

## News from the CENFAD Community

**Tyler Bamford** (PhD, 2019) has accepted a position as a historian with the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, DC. During his time as the Sherry and Alan Leventhal Research Fellow at The National WWII Museum, he wrote more than 25 articles for the museum's website and co-hosted the museum's virtual 13th International Conference on March 5-6.

**Menika Dirkson** will soon be defending her dissertation, "Hope and Struggle in the Policed Inner-City: Black Criminalization and Racial Capitalism in Philadelphia, 1914-1978." She is also the winner of the John S. Kramer Memorial Award in Temple's College of Liberal Arts and will be a visiting Assistant Professor of African American History at Loyola University Maryland beginning this Fall.

Congratulations to **Dr. Steven Elliott** of the U.S. Army Center of Military History on the publication of his first book, *Surviving the Winters: Housing Washington's Army during the American Revolution*. Dr. Elliott is a product of the Temple University doctoral program in history. His book is a revised version of his 2018 dissertation, "The New Jersey Highlands War: Civilians, Soldiers, and Environment, 1777-1781," which he wrote under the direction of Dr. Gregory J.W. Urwin. *Surviving the Winter* is Volume 72 in the Campaigns and Commanders Series that Dr. Urwin edits for University of Oklahoma Press. When Elliott was working on his dissertation, major stakeholders committed to Revolutionary War studies supported his research with \$22,000 in fellowships and a \$5,000 paper prize. Click [here](#) for more information on *Surviving the Winters*.

**Dr. Jay Lockenour** (Associate Professor of History) is delighted to announce that *Dragonslayer: The Legend of Erich Ludendorff in the Weimar Republic and Third Reich* is now available from Cornell University Press (and other vendors) as a [hardcover or ebook](#).

A work of military history by Temple University alumnus **Kevin J. McNamara**, *Dreams of a Great Small Nation: The Mutinous Army that Threatened a Revolution, Destroyed an Empire, Founded a Republic, and Remade the Map of Europe* (New York: Public Affairs) was re-issued in the fall of 2020 in Czech and Slovak translations by Slovart Publishing Ltd., Prague, CZ, and Bratislava, SK. The translations followed a U.S. State Department-hosted two-nation book tour by the author, who gave 8 talks and 4 media interviews in the two republics in May 2018. The book was reviewed by then-Ph.D. student Mathias Fuelling in the fall 2016 issue of *Strategic Visions* magazine.

In 2020, **Dr. Alan McPherson** took CENFAD's activities temporarily online because of the pandemic, hosting a dozen talks, many of them discussed in this issue of *Strategic Visions*. COVID-19 also disrupted his plans for speaking engagements for his late-2019 book, [Ghosts of Sheridan Circle: How a Washington Assassination Brought Pinochet's Terror State to Justice](#). Before then, early 2020 was a busy time, with a mini-tour in Texas and Oklahoma and another in

Europe. After March, he gave a few online talks and several podcast interviews about the book. Late in 2020, he published one peer-reviewed article in Spanish, “Derrota y triunfo de la no-intervención en la Sociedad de las Naciones y las conferencias panamericanas,” for *Clío: Órgano de la Academia Dominicana de la Historia*. He also published two chapters: “Self-Interest, Prejudice, and Liberalism: A History of U.S. Empire in the Americas,” in [The Future of U.S. Empire in the Americas: The Trump Administration and Beyond](#), edited by Timothy Gill, and “Anti-Imperialist Racial Solidarity Before the Cold War: Success and Failure,” in [Latin America and the Global Cold War](#), edited by Stella Krepp, Thomas Field, and Vanni Pettinà. He also published four book reviews. He continues as Associate Editor of *Diplomatic History*, edited at Temple, and joined the Editorial Board of the *Journal of American History*. Finally, he was part of a review panel for the Association of Diplomatic Studies and Training, whose worked helped publish *United States Diplomacy: From Its Beginnings to Today*.”

**Dr. Matthew Shannon** (Associate Professor of History) will be publishing an edited book late this summer titled, *American-Iranian Dialogues: From Constitution to White Revolution, c. 1890s-1960s*. [The book](#) will be part of Bloomsbury’s New Approaches to International History Series

**Dr. Silke Zoller** is settling in as assistant professor at Kennesaw State University. In July 2021, Columbia University Press will publish her manuscript *To Deter and Punish: Global Collaboration against Terrorism in the 1970s*. This book is based on the dissertation she completed at Temple University under the guidance of Richard Immerman.

**Dr. Bryant Simon** (Professor of History) received Temple University’s Great Teacher Award, its highest recognition of teaching excellence. The university only gives two awards per year and Dr. Simon’s name will be engraved on the Great Teacher Wall in the Founder’s Garden. It is a well-deserved recognition of the creative and caring spirit he brings into the classroom and to all his interactions with students.

**Amanda Summers** (PhD student) was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to Madrid, Spain from September through June of this year. She also received a research travel grant from Notre Dame University’s Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism. Her paper, “God Keeps Her in Heaven and Forgives Her But She Had a Good Soul”: Gendered and Economic Power in the Converso Community of Mexico City, 1642-1649,” was presented at the Temple Barnes Conference and was accepted at the Louisiana State history graduate student conference, the Rocky Mountain conference for Latin American studies, and the Mid Atlantic conference for Latin American Studies.

**Dr. Gregory J.W. Urwin** (Professor of History) had his 2014 lecture, “‘Abandoned to the Arts & Arms of the Enemy’: Placing the 1781 Virginia Campaign in Its Racial and Political Context” published in Mark E. Grotelueschen, ed., *The Harmon Memorial Lectures in Military History, 1988-2017: A Collection of the Second Thirty (31-60) Harmon Lectures Given at the United States Air Force Academy*, recently released by Air University Press and can be downloaded [here](#). The pandemic has not put a dent in Urwin’s public speaking schedule, and he has delivered

virtual lectures on the American Revolutionary War, Civil War, and World War 2 for St. Paul's Church National Historic Site, the Delaware Valley Civil War Round Table, the British Brigade, and the Union League Legacy Foundation which can be viewed [here](#). Urwin also starred in episodes on *Glory* and *Wake Island* for *Based on a True Story: The Podcast That Compares Hollywood with History*. Finally, Urwin appeared as a guest or guest host on several episodes of [HistoryAuthorTalks.com](http://HistoryAuthorTalks.com) and he served as a panelist for the antiracist Finding Freedom Teachers Institute sponsored by the Museum of the American Revolution.