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### Civil War and American Society Seminar

October 10-13

The George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War's 23rd Annual Civil War and American Society Seminar Series will take place this fall in Shepherdstown from Thursday, October 10 to Sunday, October 13. This year's seminar includes tours of Monocacy National Battlefield, Fort Duncan, the Civil War Defenses of Washington, and Cool Spring Battlefield.

Registration forms and brochures will be sent out via email this summer and posted to the Center's website at [www.shepherd.edu/civilwar](http://www.shepherd.edu/civilwar). To add your name to our mailing list, please email Dr. James Broomall at [jbroomall@shepherd.edu](mailto:jbroomall@shepherd.edu) with your name and email/ mailing addresses. We hope to see you in Shepherdstown this fall!

Scholarship opportunities will be available once again for the 2019 seminar. Information on eligibility and scholarship applications will be available later this summer. ■



*For information on how you can fund scholarship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to attend our annual seminar, please contact Monica Lingenfelter at the Shepherd University Foundation at 304-876-5286 or [mlingenf@shepherd.edu](mailto:mlingenf@shepherd.edu).*



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## Converge Toward the Blue Mountains

### An Immersive Civil War Semester

Sam Levitan

# From the Director

The air is now balmy, the trees in full foliage, and the guided battlefield tours more frequent—summer has come to Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The spring of 2019 was among the busiest on record at the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War (GTMC). We hosted the former chief historian of the National Park Service, Dr. Dwight Pitcaithley, and Dr. David Silkenat of the University of Edinburgh, witnessed the graduation of students from the Civil War and Nineteenth Century America history concentration, and conducted programs for groups such as Phi Beta Delta, Gettysburg College's Civil War Institute, Antietam National Battlefield, Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, the National Civil War Museum, the Loudoun Museum, and the Kanawha Valley Civil War Roundtable. I was, moreover, extremely pleased to travel throughout the mid-Atlantic and Upper South to promote my new book, *Private Confederacies*.

I have recently returned from five days at Gettysburg College's annual Civil War Institute, which included more than 400 participants. I interacted with audiences, met high school students and public historians, and delivered

a number of different programs. The event's tremendous success continues to demonstrate that the critical questions raised during the Civil War era remain relevant to audiences today and illustrates the centrality of history in our shared understanding of American society and culture.

Looking to the fall, we are finalizing plans for our 23rd annual Civil War and American Society Seminar and will bring audiences to Shepherdstown before they travel across Maryland and through northern Virginia on guided tours of battlefields and historic sites. We are also looking forward to welcoming undergraduate students who are participants in our Civil War Semester and incoming history majors—what an exciting time is in store for our students!

Each day, as director of the GTMC and a member of the History Department, I am reminded of the power of place and the importance of the past. I invite audiences to come by the GTMC, participate in our programs, and share our resources to find the continued presence of the past and to make history come alive. ■



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## Dennis Frye '79 Donation

The George Tyler Moore Center extends deepest appreciation to Shepherd alumnus Dennis Frye '79 who gave the GTMC a major donation in the beginning of 2019. With his generous support the GTMC can continue to support undergraduate student scholarships and enhance public programming. The center's success relies on the continued support from donors like Dennis Frye. ■

**LEFT:** Dennis Frye (l.) and Dr. James J. Broomall

## Morgan's Grove Bee Line March

Sunday, July 21 | 5 p.m.

Town Run Tap House and Community Pub

\$10 donation suggested

For information contact the George Tyler Moore Center at 304-876-5429 or [gtmlcweb@shepherd.edu](mailto:gtmlcweb@shepherd.edu)

The GTMC seeks to expose audiences to the Civil War era as well as state and regional history. To that end, on July 21 the GTMC, in partnership with Travis Shaw, public programs coordinator at the Mosby Heritage Area Association, and Dr. Ben Bankhurst, assistant professor at Shepherd University, will create a series of programs throughout the day—including a picnic, a living history display, and academic presentations—about the June 1775



Travis Shaw

march of two companies of newly assembled recruits from Shepherdstown and Winchester, Virginia, to Boston Massachusetts, to aid General George Washington's forces. For up-to-date information, please visit the Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/322341221981776>. ■



Dr. Ben Bankhurst



The Sunken Road

## Antietam: The Bloodiest Day

Tuesday, July 23 | 1 – 4:30 p.m.

Ramada Plaza Hotel, Hagerstown, Maryland

On July 23, Dr. Broomall will participate in a multiday conference by delivering a lecture on Antietam and the Emancipation Proclamation. He will situate the military battle within the social and political debates

of 1862 and explain how the decisive battle contributed to President Abraham Lincoln's decision to issue the Emancipation Proclamation. The conference will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Hagerstown, Maryland. The five-day event, sponsored by Franklin County, Pennsylvania, will have more than 25 historians participate in the conference. Contact: <https://www.civilwarseminars.org/antietam-the-bloodiest-day>. ■

## PAST LECTURES

### Phi Beta Delta

Shepherd University welcomed the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholar's 33rd Annual International Conference. On May 30, Dr. James Broomall, assisted by GTMC former program assistant Pat Todd, led participants on a tour of Antietam National Battlefield and Harpers Ferry National Park. The tour attendees walked portions of the battlefield, discussed key topics of the war, and navigated the streets of historic Harpers Ferry. With periods of rain and hail, the group still pressed on climbing the famed Jefferson's Rock to hear of Harpers Ferry eighteenth- and nineteenth- century history while overlooking the Shenandoah River. Phi Beta Delta and Shepherd University are dedicated to creating a conference that is inclusive, respectful, and celebrates multiculturalism and diversity. ■

### Gettysburg College's Civil War Institute

held its annual conference June 14-18. Dr. Broomall was among the scholars-in-residence. He discussed his research with high school student scholarship winners from across the country, held a dine-in



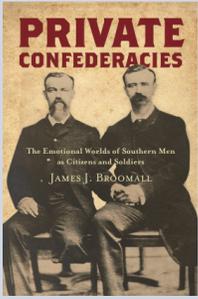
conversation with conference attendees, and delivered a presentation based on his new book, *Private Confederacies*. On Monday, June 17, Drs. Broomall, Peter S. Carmichael, and Keith Bohannon led an all-day tour of Antietam National Battlefield with conference participants. Drawing upon the personal accounts of soldiers and other primary source materials, the tour leaders encouraged visitors to engage with the thoughts, feelings, and emotions of those who fought in the battle. Despite high temperatures and a bright sun, visitors toured key locations on the battlefield and learned about past archeological investigations at the Piper Farm as well as the medical treatment of wounded soldiers at the Pry House. ■



### Dr. David Silkenat Lecture

Dr. David Silkenat, senior lecturer of American history at the University of Edinburgh, discussed his new book, *Raising the White Flag: How Surrender Defined the American Civil War*, on April 29 at the Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education.

Dr. Silkenat explained how the American 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. 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. ■



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

by Dr. James J. Broomall

How did the Civil War, emancipation, and Reconstruction shape the masculinity of white Confederate veterans? As James J. Broomall shows, 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. 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 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.

James J. Broomall is associate professor of history at Shepherd University and director of the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War.

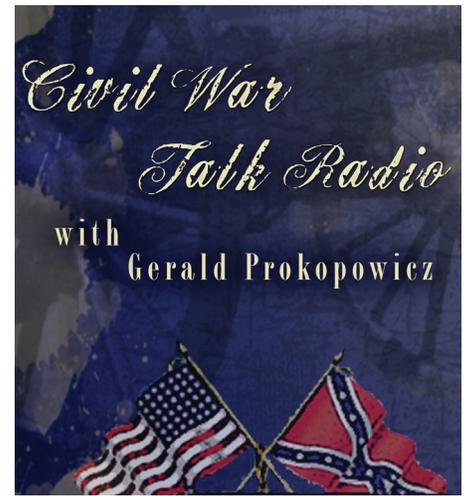
To purchase the book, please visit <https://www.uncpress.org/book/9781469651989/private-confederacies>. ■

## **Dr. Broomall on Civil War Talk Radio**

**Wednesday, October 2**  
[www.impedimentsofwar.org](http://www.impedimentsofwar.org)

**Free and open to public**

Dr. Broomall will discuss his book, *Private Confederacies: The Emotional Worlds of Southern Men as Citizens and Soldiers*, on the Civil War Talk Radio podcast which is now in its 15th year. The program features in-depth phone interviews with historians, authors, curators, artists and other people whose work is of interest to students of the Civil War era. Guests have included James McPherson, Joan Waugh, Gordon Rhea, Carol Reardon, Steven Woodworth, Peter Carmichael, and many others. Links to previous episodes back to 2004 are available at [http://www.](http://www.impedimentsofwar.org)



[impedimentsofwar.org](http://impedimentsofwar.org). Once the podcast episode is live, we will share the link on our website and social media feeds. ■

## **Dr. Charles Holden Lecture**

**Thursday, November 7 | 7 p.m.**  
**Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional  
History and Education Auditorium**

**Free and open to public**

Dr. Charles Holden, history professor at St. Mary's College of Maryland, will present a lecture on Spiro Agnew and the roots

of today's Republican party on Thursday, November 7 at 7 p.m. at the Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education auditorium. The GTMC is partnering with the Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education to realize the event. The program is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Jody Brumage at either [jbrumage@shepherd.edu](mailto:jbrumage@shepherd.edu) or 304-876-5648. ■

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