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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY C. C. FELKER

Greetings and Happy New Year,

I hope you all had a great holiday season. Since this is my last newsletter before leaving the job, I thought I'd take a few lines to express my thanks to presidents Jennifer Keene, John Hall, and Pete Mansoor, the trustees, the JMH and SMH operations staffs, and our committee chairs and members, for their support and work over the last six years. Their commitment to the mission has been both impressive and instrumental to making the Society work.

In particular, I want to recognize the staff that makes the organization run; Treasurer Ashley Kumbier, Business Manager Vicki Turner, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor Kurt Hackemer, Recording Secretary Hal Friedman, and finally, Dr. Maysan Haydar (who we pressed into service during the Covid emergency, and beyond). We're a staff where everyone starts; hence it's lonely on the bench. But, given the challenges the organization faced over the last three years, as well as the day-to-day machinations of the Society, we could not have asked for more talented and dedicated people in those positions.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank the membership. We may lack the numbers enjoyed by many learned societies. Yet, when you look at the ways in which the Society supports its mission, the JMH, annual conference, awards, committees, and now the summer institute, we definitely punch above our weight. Running through all of those efforts, and the Society as a whole, is the membership. And it's more than just dues and donations (although your donations are GREATLY APPRECIATED!). You also volunteer for committee positions, choose to run for trustee and vice president, attend the conference, and provide timely feedback on a variety of issues. Your contribution to the mission is just as important, because from it the Society either thrives or withers.

As I became more senior in my prior profession, and found myself in leadership positions, it kind of became obvious to me that my role was to leave the organization a little better when I left than when I showed up. Most of the time that simply involved getting out of the way and letting the professionals do their jobs. These past six years have been no different, that is, about staying out of the way. From our collective efforts, though, I do think that Society is moving in the right direction. That's not to say that the trajectory is certain. Historians predict the future at their peril. We can't say for sure what the future

will bring, but I'm confident to say it will bring new challenges. What will hold the organization together, however, is our commitment to the mission, to further the study of military history.

Thank you for allowing me to contribute.

Best,
C.C.

BE A MENTOR OR RECEIVE MENTORING AT THE 2023 SMH ANNUAL MEETING

SMH will continue its tradition of offering mentorship to graduate students and junior scholars at its Annual Meeting. Mentors will meet with them over coffee during open intervals, usually during the breakfast or lunch hours.

Mentors can offer general guidance on archives and research methods, discipline/field issues, or other specifics that mentees seek out.

Topics on which mentors have offered advice previously include:

- making the transition between careers in the service and academia
- beginning graduate school later in life
- being a minority identity
- advice on how to approach writing a second book after the dissertation becomes the first
- "Alt Ac" opportunities in the federal government, nonprofits, and museums

For more information, to request mentorship, or to become a mentor, please email mentorship@smh-hq.org and make sure to mark yourself as a mentor/mentee when you register for SMH2023!

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THE SUMMER SEMINAR IN MILITARY HISTORY

June 11 - June 30, 2023

A PARTNERED PROGRAM BETWEEN THE JENNY CRAIG INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF WAR AND DEMOCRACY AND THE SOCIETY FOR MILITARY HISTORY

The National World War II Museum and The Society for Military History will be co-hosting “The Summer Seminar in Military History” from June 11 – June 30, 2023. The purpose of this three-week, in-residence experience is to grow and strengthen the study of military history by introducing fellows to the profession’s fundamental concepts and questions, its contemporary concerns and approaches, and its leading scholars.

The program consists of a series of content and pedagogical seminars led by expert faculty and guest lecturers, as well as museum tours and battlefield staff rides. Lodging, meals, and a stipend are provided.



Jenny Craig Institute
for the Study of War and Democracy



For more information visit the Summer Seminar website or contact Program Director Dr. Bill Allison at billallison@georgiasouthern.edu or Associate Program Director Dr. Stephanie Hinnershitz at stephanie.hinnershitz@nationalww2museum.org

Taking applications now through February 15, 2023! Apply online at <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/jenny-craig-institute-study-war-and-democracy/summer-seminar-military-history>

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SMH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

For those not already aware, the Society maintains a private group on Facebook where members can post articles relating to military history, exchange job announcements, and discuss any number of topics relevant to the academy. The private group is an excellent forum for recruiting conference panels, arranging professional meet-ups, consulting the membership about research, and keeping oneself aware of new developments relating to the historical profession. If you are interested in joining, you only need to have an active Facebook account and find the “Society for Military History” group. Once you ask to join, one of the administrators will add you shortly thereafter. The Society also maintains a public Facebook page that members and non-members can view at any time, as well as a presence on Twitter under the handle @SMH_Historians.

NEW YORK MILITARY AFFAIRS SYMPOSIUM

SPRING 2023 SCHEDULE

Programs will continue to be on Zoom, unless otherwise indicated
 Programs *usually* begin on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. Eastern, and last about 90 minutes.

Exceptions are noted in bold.

January 6: <i>Armada: The Spanish Enterprise and England's Deliverance in 1588</i> , Geoffrey Parker, Ohio State University
Saturday, January 14, 3:00 PM ET: <i>Blood and Ruins: The Last Imperial War, 1931-1945</i> , Richard Overy, University of Exeter
January 20: <i>Debate: Did Rome Have a Grand Strategy?</i> James Lacey, Ph.D., Horner Chair of War Studies, Professor of Strategic Studies and Political Economy at Marine Corps War College, author of <i>Rome: Strategy of Empire</i> ; Michael Taylor, Assistant Professor, History, University of Albany; and Edward Luttwak, Ph.D., author of <i>The Grand Strategy of the Roman Empire from the First Century AD to the Third</i> and The Grand Strategy of the Byzantine Empire .
January 27: <i>Heavy Metal: The Hard Days and Nights of the Shipyard Workers Who Build America's Supercarriers</i> , Mike Fabey, Independent Scholar
February 3: <i>Napoleon: The Decline and Fall of an Empire: 1811-1821</i> . Michael Broers, Professor of Western European History at the University of Oxford
February 10: <i>The Great New York Fire of 1776: A Lost Story of the American Revolution</i> , Benjamin L. Carp, Daniel M. Lyons Associate Professor of American History, Brooklyn College
February 24: <i>Stealth: The Secret Contest to Invent Invisible Aircraft</i> , Peter Westwick, USC
March 3: <i>History of Battle: Understanding Conflict from Hastings to Helmand</i> , Drs Graeme Callister and Rachel Whitbread, York Saint John University
March 10: <i>Parker Hitt: The Father of American Military Cryptology</i> , Betsy Rohaly Smoot, Intelligence historian
Friday, March 17, 1:00 PM ET: <i>Russia: Revolution and Civil War, 1917-1921</i> , Antony Beevor, Independent Scholar
March 24: <i>The Battle of Crecy</i> , Michael Livingston, The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina
Saturday, April 1, 1:00 PM ET: <i>Command: The Politics of Military Operation</i> , Sir Lawrence Freedman, King's College London
April 14: <i>Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War</i> , Ian Ona Johnson, Notre Dame University
April 21: <i>The Mongol Storm: Making and Breaking Empires in the Medieval Near East</i> , Nic Morton, Nottingham Trent University
Saturday, April 29, 1:00 PM ET: <i>Conquering the Ocean: The Roman Invasion of Britain</i> , Richard Hingley, University of Durham
Saturday, May 6, 1:00 PM ET: <i>Original Sin: Power Technology, and War in Outer Space</i> , Bleddyn Bowen, University of Leicester
May 12: <i>Armies, Plagues, and Politics: Explaining the Rise and Fall of the Assyrian Empire</i> , Eckart Frahm, Yale University
May 19: <i>The Compleat Victory: Saratoga and the American Revolution</i> , Kevin Weddle, US Army War College (Winner: 2021 Gilder-Lehrman Prize for Military History)
May 26: <i>General Grant and the Verdict of History: Memoir, Memory, and the Civil War</i> , Frank Varney, Independent Scholar

Talks are sponsored by the New York Military Affairs Symposium, occasionally in conjunction with other scholarly or civic organizations. NYMAS is associated with the Society for Military History, Region 2. NYMAS talks are free and open to the public.

This schedule is available on the Symposium's website, www.nymas.org, which should be consulted for possible last-minute changes



THE PURSUIT *of* **HISTORY.**

Forging the Continental Army

Friday, May 19, 2023

HISTORY WHERE IT HAPPENED

- Sessions at Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge —
- Expert led tour of Valley Forge National Historical Park —
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NOTES FROM THE GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

BY NATHAN K. FINNEY

Fellow Graduate Student Members,

Thank you! As I wrap up my two years as your Graduate Student Representative, I would be remiss to not thank all of you who made the experience extremely enjoyable and fulfilling. As the first elected GSR, I'm excited to see the tradition continue with the largest number of applicants for the GSR position yet. The applicants also represented a wide variety of schools, research topics and methodologies, and demographic backgrounds. We could not have asked for better candidates to choose from. Thank you to Jessica Luepke, Srijita Pal, Zane A. Whitney Jr., Kelly Wood, and Trevor Carlos Yates for being willing to serve...and congrats to Jorden Pitt in his election as the next GSR.

It's been a busy two years with the establishment of Zoom sessions to help prepare folks to present at SMH conferences, workshop papers, a new Grad Member Professional series, virtual groups for writing, reviewing, and presenting your work, and of course all the fun we had as a community at SMH conferences. We were also successful in getting a Grad Member onto the editorial board of the Journal for Military History and making headway on getting more graduate students on committees. I owe a great debt to many of you for helping put these events together, particularly Hayley Hasik, Rob Williams, and Ryan Reynolds, who all served as a very capable and helpful informal "Grad Member Council" for the last year.

Finally, I owe great thanks to previous GSRs, each of whom provided a wealth of knowledge and experience. Thank you Jessica Sheets, Cameron Zinsou, and Mary Elizabeth Walters!



I hope the events and SMH community was useful to you all. I look forward to helping Jordan in his role as the new GSR...and if there's anything I can ever do for you, please don't hesitate to reach out! You can hit me on email (nathan.finney@alumni.duke.edu) or on social media ([Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [WhatsApp](#))!

Respectfully,
Nathan K. Finney, PhD
SMH Graduate Student Representative

SMH 2023 PROGRAM NOTE

The SMH 2023 program committee has posted a draft program at <https://smh-hq.org/annualmeeting/info/program.html>. They are currently finalizing the program and will have it out to participants for one last review in mid-January before sending it to the printer. Notice about the final program will be given via social media, with the program itself posted on the SMH web site.

JOBS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Lieutenant Colonel John William Whitman Research Fellowship

In honor of Lieutenant Colonel John William Whitman, the Army Heritage Center Foundation is pleased to announce the LTC John William Whitman Research Grant. This grant of up to \$1,750 is designed to provide monetary support to unfunded independent researchers who are working on under-explored topics of military history. Funded research is to be conducted at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) in Carlisle, Pa. Applicants interested in the LTC John William Whitman Research Grant should submit an application including a proposed project budget, to the Army Heritage Center Foundation not later than **March 1, 2023**. Awarding of the grant will occur not later than April 1. Grant funds must be expended not later than August 31 the following year. Application is available at: <https://www.armyheritage.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/WhitmanResearchGrant.pdf>.

Ruth Research Fellowship

Graduate students in good standing may apply for the annual Ruth Fellowship. One student will be selected to receive a \$1,500 research fellowship to engage in a concentrated 3 week summer research program with the Army Heritage Center Foundation (AHCF) at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Funding for the award is graciously provided by AHCF Board Member, Christopher Gleason, in memory of and to honor the service of two members of his family. Applicants are not limited to topics of military history but may apply to work on any topic that the USAHEC collection supports. Applicants are encouraged to consult USAHEC's online catalog and identify resources they would like to utilize for their research and include in their application. Currently,

research at USAHEC is by appointment only, so the awardee will need to coordinate with USAHEC staff for an appointment and provide a pull list of materials in advance. Applications are due to the Foundation by **February 28, 2023**, for review. Notification will be provided to the recipient by April 15, 2023. Application is available at: <https://www.armyheritage.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Ruth-Application-Form-2.0.pdf>.

2023 Research Fellowships at the Virginia Museum of History & Culture

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC) offers research fellowships of up to three weeks a year to promote the interpretation of Virginia and access to its collections. Thanks to a matching grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and generous gifts from individuals, fellowships carry a weekly stipend of \$1,000 and \$500 for local mileage. A week is defined as five days in the Mr. and Mrs. E. Claiborne Robins, Jr. Research Library, which is open 10am to 5pm, Monday through Saturday. The deadline for applications is Friday, January 27, 2023. For information about the research fellowships and how to apply for 2023, please visit the following page on the VMHC website: <https://virginiahistory.org/research/research-resources/research-support>

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Fellowship Announcement

The Linda Hall Library is now accepting applications for its 2023-24 fellowship program. These fellowships provide graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and independent scholars in the history of science and related humanities fields with financial support to explore the Library's outstanding science and engineering collections. Fellows also participate in a dynamic intellectual community alongside in-house experts and scholars from other Kansas City cultural and educational institutions.

The Linda Hall Library holds nearly half a million monographs and more than 43,000 journal titles documenting the history of science and technology from the 15th century to the present. Its collections

are exceptionally strong in the engineering disciplines, chemistry, and physics. In addition, the Library boasts extensive resources related to natural history, astronomy, earth science, environmental studies, aeronautics, life science, infrastructure studies, mathematics, and the history of the book.

The Library will once again be offering residential fellowships to support on-site research in Kansas City, as well as virtual fellowships for scholars working remotely using resources from the Library's digital collections. In either case, applicants may request up to four months of funding at a rate of \$3,000 per month for doctoral students and \$4,200 per month for postdoctoral researchers.

The Library is also offering several fellowships intended for specific groups of researchers, including:

- The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Postdoctoral Fellowship, which provides nine months of residential funding (\$5,000 per month) to a postdoctoral scholar whose research explores the intersection of science and the humanities
- The History of Science and Medicine Fellowship, offered in partnership with the Clendening History of Medicine Library at the University of Kansas Medical Center, which provides one month of residential funding (\$3,000 per month) to a doctoral student whose research examines the intersecting histories of science and medicine
- The Pearson Fellowship in Aerospace History, which provides up to two months of residential funding (\$4,200 per month) to a postdoctoral scholar studying any aspect of aerospace history
- The Presidential Fellowship in Bibliography, which provides up to four months of residential funding (\$4,200 per month) to a postdoctoral scholar whose research focuses on the study of books and manuscripts as physical artifacts
- The Ukraine Fellowship, offered in partnership with the UK-Ukraine Twinning Initiative, which provides up to two months of virtual funding (\$5,000 per month) to a Ukrainian doctoral student or postdoctoral scholar whose research would benefit from the Library's holdings

The Linda Hall Library is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive research environment and encourages members of any groups that have traditionally been underrepresented in academia to apply for fellowship support.

Please share this announcement with graduate students, colleagues, or anyone else who might be interested in the Linda Hall Library's fellowship program. All application materials are due no later than **January 20, 2023**. For further information, visit the [Fellowships](#) page on our website or e-mail fellowships@lindahall.org.

Clements Library Fellowships

The William L. Clements Library at the University of Michigan welcomes applications for [2023-2024 research fellowships](#). The Clements' holdings—books, manuscripts, pamphlets, maps, prints and views, newspapers, photographs, ephemera—are among the best in the world on almost any aspect of the American experience from 1492 through 1900, and support a diverse array of research projects.

In addition to the existing slate of fellowship opportunities, the Clements is proud to offer four additional new fellowships for the 2023-2024 cycle, which will support projects in American visual culture, Caribbean and Atlantic history, Great Lakes history, and graduate student research in any area represented in the Clements collections.

Particular strengths of the collection include: The Atlantic and Caribbean world, graphics and printed material, Great Lakes history, military history, gender and ethnicity, religion, the American Revolution, Native American history, slavery and antislavery, cartography, the Civil War, reform movements, travel and exploration, and others.

The Clements offers long term (four months), short term (one month), and week-long fellowships, as well as a digital fellowship with no residency requirement. Applications are due by **January 15, 2023** for research to be undertaken between June 1, 2023-May 31, 2024.

Please visit our website at <https://clements.umich.edu/research/fellowships/> or email clements-fellowships@umich.edu for more information.

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CALLS FOR PAPERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

Society for Military History, Great Plains Region, Virtual Conference, 18 March 2023 ILO the Missouri Valley History Conference

In 2021 and 2022 the Great Plains Region hosted a small virtual conference to maintain connections while the Missouri Valley History Conference was in a COVID hiatus. Unfortunately, the MVHC is now in a long term hiatus. While we hope MVHC will return, that will not happen in 2023. In lieu of the MVHC, we will conduct another virtual conference in 2023 in order to maintain a tradition of a Spring time mid-west history conference for military historians.

The third virtual SMH Great Plains Region Conference will be held on Saturday 18 March 2022. There will be a virtual mixer on Friday evening 17 March. If we have overwhelming response and can field more than 10 panels, we will have sessions on Sunday 19 March. The conference is free to all participants.

Proposals for all types of military history papers will be accepted. Individual proposals are welcome and session proposals are encouraged. For individuals, send a c.v. and short one-page proposal. For sessions, send one-page session proposal, short one-page proposal for each paper, and short c.v.'s for all

participants. Deadline for proposals is **January 13, 2023**. Send proposals, c.v.'s and inquiries to George Eaton at smhatmvhc@gmail.com. If you would like to volunteer to chair a panel or comment, please contact George.

We encourage graduate and undergraduate students to present as well as faculty and independent historian. While not firmly decided, we anticipate a prize for the best graduate student paper. The best undergraduate paper will be recognized.

As we have done the first two years, a formal program will be prepared so that participants can earn full credit as needed.

Call for Proposals: WWII Emerging Scholars Symposium

Difficult Decisions: Beyond the Battlefield

Emerging scholars are invited to submit a presentation abstract to be a featured speaker during the annual D-Day Commemorative Symposium. The Roosevelt, Truman, and Eisenhower Presidential Libraries seek submissions from emerging scholars to be a featured speaker during the virtual symposium held the first week of June. The symposium focuses on specialized topics related to the Allied effort in World War II.

The 2023 theme is in-line with our overarching annual theme of "Difficult Decisions." This symposium seeks to explore decisions influencing World War II not related to combat strategy and tactics. Our goal is to enhance the future of WWII scholarship by examining lesser-known topics and showcasing new and emerging scholars.

Each program is scheduled for one hour. The guest speaker will present their topic for approximately 40 minutes allowing time for audience participation and questions at the end. Each program wraps up with a Scholar Spotlight where we get to know a little bit more about each of these up and coming scholars.

Submission packets should include the presentation abstract, applicant contact information, education status and academic goals summary. **Email submission packets to andrea.murphy@nara.gov with the subject line D-Day Symposium no later than April 7, 2023.** Selected participants will be notified May 12 and will receive a modest honorarium.

Call for Papers

2023 McMullen Naval History Symposium

Planned for 21-22 September 2023 U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD

The year 2023 marks several significant milestones and events in naval history: the 35th anniversary of Operation PRAYING MANTIS, the centenary of the Honda Point Disaster and of the initiation of the U.S. Navy's Fleet Problems between the World Wars, the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Naval Institute, 200th anniversary of the declaration of the Monroe Doctrine, 250th anniversary of the

Royal Navy's arctic expedition aboard HMS *Racehorse* and *Carcass* which included a young Lieutenant Nelson, among many others.

The History Department of the United States Naval Academy invites proposals for papers to be presented at the 2023 McMullen Naval History Symposium on these and any other topics related to American or world, naval and maritime history. While we encourage in-person attendance and participation, the 2023 McMullen will include availability for virtual participation.

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. (Please place them in a single file when submitting). Panel proposals – three presenters, a chair and 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 (each, if two individuals).

Proposal deadline: **13 February 2023**. Email proposals to navalhistorysymposium@gmail.com by midnight, 13 February. The program committee anticipates announcing a draft program by the end of April 2023; papers are due to the committee and panel chairs by 15 August 2023.

Online registration for the conference will begin in the spring of 2023. 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 2023 McMullen Naval History Symposium will be available online at <https://www.usna.edu/History/Symposium> in early 2023. Specific inquiries may be directed to the Director, Commander Benjamin "BJ" Armstrong, or Deputy Director, Commander Ryan Mewett, at the email address listed above.

Call for Papers

War and Peace – the rise and fall of nations and empires - March 9-11, 2023

The Many Faces of War VIII: An annual hybrid interdisciplinary conference on the experience and impact of war throughout history.

2023 Theme - War and Peace – the rise and fall of nations and empires

March 9-11, 2023 in person at South Dakota State University for scholars in North America, and online through pre-recorded videos and live questions on Zoom for other scholars worldwide.

The study of warfare is often restricted to the sphere of military history and rarely allowed to transcend the artificial boundaries of historical study, namely those limited by geography and periodization. Throughout the ages war has had the greatest impact, not on the political elite who declare wars but on

those who fight and die and their families and friends. This annual interdisciplinary conference aims to address both the experience and impact of war for those fighting as well as for those on the periphery.

This year's theme is War and Peace – the rise and fall of nations and empires.

There are lots of topics to discuss, such as how war leads to peace and often vice versa. How war and peace builds empires or sees them fall, and the roles of soldiers and armies in peacetime and civilians in times of war.

2023 marks a number of significant anniversaries of wars or peace treaties declaring independence or marking the end of hostilities of important conflicts. It is 75 years since the partition of India and the declaration of Israeli independence. It is also the centenary of the creation of Turkey, 175 years since the first war for Italian independence, 200 years since Brazil saw independence after the siege of Salvador, 350 years since the Dutch recapture of New York (renamed New Orange), 550 years since the creation of the world's oldest alliance of states – the Anglo-Portuguese alliance, and of course 250 years since the Boston Tea Party.

2023 also marks 2225 years since 202 BCE saw the coronation of the first Han Emperor in China and the battle of Zama marking Scipio's victory of Hannibal. It also marks 2075 years since Caesar defeated Vercingetorix to claim control of Gaul in 52 BCE and 2050 years since Octavian received from the Senate the title Augustus in 27 and became the first Roman Emperor. It is also the popular anachronistic anniversary of Alexander the Great's death in 323 BCE.

The conference aims at an interdisciplinary approach and underappreciated aspects of war and nation building are especially welcome. All periods of history are of interest.

We also welcome papers on any and all aspects of military history from any discipline or subfield.

The conference is aimed equally at postgraduate students, researchers in the early stages of their careers and established academics. We also hope to have a session or two for undergraduate students.

There are no specific geographical or temporal parameters regarding the subject matter of papers, and scholars and students of ancient, medieval and modern warfare are encouraged to submit proposals. We would also encourage the proposal of panels of three or four papers.

Send an abstract of 300 words and a brief bio to Graham Wrightson (graham.wrightson@sdstate.edu) BEFORE **January 15th 2023**.

Call for Papers

Propaganda and disinformation have long been features of warfare, as adversaries try to win hearts and minds to gain an advantage over their enemies and ensure their victory. As far as 2000 years ago, the famous Chinese general Sun Tzu acknowledged that “all warfare is based on deception”, while “the supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting”.

Nowadays, the impact of propaganda and information manipulation has changed the very foundations of all types of warfare, as these instruments have not only reshaped the way states engage in conflict with one another but completely overhauled the entire process of thinking about war. As defined by NATO, disinformation is “the deliberate creation and dissemination of false and/or manipulated information with the intent to deceive and/or mislead” while strategic communication refers to the coordinated and appropriate use of communication activities and capabilities to achieve political and military objectives.

As the nature and character of warfare evolve, we need to be able to better understand the significance and the potential impact of using propaganda and disinformation as tools for conducting and managing war and conflicts, and what role strategic communications may have in the next warfare configuration.

In order to address this, the 22nd Annual Conference of the Euro-Atlantic Conflict Studies Working Group aims to bring new insights and develop a comprehensive and interdisciplinary dialogue, based on specific historical case studies and shared national perspectives. Historical experiences can provide us with valuable knowledge and lessons that may help us better understand the dynamics of warfare and the way in which contemporary conflicts are influenced by the growing role of subversive actions and techniques. We encourage historical (going back as far as 1900) as well as contemporary analyses of specific case studies that can enable us to comprehend how to more effectively address the new typology of warfare.

The key thematic areas to be addressed may include the following topics:

- The effects and impact of disinformation and propaganda on the breaking out and the development of military conflicts in the 20th and 21st centuries – national experiences and case studies;
- How do the wars and conflicts in the last two centuries demonstrate the role and the impact of propaganda and disinformation and in which way the strategic communication can be used in order to achieve military and political objectives? What should we learn from past experiences?
- Fighting the enemy from the inside. Public opinion, media, and technology as tools for disrupting the adversary, shaping the atmosphere of war, and influencing the level of combat. Major themes used in propaganda and disinformation warfare.
- War, patriotism, and propaganda- the use of material symbols of nationhood in creating narratives and shaping types of behaviours and reactions / how is military history used to create new types of narratives and stimulate national sentiment? How are the propaganda techniques used against the enemy’s morale and its capacity to fight or resist?
- Understanding disinformation and propaganda in times of war: techniques, actors involved, strategies employed, main targets, and resources. Analyzing successes and failures based on national experiences;
- Wartime resilience- How can we build resilience to counter “disinformation warfare”? How can we evaluate the impact of disinformation on the duration of wars?
- How do we prepare for the adversary’s strategic communication, propaganda and disinformation below the threshold for armed conflict?
- Strategic communication as a strategy for building resilience, enhancing trust and shaping the adversary’s perception. How can it be used in order to counter disinformation and propaganda actions?
- Case studies on Cold War: strategic communication, propaganda, and disinformation;

- Cyberspace warfare – How can cyberspace be used to weaken societal resilience? The role of new technologies.
- The globalization process and the strengthening of non-state actors in the post-Cold War era: weaponized narratives and the effects of disinformation.

All those interested are encouraged to participate – both as presenters and as auditors. The working language of the Conference is English. The deadline for the submission of paper proposals (up to 500 words) and a short CV of the author is **February 15, 2023**. These should be sent via e-mail to Ruxandra Motoi (motoi.ruxandra@gmail.com) and Claudia Læssøe Pedersen (clpe@fak.dk). The contributions to the conference will be published.

Important deadlines:

Submission of paper abstract: February 15, 2023

Notification of abstract acceptance: March 24, 2023

Day of arrival: May 22, 2023

Day of departure: May 26, 2023

Deadline for submission of paper/article for publication: October 2, 2023

The Conference will be held at the “Nicolae Bălcescu” Land Forces Academy in Sibiu (Revoluției Street, no. 3-5). The participants will be accommodated at the Continental Forum Sibiu Hotel (Unirii Square, no. 10, Sibiu), with the following room options and rates being available: single standard (65 Euro/night), single deluxe (75 Euro/night), double standard (75 Euro/night). All room options include breakfast. Detailed data for booking will be sent in due time. Please note that room reservation at the Continental Forum Sibiu Hotel must be made by April 1, 2023 at the latest.

A limited number of rooms are also available at the Sibiu Military Circle, on a case by case basis.

For further information concerning the administrative/logistical arrangements, you can contact (IPSDMH POC): Daniela Șișcanu (daniela_siscanu@yahoo.com and ipsdmh@yahoo.com) and Ruxandra Motoi (motoi.ruxandra@gmail.com and ipsdmh@yahoo.com).

The costs of international transportation and accommodation will be covered by the participants. The organizers will provide meals and transportation from the Sibiu International Airport to the hotel and back. As usual, there will be a 100 euro participation fee.

The Conflict Studies Working Group is an important body establishing a permanent international dialogue on historical research from a wide range of national experiences. We look forward to your continued participation and support in Sibiu. Please pass along this information to any colleagues who do not receive normally our notices. We would be delighted to see them here as well.

We look forward to welcoming you in SIBIU in 2023!

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CROSSING DIVIDES

ORAL HISTORY WITH VETERANS

From June 19-30, 2023, Virginia Tech will host a NEH Summer Institute for K-12 educators, designed to train 25 high school teacher to carry out oral history projects with veterans in their classes. Week 1 will consist of workshops, panels, guest speakers, and training sessions in Blacksburg, VA; during week 2, we will travel to Washington D.C., tour the Library of Congress Veterans History Project, Arlington National Cemetery, the Military Women's Memorial, and the World War II and Vietnam Veterans Memorials. Participants will receive a \$2,200 stipend to help cover the costs. Applications accepted from December 1, 2022-March 3, 2023. Learn more and apply here.



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National Park Service News

The National Historic Landmarks Program is pleased to [announce the release of a new theme study](#), *Protecting America: Cold War Defensive Sites*. Prepared by John S. Salmon as a National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) consultant, with the assistance of the Cold War Advisory Committee, the study considers the Cold War period to be from the detonation of the first two atomic bombs in 1945 to the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. The historic context section introduces the ways in which international affairs and the political and military challenges of the Cold War era influenced the weapons systems and defense programs of the United States. A study list includes 24 potential Cold War NHLs for consideration. Beyond discussion of existing and potential Cold War National Historic Landmarks, the context here, and in other NHL theme studies, can also inform National Register of Historic Places nominations. The complete accessible PDF is available on the National Historic Landmarks Program website – [Recent Theme Studies](#)

Dissertation Prize

ICMH André Corvisier Prize for Ph.D. Theses in Military History
VII edition – 2023

1. The International Commission of Military History (<http://www.icmh-cihm.org/en/>) awards the “André Corvisier Prize for Ph.D. theses in Military History”, named after the distinguished French scholar who served for ten years as President and later as President of Honour of ICMH.
2. The Ph.D. degree can be awarded in any academic discipline and is not restricted to Military History only. However, the thesis must deal with Military History in the broadest sense: the history of warfare, military campaigns, the armed forces, military thought and philosophy, diplomatic aspects of conflicts, causes and effects of wars, defence economics, civil-military relations, military technology, military leadership, and demographics of military forces. To be eligible, applicants must come from a country

where there is an ICMH National Commission or, if there isn't one, they must apply and be accepted as ICMH Individual Affiliate Scholars.

3. For the 2023 edition, the prize will be awarded for a Ph.D. thesis approved in 2022 at a recognized university. The amount of the Prize is fixed at € 3,000 plus a maximum of € 1,500 to cover the recipient's expenses for participation at the award ceremony during the XLVII ICMH Congress in Istanbul in early September 2023.

4. Candidates must send a scanned certificate of their Ph.D. degree, a curriculum vitae, and a Pdf copy of their thesis to ICMH Vice President, Dr. Harold E. Raugh Jr. (INFFAOHER7@aol.com) before **31st Jan 2023**.

5. The thesis may be in any language; however, a translation in any of the ICMH official languages (English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish) is required if the language employed is different. This applies also to the scanned certification of the Ph.D. title and to the curriculum vitae.

6. The Prize will be awarded by a Jury of seven persons, chaired by the ICMH President and including the members of the ICMH Executive Board and the President and the Secretary of the ICMH Educational Committee. With the approval of the ICMH President, members of the Jury unable to participate may designate a substitute. The Jury may decide not to award the Prize if no thesis is considered worthy or may decide to award it ex aequo to two doctors, dividing the amount of money. The Jury's decisions are taken by simple majority; in case of parity of votes the President's vote determines the decision.

7. The winner will be required to write an article drawn from his thesis to be published in the *International Journal of Military History and Historiography*, after peer review.

8. Requests for any further information should be addressed to Dr. Raugh.

The President of the International Commission of Military History Massimo de Leonardis Professor (ret.) of History of International Relations and Institutions Department of Political Sciences of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan, Italy

Virtual Workshop

The Second World War Research Group North America's Fourth Research Workshop on **Atrocity & Excess** will be held over Zoom on **17-18 February 2023**. The event will feature a Friday afternoon keynote from Edward B. Westermann on *Drunk on Genocide: Alcohol and Mass Murder in Nazi Germany* (Cornell 2021), and four Saturday panels and discussion on new work on massacres, POW mistreatment, sexual violence, and the legacy of atrocities.

Workshop is free but attendees must pre-register.

Register for the Friday keynote (4pm Eastern) here:

https://shsu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_teFrZJxJTdmRIdxoO8GJFw

Register for the Saturday workshop (8:30am–5:15pm Eastern) here:

https://shsu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__OB-Ot6aTAy_M2osURjfug

SWWRGNA Virtual Research Workshop Program
Saturday, 18 February 2023

9:00 Eastern—Soldiers and Killing: Massacres

Zach Fredman (Duke Kunshan University), “*The Tormented Alliance: American Servicemen and the Occupation of China*”

Grant Harward (United States Army Center of Military History), “Forgotten Bloodlands: The Romanian Army and the Holocaust by Bullets”

Robert Pike (Cardiff University), “‘A Brutal and Lasting Strike:’ Continuing Echoes of Oradour-sur-Glane”

Commentator: Daniel Brewing (RWTH Aachen University)

10:45am Eastern—Mistreatment of POWs

Raffael Scheck (Colby College), “The Massacres of Black French Prisoners by German Troops during the Offensive on the Somme, 5-10 June 1940”

Alex J. Kay (University of Potsdam), “The Extermination of Red Army Soldiers in German Captivity, 1941–1945”

Karen Horn (University of the Free State), “Escape from Welfare: The Zonderwater Italian Prisoner-of-War Camp in the Union of South Africa, 1941–ca.1951”

Commentator: Derek Mallett (United States Army Command and General Staff College)

1:00pm Eastern—Rape and Sexual Violence

Ruth Lawlor (Cornell University), “The U.S. Army and the Politics of Consent in World War II Europe”

Matthew Barrett (Wilfrid Laurier University), “Scandalous Conduct: Canadian Military Justice and Sexual Violence in the Second World War”

Vojin Majstorovic (University of North Texas), “The Role of the Soviet State and Army Leadership in Sexual Violence in Europe during World War II”

Marta Havryshko (Basel University), “Spaces of Silence: Holocaust Sexual Assault Survivors and War-Crimes Trials in Soviet Ukraine”

Commentator: Allison Abra (St John’s College, University of Manitoba)

3:15pm Eastern—Aftermaths and Legacies of Violence

Franziska Exeler (Free University of Berlin and University of Cambridge), “Ghosts of War: Nazi Occupation and Its Aftermath in Soviet Belarus”

Benjamin Schneider (United States Army Command and General Staff College), “A Legacy of Forgetting: American War Crimes in the Second World War”

Łukasz Krzyżanowski (University of Warsaw and University of Ottawa), “Postwar Poland, Holocaust Survivors, and the Unwelcome Homecoming”

Jonathan Henshaw (Academia Sinica), “Towards a Nanjing Narrative of the Second World War in China: Atrocity, Occupation, and Commemoration”

Commentator: Edward Westermann (Texas A&M University-San Antonio)

Questions? Contact co-organizers Jadwiga Biskupska and Mary Kathryn Barbier at swresearchgroupna@gmail.com.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

2023

February 17-18 – 13th Annual Texas A&M University History Conference. College Station, TX, sponsored by the History Graduate Student Organization at Texas A&M University. Email: tamuconference2023@gmail.com.

February 23-25 – Experiencing War Memorials: Place, Feeling, and Public Memory at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL. Contact: Steven Trout, st trout@ua.edu.

March 2-4 – The Vietnam Center & Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas will hold a symposium entitled “1973: The Paris Peace Accords and the Allied Withdrawal from South Vietnam”. For details, including registration and a call for papers, see the Center’s website at [The Vietnam Center and Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive: Events \(ttu.edu\)](https://www.vietnamcenter.org/events).

March 23-26 – The Society for Military History will hold its 89th Annual Meeting at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront hotel in San Diego, California. For registration and other details as they become available, see the Society’s website at [Call for Papers | The Society for Military History \(smh-hq.org\)](https://www.smh-hq.org).

March 30-April 2 – The Organization of American Historians will gather for the first, in-person portion of its annual conference at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles, California. A second, virtual session will take place on April 13-4 May. The theme of this year’s event is “Confronting Crises: History for Uncertain Times.” For registration and other attendance information, see the Organization’s website at [2023 OAH Call for Proposals | OAH](https://www.oah.org).

April 12-15 – The National Council on Public History will hold its first in-person gathering since 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information as it becomes available, see the Council’s website at [2023 Annual Meeting | National Council on Public History \(ncph.org\)](https://www.ncph.org)

April 14-16 – “Global and Local Perspectives on Military History” at Western Illinois University, Moline, Illinois. Contact: History-Conf@wiu.edu.

May 19-21 – Twenty-Seventh Annual War College of the Seven Years’ War, Fort Ticonderoga, NY. Contact: rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org.

June 7-9 – The Institute for Political History and the Arizona State University Center for American Institutions will co-host a Policy History Conference in Columbus, Ohio. For registration and other details, see the Institute’s website at [Policy History Conferences | Journal of Policy History \(asu.edu\)](https://www.asu.edu).

August 14-18 – The International Committee for the History of Technology will hold its annual meeting in Tallinn, Estonia. The theme of this year’s meeting is “Interdependencies: From Local Microstories to Global Perspectives on the History of Technology.” For registration and other information, see the Committee’s website at [Annual Meeting \(icohtec.org\)](https://www.icohtec.org).

September 22-24 – Nineteenth Annual Seminar on the American Revolution. Fort Ticonderoga Museum, NY. Contact: rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org.

October 12-13 – The NASA History Office and the **National Air & Space Museum** will jointly sponsor “Discover@30 and New Frontiers@20: a Symposium on NASA’s Discover and New Frontiers” space exploration programs. This event will be held in Washington, D.C.

October 25-27 – The American Astronautical Society will host its 16th annual Wernher von Braun Memorial Symposium at the University of Alabama at Huntsville in Huntsville, Alabama. For more details as they become available, see the Society’s website at [Wernher von Braun Memorial Symposium | American Astronautical Society](#).

October 25-29 – The Society for the History of Technology will hold its annual meeting in Long Beach, California. For more details as they become available, see the Society’s website at [News – Society for the History of Technology \(SHOT\)](#).

November 9-12 – The History of Science Society will hold its annual meeting in Portland, Oregon. For more details as they become available, see the Society’s webpage at [History of Science Society \(hssonline.org\)](#)

New members to the Society will automatically be entered into the online directory database. If this is not acceptable, please contact the Business Office.