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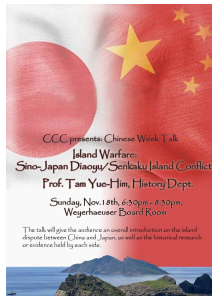
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## News and Announcements



### Yue-Him Tam Featured at China Talks Series

On November 18 Yue-Him Tam was the first featured speaker at a series of talks co-sponsored by the Chinese Culture Club and the History Department. His talk was titled, "Island Warfare: Sino-Japan Diaoyu/Senkaku Island Conflict." The second talk, "The Internet is Pushing the Chinese Media Forward" on December 4, featured Dr. Jingfang Han. Two more Chinese Culture Club/History Department events are planned for Spring.

### Galileo Underwent Trial Again

*"He threw his telescope in the air sometimes. Singing Ayyyyyyo. He's Galileo"* –apologies to anon and Taio Cruz

On Monday, December 3 students in Karin Verlez' "Science, Magic and Belief in the Early Modern Atlantic" class met in the chapel to retry Galileo. Participants in the trial remain tight-lipped about the proceedings while jury deliberations continue. A verdict is expected soon.

Galileo had many supporters in the courtroom during the trial.

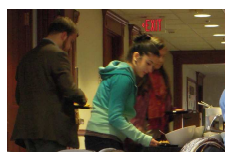


### History Senior Seminar Conference

History senior majors presented on their capstone research at a conference that took place on Monday, December 10 in classrooms in Old Main. This was the culminating event of the research they undertook in their Senior Seminar classes taught by Jamie Monson and Karin Veléz. The panel titles give a hint at the range of the students' work: Landscape and Environment, Imperial Margins, Rescripting and Displacing Ideologies, Healing and Remembering, Imagined Communities, Gender and Power. Thanks are due to these faculty members who served as panel moderators: Ryan Edgington, Peter Weisensel, Yue-Him Tam, Katie Batza, Eric Otremba, and Ryan Murphy.

### End-of-Semester Party

On Friday, December 7 History students and faculty gathered for an end-of-semester and taco bar and bar bar celebration.



### **History on the Homepage**

An article about the "Immigration and Ethnicity in U.S. History" course taught by Peter Rachleff this fall is among those featured in the December rotation of stories on the Macalester homepage. To read the article [click here](#).

### **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**

### **Classics Versus History But Open to Everybody Marshmallow Peeps Diorama Contest and Peeps-a-pult Contest**

Dioramas will be displayed, Peeps will be pulted, and prizes awarded at PeepsShow 2013 on Friday, March 29, in Old Main on the third floor. Tantalizing Peepsfreshments will be served to all who attend. The complete announcement, rules, and FAQs will be disseminated early next year. Contact Herta Pitman 651-696-6376 or [pitman@macalester.edu](mailto:pitman@macalester.edu) with questions.

**Peeps Dioramas & Peeps-a-pult Contest entries are Due Monday, March 25.**



Peeps Mission Control is shown here preparing for PeepsShow liftoff. [Start planning your entry!](#)

Dioramas are due March 25, but winter break may be the best time to perfect your creation. Special winter-themed Peeps that might be just the thing for your project are available now.

The big event, "**Peeps-a-pult Contest and PeepsShow 2013**" will be on Friday, **March 29**.

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>

### **Events to add to your calendar:**

- [Mar 25 Peeps Dioramas Due](#)
- [Mar 29 PeepsShow 2013](#)
- [May 6 History and Classics End-of-Year Picnic](#)

## **Opportunities**

### **Summer Teaching Internship at Philips Exeter Academy**

Please see the Philips Exeter flier that is attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter, or visit the [Philips Exeter summer school teaching opportunities site here](#)

### **MN Council of Churches: Spring Internship Opportunity**

Please see the MN Council of Churches flier that is attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter.

### **Call for Applications: MA/MSc in International and World History at Columbia University and the London School of Economics**

The MA/MSc program in international and world history seeks talented applicants for its fall 2013 entry. This unique two-year program offers students an opportunity to work with preeminent historians at Columbia University and the London School of Economics to explore the transnational forces that have shaped and continue to remake our world: migration, trade, technological revolutions, epidemic disease, environmental change, wars and diplomacy.

Students spend the first year in New York and the second year in London and receive degrees from both institutions. The dual degree provides students with the opportunity to expand their perspectives by working in distinct but complementary

intellectual environments. Immersed in the vibrant intellectual communities of two of the world's great cities, the program enables graduates to develop life-long contacts on both sides of the Atlantic, using Columbia and LSE as launching pads for a wide range of careers in government, journalism, NGOs, international organizations, teaching, and further academic pursuits.

For more about the program, visit [worldhistory.columbia.edu](http://worldhistory.columbia.edu) or find them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Please direct any further questions to [worldhistory@columbia.edu](mailto:worldhistory@columbia.edu). Application Deadline: March 1, 2013

### **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:

<https://www.macalester.edu/history/studentopportunities/researchfunding/fundingapp.pdf>

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.

### **The Job Hunt**

Our office receives occasional requests to forward e-mail announcements of events and opportunities to our majors and students in our classes. When possible, we consolidate these notes by including them in this newsletter. Otherwise, we generally reserve our e-mailing lists for department-specific communications. For information about job opportunities, we suggest advertisers post their opportunity with Macalester's Career Development Center (CDC). The CDC has career counselors who can help you with career planning, job search and graduate schools options. They offer resume & personal statement reviews, mock interviews, workshops, access to employment opportunities, and career assessment testing and interpretation to students and recent alumni. [Find their web site here.](#)

Of course, a conversation with a History professor about your aspirations is recommended as well.

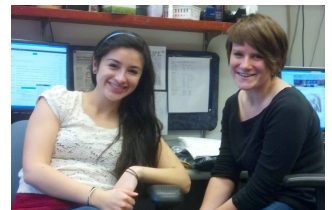
## **Community**

### **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.



## **Alum News**

To be included in the "Alum News" please send an update to Herta Pitman at [pitman@macalester.edu](mailto:pitman@macalester.edu).



**Jemma Brown, '11** announces, "I launched my very first ever podcast! As a podcast aficionado, I'm ecstatic to be joining the fray and to be able to share it with you. A new episode will be released every Sunday night and will feature a story from the storytelling event series I host called [Story City](#)." You can also stream or download episodes [from the Story City website!](#)