Meet the History Department
Dr. Daniel Broyld

The History Department would like to give a warm welcome to Dr. Daniel J. Broyld, who has joined the department this Spring. Dr. Broyld received an A.A in history from Sage Junior College of Albany (2002) and a B.A. from Hofstra University (2004). His M.A. is from SUNY Brockport (2005) and PhD from Howard University (2011). Prior to his arrival at CCSU, he taught at the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown and Howard University. With multiple years of experience in public history, Dr. Broyld is a perfect fit for CCSU Public History program. As a member of the Board of Trustees for the Fredrick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association of Washington D.C., he is an avid member of the history field across the nation. Dr. Broyld is a productive scholar and has several articles and books published or forthcoming, including his most recent, Borderland Blacks: Rochester, New York and St. Catharines, Canada West, 1800-1861 which will be published in the near future. His research for the book gives attention to the American-Canadian border and the issues of migration, Black Identity, and transnational relations. Dr. Daniel Broyld has so much to offer our department and we are enthusiastic about his presence at Central.

History Events for Spring 2014

Tony Horwitz:
March 28th, 8:30 – 1:30pm
(Alumni Hall in Student Center)
Author of Midnight Rising & Confederates in the Attic. Discussion and Q & A

A Day in History
April 3rd
1:40-2:55: (Marcus White Living Room)
History of Race and Gender in Sports featuring author Troy Rondinone, from SCSU and Gaspar Ortega a prize fighter.
3:00 – 4:30: (SSH 106) The CCSU History Club is sponsoring the lecture, "A Step Back in Time: Life During the Holocaust," featuring Eliana Matalon, a child holocaust survivor.

Keala Kelly:
April 9th, 4:30 – 7:10pm
(Vance 105)
Viewing of her award winning film, Noho Hewa, with a Q & A discussion afterwards.

Dr. Robert Wolff:
May 1st, Hist 566
Civil War and Reconstruction in the United States will be filmed for an appearance on C-Span. Check http://www.c-span.org/History/ for broadcast details.
Reacting to the Past

On Friday, January 17, 2014, the CCSU History Department hosted a workshop for an innovative teaching program, Reacting to the Past. CCSU and Tunxis Community College cosponsored the workshop, and faculty from both attended. The Reacting method brings history to life by allowing students to play the role of historical characters in tense, exciting, and pivotal moments in history, including the French Revolution, the partition of India, and the American Revolution. An innovative teaching pedagogy developed by historian Mark Carnes and now practiced at over 300 campuses nationwide, RTTP immerses students into the complex world of the past through elaborate role-playing games, and asks them to play a part in recreating these difficult and complicated moments in history. To prepare for their roles, RTTP students read classic texts such as the writings of Confucius or John Locke and Thomas Paine or Martin Luther King; during the game, they write papers, deliver rousing speeches, and engage in lively debates about big ideas such as the nature of political ruler or the value of nonviolent political action. Along the way, and without even knowing it, they acquire vital skills of communication and negotiation, bond with fellow students, and come to feel part of the CCSU community. The RTTP courses have a range of subjects that may help students see the value of many general education classes, from Earth Science to Biology to Political Science and beyond.

At the workshop, history faculty played the game on the Partition of India, 1945. Faculty members took on roles from Gandhi to the governors general, the leader of the Communist Party, untouchables, and members of the Indian National Congress. CCSU's History Dept. will start offering RTTP courses in Fall, 2014, with two sections of HIST 100: Search in History to be taught by Mark Jones and Steve McGrath.

List of participating faculty:

CCSU
Mark Jones
Katherine Hermes
John Tully
Torger Vedeler
Dann Broyld
Leah Glaser
Heather Prescott
Mary Ann Mahony
Kate McGrath
Louise Williams
Steve McGrath
Don Rogers
Karen Ryder
Virginia Mitchell
Rom Byczkiewicz
John Mueller
Alexander Maravel

Tunxis
Fran Coan
Rafaele Fierro
Derek Morrissey
Stephen Ersinghaus
Spring 2014 History Department Speakers

Guest Speaker Dr. Arica Coleman
This past February, CCSU was fortunate to have guest speaker, Dr. Arica Coleman from the University of Delaware visit. She on the history of African American and Native American relationships in Virginia, sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Equity, the Committee on the Concerns of Women, the Office of Student Affairs and the History Department. Dr. Coleman is an Assistant Professor of Black American Studies at the University of Delaware and a lecturer for the Center for Africana Studies at Johns Hopkins University. She has recently accepted a four year appointment to the Organization of American Historians Alana committee, which focuses on the status of African American, Latino/Latina American, Native American and Asian American histories and historians. She also has recently published *That the Blood Stay Pure: African Americans, Native Americans, and the Predicament of Race and Identity in Virginia*, which traces the history of the Virginia commonwealth and their relations with African Americans and Native Americans. This compelling book addresses the racial purity campaign brought on by the rich in Virginia and brings to light an abandoned aspect of America’s long struggle with race and identity.

Filmmaker, Keala Kelly Visits CCSU
Filmmaker Keala Kelly will be here April 9, 2014 from 4:30-7:10 in Vance 105. Her film, *Noho Hewa: The Wrongful Occupation of Hawaii*, is a documentary on the United States military occupation of Hawaii, which led to the influx of Americans moving to the tropical island. This eventually led to the relocation of the, now minority, local population. This award-winning documentary is an eye-opening film that uncovers a problem little talked about in America. Keala Kelly’s visit is sponsored and funded by the Hartford Consortium for a Higher Education grant on Connecticut-Hawai‘i connections and SCSU Minority Recruitment & Retention Committee Grants, 2013-2014. The film and the discussion are sponsored by the History Department, the Committee on the Concerns of Women, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies and Peace Studies.

Pulitzer Prize Winner Tony Horwitz
Award winning author, Tony Horwitz will be visiting CCSU March 28th from 8:30 to 1:30pm Alumni Hall in the Student Center. This outstanding event will hold an enthralling discussion with Horwitz, as he discusses his numerous publications, including *Midnight Rising* and *Confederates in the Attic*. Preceding Horwitz is a debate of great proportions, as Frederick Douglas, Abraham Lincoln, and Alexander Stephens discuss the meaning of freedom. This Civil War conference is an honor for Central to host and will hurl CCSU back into the 1860’s.
Catching Up With Dr. Gloria Emeagwali

Known in the gym as “The Iron Lady,” Prof. Gloria Emeagwali is an impressive athlete. She deadlifts 200 lbs., does a vertical leg press of 1000 lbs., and does a shoulder press of 400 lbs. But that's only her hobby, albeit one she has engaged in consistently for 20 years. She works out at four different gyms.

Advice for success in the gym: Quit the soft drinks and eat smart. Work out consistently. Know your limits and defy them. It's about strength, endurance and defying gender stereotypes and prejudice.

Dr. Emeagwali is an equally impressive scholar. Professionally she has one main interest: to record for posterity, in video-film and print, Africa's ancient and contemporary history. Staring at the three-thousand-year-old temple of Yeha and filming it, in Yeha, Ethiopia, 2013, proved to be as exhilarating as an interview on Swahili Civilization done a few weeks ago in 2014. She has produced about twenty-five hours worth of video-film so far. Some are available at vimeo.com/user5946750/videos.

Completing a manuscript on African Indigenous Knowledge Systems and the Disciplines was Emeagwali’s eighth book, and it meant a lot to her. The text was co-edited with Professor George Sef-Dei of the University of Toronto, an outstanding guru in the field, and is forthcoming. Professor Emeagwali is also the Chief Editor of Africa Update, A Newsletter of African Studies, that has made available over two hundred scholarly articles on aspects of African Studies www.ccsu.edu/afstudy/archive.html. Dr. Emeagwali is also a Reviewer for CHOICE of the American Library Association and has been for several years now. She is co-chair of the Amistad Committee, that has brought to campus for the last decade distinguished scholars such as Professors Tiyambe Zeleza Toyin Falola, Tunde Zack-Williams and others. Professor Obioma Nnaemeka of Indiana University was the featured speaker for 2014.

Advice to students: Believe in yourself. Work consistently. Work hard. Be passionate about what you do. What you do in the gym may fortify you for your academic work. These activities are by no means mutually exclusive. Mens sana in corpore sano (Juvenal). Sound mind in a healthy body is the goal that we should aspire to attain.
Congratulations to our own Mike Forino! The CT Trust for Historic Preservation just hired him as Project Manager for Making Places--an effort to survey the state's historic mills.

Matt Williams, BSED, '10, is currently teaching 7th grade at Two Rivers Magnet Middle School in East Hartford.

Two History Students Awarded The Ebenezer D. Bassett Student Achievement Medal

The History Department is proud to announce that this year two History students received the Ebenezer D. Bassett Medal for their outstanding academic work this past Fall. Brent Charpentier and James Moreno went above and beyond in the classroom and excelled in every task handed to them as History majors. Both of these remarkable students will be graduating this spring, and we wish them luck in their future endeavors.
Michael Markowicz, BA, CCSU, magna cum laude ‘03; JD, Harvard, ’06, is an Associate at Murtha/Cullina Attorneys at Law. He is a member of the firm's Municipal, Education, and Litigation Practice Groups. Mr. Markowicz advises municipalities and educational institutions concerning a wide variety of legal issues, including labor and employment matters, municipal tax appeals, and administrative land use appeals. He represents municipalities and educational institutions in litigation in both federal and state court, including appeals to the Connecticut Appellate Court and Supreme Court. He has also represented municipalities before the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights (CHRO), the Department of Labor, the Workers' Compensation Commission, the Freedom of Information Commission, and the Department of Agriculture.

Scott Smolinski, BSED '00, is now the Assistant Principal of the Hedrick Middle School.

Kelly Marino, BA, '08, is at Binghamton University working on her PhD in US Women's History. She is researching the history of student activism for women’s suffrage on college campuses.

Sarah Chipman, BA, '02, graduated from Western New England College (now University) School of Law in 2008. Since then she has been working in a two-lawyer firm in Simsbury exclusively doing employment law. She represents both employers and employees in all aspects of employment law (discrimination, wage issues, contracts, whistleblower, etc.).

History Graduate students enjoying an evening at Dr. Warshauer’s home on the occasion of Dr. Greenfields farewell party.
President Barack Obama Visits CCSU

CCSU had the privilege to host President Obama earlier this March as he began promoting his new initiative to raise the minimum wage to $10.10. The crowd was electrified by his personable and determined style of speaking. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many CCSU students was an experience like no other. With a crowd well over three thousand, the demand to listen to the president was extremely high, with tickets running out within minutes. Those who were fortunate enough to receive a ticket, including the History department’s own Dr. Glaser (bottom left), didn’t mind waiting in line for multiple hours to enter the gymnasium. The president was accompanied by the governors of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Connecticut.

CCSU History Major, James Moreno (center bottom) was honored with the opportunity to open the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Obama spoke for nearly forty minutes on his future endeavors, hoping to gain public approval across New England. This outstanding opportunity for Central put it in the national spotlight for the day and gave the school well-deserved national recognition.
History Department Welcomes Ph.D. Candidate from Brazil

CCSU History Department would like to welcome Marileide Cassoli, who is spending six months here as a visiting scholar. Cassoli is a PhD candidate in history at the Federal University of Minas Gerais in Brazil, and her research is on the Afro-Brazilian family in Minas Gerais from the mid-nineteenth century to the abolition period. She is here under the auspices of a Brazilian government “Sandwich Fellowship,” which requires the nation’s doctoral candidates to spend up to six months studying abroad with a scholar in the graduate student’s field, in hopes to establish several contacts in their field of study. The History Department is happy to host Marileide Cassoli as she works with Dr. Mary Ann Mahony and wishes her the best of luck with her thesis.

11th Annual Amistad Banquet

On Tuesday, February 25th, CCSU held the 11th annual Amistad Lecture & Banquet. This year their lecture focused on gender and the struggle for human rights, with women’s studies scholar, Dr. Obioma Nnaemeka, as guest speaker. Dr. Nnaemeka was the former Director of the Women’s Studies Program at Indiana University and is an expert in gender/women’s studies and development. The celebration was full of scholarly lectures, music, and a delicious dinner. As Co-Chair of the Amistad Committee, the History department’s own Dr. Gloria Emeagwali took part in the formation of this event and had the honor of opening the ceremony. Dr. Katherine Harris was also asked to be a part of a Q & A panel, where she was asked multiple questions in her field of study. The Banquet was another successful event for the Amistad Committee and they hope to continue the tradition next year.

Dr. John Tully Appointed to National Committee

Dr. John Tully has been appointed as the Connecticut State Representative for the Social Studies Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction Committee of the National Council of Chief State School Officers. He was awarded this position because of his outstanding work and experience in the History and Social Studies field. Dr. Tully has been able to support teachers throughout Connecticut with the use of the Teaching American History grant and is an active member of the Connecticut Council for Social Studies. He will now be involved with providing advice and direction to State Departments of Education on implementing effective strategies to enhance the teaching of social studies.
This summer, the history department is happy to announce, there will be several classes available for students to take. In an effort to accommodate as many students as possible, we will have classes at all levels this summer, as well as, at least one history class for students each summer session. Students will be able to sign up for summer classes March 31. Also make sure you meet with your advisor for summer and fall semester classes starting 3/24 until 4/4, so sign up as soon as possible. Classes fill up fast!

**Women’s History Month Annual Event**
On March 25th, in honor of Women’s History Month, CCSU will conduct their annual Women’s History Luncheon in Alumni Hall at noon. This great event is sponsored by the History Department, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, Committee on the Concerns of Women, and the Ruth Boyea Women’s Center. This year’s guest speaker is Robin Morgan, acclaimed author of *Sisterhood is Powerful, Sisterhood is Global, and Sisterhood is Forever.* Morgan is an active member and leader of the contemporary U.S. feminist movement and continues to support and create programs for women refugees, women rape victims, and women in the work force. It is an honor to have her speak here at CCSU and we would like to thank Dr. Heather Munro Prescott, Jacqueline Cobbina-Boivin and many more for organizing this great event.

Lorene Wright and Amanda Nicholas were awarded the MA in History and MA in Public History Awards for their outstanding academic work as well as their involvement in the History field across Connecticut.

**History Department Summer Classes**

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The History Department has been on the move, as you’ll see from the growth of our newsletter from 8 pages to 12. Always a department with tremendous energy, we seem to be on fire since our relocation to our new offices in Social Sciences Hall. We also have a new website design and invite everyone to take a look at it: http://www.history.ccsu.edu. Our faculty has also experienced some changes. With Dr. Briann Greenfield’s departure (p.11), we hired a new faculty member, Dann Broyld (p.1). We’re revitalizing our curriculum with innovative teaching techniques (p.2) and continuing to participate in the life of scholarship around the state, nation and globe. As chair, I recently was part of a panel on jobs for liberal arts majors. Employment issues continue to be at the forefront of public debate. Should we all be STEM majors now? Is a liberal arts education passé for the vast majority of college and university students? I don’t believe it is, and study after study supports the view that liberally educated students do best in their careers, whatever they might be. I recommend Smart Moves for Liberal Arts Grads: Finding a Path to Your Perfect Career by Sheila Curran and Suzanne Greenwald (2011) for suggestions about how to combine majors, minors and extracurricular activities with an eye toward the future. The most important qualities in today’s workforce are flexibility, curiosity and imagination. Although a university education is not and should not be mere vocational training, it is true that students who graduate from university earn more over their lifetimes and report greater job satisfaction. As we go forward, we will need to address the concerns of our students about jobs, and in so doing we’ll continue to prepare them to live life to the fullest.

Successful Alumnus Author William Mann Visits CCSU
CCSU Alumnus, William Mann ’84 visited campus earlier this March speaking about his success as an author and a historian. Mann was the co-publisher of Metroline magazine that is based in Hartford, CT and is a gay-lesbian newsmagazine. Mann’s most recent book, Hello Gorgeous: Becoming Barbara Streisand is an outstanding biography of Barbara Streisand’s early meteoric rise to stardom. It was an honor for CCSU to have him visit and his talk was insightful and enjoyable for all.
Dr. Matthew Warshauer Joins Connecticut Humanities

Dr. Matthew Warshauer has become a new member of the board for Connecticut Humanities. He has developed and continues to work on research projects about Connecticut’s history. As Chair and Project Coordinator of the Connecticut Civil War Commemoration Committee, he worked with historical societies, organizations and countless individuals in the state to plan events for the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. He serves on a number of advisory boards and committees, including the American Association of State and Local History, Civil War Sesquicentennial Board, Connecticut Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History and the advisory board of the Hartford Heritage Project. His awards include the Connecticut State University Trustees Research Award, which he received in 2006, and Honorary Inductee into Golden Key Honor Society, 2012. CT Humanities values his strong advocacy for the importance of teaching and understanding history. The History Department is delighted he will be joining the CTH board.

Dr. Briann Greenfield, director of our Public History Program, 2002-2013, is now Executive Director of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Her last day at CCSU was December 31, 2013. "While I'm excited about the new position and the new challenges it brings, I'm going to miss my students, particularly all of you grad students," Dr. Greenfield said. The History Department faculty and staff will miss her greatly. Dr. Greenfield taught courses in material culture, consumer culture, urban history, museums, and most recently, food ways. Her office door was always open for her students, whether they were getting a minor in Public History, majoring in history, or working on a Masters of Public History. She hosted an annual party for graduate students at her home in New Britain and helped create a feeling a community and solidarity among our graduate students.

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Matthew Specter presented a paper at Cornell University's first History and Theory Colloquium on February 24. The subject was the conservative legal theorist Carl Schmitt and his legacy for the post-1989 political Left: "What's 'Left' in Schmitt? From Aversion to Appropriation in Contemporary Political Theory." Dr. Specter also chaired a panel on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and human rights at an interdisciplinary conference at the University of Richmond entitled, "Normative Theory and International Relations," on March 1.

**CCSU History Masters Students Publish!**

In February, the History Department held a book release and signing event for the outstanding work that nine graduate students had done last year. With help from Dr. Matthew Warshauer, *Inside Connecticut and the Civil War* was finalized and published this year. The book is a collection of essays by nine extraordinary Masters of History students, who together present all aspects of the Civil War in Connecticut. This was a monumental moment for CCSU and the History Department. The contributions from Dr. Warshauer, James Brown, Diana Moraco, Carol Patterson-Martineau, David Batch, Luke Boyd, Michael Sturges, Todd Jones, Emily Gifford, and Michael Collin made this book possible.