

News from the CENFAD Community

Co-founder and former CENFAD director **Dr. Richard H. Immerman** took time out from retirement in Fall 2021 to serve as the Stanley Kaplan Distinguished Visiting Professor of American Foreign Policy at William College. With the political scientist James McAllister, he co-taught a course on the Cold War, and he revised and updated “The CIA and US Foreign Policy,” the last class he taught at Temple before retiring. He enjoyed the experience tremendously, although not so much that he regretted his decision to retire. Also keeping Immerman busy are projects that honor two of his mentors who recently passed away. Along with Marc Trachtenberg and H-Diplo/ISSF managing editor Diane Labrosse, he organized, co-chaired, and introduced [a forum that pays tribute to the life, scholarship, and legacy of Robert Jervis](#). More than thirty distinguished scholars contributed, and there will be a second forum this summer. That Diane invited two historians to co-chair this forum speaks volumes as to what made Bob Jervis so special. Immerman will also co-edit a *festschrift* celebrating Walter LaFeber, which Cornell University Press will publish. He is currently raising funds to hold a conference in New York City prior to the volume’s publication. Each chapter will be co-authored to accommodate the number of Walt’s students who wanted to contribute. Moreover, the conference will include a roundtable of his students who made their mark in the policymaking world. Immerman wants to thank all of those who have generously donated to the [Richard Immerman Research Award](#). There is no better way to acknowledge what makes CENFAD so special than to give back to it by supporting student research!



In 2021, current CENFAD director **Dr. Alan McPherson** published two peer-reviewed articles: “[Strange Bedfellows at the End of the Cold War: The Letelier Assassination, Human Rights, and National Sovereignty](#),” in *Cold War History*, and “[Counterterrorism in U.S. Civil Courts: The Role of *Letelier v. Republic of Chile*](#),” in *Law and History Review*. He also participated in a workshop to publish a third article, on the Chilean security state, and a second workshop for advanced graduate students in inter-American relations. Additionally, he published four book reviews. He continues as Associate Editor of [Diplomatic History](#), edited at Temple, and on the Editorial Board of the [Journal of American History](#). Mostly, however, while on sabbatical in Fall 2021, he finished the research on his next book about the Iran-Contra scandal of the 1980s.

Dr. Jay Lockenour still cannot get away from Erich Ludendorff, but is starting a new project on sports and the military. Beginning with Germany, the project asks why military and civilian leaders so often view sports as the key to both future military victory and national regeneration in the wake of defeat. A research trip to Germany this summer will provide a first opportunity to examine relevant archives, though Dr. Lockenour has already begun to give presentations on the topic at the Philadelphia-area Modern Germany Workshop and the upcoming Humanities Seminar—AfterWars—at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He also advises community members that, if you have not yet read his recent

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book [*Dragonslayer: The Legend of Erich Ludendorff in the Weimar Republic and Third Reich*](#), you should be sure to check it out.

Dr. Gregory J.W. Urwin published “How Am I Going . . . to Show My Rank’: What George Armstrong Custer Actually Wore at Gettysburg” in the [July 2021 issue of *Gettysburg Magazine*](#), a juried journal published by University of Nebraska Press. Urwin caused wide-ranging reaction in cyberspace with “[The Yorktown Tragedy: Washington’s Slave Roundup](#),” which appeared in the online *Journal of the American Revolution* on October 19, 2021, the 240th anniversary of that event. Urwin’s Black-Lives-Matter take on the War of Independence resulted in his appearance on three podcasts: [Point of the Spear with Robert Child](#); [Dispatches: Podcast of the Journal of the American Revolution with Barry Crytzer](#); and [KYW InDepth](#). Finally, Urwin guested on [Based on a True Story: The Podcast That Compares Hollywood with History](#) to discuss *They Died with Their Boots On*, the 1941 Warner Brothers biopic starring Errol Flynn as George Armstrong Custer.

Dr. Lee-Ann Chae’s paper “What is the Aim of a Just War?” won the American Philosophical Association’s Frank Chapman Sharp Memorial Prize, awarded biennially, for best unpublished essay or monograph on the philosophy of war and peace.

In July 2021, former Davis Fellow **Dr. Silke Zoller** (PhD, Temple, 2018) published [To Deter and Punish: Global Collaboration Against Terrorism in the 1970s](#) with Columbia University Press. The book is based on [the dissertation](#) that Dr. Zoller completed under Dr. Richard Immerman with the support of CENFAD.

She was previously interviewed about this publication in [an article](#) for the December 2021 issue of *Strategic Visions*.

Another former Davis Fellow advised by Dr. Immerman, **Dr. David B. Zierler** (PhD, Temple, 2008), became [Director of the Caltech Heritage Project](#) in July 2021, having previously served as [an oral historian for the American Institute of Physics](#) from 2019-21. Dr. Zierler was previously interviewed about his work in [an article](#) for the December 2021 issue of *Strategic Visions*.

Congratulations to **Dr. Tyler R. Bamford** (PhD, Temple, 2019), Dr. Urwin’s nineteenth PhD advisee and a historian with the Naval History and Heritage Command. University Press of Kansas has just announced the impending release of Tyler’s first book. [Forging the Anglo-American Alliance: The British and American Armies, 1917-1941](#), which should be available for sale by June. The book is a revised version of Tyler’s 2019 dissertation, “[Hands across the Sea’: American and British Military Attachés and the Anglo-American Military Relationship, 1919-1941](#).” Tyler is the ninth of the twenty PhDs that Dr. Urwin has turned out to publish their dissertations thus far. There will be more — he guarantees it. This is another great day for the Temple mafia in military history!

Dr. David J. Ulbrich, one of Dr. Urwin’s first doctoral students (PhD, Temple, 2007), is making a big career move. He has been appointed Chair of the [Division of Graduate Studies at Norwich University](#). Dave’s new position will entail working with different fields and disciplines, alongside several other Program Directors who supervise hundreds of adjunct instructors and 1,000 graduate students each year. Dave is also charged with implementing a five-year

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strategic plan that will double the size of Norwich's graduate student population. Dave will continue to direct Norwich's History and Military History M.A. programs, but with additional assistance from his subordinates.

Congratulations to **Dr. Matthew S. Muehlbauer** (PhD, Temple, 2008), another one-time advisee of Dr. Urwin who recently left an associate professor's position at the School for Advanced Military Studies, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to become the Chief Military Historian of the [Pritzker Military Museum & Library \(PMML\)](#). One of the major stakeholders in the world of military history, the PMML is dedicated to increasing public understanding of military history, military affairs, and national security by providing a forum for the study of the American military with a specific focus on the stories, sacrifices, and values of the country's servicemen and women. As the PMML mission statement puts it, "We believe that military history is human history and defines our collective experience." Pritzker is a non-government, non-partisan organization that features diverse collections, scholarly initiatives, and public programs from its flagship in downtown Chicago. Muehlbauer's move to PMML marks a high point in the history of the Temple mafia in military history indeed!

Dr. Kelly J. Shannon (PhD, Temple, 2010), a former Davis Fellow, was appointed the Executive Director of the [Center for Peace, Justice, and Human Rights \(PJHR\)](#) in July 2020 at Florida Atlantic University, where she has been a faculty member since 2014. In November 2021, her chapter "The Shuster Mission of 1911 and American Perceptions of Iran's First Revolution" was published by Bloomsbury in the book [American-Iranian Dialogues: From Constitution to White](#)

[Revolution, c. 1890s to 1960s](#), edited by Matthew Shannon. She has also given several public lectures in Fall 2021 on US policy and women's rights in Afghanistan.

PhD student and incumbent Davis Fellow **Casey VanSise**, and PhD candidates **Graydon Dennison** and former Davis Fellow **Joshua Stern**, alongside London School of Economics and Political Science PhD student [Fionntán O'Hara](#), published research articles in the [December 2021 edition of *The Latin Americanist*](#) resulting from a CENFAD workshop for graduate students on inter-American relations supervised by Dr. Alan McPherson. These included VanSise's "[Reaganites and Rosagolpistas: Omar Torrijos, Panama-United States Relations, and the Rise of the Reagan Doctrine](#)"; Dennison's "[Army of the Alliance: Non-State Actors of the Alliance for Progress in Brazil](#)"; Stern's "[US Labor Intervention in Latin America: The Politics of Class Harmony and the American Institute for Free Labor Development](#)"; and O'Hara's "[Mixed Motives: The Politics of U.S. Interest in Refugees in Honduras During the 1980s](#)." Dennison, Stern, and VanSise will also be participating as part of a recently-accepted panel ("Do Non-State Actors Matter?: Rethinking Inter-American Affairs Across the Twentieth Century") at the [2023 American Historical Association \(AHA\) Meeting](#) in Philadelphia, chaired by Dr. McPherson, and also featuring [Dr. Margarita Fajardo](#) of Sarah Lawrence College as commentator, and [Dr. Hilary Francis](#) of Northumbria University Newcastle as a fellow panelist.

At the 2022 Barnes Conference from March 18-19, PhD students **Duncan Knox**, **Laura Grace Waters**, **Madison Ingram**, **Ethan Cohen**, **Joseph Eanett**, **Grace Anne Parker**, and incoming Davis Fellow **Ryan Langton**, alongside PhD candidates

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Brandon Kinney (former Davis Fellow), **Joshua Stern**, **Stephen Kostas**, **Stanley Schwartz**, **Cory Hollon**, and **Ariel Natalo-Lifton** variously participated as panelists, commentators, and/or chairs in sessions addressing aspects of military history and international relations history. Papers presented included Waters's "Unwilling to be Guided or Ruled": Tolkien, Gender, and the Great War" and Kostas's "Peace Turns to War: The Creation and Use of Pennsylvania's Provincial Soldiers during the Seven Years' War." Waters and Kostas also served as commentators for a single panel each, as did Knox, Stern, Kostas, Cohen, Hollon, Kinney, Parker, Langton (commentator/chair), and Ingram (commentator/chair), with Eanett serving as chair of a single panel. Meanwhile, Schwartz served as commentator/chair for no less than *two* separate panels, as did Natalo-Lifton (one of which was military history-relevant). CENFAD faculty members serving as chairs included Dr. Alan McPherson, Dr. Gregory J.W. Urwin, Dr. Eileen Ryan, and Dr. Bryant Simon. Congratulations to all of those participants for making this year's Barnes Conference a great success!

Brandon Kinney's journal article, "The Rifle is the Symbol': The AK-47 in Global South Iconography," is forthcoming in the *Journal of World History* in 2022. His research article "[Imagining a New Volk: German-American Nationalism in the Age of the Revolution](#)" was also published in the *Journal of Early American History* in August 2021.