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## AMERICAN WILDERNESS: OCS TRIP TO THE GRAND CANYON

During spring break, Professor George Vrtis led fourteen students on an off-campus studies trip to Grand Canyon National Park. At the park, the students learned about its natural and human history, met with park officials and concessionaires to discuss both historic and contemporary policy issues, attended ranger programs and conducted research in the Grand Canyon National Park library, museum collection and archives.



The students, representing a diverse range of fields including biology, environmental studies and art history, are participating in Professor Vrtis' *American Wilderness* seminar, examining the links between American culture and its treasured wild lands. Students explored ideas about wilderness and experienced the park through hiking and camping along the south rim and in the inner canyon. Professor Vrtis plans to repeat this program in spring 2016.



## EXHIBITION: PICTURING RUSSIAN COLONIALISM

On April 2, Dr. Heather Sonntag of the University of Wisconsin-Madison unveiled *Picturing Russian Colonial Central Asia, ca. 1888: Photography by Orden from the Anahita Gallery Collection* in the Weitz Center's Great White Space.



Her opening lecture, "Historical Photography of Russian Colonial Central Asia, 1858-1918," presented Russia's introduction to photography in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, technological developments of photography, and the scope of photography from 1858 to 1918 of Russia's new colonies in Central Asia. This photography acquainted the Russian elite with their country's new colonies and subjects.



The opening was well-attended by professors and students, and the collection remained on display until April 11<sup>th</sup>. Professor Adeeb Khalid, the Jane and Raphael Bernstein Professor of Asian Studies and History, introduced the lecture, which was sponsored by the Middle East Initiative and History's Herbert P. Lefler Speaker Fund.



## HUMANITIES CENTER DIALOGOS



Last week, the Spring Dialogos was held on a beautiful spring day. Professors Serena Zabin, Nancy Cho, and Kelly Connoles spoke about their participation in the Humanities Research Seminar. The topic of the discussion was public humanities and each professor discussed her individual research as well as the growth of her research



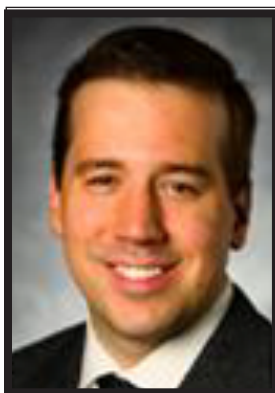
through the interaction with the other participants in the seminar. Although each participant presented her own work, each also discussed the importance of the seminar in shaping their ideas and research questions. This event was a lovely example of the importance of sharing ideas in an interdisciplinary forum.

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS

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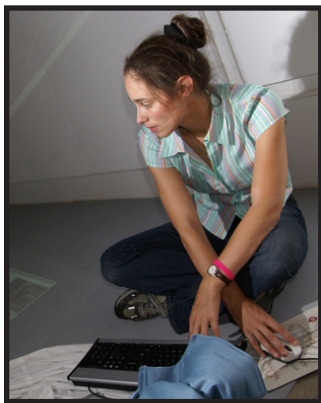
I have worked in management consulting since graduating from Carleton in 1994. I received a MBA from the University of Chicago

Booth Graduate School of Business in 1999. I am currently senior manager in Deloitte Consulting's strategy and operations practice where I practice consulting primarily on strategic sourcing, supply chain operations, and life sciences industry strategy (the development, manufacturing, marketing, sales, and distribution of

medical equipment and supplies, everything from pacemakers and defibrillators to band-aids). One of the things I like about consulting is that it has few typical days.

Advice for students? Start thinking about your field early in your college career. Carleton influenced my career path by broadening my horizons (OCS Cambridge, UK), and strengthened my love of ambiguous qualitative analysis. I was a History major, a member of the Speech & Debate Teams, and on CSA committees. All of these combined to provide the basic skills needed in consulting: initiative, drive, leadership, analysis, and interpersonal relations. It is helpful to explore internships in analytical roles for Fortune 500 companies after your sophomore and junior years, and to start practicing case interviewing. I'd be happy to be contacted by any of you who are interested in pursuing a career in business or consulting or in continuing on to business school. Brent can be reached at [bgriffith@deloitte.com](mailto:bgriffith@deloitte.com).

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***Jessica Rosenblatt '04*****Experience Designer, Big Buddha Baba Productions, Inc.**

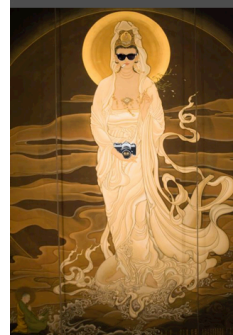
After graduating from Carleton, Jessica headed to Los Angeles and received an MFA in Interactive Media from the USC School of Cinematic Arts in 2007. Her work at graduate school included game design, film production and interactive storytelling. Jessica's Master's thesis project, Fitting In, was an interactive history installation. This project gave visitors the physical experience of traveling back in time to 1860s America using a replica woman's period costume (complete with corset

and hoop skirt) fitted with digital sensors. Fitting In gave visitors a new, tangible appreciation for people living in the past.

Since leaving USC, Jessica has worked as an Experience Designer for Big Buddha Baba Productions, a small interactive production company in Los Angeles that designs museum exhibits, theme park attractions, and retail experiences. Big Buddha Baba consists of pioneers in interactive design, storytellers in the world of animation and media production and innovators of new technologies. Their core expertise is blending physical environments with seamless interactive technologies and inventing new ways to engage people in places around the world. Jessica's work includes research, brainstorming, concept design, playtesting, presenting; something a little different every day. The content might not always be historical, but thinking analytically, drawing connections, understanding other perspectives and writing clearly are vital skills that Jessica developed in her history classes at Carleton.

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## FACULTY KUDOS



### **Congratulations to Professor Serena Zabin:**

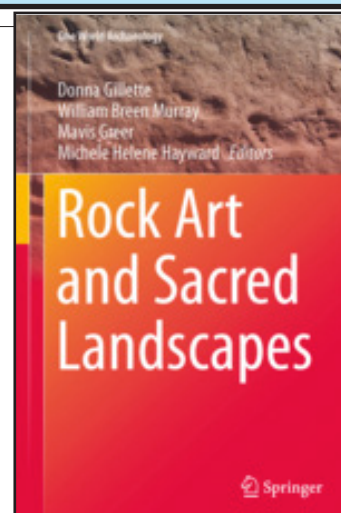
Professor Zabin has received the Benjamin F. Stevens Fellowship from the Massachusetts Historical Society for research in Boston this summer on her upcoming book, *Occupying Boston: An Intimate History of the Boston Massacre*.



## ALUMNI KUDOS

### **Dr. Breen Murray '62 sent us this update:**

My latest publication is *Rock Art and Sacred Landscapes*, for which I am co-editor with three other colleagues and contributed a paper. In addition, I will be giving a paper on water symbols in rock art at the Society for American Archaeology convention next month in Austin, TX and will have three contributions in the Handbook of Archaeoastronomy being published by Springer later this year. I also edit the newsletter of the American Rock Art Research Association, La Pintura. Although officially retired, as you can see, I keep busy!



**Kathleen Vongsathorn, '07**, has been awarded a postdoctoral research fellowship at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin. Her research interests include medical history, African history, the history of childhood, humanitarian history, and mission history. Her current project focuses on the role of women in the spread of biomedical knowledge in colonial Uganda. She is particularly interested in the role of missionaries and Ugandan women in spreading biomedical ideas about hygiene, childbirth, and infant health. She is currently revising her doctoral research on the roles of missionaries, government, and patients in the shaping of colonial Uganda's mission leprosy settlements for publication as a book.

### **Wayne Soon, '08, sent us this exciting news!**

I will be defending my dissertation on May 20th, and more importantly, I will be starting at Earlham College in Indiana as an Assistant Professor of East Asian History this fall. I really enjoyed my campus interview and visit there - it was like going back to Carleton, and I am delighted to have the opportunity to work at a liberal arts college.

## OPPORTUNITIES IN HISTORY

### THIS SUMMER: PROTECT THE BOUNDARY WATERS WITH THE FUND FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST

The Fund for the Public Interest is a non-profit that works to build support for progressive organizations across the country. This summer, it will be working with Environment Minnesota, hiring students for its campaign to protect the Boundary Waters from toxic sulfide mining. You will fundraise, build membership for our partner groups, and educate and activate citizens, learning how to generate public support and obtaining a firm understanding of the political process. To apply, visit [www.JobsThatMatter.org](http://www.JobsThatMatter.org) or call **1-800-75-EARTH.(1-800-753-2784)**.



### SUMMER 2014 ONLINE COURSES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning (CITL) at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is pleased to announce its Summer Session Online 2014 offerings. Courses are taught by University of Illinois instructors and most fulfill general education requirements. Students can register beginning Wednesday, April 16. For more information, visit CITL at <http://citl.illinois.edu/summer>, or email [onlinecourses@illinois.edu](mailto:onlinecourses@illinois.edu).

### JFK NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE—OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIORS

Students looking to work in museums or education should consider applying to this paid position with the National Park Service's John F. Kennedy National Historic Site in Brookline, MA. The successful applicant will serve June 2014-April 2015, conducting tours, serving as the first point of contact for visitors and researching and preparing publications. The intern will take part in planning summer events and working with JFK National Historic Site staff and the JFK Library to plan and present a conference for teachers in April 2015. Carleton students especially

encouraged to apply. Visit <http://www.thesca.org/serve/position/education-and-visitor-services-conservation-associate/po-00530607/>.



**For more opportunities for the summer or the future,  
check out the Tunnel!**

Come check out our updated slideshows on our History newsletter page, with our recent and upcoming events:

<https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/newsletter/>





## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TUES, APRIL 22, 5PM, MUSIC HALL 103** – Joy Calico, Professor of Musicology and European studies at Vanderbilt University, will deliver a public lecture, **Arnold Schoenberg's "A Survivor from Warsaw" in Postwar Europe**. Come hear about musical culture from this exciting interdisciplinary speaker, sponsored by European Studies, Music and the Humanities Center.

**TUES, APRIL 29, 5PM, HISTORY LOUNGE** – The history department is delighted to host its annual **Welcome Party for New Majors!** All members of the History community are invited to welcome our 33 new sophomores with a special refreshments reception in the Leighton lounge. Afterwards, the History SDAs (and all other interested junior and senior History majors) will join sophomores in our annual March to Basil's for a pizza party!

**THURS, MAY 8, COMMON TIME, LEIGHTON 202** – Junior History Majors are expected to attend this year's **Mandatory Junior Comps Session & Pizza Lunch**. This important meeting will introduce majors to the comps process, so please mark your calendars. Off-campus students should contact Prof. Adeeb Khalid, 2014-15 Comps Tsar.

**TUES, MAY 13, 5PM, LEIGHTON 402** – All are welcome to our **2014 History Comps Panel Presentations**. Each presenter will offer a 10-minute talk about his or her comps project, with great refreshments provided by the History department. Space may still be available to join the panel. E-mail nlambert about participating by **April 23**.

**TUES, MAY 20, 5PM, LEIGHTON FRONT LAWN** – The department will host its annual **History Majors, Faculty, Families and Special Friends' Department Picnic**, come rain or shine. Sign up in the History lounge for Hogan Bros. - a hoagie or flatbread!



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FOR SPRING TIME WITH  
THE HISTORY  
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**Here we leave you with some  
foreshadowing for the great  
times to come.**



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<http://www.facebook.com/CarletonHistoryDept>



# THIS DAY IN HISTORY

## April 18

- 1506 - Cornerstone of the current St. Peter's Basilica is laid in place
- 1775 - Paul Revere warns the countryside of the British advancement by sea
- 1881 - Billy the Kid escapes from Lincoln County jail in New Mexico
- 1906 - An earthquake and fire destroy much of San Francisco, California
- 1912 - RMS Carpathia brings 705 survivors from the RMS Titanic to NYC
- 1981 - The longest professional baseball game began in Pawtucket, Rhode Island
- 3012 - Mayan spacecraft lands an apocalyptic Benedictine monk on Saturn

## SENIOR EDITOR SPOTLIGHT: WE KNOW YOU WANT IT

### Who is your historical crush?

Our historical crush is Captain America/Augustus Pugin, although you may not have heard of him, he is a fighter of evil through the advancement of Gothic revival architecture. Basically he is the most legit.

### Which historical period would you visit?

We are a huge fan of yesterday, if we could do it all over again, this time we'd do it right.

### What is your dream job?

Our dreams began with a baker and a firefighter and progressed to an archaeologist and a paleontologist. Our dreams combined to become the Carleton College Historian Newsletter editors. This is the best of all worlds, necessitating the love of delicious information, the heat of overtime, and the ability to riffle through information that has been lost in the recesses of our Zimbra inboxes.

