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## Letter from the Chair

by Ronald Frankum

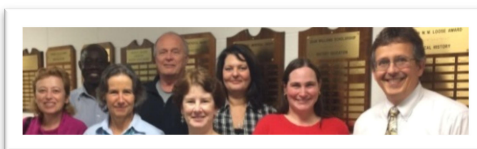


We have, with greater frequency, been asked to justify why a Degree in History or Social Studies matters by future students, parents, and some College administrators. It is easy to promote the study of history to most but the rest want more data.

I am requesting, therefore, that you help in providing me with the evidence to support the claim that our degrees are central to a long and successful career in a variety of professions. If you are reading this newsletter and have not submitted an update on where you are, and what you are doing, today, please do so. Let us know the degree you received and the year that you earned it followed by a brief description of your activities after Millersville. I also encourage you to spread the word to your fellow Department graduates to let us know what has been going on. It is my goal to publicize all of our accomplishments and continue to support the notion that our degrees are the foundation of a modern Liberal Arts education and a stepping stone to success after Millersville University. I hope that you will aid in this venture.

Welcome to the second edition of the Department of History newsletter. It is typical in these types of opening remarks for Chairs to reflect upon the activities and successes of the faculty and students from the past year. I think, as you review this newsletter, that proof of a productive year is evident. So, instead, I would like to take the space I have been provided to make a series of requests to the alumni of our Department.

## Faculty News



This year our Faculty have two **Books** in press, and have published ten **Articles** and four **Book Reviews**. We have done twenty eight **Presentations** and held one **Special Event**.

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## Student News

Our most accomplished students won **History Department Awards** and other **Honors and Awards**. Four students gave presentations at the **Phi Alpha Theta East Regional Conference**

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Our alumni tell us about their experiences and give advice for current students.

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## Faculty News

# Books in Press

**Victoria Khiterer**, *Jewish City or Inferno of Russian Israel? A History of the Jews in Kiev* (will be published by Academic Studies Press in 2015.)

**Clarence Maxwell**, *Pembroke: Bermuda's Architectural Heritage* (Bermuda: Bermuda National Trust) due to be published fall 2015.

## Faculty News

# Articles and Book Chapters

**Dennis Downey**, "Lynching" *Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia* <http://philadelphiaencyclopedia.org/archive/lynching/>

**Tanya Kevorkian**, "Pietists and Music," in Douglas Shantz, ed., *A Companion to German Pietism* (Brill, 2015).

"The Use of Space and Movement in Musical Performance during the Baroque Era," in Karin Friedrich, ed., *Die Erschliessung des*

*Raumes: Konstruktion, Imagination und Darstellung von Räumen und Grenzen im Barockzeitalter* (Wolfenbütteler Arbeiten zur Barockforschung) (Harrassowitz, 2014).

**Victoria Khiterer**, "Jews in Soviet Cinema: the Film Commissar by Aleksandr Askol'dov," *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, 33.1 (2014): 1-29.

"Kiev Jews in the Early Twentieth Century: National Identity and Culture," *Jews and Non-Jews: Memories and Interactions from the Perspective of Cultural Studies*, eds. Lucyna Aleksandrowicz-Pędich, Jacek Partyka (Frankfurt am Main, Peter Lang Academic Research, 2015), 13-28.

"The October 1905 Pogroms and the Russian Authorities," accepted for publication in *Nationalities Papers. The Journal of Nationalism and Ethnicity* (forthcoming in

2015).

"How Jews Gained Their Education in Kiev" Invited article for *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*, Volume 30 (accepted for publication, forthcoming in 2015).

**Clarence Maxwell**, Two entries: "Henry Louis Gates Jr" and "Franklin Knight" *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography*.

**Erin Shelor**, "Working Conditions and Attempts to Reform the Poor Law Medical Services in Mid-Nineteenth-Century Britain," *Virginia Social Science Journal* 49 (2014): 97-131.

## Faculty News

# Conference Presentations

**Onek Adyanga**, "Mato Oput: the ICC and Impunity in the Northern Uganda Civil War" presented at the African Studies Association Conference in Indiana, Indianapolis, 2014.

"Piracy in Somalia: Myth and Reality," Quest for Learning lecture, Eight Annual Richard Keller Memorial Series, September 2014.

**Robyn Davis**, "Why Valley Forge?" Quest for Learning lecture, Eight Annual Richard Keller Memorial Series, September 2014.

**Dennis Downey**, 2014 PASSHE Summit (November 2014): organized session and made presentation on research opportunities in disability studies and inclusion.

Made a presentation on MDST Program to CAE, March 2015.

"Institutions, Eugenics, and Disability Rights," TASH International Conference, Washington, DC, December 2014.

"Philadelphia Physicians, American Public Health and the 'Menace' of the Feeble-minded, 1880-1920" American Association for the History of Medicine, International Conference, Yale University, New Haven Ct, May 2015.

**Ronald Frankum**, "The Origins of the Vietnam War," Quest for Learning lecture, March 2014.

**Tanya Kevorkian**, "Barocke Hochzeitsmusik in Erfurt," Förderverein der Bibliothek des Evangelischen Ministeriums im

Augustinerkloster Erfurt e.V., Erfurt, Germany, June 2015.

"Music at Baroque Weddings," Bach Colloquium, Cambridge, MA, May 2015.

"The Armenian Genocide: The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary," Symposium "The First Genocides of the Twentieth Century," Millersville University, April 2015.

"Native Americans and Mennonites in Colonial Lancaster County, PA," Colonial Pennsylvania history class, Hempfield High School, Landisville, PA, March 2015.

"Philipp Nicolai's Hymn 'Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying' in its Urban Historical Context," Holy Communion Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, March 2015.

"The Development of Trinity Lutheran Church in Colonial Pennsylvania," Confirmation class, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, PA, October 2014.

**Victoria Khiterer**, "Jewish Pogroms in Bialystok and Siedlce in the Summer 1906" to the International Conference "Pogroms of Jews in the Polish Lands in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries", Warsaw University, Warsaw, Poland, June 2015.

"The Struggle for a Monument: Memorialization of the Holocaust in Babi Yar (Kiev)" to the 21<sup>st</sup> Western Jewish Studies Association Conference, Vancouver, Canada, May 2015.

"Suppressed Memory: Memorialization of the Holocaust in Babi Yar (Kiev)" presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual ASN World Convention, Columbia University, April 2015.

"Memorialization of the Holocaust in Minsk and Kiev" presented at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies (AJS), December 2014 and at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches, March 2015.

"The Queen and King of the Russian Underworld: Son'ka the Golden Hand and Mishka Iaponchik" at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East

European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), November 2014.

"How Jewish was Jewish Culture in Kiev before World War I?" at the 10<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies, Sorbonne University, Paris, France.

"Suppressed Memory: the Long Road to the Commemoration of the Victims of the Holocaust in Babi Yar (Kiev)" presented at the Boston College Holocaust Symposium "Memory and the Shoah," November 2014.

"The Destruction of Galicia and Bukovina: The Genocidal Policy of the Russian Army on Occupied Territory during World War I" to the Millersville University Symposium "The First Genocides of the Twentieth Century."

"The Ukrainian Revolution, 2014," Quest for Learning lecture, Eight Annual Richard Keller Memorial Series, October 2014 and at the Cultural Center at Willow Valley, PA, February 2015.

**John McLarnon**, "Smedley Darlington Butler," Quest for Learning lecture, Eight

Annual Richard Keller Memorial Series, September 2014.

**Jeffrey Prushankin**, "War at the Ballot Box: Civil War Elections," Quest for Learning lecture, Eight Annual Richard Keller Memorial Series, October 2014.

**Erin Shelor**, "Competition and Rivalry within State Medicine in Nineteenth-Century Britain," Mid-Atlantic Conference on British Studies, Johns Hopkins University, March 2015.

"Grave Robbing and the Study of Anatomy in Early 19<sup>th</sup> Century Britain," Quest for Learning lecture, Eight Annual Richard Keller Memorial Series, October 2014.

**Tracey Weis**, "The Archival Record of the Lancaster YWCA: 125 Years of Women Confronting and Crossing Borders," Southwest Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association (SWPCA/ACA) (2015).

## Faculty News

# Book Reviews

**Onek Adyanga**, P. Wenzel Geissler and Catherine Molyneux (eds), *Evidence, Ethos and Experiments: Anthropology and History of Medical Research in Africa*. New York: Berghahn Books, 2011, 498 pages, published in *African Studies Quarterly*, Vol.14, Issue 4, September 2014:95-97.

**Robyn Davis**, *The Lost History of the New Madrid Earthquakes*, by Conevery Bolton Valencius in *Annals of Iowa*, 73, no. 4 (Fall 2014): 378 – 380.

*Sounds American* by Ann Ostendorf in *Journal of the Early Republic*, forthcoming Fall 2015.

**Victoria Khiterer**, Robert Weinberg, *Blood Libel in Late Imperial Russia. The Ritual Murder Trial of Mendel Beilis*, (Bloomington, IN, Indiana University Press, 2014), *Nationalities Papers, The Journal of Nationalism and Ethnicity*, 43, no. 3 (2015).



On the picture, History Department faculty, front row from left to right: Dr. Victoria Khiterer, Dr. Tracey Weis, Dr. Tanya Kevorkian, Dr. Erin Shelor, Chair of the History Department Dr. Ronald Frankum, back row from left to right: Dr. Onek Adyanga, Dr. John McLarnon, and Department Secretary Ms. Maggie Eichler.

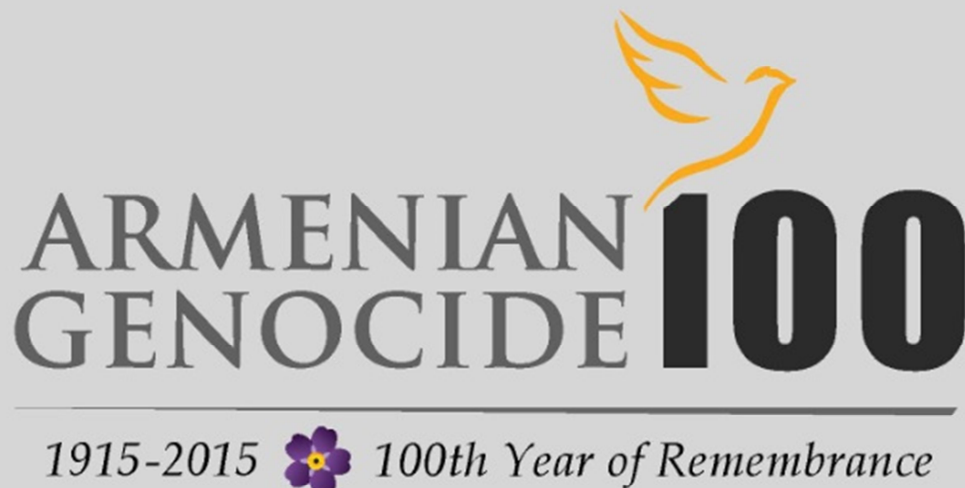
### Faculty News - Special Event

## Millersville University Symposium: *The First Genocides of the Twentieth Century*

On April 14, 2015 the History Department organized the Millersville University Symposium *The First Genocides of the Twentieth Century*. The Symposium was devoted to the commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the Armenian Genocide: 1915 – 2015.

Dr. Onek Adyanga presented his paper *Herero Genocide: Race and Imperial Germany in South West Africa (Namibia)*; Dr. Victoria Khiterer presented her paper *The Destruction of Galicia and Bukovina: The Genocidal Policy of the Russian Army on Occupied Territory during World War I*, and Dr. Tanya Kevorkian presented her talk *The Armenian Genocide: The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*.

The Symposium moderator was Dr. John McLarnon. After the paper presentations and questions the documentary film *The Armenian Genocide* by Andrew Goldberg (Director, Producer) was shown. The Symposium was attended by faculty, students and community members.





*Student News*

# History Department Award Winners

**Casey J. Swank**, Richard C. Keller Award in American History

**Linford E. Rank**, Louis & Margarete Koppel Award in European History

**James Rooney**, Charlotte A. Lafferty History Scholarship

**Joseph E. Blauberg**, C. Maxwell & Edna H. Myers History Award

**Nicholas A. Klein**, Dr. Robert D. and Roma J. Sayre Excellence in American History Scholarship

**Bradley S. Aufer**, Joseph E. Walker American History Scholarship

**Adam K. Penny**, Robert F., Louise G., and Joan M. Williams Scholarship

**Michael Fitzpatrick**, The Francis J. Bremer Award

**Jennifer L. Harris**, Jack Loose Sons of the Revolution American History Research Award

**Brian Pearson**, Dr. Abram Foster Scholarship for Excellence in History

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# Honors and Awards

**Nicholas Klein** and **Joe Blauberg**, Accepted in the McNeil Center Atlantic World Workshop.

**William Barnes**, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, Bear Creek Community Charter School.

**Chris O'Brien**, Academic Program Coordinator position with Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth.

**Katelynn Wright** served as a Project Coordinator for Life Connection Mission, which works primarily in Haiti.

**Tracey Barnett**, Admitted to the Ph.D. Program in History at University of Southern Mississippi.

**Justin Gilmore**, Admitted to Carnegie Mellon's Masters of Arts Management Program.

**Katrina Ponti**, Accepted into the Ph.D. Program in History at the University of Rochester.

**Keith Prushankin**, Admitted to Charles University in Prague Masters Program.

**Linford Rank**, Admitted to the Ph.D. Program in History at Northwestern University.

**Khanh Vo**, Admitted to the Ph.D. Program in American Studies at William and Mary College.

## Student News



### Inductees:

Michael Fitzpatrick

Worley S. Pace

Katrina M. Ponti

### Conference Presentations

(Pennsylvania East Regional @ Ursinus College, April 18, 2015):

**Timothy Seidel**, "Blankets and Tomahawks: The Role of Indian Women During Pontiac's War"

**Daniel Harpold**, "Lee's Decision"

**Brian Pearson**, "The Rescue of Bat 21 Bravo: A Case Study of Search and Rescue in the Vietnam War"

**Michael Fitzpatrick**, "Defense Acquisition in Retrospect: A Case Study of the MBT-70 Battle Tank"

### Prizes:

**Tracy Barnett**, Phi Alpha Theta National HQ Thomas S. Morgan Memorial Scholarship



## Alumni News

Genius is one percent inspiration,  
ninety-nine percent perspiration.

Thomas Edison

Dear Alumni,

The History Department sincerely  
congratulates you on your successes.

We are proud of you and your professional  
achievements.

### Paths to Success

**Ryan E. Barrick**, BA History, May 2011

Work: I am currently a Social Studies teacher at the Maryland Academy of Technology and Health Sciences in Baltimore, MD. I teach college prep level African-American History and World History at my school. In addition, I am pursuing a Reading Specialist Master's Degree at Shippensburg University.

MU experience: Millersville University is widely known throughout Maryland for producing high quality academic educators. With my professional and academic achievements at Millersville, I was made an immediate offer of full-time employment at my school.

Advice to Students: Study hard and develop professional relationships with the History Department faculty. Also, join Phi Alpha Theta to gain experience presenting academic research in professional settings.

**Wesley Brooks Toth**, Master of Arts: History, Spring 2014

Ph.D. Student: As of this moment, I have been accepted into History Doctoral programs at Kent State University and University of Maine. It took me

ten months to find out that I will be going back to school again to pursue my goal of becoming a history professor. No matter which school I choose, I will be a full-time Ph.D. student and quite possibly a Teaching Assistant.

MU experience: My education at Millersville University gave me a lot of confidence in my ability to search for what I want in life. With a Master's degree, I know that a lot of doors, which were previously closed to me, are now open. I do not feel as restricted in the job market as I used to when I had only a Bachelor's degree.

Advice to Students: I never expected to take another year off from school after I graduated with my Master's degree. I wanted to jump right into a Ph.D. program. Instead, I had to spend a year back home in Maryland working in the family business. During the winter, I put together applications to History programs in the hopes of continuing my path in academia. This commitment to going back to school has paid off now that two universities have accepted me. My advice to current MU students is to be patient. Sometimes taking a year or two off from school, or working in a job outside the degree, is great for refocusing life goals and learning about one's self.

**Lindsey N. Alleman**, B.A. History, December, 2011

Back to School: I am currently enrolled as a nursing student.

MU experience: I truly liked my education at Millersville University, but I never felt prepared for the job searching process.

Advice to Students: Always research the field that you want to work in and make sure that it is a good fit

for you. Also, search for job openings in your area to make sure that you will be able to secure a job. For me, securing a job in central PA is hard and that is why I had to go back to school for another degree.

**Neil Hobbins, BA History, 2012**

Work: I am the Executive Director at The Mill at Anselma National Historic Landmark. The Executive Director is responsible for day to day management of the organization. In addition, I provide leadership for all programs and initiatives of The Mill as directed by its Board of Trustees. The Executive Director reports to the Chair of The Mill's Board of Trustees and will work as a team with The Mill's board, staff, and volunteers in the completion and implementation of the Mill Trust's strategic plan, fund raising, and programming objectives. The Executive Director also conducts research on the families and history of the Mill.

Advice to Students: Do not be afraid to volunteer. I received my initial position, the Education Coordinator at The Mill at Anselma National Historic Landmark, based upon my time volunteering in the

past at different historic sites. It will help give you some experience in the field, and will also show you the best position for you in your job field. Once you are able to secure a job, become a sponge. Learn from everyone that you work with. Whether it is the Director, a fellow peer, or a volunteer who has been there since the start of the site, everyone has something that you can learn from.

**David Williams, B.A. in History, 2012**

Back to School: JD/MBA (application pending for MBA) at Western New England University

MU experience: I would not have given up my experience at Millersville for Harvard, Yale, or any other "top tier" school.

Advice to Students: Enjoy the small university atmosphere while at Millersville. It allows you to foster genuine relationships with professors, something that you would not have the ability to do at a large school.

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