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The Cambridge Historical Society Announces New Members to its Governing Council

CAMBRIDGE, MA: At its Annual Meeting of the Membership on March 22, 2017, the Cambridge Historical Society membership elected seven new Councilors to its Governing Council.

The new Councilors are: Constantine Alexander, Doug Brown (elected Secretary), Christina DeYoung, Heidi Gitelman, Jonathan Muniz, Samantha Richard, and Ed Rodley. The new Councilors join the remaining 11 Councilors on the Governing Board.

“The Cambridge Historical Society helps our community explore how and why we got here and use that perspective to facilitate discussion of contemporary issues,” said Marieke Van Damme, Executive Director. “I’m excited to welcome these new Councilors to our team. Their expertise in marketing, programming, new media, and more will help us carry out our mission to celebrate the history of Cambridge for everyone.”

Short bios of new Councilors:

Constantine (Gus) Alexander is Senior Counsel to the Boston law firm of Nutter, McClennen & Fish, having retired from that firm as a senior partner for more than 25 years. He serves on the Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals and currently is the Board's Chairman.

Doug Brown is active in local affairs, serving as vice president of the Fresh Pond Residents Alliance. In addition, he also serves as a member of the Fresh Pond Master Plan Advisory Board, the Envision Cambridge Alewife Working Group, Cambridge Bike Safety, and is the founder of Friends of the Greenway, Inc.

Christina DeYoung is Director of Sales and Marketing at the Harvard Education Publishing Group and will graduate with a degree in Museum Studies from Harvard Extension School in May 2017.

Heidi Gitelman has a love of social history and storytelling that lead her to pursue a B.A. in English, M.A. in History/Museum Studies, Ed.M., and coursework toward a Ph.D. in learning and narrative. Heidi's favorite job is her current one: Conducting oral histories for individual families and businesses.

Jonathan Muniz has a unique background in technology, marketing, communications, and business development. At IBM, Jonathan was responsible for launching the IBM Collaboration Solutions ecommerce business and has a keen understanding of the complexities between innovation strategy and execution.

Samantha Richard works in Boston and Cambridge's bustling tech scene, building growth and operations teams at Dispatch, a service logistics platform.

Ed Rodley is a lifelong resident of Cambridge. He is currently Associate Director of Integrated Media at the Peabody Essex Museum, where he manages a wide range of digital media projects, with an emphasis on temporary exhibitions and the reinterpretation and reinstallation of PEM's collections.

Full list of Society Councilors:

Tod Beaty, President
Elizabeth Adams, Vice President
Charlie Allen, Vice President
Doug Hanna, Vice President
Doug Brown, Secretary
Heli Meltsner, Curator
Greg Bowe, Treasurer
Bruce Irving, Editor
Jan Ferrara
Jonathan Muniz
Samantha Richard
Ed Rodley
Andy Leighton
Pamela Baldwin
Christina DeYoung
Frank Kramer
Heidi Gitelman
Gus Alexander

Upcoming Society events:

History Café: When Crafty Women Move Domestic Arts to the Public Realm April 27, 5:30-8pm, Walking Tour & History Café, Hooper-Lee-Nichols House.

Sunday Afternoon Hooper-Lee-Nichols House Tour. Sunday, April 30, 12-1 PM. 159 Brattle Street.

"Made in Cambridge" A benefit for the Cambridge Historical Society May 3, 6-8 PM, MIT Museum. In celebration of this year's theme, enjoy food, drink, music, and a talk with these Cambridge makers: Pedja Kostic, Iggy's Bread; Angela Sawyer, Weirdo Records; Jeremy Spindler, Spindler Confections.

History Café: Making Life in Area 4, Then & Now. May 9, Lamplighter Brewing Company, 284 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Information on all Society events can be found at www.cambridgehistory.org.

About The Cambridge Historical Society

From the American Revolution to the biotech revolution, the history of Cambridge, Massachusetts is unlike that of any other city. A city this vibrant and vital must preserve its past and learn from it to make the Cambridge of today the best it can be. Founded in 1905, the Cambridge Historical Society serves our community through inclusive programming and stewardship of its historic collections and the property entrusted to it. The Society helps those who live and work in Cambridge explore and understand how and why we got here and use that perspective to understand contemporary issues. We enable our community to better recognize, understand, and appreciate the threads that connect yesterday, today, and tomorrow and connect us to each other and our community.

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