

## CWI 2019 Close-Out, and Looking Ahead!

### Thank you for a wonderful conference!

From Friday, June 14 to Wednesday, June 19, we welcomed over 350 attendees from 36 different states and 2 foreign countries to campus for the 2019 Civil War Institute Summer Conference. Included in this group were 10 high school scholarship recipients, 3 Scott Hartwig Public History Fellows, and 4 Robert J. Glass Teacher Scholarship recipients. Participants enjoyed 6 days of main-stage lectures, round table discussions, panels, and intimate dine-in and lunch-in discussions, as well as 17 different tours of battlefields and museums stretching from Gettysburg to Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and from Antietam and the “Mosby Country” of north-central Virginia all the way up to Harrisburg. Our high school scholarship recipients and other youth attendees enjoyed a special 3-hour battlefield tour of Gettysburg with CWI Director, Peter Carmichael focusing on the letters of soldiers who fought at Gettysburg; the high school scholarship recipients also participated in a variety of other special programming, including a small-group article discussion with CWI faculty member, Dr. Jim Broomall, and a 3.5 hour historical simulation of the 1863 New York City Draft Riots with CWI’s Assistant Director, Ashley Whitehead Luskey.

Ranging in age from 8 to 89, this year’s conference attendees listened to and engaged in critical conversations about the long Civil War era with 39 faculty members, including noted scholars Gary Gallagher, Ed Ayers, Carol Reardon, and Peter Carmichael, as well as renowned tour guides Dennis Frye, Wayne Motts, and Jennifer Murray, among others. Featured conference topics ranged from Nat Turner’s Rebellion and the political crisis of the 1850s, to the material culture and written correspondence of the Civil War era, from the tactics and terrain of the Atlanta Campaign and the life of Confederate artilleryman Edward Porter Alexander, to the slave refugee camps of Civil War America and the creation and evolution of Gettysburg National Military Park. Attendees closed out the conference in style at the circa 1870 farm of David and Cynthia Salisbury, where they enjoyed home-brewed beer, live Civil War era music from the Dearest Home Band, catered desserts, and a gorgeous sunset over historic Marsh Creek.

It was a memorable week for attendees, faculty, and staff alike. We would like to thank both our wonderful faculty for sharing their scholarly expertise with our guests, both on and off the stage, as well as our attendees, whose enthusiasm, passion, intellectual curiosity, and positive energy helped to create such a successful event and so many enriching discussions about the history and memory of the long Civil War era. We so enjoyed catching up with old friends, as well as making new ones!

**Check out some of the highlights from this year’s conference** on our [Flickr](#) page, or visit us on [Facebook](#) to scroll through a few of our real-time updates from conference week!

You can also catch many of our main-stage lectures on our [video gallery](#), as well as on PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network) beginning on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. You can also [digitally stream](#) numerous lectures from C-SPAN 3. Keep an eye out on C-SPAN 3's [website](#) and on our CWI Facebook page for updates about the re-airing of our main-stage lectures on C-SPAN 3 throughout the summer.

## **Looking Ahead to Future Programming!**

### **Already looking forward to next year's summer conference?**

Registration is now [open](#) for CWI 2020! Next June 12-17, we will welcome to campus noted scholars Harold Holzer, Catherine Clinton, Scott Hartwig, Jeffry Wert, and Nina Silber, to name a few, for another wide-ranging program including lectures, panel discussions, and debates about topics such as the generalship of James Longstreet, Mary Todd Lincoln, the war in the West, soldier impressment, northern women at war, black Confederates, and a behind-the-scenes look at Licensed Battlefield Guiding at Gettysburg. Our battlefield tours will offer attendees an in-depth look at various parts of the Gettysburg battlefield, as well as take visitors down to Manassas, Spotsylvania and Bristoe Station, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fredericksburg battlefield, and Antietam, among other sites. Attendees seeking a more rigorous battlefielding experience will also have the option to sign up for a new, weekend-long "active track" package with Dr. Timothy Orr that will focus on sharpshooting at Gettysburg.

**Be sure to check out next year's offering of lunch-in and dine-in [discussions](#), as well as the full line-up of battlefield [tours](#).** Please note that tours will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and that dine-in preference will be given on a first-come, first-served basis to first-time attendees and/or those who have not previously participated in a dine-in.

**Check back on our [website](#) throughout the Fall for updates** to our 2020 faculty bios, faculty interviews, and recommended reading list!

**Want to get an early start on your 2020 reading and conference prep?** Be sure to check out next year's official 2020 ["Books of the Conference!"](#)

**Do you qualify for one of our many conference discounts?** Next year, we are pleased to offer discounted rates to military veterans, Gettysburg College alumni, public historians, K-12 educators, students, and under-18 attendees (accompanied by an adult), as well as to members of Civil War Round Tables and other partnering groups and institutions. Please call the CWI office at 717-337-6590 or email Heather at [hmillier@gettysburg.edu](mailto:hmillier@gettysburg.edu) to see if you qualify for a discount and to receive the appropriate discount code.

**Are you a high school student, educator, or public historian interested in applying for a scholarship?** Check out our website for further information on how to apply for one of our conference [scholarships](#)!

## **Can't wait until next June to return to Gettysburg for a battlefield tour?**

Join CWI's Peter Carmichael and Ashley Whitehead Luskey, as well as the National Civil War Museum's Wayne Motts on October 25-26 for a special [walking tour](#) of the historic Emmanuel Harman Farm, and explore the fighting that occurred along Willoughby Run and in McPherson's Woods between the famed Iron Brigade and Pettigrew's North Carolina Brigade on July 1. All CWI 2020 registrants and members of the National Civil War Museum qualify for a discount. If you are a CWI registrant, please call us at 717-337-6590 or email [hmillier@gettysburg.edu](mailto:hmillier@gettysburg.edu) for your discount code, or if you are a NCWM member, please call the museum at 717-260-1861 to receive your membership discount code.