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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

It has been an exciting spring at the Center. In a first, we cooperated with UT's MARCO Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies to organize a three-day symposium on war, diplomacy, and conspiracy in the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Dr. Ted Gup of Emerson College kicked off the event with a topical lecture on the CIA today. We had more good news when we learned that Josh Sander, a graduate student active in the Center, won a prestigious Fulbright fellowship for research in Germany on his dissertation, which deals with Nazi plans for the Netherlands. This is the twelfth major award won by our students. In addition, graduate student assistant Alison Vick won a Hoover Institution Archives grant for the summer, and *The New York Times* included mention of work done by our graduate students Robert Glaze and Mike McConnell (who has just completed his Ph.D.). In April, we were proud to host a meeting of the State of Tennessee's Great War Commission, which will lead commemoration of the First World War's centenary statewide. Thanks to our generous donors for their help in making all these successes possible!

—*Vejas Gabriel Liulevicius, Director*



TGWCC
TENNESSEE GREAT WAR COMMISSION

Tennessee's Great War Commission Leads WWI Centennial Commemoration

The most recent meeting of Tennessee's Great War Commission was held here at CSWS on April 1. The Great War Commission was formed last year by the state legislature and is part of the nationwide effort to support the U.S. World War I Centennial Committee's efforts to honor American WWI veterans and their families, and to promote educational awareness of our nation's role in the Great War. More than 130,000 Tennesseans served during World War I and the commission, headed by Dr. Michael Birdwell of Tennessee Tech University and curator of the Alvin York papers, will shine a light on their experiences through a statewide effort.

Other experts on the commission include:

- Vejas G. Liulevicius, Director, UT Center for the Study of War & Society
- Senator Doug Henry
- Blount County Archivist Jackie Glenn
- UT Martin professor Dr. Catherine Carls
- East Tennessee State professor Dr. Daryl Carter
- Andy Pouncey of Germantown
- Metro Nashville Archivist Ken Fieth
- Richard Gonzales of Memphis

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TGWC (continued)

On November 8, 2015 the GWC will hold the first public event at the Nashville Public Library. An all-day symposium will be held featuring discussions on Tennesseans who served in World War I prior to official U.S. involvement. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to contact Dr. Michael Birdwell at birdie@tntech.edu.



Our Center hosted the TGWC meeting in April.



CHECK OUT THE CENTER'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL OF HISTORY LECTURES

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COMING SOON...

World War II Digital Oral History Project is Launched

This spring CSWS and the UT Special Collections Library celebrated the opening of a new digital collection of World War II interviews conducted by CSWS over the last 25 years. The project was made possible by grant funding through the National Historical Publication and Records Commission (NHPRC).

You can visit the collection at digital.lib.utk.edu/collections/wwiioralhistories.

Our fall edition will feature more news and information about this historic project.



2014-2015 INTERNS



CSWS had an outstanding group of undergraduate interns this spring to work with the historical editing of our veteran oral history interviews. (L-R) Makena Lowrey, Taylor Kress, and Megan Stromer. Not pictured, Graham Gibson

The William Benjamin Anderson Fellowship

Led by CSWS supporters Edgar C. Wilson and Dr. James Pointer, the Anderson Fellowship was generously established in September 2002, by the Paxton Chapter No. 184 of the Royal Arch Masons. With the support of Mrs. Juanita Anderson, their decision to fund an endowment in honor of their deceased companion, William Benjamin Anderson, continues today. Anderson was a native of Knox County who served as an Army medic during the Second World War and later worked for Union Carbide Nuclear Company, X-10 plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The fellowship supports University of Tennessee graduate students who are studying topics related to military history and/or war and society. The selection(s) are made each spring by the Director of the Center for the Study of War & Society in consultation with the Graduate Committee of the Department of History.

Last year, the winner was Mr. Josh Sander, a graduate student in history who is researching how the Netherlands and Dutch society were affected during and after World War II by the cruel Nazi occupation. Since then he won a research scholarship to work at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. This spring, he won a prestigious Fulbright fellowship for research in archives in Germany. Eventually, this will produce an important book on a neglected set of questions from World War II.

CSWS is delighted to announce that the new winner of the Anderson Fellowship for spring 2015 is Ms. Alison Vick, a graduate student who is researching POWs in the First World War, a topic that historians need to know much more about. She is an outstanding student, and in February won a summer research scholarship to visit the Hoover Institution archives in Stanford, California. They have large archival holdings on the First World War period, so this will be very helpful for her work.



PAST RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

- 2013: Bradley Nichols
- 2012: Geoff Krempa
- 2011: Michael McConnell, Aaron Jerviss
- 2010: Vicki Rozema
- 2009: Travis Hardy, Miguel Gomez
- 2008: Paul Coker
- 2007: Melinda Pash



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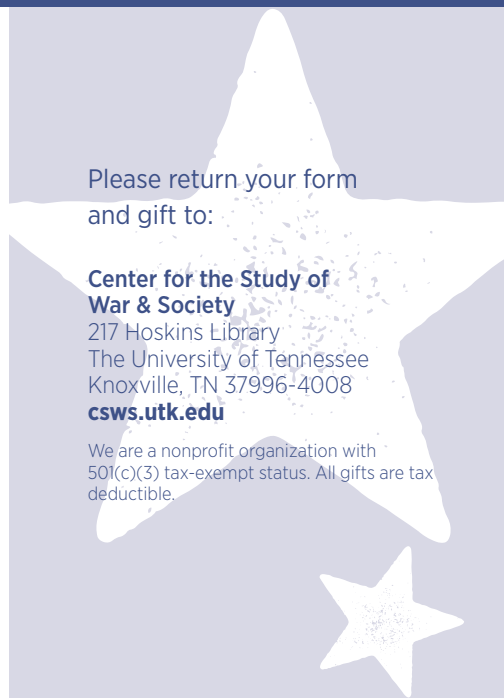
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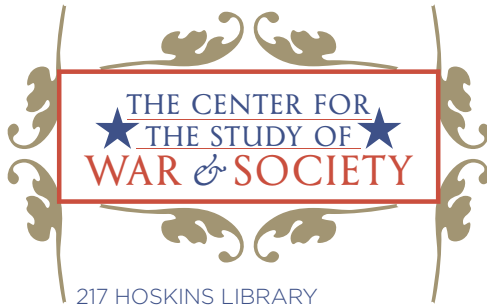
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