must be received by February 22nd, 2012 at 11:59 pm CST.

**Prague Summer Schools**

Prague Summer Schools 2012 is offering sessions on the following topics: The Future of Europe: Lobbying in Brussels; Crime, Law and Psychology; European Union: Interests versus Culture?; China: A World Superpower - Myth or Reality? Summer Schools will take place in Prague, Czech Republic June 30 – July 7, 2012. The Prague Summer Schools are seven-day academic programs designed to bring together undergraduate and graduate students of various nationalities and academic backgrounds to enjoy their summer holidays in the unique academic and cultural environment.

Visit [www.praguesummerschools.org](http://www.praguesummerschools.org) to discover the details about the upcoming programs.

**U.S. Department of State's Fall 2012 Student Internship Program.**

Click here (<http://careers.state.gov/students/programs>) to read more about the Student Internship Program, and to start the Gateway to State online application process. Please note that the deadline to submit completed applications is March 02, 2012. To be eligible for this program, you must be a U.S. citizen, and be a full- or part-time continuing college or university junior, or graduate student (including graduating seniors intending to go on to graduate school), have good academic standing, successfully complete a background investigation, and be able to receive either a Secret or Top Secret clearance. Please read the entire vacancy announcement carefully for all qualifications and requirements. You can also visit our Student Programs forum (<http://careers.state.gov/engage/forums/student-programs>) to post questions or read discussions about this program.

**Volunteer Cultural Exchange with Laura Jeffrey Academy**

The Civic Engagement Center is organizing a weekly volunteer event at Laura Jeffrey Academy from March to April. By a regional group, approximately three to four students will go to the Academy and teach their native culture/language/interactive game to these students at Laura Jeffrey Academy. This is only one time commitment on one of those Fridays, from 11:40am-12:30pm. There will be an information session for the volunteers a week before this event.

The time slot sign up sheet is available at:

<https://docs.google.com/a/macalester.edu/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDJmSXZHUGZUUGZKOTBTR2FERnZuMHc6MQ>

If you have any questions, feel free to email Jungwon Lee at [jlee9@macalester.edu](mailto:jlee9@macalester.edu)

**Live It! Fund grants for summer projects**

The Institute for Global Citizenship Student Council (IGCSC) Live It! Fund **gives students \$500 to \$10,000** to design a project around their definition of global citizenship and live it out over the summer and bring it back to Macalester in the fall. Live It! enables students to: design and live out their own definitions of global

citizenship; develop the individuals (or group's) capacity to enact social change; contribute to the common good; and bring your project back to Mac and share your discoveries here.

All First Years through Juniors are welcome to apply, and seniors can participate in a group project with non-seniors. Find out more about the fund, past projects and see the application at <http://www.macalester.edu/igc/igcstudentcouncil/liveitfund/> Applications are due **February 18th**. Extensions may be granted upon consultation with the council.

### **Sandwiches and Scholarship**

From the Institute for Global Citizenship Student Council: Every second Thursday of the month, the IGCSA hosts an event titled "Sandwiches and Scholarship." Students from all different departments and disciplines present for ten minutes on a topic they are truly passionate about. It can take any form: from a final paper to an art piece to a presentation of a creative writing project. We do this in hopes of expanding students' horizons and connecting scholarship across campus. We ask that you send [this link](#) to your students and support us in this cross-disciplinary effort.

### **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**

### **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.

## **Alum News**

The response to our request for Alumni News was enthusiastic. Reports came from near and far; too many for one issue. Here are some, more will be posted in our next issue.

**Emily Schorr Lesnick '11** is now living in New York and pursuing comedy, always with a social justice lens. Follow her on Twitter @ESchorrLesnick!

**Anne Reeder '09** says, "I live in Boulder, Colorado, where I am working as a registered nurse for the county. I am pursuing a Master's in Public Health Nutrition at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. My goal is to graduate in the Fall of 2013 and dive into a PhD program in Community Nutrition, also at CSU. I hope to work in the field of diabetes education upon completion of my educational journey.

**Ben Poupard '08** reports, "I'm surviving! Thanks for the newsletter. Currently, I am teaching 10th grade US History at Spring Lake Park Senior High here in the Twin Cities. My wife and I will begin classes shortly in Hamline's MAT program for our masters in education.

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

**Harmony O'Rourke '01** received her PhD in African History from Harvard University in 2009 and is currently an Assistant Professor of History at Pitzer College of the Claremont Colleges in Southern California.

**Aaron Lefkowitz '00** Having received his Masters in Contemporary Music from Goldsmiths College, University of London, Aaron will be completing his Ph.D. in American Studies at the University at Buffalo, SUNY. His dissertation, *Singers, Race, and Politics: Josephine Baker, Billie Holiday, and Ella Fitzgerald, 1920-1970*, centers the three singers and their relationships to race, gender, class, and civilization.

**Greg Prickman '94** is "one of those fortunate alums who can say I work with history every day." He is now Head of Special Collections at the University of Iowa Libraries (<http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/spec-coll/>). He manages a collection of rare books from the 15th to 21st centuries, along with manuscript and archive material. He is the creator of the Atlas of Early Printing (<http://atlas.lib.uiowa.edu>), and the initiator of the Civil War Diaries & Letters crowdsourcing transcription project (<http://digital.lib.uiowa.edu/cwd/transcripts.html>). Greg says, "special collections, rare book librarianship, and archives are all wonderful fields for history majors to explore. I would be happy to talk to current Macalester students interested in the field, they can reach me at [greg-prickman@uiowa.edu](mailto:greg-prickman@uiowa.edu)."

**David E. Miller '91** tells us he was "delighted to spend some time with my advisor, Peter Weisensel, at my twentieth reunion this past June. After graduating in 1991, I received an M.A. in History from Georgetown University and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I worked for several years in Moscow and currently live in Maplewood, NJ with my wife, Jane Buchanan, and our two kids, Miriam Buchanan (age 5) and Noah Miller (age 1). I'd be delighted to hear from old friends."

**Jeffrey Yost '90** wrote: After leaving Macalester I completed my M.A. and Ph.D. in History of Technology and Science at Case Western Reserve University. I am associate director of the Charles Babbage Institute and a faculty member in the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine Program at the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis. My most recent book is *The IBM Century: Creating the IT Revolution* (IEEE Computer Society Press, 2011).

**Emilye Crosby '87** says, "After graduating from Mac, I went to grad school at Indiana U. and have been teaching at SUNY Geneseo since I completed my PhD in 1995. My first book was a local study of the Civil Rights Movement in my home community in Mississippi. My second is an edited collection on the importance of local studies and bottom-up Civil Rights Movement history, for historians and for our society. Links with more info below.

<http://uncpress.unc.edu/books/T-6937.html>

[http://www.ugapress.org/index.php/books/civil\\_rights\\_history/0/1](http://www.ugapress.org/index.php/books/civil_rights_history/0/1)

**Michael Dregni '83** is working with Cité de la Musique in Paris---France's version of the Smithsonian Institution, but devoted just to music---on an exhibit devoted to French Gypsy jazz legend Django Reinhardt. Based on some 10 years of interviews and research among French Gypsies, his collection of original items pertaining to Django will be the largest single source of exhibit material. He is also authoring the exhibit's accompanying illustrated book. A Gypsy jazz festival in cooperation with Cité de la Musique, France's Bibliothèque National, and the Ramsey County Library will be held this autumn in St. Paul.

**Carlynn White Trout '82** enjoyed her history classes at Macalester a great deal. She remembers Peter Weisensel, Paul Solon, David Itzkowitz, Jim Stewart, and Ernest Sandeen were all terrific. In recent years she has been involved in developing electronic biographies for the State Historical Society of Missouri. The project is entitled "Famous Missourians" and incorporates many primary documents, photographs, maps, and newspaper clippings from the Society's archives. The link is: <http://shs.umssystem.edu/famousmissourians/>

**Kim Walton '79** earned a M.S. in Urban Planning from Columbia University and currently works in Transportation Planning for the City of San Francisco. She enjoys reading about city history and the built environment. She can't believe that Norm and Emily Rosenberg's son, who was born when she was a freshman, is married and has a family.

**Walter Hatch '77** After a year in grad school (Cornell) studying the Japanese language, he returned to his home town of Seattle and worked on an oral history project about local farmers who have sold their produce at Pike Place Market. The fruits of that project were financed by the Washington Commission for the Humanities, included a documentary called "Bara Bara/Scattered," which you can view here: <http://blogs.evergreen.edu/visualhistory/?p=1186> After twelve years as a journalist, mostly as a political reporter for "The Seattle Times" he changed careers, becoming a political scientist (PhD from University of Washington, 2000) and now conducts research on East Asia and teaches at Colby College in Maine. He is working on a new book that tries to explain why Germany has done so much better than Japan in achieving reconciliation with neighbors brutalized in WWII and earlier conflicts. History and memory play starring roles in this project.

**Herb Kroon '75** History department faculty when he went to Mac included Paul Solon, Jim Stewart, the late Ernie Sandeen, and Norm & Emily Rosenberg. After

college, he graduated from the U of M Law School. He has practiced law in his hometown of Mankato, Minn, specializing in family law, criminal law, and bankruptcy. He says, "I continue to enjoy history, but my passion has evolved into the "American Musical Theatre", a snobby way of saying "Broadway musicals." I have hosted a show on our local public radio station since 1984. It is called "The Best of Broadway" and can be heard at [KMSU.ORG](http://KMSU.ORG) every Sunday at 2 pm CT."

**Mario R. Argueta** '69 Sends greetings from Honduras. Mario earned a Fulbright, back in 1986-1987, another in 2004. He had the great opportunity to do research at the U.S. National Archives, both in Washington, D. C., and College Park, MD. As a result he has written a few books, such as the Germans in Honduras, Samuel Zemurray: Bananas and Politics, Tiburcio Carias: anatomia de una epoca, 1923-1969 (my best-seller), Juan Manuel Galvez y su gestion gubernativa, Tres caudillos, tres destinos: 1919-1932; Julio Lozano Diaz: el poder y la reaccion. Mario retired from the National University of Honduras three years ago. Now he is the editor of the Honduras legal newspaper: La Gaceta. He says, "If any Mac student or professor wants to come here, down under, feel free to let me know."

**Sam Yamashita** '68 did his graduate work at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, taught for five years at Hobart & William Smith Colleges, and was a senior tutor in Asian Studies at Harvard before he moved to Pomona College, where he is a professor of history. You can view his web site here:

<http://research.pomona.edu/samuel-yamashita/>

**R. Newell Searle** '65 says, "I graduated from Mac with a degree in European history and then earned a PhD in American history. By then I knew the campus wasn't for me. I wrote a book about the evolution of wilderness protection policies ("Saving Quetico-Superior, A Land Set Apart" MHS, 1977) and started a career in public affairs and government relations for Cargill, then the State of Minnesota, and now Second Harvest Heartland. But the study of history is still important. I've researched a family history that begins in 1634 and runs to the present. More importantly, the critical thinking disciplines of history remain my primary tools in my professional work."

**David B. Knight** '64 completed a PhD in historical geography at the University of Chicago. He was a long-time faculty member at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, before becoming Dean of Social Sciences at the University of Guelph. He has published numerous articles and books, including the just released co-authored 'Making Sense in Geography and the Environmental Sciences' (Oxford University Press). Now happily retired from university life, he enjoys performing full-time in three orchestras.

**Neal Lloyd** '66 says, " I graduated in '66 having been shaped by Sandeen, Armajani and Shafer. Went on to theological seminary and church work but stayed an historian at heart. Currently I have just published a revised edition of a review of a recently completed revision of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Constitution under the title of Road to Revision. I am also treasurer of our local historical society. Retirement gives me the freedom to explore some new areas."

**Rod Hunt** '50 tells us, "I was graduated in 1950 with fond memories of Ken Holmes and Dr. Wagner. I'm presently in Ireland where I have spent the past 25 winters.

I've written five books, one of which is of 16th century Ireland and the Battle of Kinsale in 1601. It is called The Red Stags of Munster and was reviewed in the Mac Quarterly a few years back.