

Newsletter

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Hello everyone,

I hope that Spring has finally made it to wherever you live. We still have snow on the ground – although it is only the huge piles that were piled up by plows. We now have little green things shooting up from the ground – a good sign!

The Saber and Scroll has been busy – even though it may not seem like it. Anne Midgley and Professor Jennifer Thompson have been working to get the older issues of the journal re-edited and ready so that we can, hopefully, have all of our back issues ready for publication.

Guy Williams, Kim Trenner, Anne Midgley and I have been busy working on the new History Honor Society which, although it will not actually be part of the Saber and Scroll, it will share many members with this group.

Our annual meeting will be held again at the Gaylord Hotel in National Harbor, Maryland during the 2015 Commencement Weekend. The meeting will be on Friday, June 12th. As soon as a time is assigned it will be posted. I am hoping that Drs. Hines and Carleton will be on hand to let us know what is happening in the history department at APUS. Also.... And I am keeping my fingers crossed....Professors Gorbunova-Ford and Herff may be joining us this year!

The next election of officers is coming up very soon. We are looking people to fill two crucial positions – the Vice-President's chair and the

Editor-in-Chief of the journal. We will also be accepting nominations for other positions as well. Watch the Quad and the Facebook page for more information over the next few weeks.

This will be my last newsletter as President of the Saber and Scroll. To say that I have enjoyed the last two years is the understatement of the century. I have had the privilege to meet and work with some of the most dedicated people.....people who have gone above and beyond the call, and by doing so has made my job very easy. Three people, in particular, fit into this group: Kay O'Pry Reynolds, who has been there nudging me in the right direction and making sure that if I stumbled I was able to get back up and keep going; Anne Midgley has "had my back" for the past two years providing guidance when I asked for it (and occasionally when I didn't) and was there at all hours of the day or night to help answer questions; and finally, Kim Trenner.....Kim has been pretty much in the background, but she has been there with the answers to questions about membership, and adding people to the Facebook page. Kim also has worked tirelessly on the Constitution of the new History Honor Society.

This year's officer cadre – Guy Williams, Kim Trenner, Anne Midgley, Deanna Stevens, and Ben Sorensen helped the Saber and Scroll reach Gold Status for the third year in a row -- thank you so much for all you did to help the Saber and Scroll remain the number one student organization at APUS. One other "officer" that needs to be thanked is someone who jumped in when we needed her and has worked tirelessly as our Special Projects Coordinator – Jona Lunde....Thanks for all you have done.

Lastly.... We have been blessed with two of the best faculty advisors a group could possibly ask for: Emily Herff and Dr. Richard Hines. Thanks to you for your support and leadership over the past year.

So..... As my time as President draws to a close, I would again like to thank all of you who have supported me over the past two years. I hope that you will continue to support the Saber and Scroll in the future.

Lew Taylor

From our Advisor



Hello to all of our wonderful history students. I want to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members in the Saber and Scroll and to say thank you for all of your hard work to our officers and our existing body of members. It is my privilege to serve as your Faculty Advisor. This is a great group of students and alumni. Our officers have been hard at work with managing the Saber and Scroll, creating a new Honor's Society for History students, and publishing our journal. All members should consider putting their name in the running for the officer positions as we get closer to many of the board reaching the end of their term. It is a lot of work, but it is also a great experience and a

privilege to work with everyone.

I also want to encourage all students to submit entries to the Saber and Scroll Journal. Publication is a large part of any academic's career, and learning to create works for a journal as well as getting something in print is a valuable experience. If any of you have a paper you are proud of or a research idea that you want to explore further, submit it to the journal for consideration. One of the things that you learn through the process is how to work with editors, how to revise your work, and how to translate research for more than one audience, which is an invaluable skill to have.

If anyone ever has any questions or concerns regarding the Saber and Scroll, or they just want to chat, you can reach me at emily.herff8@mycampus.apus.edu

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Faculty Advisor
Saber and Scroll

Fall Field Trip



Are you a fan of Stonewall Jackson?

Did you ever want to walk the terrain of his Shenandoah Valley Campaign?

Well wait no longer history enthusiasts and join the Saber and Scroll Club for a Wine and War Tour in the Shenandoah Valley. After our successful Gettysburg and Antietam Battlefield Tour, we realized that history is not limited to the battlefields but also encompasses the culture and people (not to mention that we enjoyed socializing as much as we enjoyed discussing history). In honor of our discovery we decided to combine history with socializing into a Wine and War Tour that mixes history with the grape as we tour some of the battlefields of northern Virginia and sample some tasty wines from the local vineyards.

The tour begins with a no-host reception in Winchester on 25 September where you will get

the opportunity to meet some of your illustrious elected officials, share in tales of academic accomplishments, and enjoy a tasty adult beverage or two. The next morning, we will check out from our hotel and travel to the First Battle of Kernstown where Stonewall Jackson began his Valley Campaign in 1862. After Kernstown, we will travel approximately 30 miles to the Naked Mountain Winery in Markham, VA. After sampling a bit of the grape, we shall continue south towards Harrisonburg, VA (we may travel along Skyline drive to get there, we are still working out the details on that part). Once, we arrive in Harrisonburg, we shall check into our hotel and enjoy another evening of tales, victuals, and spirits. While we may not solve all of the world's problems, we certainly will endeavor to enjoy one another's company and get our nerd on with history.

On the morning of the 27th, Lew will lead us over to the electric map of Stonewall Jackson's Shenandoah Valley campaign. After the map, we will travel to another battlefield and then close out the trip with one more (wait for it) WINERY! Whoever said that history is boring? Yes, students of history we finally created the perfect amalgamation of history, fermented grapes, and like-minded individuals all into one convenient package that offers something for everyone. So, if you enjoy history, want to learn more about the civil war, want to know if Lew really is as tall as he looks in the photos, or just like a splendid glass of wine, then please join us for the Saber and Scroll 2015 Wine and War Tour. We will post registration details and lodging arrangements as we firm up the locations and costs. Help us save history and promote friendship, one sip and one battlefield at a time!

Special Projects

This is the Calendar of Events that are currently running and planned for 2015. I have two fundraisers planned, Dogs for Heroes – now operating with a \$1000.00 goal, and the USO 11/11 Fundraiser that is identical to our fundraiser in 2014 that raised \$764.00. Also, I have the annual Spring Historical Marker Cleanup project currently underway and a Fall Historical Marker Cleanup scheduled for the first day of Fall and running for 60 days. Wreaths Across America is operated in conjunction with APUS – we have Mr. Lew Taylor as the event coordinator for the Cape Cod National Cemetery again this year, great job Lew! I will be assisting Guy Williams in the promotion of the Wine and War Tour tentatively scheduled for September. We will be doing Christmas Cards for Soldiers, either through the Red Cross on an individual basis or through Any Soldier – information on this was promoted last year and I will promote it again this year. I have a busy year planned, and I am confident Saber and Scroll will step up once again.

All events are voluntary, and participation is encouraged.

PROJECT	STARTING	ENDING
SPRING HISTORICAL MARKER CLEANUP http://saberandscroll.weebly.com/	March 21	May 31
DOGS FOR HEROES FUNDRAISER http://www.dogsforheroes.org/	March 3	June 1
PROMOTE WINE AND WAR TOUR http://saberandscroll.weebly.com/	March 2	August 31
FALL HISTORIAL MARKER CLEANUP http://saberandscroll.weebly.com/	September 23	November 23
USO ANNUAL 11/11 FUNDRAISER https://secure.uso.org/OM_NEX/?sc=WS15PSBIBR&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=brand&utm_content=nextgeneration&ta=6007	October 1	November 31
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/	November 11	December 12
CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SOLDIERS ANY SOLDIER http://www.anysoldier.com/	November 1	December 15

Journal News

The latest happenings

The Journal team has worked tirelessly to get all of our journals available for publication. It is a long process, and I for one appreciate the dedication it takes. Check them out at <http://www.lulu.com/shop/saber-and-scroll-historical-society-american-public-university-system/saber-and-scroll-journal-volume-iii-issue-iv/paperback/product-22179039.html>

Another note of import, Anne Midgely posted this on the Facebook page. It bears repeating in my mind.

Hi folks - here's a cool note from Molly Fischer, our APUS ePress editor:

Thought you'd be interested in knowing that for some reason the [Saber and Scroll] V.2, is. 2 article "Eleanor of Aquitaine: Not Your Average Medieval Woman" by Laura Goodman is getting a CRAZY number of downloads right now. Usually, we get about 400 downloads a week. But for some reason, we've reached nearly 500 downloads in the past 24 hours, almost exclusively of that article!

CALL FOR PAPERS

The American Public University System (APUS) Saber and Scroll history journal is currently soliciting articles and reviews for its summer 2015 issue. Published by the Saber and Scroll Historical Society, this edition will accept works on the theme of Population Movements and Civilization or Historiography:

- Population Movements and Civilization: Papers submitted for this theme will explore the impact of historical migrations of people on society, culture, conflict, and the individual.
- Historiographical feature articles, regardless of the topic or historical period, are also welcome.

Authors may submit abstracts via the Saber and Scroll Journal Submission page. If selected for the upcoming issue, manuscripts will be due July 1, 2015. Papers of history, art history, military history, or historiography that explore either summer theme are welcome. Short book reviews, opinion pieces, and exhibition reviews should be on recent events or publications. Students are invited to use previously submitted and corrected coursework, provided the student has not published it elsewhere.

All submissions should meet high academic standards. The Journal team, composed of a group of APUS graduate student and alumni editors, reserves the right to reject any manuscript that does not conform to high academic standards and to the most current Chicago Manual of Style/Turabian style guidelines.

Please note that all journal submissions must conform to Turabian 8th edition style and formatting specifications.

Abstract Deadline: June 1, 2015

Manuscript Due Date: July 1, 2015

Your Saber and Scroll Need You



Elections for officers is fast approaching. Please consider serving. It is such a rewarding experience (and it looks good on your CV). If you are interested in running for office, please contact Lew Taylor or DeAnna Simmons.

Responsibilities are as follows:

President

1. The office of president shall be elected for a one-year term. It shall be his or her duty to preside at meetings of the organization and at the business meetings of the board. The president will appoint, with the consensus of the Leadership Council, participants to ad hoc committees and any standing committees deemed necessary by the Leadership Council.
2. To be eligible to run for President, the candidate must have served in some other capacity within the board of directors.
3. As out-going President, will remain on the Board as a non-voting member UNLESS there is a tie win which case the Past President will vote. The Past President will act in the capacity of advisor until such time as the next outgoing President is appointed.
4. The president will compose and submit all forms to AMU/APU Student Affairs that require submission on a non-regular, or occasional, basis.
5. The president will be responsible for elections of incoming officers by appointing an ad-hoc nominating committee to oversee all elections after the initial election of officers.
6. The president shall achieve working knowledge of the Student Organization Handbook for the AMU/APU school system.
7. The office of president may be held for two consecutive terms.

Vice President

1. The office of vice president shall be elected for a one-year term. It will be his or her duty to preside at meetings of the organization in the absence of the president and at the business meetings of the board in the absence of the president.
2. The vice president has procedural authority to break election ties and shall not vote in any other vote taken by the club.
3. The office of Vice-President may be held for two consecutive terms.

Treasurer

1. To plan and prepare a budget as required by the school.
2. To oversee the budget.
3. To work in tandem with the officers to ensure that the organization stays within said budget.
4. To prepare and present any paperwork required by the school in regards to the budget.

Secretary

Recording Secretary

1. The office of secretary shall be elected for a one-year term. It will be his or her duty to record and retain minutes of meetings of the organization and at the business meetings of the Leadership Council. The secretary will be responsible for the accurate recording of all documents to be submitted to the governing body of AMU/APU. The secretary will provide copies of APUS documents to the president and/or the board upon request.
2. The secretary is responsible for composition and submission of all forms required on a regular basis by APUS Student Affairs as required by the governing body.

Membership Secretary

1. To keep the roster updated, to provide copies to the officers as needed as well as the school.
2. To create and keep a printable up to date roster for the entire membership.
3. To send messages of well wishes as needed (birthday, honor, job, baby, death in the family, etc).
4. To send welcome pkgs to the new members.
5. To act in tandem with the recording secretary as a vote counter for any elections, or votes of any kind presented to the membership.

Editor-in-Chief

1. The office of editor-in-chief shall be elected for a one-year term. It shall be his or her duty to call for papers, organize, and electronically publish the club's journal.

The Last Word

*Great advantages are often attended with great
inconveniences, and great minds called to severe trials.
Mercy Otis Warren*