



National World War I Museum

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Ground-Breaking Publication on the Great War Released by National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial and University of Missouri Press

Free Event on November 14 Launches Landmark Publication

In late 2007 and early 2008, world-renowned historians gathered in Kansas City at the National World War I Museum for a series of public forums on the Great War. Each of the five events focused on a particular topic and featured spirited dialogue between prominent scholars.

In spontaneous exchanges, the eminent scholars probed each other's arguments, learned from each other, and provided insights not just into history but also into the way scholars think about their subject alongside and at times in conflict with their colleagues.

The Legacy of the Great War: Ninety Years On, a new book from the University of Missouri Press and the Museum, which is based on these forums, provides unique insight into World War I.

Dr. Jay Winter, editor of and contributor to *The Legacy of the Great War: Ninety Years On*, will discuss this new publication on Saturday, November 14 at 11 a.m. The free event will be held in the Museum's J. C. Nichols Auditorium and is co-sponsored by the Kansas City Public Library. Dr. Winter is Professor of History at Yale University. He will be available for a book signing at 10 a.m. in the Museum Store on the day of the lecture.

The Legacy of the Great War: Ninety Years On is available for sale at the National World War I Museum Store.

About the Book

Representing a fourth generation of writers on the Great War, prominent historians Niall Ferguson and Paul Kennedy, Holger Afflerbach and Gary Sheffield, John Horne and Len Smith, John Milton Cooper and Margaret MacMillan, and Jay Winter and Robert Wohl brought to the proceedings an exciting clash of ideas.

The forums addressed topics about the Great War that have long fascinated both scholars and the public: the origins of the war and the question of who was responsible for the escalation of the crisis; the nature of generalship and military command, seen here from the perspectives of a German and a British scholar; the private soldiers' experiences of combat, revealing their strategies of survival and negotiation; the peace-making process and the overwhelming pressures under which statesmen worked; and the long-term cultural consequences of the war—showing that the Great War was “great” not merely because of its magnitude but also because of its revolutionary effects.

About the Series

The 2007-08 Series was presented by three non-profit Kansas City organizations – the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial, the Kansas City Public Library and the Truman Presidential Library & Museum. Additional funding for the Series was provided by Park University, the Sosland Foundation, Oppenstein Brothers Foundation, The Stanley H. Durwood Foundation and Metropolitan Community College.

About the Editor

Jay Winter is Professor of History at Yale University and author or editor of many books, the most recent being *Remembering War: The Great War between Memory and History in the Twentieth Century*. He lives in Guilford, Connecticut.

The National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum is closed Mondays, except for Memorial Day and Labor Day. The Museum is also closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Last tickets for the Liberty Memorial Tower are sold at 4:15 p.m. Tickets can be purchased on the day of your visit. The Liberty Memorial is operated in agreement with the Kansas City, Missouri Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners. For more information call 816-784-1918 or visit www.theworldwar.org.

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