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## Converge Toward the **Blue Mountains**

### An Immersive Civil War Semester

#### New interdisciplinary program opens for all Civil War enthusiasts

The U.S. Civil War was a watershed moment in our nation's history. Indeed, the questions it resolved and the issues it engendered continue to resonate today. Shepherd University's George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War and Department of History invites undergraduate students from across the country to spend a semester at Shepherd University, located in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, our historic crossroads.

Partnering with National Park Service sites, historic museums, preservation groups, and cultural resources, the center will immerse a select group of undergraduate students in collaborative learning, interpretive field experiences, digital humanities projects, public history programs, and a "war and society" approach to military history.

Students in the program will be housed together on campus and are encouraged to take at least 15 credit hours. Throughout the semester, Dr. James Broomall and regional historians will guide students on résumé-building projects including:

- collaborative opportunities with local and regional historic sites and museums.

- developing and publishing content in public history, digital humanities, and historic preservation.
- participation in Shepherdstown's annual Civil War Christmas program.

Students will have ample opportunities to experience the region's rich Civil War history. Shepherdstown was not only the site of the last major engagement of the 1862 Maryland Campaign, but the town also witnessed three major crossings of Civil War armies at nearby Boeteler's Ford. The region faced the destructive hand of guerrilla troops, experienced the pressures of housing wounded men and active soldiers, and suffered from the war's devastating environmental effects.

The town is approximately 50 miles from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Washington D.C.; Baltimore, Maryland; and Winchester, Virginia, and only five miles from Antietam National Battlefield and 12 miles from Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. For more information on the Civil War Semester and to find out how you can apply, visit <https://www.shepherd.edu/civilwarsemester>. ■

**Did you know that many grant applications ask for employment statistics about our graduates?**

**Let us know the name of your employer and help the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War qualify for grant funding.**

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# From the Director

## Greetings from historic Shepherdstown, West Virginia!

The George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War (GTM Civil War Center) has already enjoyed a fantastic start to 2019. Professor Jonathan Berkey spoke in front of a large audience at the Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education, and public historian Travis Shaw delivered an excellent program at the Town Run Tap House and Community Pub. Our local and regional audiences and university and community partners continue to offer the center tremendous support.

Jennifer Alarcon, the center's program assistant, and I continue planning for the 2019 annual seminar, "A Desperate Bid: Jubal Early's 1864 Invasion," this October 10-13. This year we are featuring guest scholars Dennis Frye, Dr. Tom Clemens, Jonathan Noyalas, and Steven Phan. We will be visiting the areas of Harpers Ferry; Frederick, Maryland; Washington, D.C.; and Berryville, Virginia. I am extremely excited about the overall program, the range of presentations and tours, and the return to some of our favorite spots in Shepherdstown.

The fall 2019 semester will also be quite busy at the center as we launch our first Civil War Semester for undergraduate students from around the country. The semester offers an interdisciplinary approach to history and will immerse students in the rich history of this

region. Our longtime friend, Dennis Frye, is generously supporting a series of student scholarships and will play a significant role in the Civil War Semester's programming.

I am extremely proud to announce, with due humility, that the University of North Carolina Press has published my book, *Private Confederacies: The Emotional Worlds of Southern Men as Citizens and Soldiers* in their signature Civil War America series. The book realizes nearly 15 years of research and writing. I am traveling throughout the spring and summer months for the book launch and hope to see some of our supporters on the road!

In closing, I have some bittersweet news. Jennifer, the GTM Civil War Center's friendly face, will move back to New York with her family in the spring. Jennifer, as you all know, has worked incredibly hard in advancing our programming and has become an essential part of the center. I will personally miss her greatly and encourage each of you to thank Jennifer for her service and dedication.

I am extremely proud of the GTM Civil War Center and our accomplishments, but our value is measured in support. I want to thank each of you for believing in me and helping to advance our mission.

With warmest regards,  
Dr. James J. Broomall



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**James J. Broomall, Ph.D.**  
Director of the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War and Assistant Professor of History

Mark your calendar

## Civil War and American Society Seminar

October 10-13, 2019

This year's seminar includes tours of Monocacy National Battlefield, the unique site of Fort Duncan, the Civil War Defenses of Washington, and Cool Spring Battlefield.

Registration forms, brochures, and information on scholarship opportunities will be available online later this spring at <https://www.shepherd.edu/civilwar>.

To support the scholarship opportunities for students to attend our annual seminar, contact Monica Lingenfelter at the Shepherd University Foundation at 304-876-5286 or [mlingenf@shepherd.edu](mailto:mlingenf@shepherd.edu).

To receive the brochure and registration form, join our mailing list by contacting the center at [gtrmcweb@shepherd.edu](mailto:gtrmcweb@shepherd.edu) with your name and mailing address. We hope to see you in Shepherdstown this fall! ■

A poster for the 23rd Annual Civil War and American Society Seminar. The background is a sepia-toned illustration of a battle scene. The text is centered and reads: "23RD ANNUAL CIVIL WAR AND AMERICAN SOCIETY SEMINAR", "Save the Date", "A Desperate Bid: Jubal Early's 1864 Invasion", "Join the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War in Shepherdstown, WV", and "OCTOBER 10-13, 2019".

• 23RD ANNUAL CIVIL WAR AND AMERICAN SOCIETY SEMINAR •

# Save the Date

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• OCTOBER 10-13, 2019 •



## ***The U.S. Constitution and Secession: A Documentary Anthology of Slavery and White Supremacy***

Thursday, April 11 | 7 p.m.

Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education Auditorium

Free and open to the public

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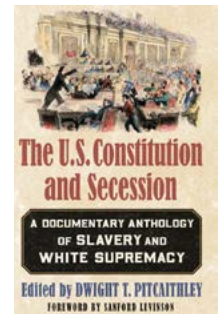
Dr. Dwight Pitcaithley, professor of history at New Mexico State University and former chief historian of the National Park Service, will present his latest work, *The U.S. Constitution and Secession: A Documentary Anthology of Slavery and White Supremacy*.

Pitcaithley will offer a firsthand look at the constitutional debates during the five months after the election of Abraham Lincoln, and how

these documents chart the political path, and the insurmountable differences, that led directly—but not inevitably—to the American Civil War, when Confederates fired on Fort Sumter and the fight for the Union began in earnest.

With debates centered around slavery, Pitcaithley provides guidance through the speeches and discussions that took place over Secession Winter (1860–1861) in Congress, 11 state conventions, legislatures in Tennessee and Kentucky, and the Washington Peace Conference of February 1861. The anthology brings to light dozens of solutions to the secession crisis proposed in the form of constitutional amendments, and 90 percent of them carefully designed to protect the institution of slavery in different ways throughout the country. In his book, Pitcaithley suggests that secession solved neither of the South's primary concerns: the expansion of slavery into the western territories and the return of fugitive slaves.

What emerges clearly from these documents, and from Pitcaithley's incisive analysis, is the centrality of white supremacy and slavery—specifically the fear of abolition—to the South's decision to secede. Also evident in the words of these politicians and statesmen is how thoroughly passion and fear, rather than reason and reflection, drove the decision making process.



Four Seasons Books will have books available for purchase and signing following the lecture in the lobby. This event is co-sponsored by the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War and the Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education. For up-to-date information, please visit the Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2210804772314652>. ■

## ***Culp's Hill Walking Tour and "Voices from the Battle of Gettysburg"***

Saturday, April 13 | 9:30 a.m.

Spangler's Spring  
Gettysburg National Military Park

Free and open to the public

Dr. James Broomall, assistant professor of history and director of the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War; Dr. Peter Carmichael, Robert C. Fluhrer Professor of Civil War Studies and director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College; and Chris Gwinn,

ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park, will lead a three-hour walking tour of Culp's Hill at Gettysburg National Military Park. The tour will return to Spangler's Spring and conclude at 12:30 p.m. Participants should wear appropriate footwear.

At 1:30 p.m., Broomall, Gwinn, and John Heckman, founder of the Tattooed Historian, will lead an interactive program featuring voices from the Battle of Gettysburg at the Gettysburg Heritage Center, located at 297 Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

There will be two book signings at the Gettysburg Heritage Center. Carmichael will

sign his latest work, *The War for the Common Soldier: How Men Thought, Fought, and Survived in Civil War Armies* at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Broomall will sign his newest book, *Private Confederacies: The Emotional Worlds of Southern Men as Citizens and Soldiers* at 3:30 p.m.

The program is sponsored by Gettysburg National Military Park, Shepherd University, Gettysburg College, and the Gettysburg Heritage Center. For up-to-date information, please visit the Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/618177458605108>. ■

## ***Raising the White Flag: How Surrender Defined the American Civil War***

Monday, April 29 | 7 p.m.

Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education Auditorium

Free and open to the public

Dr. David Silkenat will explore how the U.S. Civil War began with a laying down of arms by Union troops at Fort Sumter and ended with a series of surrenders, most famously at Appomattox Courthouse. In the intervening four years, both Union and Confederate forces surrendered en

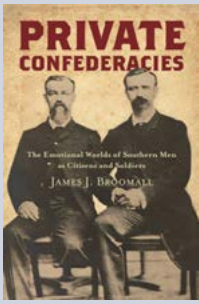
masse on scores of other occasions. Roughly one out of every four soldiers surrendered at some point during the conflict. In no other American war did surrender happen so frequently.

Silkenat provides the first comprehensive study of Civil War surrender, focusing on the conflicting social, political, and cultural meanings of the action. Looking at the conflict from the perspective of men who surrendered, Silkenat creates new avenues to understanding prisoners of war, fighting by Confederate guerillas, the role of southern Unionists, and the experiences of African American soldiers. The experience of surrender also sheds valuable

light on the culture of honor, the experience of combat, and the laws of war.

Four Seasons Books will have three of Silkenat's books available for purchase and signing following the lecture in the lobby. The additional two books are *Driven from Home* and *Moments of Despair*. For up-to-date information, please visit the Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/243719253246423>. ■





## ***Private Confederacies: The Emotional Worlds of Southern Men as Citizens and Soldiers***

by Dr. James J. Broomall

In his book, Dr. James J. Broomall, director of the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War and assistant professor of history, discusses how the Civil War, emancipation, and Reconstruction shaped the masculinity of white Confederate veterans and the crisis of the war forced a reconfiguration of the emotional worlds of the men who took up arms for the South. Raised in an antebellum culture that demanded restraint and shaped white men to embrace self-reliant masculinity, Confederate soldiers lived and fought within military units where they experienced the traumatic strain of combat and its privations together—all the while being separated from suffering families.

Broomall also talks about how military service provoked changes that escalated with the end of slavery and the Confederacy's military defeat. Returning to civilian life, Southern veterans questioned themselves as never before, sometimes suffering from terrible self-doubt.

Drawing on personal letters and diaries, Broomall argues that the crisis of defeat ultimately necessitated new forms of expression between veterans and among men and women. On the one hand, war led men to express levels of emotionality and vulnerability previously assumed to be the domain of women. On the other hand, these men also embraced a virulent, martial masculinity that they wielded during Reconstruction and beyond to suppress freed peoples and restore white rule through paramilitary organizations and the Ku Klux Klan.

To purchase the book, please visit <https://www.uncpress.org/book/9781469651989/private-confederacies>. ■

Dr. Jonathan Berkey, professor of history at Concord University, presented his lecture, **“The Foreshadowing: John Brown’s Raid and the Civilians’ Civil War in Jefferson County, 1859-1865,”** on February 7 at the Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education. Berkey presented a number of primary sources including personal letters and writings from area residents during the Civil War.

Berkey’s main field of study is the American Civil War. His dissertation examined how civilians in Virginia’s lower Shenandoah Valley coped with the complex challenges posed by living in a contested border region during the war. Future projects include writing a chapter on Confederate women in a collection of essays on the Shenandoah Valley in the Civil War, and editing a manuscript on borderlands in the American Civil War. ■

*Pictured top right: Dr. James Broomall (l.) and Dr. Jonathan Berkey.*



Travis Shaw, public programs coordinator at the Mosby Heritage Area Association (MHAA), presented, **“The Rebels Is Running Over Our Parents’: Recruiting Virginia Unionists into the Potomac Home Brigade,”** on February 24, at the Town Run Tap House and Community Pub. Shaw’s lecture explored the history of the Potomac Home Brigade and the Virginia Unionists who sought out refuge there during the Civil War.

Shaw has more than a decade of experience in the fields of historic preservation, archaeology, and museum education, working with both private and public institutions. Prior to joining MHAA, he spent time at historic St. Mary’s City, Mount Vernon, and Oatlands Historic House and Gardens. ■

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