MEETING DETAILS

Tim Dittmer's talk will be held at the Rodeo City Bar-B-Q. The cost of the buffet luncheon will be $10.00, including tax and gratuity. Because a Friend will be collecting the money for your lunch, please be prepared to pay with cash or check. Please note that we will begin the luncheon fifteen minutes later than usual to allow Professor Dittmer to conclude his 11:00 a.m. class.

Associate Professor Dittmer took a leave of absence from the Economics Department to serve a tour of duty for the Washington National Guard/U.S. Army in Iraq. His talk will be illustrated with slides.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At its meeting on October 12, 2006, the membership elected two new members to the Board: Rex Moody and Boris Kovalerchuk. Walt Emken will fill the unexpired term of Tom Blanton who resigned from the board in fall 2006.

The Board of Directors on January 11, 2007 elected Beverly Heckart, chair, and Dale Comstock, vice-chair. Other members of the board are Eleanor Trujillo, Bob Jones, and Tom Peischl, ex officio.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In its custody of books... the library has confronted and tamed technology, the forces of change, and the power of princes time and again.


While Matthew Battles was employed to choose which items to send to Harvard's book depository, he got "lost in the stacks" of Widener Library. Threading through the maze of shelves and call numbers, we accompany him into the dark and light passages of the world of books and libraries.

In the lighter passages, Battles reminds us that the library is a place where several worlds come together, as this year's slogan for Library Week, "Come Together @ your library," suggests. The author and literary critic Alfred Kazin, who educated himself at the New York Public Library, described it as a forum of "doers and dreamers," as a place to meet people through their writings, as an exploration of the distant places described in books, as a citadel of freedom, where readers could choose any materials they liked, "no questions asked."

Mary Antin, immigration rights activist, viewed coming together at the library more literally. The children, the scholars, the leisured lady readers, and the tourists who visited the Boston Public Library shared a "noble treasure house of learning." Evoking the experience of assimilation into American culture, Antin found it "wonderful" to say that the library was hers. But "it was thrilling to say, this [library] is ours."

Coming together with the times, places, and people in Battle's book is a rich encounter. They will make you laugh; they will make you cry; they will inspire you to prize the library in an unquiet way.

Beverly Heckart
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APRIL 12, 2007
12:15 P.M.
(DETAILS ABOUT THIS LUNCHEON MEETING INSIDE)

TIMOTHY DITTMER
will speak about

ONE SOLDIER'S EXPERIENCE IN IRAQ

This meeting will be an early celebration of National Library Week, April 15-23, 2007. The week reminds us of the vital role that libraries play in all our different communities.