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## News & Updates

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**Professor Kathleen Biddick's** essay entitled “Doing Dead Time for the Sovereign: Archive, Abandonment, Performance” has just been published in the current issue of *Rethinking History*, 13 (2009): 137-151.

**Professor Petra Goedde** is finishing up a chapter on “Global Cultures since 1945” for a multi-volume work on the New World History to be published by Harvard University Press. She has been awarded a fellowship at the Shelby Collum Davis Center for Historical Studies at Princeton University to continue work on her book project on the international discourse on peace during the Cold War. Last December, she co-hosted the International History Workshop on Human Rights at Temple. Since January she is serving on the editorial board of *Diplomatic History* and continues as co-chair of the SHAFR committee on the status of women (no longer an ad hoc but a regular committee). In June she will take part in a panel on military occupations at the annual SHAFR conference in Washington DC.

**Professor William Hitchcock** published *The Bitter Road to Freedom: A New History of the Liberation of Europe, 1944-45* (Free Press, 2008). A selection of the History Book Club, the book was reviewed in numerous venues, including the *Financial Times*, the *Sunday Times* (UK), and *Foreign Affairs*. The *Independent* named the book a Top Ten selection, and the book was a Finalist for the Lynton History Prize awarded by the Columbia University School of Journalism for narrative non-fiction. Hitchcock appeared on numerous radio programs including *Weekend Edition* with Liane Hansen and WHYY's program *Radio Times* with Marty Moss-Coane. Hitchcock also delivered numerous lectures based on the book in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Chicago. He is now working on a short history of the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

**Dr. Jay Lockenour** is still plugging away at the Ludendorff biography but has started work on an unrelated article on the recent film, *Valkyrie*, starring Tom Cruise. The film's subject is the attempt to kill Hitler that was carried out by a group of military officers on 20 July 1944. This event became a crucial part of post-war West German political culture because it demonstrated (allegedly) that there had been “good Germans” who recognized the evil of Nazism and were willing to risk their lives to stop it. Not surprisingly, it has been the subject of numerous dramatizations over the past five decades, and Cruise's Stauffenberg bears comparison with those previous efforts.

However, *Valkyrie*, has an additional resonance for contemporary Germany because of the controversial beliefs of its star. The Church of Scientology, of which Cruise is a member, is an anti-democratic, “totalitarian” organization according to the German government and is subject to surveillance and legal restrictions. Hostility to the Church of Scientology is widespread among the media and the public. Therefore, the reaction to the film in Germany is shaped by the apparent dissonance between the beliefs of the hero and the beliefs of the star. The article will examine, official, popular, and scholarly reactions to the film as a way of tracing the changing place of the conspiracy in German political culture.

Professor Lockenour will be providing the comment at the Lees Seminar at Rutgers University on Professor Marcus Jones’ (USNA) paper: “Wunderwaffe: The Politics and Technology of Nazi Submarine Innovation, 1941-1945” in late March and will attend the Philadelphia area Modern Germany Workshop in April.

**Gregory J. W. Urwin**, professor of history and CENFAD associate director, had his article from the summer 2008 issue of *Army History*, “When Freedom Wore a Red Coat: How Cornwallis’ 1781 Campaign Threatened the Revolution in Virginia,” promptly reprinted in Richard G. Davis, ed., *The U.S. Army and Irregular Warfare, 1775-2007: Selected Papers from the 2007 Conference of Army Historians*. That essay collection was published late last fall by the U.S. Army’s Center of Military History. Editor Richard Davis explained why Urwin’s interpretation of an eighteenth-century campaign has captured a modern army’s attention in the book’s introduction: “Two takeaways from Urwin’s paper are that, first, there is a tipping point in the level of public support necessary to conduct successful counterinsurgency operations. . . . And, second, consistent follow-through is required for sustained effective counterinsurgency operations. . . .”

Urwin continues to deliver invited lectures to civic and professional audiences. On February 3, 2009, he braved a blizzard and drove to Allentown to regale 150 members of the Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pennsylvania with “*Glory and Me: A Professor’s Brief Love/Hate Affair with Hollywood.*” On March 29, he spoke on “From Parade Ground to Battlefield: The Pictorial Record of the British Soldier in the American Revolution” at the symposium “Lock, Stock, and Barrel: The World of the Revolutionary Soldier.” The event was sponsored by the Friends of Valley Forge Park and held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Urwin addressed a packed house at Philadelphia’s Union League on April 18 when he spoke on “Sowing the Wind and Reaping the Whirlwind: Abraham Lincoln as a War President.” That lecture was part of a day-long program on “Abraham Lincoln & Leadership” sponsored by the Union League, the Abraham Lincoln Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Fordham University Press will publish an expanded version of Urwin’s remarks and those of other program participants in an essay collection to be edited by Professor Randall Miller of St. Joseph’s University.

Urwin looks forward to two upcoming visits to the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. He will travel to the “Big Easy” in June to preside over a Teaching American History program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. This event is aimed at improving the coverage given the Second World War by social science teachers in secondary schools. In November, Urwin will join CENFAD director Richard H. Immerman and several other distinguished scholars in a day-long assessment of the

work and legacy of Stephen E. Ambrose – historian, best-selling author and the museum’s founder.

Urwin supported the History Department’s graduate students by chairing a panel on “The British Military and Imperial Crisis” at the Barnes Club Conference on March 21, 2009. He also chaired the committee that chose the best paper in military history for the Russell F. Weigley – U.S. Army Heritage Center Foundation Award, which has become one of the main draws of the conference. Urwin attended the Society for Military History Annual Meeting at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, from April 2 to 5, where he commented on a panel concerning “African-American Soldiers and Society in the American Civil War.”

Urwin helped CENFAD gleam a little more brightly this current semester by facilitating two of its best attended events. He arranged for the renowned and prolific historian, Dr. Jeremy Black of the University of Exeter, to speak to a standing-room-only crowd on “War since 1990.” Urwin also played a leading role in organizing “Obama, America, and the World: Strategic Challenges and Choices,” recruiting two of three distinguished panelists – Dr. Conrad Crane, director of the U.S. Army Military History Institute, and Dr. Michael Palmer of East Carolina University. Urwin also prevailed on Trudy Rubin, the well-known foreign correspondent and columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, to attend the event, which paved the way for her serving as moderator.

Finally, Urwin’s colleagues honored him with election to a four-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Society for Military History. He has also been named chair of the program committee for the SMH’s 2010 annual meeting at the Virginia Military Institute.

### **Alumni**

**Kevin C. Holzimmer** (Ph.D., 1999) has had a busy year. In March 2008, while in the position of Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at the Air Command and Staff College (Maxwell AFB, Alabama), he was promoted to full professor. Then, in November 2008, he became part of General David Petraeus’s CENTCOM Assessment Team, a four-month assignment (November 2008 – February 2009), whose mission was “a comprehensive assessment of the situation in the CENTCOM area of interest, reviews existing theater strategies and plans across relevant departments and organizations, and develops a draft strategy and plan to direct the integration of all instruments of national power and efforts of coalition partners in time, space, and purpose to achieve goals and objectives.” Upon Holzimmer’s return, he accepted a position at the School of Advanced Air and Space Power (Maxwell AFB, AL). The School of Advanced Air and Space Studies “is a 50-week, follow-on school for selected graduates of intermediate-level Department of Defense PME schools. SAASS creates warrior-scholars with a superior ability to develop, evaluate, and employ airpower within the complex environment of modern war. Upon completion of all requirements and with faculty recommendation, graduates receive a master of airpower art and science degree.” Holzimmer wrote his dissertation under the direction of the late Dr. Russell F. Weigley, which was subsequently published as *General Walter Krueger: Unsung Hero of the Pacific War* (University Press of Kansas, 2007).

**Lieutenant Colonel Stuart Lockhart** (M.A., 2003) continues to serve on active duty as the Executive Officer of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (31st MEU), a forward-

deployed 2,200-man Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Over the last year, he has conducted numerous operational deployments and exercises throughout the Western Pacific region, including East Timor, Thailand, the Philippines, India, South Korea and Sri Lanka. Additionally, he has been involved in the planning for Humanitarian Assistance (HA) missions in Burma and Sri Lanka as well as support to the Armed Forces of the Philippines in Mindanao. During his “downtime” in various climes and places, he edited a book covering the development of U.S. Marine Corps combat equipment during World War II titled, *“782 Gear”: United States Marine Corps Field Gear & Equipment of World War II* with author Harlan Glenn. It will be released this spring by Schiffer Publishing. In addition, he regularly conducts staff rides of the 1945 Okinawa campaign between deployments and volunteers with the design and construction of historical displays for the command museum on Camp Kinser.

**Dr. Charles E. Merkel** (M.A., 1983) is being honored by his undergraduate institution, Widener University (formerly Pennsylvania Military College), with the John L. Geoghegan Citizenship Award for 2009. Second Lieutenant Geoghegan, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, fought under Lieutenant Colonel Hal Moore at Ia Drang on November 15, 1965. He was killed in action trying to carry one of his wounded soldiers to safety. As the Widener University web site explains: “The award is given annually in the memory of John L. Geoghegan '63 to an alumnus/alumna who has brought honor to the University through academic achievement, demonstrated leadership capabilities and community service.” This award is all the more fitting in light of the fact that Chuck is a retired officer. Chuck and his wife Diane will return to Philadelphia for the award ceremony on April 4. Chuck wrote his M.A. thesis, “Unraveling the Custer Enigma,” under the direction of Dr. Russell F. Weigley.

**David J. Ulbrich** (Ph.D., 2007) continues to teach in Ohio University’s History Department and in the online M.A. in Military History Program at Norwich University. Ulbrich is also co-directing the Cantigny First Division Oral History Project. The forty videotaped interviews from last summer are now web streamed and transcribed at <http://libx.bsu.edu/collection.php?CISOROOT=/CtgnOrHis> Ulbrich’s article, “Thomas Holcomb, Alexander A. Vandegrift, and Reforms in Amphibious Command Relations on Guadalcanal in 1942,” is appearing in the May issue of the peer-reviewed and international journal, *War and Society*.

**Mathew J. Wayman** (M.A., 2005) left his position as a librarian at Penn State Abington last summer to become the head librarian at Penn State Schuylkill, which is located in Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania. In addition to mastering the challenges of being an administrator, Wayman sits on a promotion and tenure committee and currently chairs the university-wide Library Faculty Organization.

**Lieutenant Colonel Grant T. Weller**, USAF (Ph.D., 2008) was promoted to that rank effective January 1, 2009. He has been selected as the next Deputy for International History in the Department of History at the U.S. Air Force Academy, a post he will assume in May 2009, where he will supervise one core course and seventeen upper-division offerings in world and regional history.

### **Students**

Ph.D. student **Jim Bolling**, a Regular Army colonel, serves as a faculty instructor at the US Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania while pursuing studies in Military

History at Temple. He is currently deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan where he is assigned as a senior planner on the staff of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) commanded by the U.S. Army's General David McKiernan. Boling works daily with NATO allies, but serves primarily as an advisor to strategic planners within the Afghan Ministry of Defense and Afghan National Army (ANA), where his team and its Afghan counterparts co-develop ISAF-ANA integrated counterinsurgency combat and security plans at the operational level. Boling says the insights he has gained into the people, politics, and culture of both Afghani and European allies is simply fascinating, and hopes to leverage this understanding as he continues his studies. Boling also wants to thank Temple University for its demonstrated commitment to its military students, as it granted him a temporary suspension of its Ph.D. program requirements while sustaining his enrollment until his expected return in July 2009. He wishes all of the History Department staff, faculty, and students a great spring semester, and asks them to remember that the worst day in Philadelphia is surely better than the best day in Helmand Province!

Ph.D. student **Earl J. Catagnus, Jr.**, studying under the direction of Dr. Gregory J.W. Urwin, is completing his final semester of coursework. This spring, he was awarded the Russell F. Weigley – U.S. Army Heritage Center Foundation Award for best paper in military history at the 2009 Barnes Club Conference. His paper, "Innovation and Adaptation in the U.S. Army Infantry, 1930-1941," argued that contrary to most historiography, the U.S. Army Infantry during the interwar period created and institutionalized the foundations for victory in World War II

In addition, Earl's article, "Professionalizing the Marine Infantry NCO Corps," was accepted for publication by the *Marine Corps Gazette*. It will appear in the July 2009 issue. He also had two paper proposals accepted for conferences. The first, "Counterinsurgency at the Small Unit Level: A Comparative History of the Combined Action Platoon and the Distributed Operations Platoon," will be presented at the 2009 Conference of Army Historians in Washington, D.C. on July 27-30. The second paper, "Intellectual Warrior: General Alfred M. Gray's Transformational Commandancy, 1987-1991," will be delivered at the Naval History Symposium at the United States Naval Academy in September 2009. In addition, he was awarded a McMullen Research Honoraria by the McMullen Seapower Fund and the Naval History Symposium committee, which will help facilitate his research for the proposed paper.

**Martin Clemis**, editor-in-chief of *Strategic Visions* and second year Ph.D. student studying under the direction of Gregory J.W. Urwin, is currently finishing coursework this spring and serving as a teaching assistant. He plans on taking his comprehensive exams in the fall and hopes to finish his dissertation prospectus by the end of the year. Martin has also been recently published in *Small Wars and Insurgencies* Vol. 20, No. 1 (March 2009) with an article titled "Crafting Non-Kinetic Warfare: The Academic-Military Nexus in U.S. Counterinsurgency Doctrine." In spring 2009, he served both as a commenter and on the awards panel for the Russell F. Weigley – U.S. Army Heritage Center Foundation Award at Temple University's James A. Barnes Club Graduate Student Conference. In July 2009, Martin will present a paper at the Conference of Army Historians in Alexandria, Virginia, titled "The 'Cultural Turn' in U.S. Counterinsurgency Operations: Doctrine, Application, and Criticism."

Ph.D. candidate **Michael Dolski** is proud to announce his acceptance as the 2009 Research Fellow for the Cantigny First Division Foundation. The fellowship offers financial assistance to help defray the cost of research at the foundation's museum and archives as well as the opportunity to present findings in a public talk. Michael will present a paper at the "Overlord Echoes" Conference held at Liberty University this coming June. His paper, "D-Day in the Movies: Collective Honor, American Exceptionalism, or Just Riveting Drama?," will explore evolving themes in the depiction of D-Day in major films. He continues teaching at Ball State University and Burlington County College during spring semester 2009.

**Eric Klinek**, Ph.D. candidate, won the Dissertation Fellowship offered by the U.S. Army Center of Military History. That honor comes with a \$10,000 stipend and access to CMH facilities at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. This award will allow Eric to easily finish the research for his dissertation, "The Army's Orphans: The United States Army Replacement System in the European Campaign, 1944–1945."

**Drew McKeivitt**, former *Strategic Visions* editor-in-chief and CENFAD Thomas Davis Fellow, successfully defended his dissertation, "Consuming Japan: Cultural Relations and the Globalizing of America, 1973-1993," in February. Drew's research benefited from generous assistance from the Temple University Graduate School's Dissertation Completion Grant and CENFAD's 2008 Jeffrey Bower Endowed Research Fellowship, which provided him with funding to conduct ethnographic research at Epcot in Disney World in Orlando, Florida, and at a national convention for fans of Japanese animation (anime) in Baltimore, Maryland. A revised version of a dissertation chapter on anime fans has been accepted for publication in *Diplomatic History*. The article, "'You Are Not Alone!': Anime and the Globalizing of America, 1977-1989," explores the transnational social and cultural communities created by anime fans in the context of early U.S. encounters with contemporary globalization. In June 2009 Drew will present a paper at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR). The paper, "*Ohayo*: (Good) Morning Again in Marysville," examines the impact of the arrival of the first Japanese-owned automobile plant in the United States, which Honda opened in Marysville, Ohio, in 1982. Also, Drew has been invited to attend the 2009 SHAFR Summer Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which will meet for a week to discuss "Turning Points in the Cold War." During the spring 2009 semester he offered two courses at Temple. He taught "Cold War Culture in the United States" for the History Department, and "Global America" for American Studies.

**Jerome Montes**, MA student, will present a paper at the Conference of Army Historians in Alexandria, Virginia, titled in July 2009 titled "The Limitations of Military Power in Counter-terrorism and Counter-insurgency Campaigns."

**Kelly Shannon** is a fourth-year Ph.D. candidate specializing in U.S. foreign relations and international history. In June, Kelly presented a paper, "Battling the Veil: Popular Western Concern for Muslim Women's Human Rights Since the Late 1970s," at the 2008 SHAFR annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Her paper explored American reactions to the Iranian Revolution's effect on the rights of Iranian women. At that conference, she also sat on a roundtable entitled, "Is SHAFR Sexist? A Report and Discussion," where she presented the results of the SHAFR Ad Hoc Committee on Women's survey of SHAFR membership and discussed ways to encourage more women

graduate students to join the organization. Kelly also received CENFAD's 2008 Marvin Wachman Fellowship in Force and Diplomacy, which she used to travel to Duke University over the summer to conduct research in the papers of the Sisterhood Is Global Institute. In December, she presented a work-in-progress titled "Sending a Message: The International Campaign against FGM Comes to the United States, 1994-1996" at the CENFAD International History Workshop, "Human Rights in History." In March, she traveled to the Library of Congress to conduct research in popular U.S. magazines. Kelly is currently a member of the SHAFR Ad Hoc Committee on Women and will be presenting a paper at the 2009 SHAFR annual meeting, which will be held in Washington, D.C., in June. That paper will be a revised version of the paper she presented for the IHW and will explore the ways in which American anti-FGM activists cast the practice as a distinctly Muslim one from the late 1970s through the mid-1990s. Kelly was recently awarded the Samuel Flagg Bemis Research Grant by SHAFR, and will use those funds this summer to conduct research at the archives at Smith College and the Schlesinger Library at Harvard. She has also been awarded the CHAT Graduate Teaching Fellowship for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Joshua Wolf**, a Ph.D. student, won a fellowship to attend the 2009 West Point Seminar for three weeks this June at the U.S. Military Academy. The summer seminar provides academics with advanced training in military history. In addition to interacting daily with Military Academy history faculty, fellows also work with a long list of distinguished guest speakers.

