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The Marauding MU Historian

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

By John McLarnon

In September, the Department and the University will conclude its first year under the leadership of our new president. Daniel Wubah is a dynamic, student-centered chief executive. He has brought a new sense of purpose to the university community after five years of relative stasis. His arrival and the excitement that accompanied it has caused me to ponder the years since my own far less-publicized arrival on the Millersville campus. If you will forgive some personal reflection, I'd like to remind myself and my fellow alums of some of the people who helped shape Millersville, the Department and me over the past thirty years.

In the summer of 1988, the Department was thriving under the chairmanship of Jack Fishel. Jack was (and still is) a people-person whose wisdom and political savvy had brought peace after years of intra-departmental tumult. Whenever I went into his office with a complaint about some real or perceived insult from a colleague, Jack would listen patiently and then simply respond, "Do you really want to go to war over this?" That calm, non-confrontational approach to management helped make his Department what one Provost called a "Department of Distinction." Equally important were the collective personalities and accomplishments of the other Department members. African History professor John Thornton was arguably the Department's most prolific writer; Linda Clark-Newman specialized in revolutionary France and in European Women's History and she published in both fields. Puritan specialist and future chair Frank Bremer was in his early years editor of the prestigious *Winthrop Papers*. Later his biography of John Winthrop would receive consideration for the Pulitzer Prize.

Only a few years after I arrived, Soviet specialist Helen Hundley coordinated the campus visit of Gennadi Gerasimov, Mikhail Gorbachev's foreign affairs spokesman, while Ray Koppel continued teaching courses in German history and telling (tall?) tales about his early-life encounters with Kaiser Wilhelm that have yet to be verified. Americanist Terry Madonna served as MC for the Gerasimov visit. The polling operation he had created facilitated his move from History to Political Science. In subsequent years the Keystone Poll would become the preeminent Pennsylvania political poll.

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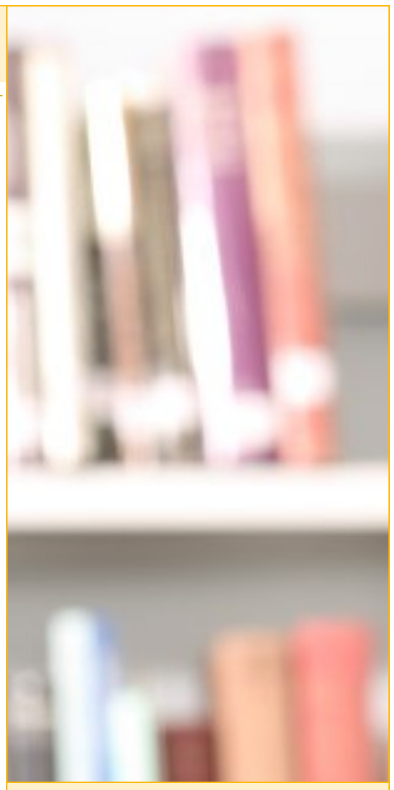

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- This year our Faculty published and prepared for publication four Books, three Articles, and three Book Reviews. We gave several Presentations and held two Special Events.

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- Study Abroad Program. Our most accomplished students won History Department Awards and other Honors and Awards.

Alumni News

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

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

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Dennis Downey was beginning his exploration of violence in America – more specifically lynching – with the publication of *No Crooked Death* and he, along with fellow Americanists Frank Bremmer and Jim Jolly were working on a comprehensive historiographic compilation of sources in Pennsylvania history. I paid $93 for that book and proceeded to lend it to a student; I never got it back. Another Americanist, Ron Benson, had made himself an expert on the Vietnam War while working on the imposing job of coordinating the state-wide finals for the History Day Competition. British Historian John Osborne was in his 5th year of directing the Honors Program (later the Honors College) that became the model for similar programs throughout the PASSHE system. Finally, the Department's Latin American specialist, Tom Tirado who, contrary to popular belief, was neither a historian nor Hispanic, was finishing work on "Columbus in the Age of Discovery." Timed to coincide with the Columbian Quincentenary, this massive on-line project was hailed by the American Historical Association as "the model for all future historical databases."

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FACULTY NEWS

NEW MINOR IN MILITARY SCIENCE

The Department of History is pleased to announce a new minor in Military Science, which is now available to all students at the University. The minor offers coursework from a number of Departments including the Departments of Military Science, History, Government, and Geography. This path allows the student to pursue a diverse program that incorporates military history, ethics, public administration, and the use of the military as an instrument of educational enhancement. While the Military Science classes are taught through a military lens, the components of adaptability, teamwork, comprehensive fitness, leadership, and critical thinking are interdisciplinary and applicable regardless of a student's chosen future career paths.

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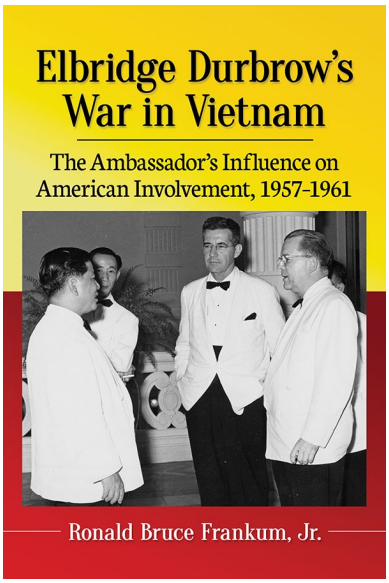
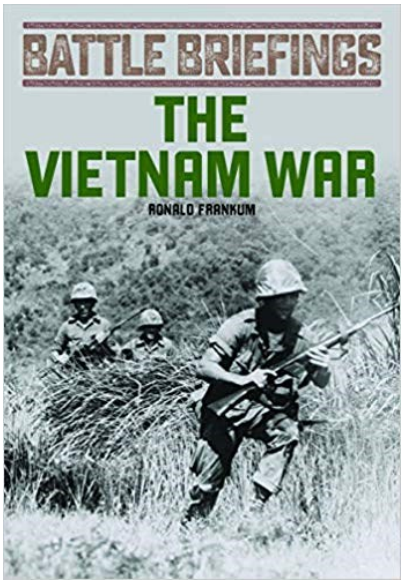
Thirty years later, none of those folks remain – at the University, that is. Fishel, Clark-Newman, Bremer, Koppel, Downey, Osborne, Jolly and Benson all retired. Most did so in good health and are still with us today. Helen Hundley was hired away to Wichita State University. John Thornton departed Millersville to begin a new phase of his career at Boston University and Terry Madonna took his polling operation to cross-town neighbor Franklin & Marshall College.

There have been a handful of others who have come and gone in between. Saulius Suziedelis followed Dr. Hundley as our Russian and Soviet specialist and enjoyed the Department's highest student evaluations for years. British specialist David Fortin, Africanist Gloria Chuku and Latin Americanist G.P. Mao (among others) each spent at least two years teaching in the Department before moving on.

And while all of these folks were teaching their classes, advising their students and generally involving themselves in the life of the University, there was a veritable litany of national and regional notables who came to speak at Millersville. In addition to the aforementioned Gerasimov, Millersville hosted civil rights icon Jesse Jackson, presidential hopefuls Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders, Weather Underground terrorist Bill Ayers, 60-Minutes star Andy Rooney, neoconservative political analyst Bill Crystal, Secretary of Education Bill Bennett, MOVE spokesperson Ramona Africa, PBS's Judy Woodruff and CNN's Soledad O'Brien.

Through all of these comings and goings, however, there has remained one constant – Maggie Eichler. Maggie was the Department Secretary when I declared a History major in Spring 1989. She is still the Department Secretary today. While we do our academic thing, she navigates the byzantine maze of administrative paperwork – reports, requests, requisitions, schedules, overrides, travel vouchers, trainings and the thousand other things without which, apparently, the University cannot survive. She shares her expertise with faculty and less-experienced staff and directs lost freshmen (and occasionally faculty) to where they need to be. In one way or another, she has touched the lives of every Department member and alum alike. She is the glue that holds the Department together and we all have been most fortunate to have her.





DR. RONALD FRANKUM

It has been a busy year since my return from sabbatical last year. I have two books under contract that should be out by the end of 2019. The first one, a product of the sabbatical, is titled, *Durbrow's Vietnam War: How an American Ambassador shaped United States policy in Vietnam*. It will be published by McFarland and Company, Inc. The book examines the tenure of Elbridge Durbrow as United States ambassador to the Republic of Vietnam from 1957-1961) and argues that it was Durbrow and his staff that initiated the downward spiraling relationship between the Americans and Vietnamese that eventually led to the assassination of Ngo Dinh Diem and America's military commitment to the war in Vietnam. The second book, which will be published by Stackpole Publishing, is an introductory book to the Vietnam War titled, *Battlefield Briefing: The Vietnam War*. It is designed for those who are not familiar with the war but want a quick overview of it.

In addition to my writings, I developed a new course on the First World War and will teach another new course on major films of the First and Second World Wars. I also submitted, and had approved, a new minor in Military Science open to all students at Millersville University. All-in-all, it has been a productive and rewarding year.

DR. TANYA KEVORKIAN

I have developed a class on environmental history and am teaching it for the third time this fall. I have also participated in the planning of a university-wide Environmental Studies Minor. I am teaching a new course on German history since 1945 this fall. My article "The Leipzig Audience of the St. Matthew Passion in the First Half of the Eighteenth Century" was published in Mark Peters & Reginald Sanders, eds, *Compositional Choices and Meaning in the Vocal Music of J. S. Bach* (Lexington Press, 2019). My review of Robert and Traute Marshall's *Exploring the World of J.S. Bach: A Traveler's Guide* (University of Illinois Press, 2016) was published in *Bach: Journal of the Riemenschneider Institute* (2018).

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NEW MINOR IN MILITARY SCIENCE

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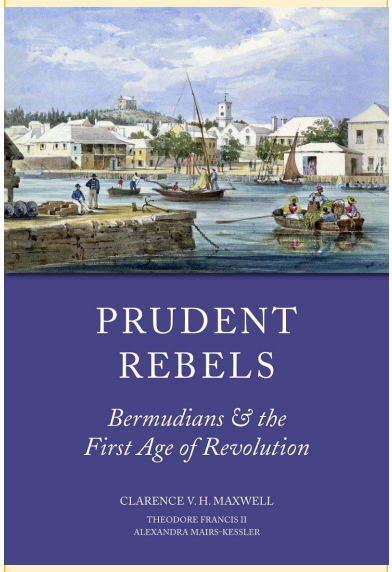
The Minor in Military Science is an eighteen-credit program that offers an introduction to Military Science with core courses in Self and Team Development and Leadership. Depending upon the individual enrolled in the program, the remaining requirements offer an opportunity to continue examining contemporary military issues also with military management and tactics as well as individual case studies on significant military events from as diverse topics as the Crusades, the American Civil War, the World Wars, and the Vietnam War. Other alternatives offer a more thematic approach that expand upon the core requirement. Dr. Frankum will serve as the primary advisor to those interested in the minor.

DR. JEFFERY PRUSHANKIN

Dr. Prushankin delivered his paper: "Cotton, Combat, and the Politics of War: The Gray—Lewis Louisiana Congressional Election of 1864" presented to the Conference on Political History at the Lebanon Valley College, June 2019.

Dr. Prushankin edited "Gettysburg's Peach Orchard: Longstreet, Sickles, and the Bloody Fight for the 'Commanding Ground' along the Emmitsburg Road" by James A. Hessler and Britt C. Isenberg, published by Savas-Beatie Press, 2019.



DR. TANYA KEVORKIAN

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My review of Detlef Döring's "*Dann sprach ich bei Professor Gottsched vor…". Leipzig als literarisches Zentrum Deutschlands in der Frühen Neuzeit* (Leipziger Universitätsverlag, 2014) was published in German in *Jahrbuch für Regionalgeschichte* (2018). I presented one paper on colonial Lancaster, "The Atlantic World Context of the Construction and 1766 Consecration Services at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster," at the Pennsylvania Historical Association in Lancaster, PA, October 2018, and three related to my current book project, *Weddings, Rumbles, and Tower Guards: Music and Urban Life in Baroque Germany*, which is forthcoming with the University of Virginia Press in 2020. Those papers are "J.S. Bach's 1730 'Short but Most Necessary Draft' and Town Musicians" at the Bach Colloquium, Cambridge, MA, April 2019; "Towers, Timekeeping, and the Spectrum of Musical and Non-Musical Sound in German Baroque Towns" at the Architecture of the Soundscape workshop, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, March 2019; and "Tower Music in German Baroque Towns" at the International Conference on Baroque Music, Cremona, Italy, July 2018. It was great to get feedback from these diverse audiences.

DR. CLARENCE MAXWELL

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (Government of Bermuda), the National Museum and the Bermuda College held a lecture at the College on 6 June 2019 on *Prudent Rebels: Bermudians & the First Age of Revolution (1774-1849)*, written by Dr. Clarence V.H. Maxwell, Dr. Theodore Francis II and Mrs. Alexandra Mairs-Kessler. The authors were the presenters. The book is a joint publication with the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs and the National Museum. Ms. Mairs-Kessler was formerly a History and Archaeology student at MU and is finishing her doctoral work at the University of Delaware.

(From left to right) Dr. Dr. Clarence V.H. Maxwell, Mrs. Alexandra Mairs-Kessler, and Dr. Theodore Francis II.

DR. VICTORIA KHITERER

Last academic year I edited with Erin K. Magee the volume of proceedings of the Millersville University Conference on the Holocaust and Genocide *Aftermath of the Holocaust and Genocides*, which is accepted for publication by Cambridge Scholars Publishing. This book illuminates little known aspects of the aftermath of the Holocaust and genocides and discusses Holocaust and genocide trials of perpetrators, commemoration of the victims, attempts to revive Jewish national life, and outbreaks of post-World War II antisemitism. The volume also discusses the representation of the Holocaust and genocides in literature and film. The volume includes twelve selected papers presented at the Millersville University conference on the Holocaust and Genocide in 2016 and 2018. Many of these papers are based on newly discovered archival materials and reveal little known aspects of the Armenian genocide, the Holodomor (famine in Ukraine, 1932-33), ethnic cleansing and the Holocaust. This book will contribute to the Holocaust and genocide fields with examination of the long-lasting consequences of the Holocaust and genocides and discussion of teaching methods for Holocaust and genocide courses in universities.

I have published my article "Jewish education in the Ukrainian People's Republic" in Serhiy Hirik, Editor, *Ukrainian Jews: Revolution and Post-Revolutionary Modernization Politics, Culture, and Society. A Collection of Essays* (Kyiv: Laurus, 2018), pp. 104-114.

I prepared for publication my article "The Holodomor and Jews in Kyiv and Ukraine: An introduction and observations on a neglected topic," which is accepted for publication in a special issue on the Holodomor in *Nationalities Papers*, to be published in 2019.

I wrote a book review on Omer Bartov's *Anatomy of a Genocide. The Life and Death of a Town Called Buczacz*, (New York, London, Toronto, 2018) which is accepted for publication in Nationalities Papers, to be published in 2019.

I presented the following papers at the national and international conferences:

"Ilya Galant's Works on the History of Jews in Ukraine and the Jewish Historical-Archeographic Commission of the All-Ukrainian Academy of Sciences (VUAN)" at the Round-Table "End of History? Beginning of History? The Genesis of Jewish and Non-Jewish Historiography in Eastern Europe, 19th-20th Centuries" at the Russian State University of Humanities, Moscow, Russia.

"Kiev as a Center of Soviet Jewish Culture in the 1920s-1930s" to the 26th Annual International Conference on Jewish Studies, The Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization "Sefer," Moscow Russia.

"Not So Silent: Jewish Religious Life in Kiev, 1945-1970s" to the 24th Western Jewish Studies Association Conference, California State University, San Bernardino, Palm Desert Campus.

Presented "The Babi Yar Massacre and Problems with the Commemoration of the Holocaust in Modern Ukraine" to the 24th Annual Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention, Columbia University.

Above: Dr. Khiterer stands in front of Matryoshkas in Moscow, Russia.
Below: students attend Holocaust Memorial Night.

SPECIAL EVENTS

THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL NIGHT

by Victoria Khiterer, Event Organizer

Millersville University held the Holocaust Memorial Night on April 9, 2019. Dr. Tanya Kevorkian (Department of History) moderated the event. MU faculty Dr. Victoria Khiterer, (Department of History) and Dr. Shawn Gallagher (Department of Psychology) presented their talks and the film Denial (2016) was shown at the Holocaust Memorial Night. The movie is based on Deborah Lipstadt's book *History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier*.

Professor of Emory University Deborah Lipstadt was sued by the British Holocaust denier David Irving for libel. The court decided that "Lipstadt's accusations against Irving were substantially true and therefore not libelous." Irving repeatedly denied the Holocaust in his works. *The Times* (April 14, 2000, p. 23) wrote about Lipstadt's victory, "History has had its day in court and scored a crushing victory."

The event was received very well by the MU faculty, students and public. The movie inspired a lively discussion about the Holocaust denial.

Top right: Dr. Kevorkian introduces the speakers for the night.
Above: Dr. Gallagher gives an overview of Sigmund Freud and the psychology behind denial.
Bottom right: Dr. Khiterer provides the historical context for the film and how historians have interpreted Holocaust denial.

THE CAREERS FOR HISTORIANS ALUMNI EVENT

In October, the history department hosted the second Careers for History Majors alum panel. Current majors were glad to hear of the wide range of career options open to them, and the alum participants reported enjoying the event as well. This year, the panelists were Sarah Alberico, BA '15 (Curator, Historic Rock Ford), Rafael Diaz, BA '12 (Community Organizer, Keystone Progress), Patricia Haverstick, BA '02 (Owner, Lemon Street Market), Joseph Michael Herman, BA '74, Social Studies Instructor (Penn Manor High School, retired), Meaghan Shirk, BA '04 (MA '06, Attorney, eData Practice Group, Morgan Lewis, LLC), and Greg Szczyrbak, BA '95 (Learning Technologies Librarian, Millersville University). Dr. G. Terry Madonna, BSE '64, Director of the Center for Politics and Public Affairs, Director of the F & M College Poll, Prof. of Public Affairs, F & M (and former History and Political Science colleague) moderated the panel. Many thanks to all of the participants!

Top: the nights panel featured, (from left to right): Meaghan Shirk, Rafael Diaz, Sarah Alberico, Patricia Haverstick, Joseph Michael Herman, Greg Szczyrbak, and G. Terry Madonna.
Bottom left: students had the opportunity to speak one on one with panelists regarding their experiences after graduation.
Bottom right: faculty, alumni, and students alike gathered for refreshments prior to the panel session.

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Tanya Kevorkian, Member of the Advisory Board of the American Bach Society
- Victoria Khiterer, Founding member of the Scientific Council of the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Center (BYHMC) in Kiev, Ukraine.
- Victoria Khiterer, Member of the Executive Board, Western Jewish Studies Association (WJSA)
- Victoria Khiterer, Member of the Board of The American Association for Ukrainian Studies (Member of the Communications Committee).
- Robyn Davis, National Conference Coordinator of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR).

STUDENTS' NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

By Dr. Tracey M. Weis, Program Organizer

A dozen Millersville students, along with a dozen students from Maryville University in St. Louis, gathered in Ireland under the auspices of the MOSAIC Program for three weeks of walking tours, lectures and discussions, and visits to libraries, archives, and museums. Students surveyed the landscapes of the medieval, Georgian, post-colonial sections of Dublin City as they sought to understand the long *durée* of Dublin's history. They scrutinized the monuments erected during the millennium celebrations (988-1988) and participated in various programs featured in the Decade of Centenaries (commemorations relating to the significant events in Irish history that took place between 1912 and 1922 such as the campaign for Home Rule, World War One, the Easter Rising of 1916, the struggle for suffrage, and the foundation of the Free State). Visits to the Kilmainham Gaol Museum, Glasnevin Cemetery, the National Library and National Archives of Ireland as well as the EPIC Emigration Museum (winner of Europe's Leading Tourist Attraction at the World Travel Awards 2019) complemented the lectures and discussions offered by an Irish scholar teaching Irish History and Culture, the investigations of Irish politics offered by our colleague Dr. Robert Bookmiller, and my own explorations of the history of Irish Women at Home and Abroad. As the photos indicate, we also managed to see a few sights in Dublin City and beyond: Cliffs of Moher, 6th century monastic city in Glendalough, the Guinness Storehouse, and the murals of the Belfast Peace Wall to name only a few. Study Abroad changes lives, as the participants in this study course can attest. Look for opportunities to take part in internships, field placements, and student teaching as well as traditional study abroad.

Right: The Belfast Peace Wall in Ireland.

Cliffs of Moher

Located on the west coast of Ireland, the Cliffs take their name from a ruined promontory fort 'Mothar' – which was demolished during the Napoleonic wars in the early 1800's.

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Glendalough

Glendalough is a glacial valley in County Wicklow, Ireland, renowned for an Early Medieval monastic settlement founded in the 6th century by St. Kevin.

MU STUDENTS' CONFERENCE MADE IN MILLERSVILLE

Three of our faculty and many students participated in Made in Millersville.

VICTORIA KHITERER ORGANIZED THE PANEL "WAR AND PEACE: SOVIET AND RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY" FOR MADE IN MILLERSVILLE STUDENT CONFERENCE.

The panel analyzed Soviet and Russian foreign policy and international relations from the 1930s to the present. Three undergraduate students Robert Callegari, Kameron Shott and Bojana Stankov, and graduate student Erin Magee. Robert Callegari assessed the decisions enacted by the Soviet leadership that informed their perspective and conduct in the Winter War between Finland and the Soviet Union (November 1939 - March 1940). Kameron Shott showed how the Cuban Missile Crisis, became the event that encapsulated the Cold War and had lasting effects on Soviet/US relations for decades. Bojana Stankov presented a study of the potential factors influencing present-day Serbian/Russian relations and the symbolic recent visit of the Russian President Vladimir Putin to Serbia. Erin Magee shared her experience of editing the proceedings of the Millersville University Conference on the Holocaust and Genocide "Aftermath of the Holocaust and Genocides."

Bojana Stankov published her article "Serbian-Russian Relations" based on the conference presentation in Made in Millersville journal. You can read her article at: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/9b0806_6c9109845c9c402ca0693c52dd6e0ce9.pdf

Made in Millersville "War and Peace" Panel Participants (from left to right): Dr. Vicotria Khiterer, Erin Magee, Bojana Stankov, Robert Callegari, and Kameron Shott.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP

By Samantha Borry, History Major

This summer I was privileged to be selected to be a part of Lancaster History's inaugural summer internship program. For nine weeks, my fellow interns and I met and discussed topics in museum work, visited various local and regional museums, and worked tirelessly on varying individual projects. I was the Historic Site Management Intern, working in the basement of Wheatland. Based on primary source research on the presidential election of 1856, I created a living history program for Wheatland. The program itself will be put on next June at Wheatland. At the end of the program, I was chosen to serve as the intern coordinator. Throughout the next year, I will be working with the program director to brainstorm new ideas for the program and to maintain contact with my fellow alumni. I highly recommend this internship to anyone wanting to explore museum work.

STUDENTS AWARDS WINNERS

Maxwell and Edna H Myers History Award – Jessica DePalma

Dr. Abram Foster Scholarship for Excellence in History award – Brett Conway

Dr. Richard C. Keller Award in American History – Seth Fluck

Dr. Robert D. & Roma J. Sayre Excellence in American History Scholarship – Sawyer Sourbeer

Louis and Margarete Koppel Endowment – Joshua Riben

John W. Loose History Research Award – Erin Magee

Joseph E. Walker American History Scholarship – Samantha W. Bigham

Lyman R. Brenner '71 History Scholarship - Niamh Lotty

The Joan M. Williams Scholarship Endowment – Cole Allen Mellinger

DR. TRACEY WEIS AND DR. ROBYN DAVIS ORGANIZED AND MODERATED THE PANEL "ACTIVISM IN LANCASTER COUNTY, 1850 TO THE PRESENT" FOR THE MADE IN MILLERSVILLE CONFERENCE.

Students in Craft of History, the freshman history methods class, worked all semester in the university's special collections to research student activities since the founding of the Normal School to the present day. Their findings were remarkably illuminating. Students presented excerpts from their larger, independent research projects tracing Marauders as they maneuvered through war and peace, depression and prosperity, and advocated for changes in the curriculum, inclusion into the classroom, stewardship of the campus, and engagement with the world.

Find out more by going to http://villehistory.com where you can review their TimelineJS projects on the following:

- Activism in Lancaster County, 1850 to the Present
- Millersville Normal School during Civil War and Reconstruction, 1860-1870
- The Homefront: Millersville Perseverance through War and Peace, 1914-1945
  - WWI
  - The Inter-War Years
  - WWII
- Citizens' Actions at Home and Abroad During War and Peace, 1960-Present
- Importance of Student Rights, 1969-2016
- The Changes to Millersville Education System, 1957-2002
- Student Organizations, 1968-Present
  - BSA and FAAN
  - Gaming and Radio
  - Greeks
  - Athletic Organizations
- Sustainability Efforts at Millersville, 1969 to Present

MADE IN MILLERSVILLE "ACTIVISM IN LANCASTER COUNTY" PANEL PARTICIPANTS

Mark Aiken
Nathan Bard
Jacob Bell
Zachary Bell
Thomas Belonus
Jordan Berman
Nicholas Blair
Thaddeus Clevenger
Devan Costa
Kylee Derrickson
Gwendolyn Eaton
Lillian Flynn
Samantha Gambino
Austen Goodling
Jack Grady
Brandon Gregor
Charles Gwynn
Mackenzie Hadfield
Logan Hickey
Samuel Jefferis
Lawrance Jeter
Celina Kline
Liam Landis
Jakob Logan
Niamh Lotty
Alyssa Marks
Tyland Mitchem
Collin Moore
Courtney Muick
Jordan Northcott
Connor Pearson
Jeremy Peters
Sierra Pontz
Bryce Raber
Dylan Reilly
Sarah Richardson
Amanda Robinson
Maggie Ross
Dylan Sindorf
Madeline Stoner
Joseph Sybrandt
Devin Ulsh
Rachel Umile
Rachel Wilcox
Warren Willets
Abagail Winger
Todd Zettlemoyer

PHI ALPHA THETA

Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honors Society, promotes the study of History by encouraging good research, good teaching, and the exchange of ideas and learning. It's an honor society and therefore restricted to those of high academic standing. On 10 May 2019, these 11 students were inducted into PAT :

- Lindsey Barton, Samantha Borry, Jacqueline Buck, Robert Callegari, James Cunningham, Hannah Davis, Holly Finkey, Alyssa Marks, Michaela Mills, Meagan Schulman, and Heather Trimble.

The Phi Alpha Theta East Regional Annual Conference was held on 30 March 2019 at Bloomsburg University and the following students presented their original research:

- Alyssa R. Marks, "Queen Isabella of Castile and Her Mission"
- Kameron Schott, "The Caribbean Crisis"
- LeeAnne Crooks, "I, the Worst of Women: Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz and the Impact of the Catholic Church on Women in the Seventeenth Century"
- Michaela Mills, "Aiming for the High Mark: Annie Oakley's Path to Success"

ALUMNI NEWS

ALUMNI SHARE THEIR STORIES

Alex Goodrich, Bachelor of Arts in History ('14) and Master of Arts in History ('17)

Current position: I am currently an Instructor of Record in the History department at North Carolina State University. I teach both early and modern US history and have also worked as a teaching assistant for Drs. Craig Thompson Friend and Katherine Mellen Charron. While teaching, I am also writing my dissertation for a PhD in Public History. I accepted these jobs shortly before I left Millersville in 2017.

Advice to Students: Without the guidance of professors at Millersville, I feel that gaining acceptance to a doctoral program would have been much more difficult. Drs. Clarence Maxwell and Robyn Davis (among many others) pushed me to present at conferences, apply for grants, travel abroad, and publish articles that helped me build a competitive track record. I am extremely fortunate to have been surrounded by such a strong supporting cast.

Present at Made in Millersville or Phi Alpha Theta conferences whenever possible. You will gain invaluable experience in public speaking, confidence in yourself, and an appreciation for a larger community of historians. Finally, as Dr. Davis always says, don't forget to put it on your curriculum vitae!

Cameron Andrew Miller, Bachelors or Art in History and a Bachelor of Arts in German, 2016

Current position: Bilingual Customer Support Agent for a Video Game company. My work includes a lot of different things dealing with the German Market and doing translations. It took me a little under a year to find my position. I believe that my education at Millersville gave me an advantage, as I gained research skills with my history degree and tailored my German language skills so that I was a perfect fit for my current position.

Advice to Students: Always remember that as long as you continue to push yourself and strive to be the best you can, you will succeed and accomplish anything you put your mind to.

INTERNSHIPS

Several students have interned at regional institutions:

- Jess De Palma is interning at the Philadelphia Museum of Art this summer.
- Hannah Davis interned at the Train Collectors Association during spring semester.
- Samantha Gambino finished an internship at the Valley Forge National Park this summer.
- Erin Magee completed a graduate practicum at the Manheim Historical Association this summer.

JOHN MORRISON MCLARNON III

Bachelor of Arts in History and Philosophy, 1993.

Current position: Chair of History Dept., Millersville University

After Millersville, I spent four years at the University of Delaware to earn my MA and PhD. Within a year of finishing at Delaware, I was hired by Millersville University. I absolutely believe Millersville prepared me for what came next. With History and Philosophy majors, I learned how to write properly. I also vastly improved my oral communication skills and my analytical reasoning skills.

My advice would be to focus less on whatever vocational training someone might get here and spend more time on refining the fundamental skills associated with being a thoughtful, contributing member of society. Don't treat college as a high-powered vo-tech. Treat it as a chance to learn the basics of being an adult.

ALUMNI SHARE THEIR STORIES (CONT.)

Bryan Matthew Tuer, Bachelor of Science in Education Social Studies

Current position: tenured high school social studies teacher working for Baltimore County Public Schools at Dundalk High School. I have been teaching here for about 4 and a half years. I teach 10th grade world history and I teach AP Psychology to 11th and 12th graders. I was a substitute teacher for about 6 months after graduating and then I got hired as a full-time teacher in a different state.

Millersville University definitely helped me in my job search in multiple ways. First, MU assisted me in helping me acquire the pertinent content knowledge to achieve success in my field. Second, MU also helped me in showing me how to be a professional within my desired field.

Advice to Students: Follow your dreams, work hard to achieve them, and do not let obstacles knock you down. You will encounter a number of hard periods in your life, but you can fight through them and accomplish great things.

Evelyn LeCato, Bachelor of Arts in History, 2015.

Current position: I am a nanny and I have worked for the same family since 2013. There are 3 children, at present their ages are 7,5, and 3. I am of course responsible for their physical needs, but more and more their intellectual needs. I approach my job with the idea that I have a unique opportunity to influence a future generation. Over the years they have always had an interest in what I am reading, writing, and studying. Their ability to come up with probing questions has at times led me to look at what I am working on with a new perspective.

I value my education from Millersville University, and believe that it has enabled me to address the world and the United States in a much broader way. It has developed into a joy for learning that I have been able to pass on not only to these children, but also to the general public as I go through life. I am presently working on an MA in history.

I believe that the work of historians can be translated and applied to many professions and that students should consider this field from that perspective. I would encourage all students not to limit themselves. And when considering the study of history, they should keep in mind that it is the story of us, and that history can be used to find balance in life. Young students will find that history will help them to interpret and solve many of the problems they face in today's world. They should approach the world from a historical perspective.

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Katelyn Wright, BA History, 2015

Current position: Event Coordinator, Millersville University. I assist the Division of Advancement, as well as the University (when assigned), to produce and execute a wide array of events that recognize, celebrate, nurture and engage donors, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, retirees and friends, including but not limited to campaign and development-related events, Presidential programming, etc.

It took me about a year to get a job in my desired field. I do feel that my education at Millersville University gave me an advantage in my job search. My education broadened my critical thinking skills and forced me to think outside the box. It allowed me to acknowledge the different opportunities to incorporate the perspective historians have. Millersville University opened the door for me to get in the field I am in, with an internship my junior year. Being able to do something I love at my Alma mater, is something not a lot of people have the pleasure of saying.

My advice to current MU students, is to engage yourself in activities/seminars/small groups, etc... even if it makes you feel uncomfortable. Overcoming fears, will help you become a determined, confident person in both your personal and professional lives.

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