

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND**  
**HISTORY DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER**  
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**A Star is Born:** We would like to welcome our newest tenure-track history colleague, Professor **Willeke Sandler**. Professor Sandler earned her Ph.D. in German history at Duke, taught at Oglethorpe University and Harvard before coming to the Evergreen campus. She brings to the department special expertise in German and European history, German colonialism in Africa, and public history. She is also a Marylander, with roots in Montgomery County.

**Back to School:** History students will get the chance to enroll in several new courses premiering in the coming academic year. In fall 2016, Professor **Bill Donovan** will offer HS 369: Jesuits in Latin America, from 1549 to the Present. “Widely admired and widely reviled” in Latin America, the Society of Jesus has played a prominent role in the region’s turbulent history from the colonial period to the “dirty wars” of the twentieth century. In spring 2017, Professor Willeke Sandler will teach a new special topics course, Germans in Africa, Africans in Germany. Learn what “Heimat” means and gain an appreciation for the power of culture as an instrument of aggression, resistance, and community formation.

*ON THE BIG SCREEN*

*Watch for other new courses and information on the new digitized Big Board, soon to be operating on the wall outside the history seminar room.*

**Applause:** Professor **Matt Mulcahy** has been honored as the recipient of the **Nachbahr Award** for scholarly achievement in the Humanities at Loyola, a recognition of his creative work in establishing fresh thematic (history of natural disasters) and regional (British Greater Caribbean) areas of historical inquiry. Matt usually goes to great lengths to deflect attention from himself, but he will not be able to avoid it when he receives the award and delivers an address next fall at the Honors Colloquium.

Professor **David Carey** received the best article award from the New

England Council on Latin American Studies for “Drunks and Dictators.”

Denying any connection to the subject matter of his prize-winning article, he also stepped down as president of the New England Council on Latin American Studies.

## Summer in the City

**HS 101:** “Making of the Modern World: Europe and the World” with Professor Brandon Parlopiano. First Summer Session

**HS 103:** ““Making of the Modern World:US History II:” Staff. Second Summer Session.

**HS 376D:** “Memories of Nagasaki and Hiroshima” with Professor Chad Diehl. First Summer Session.

**HS 307:** “Peace and War in Ancient Rome” with Professor Tom McCreight (Classics) in the Rome summer program. Note: this class, alas, is only open to students studying in Rome.

Professor **Sara Scalenghe’s** book, *Disability in the Ottoman Arab World, 1500-1800*, won an Honorable Mention for the 2015 British-Kuwait Friendship Society Book Prize in Middle Eastern Studies. A paperback version of the book will appear this April. Completing the rare scholarly trifecta, Professor Scalenghe also will begin a yearlong research sabbatical

at the end of the semester. Professor Michele Alacevich has been elected to the executive committee of the History of Economics Society.



***La Dolce Vita:*** Professor **Steve Hughes** has returned to the department after a year in Rome as a Fulbright scholar and visiting scholar at the American Academy in Rome. He spent the year working at the sumptuous Academy digs, tooling around Rome on a *tres chic* Vespa, watching the filming of the latest James Bond movie on location in the Eternal City, and basically living a life that anyone would envy. But now he

is back in harness as department chair. *La Dolce Vita* fades to black, to be replaced by *State of Siege*.

**Paper Chase:** Unlike students in the film referenced in this subtitle, Loyola historians will not have to take a quarter to call their mothers and tell them they will never publish articles or books. The following is an international sampler. Professor **Kelly DeVries** co-authored *The Battle of Crecy: A Casebook* (Liverpool University Press) and co-edited *Wounds and Wound Repair in Medieval Culture* (Brill). In addition to editing the *Wounds* volume, Kelly got his hands dirty by contributing an article to it, “Exsanguination: Wounds, the Weapons that Made Them and the Armor that Protected Against Them in Medieval Warfare.” Other articles included “Routier Perrinet Gressart: Joan of Arc’s Penultimate Enemy,” in *Routiers et mercenaires d’Aquitaine d’Angleterre et d’ailleurs* (v. 1340-1453); “The Implications of the Anonimo Romano Account of the Battle of Crecy”

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**SEE THE SNAKE, SIGN THE PLEDGE, JOIN PHI ALPHA THETA**

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*Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society, will be holding its annual induction ceremony in April (featuring the cold-blooded creature mentioned in the headline). That in itself is a sight to behold, but membership in Phi Alpha Theta at Loyola also puts you in contact with like-minded history students and affirms your strong performance in history courses.*

*Membership in PAT is not restricted to history majors or minors. Requirements for membership include completion of 12 credits of history (four courses), a 3.1 history GPA and overall 3.0 GPA. Please obtain a transcript from Records and submit it to Professor Edwards (HU 308) along with your cell number. Professor **Jane Edwards** is accepting new applicants through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Then you feel the spirit of history and eat Indian food (dinner will be at the end of April, TBA).*

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in *The Medieval Way of War*; and an article, contrary to expectations, *not* co-authored with Jason Sudeikis, "Meet the Mongols: Dealing with Mamluk Victory and Mongol Defeat in the Middle East in 1260," in *Crusading and Warfare in the Middle Ages*.

Professor **Steve Hughes** was another leader of the pack, publishing "Honor and Crisis: the Chivalric Assumptions of Italian Intervention in 1915?" in the *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*; "Camerati ma non compatrioti: volontari svizzeri durante il Risorgimento," in *Bollettino storico della Svizzera Italiana*; the Hunter Thompsonesque "Daze and Knights: Anachronism and the Chivalric Ethic in 19th Century Italy," in *Chivalry and the Medieval*; and the dizzyingly unlauted and multilingual "Il prestigio dei principi: potere, onore, e il duello legittimato," in *Agon und Distinktion Soziale Raume des Zweikampfs zwischen Mittelalter und Fruher Neuzeit*.

Professor **David Carey** published "Desafios de la Historia Multicultural: Idioma, Habla y traducción en la investigacion de Historia Oral en America Latina" in *Words and Silences: The Journal of the Oral History Association* and "Violencia contra la mujer en Guatemala: Mas impunidad que castigo," in *Guatemala*:

*gobierno, gobernabilidad, poder local y recursos naturales.*

Sticking to English, but equally multicultural and global in focus, are two publications by **Fr. Charles Borges**: “Antonio Monserrate, S.J.” in *Christian-Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History* and “Science and Technology for a Spiritual, Healthy, and Holistic Living,” in *Mystery meets Mystery: Intersecting Science, Philosophy, Religion and Culture*. Professor **Michele Alacevich** published “Harvard Meets the Crisis: U.S. Fiscal Policy in the 1930s and the Political Economy of Lauchlin B. Currie, Jacob Viner, John H. Williams and Harry D. White” in *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*. Professor **Sara Scalenghe** has an article in press for *The Oxford Handbook of Disability History* and Professor **Willeke Sandler** awaits the publication of an article in *Central European History*.

**“Learning about Cuba; having some food”**: That iconic line from Sean Penn’s Jeff Spicoli in *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* uncannily parallels the schedule of **Matt Mulcahy**, who will be going to Havana in June for a conference on Caribbean history. Matt attempted to get seasoned to the humid tropics by traveling to Houston to participate in a conference at Rice University and then to South Bend to give a paper at Notre Dame.

Professor **Elizabeth Schmidt** was on the heavy hitter’s speaker tour, presenting papers on Africa, the Cold War, foreign intervention, colonialism and decolonization at the Contemporary History Institute at Ohio University, the African Studies Centre at Oxford University, the History Department and the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change at the University of Minnesota, the U.S. Foreign Service Institute, and (this April) at the Woodrow Wilson Center. **Kelly DeVries** will unlimber his artillery train in upcoming talks at Stanford University, at Loyola’s Modern Language Symposium, and before a bunch of guys named Frank who make up the Organization of Merovingian Descendants. Steve Hughes parked the Vespa and spoke on topics of honor, statecraft,

and war in Italy at the American Academy in Rome and the law school of the University of Catania in Sicily.

**Sara Scalenghe** gave talks on disability in the Ottoman Empire, Middle East, and Europe at the University of Maryland, the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Seminar at Columbia University, and the University of Oklahoma. She also gave a historical talk on “Girls’ Education in Islamic Societies” at Shepherd University. **Fr. Charles Borges** presented papers on Jesuits in South Asia and language issues in Goa at the Ninth International Convention of Asia Scholars in Adelaide, Australia and the International Academic Conference of Social Sciences in Hong Kong. **Willeke Sandler** presented papers on Germany and Empire at the German Studies Association and a Multidisciplinary Conference on World War I at Daemen College.

**Mission Impossible:** That will be the challenge faced by the history department as Professor **Elizabeth Schmidt** moves into phased retirement at the end of the spring semester. For a quarter-century, Betsy has provided students with challenging and life-altering courses on the history of Africa, produced world-class scholarly work on the social, political, and diplomatic history of both East Africa and West Africa, and furnished wisdom, leadership, and inspiration to the history department and Loyola as a whole. She will still be offering a limited slate of classes for awhile, but we will miss her daily presence.

**Save the Date!**

**The annual History  
Department  
Picnic/Reception will  
be Monday, May 2 at  
5:30.**

**Look for more details  
in the next few weeks.**