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A WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIR



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A WELCOME FROM DR. GREASON

Welcome back to the Department of History at Macalester College! Happy holidays, and soon we will start a new year.

The last twelve months offered major changes for all of the students and faculty. Our students continued to raise the levels for academic performance among liberal arts colleges nationwide through their projects during Study Away, the senior capstone course, and new Honors research projects. Our faculty have continued to establish important new insights in the historical profession, raising the standards for teaching and research for historians nationwide.

This semester, many of our students helped to organize the National Women's Studies Association conference in Minneapolis in mid-November. Their volunteer efforts impressed the association president, Dr. Karsonya Whitehead, who provided free registration for the students who had chances to meet Anita Hill, Angela Davis, Farah Jasmine Griffin, and Barbara Ransby during the conference. The event also coincided with two weeks of celebration and study of Afrofuturism and the Black Speculative Arts Movement through the new Marvel Studios' film, *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*.

The themes of decolonization and Indigenous sovereignty continue to inform important new paths of historical research. As the Spring approaches, we anticipate rare new programs in Asian history, Latin American Studies, urban studies, and Indigenous history, led by our colleagues Dr. Yue-Him Tam, Dr. Hongde Lei, Prof. James Coplin, Dr. Ethan Besser Frederick, and Dr. Jacob Jurss.

As always, history is everywhere, and the best is yet to come.

Professor Walter Greason
DeWitt Wallace Professor of History
Chair, Department of History

WELCOME NEW VISITING FACULTY



DR. JACOB JURSS

Dr. Jacob Jurss is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Indigenous History. His research interests include 18th and 19th century Dakota and Ojibwe relations, United States federal policy, and decolonization theory. His recently published article, “Relations Across the Lands” in the American Indian Quarterly that explores how relations between the Dakota and Ojibwe affected policies of the encroaching United States. In addition to teaching introductory Indigenous history survey courses, Dr. Jurss offers courses on settler colonialism, the American West, and the history of federal Indian law. He has found Macalester to be incredibly welcoming and a wonderful academic home. Outside of class Dr. Jurss can be found cycling throughout St. Paul, snowshoeing in Northern Minnesota, and camping along Lake Superior with his family.

DR. HONGDE LEI

Professor Hongde Lei is a new visiting scholar financially supported by China Scholarship Council. He was born in a poor family in a small village in Honghu, Hubei Province; however, he was blessed to obtain all levels of education and to earn his doctoral degree from Peking University in 2004. Since then, until now, he has been working at the School of Education, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, one of the top ten universities in China. His teaching and research interests center around institutional research, college teaching and learning, and the history of Chinese higher Education.

In the academic year 2022-2023, Professor Lei plans to conduct a holistic case study on the institutional characteristics of the small liberal arts colleges (LACs), especially on the internationalism emphasized by Macalester. The study aims to provide multi-perspective insights for those students who would like to choose LACs, and to promote other countries such as China to develop its own LACs so that more students will benefit from the transformative power of liberal arts education. As a result, more well-educated whole persons and global citizens will grow to make the world better.



COURSE SPOTLIGHTS

TIME TRAVELERS: TOURISM IN GLOBAL HISTORY

TAUGHT BY JESS PEARSON



Time Travelers is an FYC that explores the intersections between tourism, empire, decolonization, racism, and anti-racism. We take a global approach, considering how travelers from across the world have engaged with new locations, communities, and tourist sites. In addition to reading scholarly sources on the history of tourism, we are also reading and critiquing Agatha Christie's *A Caribbean Mystery*, which is very much the product of colonialism and colonial racism that continued to reverberate across the globe even after Britain's colonies obtained political independence. An important focus of the course is on different modes of tourist transport and the ways that they intersected with larger processes of both colonization and liberation.



BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA

TAUGHT BY MASHA FEDOROVA

"Between Europe and Asia" explores the history of peoples and spaces in Northern Eurasia from the medieval period to the fall of the Soviet Union. Stretching from the Baltic Sea to the Pacific Ocean, Northern Eurasia has been a place of intensive exchange (trade, wars, imperial rule, revolutions, socialist experiments, etc.) for many centuries. The complex history of relations among peoples is the subject of this course.

INDIGENOUS AMERICA

TAUGHT BY JACOB JURSS



From land acknowledgments to land back, organizations, including Macalester College, are wrestling with what it means to be a decolonizing institution. This semester students in Indigenous American considered what it means to decolonize academia? Can it be done? What would the process entail? To understand these contemporary issues, students dove into the past by exploring the differences between and processes of colonization and settler colonialism in the North American context. They surveyed the history of relations between Euro-Americans and Indigenous nations including the treaty era, boarding schools, and Red Power movement all in order to construct their answers to imagining decolonization.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT EVENTS

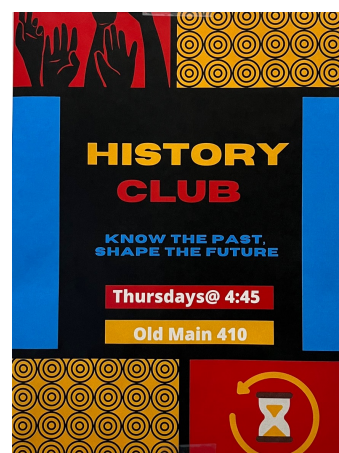
FALL KICK-OFF

On September 26th, students and faculty got together to eat cheese and fruit in a celebration to start off the semester!



HISTORY CLUB

History Club meets every Thursday (with snacks!) to discuss different historical events and figures.



PRE-REGISTRATION LUNCH

On October 26th, the History Department hosted a soup lunch where faculty got to mingle with students and present their spring 2023 courses.



DEPARTMENT STROLL

On October 16th, history department members and their families put their coats on to take a stroll down to the Mississippi.



END OF SEMESTER EVENT

On December 8th the History Department got together for one final time to drink hot chocolate and celebrate the end of the semester.



SPRING 2023 COURSE SCHEDULE

NUMBER	TITLE	DAYS	TIMES	PROFESSOR
HIST 115	Africa Since 1800	MWF	2:20-3:20 pm	Tara Hollies
HIST 164	Global Health Histories	TR	1:20-2:50 pm	Jessica Pearson
HIST 226	American Indian History since 1871	MWF	9:40-10:40 am	Jacob Jurss
HIST 236	Consumer Nation: American Consumer Culture in the 20th Century	TR	3:00-4:30 pm	Chris Wells
HIST 244	US Since 1945	MWF	3:30-4:30 pm	Amy Sullivan
HIST 251	Pirates, Translators, Missionaries	MW	8:00-9:30 am	Karin Vélez
HIST 258	Postwar Europe	TR	3:00-4:30 pm	Jessica Pearson
HIST 262	Revolutionary Russia and the Soviet Union, 1856-2000	MWF	1:10-2:10 pm	Maria Fedorova
HIST 277	The Rise of Modern Japan	TR	1:10-2:50 pm	Yue Him Tam
HIST 283	Amazon: A Cultural History	TR	1:20-2:50 pm	Ernesto Capello
HIST 285	Cold War Latin America	TR	3:00-4:30 pm	Ethan Besser Fredrick
HIST 290	History: Then and Now	MWF	10:50-11:50 am	Walter Greason
HIST 294-02	Religion and Law in Africa	MWF	10:50-11:50 am	Tara Hollies
HIST 294-03	Frontiers, Borderlands, and Wests: Indigenous and Settler Encounters	MWF	2:20-3:20 pm	Jacob Jurss
HIST 294-05	Women in Science	MWF	10:50-11:50 am	Maria Fedorova
HIST 350	Race, Gender, and Medicine	MWF	1:10-2:10 pm	Amy Sullivan
HIST 378	War Crimes and Memory in East Asia	TR	3:00-4:30 pm	Yue Him Tam
HIST 394-01	Marronage	TR	1:20-2:50 pm	Walter Greason
HIST 394-02	Treaties to Land Back: Tribal Sovereignty and the Historical Foundations of Federal Indian Law	MWF	1:10-2:10 pm	Jacob Jurss
HIST 394-04	Telling Trans Stories: Trans Oral History Project	TR	9:40-11:10 am	Myrl Beam

Macalester Course Schedule

History Course Descriptions

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NEW AND GRADUATING STUDENTS

NEW MAJORS & MINORS

MAJORS: Zeineb Abdu'24, Andres Diaz-Kirk'25, Jack Duffy'24, Wesley Hearne'25, Abi Janzen'24, Reagan Kimzey'24, Emma Kopplin'24, Kyra Laymen'25, Leah Long'25, Talia Ostacher'25, Noah Pellettieri'23, Dennis Qin'24, Micah Roetman'24, Josh Rollin'24, Adam Rose'25, Jaydan Sinclair'24, Vincent Wang'23, Liv Whitmore'26, Max Zinman'24

MINORS: Sophie Auerbach'24, Nicole Bednarik'23, Mason Bosely'23, Jack Conner'24, Shawnai Ku'25, Marshall Lastes'24, Michelle Perez-Lucas'25, Elie Rizk'24

DECEMBER GRADUATES



JESS COHEN

Majors/Minors: History
Major, Legal Studies
Concentration

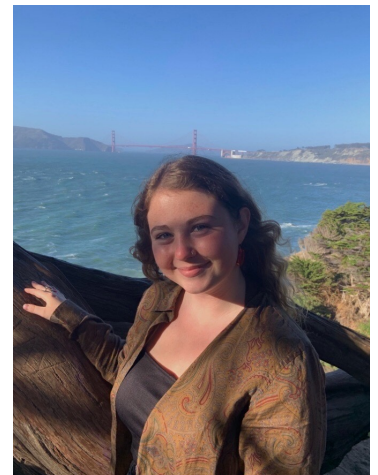
After graduation Jess hopes to work as a middle school history teacher.



ABBY GREEN THEY/SHE | FIRST GEN

Majors/Minors: American
Studies Major, History Minor,
Political Science Minor,
Community and Global
Health Concentration

After Graduation Abby will be working on the HIV outreach testing team with Southside Harm Reduction.



CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

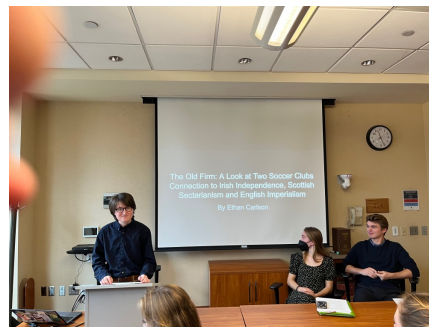
ANA BERMAN

WHAT TO EXPECT OF THE SPANISH INQUISITION:
SPAIN'S BLACK LEGEND AND 21ST CENTURY JEWISH
HERITAGE SITES



ETHAN CARLSON

THE OLD FIRM A LOOK AT TWO SOCCER CLUBS'
CONNECTION TO IRISH INDEPENDENCE, SCOTTISH
SECTARIANISM AND ENGLISH INDEPENDENCE



FRITZ GESSL

THE DICTATORS' SPORT: HOW MUSSOLINI AND
HITLER USED SPORT IN THEIR FASCIST REGIMES



NOAH PELLETTIERI

ANTI-RACIST HERO OR PATERNALISTIC BIGOT?
RACISM AND HISTORICAL MEMORY IN DR. SEUSS'
THE SNEETCHES



OLIVER SOGLIN

'I WOULD THEN BE DOING EXACTLY AS HITLER IS
DOING': AMERICAN JEWISH SUPPORT FOR NAZI
FREE SPEECH – MADISON SQUARE GARDEN AND
SKOKIE, ILLINOIS



VINCENT WANG

LITERATURE AS PERSPECTIVES AND METHODS: A
TRAGIC FABLE OF 'RURAL-URBAN' DICHOTOMY IN
EARLY 20TH CENTURY CHINA



CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

CARLY BENUSA

'YOU FIGURE OUT WHO THE PROFESSIONALS ARE!':
EXPRESSIONS OF UNION IDENTITY IN THE 1970
MINNEAPOLIS TEACHER STRIKE



IDA STREETO

THE BEAVERS AND THE BIRDS: LEVERAGING
MARGINALIZATIONS IN EARLY NORTH AMERICAN
CONSERVATION



ANDIE WALKER

NOT SO SET IN STONE: A HISTORY OF THE
MACALESTER COLLEGE CAMPUS



KATHLEEN FUNK

IT IS FAR FROM OVER: AN ANALYSIS OF THE PRE-
ROE BATTLE FOR ABORTION RIGHTS



JESS COHEN

SEX AND THE STUDENT BODY: EXPLORING SEXUAL
REVOLUTIONARIES IN THE 1960S UNITED STATES



LEAH PRINZ

WHY HOME EC? AN ANALYSIS OF THE ACADEMIC
HOME ECONOMICS MOVEMENT, 1890-1930



DEPARTMENT UPDATES

PROFESSOR WALTER GREASON

HE/HIM | DEWITT WALLACE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

Professor Walter Greason won the American Educational Studies Association Critics' Choice Award 2022 for his contribution in the *Encyclopedia of Critical Understandings of Latinx and Global Education*. He was also named DeWitt Wallace Professor of History. Additionally, he has two new publications *The New College Classroom* and *Schools for the Colored*. Sadly, his father, David Harlan Greason, passed away on September 15, 2022.

PROFESSOR THOMAS L. DYNNESON

HE/HIM | 1961 GRADUATE

Professor Emeritus Thomas L. Dynneson recently published a book called *Overture to the Rise of Roman Sea Power: Early Mediterranean History* under the Thomas L. Dynneson collection at UT Permian.

PROFESSOR AMY SULLIVAN

SHE/HER | VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Professor Amy Sullivan attended the international conference of the Alcohol and Drugs History Society in Mexico City last June and presented on the use of oral history and personal narratives in addiction histories. Our moderator, Nancy Campbell should be familiar to any Uses & Abuses students because we read some of her work a couple of the times during the semester. It was fun to finally meet her in person and hang out with UWC college friends in Mexico City and Oaxaca.



PROFESSOR TARA HOLLIES

SHE/HER | VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Professor Tara Hollies has a new journal article under review and is beginning her first book project based on her dissertation: "The book aims to privilege indigenous Igbo world views, knowledge systems, and periodizations while examining the changes that Igbo law endured during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in southeaster Nigeria."

BENJAMIN DILLE

HE/HIM | 1982 HISTORY GRADUATE

Benjamin Dille, a History and International Relations graduate, recently received a State Department Award for Heroism for the evacuation of the Embassy in Kabul in August 2021, where he served as Minister Counselor for Management Affairs. Ben has been a Foreign Service Officer with the Department of State for 30 years. As a diplomat, he has served in Caracas, Mexico City, Shanghai, Managua, Minsk, Washington, Prague, Baghdad, Basrah, Nur-Sultan, Khartoum, Freetown, Kabul, and Kolonia, and has served as Charge d'affaires (acting ambassador) at five of those posts. In fall of 2022, he will be teaching at the Marine War College in Quantico, VA. Ben is happy to discuss the Foreign Service as a career and can be reached at benjaminbdille@gmail.com.

TANNER WILEMAN

HE/HIM | 2022 HISTORY GRADUATE

Tanner has been working as a park ranger at Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, which has included the development of a program on the history of the Old Cedar Ave Bridge and the opportunity to explore the archives of the Bloomington Historical Society. Over the winter, he'll be continuing part-time at the refuge while also working part-time at Lebanon Hills Regional Park.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

PROFESSOR ERNESTO CAPELLO

HE/HIM | PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND LATIN
AMERICAN STUDIES

Professor Ernesto Capello co-edited a new collection of essays called “Cartographic Expeditions and Visual Culture in the Nineteenth-Century Americas.” The volume represented the first transnational and hemispheric analysis of 19th century cartographic aesthetics, and featured the multidisciplinary perspective of historians, geographers, and art historians.

PROFESSOR CHRIS WELLS

HE/HIM | PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
Professor Chris Wells finished his new book *Nature's Crossroads: The Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota* (co-edited with George Vrtis).

PROFESSOR KARIN VÉLEZ

SHE/HER | ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Professor Karin Vélez presented the inaugural lecture for the new Center for Research on Global Catholicism at Saint Louis University, speaking on “Refugee Trauma and the Ambiguities of Miracles.” she was also the Distinguished Annual Speaker in Religious Studies at the University of Texas-Austin. She also continues to coordinate the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program here at Macalester.

PROFESSOR CASSANDRA BERMAN

SHE/HER | 2006 HISTORY GRADUATE

Professor Casandra Berman at Georgetown University published an article titled “Slavery’s Archive: Confronting Jesuit Slaveholding at Georgetown University” in the American Historical Association’s *Perspectives on History*.

PROFESSOR JESS PEARSON

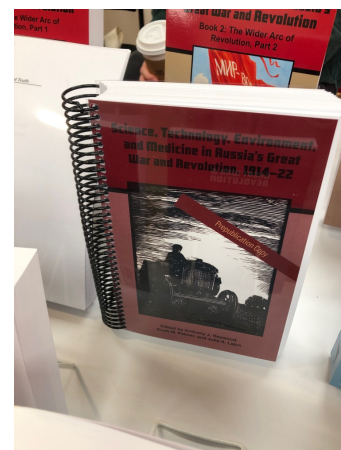
SHE/HER | ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Professor Jess Pearson wrote the chapter “Transport and Tourism” in *The Oxford Handbook of History of Tourism and Travel*.

PROFESSOR MASHA FEDOROVA

SHE/HER | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF RUSSIAN
STUDIES

Masha Fedorova attended the Association for Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) conference this November. There, she presented her research on food insecurity during the post-WWI period. Masha also saw the pre-publication copy of *Science, Technology, Environment, and Medicine in Russia's Great War and Revolution 1914-22* which contains a chapter she contributed about the American Tractor Unit and its work in the southern Urals in the early 1920s.



KARSTEN BELING

HE/HIM | 2022 HISTORY GRADUATE

Since graduating from Macalester, Karsten spent the summer traveling with friends in Europe and spending time at home in Utah. He’s currently living in Brooklyn, NY with a friend from high school and their friends from NYU! He’s working two jobs: one is at a North Face store and the other at an environmental non-profit at an equitable food access site. He says, “life is stressful sometimes but I’m grateful to be where I’m at!” Additionally, He offers some advice for current students: “as SOON as the temperature outside reaches 60 degrees, go bask in the sun by Lake Nokomis for hours on end (literally entire days) with your friends! Don’t worry about that reading or essay that’s due on Monday, take your time, and it’ll get done when it gets done. I didn’t realize how special lake life is until I moved away from Minnesota.”

