

Welcome to the Spring 2020 PMC Museum Newsletter!

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Introducing Dr. Sahr Conway-Lanz, the Collections Manager for the PMC Museum

Dr. Sahr Conway-Lanz was appointed the new collections manager for the PMC Museum in July 2019. He is also a visiting scholar in the Widener University history department. Before coming to Widener, Sahr worked as a historian in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress; where he curated manuscript collections including those concerning military history, such as the papers of Generals John Pershing and George Patton. At the Library of Congress, Sahr co-curated the 2018-2019 exhibit on the United States' involvement in World War I. Sahr has also worked as an archivist at the Yale University Library and the National Archives and Records Administration.

He has a Ph.D. in the history of American foreign relations from Harvard University and has written extensively on U.S. diplomatic and military history.

[Learn More About the Widener University History Department](#)



Introducing Professor of Military Science LTC David Gunther

LTC Gunther is the new Professor of Military Science at Widener University. He is a native of Quincy, Massachusetts and graduated from Stonehill College with a degree in political science. LTC Gunther was commissioned from Boston University in 2000 as a distinguished military graduate. After completion of the Infantry Officer

Basic Course, LTC Gunther was assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

[Learn More About the Dauntless Battalion](#)



Dr. Jennifer Wyse introduces PMC into the Sociology Curriculum

This past fall, Widener University students who were enrolled in Dr. Jennifer Wyse's Introduction to Sociology course were introduced to the PMC Museum. Hannah Specht '23, a Widener University nursing major and current ROTC cadet took Dr. Wyse's course and visited the PMC Museum for the first time. Specht reflects, "As a freshman in Widener's Reserve Officer Training Program, learning about the strong military presence that gave the university its start gave me a strong sense of pride in choosing Widener as the university

where I will complete my ROTC training." Specht concluded that she found the course valuable because she learned about the honor, valor, and integrity of Pennsylvania Military College and that she aspires to be an officer like those who attended PMC.

[Learn More About the Widener University Sociology Department](#)



PMC and World War I

Dr. Rachel Batch also used the PMC museum for her history course on America between the world wars. Dr. Sahr Conway-Lanz, a scholar-in-residence at Widener, joined the course to discuss his work with the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library Museum. Students in the course visited the PMC Museum and were encouraged to view the exhibits, particularly, the World War I exhibit.

Dr. Batch thought the museum was helpful in teaching students to think critically about Woodrow Wilson's presidency and the First World War.

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PMC Museum Updates



World War II: PMC Men Who Served

The World War I centennial display has received a positive and enthusiastic response. The PMC Museum Committee has decided to develop a tribute exhibit to those alumni who served in World War II. Ron Romanowicz states, "We look forward to telling the story of an outstanding group of PMC alumni."

[PMC Remembrance Webpage](#)



Past Perfect Museum Software

Early this year, the museum began using PastPerfect software to catalog and manage information about its artifact collection. PastPerfect is a commercial database program widely employed by museums around the country. This system will allow the PMC Museum to more easily catalogue the growing number of artifacts in its collection and describe each item with a more detailed description. PastPerfect also has the capability to facilitate the creation of virtual exhibits and an online public catalog.



Continuing Our Tradition

For the past several years, the Dauntless Battalion Awards Ceremony, in conjunction with the PMC Museum, has included two awards that PMC alumni will remember. This year, Michael Salloum was the recipient of the **William J. Wolfgram Award**, as the most soldierly cadet. The recipient of the **Cecil B.**

DeMille Award was Steven Von Kessel for exceeding expectations as a cadet.

During this year's commissioning ceremony, the Dauntless Battalion recognized its lineage and the history of PMC. Although the sheathing of the saber, signifying the end of the year was performed virtually, cadets **Cardon A. Furry** and **Joseph D. Bittner** received the sabers, continuing a long tradition.

[Dauntless Commissioning Ceremony](#)

Visit the PMC Museum YouTube Channel!



The PMC Museum now has its own YouTube Channel where viewers can find all PMC videos in one location. We sincerely appreciate the original creators of these videos as well as those who took the time to upload these videos onto the PMC YouTube Channel.

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PMC Remembrance Garden



During Homecoming Family Weekend 2019, President Julie Wollman and PMC Museum Committee Chairman, Ron Romanowicz '68, officially opened the new PMC Remembrance Garden. The garden was funded through a Widener-PMC Museum partnership and is an inviting place for quiet reflection and to gather with friends. Located in the garden, there is also a memorial plaque that is dedicated to Captain Giulio "Dee" DiSerafino '52. The garden is a another way of preserving the legacy of PMC on campus and strengthening the bond between Widener University and Pennsylvania Military College.

Upcoming Events

Homecoming & Family Weekend

We hope you'll join us on October 16-17, 2020 to celebrate with Widener and PMC classmates, faculty, staff, students, friends and the Pride community. We're preparing to host you on campus for this exciting event if it is safe for us to do so. If we are unable to meet on campus, we will still celebrate virtually and offer opportunities for you to get involved and connect with your fellow alumni! Be sure to check your email for updates. Visit our website, widener.edu/alumni, to update your contact information so you receive all of the latest details!

[**Visit the Alumni Hub**](#)

PMC Museum Committee Meeting Minutes

The PMC Museum Committee met on April 28, 2020. Because of the challenges of the university staff all working remotely, our financial report is not available at this time, but will be made available once it is.

View minutes from the meeting below.

[**PMC Museum Committee Meeting Minutes**](#)

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Gifts to support the PMC Museum, whether to the operating fund or to the endowment, will provide important financial backing to ensure that we are able to honor a proud tradition of education, honor, and leadership.

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Have you considered making the PMC Museum part of your estate plans? It is very easy to do - just a simple designation in your will. For more information, please contact Terry Travis, Vice President for Advancement at 610-499-4123 or ttravis@widener.edu.

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Because of our current national and international health emergency, many students are dealing with unexpected costs. Your support of the Widener Student Emergency Fund will provide immediate assistance to students with pressing, unmet needs.

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