



# Newsletter

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## News and Announcements

### History Search News

The History Department search for a new tenure-track faculty member in Pre-1800 C.E. Global/Comparative History has been completed. We invite you to join us in welcoming Professor Karin Velez to our department. Professor Velez earned her PhD. at Princeton University and her B.A at Williams College. She is a scholar of Popular Religion/Catholic Expansion, the Atlantic World, and Early Modern Iberian and French Empires. In the fall she will be teaching "Pirates, Missionaries & Translators: Between Atlantic Empires, 1450-1800" and Senior Seminar. Thank you to all who attended job talks, met with our candidates and provided feedback that contributed to making this search a success.

### Professor Chris Wells' New Baby

We're happy to announce that Chris Wells' new daughter Meg, was born on 3/19. He says, "with a full head of hair and a surprisingly mellow disposition. Everyone is healthy and thriving, including Jack and Annie, who have taken on their new roles as "big brother" and "big sister" in stride." Congratulations Chris, Marianne, Annie and Jack!

### New History Course Offerings for Fall

Registration for Fall 2011 begins later this month New course offerings in History will include Amazon: A Cultural History. This course seeks to trace cross-cultural encounters in and surrounding the Amazon rainforest. See the attached full course description. There will also be courses on War and Society in Modern Europe, Socialism, "Pirates, Missionaries & Translators: Between Atlantic Empires, 1450-1800," and more. Look for the whole History schedule here: <http://www.macalester.edu/registrar/schedule-fall11.html#HIST>

### PeepShow 2011 Drew Record Crowds

Or at least it seemed that way to us. We didn't actually count. The big event was on March 25.

The top prize, "Best Peep-ture" was taken by "Rome in Peep Culture" created by Meilinda Schmidt and Liz Eccher. The catalog can be found here:

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

View photos on our Facebook page at:

## Community

-Come to the Lounge

<https://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2052371&id=19401309&fbid=543435503925>



**March on Washington: Equality for all Peepkind**, by Jamila Humprie and Emily Schorr Lesnick

### **Honors Proposals are Due April 15**

History honors guidelines and the application form can be found here:

<http://www.macalester.edu/history/honors/>

If your project could be enhanced with a little funding, don't forget to apply for the research funding available to History students. Details near the end of this newsletter and here:

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

### **Student News**

We're celebrating good news from many of our students:

Elizabeth Allen, '13, will be doing an internship this summer in the Portrait Gallery at the Smithsonian.

Eliza Spertus, '13, will study abroad at Regent's Park at Oxford next year.

Candace Groth, '11, will be attending Hamline University School of Law.

Jeff Yamashita, '11, has been admitted to the Ph.D. program in Ethnic Studies at the University of California-Berkeley and has been awarded a Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship, the top university-wide fellowship. Jeff has also been recognized at Macalester with a Presidential Leadership Award.

Jemma Brown, '11, presented "Contended Representations: How Contemporary Artists from Turkey Envision and Interrogate Turkish Identity" on March 10 at Sandwiches and Scholarship: Study Abroad Edition.

### **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, future plans, or connection to the history department please let us know.

## Upcoming Events

### **Gevalt! – The Last Minute Rescue of a Million Yiddish Books**

An evening with Aaron Lansky, founder of the Yiddish Book Center. Lansky will speak about rescuing Yiddish books on Monday, April 4 at 7:30 pm in the Weyerhaeuser Chapel. The flier for the event is attached.

**The Next History Salon is on Tuesday, April 5 at 4:45 to 6:00 in the Old Main 4th floor lounge.**



The theme of the next History Salon is "Slavery and Servitude in British North America"

A presentation by Carol Brod, Senior History Major, "Competing Patriarchies: Negotiations of Power and Intimacy within the East Indian Indentured Caribbean" will be followed by a talk by Amani Whitfield, Associate Professor of History, University of Vermont "Maritime Canada, the West Indies, and Slavery"

Refreshments will be served.

The History Salon flier is attached to this e-mail.

### **History Major Information Session On Wednesday, April 13 at Noon**

Majors and intended majors, join chair Lynn Hudson in the Old Main 4th floor lounge for info about fall classes, including senior seminar. Pizza will be provided.

## "Untold Stories" Events

The "Untold Stories" are a series of Labor History events in St Paul during April and May. Two of the events will be on campus.

On Thursday, April 14 at 7 pm in the Weyerhaeuser Chapel an evening with M. L. Liebler, editor of *Working Words: Punching the Clock and Kicking Out the Jams*, an anthology of literature written by and for workers, a transcendent volume of fiction, memoir, poetry, rock lyrics and historical analysis that touches on all aspects of working-class life. Liebler is a poet, literary arts activist and community organizer who teaches at Wayne State University.

And on Sunday, April 17 at 7 pm in the John B Davis auditorium a screening of "abUSed: The Postville Raid."

Luis Argueta, award winning director of "The Silence of Neto," presents his new documentary "abUSed: The Postville Raid," which weaves together the personal stories of the individuals, the families, and the town directly affected by the events of May 12, 2008. The film presents the human face of immigration, the socioeconomic forces which fuel migration, and serves as a cautionary tale against government abuses of constitutional and human rights. Presented by Macalester College President's Office.

These and more "Untold Stories" events are detailed in the attached flier.

## The April Trivia Contest and the March Winner

The March Trivia question was, "What is Minnesota's second snowiest month?" The correct answer is "March" ONE correct entry was submitted and the winner of the contest is Emily Schorr Lesnick. Emily please come to the office to claim your fabulous and rare, designed-by-Herta, history department t-shirt.

Here's **the April question**: What diorama won Best Peep-ture at PeesShow 2011? Contest entry deadline is **Friday, April 15**. 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.

## Opportunities

### Summer Internship at Richfield Historical Society

The Richfield Historical Society is now taking applications for its summer internship program in the area of Exhibit Design. The full announcement is attached to this e-mail.

### 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.