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Ernie Capello to Participate in Hague Returnee Forum

On November 10 at 5:30 in the Davis Court of Markim Hall, Ernie Capello will participate in the Hague Returnees Conference. Four faculty will present on their academic experience in the Netherlands while reflecting on the limits of enlightenment. Ernie's subject will be, "Memory & Urbanism in Amsterdam and Rotterdam"

Professor Andrea Cremer's new book is out!

Professor by day, fiction writer by night, Professor Andrea Cremer's first of four young adult novels, *Nightshade* was released by Philomel on October 19. If you can squeeze a little more reading into your life, maybe this book's for you? Learn more at:

<http://www.amazon.com/Nightshade-Andrea-Cremer/dp/039925482X>

Events

Macalester to Host Mellon Conference this Saturday

On Saturday, November 6, Macalester will host a regional mini-conference for the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, featuring research project presentations by fellows from Macalester, Carleton, and Grinnell. The conference sessions, which are open to all, will take place in Ruth Stricker Dayton Campus Center 214 and 215, and they will include discussions after the presentations. They are: *Race, Representations, Relationships, and Power* (CC 214: 10 a.m. to noon), *Culture and Institutions Gendering Race/Racing Gender* (CC 214: 1-2:30 p.m.); *Transnational Perspectives* (CC 215: 1-2:30 p.m.); *Art and Power* (CC 214; 3-4:30 p.m.); and *Shifting Paradigms* (CC 215: 3-4:30 p.m.). (CC 215: 10 a.m. to noon);

Please come participate. For more information, contact Peter Rachleff at rachleff@macalester.edu and x6371.

History Salon is November 18

The History Salon will be held Thursday, October 21 at 4:45 - 6:00 pm in the Old Main 4th floor lounge. It will feature a student presentation, details yet to be determined followed by a talk by Scott Shoemaker, Visiting Instructor of History on "*Wiihsakacaakwa's* Bloody Nose: Performing Indiana Miami Identity through the *Mahkoonsahkwa* Pageant, 1926-1935" Gatherings to socialize and discuss ideas have long been a part of human civilization. Plato's Symposium, for instance, represents a classic account of an evening of wine and philosophizing in Ancient Greece. The rise of Salons dedicated to cultural and scientific inquiry paralleled the advent of the Enlightenment and served as critical incubators for worldwide political and cultural innovation. Moreover, they afforded a public space in which to exchange ideas and worldviews not invited at the Court. As such, they played an important function in the rise of alternate political sensibilities such as Republicanism and Socialism, bolstered the place of women as crucial intellectual players, and introduced myriad artistic, literary, and musical experiments. Plus, they were fun!

The History Salon seeks to recapture the spirit of inquiry and conversation that animated these meetings. Each salon will feature Macalester professors and students enjoying discussions of our research and study of the past. The History Salon is open to all members of the Macalester community with an abiding interest in exploring the issues that have shaped our world. Refreshments will be served.

Trivia Contest Winner and November Trivia Contest

Congratulations to Tue Tran, who is the winner of last month's trivia contest. Tue, the shirts aren't ready yet, but you will be the first this year to receive the fabulous and rare, designed-by-Herta, history department t-shirt. Last month's question was: Why is Macalester College named Macalester College? The answer is because Charles Macalester donated the money for the first college building. **Here's the November Question: Name a book published by any Macalester History professor.** Contest entry deadline is **Friday, November 19**. Submit your answer by phone (to Herta at 6493), e-mail (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. 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.

Senior Seminar Conference December 6

On December 6 our seniors will be making presentations based on their senior seminar research.

Save the date and make plans to attend. The Senior Seminar Conference will be from 7-10pm in classrooms on the ground floor of Old Main. There will be more information as the event nears.

Peeps Diorama Contest Dates in March

The "History versus Classics Peeps Diorama Contest" is just four short months away! Dioramas will be due the Monday after Spring Break, Mar 21. We expect that History students will make a competitive showing. Start thinking about your projects and saving random scraps now. And the event, "PeepsShow 2011" will be on Mar. 25. If you are thinking, "PeepsShow, what?" you can get a better idea of what this is by viewing the 2010 PeepsShow catalog here:

<http://www.macalester.edu/history/Peeps2010catalog.pdf>

and the contest announcement for the 2010 event is available here:

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

Opportunities

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.

-The Bruce Fisher Fund

Established to provide resources for students engaged in History senior seminar research. The Department has provided reimbursements from the Fisher Fund to several students in the History Senior Seminar for things like parking, admissions and photocopying. In addition, the department has provided funding of up to \$500 to assist History students with the costs of travel to do research.

-The Elmer Smith Fund Established by Thomas B. Copeland, Class of 1972, author of Elmer Smith's (class of 1910) biography, "The Centralia Tragedy of 1919: Elmer Smith and the Wobblies." The Smith Fund provides cash awards to be given to a student, or students in the History Department to support student research, travel to conferences and the cost of research materials. The History Department has used the Smith Fund to partially fund (up to \$500) History students traveling to perform research, acquire resources, or attend conferences. **To apply**, submit your proposal in writing Lynn Hudson, the department chair. 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.

Share your scholarly work at SANDWICHES & SCHOLARSHIP

This form is for those interested in presenting at the IGC Student Council's (IGCSC) monthly Student Sandwiches and Scholarship lunches! The IGCSC in collaboration with the Library really wants to highlight all of the awesome and hard work that students put in to their academic pursuits throughout the semester, and we want YOU to be a part of it! We feel that sometimes students don't get enough opportunities to share their work with each other and between departmental divides. We hope that these lunchtime get-togethers will provide a unique way for students to practice their presentation skills and share and learn from each other! Here's how it works: Every second Thursday of the month there will be a free lunch where three students will

give 10 minute presentations on papers (or projects or artistic pursuits) they have been working on. We always have presentations from different disciplines, and presenters of different years when possible, to try and draw connections across campus. Could there be a connection between your 50 page Poli-Sci paper and an HMCS video?! Who knows!? But it's always fantastic! We are looking for presenters for both this and next semester, so please please please fill out the very short survey below if you are interested! For more information contact igcsc@macalester.edu!

Thank you! The Sandwiches and Scholarship Committee: Vera Sidlova '11

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Your username will be recorded when you submit this form.

Name *

Major(s): *

Minor(s)/Concentration(s):

What project have you been working on that you would be interested in sharing with other students? (e.g. Research, term paper, music piece, poetry, honors thesis, etc.) - Don't be shy we know you are doing something great. *

Please give us a short description of that project. *

Would you be interested in helping us organize these events? *

Send me a copy of my responses.

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Community

History/Classics Community Bookshelf

At the end of last year we started a community bookshelf with a “take a book leave a book” vibe. It's a resource to check if you are trying to save on the cost of textbooks. Come snoop around to see if the book of your dreams is waiting for you in the History office (Old Main room 311). You can also drop off any of your old books and feel the good karma.

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.