

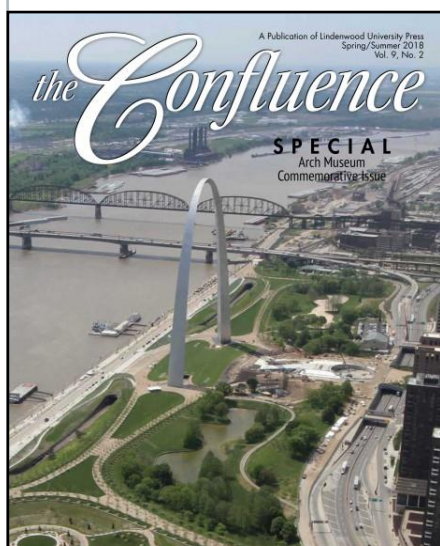
LINDENWOOD

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Teaming Up with Teachers

Department uses *The Confluence* to support Social Studies

The History and Geography Department has adopted a number of initiatives to expand our help to educators in Missouri and elsewhere. *The Confluence*, the award-winning regional



The Confluence this spring also teamed up with the Gateway Arch National Park for a special commemoration issue exploring the new museum under the arch.

studies journal in a magazine format published by our own department, has introduced a new component on its website designed for teachers. It features every article and primary source document in PDF format, so teachers (or anyone else) can download them. Articles are organized by both subject and DESE expectations. Access them at www.lindenwood.edu/confluence and click on the "Tools for Teachers" tab in the right column. There's even a category for "Primary Source Documents" in the topics list.

Also for teachers, **Dr. Jeffrey Smith**, editor of *The Confluence*, is teaming up with the School of Education to offer a one-day teacher institute themed "Teaching Through Missouri Documents." It is a hands-on seminar that will offer teachers all sorts of materials, teaching ideas and strategies,

and resources for using regional primary source documents in classrooms. We hope to offer more of these workshops in the future.

Kristin Laney and Dr. Jeffrey Smith presented "Voices of the Past: Using Documents and Articles in U.S. Social Studies Classes" at the St. Charles Public Schools' 21st Century Fest professional development day where they shared this new website information. Lindenwood alumni who are now teaching at St. Charles West High School, **Chuck Stancil** and **Erich Stubblefield**, were also in attendance.



History Majors Honored

Peter Griffin Paper Prize

The **Peter Griffin** Paper Prize had been awarded to the best paper presented at the History and Geography Undergraduate Conference on Sibley Day, but now the prize will be awarded to the best paper submitted for the capstone course. This spring, **Kristen Laney**, **Brayden Parker**, and **Calen Campbell** were the three finalists. Dr. Griffin shared that it was impossible to have a first and a second runner up, so Brayden and Calen shared that honor. The award for the best paper went to Kristen Laney.



Student Research Symposium

Kaitlyn Centini and **Brayden Parker** participated in the Medieval and Early Modern Studies session at Lindenwood University's Student Research Conference. **Trevor Niebrzydowski** presented at a later session. Papers: Kaitlyn Centini, "Papal Patronages that Defined the Counter Reformation"; Brayden Parker, "Melanchthon and Calvin, Convenient Acquaintances: The Colloquies of 1539- 1541 and Unification Concerning the Eucharist"; Trevor Niebrzydowski, "Women in Comics: How Women Creators Have Ushered in a New Era of Diversity in the Comic Book Industry"



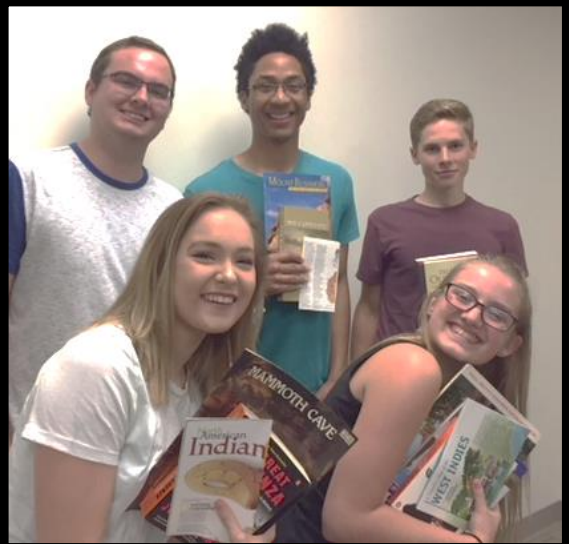
Presentations

Joshua Johnson presented a poster at the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology annual meeting on "Prevalence of Attention Deficit Disorder among Federal Probationers with Methamphetamine Addiction." His study was in conjunction with Dr. Jeanie Thies of the Political Science Department. **Kaitlyn Centini** presented a paper, "Penance: A Tale of Corruption," at Truman State's annual Undergraduate Philosophy and Religion Conference. She also presented "Matteo Ricci: Leader of the Jesuit Mission in China," at Saint Louis University's Jesuits and the Sciences symposium this spring.



Trivia Contest Kicks Off the New Year

Seven teams battled it out at the trivia night for history majors and their friends. Dr. Griffin even joined the fun. Teams composed of John Dirigo, Patrick Atkinson, Jacob Barger, Emma Kightlinger, Christine Bryant, NiColes Pruitt, Cameron Jones, and Sean McCarthy tied for first, while Joshua Lee and Austin Steins came in third, again. Lots of laughter, maps, books, and Oreos for all.



Fall and Spring Field Trips

In the fall, history folks toured the Civil Rights in St. Louis exhibit at the Missouri History Museum. It was a very impressive exhibit. Afterwards, we had dinner at Blueberry Hill. This spring, a small mob of historians visited the Sunken Cities exhibit at the St. Louis Art Museum and then dined at the Olympia Kebab House and Taverna.



Tales from Study Abroad

Drew Strohecker spent the fall semester studying abroad at York St. John University in York, England. Upon his return, he shared his experiences in a presentation, and we include his thoughts here:

This fall semester, I had the privilege of attending York St. John University in York, United Kingdom. This experience has really changed my outlook on life and fueled my love for history even further. While I was there, I made friends that I am still in frequent contact with and I believe will be friends for life. I participated in engaging classes while at the school itself and really got a new appreciation for how other countries handle their education system. To learn about these topics from a perspective that is different from the one I grew up in was one of the most interesting experiences I've had.

The city of York was a wonderful home for the few short months that I lived there, and it seemed that every time I walked the streets of the old city I found something new and exciting to do. The students that I got to know were friendly and welcoming to me, which was great since I did not know anyone upon my arrival and I was fairly concerned about how I would be received by other students.

During my time at York, I also managed to take a few trips around the rest of England and Scotland and even managed to make it to Italy and France. While I was on these trips, I got to see monuments and places that I had previously only read about, and that was a truly life-changing experience.

I want to thank Lindenwood and the faculty that made this adventure possible, and I would not change what I did there for the world. It was an amazing experience that I will remember for the rest of my life, and I hope I can make it back there someday!



Presentations and Projects



Phi Alpha Theta

Erika Pappa, Tyler Vance, Jacob Bauer, Kaitlyn Centini, and Mathieu Perrault were inducted into Lindenwood's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national honor society, this spring. Congratulations!

The First Voldemort

Dr. Eric Bryan, associate professor of English at Missouri S & T, presented "The First Voldemort: Icelandic Sorcerers and Transgressions of the Sacred" for the Medieval and Early Modern Studies program. Loftur the Sorcerer is well known in Icelandic stories, and Dr. Bryan shared his story. Rachel Gann, Amanda Moore, Kaitlyn Centini, Solveig Klarin, Drew Strohecker, and Conor Behrens learned more about this magic user.



"So What Can You Get with a History Degree?"

Lindenwood history alumni A.J. Medlock and Nick Sacco met with history majors to discuss their adventures in and out of public history and how their history degrees have taken them to very satisfying places in their lives.

A. J. just finished his position at the Missouri History Museum and has started a new job with the St. Louis branch of the Missouri State Historical Society. Nick has been a ranger at the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site for several years now. He also produces the thoughtful and impressive blog "Exploring the Past: Reading, Thinking and Blogging about History."



History and Geography Forum

Dr. Jeffrey Smith presented "What Do We Do About Jeff Davis? Confederate Monuments, Cemeteries, and Southern Memory" in March. An overview of the changing nature of cemeteries, memorializing the war dead, and the ideology of the "Lost Cause" was followed by a very thoughtful discussion about how historians might approach these current issues.

The FBI in Latin America

Dr. Marc Becker, professor of Latin American history at Truman State University, presented "The FBI in Latin America." In his research he focuses on the indigenous people of Ecuador.

GIS and Geography

Lindenwood is making a name for itself in the rapidly expanding field of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology. Geographer **Dr. Meredith Marsh** and **Tara Vansell** head up the GIS Lab. Students across the university enroll in GIS courses that have been instrumental in getting jobs after graduation. The GIS program is also expanding its outreach outside of the campus and to date Lindenwood has received two grants to promote the use of this technology in primary and secondary classrooms.

GIS Grants

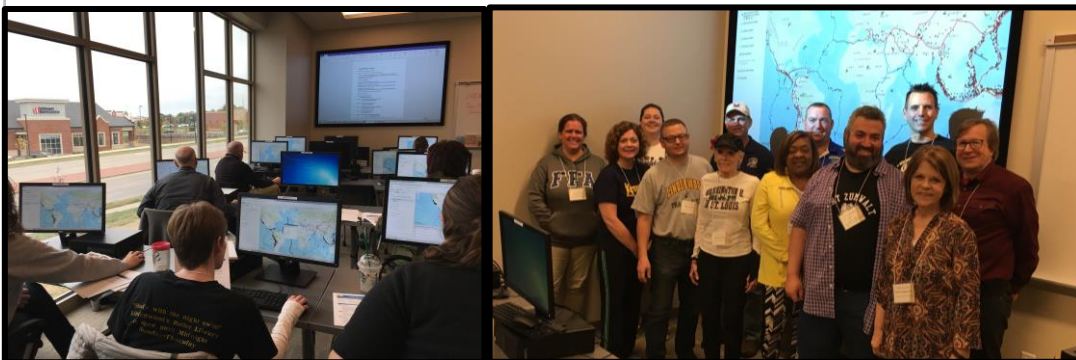
The Library of Congress is funding “Trails West: Inquiries into Missouri’s Geo-History, Migration, and Immigration,” which is a program designed by **Dr. Sarah Coppersmith** (LU Geography Adjunct) and **Dr. Jeffrey Smith**, to train K-12 educators in how to find and use primary sources in their lessons and projects. The Lindenwood GIS Lab will assist with professional development events for educators and will use GIS technologies to create a repository of training resources for educator participants.

Earlier this year **Tara Vansell** (GIS Lab Manager) and Dr. Sarah Coppersmith led three professional development workshops on using ArcGIS Online in the classroom. Teach MO Maps! led 30 educators from the St. Louis region through the use and editing of GeoInquiry lessons, searching the Living Atlas, putting together a Survey 123 lesson, and creating Story Maps with students. Learn

more at <https://arcg.is/1fGm44>. A grant proposal has been submitted to ESRI for the 2018/2019 school year. Next year's event will expand to include educators from across Missouri. If you would like to see a presentation created for the proposal, go to <https://arcg.is/1SyC1a>.

GIS Careers

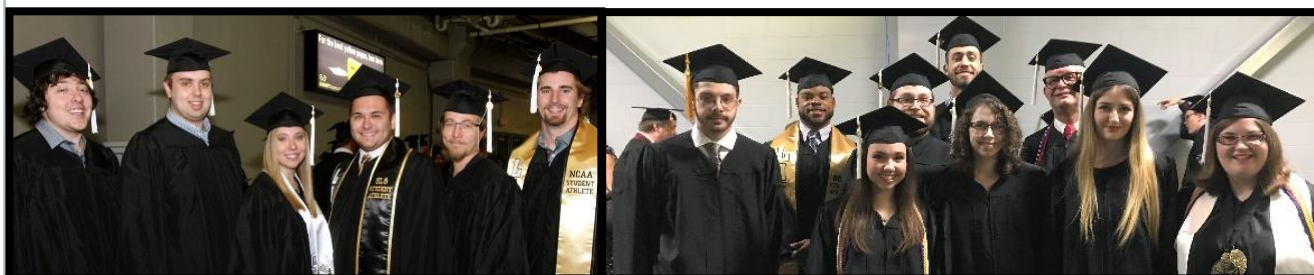
Growth in career opportunities related to Geography/GIS abound especially in the St. Louis metropolitan area with the development of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency’s new campus in North St. Louis. **Aaron Azkoul**, a 2018 graduate and geography minor, just began work as a full-time geospatial analyst with NGA. He interned with NGA and with his coursework in GIS got a great job after graduation. Alumnus **Adam Stroud** has parlayed the GIS expertise he developed at Lindenwood into a new career as a project manager at PGAV Planners.



Congrats History Grads!



Kristin Laney was awarded the Schoenhard American Heritage Award that recognizes outstanding achievement in the study of American values and character education. **Rachel Gann** was awarded the Phi Alpha Theta History Award that recognizes academic excellence and contributions to the History and Geography Department and to Lindenwood University. **Lauren Gygi** received University Honors.



Congrats to all our great graduates: Mallory Bruno, Joshua Johnson, Joshua Lee, Keegan Reynolds, Tyler Sanfilippo, Austin Steins, Steven Tusing, Calen Campbell, Rachel Gann, Lauren Gygi (Summa Cum Laude and University Honors), Sean Haley, Brett Henke, James Hunt, Kristen Laney (Summa Cum Laude), and Maiia Ziuzina!



A Celebration Dinner: Graduates and some of their sweeties celebrated their impending matriculation with a Caribbean vibe—dining al fresco on the Cohens' deck. Congratulations to Lauren Gygi, Drew Strohecker, Kristen Laney, Rachel Gann, Brayden Parker, Trevor Niebrzdoski, Zack Gorman, and Amanda Moore.

Record Year for Internships

10 Years, 90 Internships, and 30 Institutions



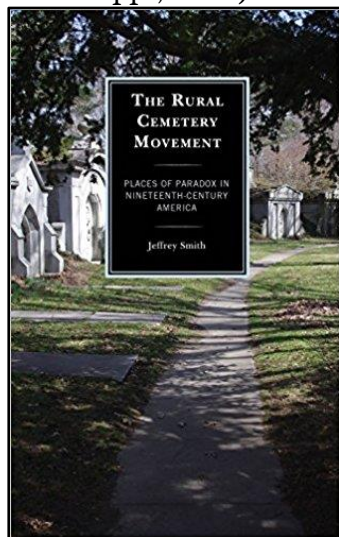
Since the fall of 2008, the History and Geography Department has placed more than 90 students in professional internships in over 30 sites regionally and nationally. We provide students with practical opportunities to apply historians' skills in the work world, exposing them to a range of professional careers in museums, archives, and historical sites. Students become more marketable with actual work experience to list on their resumes and chances to secure a wider range of letters of recommendation. And for the most part, they enjoy the experience.

In 2017-2018, we had a record number of 19 students exploring potential careers. **Calen Campbell** and **Katie Centini** supported Paul Huffman in Lindenwood's Mary E. Ambler Archives. **Jim Hunt** researched for the First Missouri State Capitol Historic Site. **Brayden Parker** and **Rachel Gann** worked at the Missouri Historical Society. **Mallory Bruno**, **Ryan Mixon**, and **Brett Henke** led educational programs at the Historic Daniel Boone Home. **Steve Tusing**, **Morgan Fitzgerald**, **Tyler Sanfilippo**, and **Kristin Laney** organized archive collections for the St. Charles County Historical Society. **Conor Behrens** interned at the Strategic Air & Aerospace Museum in Nebraska and is returning this summer for a paid position. **Joshua Lee** and **Keegan Reynolds** had history positions with the St. Louis County Parks. **Anthony Sandifer** was at the U.S. Grant National Historical Site, and **April York** worked with the Army Corps of Engineers. **Maiia Ziuzina** gained experience at the Missouri State Archives, and **Joshua Johnson** researched at the Federal Courthouse.



Faculty News

Rowman & Littlefield published **Dr. Jeffrey Smith's** book in October titled *The Rural Cemetery Movement: Places of Paradox in Nineteenth Century America* (Lexington Books, 2017). He also has a chapter, "Till Death Do Keep Us Part: Segregation and Social Values in Cemeteries in St. Louis, Missouri," in *Till Death Do Us Part: Ethnic Cemeteries as Borders Uncrossed* (Forthcoming, University Press of Mississippi, 2018).



Dr. Jo Ellen Kerksiek is sorting and packing books, revising several courses, redoing York St. John study abroad materials, updating and reinvigorating advising materials, and planning to

visit Yellowstone National Park this summer.

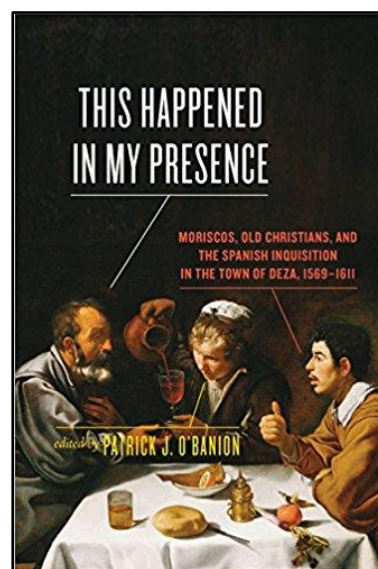
Dr. Donald Heidenreich, between bike races, wrote a number of encyclopedia entries including "Adkins v. Children's Hospital" and "Sixteenth Amendment" in *Women in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of Women as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders* (ABC-CLIO, 2017) and "World War II" in *The SAGE Encyclopedia of War* (Sage Publishing, 2017).

Dr. Kris Smith's regional history, *Wild Place: A History of Priest Lake, Idaho*, is now in its third printing with Washington State University Press. She is finishing an article for the *Journal of Western History* titled, "Almost Insuperable Difficulty: The Northwest Borderlands Surveyed by the British and American Boundary Commission."

Dr. Mike Whaley leads the School of Humanities as we transform to meet changing academic challenges. He is also squeezing in time to revise a chapter from his dissertation on the Civil War in St. Louis.

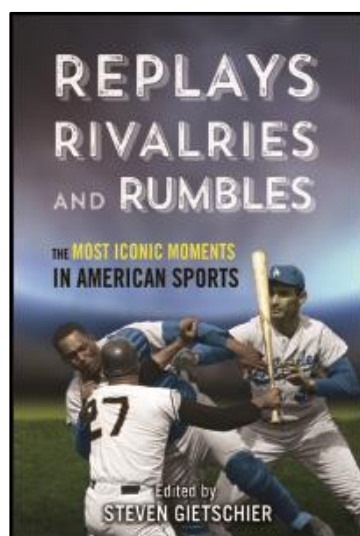
In 2017, **Dr. Patrick O'Banion** spent time at the Institute for Advanced Study

(Princeton, NJ), where he was the Felix Gilbert Member in the School of Historical Studies and published "Peace and Quiet in Castile," which can be found on the Institute website and in *Studying the Near and Middle East* (Gorgias, 2018). His essay, "The Prisoners' Dilemma," appeared in *Playthings in Early Modernity* (MIP, 2017), and he published a new book, *This Happened in My Presence: Moriscos, Old Christians and the Spanish Inquisition in the Town of Deza, 1569-1611* (Toronto, 2017). He is working on Muslim-Christian relations in early modern Spain, directs the Medieval and Early Modern Studies minor, and chases after his kids.



Dr. Meredith Marsh is now one of the Faculty Council representatives from the School of Humanities and is the editor of the *Journal of Geography*.

Dr. Steven Gietschier is pleased to announce publication of *Replays, Rivalries, and Rumbles: The Most Iconic Moments in American Sports*, a collection of 23 essays by leading scholars in the field of American sport history. He has also assumed the chair of the Time and Site Committee for the North American Society for Sport History.



Dr. Theodore Cohen published his essay "Among Races, Nations, and Diasporas: Genealogies of 'La bamba' in Mexico and the United States," in *Studies in Latin American Popular Culture* 35 (2017). In January

2018, he presented some of his current research at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting. On campus, he has spent much of the past year leading the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Taskforce and chairing the Institutional Review Board.

Dr. Peter Griffin returned to one of his first loves when he taught a course on the ancient Greeks and democracy in Washington University's Lifelong Learning Institute.

About Campus

Dr. Gietschier was nominated by Lindenwood's softball team to throw out the first pitch for a softball game this spring. He got the game against Washburn off to a great start.

Dr. O'Banion spoke at the spring Faculty Colloquium. His topic was "Relativity and Roman Ramirez: What Can We Know about the Past?"

Drs. Kris and Jeffrey Smith were highlighted in the February issue of *The Legacy*, the student magazine published several times a semester. **Paul Huffman** and

the Mary E. Ambler Archives were highlighted in the March issue. The archives have a new home in the Library and Academic Resources Center (LARC). Paul enjoys everything about his new digs but especially likes all of the space.



Dr. Heidenreich was also highlighted in the April issue of *The Legacy*. He was one of the panel at the Diversity Dialogue discussing freedom of speech. These are forums organized by the DEI Task Force, of which Dr. Cohen is a member, and the Office of Student Life and Diversity.

Guess who was Santa Claus at the Christmas Walk in December?



Current Student News

Brayden Parker and **Sara Wagenknecht** made the Vice President's List, which recognizes student-athletes who earn a 3.75 or higher semester GPA. **Lauren Gygi** was accepted into the graduate program in history at Missouri State University. **Keegan Reynolds** was accepted into the graduate program in history at St. Louis University.

Erika Pappa and **Kaliya Robinson** were part of the Lionettes team that won the national title at the NCA/NDA Collegiate Cheer and Dance Championships. **Savanna Wagaman** was part of the cheerleading team that took first place at nationals in April. **Morgan Courtney** earned special mention for her play in the women's rugby game against the University of Missouri. **Conor Behrens** was named the MIAA Hitter of the Week on 24 April.

Drew Strohecker returned from studying abroad in the United Kingdom in time to help the shooting team win another national championship. What a year! This spring, **Morgan Courtney**, **April York**, and two other students from Lindenwood studied at YSJ. **Alex Stuchell's** short story, "A Night of the Blood Moon," was published in the most recent *Arrow Rock*, Lindenwood's undergraduate literary journal.



Alumni News

Andrea (Miller) Jandt has returned to her history roots. Now teaching social studies at Bryan Middle School, she presented a workshop at the Missouri Conference for the Social Studies on Primary and Secondary Source Analysis. Her family will grow by one in August. Sounds like she is having a great year!

Tanya Jones's paper, "The Impact of Jewish American Identity and Assimilation in the Reform Movement," was published in the Fall/Winter 2017 edition of *The Confluence*. **Kami Ahrens** is the assistant curator and educational outreach coordinator at the Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center in Georgia. She completed her MA in historical archaeology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln earlier this year. **Nick Sacco** moderated a book discussion on *U.S. Grant: American Hero, American Myth* by Joan Waugh at the Lincoln Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois.

Josh Kamper and **Kaitlyn Becker-Michel** are now married. Congratulations to them both! **Tina Smith-Cowan** gave birth to daughter Viola last fall.

James Kintz's paper, "The Unity of the Knower and the Known: The Phenomenology of Aristotle and the Metaphysics of Husserl," was recently published in *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, and he was just awarded the Sanders Graduate Student Award from the American Philosophical Association.

Laura Raylene Reed has completed her master's in archaeology from the University of Glasgow.

Come Find Us in McCluer!

The School of Humanities is moving from Butler Hall into the former dorm McCluer Hall. Come check out our new digs! If you cannot get to campus soon, be sure to let us know what you are doing. And, as always, if there is anything we can do to help you, please let us know.

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