

Note from the Davis Fellow



Dear CENFAD Community,

This fall semester has been an incredibly exciting time for CENFAD. I would like to thank all the members of the CENFAD community who have helped us invite speakers to Philadelphia, attended our colloquium series, contributed to this edition of *Strategic Visions*, and supported the Center in other ways. Because of your support CENFAD continues to be a robust intellectual community for military and diplomatic history.

This semester CENFAD welcomed seven distinguished scholars from around the world who shared research on topics that included immigration, the Cold War, the Russo-Ukrainian War, and the recent Brazilian presidential election. I would like to thank [Sarah E. Robey](#), [Ana Muñiz](#), [Alessandro Iandolo](#), [Serhii Plokhii](#), [Silke Zoller](#), [Fernanda Magnotta](#), and [Penny M. Von Eschen](#) for sharing their research with CENFAD. Each of their lectures can be viewed at our [website](#).

This edition of *Strategic Visions* includes four interviews with visiting speakers and members of the CENFAD community. In a print-exclusive interview, the 2022-2023 Richard Immerman Fellow Brandon Kinney talks

about his current research for his dissertation. I also sat down with Temple University Professor of History Jay Lockenour to discuss his new book, [Dragonslayer: The Legend of Erich Ludendorff in the Weimar Republic and Third Reich](#). In addition to delivering lectures at CENFAD, Alessandro Iandolo and Penny M. Von Eschen also met with me over Zoom to talk about their recent projects. These interviews appear in print and video below.

Lastly, *Strategic Visions* features an essay and three book reviews from Temple History graduate students. In his essay, “A Reckoning for the Field,” Graydon Dennison pushes historians to think beyond traditional actors and chronologies when studying United States diplomacy. Joseph Johnson reviewed Jacob Darwin Hamblin’s [The Wretched Atom: America’s Global Gamble with Peaceful Nuclear Technology](#), Andrew Santora reviewed David Harrisville’s [The Virtuous Wehrmacht: Crafting the Myth of the German Soldier on the Eastern Front, 1941-1944](#), and Lucas de Souza Martins reviewed Kenneth P. Serbin’s [From Revolution to Power in Brazil: How Radical Leftists Embraced Capitalism and Struggled with Leadership](#).

If you would like to contribute to the Spring 2023 edition of *Strategic Visions* please let me know. I hope everyone has a restful and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Ryan Langton