

2018 C. Stuart McGehee Seminar Scholarship

Shepherd University's George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War is pleased to announce that we are accepting applications for the 2018 C. Stuart McGehee Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship allows one undergraduate student to attend the Center's annual Civil War and American Society Seminar. All undergraduate students attending college in the state of West Virginia are eligible to apply. It is sponsored through the generosity of the Center's longtime seminar participants. The scholarship will cover the recipient's full seminar tuition, meals, transportation on the motor coach, and hotel room.

This year's seminar, "Distant Thunder: The Fighting Men, Material Culture, and Contested Memories of Gettysburg," focuses on the 1863 Battle of Gettysburg. From Thursday evening, October 11, to Sunday morning, October 14, 2018, audiences will gain an intimate view of the Campaign's Union and Confederate armies and the terrain over which they fought. We will visit Gettysburg National Military Park, the Seminary Ridge Museum, and experience a unique opportunity that will bring artifacts back to the Gettysburg Battlefield with Wayne Motts and the National Civil War Museum.

Those interested in applying should submit a one-page explanation of how participation in the seminar will advance their educational and career goals; this document should be sent to Jennifer Alarcon at jalarcon@shepherd.edu in either Word or PDF format. Submissions will be accepted until September 7, 2018. Interviews will be conducted in mid-September to determine the scholarship winner. After the seminar's conclusion, the student scholar will offer a brief two page report highlighting the seminar's content and its relationship to their undergraduate education due no later than November 16, 2018.

Dr. Stuart McGehee (1956 - 2010) was a Civil War historian and professor of history. Raised on Lookout Mountain, he earned a B.A. from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. He taught at Bluefield College 1985 - 1995. He joined the faculty at West Virginia State University in 1995 as chair of the Department of History and Dean of the Division of Social Sciences. He also served as a member and chair of the West Virginia Archives and History Commission.