9-20-2018

The 45th Annual Carl L. Becker Memorial Lecture in History: Did Women Have a Great War? Reflections on the 100th Anniversary of the First World War

University of Northern Iowa. Department of History.

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarworks.uni.edu/beckerlectures

Part of the History Commons

Let us know how access to this document benefits you

Recommended Citation

This Program is brought to you for free and open access by the Conferences/Events at UNI ScholarWorks. It has been accepted for inclusion in Carl L. Becker Memorial Lectures in History by an authorized administrator of UNI ScholarWorks. For more information, please contact scholarworks@uni.edu.
Did Women Have a Great War? Reflections on the 100th Anniversary of the First World War

Dr. Susan R. Grayzel
Utah State University

7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 20, 2018
Seerley Hall
Room 115

The Becker Lecture is supported by the Donald & Alleen Howard Endowment Fund
Susan R. Grayzel

The History Department of the University of Northern Iowa is proud to welcome Dr. Susan Grayzel, a Professor of History at Utah State University since 2017.

Susan Grayzel received a PhD from the University of California at Berkeley in 1994. She has served as a Professor of History at the University of Mississippi, where she was Director of the Sarah Isom Center for Women’s and Gender Studies.

Her many books and articles include At Home and Under Fire: Air Raids and Culture in Britain from the Great War to the Blitz (Cambridge University Press, 2017); The First World War: A Brief History with Documents (Bedford St. Martin’s Press, 2012); Women and the First World War (Longman, 2002); and Women’s Identities At War: Gender, Motherhood, and Politics in Britain and France during the First World War (University of North Carolina Press, 1999).

In recent years, Prof. Grayzel has received grants and awards from the Royal Historical Society, the American Council of Learned Societies, the British Council, and the Arts and Humanities Research Council.
Susan R. Grayzel

The History Department of the University of Northern Iowa is proud to welcome Dr. Susan Grayzel, a Professor of History at Utah State University since 2017.

Susan Grayzel received a PhD from the University of California at Berkeley in 1994. She has served as a Professor of History at the University of Mississippi, where she was Director of the Sarah Isom Center for Women’s and Gender Studies.

Her many books and articles include At Home and Under Fire: Air Raids and Culture in Britain from the Great War to the Blitz (Cambridge University Press, 2017); The First World War: A Brief History with Documents (Bedford St. Martin’s Press, 2012); Women and the First World War (Longman, 2002); and Women’s Identities At War: Gender, Motherhood, and Politics in Britain and France during the First World War (University of North Carolina Press, 1999).

In recent years, Prof. Grayzel has received grants and awards from the Royal Historical Society, the American Council of Learned Societies, the British Council, and the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

A Tribute to Carl L. Becker (1873-1945)

The University of Northern Iowa Department of History and UNI’s chapter of Phi Alpha Theta welcome you to the annual Carl L. Becker Memorial Lecture in History. The lecture has been named in honor of a man who was, perhaps, the most distinguished scholar and teacher to emerge from Iowa.

Becker, born near Reinbeck, received his Ph.D. in 1907, from the University of Wisconsin. From 1902-1941 he taught at various universities in the Midwest and East, the last being Cornell University in New York.

It was as a progressive thinker that Becker became an internationally-recognized figure. He believed that the historian writes in the present, always with one eye on the past and the other on the future. History then can be used to improve human relations. This type of thinking gave history a purpose and was responsible for the still popular idea that historians, armed with knowledge of the past, can better respond to problems of the present.

Becker’s thoughts on mechanical power also are indicative of his progressive thinking. He was concerned that humanity not become slave to weapons of mechanical power for fear we might, in the end, destroy ourselves. Becker expressed these concerns in the decade before the atom bomb was dropped over Hiroshima.

Previous Becker Lecturers

- Michael G. Kammen, 1974
- R. Don Higginbotham, 1975
- Jack Greene, 1976
- Otto Pﬁlanze, 1977
- William Appleman Williams, 1978
- Eric Foner, 1979
- Chester G. Starr, 1980
- Paul W. Drake, 1981
- Joan Hoff-Wilson, 1982
- Don E. Fehrenbacher, 1983
- Ivor Wilks, 1984
- William H. McNeill, 1985
- Allan G. Bogue, 1986
- Harold M. Hyman, 1987
- William H. Dray, 1988
- Akira Iriye, 1989
- Darlene Clark Hine, 1990
- Paul L. Murphy, 1991
- Norman A. Graebner, 1992
- Leo A. Loubére, 1993
- Helen Nader, 1994
- Martin V. Melosi, 1995
- Theofanis G. Stavrou, 1996
- Linda Kerber, 1997
- Robert Eric Frykenberg, 1998
- Richard M. Fried, 1999
- Walter L. Arnstein, 2000
- Elaine Tyler May, 2001
- Chun-shu Chang, 2002
- Paul Schroeder, 2003
- Nancy Maclean, 2004
- Joan Wallach Scott, 2005
- Mary Elizabeth Berry, 2006
- Timothy H. Breen, 2007
- David G. Hunter, 2008
- Eric Arnesen, 2009
- Patricia Buckley Ebrey, 2010
- Melvin I. Urofsky, 2011
- Geoffrey Parker, 2012
- Muzaffar Alam, 2013
- Elliott West, 2014
- Ian Worhington, 2015
- Elaine Carey, 2016
- James Livingston, 2017
Did Women Have a Great War? Reflections on the 100th Anniversary of the First World War

Dr. Susan R. Grayzel
Utah State University

The Becker Lecture is supported by the Donald & Alleen Howard Endowment Fund