The Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History is just around the corner, and soon hundreds of military historians will be gathering in Jacksonville, Florida. Hosted by the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience and the Department of History at The Florida State University, the conference will run from Thursday, March 30- Sunday, April 2, 2017. The 84th Annual Meeting, *Global War: Historical Perspectives*, aims to increase the discussion and study of a broad range of topics surrounding military history with a number of papers focusing on the First and Second World Wars.

Prior to the official opening of the conference, Professor Rafe Blaufarb will deliver a public lecture for early arrivals titled, “Re-examining French Success in the First Italian Campaign, 1796-97.” Sponsored by Florida State University, this talk is scheduled for Thursday, March 30 at 5:00 p.m. and will be followed by the conference’s opening reception at 6:00 p.m. Professor Blaufarb is the Director of the Institute on Napoleonic and the French Revolution and is one of the country’s leading scholars of French military history. Florida State University Library is home to one the largest research collections in the world focusing on the Napoleonic era. Professor Blaufarb’s lecture is one of several programs that the conference organizers are planning to reach out to the broader general public.

The 84th annual meeting will offer a forum to present original research on all aspects of the study of war and society from the ancient world to contemporary conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. Some of the panels slated for the conference include, “Aspects of Military Leadership in the Ancient World,” “Social Media at War: New Media Narrative and the Communities in the War on Terror,” “Scalpels and Trench Knives: Medicine and Combat in World War I,” “After Vietnam: Competing Memories of America’s War in Vietnam, and “Home Fronts at War or Women at War.” As a special initiative for this year’s meeting, the Director of the Institute on World War II, Professor G. Kurt Piehler, sent personal letters to over 300 Canadian and American doctoral students working in the area of military history who were not members of the SMH and encouraged them to join the society and submit a panel proposal. This outreach generated a number of proposals and new members from the next generation of military historians. The Program Committee, chaired by Dr. John Curatola of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, had the difficult task of sorting through over 160 panel and single paper proposals for this year’s program. SMH meetings normally attract scholars from around the world and this meeting is no exception, with scholars from Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Nigeria, Italy, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The Institute and SMH have given Saturday a focus on teaching with a number of that day’s panels focusing on this theme. As a special program of this year’s conference, SMH President Jennifer Keene and the Institute are sponsoring an outreach
effort aimed at secondary school teachers. Area teachers will be invited to attend the conference on Saturday at a discounted rate and attend a special luncheon featuring a talk by SMH chair Dr. David Sibley of Cornell University. The conference also features a number of programs geared to professional development focusing on grant writing and publishing.

The conference organizers encourage conference attendees to consider arriving early or staying late for this year’s meeting in order to participate in two day-long field trips. On March 30 attendees can enjoy a trip to Kingsley Plantation at the Timucuan Ecological & Historical Preserve, then lunch at Karibo Cafe in Fernandina Beach. Lunch is included in the cost of this outing. The stop on this trip is Fort Clinch, a masonry coastal fortification first constructed in the decade after the Second Seminole War. On the last day of the conference, be sure to sign up early to take part in a journey to St. Augustine, just south of Jacksonville. This trip includes a visit to Ft. Castillo De San Marcos, lunch at the Conch House Restaurant, and the Tiffany windows at Flagler College. For those seeking to combine work and play, consider adding to your itinerary a vacation trip to the Kennedy Space Center, Disney World, and Universal Studios, all just a few hours drive from Jacksonville. To learn more about conference tours and other information about the SMH conference, please visit the Institute on World War II website at ww2.fsu.edu/smh-conference.

If you are planning to attend the conference, do not wait to make your reservations at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. The link to the hotel for the special room rates for all SMH attendees is https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SMHAnnualMeeting2017. The deadline to guarantee a room at the SMH price is March 10, 2017, but the SMH block often fills up early. For those attending for the 2017 gathering in sunny Florida, don’t forget your bathing suit so you can enjoy the Hyatt’s roof top pool or the nearby beaches.

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The Society for Military History election for officers will be conducted by electronic ballot beginning in early 2017. To receive a ballot be sure that your email address is current. The election notification email with ballot will be sent to all members in good standing and will include candidate biographical information and candidate statements regarding their perceptions of the current state and desirable future course of the Society for Military History.

The Society’s 84th Annual Meeting March 30-April 2, 2017 in Jacksonville, Florida hosted by the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience at Florida State University will be at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, Florida Riverside hotel. Room rates are $139 single occupancy and $149 double occupancy plus tax. River view rooms cost more. Rate includes complementary continental breakfast. The hotel reservation link is posted on the SMH website under Conferences. At this writing over two-thirds of our contracted rooms are booked so reserve your room now to be assured of our meeting rate. The meeting theme is “Global War: Historical Perspectives.”

Guidebook will produce the smartphone/tablet meeting app for our annual meeting, following its successful adoption by over 200 members at our Ottawa meeting. The meeting app has the current program, meeting and locale information. Guidebook has updated the app to enhance individual schedules, functionality and appearance. Feedback last year was overwhelmingly positive from app users and I am pleased with this initiative.
After seeing the value of poster sessions at the American Historical Meeting last year I asked that they be included in the 2017 Call for Papers. The program committee accepted four posters for 2017 and I encourage you to view them and talk to those who produced them. Posters should both display historical work and encourage a dialogue between the poster authors and meeting attendees.

The Society’s support for two initiatives has been successful. The Reporter’s Committee for Freedom of the Press legal action to open 1942 Tribune Grand Jury transcripts was decided favorably by the 7th Circuit Court. The 1942 Tribune grand jury transcripts will now be available to historians, academics, and anyone else who would like to review them at the National Archives. The case sets an important precedent in favor of public access to historical material and benefits Society members. The Institute for Advanced Study and the Civil War Trust recently announced a plan to significantly expand the land that will be preserved adjacent to the current Princeton Battlefield State Park in New Jersey while enabling the Institute to construct new housing for its faculty on its campus. The Society supported the Civil War Trust’s efforts to save portions of the American War of Independence Princeton Battlefield that would have been developed.

SMH AT THE AHA ANNUAL MEETING 2017

By Robert H. Berlin

SMH and military history were much in evidence at the 131st Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association in Denver, Colorado January 5-8 2017. Not deterred by a snow storm and cold temperatures, over 3,700 historians were in Denver for the meeting. SMH-sponsored panels titled: “Visible and Invisible Disabilities: Creating Inclusive Environments for Student and Faculty” with presentations by SMH members Mark Grimsley, Heather Salazar and Mary Elizabeth Walters and “Military History in the Modern Academy” chaired by our president Jennifer D. Keene and including discussion by panelists Beth L. Bailey, Gregory P. Downs, John W. Hall and Jennifer Mittelstadt. “Digitizing War for the Classroom: Engaging with Digital Resources to Teach Military History,” a joint session with SMH, marked the first initiative of our new Excellence in Teaching Military History initiative. David Silbey chaired the panel that included presentations on “Creating Digital Archives: American Soldiers’ World War I Letters” by Jennifer Keene, “Florida in World War I: A Digital History Project” by Barbara Gannon, “The Future of the Past: Digital History at West Point” by Ty Seidule. There were several additional military history related panels with papers and presentations by SMH members.

I represented SMH at the Annual Meeting of Affiliated Societies chaired by AHA Executive Director Jim Grossman with participation by Emily Swafford, AHA Manager of Academic Affairs and SMH member. SMH trustee Ricardo A. Herrera from the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, School of Advanced Military Studies and Dean Oliver from the Canadian Museum of History were among the mentors who spoke to students and job candidates about the path to becoming an historian and employment possibilities at the AHA Career Fair.

The annual George C. Marshall Lecture in Military History sponsored by SMH and the George C. Marshall Foundation was ably and enthusiastically presented by Craig Symonds, Professor of History Emeritus at the U.S. Naval Academy, to an attentive audience of eighty that included students and professors from the U.S. Air Force Academy. The SMH-hosted post-lecture reception I arranged was an unqualified success with good post-lecture discussions and comradery. Look for an article based on Professor Symonds lecture: “For Want of a Nail: The Impact of Shipping on Grand Strategy in World War II” to be published in The Journal of Military History.

SMH members who use Facebook and Twitter and are connected to SMH and AHA well know the many military historian activities in Denver thanks to frequent informative postings
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: Recording Secretary and Photographer

Acts as Recording Secretary for the Society for Military History (SMH):

Takes the minutes of the Council Meeting and Business Meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History. These meetings are recorded and along with written notes are formatted into the official typed minutes of the Council Meeting that are prepared for approval by the Executive Director and President of the Society. This is to be done as soon as practical after the Annual Meeting. Special attention is to be made to correctly recording Motions that reflect key decisions on how the Society for Military History is managed.

At the direction of the Executive Director prepares correspondence for the Society including official letters, emails, donation acknowledgments and related materials.

Acts as Photographer for the Society for Military History:

Takes photographs using own equipment of official and some unofficial events to include social events during the Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History with special attention given to the Awards Luncheon and Society Banquet. Prepare photographs for use in the Headquarters Gazette, Society website and social media. Prepares and uses legal releases as required.

Assists Society officers and trustees as directed and does other duties as assigned.

Membership in the Society for Military History and attendance at the Society’s annual meeting at the Recording Secretary and Photographer’s own expense are required. Minute taking for phone and other meetings may be required.

Salary is $2,000 per annum paid quarterly.

The Society for Military History does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on the bases of race, religion, color, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), parental status, national origin, age, disability, family medical history or genetic information, political affiliation, military service, or other non-merit based factors.

To apply send a cover letter explaining qualifications and experience with contact information by 15 February 2017, although the position will remain open until filled.

Please direct questions and submit all application materials to: Robert H. Berlin, Executive Director, Society for Military History. Rhberlin24@gmail.com

by Heather Salazar, the SMH Fellow in Social Media, Emily Swafford, Ricardo Herrera and others. There are two requirements to continue SMH activities with the AHA. First, SMH members need to join the AHA and second make good proposals for panels and participation. The strength of SMH was evident in Denver and I look forward to it continuing at the next AHA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in January 4-7, 2018.
Military History Featured in AHA Perspectives

The January issue of the American Historical Association’s Perspectives has two articles, including the cover, that feature the military and military historians. The online version of Perspectives can be accessed at https://www.historians.org/publications-and-directories/perspectives-on-history.

New Series: American Military Studies

The University of North Texas Press issues a call for submissions to a new book series, American Military Studies, to complement the award-winning titles previously published by the Press: Command Culture by Jörg Muth, Pacific Blitzkrieg by Sharon Tosi Lacey, and Storming the City by Alec Wahlman.

Books in this series study the American military during peace and war, from colonial times to the present, and may include operational accounts, unit histories, strategy and tactics, and general studies in American military experience and thought. Titles are intended to appeal to military historians, officers and veterans of the U.S. military, and nonspecialists.

Proposals for manuscripts may be sent to Ron Chrisman, Director, at Ronald.chrisman@unt.edu.

Call for Papers

The 2017 Ohio Valley History Conference will be hosted by The Department of History, Murray State University in Murray, KY October 19-21, 2017.

We invite proposals related to the centennial of US entry into World War I, broadly understood to include the debate over entry and the home front as well as papers addressing military topics, and the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses and the events that flowed from that. We also welcome papers and panels on topics before 1500 CE, public history programs and activities, digital history, and teaching history. Papers and panels on any other aspect of history from any time period are, of course, also welcome. The OVHC is a general conference for all historians. We will continue the OVHC tradition of welcoming papers by advanced graduate students.

Proposals can be submitted for full panels or individual papers. Offers to chair sessions or comment on papers are welcome.

Submission Process:

For a panel, please submit a title and 100-word summary of each paper and 1-2-page cv for each participant. For individual papers, please submit a 250-word abstract and 1-2-page cv. Session chairs and commentators should submit a 1-2 page cv indicating areas of interest and expertise. All proposals should include affiliation and contact information. Submit proposals as attachments in Word to: wmulligan@murraystate.edu

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: June 15, 2017. We anticipate notifying those who submit proposals of decisions by August 1.

Other Information:

The conference includes a banquet on Friday night with a speaker. The banquet speaker will be Lesley J. Gordon, Professor and Charles G. Summersell Chair of Southern History at the University of Alabama, and immediate past editor of Civil War History. She will discuss her current research on cowardice and courage in the American Civil War.

The conference website will have more details and will be launched in February and updated as new information is available.
Murray is in southwest Kentucky readily accessible by car from Nashville and Paducah (through Chicago) by air. Driving directions to MSU: http://www.murraystate.edu/campus/PlanVisit/DirectionsToMSU.aspx
If you have any questions contact: Conference Chair wmulligan@murraystate.edu

Postdoctoral Fellowship
The Department of History at Temple University seeks to fill a two-year postdoctoral research fellowship in United States Military History. The successful candidate will teach one undergraduate course per year and will conduct research in partnership with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). DPAA is an agency of the Department of Defense that provides the fullest possible accounting in cases of missing United States armed forces personnel. The fellow will perform primary source research in relevant archives and serve as a conduit between external organizations, researchers, families, Temple students and the DPAA staff. Because of the nature of the work, evidence of strong organizational and interpersonal skills is desirable.

Applicants must have received the Ph.D. between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017. Applications should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, writing sample, two letters of recommendation, and a syllabus for a course the applicant proposes to teach. Email materials to Djuna Witherspoon at djuna@temple.edu or mail to:
DPAA Postdoc Search
Department of History
Temple University
1115 W. Berks St Rm 909
Philadelphia, PA 19122-6089

In order to ensure full consideration, please submit your application by February 15, 2017. Review will remain open until the position is filled. Direct inquiries to the chair of the search committee, Dr. Gregory J. W. Urwin at gurwin@temple.edu. Temple University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minority candidates are especially encouraged to apply.

Paper Prize Awarded
The Society for Military History and the First Division Museum at Cantigny at Wheaton, Illinois, are pleased to announced that Ms. Mari A. Hunt, a senior History major at Coe College, won their Prize for the Best Paper in History Present by an Undergraduate Student at the Northern Great Plains History Conference, held in St. Cloud, MN, on 16 September 2016.
Hunt won the Prize, worth $400 from the sponsors, for her paper, entitled “First Morning of Their Freedom: Fugitive Slaves and the Union Army in Missouri,” which looked at the ways slaves manipulated the dynamics of wartime Missouri and worked with the Union Army to forge their freedom. Her presentation, in the session entitled “Non-Military Personnel in Military History,” drew praise from the audience for both her work and her professional poise.

Call for Papers
The United States Commission on Military History invites proposals for the XLIII Congress of International Commission of Military History
Douala, Cameroon, September 2 ~ 8, 2017
** GRADUATE STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT PAPER PROPOSALS!**
The United States Commission on Military History invites U.S. historians to submit papers for the 2017 Congress of the ICMH to be held in Douala, Cameroon, 2 - 8 September 2017. The theme of the congress will be “World Wars and Colonies in History.” The Cameroonian Commission on Military History welcomes presentations exploring a variety of subthemes such as:

- Great military figures in colonies
- Local authorities and the World Wars
- War efforts in colonies
- Colonial possessions and the World Wars
- Women and the World Wars in colonies
- Colonial prisoners and deportees during the World Wars
- International Conventions and the World Wars in colonies
- The World Wars and migration in colonies
- The World Wars and decolonization
- The Cold War and post-independence revolutions
- Alliances during the World Wars
- Intervention strategies during the World Wars
- The World Wars and Civil Society

For more information visit the conference website at http://icmhdouala2017.cm/.

Papers for regular sessions will be selected and submitted by the U.S. Commission. To promote the participation of junior scholars new to the ICMH, the US Commission is offering a travel subvention of up to $1,500. Those historians selected will present their papers before an international audience of military historians from around the world and their papers will be published as part of the conference proceedings. Send a two page draft proposal, a CV, and a short bio statement (300 words) by email not later than 15 February 2017 to Bianka Adams, Vice President of the US Commission, at Bianka.j.adams@usace.army.mil.

To encourage participation of emerging scholars, the US Commission is offering a travel subvention of up to $1,500, and the hosting Cameroonian Commission has agreed to substantially lower registration and lodging expenses of those graduate students who are selected for the congress. The successful candidate will submit an original piece of research, such as a seminar paper. Selected students will present their papers before an international audience of military historians from around the world and their papers will be published as part of the conference proceedings. Send copies of a one page description of the project, draft copy of the paper, a CV, and a short bio statement (300 words) by email not later than 22 February 2017 to Bianka Adams, Vice President of the US Commission, at Bianka.j.adams@usace.army.mil.

**Paper Prize Awarded**

The Society for Military History and the First Division Museum Cantigny at Wheaton, Illinois, are pleased to announced that Ms. Carole Butcher, a graduate student in History at the University of North Dakota, won their Prize for the Best Paper in Military History Presented by a Graduate Student at the Northern Great Plains History Conference, held in St. Cloud, MN, on 16 September 2016.

She won the Prize, worth $800 from the sponsors, for her paper, entitled “The Bells of Balangiga: A Tale of Missed Opportunity,” which examined the events leading up to the “Samar Massacre” in Philippines town of Balangiga in September of 1901.

**2017 Civil War Institute Summer Conference**

For over 35 years, the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College has hosted an annual summer conference bringing leading historians and public audiences together for battlefield tours, small group discussions, lectures, and roundtable conversations about the Civil War.
era. Sessions, lodging, and meals are held on the 200-acre college campus. The 2017 CWI Conference will explore the Civil War era from all angles, offering something for everyone, from longtime students of the war to those who are new to Civil War history.

Speaker Highlights

- T.J. Stiles, “The Trials of George Armstrong Custer” AND “Jesse James: Last Rebel of the Civil War”
- Barton Myers (Washington & Lee University), “Robert E. Lee on the Front Lines of Battle”
- Lorien Foote (Texas A & M University), “Escaping Confederate Prisons: The Journey of Union POWs”
- Kenneth Noe (Auburn University), “Reluctant Rebels: The Confederates Who Joined the Army After 1861”
- Harold Holzer (Hunter College), “Lincoln as a War President”
- John Marszalek (Mississippi State University), “Henry Halleck”

Tour Highlights

- Mosby’s Confederacy (Dennis Frye and Richard Gillespie)
- Antietam (Carol Reardon and Tom Vossler)
- Battle of Gettysburg Introductory Tour (Brooks Simpson)
- The Last March of the Iron Brigade (Jennifer Murray)
- Armistead’s Brigade at Gettysburg (Wayne Motts and Jim Hessler)

Roundtable Highlights

- Myths & Realities of Civil War Battle Tactics
- Debating George Gordon Meade
- Debating William Tecumseh Sherman

See the full schedule of events at http://www.gettysburg.edu/cwi/conference/schedule.dot. Both full-time and part-time registration options are available; rates and registration information available at http://www.gettysburg.edu/cwi/conference/registration/.

Essay Prize Competition

The Society for Army Historical Research (SAHR) aims to identify, from appropriately submitted pieces of work, the best essay written on the History of the British Army. This includes any aspect of the Army and its activities, including its Reserve or Auxiliary formations or the civil offices and institutions which supported them. Candidates may also deal with the same material in respect of the armies of the countries of the British Empire/Commonwealth including forces maintained by non-Crown bodies within the Empire, such as the East India Company, or forces allied to and forming an integral part of the land forces operating on behalf of the Crown (First Nations/Native Americans, for example).

The competition is open to both University Undergraduates and Sixth Form School Students. The Competition will award a prize of £300 for the winner and a prize of £100 for the runner-up, along with a Certificate, in each of the two classes, Sixth Form and Undergraduate. Prize winners will be invited to the subsequent Templer Medal and Prize event to be held in London in April 2017.

The submissions should be about 3000 words in length. Additional instruction for authors, including the style guide and cover forms, can be downloaded from: http://www.sahr.co.uk/essay.html. Essays should be submitted electronically to Dr. Ilya Berkovich at ilya.berkovich@mail.huji.ac.il by the deadline of 15 February 2017. Informal enquiries about the essay competition can be made to Mr. Philip McCarty at philmccarty@yahoo.com.

SAHR also runs a research grant competition. It is intended primarily for graduates, but advanced undergraduates can also apply. This link has all the information: http://www.sahr.co.uk/Grants.html.
The Summer Institute on Objects, Places, and the Digital Humanities at the National Humanities Center in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina will focus on the theory and practice of digital work for topics in art, architectural, urban history or material culture. The two-year Institute will provide “hands-on” training with tools for geospatial mapping, 3D modeling, photogrammetry, and data collection and visualization.

Participants will develop a digital component to a research project related to the lives of things as interrogations of meaning, circulation, and change over the long life of places and objects. Participants will examine how modeling, database and mapping tools can move research in new directions, reframing evidence towards new questions and expanding scholarship into new arenas of research and public outreach.

The workshop is intended for mid-career scholars engaged in research that can be expanded to include a digital dimension. No previous experience in digital scholarship required. The Institute will be led by Caroline Bruzelius and Mark Olson, both in the Department Art, Art History & Visual Studies and co-founders of the Wired! lab at Duke University. Application may be made until midnight February 21, 2017. Instructions are available via http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/sidh/index.htm.

Call for Papers
Remembering Muted Voices: Conscience, Dissent, Resistance, and Civil Liberties in World War I through Today
October 19-22, 2017 National World War I Museum and Memorial Kansas City, MO, USA

On April 6, 1917 the USA entered World War I. A hundred years later in 2017 this Symposium remembers the muted voices of those who resisted the Great War and the implications of these stories for today. We are now inviting paper proposals for the World War I Symposium. Details of the Call for Papers can be found at https://www.theworldwar.org/remembering-muted-voices. The deadline for paper proposals is March 20, 2017. Please send proposals to John Roth - johndr@goshen.edu.

Event Information:
An overview of the whole project is available at: https://theworldwar.s3.amazonaws.com/prod/s3fs-public/MutedVoicesOverview.pdf

A draft program, with keynote speakers, is also available at https://theworldwar.s3.amazonaws.com/prod/s3fs-public/MutedVoicesShortProgram.pdf

Further information: Andrew Bolton abolton@cofchrist.org Cell: (+1 USA) 816 739 4986

Washington History Seminar
We are pleased to announce the Washington History Seminar schedule for the Winter/Spring 2017. The Seminar thanks the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) and the George Washington University History Department for their generous support.

- February 6: Marc Levinson (independent scholar) on An Extraordinary Time: The end of the Postwar Boom and the Return of the Ordinary Economy
- February 13: Edward Balleisen (Duke University) on Fraud: From Barnum to Madoff
- February 20: President’s Day: No Seminar
- February 27: Timothy Breen (Northwestern University) on An Appeal to Heaven
- March 6: Walter A. McDougall (The University of Pennsylvania) on The Tragedy of U.S. Foreign Policy
- March 13: Julia Young (The Catholic University of America) on Mexican Exodus: Emigrants, Exiles, and Refugees of the Cristero War
• March 20: Luis Campos (University of New Mexico) on Radium and the Secret of Life
• March 27: Jenna Weissman Joselit (Georgetown University) on Set in Stone: America’s Embrace of the Ten Commandments
• April 3: Michael Kazin (Georgetown University) on War against War: The Rise, Defeat, and Legacy of the Peace Movement in America, 1914-1918
• April 10: Passover: No Seminar
• April 17: Courtney Fullilove (Wesleyan University) on The Profit of the Earth: The Global Seeds of American Agriculture
• April 24: Frank Settle (Washington and Lee University) on General George C. Marshall and the Atomic Bomb
• May 1: Alice Kaplan (Yale University) on Looking for a Stranger: Albert Camus and the Life of a Literary Classic
• May 8: Gregg Brazinsky (George Washington University) on Winning the Third World: Sino-American Competition during the Cold War
• May 15: Jason Parker (Texas A&M) on Hearts, Minds, Voice: U.S. Cold War Diplomacy and the Formation of the Third World

Mondays at 4:00 p.m.
Woodrow Wilson Center, 6th Floor Moynihan Board Room, Ronald Reagan Building, Federal Triangle Metro Stop.

The seminar is co-chaired by Eric Arnesen (George Washington University) and Christian Ostermann (Woodrow Wilson Center) and is organized jointly by the National History Center of the American Historical Association and the Woodrow Wilson Center’s History and Public Policy Program. It meets weekly during the academic year.

Call for Papers and Proposals for Teacher Workshops
19th Annual Conference on Illinois History
October 5 & 6, 2017
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
Springfield

The Conference on Illinois History is accepting paper or panel proposals on any aspect of Illinois’s history, culture, politics, geography, or archaeology. The Conference especially welcomes submissions exploring the upcoming bicentennial of statehood. We encourage submissions from professional and avocational historians, graduate students, and those engaged in the study of Illinois history at libraries, historic sites, museums, and historical societies.

Proposals are also being accepted for teacher workshops. If you are a teacher who has created an innovative, comprehensive, or timely curriculum on an aspect of Illinois’s history, culture, politics, geography, or archaeology, please share your expertise with other teachers at the conference.

The deadline for proposals is May 1, 2017.

To submit your proposal for a paper, panel, or teacher workshop, please send:
• A one-page summary of the topic, including a description of the major primary and secondary sources used.
• A one-page resume for each participant.

Send proposals to: Christian McWhirter, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or Christian.mcwhirter@illinois.gov. For more information, call 217-785-9132.

Internships

The Marine Corps History Division offers internship opportunities for college students to learn while working on a historical project. The program’s intent is to give promising and talented students meaningful work and a learning experience.
Eligibility Requirements:
Applicants must be registered undergraduate or graduate students at an accredited college or university. Interns seeking academic credit for the internship must apply through their school.

Academic majors for successful interns are usually history, American Studies or political science. Computer literacy is essential. Most History Division branches use the Microsoft Office program suite. The nature of the internship program and the wide variety of opportunities provided by the division allow an internship experience which may draw upon academic and nonacademic skills not usually associated with the historical field. Each internship is the product of an agreement between the intern, History Division and when credit is sought, the sponsoring institution.

Internship Opportunities:
The History Division offers internships in six areas. They are:

- reference historians (servicing information requests from public and official sources);
- historical writing (primarily researching material to support writing projects, largely in primary source collections, although opportunities to compose original pieces are presented);
- oral historian assistants (cataloging and servicing collections);
- archives (cataloging and servicing collections);
- film and video assistants (cataloging and servicing collections); and
- editing and design (preparing manuscripts for publication, checking for presentation and visual appeal).

There is an emerging requirement for an intern with webmaster skills.

Internships may lead to a published monograph, catalog or finding aid. Students indicate area preference on application form.

Location:
All internships are served at the Marine Corps History Division, Simmons History Center (Building 2044), Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia. Quantico is approximately 35 miles south of the Washington D.C area. Interns are responsible for living arrangements and transportation. Depending upon the internship, there may be opportunities to use research facilities and collections elsewhere in the Washington D.C. area, including the National Archives, Smithsonian Institution, Library of Congress and the archival resources of the other armed services. History Division will assist interns in gaining access to archival and library resources necessary to accomplish their assignments. There is no reliable public transportation to Quantico from the north in the mornings nor going north in the afternoon. The Virginia Railway Express on the Fredericksburg line stops regularly at the station on Quantico (easy walking to our offices) during the morning and evening commutes. Parking near our facility is available for those who drive.

Intern Supervision and Standards:
Internships are regarded as entry level professional historian positions. Interns are assigned to an experienced member of the Division’s staff for supervision, instruction and evaluation. Most supervisors, both civilian and military, have advanced professional degrees and extensive practical experience in their fields.

Interns are expected to work productively while they learn; meeting the same attendance requirements as a regular employee on the days and times they agree to work. Interns will comply with the Division’s standards of appearance and decorum. An internship is a privilege, subject to termination if not regarded as a serious and valuable work experience.

Although normally scheduled during the traditional summer break from school, interns may work at any time during the year and should schedule at least one day per week.

Expenses:
The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation provides a grant of $9.00 per hour to interns. The
Interns bears all other costs. Interns are limited to a maximum of 29 hours per week.

Applications:
Applications are due no later than 24 February 2017. Selection letters will be sent out by 21 March 2017.

Send applications via mail to:
Internship Coordinator
History Division
111 South Street
Quantico VA 22134

Or via e-mail to history.division@usmcu.edu.

Call for Papers
Tenth Annual ASMEA Conference
The Middle East and Africa: Assessing the Regions Ten Years On
October 19-21, 2017
Key Bridge Marriott Hotel * Washington, D.C.

ASMEA is currently seeking proposals for paper and panel presentations for its Tenth Annual Conference. Scholars from any discipline, tenured or untenured faculty, or those otherwise affiliated with a recognized research institution, may submit proposals to present at the Conference. Unique proposals from senior graduate students (ABD) will also be considered. Proposals on topics related to the Middle East and Africa should consist of a one-page summary outline of new and unpublished research. A recent C.V. with all contact data also must be included with name, e-mail, phone number, and affiliation. Submit your paper proposals at https://asmea.nonprofitcms.org/c/conferences/5/pages/callforpapers and panel proposals at https://asmea.nonprofitcms.org/c/conferences/5/pages/callforpanels. The deadline for proposals is April 15, 2016. In conjunction with the Tenth Annual Conference, several grant opportunities (https://asmea.nonprofitcms.org/c/conferences/5/pages/grantprograms) are available to ASMEA Members: ASMEA Research Grants The Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa is pleased to offer research grants up to $2500 to qualified scholars and students engaged in the study of the Middle East and Africa. Application deadline is March 31, 2017. Find out more information at https://asmea.nonprofitcms.org/c/conferences/5/pages/grantprograms.

Conference Travel Grant:
ASMEA is offering travel grants up to $750 to qualified scholars and students to present their research at the Tenth Annual Conference. Application deadline is March 31, 2017. Find out more information at https://asmea.nonprofitcms.org/c/conferences/5/pages/grantprograms.

Call for Papers - The Effects of War: Population Displacements

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) recently announced that the number of displaced persons caused by wars and other conflicts, estimated at more than 65 million, has reached “the highest level ever recorded”. In light of this historical and current reality, the Spanish Association of Military History (ASEHISMI) will convene an interdisciplinary academic conference to study the essence and characteristics of population displacements caused by war throughout history.

1. ASEHISMI convenes its IV International Conference, dedicated to the study of mass population displacements originated by war throughout history.
2. The Conference will be held in Madrid, Spain, June 20-23, 2017, at the Instituto Universitario General Gutiérrez Mellado (Princesa, 36, 28008 Madrid, Spain).
3. The Conference will be organized in five panels or sessions, corresponding to Antiquity, the Middle Ages, the Modern Age, Contemporary History, and the Present.
4. ASEHISMI welcomes the submission of proposals of original and unpublished papers, preferably written in Spanish or English, that analyze the essence and transcendence of mass population displacements caused by wars or conflicts from antiquity to the present or that contribute to our understanding of their causes, circumstances, and consequences.

5. We will also welcome proposals focused on any other cross-disciplinary theme (anthropological, archeological, cultural, economic, statistic, literary, juridical, political, psychological, sanitary, sociological, technological, etc.) as long as it is directly related to the main aim of the conference.

6. Those who propose papers shall commit themselves to personally present a brief draft of the paper at the corresponding conference session. Otherwise, their papers, even if accepted and scheduled for presentation, will not be presented or published.

7. Proposals must be sent to congreso@asehismi.es before the date indicated below, with the subject line “Paper proposal IV ASEHISMI Conference” and an indication of the session in which the paper will be presented. The Organizing Committee will acknowledge receipt of all proposals submitted, but will accept only those proposals that pertain directly to the conference theme and are evaluated positively by the Conference Program Committee. If no reply has been received within a week, proposal authors should resend their proposals.

8. Proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria: (a) Intrinsic quality: the committee will give preference to proposals that make good use of primary and secondary sources and make factual or interpretative contributions to the existing historiography; (b) Thematic relevance and originality: preference will be given to proposals highlighting the close relationship between war and its aftermath on the general population; (c) Global perspective: the committee will give preference to proposals that offer a broad vision of the historical period of the corresponding session.

9. Once a proposal is accepted, non-members of ASEHISMI must pay a 50-euro conference fee before April 15, 2017. Otherwise, the proposal will be rejected. The conference fee is waived for ASEHISMI members.

10. All proposals presented at the conference and evaluated positively will be published in 2018, provided that the complete, final text is submitted before the date indicated below, that it is approved by the review committee, and that it is formatted according to ASEHISMI Norms of Format and Style. The evaluation process will have two phases: (1) The Program Committee will ensure that the paper meets the established criteria: theme, originality, quality of the documentary sources, format and style. (2) After passing phase 1, the paper will be subject to double-blind peer review.

11. Information about the Conference will be regularly updated at ASEHISMI web (www.asehismi.es).

12. Endlines:
March 1, 2017: receipt of an abstract of the proposal (300 words in Word format), including three to six key words, organization to which the author belongs, postal address, telephone and email address.
April 1, 2017: acceptance of approved proposals, whose authors will then receive the ASEHISMI Norms of Format and Style.
April 15, 2017: submission of receipts showing payment of conference fee or the proposal author’s application for ASEHISMI membership.
May 30, 2017: submission of draft papers to be read personally at the Conference (1500 words/20 minutes).
September 15, 2017: submission of the complete text of the paper for publication (9000 words in Word format, notes and bibliography included), formatted according to ASEHISMI Norms of Format and Style.

Call for Papers
2017 McMullen Naval History Symposium
14-15 September 2017
U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD
The year 2017 marks several significant milestones in naval history: the centenary of the United States’ entry into the First World War, the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Midway, the 55th Anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis, the 350th anniversary of the Dutch Raid on the Medway during the Second Anglo-Dutch War, and the 35th anniversary of the Falklands War, among many others.

The History Department of the United States Naval Academy invites proposals for papers to be presented at the 2017 McMullen Naval History Symposium on these and any other topics related to American or world, naval and maritime history.

Proposals should include a one page vita and an abstract of no more than 250 words which summarizes the research and its contribution to historical knowledge. Panel proposals (made up of three presenters, a chair, and a commenter) are highly encouraged, and should include all relevant material on the presenters, as well as a one page vita for the chair and commenter.

Proposal deadline: 13 February 2017. Email proposals to navalhistorysymposium@gmail.com by midnight, 13 February. The program committee anticipates announcing a draft program by the end of April 2017; papers are due to the committee and panel chairs by 15 August 2017.

On-line registration for the conference will begin in the spring of 2017. A small number of modest travel stipends are available to graduate students and recent PhDs who do not hold a tenure-track position or full-time employment. Support for these grants comes from the generosity of the McMullen Sea Power Fund established in honor of Dr. John McMullen, USNA Class of 1940. Please indicate your desire to apply for a travel stipend with your proposal. The committee will publish a volume of proceedings in the New Interpretations of Naval History Series, containing the best papers presented, at a future date.

Further information on the 2017 McMullen Naval History Symposium will be available online at www.usna.edu/History/Symposium. Specific inquiries may be directed to the Director: Associate Professor Brian VanDeMark (vandemar@usna.edu), or Deputy Director: Commander Benjamin “BJ” Armstrong (barmstro@usna.edu).

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Intelligence Studies

The Intelligence Studies Project (ISP) of the Clements Center for National Security and the Strauss Center for International Security and Law will grant a postdoctoral fellowship in intelligence studies to a promising young scholar. This unique fellowship is intended to support the next generation of scholars and educators in the field of intelligence.

Applicants from all disciplines whose research bears on national security intelligence are welcome to apply. The successful applicant will be expected to work on research and writing projects of their own design, while taking advantage of the academic resources available at the University of Texas-Austin. The Fellow will be expected to play an active role in programs and activities organized by the ISP, Clements and Strauss centers. Any specific responsibilities will be by mutual agreement between the Fellow and the ISP Director. The Fellow accepted for this program will be offered a competitive stipend, full use of UT facilities, and workspace. Depending upon qualifications and interest, the Fellow may have the opportunity to teach a course at UT-Austin. The fellowship appointment is for one year, but in an exceptional case may be renewed for a second year. For more information, please contact intelligencestudies@austin.utexas.edu.

Application Instructions:
Complete the online application by clicking the “Apply Now” button at http://bit.ly/2gwLhh5; Send graduate school transcripts and three letters of recommendation directly from your university and your recommenders to intelligencestudies@austin.utexas.edu or via a dossier service such as Interfolio or Vitae.

Applications for the 2017-2018 fellowship year are due on March 1, 2017.

**Note that applicants must have received their doctorate by August 14, 2017, the date the postdoctoral fellowship will commence.
Policymakers frequently attempt to draw on historical knowledge to gain perspective on contemporary national security issues. Meanwhile, historians and other scholars frequently comment on present-day decision-making problems and sometimes aspire to influence policy debates. Yet policymakers and scholars generally occupy separate intellectual and institutional universes. Especially in recent years, they have had little to say to one another. The result, arguably, has been the impoverishment of both communities.

From July 23-28, 2017, the Clements Center for National Security at the University of Texas at Austin will convene a weeklong seminar for doctoral students focused on the connections between statecraft and history. Several sessions will examine the ways in which policymakers have used or misused historical knowledge in the past, and how different scholarly disciplines approach history. Sessions will also ask how policymakers should use history and what methods might be available for refining the use of the past in decision-making.

But the seminar will also examine the problem from the other direction, examining how scholars might be more productive and influential voices in deliberations on foreign and defense policy. When have historians and other social scientists played a useful role in the past? What insights might be drawn from those cases?

The Clements Center invites applications to participate in this program, which will take place in the beautiful Rocky Mountains at the Pines Lodge in Beaver Creek, Colorado. Applicants should be advanced doctoral students in history, political science, or related fields interested in careers in either academia or policymaking. The seminar will feature in-depth discussions with top scholars and senior policymakers and intelligence officials, as well as sessions devoted to academic publishing and strategies for approaching the academic and policy job markets. Each day will also have recreational time for participants to enjoy the mountain surroundings.

The Clements Center will cover all travel and related expenses for participants. Applicants should visit the Clements Center’s website for complete application instructions (see https://goo.gl/sbh7ma). The deadline for applications is February 17, 2017. Please direct questions to Jacqueline Chandler at jchandler@austin.utexas.edu.

Clements Center Postdoctoral Fellowship

The Clements Center for National Security at the University of Texas at Austin seeks applications from recent PhD recipients for its Postdoctoral Fellowship Program.

Consistent with the Clements Center’s mission areas of history, strategy, and statecraft, applicants from all disciplines whose research bears directly on foreign and defense policy, intelligence, or international security are welcome to apply. However, strong preference will be given to applicants with a doctorate in history or whose research has a strong historical component (ancient or modern). Successful applicants will be able to spend the substantial portion of their time working on their own research and writing projects, while taking advantage of the many academic resources available at the University of Texas-Austin. Additionally, Fellows will be required to play an active role in the Clements Center’s programs and activities; any specific responsibilities will be by mutual agreement between the Fellow and the Clements Center leadership. Fellows accepted to the program will be offered a competitive stipend, full use of UT facilities, and office space at the Clements Center. In some cases Fellows will be welcome to teach a course at the University of Texas. Each appointment is for one year, and in exceptional cases may be considered for renewal for a second year.

Applicants should submit a current c.v., a letter of application, graduate school transcripts, a brief (no more than two-page, single-spaced) statement of proposed research, and three letters of recommendation. Please visit the Clements Center’s website for complete application instructions (see http://goo.gl/dPqiIM). Applications are due no later than March 3, 2017. Note that applicants are required to have received their doctorate by August 14, 2017, the date the Postdoctoral Fellowship will commence. Please direct any questions to Jacqueline Chandler at jchandler@austin.utexas.edu.
The Clements Center for National Security at the University of Texas at Austin seeks applications from current PhD candidates for its Predoctoral Fellowship Program.

Consistent with the Clements Center’s mission areas of history, strategy, and statecraft, applicants from all disciplines whose research bears directly on foreign and defense policy, intelligence, or international security are welcome to apply. However, strong preference will be given to applicants pursuing a doctorate in history or whose research has a strong historical component (ancient or modern). This fellowship is designed to help expedite dissertation completion, so applicants should be in the dissertation writing phase and within one year (or in exceptional cases two years) of anticipated dissertation submission. Successful applicants will be able to spend the substantial portion of their time working on their own research and writing projects, while taking advantage of the many academic resources available at the University of Texas-Austin. Additionally, Fellows will be required to play an active role in the Clements Center’s programs and activities; any specific responsibilities will be by mutual agreement between the Fellow and the Clements Center leadership. Fellows accepted to the program will be offered a competitive stipend, full use of UT facilities, and office space at the Clements Center. Each appointment is for one year.

Applicants should submit a current c.v., a letter of application, graduate school transcripts, a brief (no more than two-page, single-spaced) statement of proposed research, and three letters of recommendation. Please visit the Clements Center’s website for complete application instructions (see https://goo.gl/Rwd5bs). Applications are due no later than March 3, 2017. Please direct any questions to Jacqueline Chandler at jchandler@austin.utexas.edu.

From the Archives: The Iconography of AMI

By Paul A. Thomsen

In the pursuit of historical understanding, scholars sometimes come across unexpected forms of research. Often dismissed as novelties of the past, these items, formally called artifacts, usually require more time, study, and a discerning eye to reveal their importance to the discipline than standard typical period documentation. A large folder in the Society for Military History’s (SMH) collection at Kansas State University holds two such particularly unique objects between reams of press clippings and AMI correspondence. In their day, these artifacts were called the American Military Institute’s (AMI) “trading cards.”

Since the late nineteenth century, iconography, the study of visual imagery, has grown from the preferred domain of art historians and antiquarians to be widely employed by the historical discipline to understand and articulate the content of period complex imagery. Students of the Civil War, for example, sometimes find small portrait reproductions of Confederate leaders (such as Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee) in personal papers of the period, which potentially provide information about the owner’s personal politics. Mary Surratt went to the gallows, in part, for having kept and concealed such portraits in her home, proving (at least for the War Department) that she was a Confederate sympathizer and active participant in the Lincoln assassination. Other mediums, such as Gilded Age political cartoons, World War I posters, and comic books, have become invaluable artifacts for cultural historians, fueling discussions over perceived values disseminated as period propaganda.

SMH Records, likewise, holds several portals to some Cold War thoughts and values on the discipline of military history. The early Cold War was a dark time for the study of military history. After years of resource famine, academic isolation, and social ostracization, the AMI of the Second World War and immediate postwar period had proven the value of the field in the
academy and to governance by providing lectures, forums, governmental advisors, and published research as guides in war and peace. Over time, period membership, however, declined, funding plummeted, and, for a time, the organization’s publishing was even halted as the traditional role of the military was transformed by the technology and politics of the nuclear age. To stem this tide, the AMI leadership began to advertise the organization’s merits in letters, formal fliers, and pamphlets mailed to past subscribers, affiliate institutions, and libraries. Soon budget shortfalls were reversed.

**Galvanized** by the pamphlets’ success, American Military Institute approved an unnamed member’s idea to similarly utilize recognizable icons of AMI’s past to boost the organization’s visibility in a unique way: “trading cards.” The idea called for a selection of images to be mass-produced in a series on high quality paper stock. With the AMI name prominently displayed, it was argued that the items could be collected, used as bookmarks, or dispersed to promote the group. Instead, the leadership chose to make these so-called “trading cards” into postcards, providing a practical outlet for the experiment. They also chose personal portraits of prominent members over more traditional nationalist or technological imagery in the experiment to portray AMI’s shaping of world events. General George Marshall, a longtime supporter of the organization and period exemplar of the American Solder/Statesman, became the first subject in the series. AMI then chose General Dwight Eisenhower to adorn the front of their second card. Eisenhower, another long time supporter of the organization, had worked with AMI’s leaders during the war, benefited from their work in the war against the Nazis, and had even been published by the organization’s journal, *Military Affairs*. Together, they served as the first and second test cases for the viability of the AMI’s “trading cards” series ideas.

Interestingly, the AMI “trading cards” never became popular. The organization, still struggling with budget problems, likely deemed them too much money and work to provide the level
MEETINGS CALENDAR 2017

February 3-5 - The American Aviation Historical Society will hold its annual meeting in the Allen Airways Museum at Gillespie Field in San Diego, California. For more details, see the Society’s website at www.aahs-online.org, or call (909) 297-6688.

March 2-4 - Missouri Valley History Conference in Omaha, Nebraska, which includes a full slate of sessions sponsored by the SMH. Contact: George Eaton, smhatm-vhc@gmail.com.

March 7-9 - The American Astronautical Society will host its 55th Robert H. Goddard Memorial Symposium at the Greenbelt Marriott in Greenbelt, Maryland. For more information as it becomes available, see the Society’s website at http://astronautical.org/events/goddard/goddard2017/.


March 30-April 2 - The 2017 SMH Annual Meeting will be in Jacksonville, FL at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville-Riverfront. Hosted by the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience, Department of History, Florida State University.
April 6-9 - The Organization of American Historians will hold its annual meeting at the New Orleans Marriott in New Orleans, Louisiana. This year’s theme is “Circulation.” For further info, see the Organization’s website at http://www.oah.org/meetings-events/meetings-events/call-for-proposals/.

April 13 - The Society for History in the Federal Government will hold its annual meeting at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Building in Washington D.C. The theme of this year’s meeting is “A Return to Archives.” For more information, see the Society’s website at http://shfg.org/shfg/events/annual-meeting/.

April 20-22 – The Centre for Military, Security and Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary will host a conference titled Vimy 2017: Both Sides of the Ridge. Contact: njmackie@ucalgary.ca.


July 12-14 - The NASA Langley Research Center will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a symposium to be presented at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, Virginia. For additional information, see the Center’s website at https://www.nasa.gov/langley/100.

July 23-29 - The International Committee for the History of Technology will hold its 44th annual meeting in conjunction with the ICHST meeting to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. For details, see the Committee’s website at http://www.icohtec.org/annual-meeting-2017.html.


October 4-8 - The Oral History Association will hold its annual meeting at the Hilton Minneapolis Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For further details, see the Association’s website at http://www.oralhistory.org/annual-meeting/.

October 19-20 - The National Security Agency’s Center for Cryptologic History will present its biennial Symposium at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory’s Kossiakoff Center in Laurel, Maryland. Following the Symposium, on Saturday, October 21, participants will be given an opportunity to tour the National Cryptologic Museum and participate in a workshop on sources for research in cryptologic history. The theme for the 2017 Symposium is “Milestones, Memories, and Momentum.” For more information, contact Program Chair Betsy Rohaly Smoot at history@nsa.gov or to her care at The Center for Cryptologic History, Suite 6886, 9800 Savage Road, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755.


October 26-30 - The Society for the History of Technology will hold its annual meeting and symposium in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For further details as they become available, see the Society’s website at http://www.historyoftechnology.org/index.html.


November 9-12 - The History of Science Society will hold its annual meeting in Toronto, Canada. For more details as they become available, see the Society’s website at http://hssonline.org/meetings/annual-meeting-archive/.
April 5-8 – The 2018 SMH Annual Meeting
College of Arts & Sciences and Department of History at the University of Louisville will be in Louisville, KY, hosted by the College of Arts & Sciences and Department of History at the University of Louisville.