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# **Senior Comps Panel Presentations**



On May 13th, four 2014 History majors presented their comps to a large audience. Each student delivered a brief talk on his or her research, and then took questions on their projects and the comps process more broadly.

Dylan Holck opened the panel with his paper, Definite Success: the Negotiation of Purpose and Achievement in Depression-Era Scholastic

Magazine, in which he addressed discourses on "success" from an era of disappearing opportunities for teenagers. Next, Geoffrey Goddard presented Of Americans: Michel de Montaigne's Redefining the European Self and Other in his Essays about the Americas. Geoffrey examined Montaigne's writings on the New World, and found Montaigne proposed radical themes of commonness between Europeans and indigenous Americans.





Emma Rapperport's paper, Keeping the Link to the Land: Liberty Hyde Bailey, 4-H, Girl Scouts, and the Transition from the Pioneer Era into Industrial Modernity, brought together two themes in early 20<sup>th</sup>-century American history: the era's rapid urbanization and the growth of natureappreciation movements, contrasting the work of the 4-H society with the

scouting movement.

Finally, Indigo Scott's **Of Mountains and Men: Oxygen, Risk, and Authenticity on Everest**, presented the debate over the use of canned oxygen in the mountaineering community, and its relationship to ideas of "authentic" climbing.

Visit our Facebook page for a slideshow of photos from the panel!





Reminder! Our 2014 History Department Hogan Brothers Picnic

Next TUESDAY, May 20th, 5 pm Rain or Shine! 2nd Leighton & Leighton front lawn.

### ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS



# Sara Patton '10John Fitzgerald KennedyLead Park RangerNational Historic Site Massachusetts

Sara Patton is the Lead Park Ranger at the John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site in Massachusetts. Sara's "park" is a historic site, so she wears many different hats each day. She manages the recruitment and training volunteer programs, provides a variety of guided tours and runs the visitor center. She also coordinates education-group

visits, the junior ranger program, and special events; she writes press releases, works with local me-

dia outlets, and maintains the park's social media sites. Sara started work in the field with a SCA Internship at her current site and at the Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument in California. sara\_patton@nps.gov





#### *T. J. Stiles '86* Biographer Winner, Pulitzer Prize for Biography and National Book Award for Nonfiction

T. J. Stiles is the author of The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt and Jesse James: Last Rebel of the Civil War. The First Tycoon won the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Biography and

the 2009 National Book Award for Nonfiction. It was named a New York Times Notable Book and one of the best books of the year by The New Yorker, Boston Globe, Christian Science Monitor, San Francisco Chronicle, Kansas City Star, and the Washington Post. Jesse James won the Ambassador Book Award and the Peter Seaborg Award for Civil War Scholarship. It was named a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize in Biography and a New York Times Notable Book of the Year.

He is currently at work on a biography of George Armstrong Custer, with the support of a Guggenheim fellowship. See also: http://www.tjstiles.net/



#### 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 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.

#### **CALL FOR UNDERGRADUATE PAPERS**

Columbia University's *Journal of Politics and Society*, the first commercially distributed undergraduate periodical in the nation, is currently accepting student papers for its Fall 2014 issue. In its 25th year of publication, the *Journal* features exclusively undergraduate work on political and social issues. Students from all social science discplines are encouraged to submit their work. The deadline for student paper submissions is August 26th, 2014. Submissions must be at least 14 double-spaced pages in length. To learn more about the organization and view past editions of the Journal, please visit www.helvidius.org.

#### JOB OPPORTUNITY: NINTH WARD POLICY AIDE

The Ninth Ward of Minneapolis seeks to fill a Policy Aide position and has extended an invitation for Carleton seniors to apply. It is looking for candidates who are ready to serve the community and advance a social justice and racial equity agenda. The main components of the position are: 1) Scheduling, 2) Communications, 3) Event Planning. Applicants who are extremely organized and detail oriented, and who have expertise with online communications and/or graphic design, and who can demonstrate a track-record of working with a variety of stakeholders to plan and implement successful community events. To apply, candidates should email a resume, a cover letter, and contact information for three references directly to Alondra Cano, Ninth Ward Council Member, at Alondra.Cano@minneapolismn.gov.

Application deadline: Friday, May 23, 2014

#### For more opportunities for the summer or the future,

check out the Tunnel or visit the Career Center in Sayles!

Come check out our updated slideshows on our History newsletter page and upcoming events: https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/newsletter/



## DO YOU WANT TO WORK ON THE NEWSLETTER?

The History Department is seeking to fill a 2014-2015 work study position: *The Historian* Journalist & co-Editor. We are looking for a strong writer with an eye for design to join our vibrant *Historian* newsletter team either this Spring or next Fall. Particular attention will be given to History major applicants, especially with a demonstrated interest in journalism or blogging. Initiative, writing zeal, the ability to edit your own work, and, of course, newsletter team spirit, is expected.

The job includes attending department events to produce timely articles and photos, and compiling and editing the newsletter with several team members using Adobe InDesign, with plans to expand into other exciting new venues! The team produces 4-5 issues of the *The Historian* each term, and shares these responsibilities evenly. The successful applicant can expect 4-5 hours of work each week, and will earn additional hours from attending events.

Please submit an email to **nlambert@carleton.edu** if you are interested in applying for this position. We hope to build on and continue the tradition created by our student editors as an online information, news, and entertainment destination for the History community. To view past issues of *The Historian*, visit http://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/news-events/newsletter/.



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





Still haven't "liked" us on Facebook? Our Facebook Page is constantly updated as the go-to source for information between newsletters, including pictures, job postings, its all there! http://www.facebook.com/CarletonHistoryDept

# THIS DAY

# IN HISTORY

# **May 16**

- 218 Julia Maesa is banished, names 14-year old grandson Elagabalus, Emperor of Rome
- 1527 Florentines drive out Medici for 2nd time, Florence re-establishes itself as republic
- 1779 14-year old Marie Antoinette marries Louis-Auguste, later King of France
- 1843 First major wagon train, 1000 people, leaves Elm Grove, MO on the Oregon Trail
- 1888 Nikola Tesla delivers lecture describing equipment with alternating currents
- 1920 In Rome, Pope Benedict XV canonizes Joan of Arc
- 1975 Junko Tabei becomes first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest

### **JUNIOR EDITOR SPOTLIGHT: LUCIA CHILDS-WALKER**

#### What are your plans for summer?

In June and July, I am working with the STEAM program in Faribault as a teaching assistant, and then in August I'm going back home to Seattle to spend some time with my family.

#### What has been your favorite history course so far?



would say my top two are American Environmental History and Women of South Asia.

#### What was your dream job when you were little?

It alternated between paleontologist, pastry chef, and photographer for the National Geographic.

