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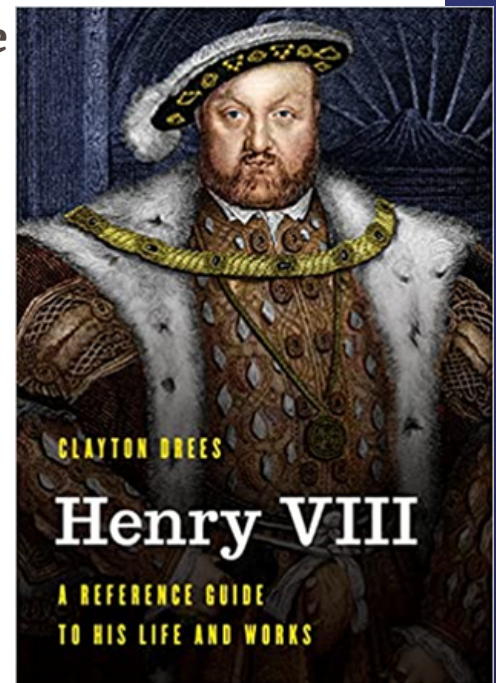
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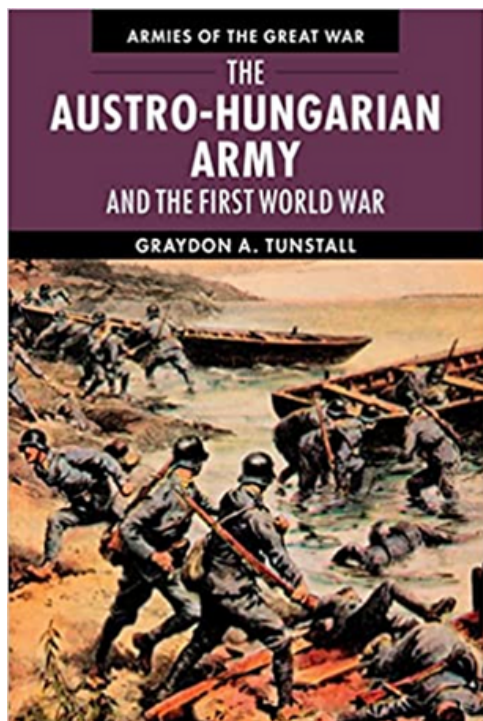
A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Summer ‘vacation’ is, in the life of a professional historian, generally nothing but a vacation. It is often the point in the year when long-delayed and put-aside projects can finally be addressed, once semester grading, academic conferences, and initiation/graduation ceremonies are completed. A primary mission of Phi Alpha Theta is to encourage excellence in historical research and writing, and I am delighted to announce the publication of a brilliant new book on the perennial favorite Henry VIII, by our Past President, Clayton Drees of Virginia Wesleyan University!

In the book’s Preface, Dr. Drees describes his own relationship to the subject this way: “My approach to Henry VIII has always been one of “love-and-hate;” I have admired him over the years as a renaissance scholar, jolly bon vivant and resolute man of action, yet have despised him at the same time as a bully, tyrant, scoundrel, and narcissist. I hope I have achieved some semblance of love-hate balance in trying to bring this storied English king to life in the pages of my new book.” When I teach my “Ren/Ref” (“Renaissance and Reformation Europe”) course again, I plan to draw extensively on this book, since this particular narcissistic monarch, with his swelling frame, still fits both periods of the course so snugly.



But Dr. Drees traces the origins of his interest in Tudor England to pivotal events in his childhood—he was enrolled in a British “public” (i.e., private) school for three years when his family lived in the UK. Extensive travel to historic sites, in his recollection, “fired my imagination and led to a lifelong love of the English past. Those boyhood experiences lived on to become a history double-major (with economics) in college, and then carried into graduate school where I focused on Tudor England as my primary field of study.”



Many of the topics you are addressing as an undergraduate and graduate student may similarly become the kernel of a lifelong passion for a historical subject, and you may find yourself returning to certain themes repeatedly over the course of your own academic careers. Our esteemed former Executive Director, Dr. Jack Tunstall, has recently published a rigorous study of the Austro-Hungarian Army in the First World War, and he has shared wonderful stories of the many archival visits that stand behind it.

Archivists surreptitiously handed him documents that many would have preferred to stay hidden, and I imagine this came from their seeing—as anyone can who meets Dr. Tunstall—his excitement, fascination, and determination to pass along new information.

Cultivate your own passion, curiosity, and diligence in your historical research now—the results can be thrilling, over the full course of your lifetime!

Jonathan S. Perry

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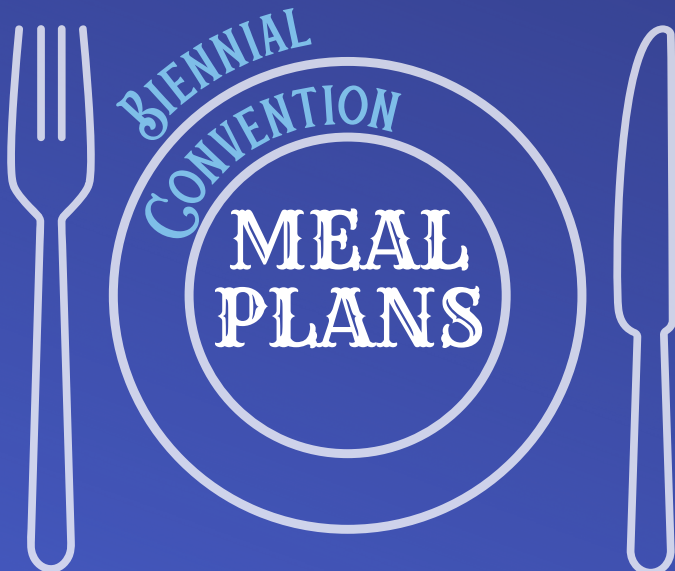
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