Announcements and Updates for NIAHD Staff, Students, Families, and Friends

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Welcome to NIAHD’s Newsletter! Happy Holidays!

NIAHD Changes
Dr. Robyn Schroeder started as NIAHD’s Assistant Director on May 25th. During her first semester in the Fall of 2020 at W&M, Professor Schroeder taught “Colonial and Revolutionary Williamsburg” (COLL 200). This Spring, she will teach a new class, “Founders from the Revolution through Reconstruction,” which will focus on historic sites connected to many people who helped to establish different aspects of American government and society between the 1770s and 1870s. Also in May, Dr. Abby Schreiber accepted a new job as the Research Historian for Historic Alexandria. This position is a great opportunity for Professor Schreiber, as she will continue her dissertation research on trade networks in early Baltimore and her work on enslaved men, women, and children who labored and lived at Homestead on the Johns Hopkins Campus.

NIAHD is excited that Dr. Sarah McCartney is now a Visiting Assistant Professor for this academic year. During the Fall 2020 Semester, Professor McCartney taught “The Era of Jamestown,” and two COLL 300 courses - “The Frontier in American Culture” and “Commodities and Exchange in Early America.” Next semester, Professor McCartney will teach “Colonial and Revolutionary Williamsburg” (COLL 200), the Field School in Material Culture, and a new class “The History of Garbage” (COLL 300). In September, NIAHD’s liaison at Colonial Williamsburg, Dr. Jeff Klee, left CW to begin a new position as the Vice President and Director of Architecture for the Classical American Homes Preservation Trust, an organization dedicated to the stewardship of several properties in the eastern United States.

Collegiate Spotlight
W&M students in the Program in Material Culture & Public History take NIAHD’s Field School in Public History, including an Internship as required for the NIAHD Certificate. Next semester is going to spotlight the recent internship work done by our students!

Fall 2020
Jenna Martin & Oscar Berlanga at Manassas National Battlefield Park
Ephraim Kozodoy with the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
Corey Stubanas at the Fairfield Foundation
Taylor Carter with Civil War Trails of Virginia
Mae Tilley with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Department of Architectural Preservation and Research
Ellie Renshaw with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Department of Archæology
McKinley Sprinkle with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Cabinetmaker and Harpsichord Maker Shop

Summer 2020
These students made their own internship arrangements with guidance from NIAHD staff -
Maddie Sisson with the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
Nathan Moore at Henricus Historical Park
Kevin McGuire at John Jay Homestead

Pre-College Program 2021
NIAHD is working with William & Mary’s Study for Teaching & Learning Innovation to develop two new courses for Summer 2021, the 20th Anniversary of NIAHD’s establishment. These classes will engage high school students in critical questions about American democracy, place, culture, and belonging. Each class will be offered in both sessions.

First Session - June 20 to July 10, 2021
Second Session - July 11 to July 31, 2021

History 211: Race and Freedom in Williamsburg, 1669-2021
- Residential / On-Campus course $4,400 for U.S. Citizens and Dual Citizens, and $4,600 for International Students
- 3 Transferable College Credits

History 212: From the Revolution to Reconstruction
- Virtual / Off-Campus course $2,200 for all students, regardless of Citizenship
- 3 Transferable College Credits

The online application is scheduled to launch December 14, 2020. Directions for successfully completing the application can be found on NIAHD’s Application Process & Dates page.

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In 2017, Dr. Carl Lounsbury began a 3-year study of Eyre Hall, an 18th century plantation on Virginia’s Eastern Shore. Utilizing research conducted by two dozen W&M students, Dr. Lounsbury’s edited volume details the fortunes of the Eyre family, the architecture of Eyre Hall, and the landscape of the grounds. It also features a catalogue of material objects, oral histories from a range of people who lived on the property in the 20th century, and essays by NIAHD alumni. The Material World of Eyre Hall: Revealing Four Centuries of Chesapeake History will be available September 2021.