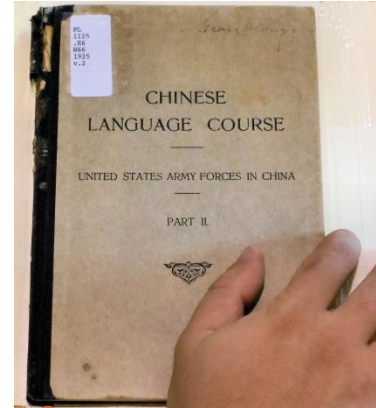


## Summer Archival Field Experience

**Principal Investigator:** Dr. John Dunn, History

**Number of Undergraduate Student Participants:** 5

The Summer Archival Field Experience was a six week summer course that included five students in *Archival Research Methods* during June and July 2011. Two weeks in the classroom at VSU was spent preparing for the two week archival field experience at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) at the Carlisle Barracks in Carlisle, PA. Located on America's oldest military base, the USAHEC is the Army's main archive. The holdings reflect U.S. military action and involvement throughout the world since the 18<sup>th</sup> century and provide documentation on a wide variety of military history and other topics. During the field experience, the students, mentored closely by a faculty member and a graduate assistant, learned how to navigate a major archive, identify and request materials, and gather information from those materials. The students considered archives to be limited in the Valdosta region and because archival research is essential to their discipline, the abundance of archives during the summer archival field experience was beneficial. The students also believed examining national archives was a rare opportunity. The two-week field experience portion of the summer course was followed by an additional two weeks of classroom instruction at VSU. The students wrote up and presented the results of their research.



### **Presentations:**

Gay, W.L. (2012). Male prerogative and divided parliament: the fight and resistance to the age of consent in England, 1872-1885. Valdosta State University Undergraduate Research Symposium, Valdosta, GA, April 5-6, 2012.

Gay, W.L. (2012). Fitting in: Karl B. Bretzfelder and the transition to the army medical corps, 1917. Phi Alpha Theta National Conference, Orlando, FL, January 3-7, 2012.

Gay, W.L. (2012). 'Trouble busters': the american system of medical evacuation in the first world war. Phi Alpha Theta Alabama Regional Conference, Troy State University, Dothan, AL, March 3, 2012.

Gay, W.L. (2012). Horror, statistics, and evacuating american wounded: the american medical corp's method of evacuation in the face of mass cinbast casualties in the first world war. Phi Alpha Theta Florida Regional Conference, Winterpark, FL, Rollins College, April 14, 2012.

Gay, W.L, Herrin, J.R., Portwood, M.R., Spivey, B., & Studstill, J. (2012). Summer archival field experience. Valdosta State University Undergraduate Research Symposium, Valdosta, GA, April 5-6, 2012.

Herrin, J.R. (2012). Living in Neverland and the United States 15<sup>th</sup> infantry regiment in China, 1912-1938. Valdosta State University Undergraduate Research Symposium, Valdosta, GA, April 5-6, 2012.

Portwood, M.R. (2012). "Confusion beyond imagination": U.S. army chinese language training in republican era china. Valdosta State University Undergraduate Research Symposium, Valdosta, GA, April 5-6, 2012.

Portwood, M.R. (2012). The language of war: U.S. army Chinese language training in republican era china. Phi Alpha Theta National Conference, Orlando, FL, January 3-7, 2012.

Spivey, B. (2012). Racial integration of Pennsylvania regional state universities. Valdosta State University.

Spivey, B. (2012). Dark island in a white sea: a christian organization's endeavor to support black students on predominately white campuses. Phi Alpha Theta National Conference, Orlando, FL, January 3-7, 2012.

Spivey, B. (2012). Tough break: the short and uneasy relationship that led to the united ministries in higher education's black campus ministry in Pennsylvania. Alpha Theta Florida Regional Conference, Winterpark, FL, Rollins College, April 14, 2012.

Studstill, J. (2012). U.S. army use of carrier pigeons in WWI. Valdosta State University.