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Faculty

Professor Beth Bailey was awarded the 2007 Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Award for her article, “The Army in the Marketplace: Recruiting an All-Volunteer Force,” which was published in the June 2007 issue of *Journal of American History*.

Professor Kathleen Biddick has been awarded a fellowship by the Leslie White Center for the Humanities at Dartmouth College to participate in their Spring 2009 Humanities Institute devoted to the topic: “States of Exception: Sovereignty, Security, Secrecy.”

Professor William I. Hitchcock, interim director of CENFAD, published “The Ghost of Crises Past: The Troubled Alliance in Historical Perspective,” in *The End of the West?: Crisis and Change in the Atlantic Order*, edited by Jeffrey J. Anderson, G. John Ikenberry, and Thomas Risse. The book was published by Cornell University Press. His new book, *The Bitter Road to Freedom: A New History of the Liberation of Europe*, was published in October. Hitchcock also took part in a weekend conference on “Grand Strategy” held at Yale University in September. The conference was part of a broad discussion among scholars about creating a new undergraduate curriculum in the field of strategic studies. Hitchcock also directs the International History Workshop at Temple, and its December 2008 meeting will feature new work by a dozen scholars in the field of human rights.

Dr. Jay Lockenour is putting the finishing touches on *Dragonslayer: The Life and Legend of Erich Ludendorff*. Ludendorff helped to define the language of politics in Germany during the 1920s and 1930s by his authorship of the “stab in the back” (*Dolchstoß*) legend and thereby stoked many Germans’ passion for vengeance. He gave critical early legitimacy to Hitler and National Socialism by his participation in the Beer Hall Putsch in 1923. He was an influential military writer who introduced the term “total war” into the German lexicon. Upon his death in 1937 he entered the pantheon of heroes worshipped by National Socialism as the embodiment of Germany’s military glory. Critical to Ludendorff’s success was his ability to link himself through word and deed to the mythic hero of the *Nibelungenlied*, Siegfried. Siegfried gained near-

invulnerability by slaying a dragon and bathing in its blood. When powerful enemies betrayed and murdered Siegfried, his wife, Kriemhild exacted bloody revenge. Ludendorff wove elements of this legend into his own story – that of a visionary leader of a powerful nation, betrayed by conspiratorial forces in 1918. Unlike Siegfried, however, Ludendorff’s personal wounds were not mortal. Aided by his second wife, Mathilde, Ludendorff hoped to wreak vengeance on those forces that he blamed for Germany’s defeat: Jews, Catholics, and Freemasons. *Dragonslayer* traces Ludendorff’s construction of that mythology around the person of Ludendorff and therefore contributes to the understanding of Germany’s twisted path through the twentieth century.

Dr. Gregory J. W. Urwin, professor of history and CENFAD associate director, published “When Freedom Wore a Red Coat: How Cornwallis’ 1781 Campaign Threatened the Revolution in Virginia” in the Summer 2008 issue of *Army History: The Professional Bulletin of Army History*. This scholarly article will be re-released shortly in an essay collection sponsored by the U.S. Army’s Center of Military History (which also publishes *Army History*). Urwin reached a mass audience with “How Marine POWS Hung Tough,” in the June/July 2008 issue of *World War II* magazine. The magazine’s editors asked Urwin to adapt this piece from his scholarly article, “U.S. Marine Survival Success in Japanese POW Camps,” which he published last year in *World War II Quarterly*. Urwin also continues to educate the elite of the British Army through the *Guards Magazine: Journal of the Household Division*, publishing “March to the Bank in 1787” in the Winter 2007/ 2008 issue. Urwin joined with Robert van Maier, editor of *World War II Quarterly*, to conduct an in-print interview for that journal with Dr. Allan R. Millett, the director of the Eisenhower Center for American Studies and Stephen E. Ambrose Professor of History at the University of New Orleans, president counselor for the National World War II Museum, and Major General Raymond E. Mason, Jr., Professor Emeritus of History at the Ohio State University.

The prize-winning Campaigns and Commanders Series, which Urwin edits for University of Oklahoma Press, released six titles during the 2007-8 academic year. One of those books, *George H. Thomas: Virginian for the Union* by Christopher J. Einhoff, won the biography category in the 2007 Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Awards. John Grenier’s *The Far Reaches of Empire: War in Nova Scotia* won the 2007 Wilson Award for the Outstanding Contribution to the National Defense in the Fields of Arts and Letters. Campaigns and Commanders will release its eighteenth and nineteenth titles this fall.

Urwin kicked off the fall lecture season of the David Library of the American Revolution on October 2 when he delivered “‘There Is No Carrying on the War without Them’: The Continental Light Dragoons, 1776-1783.” This is the third time that he has lectured at the DLAR. He also lectured on “‘Marines Don’t Surrender’: U.S. Marine Survival Success in Japanese POW Camps, 1941-45,” at the Center for World War II Studies and Conflict Resolution Programs, Brookdale Community College, on November 6.

Urwin helped organize a team of area historians to advise the Bucks County Historical Society for the major exhibition it plans to mark the American Civil War Sesquicentennial, 2011-15,

which will open the newly constructed wing of the Mercer Museum in Doylestown. Urwin spoke on “Camp and Battlefield: The Soldier’s Experience” at “The Battlefield and Beyond: A Forum on Commemoration of the Civil War” sponsored by the society on November 8.

Urwin appears in yet another video documentary, *The Color Bearers*, which was released by AOV Productions of Philadelphia this past summer. The production explores the varieties of American patriotism, and Urwin speaks of the flag as a rallying point in the War of 1812, Civil War, World War II, and 9/11.

Urwin served as a judge for the 2007 Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Awards, reviewing books in the campaign and operational category.

Urwin renewed his credentials to supervise graduate students conducting oral history by passing the “Human Research Curriculum Course” administered by the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative for Temple University.

Professor Elizabeth Varon is happy to announce that her new book, *Disunion! The Coming of the American Civil War, 1789-1859*, was published this fall. The book is the first volume of the new Littlefield History of the Civil War Era, sponsored by the Littlefield Fund for Southern History, University of Texas Libraries. Professor She also looks forward to participating in a Lincoln bicentennial symposium to be held at the Lincoln Presidential Library on February 12, 2009

Alumni

John A. Bonin, (Ph.D., 2006), Colonel, U.S. Army (ret.), continues to serve as the General George Marshall Chair of Military Studies and Professor of Concepts and Doctrine at the U.S. Army War College. He is currently working on a Training and Doctrine Command Integrated Concept Development Team to redesign the Army's theater-level headquarters. As part of this project, he traveled to Camp Buehring, Kuwait, in September to observe U.S. Army Central Command and Third Army during Exercise Lucky Warrior. He also continues to serve as a seminar historian for the resident course and in October presented "Caesar and the Battle of Alesia" during the Campaign Analysis Course film forum. As an additional duty, he has been designated as the lead author to revise the military's Joint Publication 3-31, Command and Control for Joint Land Operations, which describes how U.S. joint land forces (Army and Marines) conduct modern land control operations. The initial first draft is due in January 2009, with the final version staffed for comments throughout the U.S. military by January 2010.

Henry G. Gole, (Ph.D., 1991) has published his latest book, *General William E. DePuy: Preparing the Army for Modern War*, with University Press of Kentucky. The book follows the remarkable process whereby a defeated and demoralized organization transformed itself into the potent and versatile force of today. In addition to winning stunning conventional victories in Kuwait in 1991 and Iraq in 2003, this Army reinvented itself, devising and successfully adopting a new counterinsurgency doctrine in the midst of a war that stretched its resources to the utmost.

Douglas V. Johnson II (Ph.D., 1992), having handed over his “Transforming the Force” elective of eight years at the U.S. Army War College, has engaged with the Army's Military History Institute (MHI) to conduct Senior Officer Oral History Program interviews. These will eventually provide first-person sources for researchers. The interviewees are all retired three- and four-star military officers, primarily from the Army. Some transcripts will be released readily, others will require declassification, which will take time. MHI is digitizing these interviews as rapidly as time and funding will allow. Three are presently in preparation, and Dr. Johnson will continue this project into retirement.

Adam Norman Lynde (Ph.D., 1992) has been appointed interim chair of the Department of History at Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi. In addition to his administrative duties, Lynde, who is an assistant professor in European History, has assumed responsibilities for courses in American colonial history and the American Civil War (the latter including field trips to the battlefields of Vicksburg and Shiloh). Lynde’s dissertation, “The British Army in North America, 1755 – 1783: Defeat as a Consequence of the British Constitution,” was completed under the direction of Russell F. Weigley, and he contributed a chapter to *Beyond Combat: Essays in Military History in Honor of Russell F. Weigley*, the recently published *festschrift* honoring Dr. Weigley.

Britton MacDonald (Ph.D., 2008) started a new job as a policy officer with the Canadian Department of National Defence, working out of National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. He recently defended his dissertation, "The Policy of Neglect: The Canadian Militia in the Interwar Years, 1919-39." His next goal is to work towards publishing his dissertation and also an article on the Militia's stance towards mechanization in the 1920s and early 1930s.

Dr. J. Britt McCarley (Ph.D., 1989), U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Chief (TRADOC) Historian, has continued his involvement in conference activities that combine military history and public history. Extending his 2007 efforts, he chaired a panel at the April 2008 National Council on Public History conference that again covered activities by TRADOC historians and museum directors to collect the documents and artifacts that record the history of the Army’s branches in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. This set of presentations was an update by the same panelists of their 2007 Society of Military History conference panel. McCarley has secured a place for the panel on the 2009 Organization of American Historians conference agenda to provide a further update on this important and ongoing work by TRADOC historians and curators. His intent is to cap a four-year run with a final update at the 2010 Society for History in the Federal Government conference.

McCarley’s chapter on Major General William T. Sherman's generalship in the 1864 Atlanta Campaign was published in *Beyond Combat: Essays in Military History in Honor of Russell F. Weigley* in December 2007. He read a short version of his chapter at the Temple University Department of History’s April conference supporting the release of the book. He will read a revised version of the same paper in March 2009 at his beloved Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, which is near his native Atlanta, Georgia. Finally, McCarley made a September 2008 presentation to the Thomas Nelson, Jr., Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution on research conducted by him and a colleague advancing the interpretation that British Lord Charles Cornwallis was much more focused on the potential for decisive battle at Yorktown, Virginia, in September 1781 than heretofore has been the accepted wisdom.

Matthew S. Muehlbauer (Ph.D., 2008) is currently working as an assistant professor this year for Austin Peay State University. He teaches online courses, including graduate-level classes in military history.

G. E. Patrick Murray (Ph.D., 1991), Professor of History at Valley Forge Military College, reviewed Michael Korda's *Eisenhower: An American Hero* for *World War II Quarterly*, an online referred journal, and subsequently was asked to join the journal's editorial and review board. He attended Temple University History Department's April conference as one of the contributors to the *festschrift*, *Beyond Combat: Essays in Military History in Honor of Russell F. Weigley*.

Michael A. Palmer (Ph.D., 1981) received first prize in the fourth Cold War essay contest sponsored by the John A. Adams '71 Center for Military History and Strategic Analysis at the Virginia Military Institute. In addition to a \$2,000 cash award and a plaque, Palmer's paper is under consideration for publication by the *Journal of Military History*. Palmer is a professor of history and interim chair of the Department of English at East Carolina University. He wrote his dissertation, "The Quasi War and the Creation of the American Navy, 1798-1801," under the direction of the late Russell F. Weigley.

Jennifer Speelman (Ph.D., 2001) published an article, "Revitalizing a Neglected Field: U.S. Naval History," in a special military history edition of the *Organization of American Historians Magazine of History*.

Dr. David J. Ulbrich (Ph.D., 2007) began this fall quarter as visiting assistant professor in the History Department at Ohio University. He also teaches for Norwich University's online M.A. in Military History program. Ulbrich is continuing to develop his interests in oral history and public history. During this past summer, he and former Ball State University colleague, Professor Michael Doyle, co-directed the Cantigny First Division Oral History Project. Generous funding from the McCormick Foundation and administrative support from the Cantigny First Division Foundation allowed Ulbrich and Doyle to train and supervise several Ball State students who conducted seventy-two hours of interviews with forty veterans of the Big Red One. These interviews are being transcribed and web streamed as part of Ball State's Digital Media Repository.

Ulbrich is also participating on several panels on oral history or public history this fall. He spoke about career options for public historians at the "Career Advising Session" for undergraduates at Ohio University. He moderated a panel titled "The Cantigny First Division Oral History Project Showcase" at the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Ball State's Public History Program. And, he served on a panel commemorating Veterans Day that included viewing a short documentary film titled *Conversations across Generations*. This film gives an overview of the Cantigny First Division Oral History Project and contains segments of veterans' interviews, students, and staff members.

Ulbrich's article, "Reforms in American Command Relations and Amphibious Operations on Guadalcanal," has been accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed Australian journal *War and Society*. This article expanded on his paper presentation at the 2007 Naval History Symposium at the U.S. Naval Academy. He also signed a contract with Naval Institute Press to publish his revised dissertation under the new title, *Thomas Holcomb and the Making of the Modern Marine Corps, 1936-1943*. The manuscript is due in early 2010 and will see print in early 2011.

John F. Votaw (Ph.D., 1991), one of the late Russell F. Weigley's students and former director of the First Division Museum at Cantigny, published an essay on Colonel Richard R. McCormick in *Unknown Soldiers: The American Expeditionary Forces in Memory & Remembrance*, edited by Mark Snell, which has just been released by Kent State University Press.

Major Grant Weller, USAF (Ph.D., 2007) serves as deputy for Faculty Development and assistant professor of History at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He co-edited the proceedings of the United States Air Force Academy's 21st Military History Symposium. The volume, titled *Harnessing the Heavens: National Defense through Space*, features sixteen essays by top historians of space power. Available from Imprint Publications, it has been adopted by the Air War College and the University of North Dakota as a course text. Weller presented two academic papers: "A Motor-Minded Army: The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps and Motorized Logistics, 1917-1941," to the Society for Military History Conference in Ogden, Utah, in April 2008, and "'Come Hell, High Water, or Nazis': The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps Truck Transportation in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 1942-1945," to the Allied Fighting Effectiveness in North Africa and Italy, 1942-1945 Conference in London, United Kingdom, in July 2008. Both were based on his Temple University dissertation. Weller also participated in the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, "Rethinking America in a Global Perspective" in June and July, and published reviews in *Air Power History* and *The Military History of the West*. He is currently directing the Air Force Academy's 22nd Military History Symposium, entitled *High Flight: The History of the U.S. Air Force Academy*, to be held in September 2009. He has been selected for promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel, effective 1 January 2009. He serves as deputy for Faculty Development and assistant professor of History at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Harry R. "Rich" Yarger (Ph.D., 1996) of the Department of National Security & Strategy, U.S. Army War College, announces that Praeger Security International has just released his latest book, *Strategy and the National Security Professional: Strategic Thinking and Strategy Formulation in the 21st Century*. Temple's Paley Library has a copy of Rich's *Strategic Theory for the 21st Century: The Little Book on Big Strategy*, published by the Strategic Studies Institute in 2006.

Current Students

Earl J. Catagnus, Jr., a second-year doctoral student in military history at Temple University, published an article in the Professional Notes section of the October 2008 issue of *U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings* – “Proceed with Caution: Helicopter-Borne Air Assaults.”

Martin G. Clemis, a second-year Ph.D. student studying under the direction of Gregory J.W. Urwin, is currently taking classes and serving as a teaching assistant. In spring 2008, he presented a paper at the James A. Barnes Club Graduate Student Conference titled “Crafting Non-Kinetic Warfare: The Academic-Military Nexus in U.S. Counterinsurgency Doctrine.” The paper was awarded runner-up for the Russell F. Weigley Award in military history, and has been accepted for publication by *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, an academic journal published by Routledge. It will appear in Issue 20, Volume I, in early 2009.

Martin also completed an internship at the Bucks County Historical Society this past summer where he was responsible for completing a detailed survey of Civil War-era artifacts, images, ephemera, and manuscripts held in the society’s Mercer Museum. The survey will be used both as a finding aid for future researchers, and the foundation for a public history project that will be presented at the museum beginning in 2011 in commemoration of the Civil War sesquicentennial. Martin will finish coursework this spring and plans on taking his comprehensive exams sometime in fall 2009.

Michael Dolski, Ph.D. candidate, passed the comprehensive exams in May. He recently defended his dissertation prospectus, which carries a tentative title of “The Longest Day of Them All: D-Day in American Consciousness.” His research will explore the public memory of D-Day and World War II and question the meaning of attempts to draw on this iconic battle over the 60 years since it took place. Besides conducting research for the dissertation, Michael is an instructor of history at Ball State University and adjunct instructor at Burlington County College. Over the summer, he reviewed a textbook for Routledge and had a book review published in *On Point: The Journal of Army History*.

Richard Grippaldi, Ph.D. candidate, announces that his article, "The Politics of Appointment in the Jacksonian Army: The (Non) Transfer of Ethan Allen Hitchcock to the Regiment of Dragoons, 1833," has been scheduled for publication in the Winter 2009 issue of *Army History: The Professional Bulletin of Army History*. This work is a spin-off from Rich’s dissertation, “Birth of the U.S. Cavalry: Peacekeeping and Military Professionalism on the Permanent Indian Frontier, 1833-1836,” which is undergoing review by his dissertation committee.

Erick Klinek, Ph.D. candidate, was one of five winners of this year’s Russell F. Weigley Graduate Student Grants from the Society for Military History (SMH). Eric gave a paper on the U.S. Army replacement system during World War II at this year’s SMH meeting in Provo, Utah.

Michael E. Lynch, Ph.D. student of Dr. Gregory J.W. Urwin, is employed as Chief, Educational Programs, at the Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, PA. He recently published an article titled, “Every Soldier Has a Story: Creating a Veterans Oral History Project” in the *OAH*

Magazine of History. Michael also conducted Battlefield Staff Rides to Brooklyn and Saratoga for Congressional delegations, and escorted the Brazilian Minister of Defense and numerous other dignitaries to Gettysburg. He completed the graduate language exam and will complete the preliminary exams in the fall. Finally, Michael served as a judge at the regional national history day competition at Messiah College.

Jason Smith, Ph.D. candidate, continues to prepare for his comprehensive exams to be taken in December or January. In the meantime, he has begun work on his dissertation prospectus. In the fall, he submitted a paper entitled “Lighting the Path of the Mariner: Hydrography, Empire, and the U.S. Navy, 1898-1905” in competition for the Washington Map Society's Walter W. Ristow Prize for the best graduate paper in the History of Cartography. Jason was awarded Honorable Mention; his paper finished among the top three.

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