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From the Chair's Desk



Greetings from Bay State Road!

As the new chair of the history department I intend to follow the previous chair's inclination to note the achievements of current students and faculty, and I want to continue to share with you our faculty's adventures in historical research. Moreover, I encourage alumni to contribute stories of their own experiences to share with the community of folks who have studied history at Bay State Road. So please keep in touch! Send stories, jokes, adventures, misadventures, cautionary tales, and any other material to me at ferleger@bu.edu or history@bu.edu.

Louis Ferleger
Professor of History,
Chair, History Department

Alumni News:

Jacob Magid (2013):

I'm working in Stamford, CT at Royal Bank of Scotland on the Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities (CMBS) desk within Capital Markets as a securitization analyst. Basically, I'm part of the team that pools commercial mortgages together into bonds that have been trashed out into layers of different risk profiles and sold to investors. My duties include preparing the books and prospectus, helping the Managing Director prepare for road shows, and otherwise working with the underwriters in preparing the loan summaries for the investors. I started training in the middle of July, have regulatory exams after Labor Day, and then a week of global induction in London. I begin work on my desk September 16, 2013

Faculty Appointments (arrives Fall 2014):

Benjamin Siegel's research explores the social and political contestations wrought by India's food shortages, demonstrating how the nature of postcolonial citizenship and the state were framed by the nation's enduring food problem. Siegel earned his B.A. from Yale University, his M.A. from Harvard University's History

Department, and will receive his Ph.D. from Harvard in spring 2014. In the 2013-2014 academic year, he will be a junior fellow at the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, working on a book manuscript and beginning a new project on expertise in postcolonial India.

Siegel has been a visiting researcher at India's Jawaharlal Nehru University, the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, and the Centre for the Humanities and Medicine at the University of Hong Kong.

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Follow [this link](#) an excerpt from the commencement address given at Boston University's history department convocation on May 18, 2013.

It's A Boy!

BU Today spoke with modern British history expert Arianne Chernock about what the birth of the new monarch means for England and why Americans seem to care so much. Follow [this link](#) to read the full story.

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