

# LINDENWOOD

History and Geography Department

reaching back to the past

2014-2015

## Majors Mapped a Future



Student interest in studying geography has grown so much that the department will be offering a minor in geography. Along with the geography courses that have been offered for a number of years, there are now two GIS (Geographic Information Systems) courses as well as study abroad offerings at York St. John University, the department's study abroad partner in England.

### GIS Day

Geography students participated in the regional celebration of GIS Day last year, and government and other professionals were so impressed with their work that Dr. Meredith Marsh and Lindenwood University were asked to host GIS Day in 2014. The Missouri Botanical Garden, local companies, and local governments from the St. Louis region

brought their exhibits and presentations to campus in November. **Adam Stroud**, who is the economic development coordinator for his hometown, Greenville, Ill., combined business and pleasure when he represented Greenville.



*Former history major Adam Stroud parlayed his skills in GIS to get admitted to the Urban Studies Program at St. Louis University and hired in his hometown.*

As a result of LU student work and students' ability to share it with professionals

in government and industry, the city of St. Charles is open to making further connections with LU relating to studying the newly formed Mid-Town St. Charles Historic District. The Missouri Department of Natural Resource's booklet explains the district: <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/shpo/survey/SCASO08-R.pdf>. Additionally, several LU students were invited to participate in summer paid internships, which most likely will lead to full-time employment in the coming year.

*Geography professor Dr. Meredith Marsh at the American Association of Geographers annual meeting in Chicago catches up with two former students now working on their PhDs. Julian Barr is at the University of Washington and Lydia Hou is at the University of Illinois at Chicago.*

## New Bingo Sheet Reflects New History Major

The History and Geography Department was busy this year rethinking the requirements for the history major under the leadership of Dr. Ted Cohen. Students will still take courses in US, European, and world history, but starting in 2016-17, they have more flexibility in terms of upper-level electives. These changes allow students to pursue specific areas of interest as they concentrate their studies in US history, early modern history, modern history, the 19th century, and the 20th century, just to name a few, and brings the major in line with what other history departments around the United States are requiring of history majors.

## A Confluence of Cultures: U.S.- Native American Relations in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

Portage Des Sioux, Mo., was the site of the signing of treaties between Native Americans and the United States to end the War of 1812. As part of the Portage 200 celebrations marking the bicentennial/200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing, the History and Geography Department is hosting a one-day conference on October 10. Professor Stephen Aron from UCLA, the author of *American Confluence: The Missouri Frontier from Borderland to Border State*, will give the keynote address, and over a dozen scholars will be presenting papers on Native Americans, early settlers, and their interactions. A number of these papers will be included in the spring/summer 2016 issue of *The Confluence*. Spearheaded by Dr. Steve Gietschier, this is the first of a series of conferences to be held in odd-numbered years. Watch the LU website for further information. Won't you join us in October?



## Study Abroad in England

### —For Two Weeks or for a Semester

Once again history majors and their friends have the opportunity to spend a semester studying English history and then travel to northern England for two weeks. HIS 28201 Selected Topics: History and Culture in England—Yorkshire will meet once a week for most of the spring 2016 semester, and the class will travel to the UK after finals. Students will live in housing of York St. John University, which is LU's partner school for semesters abroad in England. Travel dates are tentatively May 29 through June 11. Dr. Jo Ellen Kerksiek has been working with York St. John University to prepare the course. **Alexandria Brady**, **John Hallemaier**, and **Tanya Jones** spent this spring in England attending York St. John University. They took a variety of courses (not all of them history) and got involved in all kinds of different activities. We look forward to hearing more about their adventures.

## Sibley Day—History and Geography Undergraduate Conference

Three history majors—**Michelle Setzer, Sarah Hinds, and Samantha Johnson**—shared their work in the annual History and Geography Undergraduate Conference. This year’s conference theme was “People and their Places.”

A large crowd of family and friends, including Sarah’s mom, **Jesse Coffey, Abby Kindler, Austin Steihs, Madison Semones, Scott Buzzetta, Brendan Telker, Brandon Layton, Maiia Ziuzina, Jarod Pecault, Lain Rhodes, Nick Thoreson, Jerry Bay, and Faith Schallert**, listened raptly.

Congratulations to Sarah for winning the Peter Griffin Award, which carries with it a \$100 prize.



### Mark Neels Presents at History Forum

**Greg Kilgariff, Alex Reynolds, Todd Harmon, Kimberly Elfrink, Maiia Ziuzina, Brian Sieve, Tanya Jones, Phillip Posley, Stephanie Trudell, Jaime Hailman, Austin Aude,**



*Pictured are presenters Michelle Setzer, “Methods of Preventing Prostitution in Calvinist Geneva”; Samantha Johnson, “St. Louis City Planning in the Early Twentieth-Century”; and Sarah Hinds, “In Defense of the Faith: The Catholic Response to Anti-Catholicism in Early Nineteenth Century St. Louis.” Dr. Patrick O’Banion coordinated the event.*

**Bryan Peske, Macklin Parks, Brianna Schootman, John Hallemeier, Danny Drouin, Sophia Jaar, Gus Kihn, Josh Johnson, Shelly Horner, Brandi Austin, and Steven Tusing** listened attentively as Prof. Mark Neels spoke of the frustrations of trying to study a topic, Abraham Lincoln, that has been studied by countless historians and how he went about finding an angle that had not yet been covered in “New Wine in Old Wineskins: New Perspectives on the Era of the Civil War.”

### “An Imam’s Response to Violent Radicalism”

At the instigation of Dr. Peter Griffin, the History and Geography Department invited Sohaib Sultan, the Muslim life coordinator at Princeton University, to campus. About 200 people from LU and the community listened as he shared his understanding of Islam: Islam is rooted in compassion and mercy, and violence has no place in the protection of human dignity. The “very alarming” things that we are seeing are Muslims dealing with the disgrace of the fall of the Ottoman Empire after a thousand years of power

## Phi Alpha Theta

Seven students joined the ranks of history scholars when they joined Phi Alpha Theta this year.

**Danny Drouin, Elizabeth Dummerth, Todd Harmon, James Hunt, Chris Salvo, Brianna Schootman, Michelle Setzer, and Adam Sinopole** are now members of the national history honor society. Congratulations!



## Graduation Dinner

**Nick Thoreson, Josh Kamper, Kami Ahrens, Katie McGinnis, Michelle Setzer, Kelsey Daub, Katelyn Becker-Michel, and Sam Johnson** celebrated their recent or impending graduation with the history and geography faculty at the Smiths' abode. Dr. Griffin came out of retirement to prepare the chicken teriyaki. A good time was had by all.



# History and Geography Club

The History and Geography Club made a lot of history this year. **Sam Johnson, Nick Thoreson, Katie McGinnis, Michelle Setzer, Kami Ahrens, Katelynn Becker-Michel, Josh Kamper, Mackenzie James, and Ted Macinski** prepared a lunch for the History and Geography professors the last week of class in the fall. They surprised and delighted the faculty with their thoughtfulness, not to mention the good food! We have the best majors at LU!

Spring activities included a Historical Food and Drink Crawl to visit restaurants that have played a part in St. Louis' food history or that are located in historical buildings that are now restaurants. Among the highlights were Blueberry Hill, a tribute to pop culture; Seamus McDaniel's, with the story of Dogtown's beginnings in 1837; Hammerstone's, built in 1884 in Soulard and replete with ghost stories; and the Broadway Oyster Bar, built in 1843 and famous for Cajun Creole cuisine. It doesn't get much better than combining history and food! Then there was the field trip to Anheuser-Busch and Crown Candy and also celebrating the coming holiday.



Wanting to help all LU students get their summers off to a good start and at the same time remind them of the joys of history, the History and Geography Club gathered fun facts from history and had them inserted into fortune cookies. They distributed these during the lunch period in the Spellmann Center during finals week. Who wouldn't want to know that Oreo cookies were first sold on March 6, 1912?



## History Club Organized a New Activity for Sibley Day

*Sibley Day this year was a great one for the history community here at Lindenwood. The key word in that being community. I believe there is a natural separation between the professors and students but I also believe that in order to foster an environment that encourages the exchange of ideas and criticisms we need to bridge that separation and thus establish the community. Sibley Day in the past, present, and future provides a day in which we, the professors and students of history, can come together for the exchange of ideas and to build relationships. For the past several years there has been the Undergraduate History Conference. Here the students of history are awarded the opportunity to present their research to an audience of peers and professors. There is no greater honor than to be recognized for the work you have done than by people in your field. For this year's Sibley Day another event was added.*

*The History Club sponsored an event that had the professors of history give talks and it was called *The Conversations with the Past*. Five of our professors participated. My original idea for this event came from the fact that in our history classes the professor would at times start down a path of interest but would stop themselves because it either didn't fit the topic at hand or there was not enough time to discuss it. I was inspired by the previous year's Undergraduate History Conference to come up with a way to bring the professors in to form that sense of community. The professors worked with the History Club to*



*come up with what the topics would be. The topics ranged from research done by the professor or of a topic of interest for them. This allowed the professors to dive further into topics that they could not talk about in a classroom setting within an atmosphere that was more relaxed. My goal for the future will be to continue to form that sense of community with the foundation built by Sibley Day. Beyond that foundation however it will be on the individuals, both professors and students alike, to build upon that throughout the year inside and outside the classroom.*



While **Nick Thoreson** emceed, **Greg Kilgariff**, **Michelle Setzer**, **Ryanne Schulte**, **Ben Graefser**, **Josh Kamper**, **Katelyn Becker-Michel**, **Andrew Aubuchon**, **Mackenzie James**, and **Jared Pecaut** seemed to revel in being in the driver's seat. Presenting were Patrick O'Banion, "The Moriscos and the Spanish Inquisition"; Don Heidenreich v Mike Whaley, "Who's Robert E Lee?"; Peter Griffin, "The Greeks v the Autocratic Macedonians"; and Ted Cohen, on why there are no blacks in Mexico.

*Nick Thoreson*

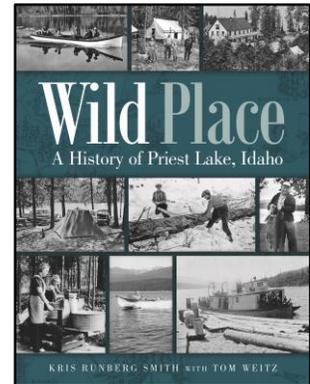
## Faculty News

**Dr. Jeffrey Smith** joyfully ended his tenure as department chair after four years. While he was celebrating that feat, he finished his study of Bellefontaine Cemetery. He presented at the Organization of American Historians this spring on “Remember Me, and Here's Why: Cemetery Memorials and Community Memory.” His editorial, “Working the 'graveyard shift' at Ikea,” was published in the June 12, 2014, edition of the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*. He also was selected to give presentations around the state for the Missouri Humanities Council.

**Dr. Jo Ellen Kerksiek** is working on a new study abroad course, developing a study abroad program for the university, and thinking about changing the *New York Times* research paper.

**Dr. Don Heidenreich** is teaching a lot of international relations courses along with the political science and history courses that he was already teaching.

**Dr. Kris Smith** was gratified to see her book, *Wild Place: A History of Priest Lake, Idaho*, published by Washington University Press, in print this spring. She will be presenting six lectures across the Idaho panhandle this summer to share her research. Her article studying the politically-charged stained glass windows of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in the 1930s, “Reflecting an Era,” appeared in the fall/winter 2014 issue of *The Confluence*.

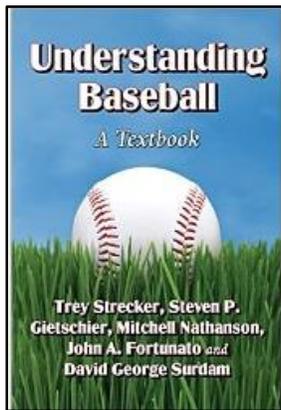


**Dr. Mike Whaley** finally got to offer his Cold War class this year! He also survived his first study abroad course, which offered honors students the opportunity to study ancient Rome this summer in Italy. He is pictured here hanging out with Galileo.

**Dr. Meredith Marsh** is the new chairperson of the department. As she contemplates what that means for her future she thinks of her former life in geography: presenting her research in geography education, (something that geographers call Geo Progressions), as part of the main panel at *National Geographic*. She is also the Missouri Geographic Alliance's Geography Awareness Week coordinator. At their conference, she was part of a roundtable that discussed AP Human Geography and the needs across Missouri for shared materials, lesson plans, and research

**Dr. Patrick O'Banion** taught a new course in spring semester 2015 called Missionaries, Mercenaries, and Merchant Men: Europe in the Early Modern World. He spoke about his research to LU History majors on Sibley Day and presented a conference paper at the Symposium for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. He completed a book review of *A Linking of Heaven and Earth: Studies in Religious and Cultural History in Honor of Carlos M.N. Eire* for the journal *Renaissance Quarterly* and has contributed to a collection of essays about ludic culture in early modern Europe. His essay is entitled, “The Prisoners' Dilemma: Strategies and Ruses in the Inquisitorial Jails of Early Modern Cuenca.” He continues to research and write about Spanish moriscos.

**Dr. Steve Gietschier** chaired a session at the annual convention of NASSH, the North American Society for Sport History, and delivered a commentary on the three papers presented therein in 2006. The session's title was "Sport and the Law," and the papers concerned three cases decided by



the U.S. Supreme Court: Muhammad Ali's attempt to get his conviction for draft evasion overturned; Spencer Haywood's attempt to be allowed to play professional basketball before his college class had graduated; and Curt Flood's attempt to outlaw baseball's reserve clause. Since all three cases were decided by the Burger Court, his commentary was called "How the Burger Court Came to Be." Following the convention, two of the speakers decided to use this session—all three papers and the commentary—as a springboard to prepare an edited volume called *Sport and the Law: Historical and Cultural Intersections*. They solicited contributions from a number of other scholars and found a publisher in the University of Arkansas Press. Eight years after the fact, the volume has finally seen the light of day. Dr. Gietschier finally received his copies in the mail this spring. Finally. He also marked the publication of *Understanding Baseball*, a textbook intended for use by undergraduates and advanced high school students. This book includes five chapters on various aspects of baseball as a cultural and economic institution. He wrote the history chapter.

**Dr. Ted Cohen** is happy to report he survived his first year at Lindenwood! During the year, he participated in the American Historical Association's Tuning Project, which brings historians from around the country together to discuss how to teach history and explain its importance to non-historians. He also presented some of his research on Afro-Mexican identity at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and has been a subject editor for Oxford University Press's *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Caribbean Biography*. This summer, he is off to Mexico to complete some research on his book project and to present his research at a week-long conference.

## News About You—Current Students

**Sarah Hinds** presented her paper, "In Defense of the Faith: The Catholic Response to Anti-Catholicism in Early Nineteenth Century St. Louis," at the regional Alpha Chi conference in Chicago. Her research and presentation earned her the American history prize. Alpha Chi is a national honor society welcoming all disciplines. She also presented her paper at the LU Student Research Symposium and Exposition. This sure is good practice for graduate school.



The Phi Alpha Theta History Award winner was **Bryan Peske**. This award goes to an outstanding history major. Bryan's colleagues easily recognize him in that description.



This year's Schoenhard American Heritage Award winner was **Michelle Setzer**. This award recognizes outstanding achievement in the study of American values.

Linden Scroll is a Lindenwood University honor society of students who excel academically and in service to LU and the larger community. **Brianna Schootman** was recognized as a member of Linden Scroll, and **Danny Drouin, Kimberly Elfrink, and Jared Pecaut** were recognized as nominees. The social science international honor society, Pi Gamma Mu, welcomed **Adam Sinople** into membership.

**Zack Zambelli** took time off from studying to attend a basketball game between LU and Southwest Baptist. He participated in the McAlister's Sweetest Shot contest, making three different shots in 60 seconds, winning a \$25 gift card.

**Kami Ahrens** has been a character in the St. Charles Christmas Traditions program on Main Street for several years. This year she was the Snow Queen and in the past she was the reindeer flight instructor. She is off to study archeology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this fall; rumor has it they have a close tie to the Midwest Archeological Center and many textiles to study.

**Michelle Setzer** will be continuing her history studies at UMSL this fall, studying US history.



## News About You—History Alumni

**Bold Sambuu** is now recruitment consultant at Mongolia Talent Network. No, it's not a talent show. According to their website, "Mongolia Talent Network is the leading Executive Search, Recruitment & Training Company in Mongolia. Our company was founded in 2011 to bring international best practice recruitment services to the Mongolian market. We work across a range of industries to find great employees for a wide variety of professional positions. Our aim is to be the recruitment consultancy of choice for companies operating in Mongolia."

**Jennifer Barnes** is finally in London pursuing graduate work at King's College in London. She worked the tea shop for a year and then took off for her new real life. After teaching English in Russia and South Korea for several years, **Reed Livergood** finds himself an international business professional working in the Enterprise Strategy and Transformation (ES&T) Tech Center at the MITRE Corporation. In his free time, he also sings with the Alexandria Harmonizers men's chorus and with Modern Vintage. Who would have thought his history major would take him in this direction? ☺



**Darrin Mamone** was named the Lindenwood University Employee of the Month for January 2015. As the Computer Lab Supervisor in the Spellmann Center, he turned the lab from party central to a place where serious studying can happen. Darrin is off to Portland, Ore., and we wish him the best but will miss him in the Copy Center!

**Amanda Roberts** graduated and then began a new life as a married woman. **Brittany (Bowers) Trott** is still teaching Honors US History at Lafayette High School. She and Kevin now have two little boys, Easton, 4, and Gavin, 1. They recently moved into a new home in Ballwin.

**Chris Atteberry** was an assistant roller hockey coach here at LU this year. **David Cattani** is regularly writing and performing folk music in Jackson, Wyo. You can find him on Facebook.

**Laura Raylene Reed** came through St. Charles this spring. She is now working as an archeologist out of Lawrence, Kan., most recently surveying for a pipeline across Iowa. She and her project manager were escorted off of a farmer's land at gunpoint on her last business trip. **A. J. Medlock** is studying special collections and archives at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and serves as a graduate assistant in the university archives. **Kristena Michele** is a facilitator at SCVI Charter School in Castaic, Calif.

**Katie Bava** is reference librarian at Fontbonne University and library media coordinator at Trinity Catholic High School. **Nick Sacco** is now a ranger at the Whitehaven National Historic Park, where he interned while a student here!



**Bernie Ross** was ordained a Lutheran minister last summer. He is serving as associate pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamonte, Ill. He and **Katie (Stueck)** have a son, Daniel. **Caitlin Ayers Knepper** managed to finish the school year at Hazelwood while giving birth to twins this year!

**Kevin Dunn's** done it again. The 2015-16 academic year will find him as assistant women's volleyball coach at Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo. **Colbei Sakuma** is taking classes in the master's program at UMSL and contemplating all of the job possibilities open to history majors. **Scott Stevens** is working his way through the MBA program at Lindenwood while he works as an assistant radio traffic coordinator for KLPW 1220 AM. This summer, he will become business manager/radio traffic coordinator for urock.fm. **Cassie Douglas** is back in St. Charles, working at Manheim Auto Auction, which she describes as "oddly the best job ever." She has also adopted a dog, Leila.

## Congratulations to the following students who graduated this year:

Tra'Neese Hamilton  
Kami Ahrens, Summa Cum Laude and University  
Honors  
Stephanie Jost  
Miranda Schmiederer  
Casey Christensen, University Honors  
Danelle Emerick  
Ken Grodie  
Samson Hillary  
Amanda Roberts, Summa Cum Laude  
Colbei Sakuma  
Zak Waldron, Summa Cum Laude

Matt Atley  
Blake Arnette  
Josh Kesel  
Ben Huffman  
Gus Kihn  
Sam Johnson  
Josh Kamper  
Alaina Schulte  
Michelle Setzer  
Adam Sinopole  
Nick Thoreson

## Keeping in Touch

Be sure to keep in touch. We enjoy hearing what you are doing. If there is anything we can do to help you, please let us know. Almost all of our offices are still located in Butler Hall.

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