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Alumni News
Send us your news
From the History Department Chair
by Timothy Shannon

It has been a quiet year in Weidensall Hall, in part because so many History faculty were on leave this year. Professor Birkner spent time in Australia, Professor Lowy in Japan, Professor Sommer in New Mexico, Professor Guelzo in Princeton, and Professors Hancock and Samji also spent time away from their regular teaching duties to pursue research projects (you can read much more about those projects in their individual updates in this newsletter). The rest of us kept the lights on, and like any good Rump Parliament, engaged in all sorts of nefarious activities while no one was looking.

This past year, the History Department was pleased to welcome back to campus several distinguished alumni. Joe Gasparro ’07 delivered the Alumni Lecture in September, speaking to a packed house about “Making the Most of Your G’Burg Diploma---What They Can’t Teach You in Class.” In March, we welcomed back Elizabeth Elliott ’13 (Program Associate for the American Historical Association) and David Gary ’00 (Curator of Printed Materials at the American Philosophical Society) to our Career Night program for History majors, with each sharing experiences and advice about turning an undergraduate degree in History into a rewarding career after graduation.

If you are interested in learning more about what our current majors and minors are up to, be sure to check out the latest editions of our two student journals, the Gettysburg Historical Journal and the Journal of the Civil War Era, both available through the History Department’s web site by clicking on the link for Faculty and Student Research (or, send us a request for a paper copy of either journal and we will mail it to you, as long as supplies last).

We would like to acknowledge two people who are moving on from Weidensall. David Hadley, Gettysburg ’09, spent the last year with us as a Visiting Assistant Professor, teaching modern World and U.S. History. He will be starting a new job at Ashland University in Ohio, and we wish him luck in that endeavor. And although she is not technically a member of the History faculty, we do want to say goodbye to Classics Professor Carolyn Snively, who has been a fixture in Weidensall Hall for pretty much as long as anyone working here can remember. Many History students took courses in ancient Greek and
Roman history with Carolyn, and she was an important bridge between our two departments. We wish her a happy and productive retirement, which she plans to spend continuing her work on an archaeological site in Macedonia.

I am experiencing a different kind of retirement this year. Drafting this year’s “Message from the Chair” is one of my last official duties as chair. The job has had its ups and downs over the past ten years, but I can safely say that one of the most reliable “ups” has been interacting with our alumni, whether on campus, via cyberspace, or in chance meetings hither and yon. Some of these encounters have been with alumni I knew as students, but many are with people I am meeting for the first time, and it is always interesting to hear their stories about their time in Weidensall Hall. In all those conversations, I have yet to encounter anyone who offered a less-than-positive review of the College and the History Department. Simply put, it is heartening to know that alumni, old and young alike, all say that they had it to do over again, they would still be History majors.

In that spirit, I will sign off by asking you to stay in touch with us. Stop by and see us whenever you find yourself in town, or use the departmental web site to keep current on History Department events and to tell us your news. We are always glad to hear about your recent accomplishments, personal and professional, whether via email, the web site, or (best of all) personal visits when you are back on campus. Until then, our best wishes for 2018-19.

Sincerely,

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Dina Lowy, Associate Professor
Magdalena Sophia Sanchez, Professor
Karim Samji, Assistant Professor
Barbara A. Sommer, Professor
Jill Ogline Titus, Adjunct Professor
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Faculty News

Abou Bamba

The past academic year, Prof. Bamba began his new role as chair of the Africana Studies program. He also completed his third and last year on the Academic Policy and Program Committee (APPC). At the annual meeting of the African Studies in November 2018, Prof. Bamba made a panel presentation. The title of his paper was “Beyond Compare & Contrast: Modernization, History, and the Spaces of Transnationalism in the Ghana-Ivory Coast Comparison.” In the spring of 2018, he presented another paper at the ‘The United States & Global Capitalism in the 20th Century’ Workshop, which was held at Fordham University. Titled “Courting American Capital: Public Relations and the Business of Selling Ivorian Capitalism, 1960-1980,” the revised version of this paper will be part of an edited volume on “Free Market Diplomacy.” In late spring and early summer, he began archival research for a new project that he hopes when completed will be his second book.

Michael Birkner

Michael continued to work along various channels during academic year 2017-2018. In retrospect, it was as full and interesting as any in memory. Teaching had first claim on Michael in the fall term, with his Methods students once again conducting oral histories and immersing themselves in the college archives for research projects. Teaching Australian history once again proved a happy segue into his sabbatical in Melbourne, Australia during the spring semester. Michael and his spouse, Dean of Libraries Robin Wagner, enjoyed a four month stay in
Melbourne, each working on their respective research projects. Most of Michael’s work was done at the University of Melbourne, where he was once again treated with great hospitality by the School of Historical Studies. However, Michael and Robin also traveled to Adelaide, where he gave a paper at the University of South Australia focused on American journalists based in Australia during World War II, and another week in Canberra, home of the Australian National Library. It was a thoroughly enriching experience, and will feed both into Michael’s current scholarship and his teaching.

Michael’s scholarship yielded several published articles in scholarly journals, among them a study of E. Frederic Morrow, the first African American to work in an executive capacity in the White House. Michael’s article on Morrow, “From Hackensack to the White House: The Triumph and Travail of E. Frederick Morrow, appeared in New Jersey Studies in summer 2017. During the past year Michael also published pieces on the 1952 presidential nominating fight in Pennsylvania, for Pennsylvania History, and an article on Franklin Roosevelt’s failed nomination of Ed Flynn for Ambassador to Australia during World War II. This latter publication appeared in April 2018 in the journal Passport, for the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations.

During his sabbatical in Australia Michael chaired the program committee for the October 2018 Pennsylvania Historical Association meeting in Lancaster, and completed work on The Worlds of James Buchanan and Thaddeus Stevens, which he coedited with John Quist of Shippensburg University and Randall Miller of St. Joseph’s University. That book will appear Spring 2019 under the Louisiana State University Press imprint. A second coedited book, Common Cause, with Archives Assistant Devin McKinney, brings together some of the most telling memories of the home front during World War II. This book derives from a quarter-century of oral histories conducted by Michael’s Historical Methods students. It should be available through Musselman Library in Fall 2018.

In addition to these projects, Michael published his usual half dozen book reviews in CHOICE, the publication of the American Library Association, and several scholarly journals, including the on-line H-Federal. He continued to contribute occasional essays for the Lancaster Newspapers (formerly Lancaster Intelligencer), including one piece on
political divisions in America from a historical perspective, and another
titled “Old Buck: Five Things You May Not Know about President
Buchanan.”

Michael was a discussant at several academic conferences, including
most recently commenting on a paper on the Presidency of Millard
Fillmore at a political history gathering at Lebanon Valley College. He
critiqued several book manuscripts for academic and commercial presses,
and continued referee work for New Jersey Studies, Pennsylvania
History, and Historical New Hampshire.

Michael continues to serve as a consultant to the Eisenhower Presidential
Museum in Abilene, Kansas, and to the National Park Service
Gettysburg site, as each works on new exhibitions about the nation’s 34th
president. He remains a member of the Board of the Eisenhower Society,
and in Spring 2018 was invited to serve as lead instructor for a Gilder-
Lehrman teacher seminar on Eisenhower at American University.

In addition to these activities, Michael continues to conduct oral histories
for Musselman Library’s collections, speaks periodically at college
events, including reunion weekend, and serves as College Marshal. He
takes pride in how many of his students have won prizes for their work,
and in some instances had their essays published, and the remarkable
success of Gettysburg history grads gaining entry into graduate and
professional schools of their choice.

William Bowman

The 2017-2018 academic year was
Bill Bowman’s first as the Johnson
Distinguished Teaching Professor in
the Humanities. In this capacity, he
had the pleasure of meeting and
working with tenure-track faculty in
their first year at Gettysburg College.
The Johnson Chair has traditionally
served as a resource for new faculty.
During the course of the year, Bill
helped arrange a number of meetings and social events to bring together
the new tenure-track professors with senior members of the college. He
enjoyed this work immensely. In November of 2017, he was able to
meet and have a lovely visit with Cindy Johnson, who, along with her
late husband Ed Johnson, are the benefactors who created the teaching
chair in the humanities. They are long-time friends of Gettysburg
College.

As the Johnson Professor, Bill had a reduced teaching load this year. In
the fall 2017 semester, he taught Europe, 1914-1945 and Modern
Germany. For spring 2018, he taught Europe post-1945. In all three
classes, he involved his students in classroom-based discussions and
research projects based on primary and secondary documents, which is
the norm for history classes at Gettysburg. Students produced many fine
papers in all three of these classes, but the work of two of them, in
particular, should be highlighted. Lauren Bradford, a student in the
interwar European history class, published a modified version of her
paper for that course, “Through the Eyes of Children: Social Oppression
under Nazi Rule from 1933 to 1938 Reflections of Three Holocaust
Survivors,” in the Gettysburg Historical Journal (GHJ). She had earlier
conducted some of the original research for the paper while studying
abroad in Berlin, Germany. Doug Kowalewski, a student in the same
class, also published his paper, “European Jazz: A Comparative
Investigation into the Reception and Impact of Jazz in Interwar Paris and
the Weimar Republic,” in revised form in the GHJ. Doug followed up
that study with an equally fine paper on the same topic in the 1950s and
60s in Bill’s post-45 European history class in the spring.

In the spring 2018 semester, Bill was appointed for a three-year term to
the national Curriculum Committee for the IES Abroad consortium of
programs. Along with faculty from institutions across the country, who
met in Chicago in early May, he reviewed syllabi for proposed and
revamped study abroad courses from IES’s numerous centers around the
world. He also has continued as faculty advisor for the Alpha Phi
Omega service fraternity and the Omicron Delta Kappa honorary society.
In late March, Bill joined with Professors Tim Shannon and Magdalena
Sánchez to welcome David Gary, Class of 2000, and Elizabeth Elliot,
Class of 2013, back to Gettysburg College for the History Department’s
annual “History Career Night.” It was good to see two of our graduates
doing so well in their respective professional careers.

Bill is continuing his work on the history of sports. In particular, he has
concentrated his research efforts on the history of soccer in the modern
era. In the summer of 2018, Ryan Bilger, Class of 2019, is serving as a
research assistant on Bill’s “World Cup as World History” project, which will hopefully be done before the beginning of the fall semester. In particular, Ryan is helping to find historic photographs, useful internet sites, and bibliographical sources to supplement Bill’s writing on soccer history. It should be a fruitful collaboration, especially as both are passionate fans of the game.

Bill’s family continues to do well. Lucas is trying to make a living as a performance musician with his band, The Commonheart, out of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They have now done a number of live performances throughout the country and played with some leading musicians of the past and present, such as Los Lobos and Gary Clark, Jr. This summer, they will be at music festivals in Cincinnati (Bunbury) and Pittsburgh (Outlaw) that feature groups such as Blink 182, Post Malone, Jack White, Van Morrison, and Willie Nelson. In the fall, Lucas’s band will release its second CD/album. Matias just completed his third year at the University of Pittsburgh, where he is a history major and a political science minor. In June, 2018 he will spend a month studying abroad in Dublin, Ireland. Angela just finished a very successful eighth-grade year as part of a home-school co-op. She continues to be a voracious reader.

Finally, at the 2018 graduation ceremony, Bill won Gettysburg College’s Distinguished Teaching Award. He was deeply moved and thankful to receive what is the college’s highest honor that the faculty can bestow on a colleague.

Scott Hancock

The protests and murder of Heather Heyer by a white supremacist at Charlottesville in August of 2017 prompted a brief flurry of requests for interviews from local news stations, newspaper reporters, and new podcasts in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, as well as an afternoon spent on the battlefield with Quil Lawrence from NPR (which aired in a short segment near the end of All Things Considered on October 12.) Hancock was also invited to write an essay for one of Atlantic Monthly’s online sites, CityLab. Given the controversy, the essay
unsurprisingly generated more comments than essays typically receive on CityLab. In a somewhat similar fashion, a Pennlive.com op-ed on Robert E. Lee in the wake of White House Chief of Staff John Kelley’s assessment of Lee as “an honorable man” prompted more significantly more comments than normal. The national debate over Confederate monuments also led an invitation to present a research paper on the National Park Service’s role in the installation of Confederate monuments from the 1970s up to 2015 as part of what was selected as the plenary panel of the Society of Civil War Historians bi-annual meeting in Pittsburgh. This invitation prompted a research trip, supported with History Department and Africana Studies travel funds, to view Confederate Monuments in Birmingham AL and at National Park Service military parks in Natchez and Vicksburg, MS and Shiloh TN. This trip also enabled a stop the Equal Justice Initiative Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice, more popularly known as the ‘lynching memorial.’ Both are unforgettable experiences.

Earlier in the academic year, Hancock also presented his research on African Americans’ responses to Confederate attempts to refashion the history of the Civil War in the five years after the end of the war at the annual Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) conference in Cincinnati. The heightened focus by some majority white institutions on race relations during the first two years of the Trump presidency also prompted a national church denomination to ask Hancock to participate in a regional meeting of pastors in Charlotte NC in December, and a national meeting in San Antonio at the end of January, along with a couple of other invitations to speak to local groups about past and present connections between faith and race in the United States. Lastly, Hancock wrote a book review for the Journal of American History.

Dina Lowy

Fall 2017 Dina enjoyed a sabbatical that included three wonderful weeks in Japan and a lot of time reading about and designing a new First-Year Seminar on a global and experiential history of tea. In Spring 2018 she taught her Modern China, Tokugawa Japan, and Pacific War Senior Seminar. In addition to classroom fun, Dina continued to serve as faculty advisor to
Phi Alpha Theta [the History Honor Society] and as coordinator of the History Department Writing PLAs. Her research interests are shifting and she is looking for ways for them to connect with her teaching interests in tea and world history. Personal highlights of the year cheering on her son’s soccer and tennis exploits, and watching her daughter become a Bat Mitzvah and blossom into a graceful dancer.

Karim Samji

Karim Samji specializes in the Islamic World. His research focuses on historiography, narratology, and hagiography. In the History Department, he teaches HIST 105: The Age of Discovery, HIST 208: Islamic History (600-1500 CE), and HIST 330: The Ottoman Empire (1300-1923 CE). Karim Samji participated as an invited conferee at the colloquium entitled “Narrative and Prophecy in Genesis and the Qur’an” held in Indianapolis, Indiana. He received support from the Provost’s Professional Papers Fund to present his current research on genre boundaries and surah structure in the Qur’an at the International Qur’anic Studies Association (IQSA) Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. In addition, Karim Samji was awarded a Research and Professional Development Grant. He developed a new Senior Seminar on “History and Higher Criticism: Foundational Judeo-Christian and Muslim Texts.” Peer reviewed by international authorities, Karim Samji also published his new book entitled The Qur’an: A Form-Critical History. At present, he is conducting preliminary research for his next major project.

Magdalena Sanchez

Magdalena’s scholarly focus continues to be a book project on Catalina Micaela, Duchess of Savoy from 1585 to 1597, based primarily on over 3000 letters she and her husband Carlo, duke of Savoy, wrote each other during those years. As part of this project, she wrote an article titled “Vespers, Sung Masses, and Sermons: The
Devotional Practices of Catalina Micaela, Duchess of Savoy,” which will be appearing in a volume entitled *In their own Hands: Personal Letters in Habsburg Dynastic Networks* (Iberoamericana) later this year. In October 2017, she presented a paper, “Venerating the Virgin, Honoring the Saints, and Going to Confession: The Devotional Life of the Infanta Catalina Micaela, Duchess of Savoy,” at a seminar on “Devotional Spaces: Women’s Devotional Practices and Cultural Transfer in the Sixteenth Century,” in Barcelona, Spain. In August, she traveled to Ireland, where she did research at the National Library in Dublin. In Gettysburg she continues to work steadily on her book manuscript – a labor of love that she returns to early every morning with pleasure. Another major project this past year was planning, preparing, and teaching a new senior seminar on the topic of letter-writing and correspondence as an invaluable source of historical evidence. In the seminar, students looked at the evolution of letter-writing from the Renaissance to the modern period and worked on a variety of topics covering European and United States history. The class considered material aspects of letters, epistolary culture, and the role of the secretary, and looked extensively at women’s letter-writing practices. Students had fun looking at a 1945 edition of Emily Post’s rules of etiquette for letter-writing. Who would have known that the worst mistake a married woman could make in a letter was to sign it as “Mrs.”? (Emily Post considered it the most important rule in her book for a woman to learn.) In addition to senior seminar, Magdalena also taught two sections of Age of Discovery as well as Medieval Europe. This coming fall, she will be teaching Historical Methods and will continue to have her students work on letters. Her students will transcribe and analyze the handwritten letters written by and to Luther Jacob Thomas, a young man from Hanover, PA who fought in World War II. Thomas’s correspondence is housed in Special Collections of Musselman Library. Her teaching was not confined to Gettysburg College classrooms. Homeschooling her teenage daughter, Magdalena volunteered to tutor high-school students at a homeschooling co-op, Sacred Heart Tutorials, in a course on medieval history.
During 2017-2018, Tim taught History 300: Historical Method for only the second time since coming to Gettysburg in 1996. A highlight of the course was having the students work with Alan Lomax’s recordings of American folk music from the 1930s and 1940s, which are archived at the Library of Congress and have been released as CDs in the Smithsonian’s American Folklife series. Gettysburg alumnus and ethnomusicologist Cliff Murphy ’94 graciously visited the class one day to share his expertise as Director of Folk and Traditional Arts at the National Endowment for the Arts on these recordings with the students. During the spring term, Tim continued his participation in a pilot project sponsored by the Council for Independent Colleges to develop online humanities courses, offering History 230: European-Native American Encounter in North America in an online format that brought a student from Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia into the course.

This past year was also noteworthy for Tim because it saw the publication of his long-awaited (by him at least) book Indian Captive, Indian King: Peter Williamson in America and Britain, which tells the stranger-than-fiction story of an eighteenth-century Scot who came to Pennsylvania after being kidnapped into indentured servitude and eventually returned to Britain to make his living as an impersonator of Native Americans and faux Indian captive. If you would like to learn more about the book and the long route Tim took to researching and writing it, you can download podcast episodes about it from the New Books Network and The Way of Improvement Leads Home. On a related note, Tim’s work on Iroquois diplomacy and warfare was recently featured on an episode of the podcast The Strategy Bridge.

Other highlights for Tim from the past year include giving a talk in April at the Seven Years’ War Symposium hosted at Fort Ligonier in Ligonier, Pennsylvania and serving on a “Talk Back” panel after the opening night performance of the musical Bloody, Bloody Andrew Jackson at Penn State Harrisburg. He is still waiting to get a call to audition for Hamilton,
but until that happens, he will be happy to tell anyone about his impressions of Andrew Jackson as a foul-mouthed emo-punk rocker.

Barbara Sommer

Prof. Sommer taught her first-year seminar, *Cultural Perspectives on the Body*, fall semester to a particularly lively and engaged group, four of whom presented their research at the January CAFÉ Symposium (Celebration of Academic First-Year Engagement). Barbara returned to teaching *Brazil: Earthly Paradise to Industrial Giant* after a ten-year hiatus (time flies!), and rounded out the semester with the ever-popular *Mexican Revolution*. At the end of December, she headed west to New Mexico for a spring-semester sabbatical, which allowed her time for writing projects. She has continued to serve as an Assistant Editor on *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Latin American History*, a top peer-reviewed scholarly journal in the field of Latin American history and a Cambridge University Press journal.

Allen Guelzo (Civil War Era Studies)

Allen C. Guelzo (Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era and Director of Civil War Era Studies) enjoyed a sabbatical through the 2017-18 academic year, jointly sponsored by Gettysburg College and the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University. During his tenure at Princeton, he served as the William Lockhart Garwood Visiting Professor in the Department of Politics, and carried out long-term research for his next big project, a biography of Robert E. Lee, to be published in 2020 by

During the year, he was named to the Advisory Board of the Lee Family Digital Archive at Stratford Hall, VA, the Shenandoah University Civil War Institute, a Senior Fellow of the Claremont Institute, a Trustee of the Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History, and a member of the Advisory Board for the National Constitution Center’s Gallery on the Civil War and Reconstruction. On May 15, 2018, he was awarded the 2018 Bradley Prize of the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation.

**Peter Carmichael (Civil War Institute)**

Pete put the finishing touches on his book *The War for the Common Soldier: How Men Thought, Fought, and Survived in Civil War Armies*, which is slated for a November release by the University of North Carolina Press. More details about the project can be found at [https://www.uncpress.org/book/9](https://www.uncpress.org/book/9)
He also wrote an article on material culture and the end of the Civil War as part of Joan Cashin’s edited volume War Matters and it will be released in the fall.

The 2018 Civil War Institute summer conference explored a wide range of topics for an audience of more than 300 attendees. Among the many highlights were Michael Birkner’s talk on Dwight D. Eisenhower at Gettysburg, Elizabeth Varon on Union Spy Elizabeth Van Lew, Will Greene on the Battle of the Crater, and Peter interviewed the acclaimed Civil War scholar James I. Robertson of Virginia Tech University.

Pete also presented the talk “Will the Real Common Civil War Soldier Stand Up.” Much of the programming received national attention thanks to live coverage from C-Span on American History TV. All the videos can be found at https://www.c-span.org/person/?petecarmichael. Next year’s program is already set and the schedule can be found at http://www.gettysburg.edu/cwi/. Gary W. Gallagher, Ed Ayers, Carol Reardon, and Steve Berry are among the featured speakers.

Pete and his staff at CWI continue to build upon the Brian Pohanka Internship Program, which placed more than 25 Gettysburg College students at various historical sites that are usually part of the National Park Service system. Pete finalized new partnerships with the Lincoln Cottage in Washington, D.C. and created new positions at Gettysburg National Park in the Cultural Resources department. During the summer Pete collaborated with first-year student Ben Hutchison in researching sexual violence committed by Union soldiers during the Siege of Petersburg. They travelled to the related historical sites in Virginia, and they also did research at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture in Richmond.

**Ian Isherwood (Civil War Era Studies)**

In 2017-18, Ian Isherwood continued to teach courses in both the history department and in Civil War Era Studies. In the spring of 2018, his position transferred over into a tenure-track appointment as Assistant Professor of War and Memory studies in the Interdisciplinary Studies department, where he will continue to teach courses on the history of war and in war studies.
Isherwood published a book in 2017, *Remembering the Great War*, which was favorably reviewed in the *Journal of Military History*. He began work on three new research projects in 2018: one on morale, leadership, and endurance during the First World War, a second project on Civil War and First World War veterans, and a third project on American First World War memoirs. The centennial has kept him busy with a number of speaking engagements both on and off campus. He also presented at three conferences in 2018, two of which related to the H.J.C. Peirs project, and the other on First World War memoirs at the University of Wolverhampton (UK).

Isherwood is particularly proud of the work he has done with the H.J.C. Peirs digital history project with his colleagues Amy Lucadamo ’00, R.C. Miessler, Meghan O’Donnell ’18, and Jesse Campana ’00. In addition to the digital history site itself – jackpeirs.org – the project evolved into a truly multimedia pedagogical experience this past spring when Lucadamo, Isherwood, Campana, and O’Donnell went to France for the centennial of the German Spring Offensive (1918). Team Peirs then broadcast live back to Gettysburg College from battlefield sites 100 years to the day in which Lt. Colonel Peirs and his men fought for their lives at Le Verguier, France. During the trip we collected new source materials, met with locals who helped us with our research, and were able to forge new lines of inquiry for our project. It was probably the most meaningful battlefield experience Isherwood has ever had – and that is saying something! The team is especially thankful to the many Gettysburgians who helped to fund the trip overseas.

More broadly, the Isherwood family enjoyed three weeks in the United Kingdom this past summer. Ian led his third backpacking trip to Scotland with the GRAB program while Sam and Henry visited historic sites and met up with old friends. The family’s new terrier Bertram has grown into a spirited animal of indefatigable determination and vigor and is presently engaged in a cold war with Henry for his parents’ attention.
In 2017-18, Jill continued to serve as co-coordinator of Gettysburg’s Public History minor and to oversee the placement of Gettysburg College students (mostly history majors) in summer internship positions at national parks and private museums under the auspices of the Civil War Institute’s Brian C. Pohanka Internship Program. This past year, she presented on her research on the Cold War and civil rights context of Gettysburg’s centennial-era monuments at the Society for Civil War Historians annual conference, and published an essay on the monuments in Controversial Monuments and Memorials: A Guide for Community Leaders (Rowman & Littlefield/AASLH, 2018). She’s currently working on an essay on the interpretation of Reconstruction at museums & historic sites for the National Council on Public History/American Association of State & Local History project, The Inclusive Historian’s Handbook, and delving into new digital platforms for use in her fall Introduction to Public History course
Prizes and Awards

2018 Spring Honors Day Awards

Jeffrey Pierce Memorial Award:
Jeffrey Lauck ‘18
Established in honor of Jeffrey Pierce ’71, to be awarded to a male senior who has reached the highest level of achievement in the field of history.

Gettysburg College Award in History:
Nicole M. Hindley ‘18

and Jennifer Simone ‘18

Phi Beta Kappa
Seniors Inducted:
Nicole Hindley ‘18; Meghan O’Donnell ‘18; Jennifer Simone ‘18; Doug Kowalewski ‘18; Andrew Nosti ‘18; Jeffrey Lauck ‘18

Department Honors for History
Bridget Ashton ‘18; Kevin Aughinbaugh ‘18; Nicole Hindley ‘18; Douglas Kowalewski ‘18; Peter Kuhs ‘17; Jeffrey Lauck ‘18; Meghan O’Donnell ‘18; Jennifer Simone ‘18
2018 Fall Honors Day Awards

**Anthony di Palma Memorial Award:**
Savannah Labbe ‘19
Established by the family of Anthony di Palma ‘56, to be awarded to the junior having the highest marks in history. Other things being equal, preference is given to a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

**James Hamilton and Lucretia Irvine Boyd Hartzell Award:**
Emma Kate Lewis ‘20
Created by James Hamilton Hartzell ‘24 and his wife, to be awarded to a sophomore student for outstanding scholarship and promise in the field of history.

**2018-2019 The Holley Internship in the Library**
Lauren Bradford ‘18
Major: History

Paid one-year internship (includes benefits) for a recent college graduate interested in library and information science. Holley intern will rotate among all library departments and experience many aspects of library operations, procedures, and management.
Recipient: Olivia Ortman ‘19  
Major: History with a minor in Public History  
Mentor: Peter Carmichael  

Abstract: Before the Civil War, white and black Southerners were familiar with a proslavery Christianity doctrine. Many white evangelical Christians had used religious appeals to sanction the subordination of African Americans to whites in slavery. However, with the end of the war and emancipation of slaves, white and blacks were thrust into unfamiliar territory where renegotiations of power and social structure would necessarily occur. This paper traces the religious upheaval experienced by white southern women following emancipation and how they made sense of their confusion in order to better understand their faith and their relations with newly freed blacks.
The Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize is awarded annually for the finest scholarly work in English on Abraham Lincoln, the American Civil War soldier, or a subject relating to their era.

The 2018 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize will be awarded to Edward Ayers for his work, *The Thin Light of Freedom: The Civil War and Emancipation in the Heart of America* (W.W. Norton and Company).

Ayers was recognized during an event hosted by Gettysburg College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History at the Union League Club in New York City on Thursday, April 26. In addition to a $50,000 prize, he also received a bronze replica of Augustus Saint-Gaudens’ life-size bust “Lincoln the Man.”

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Events, Organizations, Etc.

Alumni Fall Lecture, October 31, 2018

Chris Gwinn ‘06

Currently the Chief of Interpretation and Education at Gettysburg National Military Park, he manages and oversees all aspects of the visitor experience. He has written numerous articles and journal entries on the Battle of Gettysburg and the Civil War era. He lives just south of the battlefield with his wife Allyson, daughter Evelyn and his two rescue dogs.

Title: “On the Front Lines of History: The National Park Service & Public History in the 21st Century”

As the National Park Service enters its' second century it faces unique challenges. Join Christopher Gwinn as he chronicles some of his experiences working at these singular places, and discusses what role public historians can take in shaping the future of the National Park Service.

Current President: Brandon Katzung Hokanson ‘19
Vice President: Savannah Labbe ‘19
Historian/Secretary: Ryan Bilger ‘19
Spring 2018 - 9 New Members
Fall 2018 – 4 New Members

Living up to the organization’s high standards of historical scholarship, members of Phi Alpha Theta continue to distinguish themselves on campus. Members serve as editors and reviewers on the editorial boards for the college’s historical journals, conduct independent historical research with professors, and works as fellows with the Civil War Institute. Membership continues to grow as new students demonstrate
exceptional talent, helping to engage campus in ongoing and new discussions on various historical topics. This fall, Phi Alpha Theta members also participated in the Adams County Heart Walk, sponsored by the American Heart Association, in solidarity with the local community. With the support of their fellow students of history and academic mentors, senior members are currently planning for various careers that will help bring history to wider and new audiences, be it in the academic or public field.

Fortenbaugh Lecture 2018

George C. Rable is Professor Emeritus and formerly the Charles G. Summersell Chair in Southern History at the University of Alabama. Rable’s talk, “Fighting for Reunion: Dilemmas of Hatred and Vengeance,” will examine a central paradox for supporters of the Union during the Civil War. Any war, including a civil war, inevitably generates hatred of the enemy and calls for vengeance. But reunion (which remained the most important northern war aim) also made intense hatred of the Confederates problematic.

During the war, northerners debated the nature and limits of hatred and vengeance. This at times tamped down expressions of hatred toward the “rebels” even as many northerners expressed considerable partisan and racial hostility.

Born in Lima, Ohio, in 1950, he received his B.A from Bluffton College (1972), his M.A from Louisiana State University (1973), and his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University (1978) where he studied under T. Harry Williams. He taught at Anderson University in Indiana from 1979-1998. From 2004-2008, he served as the President of the Society of Civil War Historians. His books include: God’s Almost Chosen Peoples: A Religious History of the American Civil War (University of North Carolina Press, 2010), which won the 2011 Jefferson Davis Award and was a Choice Outstanding Academic Title; Fredericksburg! Fredericksburg! (University of North Carolina Press, 2002), which won the Lincoln Prize, the Society for Military History Distinguished Book Award in American Military History, the Jefferson Davis Award, the Douglas Southall Freeman History Award, and was a History Book Club selection; The Confederate Republic: A Revolution Against Politics (University of North Carolina Press, 1994), which was a History Book
Club selection; *Civil Wars: Women and the Crisis of Southern Nationalism* (University of Illinois Press, 1989), which won the Julia Cherry Spruill Prize and the Jefferson Davis Award; and *But There Was No Peace: The Role of Violence in the Politics of Reconstruction* (University of Georgia Press, 1984). His most recent book is *Damn Yankees! Demonization and Defiance in the Confederate South* (Louisiana State University Press, 2015), which won the James I. Robertson, Jr. Literary Prize. He is currently working on a book on the relationship between Abraham Lincoln and George B. McClellan.

**Summer 2018 Pohanka Internships**

Zachary Wesley ‘20

Jeff Martin ‘18 with a group at Manassas

Under the auspices of the Civil War Institute’s Brian C. Pohanka Internship program, 23 Gettysburg College students spent the summer of 2018 on the frontlines of history, interning at a wide variety of the nation’s leading historic sites and museums. Pohanka interns led tours and developed public programs, processed archival collections, cataloged artifacts, surveyed historic landscapes, created multimedia products, led children’s programs, developed content for social media accounts.
staffed visitor information desks, and conducted historical research for their host sites. Established in 2011 thanks to the generosity of the John J. Pohanka Family Foundation, the Pohanka Internship Program supports long-term partnerships between Gettysburg College and a wide range of the nation's most high-profile Civil War sites. Interns participate in a rigorous interview process, and those selected for participation in the program receive free housing and a $1500 stipend.

The following students completed internships in 2018:

- Jessica Greenman ‘20 and Maci Mark ‘21, Andersonville National Historic Site
- Ryan Bilger ‘19, Antietam National Battlefield
- Lillian Shea ‘21 and Carolyn Hauk ‘21, Appomattox Court House National Historical Park
- Julia Wall ‘19, Boston African American National Historic Site
- Keira Koch ‘19 and Emily Vega ‘19, Civil War Defenses of Washington, DC
- Kenneth McCracken ‘20 and Zach Wesley ‘20, Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park
- Garrett Kost ‘21, Kevin Aughinbaugh ‘18, and Shannon Zeltmann ‘21, Gettysburg National Military Park
- Cameron Sauers ‘21 and Alexis Zilen ‘20, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
- Jared Barna ‘20, Manassas National Battlefield Park
- Ben Roy ‘21, Minute Man National Historical Park
- Claire Bickers ‘20, Petersburg National Battlefield
- Albert Wilson ‘21, Richmond National Battlefield Park
- Rebekah Grimes ‘20, Seminary Ridge Museum
- Laurel Wilson ‘19, Special Collections & Archives, Musselman Library
- Dan Shevalier ‘19, Stratford Hall: The Home of the Lees
Study Abroad Students

Fall 2017

Charles Cosenza ‘19
Abroad: Syracuse U, Florence

Brodie Edgerton ‘19
Abroad: Advanced Studies in England; Bath, England

I had the privilege of studying in Bath, an experience of a lifetime and enjoyed every minute of it. I was able to take a wide variety of classes ranging from the Age of the Vikings to Modern British Political History, a class that was especially interesting due to Brexit. I was able to meet some incredible people both in the program and throughout the city of Bath. The program provided a terrific balance between immersion into the city and into British culture and allowing students to travel in their free time. I was fortunate enough to spend my free time exploring all Europe has to offer both by myself and with friends. From the mountains of Norway, Switzerland, and Wales to the busy streets of London, Copenhagen, and Berlin, the entire experience was unforgettable and has me eagerly awaiting my return to such incredible places.

Shelby Fragetta ‘19
Abroad: Syracuse U, Florence

Cameron Kinard ‘18
Abroad: CIEE, Berlin-Global Inst., Germany

Andrew Knight ‘19
Abroad: AUC, Cairo, Egypt

Abigail Metheny ‘18
Abroad: Arcadia, St. Andrews
Christina Noto ‘19  
Abroad: SIT Peace and Conflict Studies in the Balkans Serbia, Bosnia and Kosovo

Last fall I studied abroad in Serbia with SIT which focuses on immersion and experiential learning. Going into the semester I knew very little about Serbia and the breakup of Yugoslavia. By the end of the semester, not only did I love Serbia, but I really understood the conflict. While in Serbia I lived with a host family which was one of the highlights of my experience. I was able to develop a close relationship with them and they were able to contribute to my learning in many ways. For example, when I first got to Serbia they showed me around Belgrade to help me better acclimate to the new city and culture. During the last month of my program I lived in Sarajevo, Bosnia, and Herzegovina. While there, I volunteered at the War Childhood Museum which is dedicated to the children who lost their lives and childhoods due to past and current conflicts. After my experience at the museum, I wrote a feature story about its current work and the story was published in Good Magazine. It was such an honor to be able to work at and write about the museum.  
Feature Story: https://www.good.is/features/sarajevo-war-childhood-museum

Jacob Smalley ‘19  
Abroad: University of Tromso, Norway

William Steinharter ‘19  
Abroad: Arcadia, Univ. of Wollongong, Australia

Abigail Winston ‘19  
Abroad: Advanced Studies in England; Bath, England

I spent Fall 2017 studying abroad in Bath, England. I had an incredible time getting to live in such a beautiful city and interning at the Museum of Bath at Work.
Through my internship, I was able to learn a lot about the industrial history of the area, which many visitors do not get to experience, as well as how the museum world works in the U.K. I loved being able to travel around Europe on the weekends and particularly enjoyed my Age of the Vikings class. The picture I chose was when my program went hiking in the Brecon Beacons in Wales on Friday, October 13, 2017. It was quite an eventful Friday the 13th, as our bus broke down and we had to stop hiking due to the dangerous storms and fog.

**Study Abroad Students**

**Spring 2018**

**Charlotte Abin ’19**
Abroad: SIT Post Genocide Restoration and Peace-building; Kigali, Rwanda

I spent this past semester in Rwanda studying Post Genocide Restoration and Peace-building with a two week excursion to Uganda. My favorite part of my experience was being able to have an internship with the National Commission for the Fight Against Genocide, where I learned in-person how Rwanda recovers from and remembers the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

**Kathryn Amtower ’19**
Abroad: SIT Peace and Conflict Studies in the Balkans Serbia, Bosnia and Kosovo

**Andrew Burns ‘19**
Abroad: CIEE, Berlin-Global Inst, Germany

Andrew Burns was able to study in Freiburg, Germany during the Spring, 2018 semester. During that time, he took a short trip to Prague, Czech Republic where he saw Prague Castle.
Prague Castle is one of the most spectacular places in Europe, especially St. Vitus' Cathedral and the former royal palaces.

Mark Casillas ‘19
Abroad: CIEE, Berlin-Global Inst, Germany

I still look back at the Spring 2018 semester and am astounded that I got to spend four months of my life in a city with so much history. I'll never forget the first time I walked out of the train station and was greeted by the Brandenburg Gate or the time I walked alongside the Eastside Gallery. Walking around the different neighborhoods in Berlin felt surreal. I never thought I would be able to see the historical landmarks I had learned about up close and personal. I was fortunate enough to learn about European politics and German history, not only inside the classroom but outside as well. From doing various walking tours of the city to visiting the German Council of Foreign Affairs, there was never a dull moment at the Berlin Global Institute. I'll always be thankful for all of my academic experiences. In addition to that, there's something about visiting different cities I had heard so much about and experiencing different cultures that felt satisfying. From Barcelona to Dublin to Prague, there was so much to learn from each. I just wish I had more time than I did to explore more of the world. Nevertheless, I'm glad that I had this incredible learning experience.

Ian Farber ‘19
Abroad: Advanced Studies in England; Bath, England

Last spring, I was fortunate enough to spend my semester in Bath, England. As a History major who specializes in English Medieval History, it was an amazing experience to live in the UK and
learn about the field from English historians. While I was able to take interesting classes, I also had many unique experiences. I was able to visit many towns such as Oxford, Salisbury, and Dorset. The picture above was taken in Dorset when I was on a hike of the coast with my program. Along with this, I was also able to visit many locations such as Stonehenge, the Tower of London, and Corfe Castle. Outside of academics, I had the privilege to play with the Bath Saracens Rugby Club. While I was able to bring back many of the skills I learned back to Gettysburg, I more importantly was able to immerse myself with locals from Bath and got to experience the city from a different perspective. Studying abroad in Bath was one of the best decisions I ever made, and I look forward to going back one day.

Trenton Fye ‘19
Abroad: DIS, Danish Inst for Study AB, Denmark

I was in Copenhagen, Denmark during the Spring 2018 semester. While I was there, I lived with a Danish host family who showed me nothing but hospitality and taught me how to truly live the Danish way. My courses there were wide ranging in content. I had one that gave me the opportunity to speak with national security officials from various European countries while in important political locations, such as NATO, the EU, and the European Parliament. I had another class that took me to the beaches of Normandy where I experienced a history lesson like no other. Studying abroad was a landmark moment in my life and has had nothing but a positive impact on me as a person. Also, the picture is of me and my host brother Gustav sitting on top of one of the "Lost Giants of Copenhagen." It was very cool to hike out and see these large wooden sculptures!
Joshua Getz '19
Abroad: Advanced Studies in England; Bath, England

Last spring, I had the wonderful opportunity to study abroad with Advanced Studies in Bath, England. Bath is a charming city, with beauty at every turn. Our program toured England, including stops at Stonehenge, Oxford, and Stratford-upon-Avon. My UK Politics class toured Parliament in London and focused on the growing complexity of the Brexit issue. I also took a fascinating class called Irish Nationalisms which traced Ireland’s complicated history. The class took a weekend trip to Dublin, where we participated in an Irish literary pub quiz, and toured historical sights associated with the Easter Rising such as Kilmainham Gaol and Trinity College. Besides Ireland, I also traveled to Scotland, Wales, Italy, and Spain. The ASE staff was exceptional, and I would highly recommend the program to any student looking for an academically challenging program that incentivizes travel and integration into the local community.

Rachel Gombatz '19
Abroad: DIS, Danish Inst for Study AB, Denmark

This past spring I had the opportunity to study abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark, and, much, it was truly a life-changing experience. My core academic focus was of unparalleled interest as I was afforded the unique opportunity to study counterterrorism and intelligence analysis. From learning of the historical foundations of The Troubles in Belfast, North Ireland to analyzing the structure and motives of ISIS, my academic program far surpassed all expectations. In fact, my whole experience did. For four months I traveled to places I had dreamed of seeing my whole life while
building a life in a Danish city I have come to consider a second home. And for that, I will be forever grateful.

**Keira Koch ‘19**
Abroad: Arcadia, Univ. of Wollongong, Australia

Last Spring, I had the amazing opportunity to attend the University of Wollongong, which is located around 1 hour 30 minutes outside of Sydney. Going into the program, I knew I wanted to focus my studies on Aboriginal culture and history. All of my courses focused on understanding the current complex relationship between Indigenous peoples and colonial governments. I lived in the university’s International House where I had the opportunity to connect with people from all around the world. One of my favorite and most rewarding experiences was camping in the Outback. The landscape is absolutely gorgeous and many of the rock formations are sacred sites to the local Indigenous people. By the end of my experience, I absolutely fell in love with Australia and Wollongong. I consider Wollongong a second home and can’t wait for the next trip back!

**Lucy Marks ‘19**
SIT, Peru (Cuzco)

**Zachary Polley ‘19**
Abroad: Advanced Studies in England; Bath, England

**Julia Wall ‘19**
Abroad: Advanced Studies in England; Bath, England
History Department News

History Student Staff (2018-19)

The History Department welcomes back our student staff who were abroad in the Spring 2018: Keira Koch ‘19 an Indigenous Studies major with minors in History and Public History was studying abroad in Australia; and Maria Kurt ‘19 is a Classics major and Education minor who was studying abroad in Greece. We will miss Lillian Shea ‘21, a History major and Public History minor who will be working in the Academic Advising Office for the fall semester, but will be returning to the History and Classics office for Spring 2019.

Distinguished Teaching Award for 2018

The award for Distinguished Teaching is the highest honor that the faculty can bestow on a colleague. The winner of this award is selected annually by the Faculty Development Committee. The call is published on the College Digest by mid-February, and the award is presented at Commencement.

2018 – William D. Bowman, Johnson Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Humanities and Professor of History
HISTORY 421 Senior Seminar

Pictured below is an image of Prof. Michael Birkner’s HIST421 senior seminar on WWII, taken with three senior citizens who shared their memories of the war years.

Left to right among the seniors: Gerry Royals, Pat Moore, Carey Moore

The Jack Peirs Project

The Jack Peirs project began as a conversation between a student and his professor. History major, Marco Dracopoli ‘14, approached his professor, Dr. Ian Isherwood, about writing a research paper on leadership in the trenches. The resulting paper “A New Officer for a New Army: Major Hugh J.C. Peirs in the Great War” was based on his ancestor’s First World War letters. Brainstorming the possibilities of the collection with the Dracopoli family and with Special Collections college archivist Amy Lucadamo, we decided to build a digital history project around the letters. The goal of the project is to make these letters available to the largest number of people and to provide a learning opportunity for our students. Read more about it here.
**BOOK NOTES**

**Indian Captive, Indian King**

Dr. Tim Shannon published *Indian Captive, Indian King: Peter Williamson in America and Britain* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2018). This is the first scholarly biography of Peter Williamson, an eighteenth-century Scot who claimed to have suffered serial captivities in North America as an indentured servant, Indian captive, and prisoner of war, before returning to Britain and earning his living as an Indian impersonator and coffeehouse proprietor. The book offers a perspective on British imperial expansion in eighteenth-century America from the “bottom up,” using Williamson to examine plebian experiences with migration, servitude, military service, and the Enlightenment.

**Eisenhower’s Gettysburg Farm**

Dr. Michael Birkner and Carol Hegeman ‘73, with the help of Kevin Lavery ‘16, explore the photo archives of Eisenhower’s experiences in Gettysburg in their book *Eisenhower’s Gettysburg Farm* (Mount Pleasant, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2017). “Carol and I sought to highlight Gettysburg as a meaningful element in the Eisenhower story, starting with his first visit here on a West Point Staff ride in 1915. Ike's leadership at Camp Colt (1918), the famous convoy to San Francisco (1919), receiving an honorary degree from Gettysburg College (1946), the ways Gettysburg borough and the college factored into Eisenhower's presidency and his retirement years complement, in our telling, what scholars already know, and like, about Ike.”
Remembering the Great War: Writing and Publishing the Experiences of WWI

Some of the finest pieces of literature of the century are sourced from the First World War. Dr. Ian Isherwood examines these stories and their themes, arguing that the soldiers’ post-war lives had great meaning, contrary to the popular belief that they were a victimized, disillusioned generation.

“I wanted to tell the story of war experiences that have been eclipsed by infantrymen on the western front – those who fought in the middle east and Gallipoli, those held as prisoners of war, those who cared for the wounded and dying, and those who fought in the skies – in short, to give a broader perspective of how the Great War generation remembered their war in print.”

The War for the Common Soldier: How Men Thought, Fought, and Survived in Civil War Armies

How did Civil War soldiers endure the brutal and unpredictable existence of army life during the conflict? This question is at the heart of Dr. Peter S. Carmichael's sweeping new study of men at war. Based on close examination of the letters and records left behind by individual soldiers from both the North and the South, Carmichael explores the totality of the Civil War experience—the marching, the fighting, the boredom, the idealism, the exhaustion, the punishments, and the frustrations of being away from families who often faced their own dire circumstances. Carmichael focuses not on what soldiers thought but rather how they thought. In doing so, he reveals how, to the shock of most men, well-established notions of duty or disobedience, morality or immorality, loyalty or disloyalty, and bravery or cowardice were blurred by war.
Digging deeply into his soldiers' writing, Carmichael resists the idea that there was "a common soldier" but looks into their own words to find common threads in soldiers' experiences and ways of understanding what was happening around them. In the end, he argues that a pragmatic philosophy of soldiering emerged, guiding members of the rank and file as they struggled to live with the contradictory elements of their violent and volatile world. Soldiering in the Civil War, as Carmichael argues, was never a state of being but a process of becoming.

**Department Journals**

**Gettysburg Historical Journal**

*The Gettysburg Historical Journal* features original undergraduate student research and essays. It is produced by students at Gettysburg College and published annually. While the Gettysburg Historical Journal focuses on research in the field of history, we publish and encourage submissions from other disciplines that utilize historical viewpoints or methodologies, including sociology, anthropology, and classics.

**Gettysburg Journal of the Civil War Era**

*The Gettysburg College Journal of the Civil War Era* annually publishes undergraduate papers on the Civil War Era and its lasting memory. We are interested in academic essays, public history essays, and book reviews broadly relating to the American Civil War.
Alumni News

Thanks to all our alumni who submitted their news! We look forward to hearing back from you in the years to come, and always welcome a personal visit to campus!

Class of ‘50
Andy O’Day ‘50 –
It is amazing how close we are to history!!!!!!! A fellow who goes to the same church as I is a man named Co. Ben Skardon. Ben was 101 on July 14 and is a survivor of the Death March of Bataan. Each spring there is a memorial walk in White Sands, NM and this year Ben walked 8 1/2 miles to memorialize his fallen comrades.
The thing that puts me close to history is that his father, as a boy soprano, sang at Jefferson Davis’ funeral.
All I could say was wow.
Regards,
Andy

Class of ‘51
Bill and Sue Rock ‘51 -
Given the fact that I go back pretty far, I doubt that there are many who receive the Newsletter who will recall me. But I write to say that I am alive and well, now 24 years into retirement, living in Bowling Green, Ohio, where I taught Modern European History at Bowling Green State University for 35 years. Here are a few statistics, if they are useful:
- B.A, Gettysburg, 1951 (Inspired to pursue graduate study in Modern European history by Dr. Basil Crapster (newly arrived from Harvard).
- M.A., Duke University, 1953    Ph.D., Duke University, 1956
- Two years in the U.S. Army, 1955-57, (as a draftee with a Ph.D.; service in Frankfurt, Germany).
- 1957-58: One year (as temporary faculty replacement) at Duke.
Published four books pertaining to British foreign policy in the 1930’s and the coming of the Second World War.

Use as much or as little of this as you see fit. In any case, I look back on my years at Gettysburg College with great relish!

Class of ‘58  
Guy Graybill ‘58 -

Within the past couple of weeks, I've had a book newly published and an earlier book accepted for publication in Great Britain.

Sunbury Press, Inc., of Mechanicsburg, has published my newest book. Entitled INTOXICATION NATION (isbn 978-1-62006-087-2), this is a very comprehensive and modern temperance work. INTOXICATION NATION has chapters dealing with some of the early temperance developments and presenting a kinder view of Carrie Nation ("the hatchet woman from Medicine Lodge, Kansas") and a tougher view of those who worked to throttle Prohibition. It also presents a chapter on the absurdity of campus partying and the huge numbers related to alcohol-related mayhem and death. I put forth the argument that it was anarchy and not democratic processes that brought Prohibition to a screeching halt and left the entire temperance movement forever silenced. One chapter chastises those who pretend that a simplistic sentence ("A little wine is good for your health.") can eliminate all the clinical studies that tell us that excessive alcohol intake damages every single system of the human body. The book's denouement reflects on the glamorization and proliferation of alcohol in today's society, while disregarding that one portion of the U.S. Constitution that should be applied to alcohol's ever-increasing burden.

Of the six books that I've had published, two are personal favorites. The one is INTOXICATION NATION and the other is BRAVO! That book is the only book to declare (and to prove) that the Italians did more for the development of music than any other people. I'm very pleased to report that BRAVO! has been selected for publication by Cambridge Scholars Publishing of Newcastle upon Tyne in Great Britain. They will
be the sole distributor for the book, which they will retitle as ITALY'S PRIMACY IN MUSICAL HISTORY.

Currently, I remain involved in book signings and speaking events, with one of each in October.

I consider two of my late professors to have been influential in my varied interests: Dr. Basil Crapster and Dr. James Alexander. I hope that their portraits are hanging on some wall of your office complex. They were appreciated.

Class of ‘59
Carol Reed Hamilton ‘59 –
I was so enthralled with reading the recent History Newsletter. As a 1959 grad/History Major I just couldn’t believe all the opportunities for today’s students who major in History. I remember well Dr. Basil Crapster and Dr. Charles Gladfelter who sort of made me tremble a bit. I could not skip studying hard with those two. I had always known I wanted to be a teacher so it was a fine major and I ended up teaching Jr. High Level Civics. As I gave up teaching to raise my own family I found other ways to be involved and continue my love of History. For 11 years I was director of the State Capitol Tour Guides in Hartford CT - a program sponsored by the League of Women Voters. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about the workings of government. Now I am a volunteer Tour Guide at the Noah Webster Birthplace in West Hartford, CT. It is a great opportunity again to teach to school groups who visit and other tourists about a person we like to promote as a “founding father” not just a dictionary writer. Thanks for keeping in touch. Just now I am promoting Gettysburg to my youngest grandchild who is a high school Senior- she has applied, won’t be a history major but we think Gettysburg a good place for her.

Class of ‘60
Paull Spring ‘60 –
The only notable event for me will be the celebration of my 80th birthday this coming November.

Class of ‘63
Hal Sheads ‘63 –
Had a great time at the reunion.
Class of ‘64
Penn Lardner ‘64 -
My job at Mumm Napa Winery in Rutherford, California allows me to use my history diploma as I communicate with folks from Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and the Western Hemisphere. Knowing the histories of many of these countries allows for me to connect with foreign travelers thereby enhancing their visit and tasting experience. Likewise, my focuses on the American Revolution, Civil War, the 20th century wars and military actions enable me to connect with veterans and folks from the 50 states. Obviously, we discuss many social and cultural impacts as well. This helps me educate folks on sparkling wine and selling the same. History is a great major!

John Sims ‘64 –
In my contribution to the 2017 Newsletter I told you of the trip to the East Coast my wife and I took last spring. During that time we continued researching my Great Uncle's mortal wound and death the Battle of Ft. Stedman at Petersburg. Even with the help of Ranger Betsy Dinger at Poplar Grove National Cemetery, we could not find his definitive gravesite. So, when we found out that "Wreaths Across America" was to include Poplar Grove in their wreath laying this Christmas, we asked Ranger Dinger to pick an unknown soldier's grave and lay a wreath for him. Being a historian, I thought you might like to read the short story I wrote this weekend in answer to Ranger Dinger's notification to me that she had chosen a gravesite to place the wreath at Poplar Grove.
I have included Ranger Dinger's e-mail and photos of my Great Uncle, Page Tallman, the wreath and the section of the cemetery where Uncle Page and the other soldiers which were transferred from the Confederate Cemetery at Blandford Church, where he was originally buried at the end of the War.

WREATHS Across America
I thought you might like to see this wreath and where it was placed at Poplar Grove National Cemetery, Petersburg, Virginia.
Here is the story...
My great Uncle, Page Tallman, was mortally wounded at the 6:00AM attack by Robert E. Lee's
troops at the Battle of Ft. Stedman, in the last great battle of the Civil War at Petersburg Battlefield March 25, 1865. He died at the Confederate General Hospital at Petersburg. While visiting the Battlefield in 2012 to search for Page's burial site, Linda and I met Betsy Dinger, the National Park Ranger in charge of Poplar Grove National Cemetery on the Petersburg Battlefield. After much correspondence with Betsy over the next few years, we visited her again this year. Although Uncle Page was listed on "Find A Grave" website as being buried at Petersburg's Blandford Church cemetery, we could not find his burial site. Betsy said that most of his unit had been buried at Blandford Church but had been transferred to Poplar Grove after the war as Blandford was a Confederate Cemetery. She was sure that he was buried in an unmarked grave at Poplar Grove in the Blandford section with the other soldiers from his unit killed during the battle. As a result, we purchased a Christmas wreath which Betsy personally placed at a grave of her choosing, of an unknown Union soldier at Poplar Grove in the Blandford section.

I have been researching Uncle Page since I was 16 years old. So after 60 years, I feel my research is done.

Class of ‘65
Douglass Durrett ‘65 –
No really exciting news to report. I continue to work as a partner in Global Synergies, LLC, and a company my partner and I started in the mid-1990. As we try to serve our US clients with advantageous relationships and supply chains involving other countries, I find the same tools and skills I learned in Historical Methods and in writing countless research papers underpinning our process. At the same time, the curiosity in different cultures and interest in the histories of the world that so engaged me at Gettysburg, are still motivating me today. My wife of 55 years, Pat Coffin Durrett, also attended Gettysburg and together we have a clan of three married children and seven grandchildren. Pat started a business last year called "My Gift, My Story, LLC" which interviews and captures people's personal histories in audio recordings.
**Class of ‘66**

**William Adar Bonner ‘66 –**

William Adair Bonner (Bill) class of 1966 continues an active practice of law in Media, Pennsylvania, which has included significant pro bono federal litigation in the field of religious speech civil rights. My other very great enjoyment is reading history daily and continuing to build my extensive library in legal and cultural history. I use my history studies to inform my radio programming in metropolitan Philadelphia thru a broadcast entitled “IT’S YOUR LAW, Legal Intelligence for Civic Engagement”, which is heavily focused on cultural issues as they intersect with the law. Additionally, I host a monthly breakfast entitled “FIRST FRIDAY”, which digs deeper into history, culture, religion and the law, and I schedule occasional seminars, urging people to read good history more often. I wish I had possessed as much excitement studying history when I was still at Gettysburg, but greatly value the foundations I was taught by very fine professors. My wife Jane works with me as a Legal Assistant. We have now raised four daughters and a son. Would be glad to hear from any classmates (bonneresq@verizon.net)

**Paul Haack ‘66 -**

After my retirement my wife and I have continued to reside in Hanover, PA. During the last twelve years since my retirement, I have been serving as either an Interim or Supply Pastor for Lutheran congregations in the York and Adams County area. We enjoy being able to spend time with our children and their families and traveling at home and abroad.

**Glenn Hartzell ‘66 -**

I am now retired since 2015. My first career was in Federal law enforcement as a criminal investigator in the Treasury Dept. (IRS, Internal Security). My most recent work was a job coach working with persons with mental illness who desired to be employed. I now have more time to read history, and my special interests are US Presidents and the meaning of the Civil War. My most recent read was The White House Looks South by Lauchtenburg (2005), and am currently reading Peatman's The Long Shadow of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Visiting Weidensall Hall on campus in 2017, I was delighted to see the photos honoring Professors Glatfelter, Crapster, Bloom and Stemen, three of whom I had for two or more courses.
Jim Madison ‘66 -
Jim continues to mix travel with history. His most recent publication is an article on the NAACP in the early days of the civil rights movement. He’s working now on race, religion, and patriotism as seen in the history of the Ku Klux Klan. Jim notes that interns doing historical research in Musselman Library are now supported by the endowment honoring History Professor Charles Glatfelter. Alumni may join in supporting this worthy endeavor, even if memories our 7:50 am Historical Methods class still to terrify.

David McLane ‘66 –
We are relocating the northern half of our lives from PA to Leesburg, VA (Battle of Bull Run). This is to be closer to our two (2) daughters and families (four grandsons ages 5, 6, 7, & 8). The other half, the southern half, will remain in Charleston, SC (Fort Sumter).

Class of ‘67
Jay Adams ‘67 –
Has just finished reading the 2017 department newsletter. What fun and how stimulating it must be to be a history major at GBurg. The faculty is so diverse. The course offerings are so interesting and timely. The programs and projects and lectures are so enticing. Oh, if only I could start all over again.
I thoroughly enjoyed being back on campus last June for the class of 67's 50th reunion. Town and gown both looked great. The whole weekend had a dreamlike quality. Everyone we met was very friendly and very helpful.
I am retired now but I still read history, and I still believe (as I have said) that public history has a crucial role to play in these unthoughtful days.

John C. Tecklenburg II ‘67 -
During my 40-year international corporate legal career with Alcoa, I traveled all over the globe on business, where I focused on establishing and operating businesses and forming joint ventures in Europe, greater Asia, the Caribbean and Brazil. During nine of my post-Gettysburg years I visited more than 50 countries and lived in Vietnam, Switzerland, and more recently with my family in China.
My wife Dorothy and I now live near Amity, in Amwell Township, Washington County, in Southwestern Pennsylvania. More on that.

With a history background from Gettysburg coupled with my own natural curiosity, I quickly took to the history of the places where I lived and worked, and developed a keen awareness of their underlying cultural influences. History and culture go a long way in shaping different legal systems around the world.

In my retirement I have maintained my interest in worldwide history and culture. I joined an archeological expedition with an Australian university in Thailand, near the Cambodian border, seeking evidence of the pre-curser to the Angkor Wat civilization.

I also joined and eventually became President of a historical association, which maintains the house in Washington PA of David Bradford, one of the leaders of the Whiskey Rebellion here in Western Pennsylvania. The rebellion among frontier farmers, settlers and supporters, first challenged the authority of the newly created federal government of George Washington and Alexander Hamilton. The protest centered on the excise tax Hamilton promoted on whiskey to pay-off the debts of the American Revolution.

I am also one of the organizers of a four-day Whiskey Rebellion Festival, which celebrates in Washington PA, the heritage and unique character our region, by focusing on the Rebellion. The uprising ultimately collapsed in the face of overwhelming odds of a military force personally led by George Washington against the Rebels. The Festival honors the critical moment in America’s history challenging the new constitutional order, and establish the important principle of the authority of the federal government to use military means within state boundaries to enforce national laws.

Class of ‘69
Stephen Nelson ‘69 –
I continue as a Professor of Educational Leadership at Bridgewater State University teaching organizational leadership and research courses in the Graduate School. I am currently working on my seventh book about the college presidency and higher education, *John G. Kemeny and Dartmouth College: The Man, The Times, and the College Presidency*, a biography of John Kemeny, president of Dartmouth College, 1970-1981,
and founder of college computing and BASIC and Chair of the Three Mile Island Commission. It will be published in late 2019. I am planning to begin research on a next book about religion in the college and university next year. Spouse Janet Cooper Nelson (Wellesley, ‘71) continues her distinguished service and role as the Chaplain to the University at Brown, entering her 29th year. We have lived in Providence, RI that entire time and love the sense of history of this place. The First Baptist Church in America, founded by followers in the footsteps of Roger Williams, he of religious freedom and liberty fame, just blocks down the hill from our home. And of course lovely beaches within an easy drive.

**Sam Laudenslager ‘69 -**

After being out of touch for a while, I finally have something worthwhile to share with y'all - I retired (actually my 2nd retirement) at the end of June, after 25 years as customs/shipping manager for the German Air Force facility at Dulles International Airport. Since retirement, my life has been a T-Shirt -- "I may be Old ... but I got to hear all the great bands!" got to Barry Manilow, Billy Joel, and Elton John's "Yellow Brick Road" tour this summer.

The weeks after retirement were a literal "bucket list" check-off. I am a Washington Nationals baseball season ticket holder, and I was contacted by the Nats about volunteering for the Major League All-Star game "FanFest", which took place at Washington DC Convention Center during All-Star Game week. This entailed (1) a 2-day weekend-long interview/orientation session, (2) a week of interview and background Checks, and (3) a full week of training -- including how to operate batting cages and virtual reality games, psychological simulations (how to handle lines of rude, difficult people) and first aid/CPR classes.

1500 of 7000 applicants finally made it to MLB Volunteer status -- I spent six 6-hour workdays doing everything from operating batting cages and virtual reality pitching games, to assisting kids learn to slide at the "Steal A Base" and "Steal Home" slip & slides, to teaching T-ball basics to tykes -- GREAT FUN for a granddad like me. Surprisingly, the FanFest assignment that I enjoyed the most was the one that I had initially dreaded -- line control (ala Disney World rides) at the Celebrity Autograph stations. All the rude people simulations training simulations weren't needed --- so many happy people just happy to be there no matter
how long the wait. And I got to meet Rollie Fingers, Steve Carlton, Juan Marichal, and Jack Morris!!

Plus I was able to enjoy a weekend of classic baseball at Nationals Park. the Republicans vs Democrats Congressional Game, the Minor League All-Star Game, the Celebrities/Old-Timers Game, the Home Run Derby, and the MLB All-Star Game. (Upper Deck seats,,, but Who Cares ??). Next year All Star Game is at Cleveland

At the moment, Becky & I are still at 9416 Wallingford Drive, Burke Virginia 22015, We had been contemplating moving to either the Wilmington-Wrightsville Beach NC area or to Enumclaw/Buckley, Washington state (nearer to my son's family - he works for Alaska Air, based at Seattle). Hurricane Florence may have made the decision for us.

Class of ‘70
Steve Conrad ‘70 -
Nothing to add, still happily retired. Will be out to attend Fortenbaugh!

Class of ‘71
Lawrence Larmer ‘71 -
In my Historical Methods class we read a book, "The Historian as Detective" by Dr. Robin Winks who said that in addition to teaching and editing documents, a major job of an historian was solving historical mysteries. Now that Deep Throat has outed himself, I have begun reading the documents for other mysteries like 1) who killed JFK; 2) did Amelia Earhart survive?; 3) what happened to the Amber Room; and 4) who was the Man in the Iron Mask. I am sure there are others. Evaluating these historical sources has added a rewarding dimension to my readings and to my life.

Richard Uhl ‘71 –
Retirement to the Hilton Head, SC area 6 years ago has allowed my wife, Janet ( Buge ) class of 1971, & I to pursue our interest in Civil War history. We are members of a large, active Civil War Roundtable chapter, enjoying presentations by many leading national historians. Retired Gettysburg College president, Charles Glassick, is the treasurer of this chapter. Charlie lives in Sun City Hilton Head. We have sparked some interest in Civil War history in some of our neighbors resulting in what has evolved into an annual road trip to Civil War sites. Last year we
returned to Gettysburg where I conducted a battlefield tour, taking time out for a walk across campus. This year we visited the excellent museums of Richmond & some of the surrounding battlefields. The Yorktown peninsula & Antietam / Harpers Ferry are future destinations.

**Class of '72**

**Carl J. Witmeyer, II ‘72**

Basically, nothing really has changed other than my Law Office moved on September 1, 2017. Because our son Wesley joined our Law Firm now four years ago, we needed to move to a larger space. We continue to have offices in Hanover County and Fredericksburg, Virginia and we service both offices with attorneys to promote Trial Litigation for our clients, both for Criminal Defense and Family Law and other Civil Litigation. Obviously, it is a great joy for me to have my son Wes practice law with me every day.

**Class of ‘73**

**Jay Lees ‘73**

I just retired after enjoying 31 years at the University of Northern Iowa as a professor of German, English, and medieval history (got my start from George Fick, Basil Crapster, and Edward Baskerville). Along the way, I've taken students to Poland to study the Holocaust and to Italy for a course I called "Sacred Space." I also have taught seminars on "Crusaders, Byzantines, and Muslims," "Women in the Middle Ages," and "Shakespeare as a historian" (thank you, Jim Myers!).

**Class of ‘76**

**Rob Blomberg ‘76, P ‘14**

I am now in my fourth year as a Tour Guide at Historic Fenway Park. Over the past year I've given approximately 120 tours to over 8,000 visitors to Fenway Park. Visitors come to Fenway Park not only from the US but also from around the globe. Fenway continues to be a "bucket list" location for many people.

In addition this summer I began giving Tours of Historic Woods Hole, MA, (where I live) to visitors to Woods Hole as one of the programs through the Woods Hole Historic Museum. In addition to being the gateway to Martha's Vineyard Woods Hole is the home of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Marine Biology Lab and other scientific institutions. Woods Hole's history goes back to the 1660's and has had many industries from farming to shipbuilding to guano factories to tourism. It's a very eclectic location.
It's been fun using my Gettysburg History major as a tour guide to two diverse entities such as Fenway Parka and Woods Hole, MA. I look forward to hosting Gettysburg alums, families and friends at both Fenway and Woods Hole."

**James Hinman ‘76 –**
I have been practicing law in Rochester, New York since 1980, mostly in the areas of family law and criminal defense. I have had several high profile trials and been recognized for my work on several occasions, but my most recent, and valued, achievement is my victory over breast cancer and abdominal issues which threatened to derail me completely. I am back to work, but looking to cut back on my caseload and at least semi-retire. I still enjoy history and can relate much of it to my daily experiences, often using historical analogies to help clients understand strategies and issues.

**Class of ‘77**
**Charles T. Scott ‘77 –**
Post-retirement from Mercer LLC, I continue to have a solo consulting practice in executive talent management and I teach in the MBA program at Temple University. Love of history manifests through downtime activities like our two-week cycling trip through Normandy and Brittany this past June. Would also mention that fellow ‘77 History major Paul Bibeau hiked Mt. Washington with us in July! Finally, honored to be chairing the search committee for our Alma mater’s 15th president.

**Matt Shannon ‘77 –**
Glad to let you and fellow alumni what I'm up to. After Gettysburg I moved to DC to attend GW law school. I retired five years ago after serving the US government for over 30 years as an attorney with the US Merit Systems Protection Board. I've lived in the city the entire time. I'm now in a condo on Florida Avenue Nw in a six unit building. Thankfully I have garage parking, but rarely use my car. I use it mostly to visit my 93 year old mother in Lititz, Pennsylvania who is a trustee emeritus and served on the board for 10 years. My brother, father (who received an honorary Doctorate from Gettysburg), and my uncle also graduated from
Gettysburg. I often visit Gettysburg and was there last week. I am planning trips to Australia and New Zealand, Germany, and South Africa. I have been fortunate to have visited many countries, and only Hawaii remains of US states to be visited, as I've been to the other 49. I'm in a happy relationship with Donte, who lives right outside DC. He plans to join me on my travels. My phone number is 202-255-6849, and my email address is shannonmd55@gmail.com.

I have a lot of time and energy to meet up with anyone who might come through DC. Also, please keep me informed of any faculty members, students or friends of Gettysburg who might be speaking in or visiting DC. I also have an extra bedroom with its own bathroom if anyone needs to crash! I greatly enjoy reading about the accomplishments and lives of the professors and alumni and current students in the newsletter. Keep up the great work!

**Class of ‘80**

Nancy Egloff ‘80 - Following graduation in 1980, I got a M.A. in Colonial History at the College of William and Mary and have been in Williamsburg ever since, as historian at Jamestown Settlement, a museum of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. This year I had the joy of helping with an exhibition soon to open at Jamestown, entitled "Tenacity: Women of Jamestown and Early Virginia," part of Virginia's 400th commemoration of several important events occurring in 1619 in Virginia. Also, in Sept. 2018 we took our older son and daughter-in-law back to the 'Burg, and into the old building to see where Mom took all her history classes, including "Methods" with Charles Glatfelter, and we ran into Prof. Bill Bowman--a fun experience!

**Class of ‘81**

Chris Jentsch ‘81 – Hopefully by now you’ve received the CD through snail mail? It would probably not be necessary to send a hard copy CD of my releases to you but for the extreme relevance of my most recent project to the History Department Newsletter. Commissioned by Chamber Music America and The Doris Duke Foundation, *Topics in American History* is an hour long composition written for my nine piece jazz ensemble Jentsch Group No Net. The titles of the movements are as follows:

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For the record, I did write a paper around 1980 for Robert Bloom on the subject of movement 07.

Please feel free to share the CD throughout the History and/or Music departments...and if that seems too archaic, feel free to distribute this link to a DropBox with the music files and my complete liner notes and artwork,...
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Class of ‘83
Phil Hamilton ‘83 -
I'm currently at Christopher Newport University where I'm Professor of History. I've been at CNU since 2002. It's been several years since I've contacted the department about my activities. But here are a few things about what I've done, publishing-wise.

Last year I had a book come out entitled The Revolutionary War Lives and Letters of Lucy & Henry Knox (Johns Hopkins UP, 2017). This past summer, a volume I co-edited was published by the University of Oklahoma Press and is entitled Justifying Revolution: Law, Virtue and Violence in the American War of Independence. I also wrote one of the chapters. On a related Gettysburg-note, one of CNU's recent history-major graduates was Sam Martin, who is also the son of Brian Martin (Gettysburg history major, also class of 83). Brian and I knew one another when we were undergrads together and so we reconnected when Sam told me his dad attended Gettysburg. Small world!

Thanks for asking about the Department's alumni. I've been trying to get our department to do something along the lines of an annual newsletter.
Please give my best to Gabor Borritt, Michael Birkner and Tim Shannon. The last time I saw them was, I think, in 2013; so it's been awhile since I've been to Gettysburg. And please pass along my congratulations to Tim on his recent book with Harvard. I've already recommend our library purchase it.

Class of ‘84
Christopher Roth ‘84 –
Starting my 31st year of teaching in September second and third grade at the Waretown Elementary School in Waretown, NJ. Also, starting my 7th year as director of the before and after care program for the school district. Earned my NJ Real Estate License this winter and work for Weichert Realtors of Long Beach Island.

Suzanne Zweizig ‘84 -
After adding a couple degrees (a Ph.D. in English from the University of North Carolina, and an M.F.A in Creative Writing from the University of Florida) to my Gettysburg College History B.A, and after a few zigs and zags across the globe, I have settled in Washington, DC, where I write, teach writing and do other things related to literature: I serve as the Translation Editor for Poet Lore magazine, the oldest poetry journal in the country, and organize an annual German literature festival for the Goethe Institute in DC.
I recently got back in touch with my inner History-major self when I started a blog called One New Place (Onenewplace.com) in which I try to see a new place every day of the year. This project has me traipsing to many smaller, lesser-known historical sites in the DC area and has renewed my interest, particularly in local history. Follow along if you like!

Class of ‘85
Joe Lynch ‘85-
One of the benefits of working at the College is the opportunity to check off some of the bucket list items from my student days. Despite having Historical Methods 301 with Dr. Glatfelter, I can't be sure if Robert E. Lee was ever up on the Cupola. But I know that I was!
John Maxfield ‘85-
I am currently serving as Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Concordia University of Edmonton (Alberta, Canada), where I was first appointed as an assistant professor in 2009. I teach mostly History courses--History of Christianity, Luther and the Reformation, both a senior seminar and a graduate seminar in the Reformation, a course on the Early Middle Ages. I also teach a course in Theology and (this semester for the first time) an introductory course in comparative religions: Western Religious Traditions.

In 2016-17 I enjoyed my first sabbatical leave, first bicycling for three months to historical places ranging from Scotland and Ireland to Roman Gaul (i.e., France) and beyond the limes into central Germany, then spending time researching at the August Herzog Bibliothek (the early modern historian's book paradise) in Lower Saxony for a book on the Reformation in the town of Braunschweig (Brunswick). Writing the book is coming along nicely but more slowly than I had hoped, especially since resuming teaching responsibilities last year. In the "Reformation year" 2017 I also completed another kind of book project, editing (and writing the introduction and one of the chapters) Defending Luther's Reformation: Its Ongoing Significance in the Face of Contemporary Challenges (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2017).

My wife Jennifer and I have four children--three of whom majored in History (and either German or Music) in college. That connection to history was fostered especially on family vacations, frequently visiting Civil War sites (Gettysburg a favorite and fairly frequent destination). Our eldest son is now a Captain in the US Army (USMA 2014), our one daughter completed her BA in History and German at Notre Dame and is now studying Library Science at the University of Alberta, our third child is completing a Bachelor of Education here at Concordia and doing his practicum in a local elementary school, our youngest son is studying Music (and minoring in History) here at Concordia, in his second year.

I have many fond memories of Gettysburg College and enjoy reading the History Newsletter.
Class of ‘90  
Steve Hessler ‘90 -
Not too much to report, however, let me start off with congratulations to Kevin Burke on becoming Gettysburg’s head football coach – Kevin is a fellow 1990 graduate and history major. As for me and my wife, Kellie, we have continued our world travels, having just completed two weeks on safari in Botswana’s Okavango Delta and seeing Victoria Falls in Zambia and Zimbabwe. On the work front, I continue to work for Deutsche Bank’s (28+ years now) Corporate Trust business in Santa Ana, California.

Class of ‘91  
Tom Weber ‘91 –
I was recently on campus with my family and had to take a picture of my kids in front of Miller Hall (Emily-14, Van-13, Quinn-8, Audrey-5). The campus looks beautiful and the changes/additions are amazing. Since 2004 I’ve run my own financial consulting business that caters to nice and successful people and small businesses that need help and know it (https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.aptam.com&m%c=E.1,-PDJXfhZ5mMRUXqdaOiPnqihpJLFcheeCr75lm2y3wcgw3MamyAgeHTAIm5WWtFVWrpm9sN7rCPWowqXzGrU6DliDihhsNbcApI-NvTSPoXesyTxEyw9rLERzT&typo=1)! This is certainly an interesting time in history and I’d love to be on campus to participate in the discourse!

Class of ‘94  
Matt Haag ‘94 -
I’ve recently been appointed as the Vice President of Advancement and Alumni Relations at Dartmouth Hitchcock Health and The Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College having previously served as the Associate Vice President of Clinical, Research and Academic Development at University of Rochester Medical Center.
Wes Bartlett III ‘94 –

Bartlett was one of the top tennis players in program history. Competing during Gettysburg's transition from the Middle Atlantic Conference to the Centennial Conference, he set the standard as the program's first-ever All-CC selection, earning second-team status in 1994. The native of Montville, N.J., competed at the top flights in both singles and doubles in his final three seasons and he finished as the all-time leader in total wins (107) and singles wins (65). He won at least 15 singles matches in each of his campaigns and went 17-1 in 1992. He won the ITA/Rolex Eastern Regional doubles title in 1993 and qualified for the ITA National Championships in 1994.


Pete Vermilyea ‘94 -

I continue to serve as the co-director (with Jared Peatman ‘02) of the Civil War Institute’s High School Scholarship Program. Also, I participated in a Gilder Lehrman Institute Summer Seminar on Dwight Eisenhower, led by Professor Michael Birkner.

I’ve attached a photo of Michael and myself in appropriate attire at the construction site for the Eisenhower Memorial in DC.

Melissa Zook ‘94 -

I am a twenty first century country doctor in southeastern Kentucky. My practice is thriving and, while I haven't see it all, not much raises my eyebrows any more. I practice cradle to grave medicine and am board certified in family medicine, HIV medicine and addiction medicine. I've been spending more and more time writing about my life in medicine and went to a physician writers workshop at the Harvard Med School in April. I am starting to get my essays published and some recognition for my work. I hope to parlay that success into a book soon. I have two boys,
four and twelve, who couldn't be more different but are both witty, athletic, charming and sweet. They fight over the most ridiculous things, but defend each other against all others, so all is well. I'm pretty sure I'm going to need a Go Fund Me page to keep them in groceries. My wife, Susan, is an engineering, architecture and robotics teacher. She is also a nationally recognized wood turner and craftsman. She designs and creates fine writing pens out of a host of materials. About five years ago I started working with Gettysburg Career Development, the Center for Public Service and the Pre-Health Professions faculty to develop an alternative spring break on Healthcare in Appalachia. Now, every spring break a group of about eight Gettysburg students comes to Kentucky and spends the week learning about the factors that influence health, learn about the local health resources and about health and poverty in Appalachia. I also host Gettysburg students every summer through the Career Development Office's externship program.

Class of '95
Christ Hart '95 -
I had the great pleasure of meeting up with Dr. Birkner when he was in Melbourne in January. I was so inspired to get to see him. While I did not get to show him the school where I teach at, hopefully I will be able to another time. This newsletter was what allowed the meeting to happen!

I just got back from a French exchange that I went on with 12 students from my high school. It was a great reminder to me not only of the semester abroad I had in England but also of the great French Revolution class with Professor Hardwick.

Class of '97
Meredith (Bowne) Bove '97 –
My previous company, Sucampo Pharmaceuticals, was acquired early this year. I recently took a position as a Director at Emergent BioSolutions where I am responsible for the planning and implementation of enterprise, lab-facing information technology programs and projects. I live in Potomac, MD with my husband, a history teacher, and kids, Alexander (age 16) and Juliana (age 13).

Class of '98
Brent Hege '98 -
The most exciting news this year is that I got married on June 15th! My
wife, Kate Boyd, is Professor of Piano at Butler University and on the summer faculty of Interlochen Arts Academy in northern Michigan. I will begin my 11th year on the Religion faculty at Butler this fall and I also continue my role as Butler's Center for Faith and Vocation Scholar in Residence. I am currently at work on my third book, "Faith, Doubt, and Reason," a reflection on ten years of teaching a First Year Seminar of the same name. It was lovely returning to Gettysburg for my 20th reunion this past summer and it was gratifying to see that while much is changing on campus, the lobby of Weidensall is gloriously "retro."

Class of ‘99
Jeffrey Muldoon ‘99 –
I am working as an Assistant Professor at the College of Business at Emporia State University in Kansas.

Class of ‘00
Barbara Dickson ‘00 -
I continue to work at the American Occupational Therapy Association in book publishing, where I was excited to get to use my history background last year as AOTA celebrated its 100th anniversary. I participated in our centennial committee, going through the association's archives and highlighting some of our achievements and most influential occupational therapy practitioners, and helped set up a website celebrating our 100 years. (And got some help from classmate and now Gettysburg librarian/archivist Amy Lucadamo '00 along the way!)

Class of ‘01
Brian Henisman ‘01 -
I am currently a Captain at Station 5A with the James City County Fire Department in Williamsburg, VA where I have been working since 2005. In addition I am a First Sergeant with the 88th Military Police Company, an Army Reserve unit based at Ft. Eustis, VA. I am currently pursuing an MA in Emergency and Disaster Management from American Military University. So far this year I have completed the Virginia Fire Officer's Academy in Richmond and the Managing Officer Program through the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD.

Class of ‘02
Sarah (Andrews) Schlieckert ‘02 – July 1, 2018 I started a new position as pastor at Calvary United Methodist Church in Waldorf, MD.
Kyley and Jason Weida ‘02 -
They welcomed a daughter, Sailor Marian, on December 12. Kyley and Jason have two other children (Bowen, 6, and Alden, 3), and live in Hingham, Massachusetts.

Class of ‘04
Katie Hall ‘04-
I’ve recently transitioned roles at the Delaware Public Archives from Reference Archivist to Coordinator of the Delaware Historical Markers Program.

Meggan Smith ‘04-
I continue to serve as a Research & Instruction Librarian at Gettysburg College's Musselman Library. This year I also have the pleasure of working closely with Dr. Lowy's new First Year Seminar: "Tea: An Experiential History." I get to read the assigned readings, participate in class discussions, help students with their research projects, and drink tea, of course.

Class of ‘05
Molly Gale ‘05 -
I am still living and working in the suburban Detroit area. This past school year (2017-2018) was my thirteenth year of teaching history, and I was really flattered to win the teacher of the year award for my county. At the end of the school year, I took a new position in my district as the curriculum and instructional technology specialist for secondary English Language Arts and Social Studies. I'm excited to start the new school year in this position and to work with the history teachers in our district!

Meredith Dull ‘05 –
Graduated from nursing school in 2010 and am currently working in a Level 1 Trauma center in the Emergency Department as a Registered Nurse.
Class of ‘06
Davy Crumplar ‘06 -
I've been practicing law for the past six years in Wilmington, Delaware (my hometown). I just got married on August 3 of this year to Sarah Sykes--a 2009 graduate of Lafayette College--who is a practicing veterinarian. Many Gettysburgians were in attendance including several history majors: Jay Roszman (2006), Timothy Nichol (2006), Jeffrey Parkinson (2007), and Matthew Dempsey (2007). Sarah and I traveled to Italy for our honeymoon (Rome and Sardinia). We will be living in Landenberg, PA.

Thomas Grajauskas ‘06-
I graduated from UMDNJ in 2012 with a B.S. in Nursing. Currently, I am enrolled at Drexel University for Masters of Health Informatics to be completed in June of 2019. I worked as an ER nurse in Newark, NJ and NYC. I am currently employed as a Clinical Quality Improvement Project Manager at NYU.

Jay Roszman ‘06 –
In August 2018, I started a new job as permanent lecturer (i.e. 'tenure-track assistant professor') of 19th Century Irish History at the University College Cork in Cork, Ireland. I'll be joined in Ireland by my wife and the newest member of our family, Aubrey Elizabeth, who was born in August 2017. My email is jay.roszman@ucc.ie. I'd love to see any Gettysburg History students that find themselves at UCC for a semester, or are simply passing through Cork on their own Irish adventure!

Class of ‘07
Jessica (Haines) Rudy ’07 -
After completing a Master's in Applied History at Shippensburg University in December 2017, I returned to Gettysburg College, where I now work at the historic Majestic Theater.

Nicole Santos ‘07 -
In May, began working at The Nature Conservancy as the new Loyal Donor Officer for Virginia, and lives in Alexandria, VA.
Stephanie H. Shaak (Hafer) ‘07 – Stephanie (Hafer) Shaak ‘07, and her husband Tyler, an ‘07 grad of Temple University, welcomed twins on March 29, 2018 - a boy, Kenton Michael, and a girl, Tenley Scott, each weighing 5 lbs, 8 oz. Tenley’s middle name memorializes Steph’s father, Scott Hafer, who passed away in early 2012. The babies are healthy, happy, and super loveable, and although the twins were a complete surprise and brought with them a whole new level of crazy to the life of first-time parents, Steph and Tyler love every minute of it. Steph continues to work as the Vice President of Event & Exhibition Rentals for the Reading Public Museum, in Reading, PA, a position she has held (although not always a VP!) since 2011. She earned her CMP (Certified Meeting Professional) designation in early 2018, a credential only held by 11,000 event professionals globally.

Tara Wink ‘07 – I started at my new position in February 2018 as Historical Librarian and Archivist at the University of Maryland, Baltimore’s Health Sciences and Human Services Library.

Class of ‘09
Allison (Heinbaugh) Norfolk ‘09 – I married Philip Norfolk in Williamsburg, VA, and am now a reference librarian for Pamunkey Regional Library in the Richmond area.

Class of ‘10
Elyse Bennett ‘10 – I am working at the Carter Historic Farm in Bowling Green, Ohio as a Historic Farm Specialist.

Mary Dixon ‘10 - My husband, Joel, and I welcomed our daughter, Eleanor Debra Fixon, on August 13th.
Chelsea Fairley ‘10 – 
I’m still working as the Collections Officer for the Manuscript Division at the Library of Congress - I love it! I’m currently training to run the Gettysburg Battlefield Half-Marathon in November. This past year, my husband and I bought our house in Frederick Maryland. Other than that we have been traveling to Europe and enjoying life with our cat and yorkie. Go bullets!

Zoe Wintler Cox ‘10 -
I got my RN license and have started work on the Mother-Baby unit at The George Washington University Hospital. I have been appointed to purveyor of interesting medical history facts for the floor. I will also be getting married in October.

Brian Garvey ‘10 - 
Brian received his Ed.M. in 2015 from SUNY Buffalo. He is a violence prevention education specialist and rape crisis counselor with Erie County's crisis center.

Megan Gray ‘10 -
I recently changed jobs - as of July 2nd, 2018, I am a library technician at Dickinson College!

Liz Johns ‘10 -
Liz Johns started working towards a doctoral degree in education at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

Class of ‘11

Charles Curcio ‘11 –
Is living in Philadelphia where he works as a Technical Recruiter for the Judge Group. He and Caitlin Kaltenbach '12 will be married in October.

Jeremy Lechner ‘11 –
I am currently teaching History at the Graham Middle School in Graham, North Carolina.

Rachel (Santose) Koenig ‘11 –
I and Tim Koenig ‘12 have relocated to Virginia, where Tim is continuing in his career in the military and Rachel is working as a librarian at Virginia Commonwealth University.
Class of ‘12
Samantha (Yeider) Hulley ‘12-
This is my 5th year as a media relations coordinator with the U.S. Senate Daily Press Gallery and I love being surrounded by the incredible history and beauty of the Capitol. Took a lovely trip to Italy in May and just barely survived driving through Sorrento. Also made a visit to the Rome-Sicily American Cemetery and the strangest military museum I’ve ever seen (there were chickens). Last fall I moved to Alexandria, Virginia and this August I married Tim Hulley in Rhinebeck NY.

Sending my best to everyone at the History Department!

Caitlin Kaltenbach ‘12 –
Is living in Philadelphia where she works as Assistant Director for Career Advising at Drexel University College of Medicine. She and Charles Curcio ’11 will be married in October.

Tim Koenig ‘12 –
And Rachel (Santose) Koenig ‘11 have relocated to Virginia, where Tim is continuing in his career in the military and Rachel is working as a librarian at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Elizabeth Massey ‘12 –
I am now a PhD candidate in Musicology at University of Maryland, College Park.

Andrew Mearns ‘12 –
is living in Atlanta, Georgia and working as a development research analyst for Georgia Tech.

Nicholas Oristian ‘12-
I continue to work at the United States Capitol Building as a historian and tour guide. In my three and a half years with the Guide division I have become a National Association of Interpretation Certified Interpretive Guide. I have had the honor of working for the inauguration as well as the Laying in Honor of Reverend Billy Graham and the Laying in State of Senator John McCain. Recently I was promoted to teaching congressional interns how to give Capitol Tours as part of our Congressional Tour Training. I also helped write a student program geared toward fifth grade visitors which went live this month.
Nick Scerbo ‘12 –
I have started in a tenure-track position as a History teacher in Montvale, New Jersey.

Class of ‘13
Amelia Grabowski ‘13 –

Melanie Hankins ‘13 –
I have recently completed my M.A. in Public History at the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

Gabby Hornbeck ‘13 –
Is a permanent Park Guide at Boston National Historical Park.

Elizabeth Elliott ‘13 and Josh Poorman ‘13 –
Plan to get married this summer, and Josh will be starting a Ph.D. program in History at University of California, Los Angeles.

Johnny Nelson ‘13 –
Johnny married Shruti Naik, a fellow-Gettysburgian from the Class of 2013, on August 25th, 2018. The two have now moved to Lafayette, Indiana, where Shruti took a position at Purdue University's Academic Success Center. Johnny will continue to work on his dissertation through the University of Notre Dame's history department.

Tricia Runzel ‘13 -
In September, I started a new job at the National Museum of the American Sailor in the museum’s education department. Even in my first weeks, that trusty Civil War knowledge has come into play. Thanks, Gburg!
Class of ‘14
Yaou Liu ‘14 –
I am a 3rd grade Mandarin/English bilingual teacher at College Park Elementary, a public dual immersion bilingual school in San Mateo, California.

Katie (Quirin) Manwiller ‘14 –
I have shifted my career from archives to academic librarianship, and am now a Public Services and Assessment Librarian at DeSales University. I am thoroughly enjoying working closely with and instructing students on research and information literacy. I am also happy to report that I got married in June 2017, with fellow History Dept. grads Taylor Burdette ‘14 and Emily Cranfill ‘15 serving as bridesmaids.

Logan Tapscott ‘14 –
I have a new update. After being recently hired as substitute librarian, I received and accepted a solo contract librarian at the AFT Library but still work within LAC Federal. I have not started this new job because I am still obtaining my security clearance. If you can, please hold this update in the newsletter. I will send an update when I official start my new job (11.20.17)

David Wemer ‘14 -
David is now the assistant director; editorial at the Atlantic Council in Washington D.C. David manages and writes for the Council's flagship blog The New Atlanticist, which provides timely reaction and analysis to the biggest foreign policy news stories of the day.

Class of ‘15
Kevin Bardin ‘15 -
I am currently attending law school at Loyola University of Chicago.

Bryan Caswell ‘15 and Heather Clancy ‘15 –
He is now employed by Cardinal Education in Burlingame, CA as a full-time Educational Consultant. Cardinal Education is the premier educational consultancy in the San Francisco Bay Area, offering admissions consulting, standardized test preparation, and one-on-one tutoring.
Harry Fones ‘15 –
This spring I accepted a job as Maryland Governor Larry Hogan's Research Director in the Communications Department. I’m still living in DC but am enjoying the commute to the Statehouse in Annapolis each day. The town is almost as historic as Gettysburg.

Louis Gentilucci ‘15 -
After several years in the field of education as a substitute teacher, I have begun my first year at Temple Law School. It has been quite a shift back to the student's side of the desk. But I am hopeful that law school will add to my experiences as an educator.

Sam Gilvarg ‘15 –
He is working full time as an EMT for a company called Cataldo Ambulance Service. They are based out of the Boston area, so I have been getting some pretty good experience. I don't think that I'll make a career out of EMS, but it has been a good opportunity to develop various skills. I'm actively looking for Environmental/ Resource management jobs in the Massachusetts area. I also work per diem for a forestry company that conducts prescribed fires and forest inventories in Southern New England, so I have still managed to stay connected with that aspect of my professional interest.

Emma Murphy ‘15 –
I've got pretty exciting news since the last newsletter was sent out! I finished my MA in Public History from the University of West Georgia with the completion of my thesis "Displaying Heritage: Southern Identity through the Georgia State Flag Controversy, 1956-2004" in December, 2017. Upon completing my Pathways seasonal position at Gettysburg National Military Park, I accepted a permanent position as a Park Guide at Andrew Johnson National Historic Site in February, 2018, where I give tours of the 17th president's home and discuss Reconstruction in the 150th anniversaries of the period. I also write, edit, and publish social media posts and pages on our nps.gov website.
Since the last newsletter, another History alum of the class of 2015, Bobby Novak, and I have gotten engaged! We are excited to continue our lives together full of historical adventures and research.

**Jacob Ross ‘15** –
After a Pohanka internship and six seasonal appointments in five different National Park Service sites, I now have a permanent job working at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center (under the authority of the Architect of the Capitol) as a Visitor Guide. It is a humbling experience to work in such a storied and beautiful building steeped in the history that defined our nation. This position also gives me a front row seat to the history that is being made daily in the halls of Congress. Interpretive opportunities here are endless, and I will never get bored with the work.

**Class of ‘16**

**Andrew Astley ‘16** –

**Nathan Cody ‘16** –
Nathan will be spending the 2018-2019 school year teaching English in Madrid, Spain.

**Becca Duffy ‘16** –
In May of 2018 I graduated the University of Delaware and Winterthur Museum, Winterthur Program in American Material Culture. I received an MA in Material Culture as well as a graduate certificate in Museum Studies. Additionally, I was awarded the E. McClung Fleming Prize Honorable Mention for my MA thesis "The Age of Aquaria: The Aquarium Pursuit and Personal Fish-Keeping, 1850-1920." Following graduation I started a one year position as the Sewell C. Biggs Curatorial Fellow at the Winterthur Museum.

**Jenna Fleming ‘16** –
Jenna is working as an Audiovisual Project Manager at George Blood, Inc. in a Philadelphia, a company that specializes in the digital preservation of the past.
Megan McNish ‘16 –
Earned a Masters in History from West Virginia University in 2018, and is now Associate Planner in Design Preservation for the city of Columbia, South Carolina.

Mia Phillips ‘16 –
I started a new job as Chief Operations Officer for the polling company inc./Womentrend in May 2018, located in Washington, DC.

Jesse Siegel ‘16 –
After delivering a lecture to the German Studies Department in November 2017 on my Fulbright research into Sudeten Germans in German public perception in the 1920s and 1930s, I applied successfully to begin my graduate studies in history. This fall I am starting my PhD at Rutgers with five years of full funding. I plan to continue my studies in Central European History during the 20th century. Thank you to everyone in the History Department who helped me achieve this goal!

Sophia Vayansky ‘16 –
I am currently halfway through my MA program in Public History at Duquesne University. I work as a graduate assistant and as a Museum Experience Associate at The Frick Pittsburgh, and I recently finished an internship at Fort Necessity National Battlefield. In the last year, I became engaged to Nathan Wilcox, and we will be married in June of 2019.

Class of ‘17
Tyler Black ‘17 -
He has been accepted into the Library and Information Science program at the University of Maryland.

Andrew Burd ‘17 -
I would like to add to the newsletter that I successfully thru-hiked the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine in 2018.
Madeleine Gaiser ‘17 -  
This fall I enrolled in the University of Indiana to pursue my Masters in Library Science, to be completed in May 2020. Hope all is well in Gettysburg!

Savannah Rose ‘17 –  
She recently published a revised version of her senior thesis on the Saint-Gardens Lincoln statue in the journal Lincoln Lore.

Kaylyn Sawyer ‘17 –  
I have recently published a revised version of her senior thesis on Aaron Copland and Lincoln Portrait in the Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association.

Andrew Senesac ‘17 –  
I have started Officer Candidate School for the United States Marine Corps.

Class of ‘18  
Bridget Ashton ‘18 –  
In the months following graduation from Gettysburg, I started a position at Davidson College's Office of Admission and Financial Aid as an Admission Counselor. In addition to managing the student tour guides and coordinating several on-campus events, I travel, recruit, and read for Alabama, Arkansas, Eastern North Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Upstate New York. I am living just outside of Davidson, while enjoying all of the breweries and dog-friendly amenities that Charlotte has to offer! While I am loving every minute at Davidson, I have also accepted a volunteer position on Gettysburg's BOLD Council, in the hopes that I can return often to my orange and blue!

Lauren Bradford ‘18 - I am the Barbara Holley Intern in the library here on campus. I will be here until graduation in the spring and then I will move on to graduate school.

Douglas Kowalewski ‘18 -  
I am working toward a PhD in Social Psychology at the State University of New York at Albany. My research focuses on the social and cognitive elements that underscore people's reactions and feelings toward music and musical performances. I'm only just starting out, but I've already got right into the TA'ing and the research!
Megan O’Donnell ‘18 -
I moved to Wisconsin this year to begin a Ph.D. in History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I’m looking forward to what the next five years will bring!

Thomas Pelchat ‘18 -
I will be attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall for a Master’s degree in history.
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