

Interesting People

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Books: Stacy's Achievements

- *Alice: Alice Roosevelt Longworth, from White House Princess to Washington Power Broker* (2005)
 - Lewis L. Gould (mentor/papers)/Simon (spouse); 4th printing; New York Times, 50 notable non-fiction works (2005)
 - John Updike, Richard Rhodes
- *Theodore Roosevelt, In the Vanguard of the Modern* (2003): a text book
 - Writings from his era
 - Primary sources
 - Excerpts from historians
 - Secondary sources
 - “What helped to shape his moral system?”
- *Historic Photos of Theodore Roosevelt* (2007)
- Ed: “Compare and contrast the “moral code” of TR with Presidents (a) Kennedy, (b) Clinton and (c) Reagan”

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Education/Monmouth

- University of Texas
 - B.A., Theater, 1983, why?
 - Plays parts?
 - M.A., History (1986); Ph.D., History (1992)
 - Why History?
 - Acting (Stanislavski method) vs. history vs. creative writing?
 - What are you best at?
 - What are you worst at?
- East Carolina University: 2 years
- Monmouth College: integrated learning
 - Founded: 1853, Liberal Arts, Presb Church; 1,380 students; BA; 19 states
 - 55% female, 45% male; ratio: 13-1; class: 18.5
- Why Monmouth?

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Other Achievements

- Professor of the Year: 4 times
- Curator: Monmouth College Archives
- Web bibliographer
 - National First Ladies Library
 - NPR Weekend Edition
 - C-Span
 - #1 Amazon.com
 - American History biographies
- Library books/dodo bird/Kindles?

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Adolescent Stacy: Family; Concerns

- The family: mother, father, siblings?
 - Simon: Professor, when, where?
 - Son: age, interests
- Your discovery of history: “The Tipping point?”
- Concerns?
- Influences
 - First
 - Most vivid
 - Most recent

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Stacy on Teaching

- US history, women's history and interdisciplinary studies
- WW II, African-American History, Vietnam Era, US History 1492-present
- History of Illinois
 - Mary Todd Lincoln?
 - Speech: Life of Mary Todd Lincoln
 - \$ for slaves; "... necklines were shockingly low"; bipolar, hallucinations, Robert, asylum
- Vietnam Era: interviews
 - From the Cornfields to the Rice Paddies: Oral Histories of Illinoisans from the Vietnam Era
 - Objectives?
 - Chris Igou/Aaron Cluka: 58,000 deaths
 - Warren and Fulton County, 57,261
 - Midwest's response to America's longest war
 - Context for further study?
 - Your response?
 - Monmouth response?

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Stacy on Writing: Why and How?

- Historian defined: concern with the continuous methodical narrative and research of past events as relating to the human race
 - Herodotus (5th Century BC)
- The influence of individual upon events
 - Change of direction of events
 - Predict the future
 - Intuition/premonitions
- Convergent/divergent brain
- Writing mechanics: pain/pleasure/sorrow/joy: euphoria?
 - Preparation?
 - Alone/isolated?
 - Dysfunctional, introverted vs. theater
- What part, if any, is within Stacy?

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History v. GAAP Standards: American Historical Assoc

- History
 - Ethical dialogue/record with integrity
 - Clear trail/point of view
 - Interpret and narrate the past
 - We all participate in making history
- Multiple sides: litigation/advocate
- Aware of your own bias
- Credentials presented with integrity
- Financial accounting standards
 - The nature and extent of damage

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Personal Heroes: Common Denominators?

- Margaret Sanger (1879-1966)
 - Birth control activist
- Fannie Lou Hamer (1917-1977)
 - Student non-violent coordinating committee
 - Sterilized by a white MD; reduce beaches, Mississippi
- Alice Paul (1885)
 - Men and women equal partners
- Pauli Murray (1910-1985)
 - Civil rights, feminist, ordained priest, lawyer
- Why not Ayn Rand?
 - Objectivism
 - Atlas Shrugged (1957)

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When Everything Changed; Gail Collins (2009)

- Persecution: always present?
 - Women
 - Blacks
 - Jews
- The New York Times Book Review, October 18, 2009
 - A catalog of the evolution of feminism of everyday life over the past 50 years
- Did feminism fail?
- Feminism did not resolve the conflicting desires for passion and domesticity, familiarity and romance
- Is equality ever attainable?

The Princess Icon

- “In a country that professes to repudiate royalty but has a soft spot for it anyway, Alice Roosevelt was a princess if not a queen”

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Alice: The Book

- Why not Lincoln?
 - Lincoln's Sword; Wilson; Knox College
 - The Prairie Years & The War Years, Carl Sandburg (1954)
- Library of Congress xerox machine
 - Friend and a friend of
 - Joanna Sturm, Vic Longworth's granddaughter
- The primary sources: drafts, syndicated columns, love letters, grocery lists

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Alice: 1st Daughter: The Person: Filmable?

- Wife and mother died: Auntie Bye
- White house at age 17; 1,000; died @ 96+
- Wife (22); speaker, Nick Longworth (14+ yrs); Harvard/Cincinnati Law; Musician
- Alice “Blue”; 1,000 participants: 5 countries
- 3 Graces: poker, smoking (1901), dancing
 - Salon: Supreme Court, Kennedy, Nixon
 - Purse: green garter snake!
- Self-taught: politics, astronomy, poetry, evolutionary biology and history
 - Marry for \$
 - Thomas Dewey: “the little man on the wedding cake” (1944)
 - “Can’t say something nice; come sit by me”
 - FD Roosevelt: cousin
 - 2/3rd mush; 1/3 Eleanor
- Today’s Alice?
 - Semiofficial position of power

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Alice's Lover: Open Marriage Sen. William Borah

- Fairfield, IL, 6/29/1865; Esq.
- Senate: 1907 (chair: foreign relations)
 - Prosecutor vs. Clarence Darrow
 - Big Bill Hayward: Idaho murder
- Spouse, Mary McConnell, daughter of governor
- “Hello, hello!”
- (1920s) (Alice: 41) Paul-line-a: St. Paul?
 - 1957; alcoholic/suicide
- Predicate for marriage
 - “Love is a temporary disease”
 - False romantic quest for perfection – expectations
- Love to (a) Alice; (b) Stacy?
 - First imprint/most powerful/most recent?

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The Beginning of TR

- 5'8"; 200 lbs, "sounded as if he had just taken a sip of helium"
- Died: age 61
- Asthmatic child, near sighted, natural history; tone deafness, zoology; photographic memory; home schooled; Biology, French and German but deficient in math, Latin and Greek
- Hardware and plate-glass importing
 - Mother: Mittie Bulloch, Southern belle from slave-owning family in Roswell, GA
- *The Naval War of 1812*: serious historian

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The Roosevelt Family

- Spouses:
 - Alice Hathaway Lee
 - Mother & wife died two days after Alice was born
 - Never spoke of wife again
 - Edith Kermit Carow
- Ted, Kermit, Ethel, Archie, Quentin

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TR: The President

- Education: Harvard/Phi Beta: boxed/Naval affairs; studied @ Columbia Law
- United States Army; Colonel
 - Father: paid substitute
 - Spanish/American War: San Juan Hill
- Statesman, author, historian, explorer, conservationist, civil servant
- Republican; 26th President @ 42
 - 1901 McKinley assassinated; population: 77,584,000
 - JFK @ 47: population 183,691,000
 - Obama @ 47: population: 300,000,000

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The Messages: TR

- “Speak softly and carry a big stick”
- “It is hard to fail but it is worse never to have tried to succeed”
- “Run toward them”
- “Act rather than criticize”
- “...moral virtue of individual work and striving, folly of isolationism need or marital dominance and exultation of tradition”
- Traditionalist view of gender roles in marriage
 - Other physical relationships common
 - Nick
 - Alice

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Presidents: Moses

- “Parting of the Red Sea is optional”
 - Rebellious leader, strong vision, will get them out of trouble
- America today: culturally adolescent
 - Search for an acceptable state of imperfection
 - Adolescent president
 - Clinton/Monica Lewinski
 - Entertainer and chief
 - Reagan, Schwarzenegger, Eastwood, Ventura
 - Not a father figure

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The Next Book: Juliette Gordon Low: Girl Scouts

- Born October 31, 1860, Savannah, GA
- Family: childless
 - William Mackay Low
 - Philanderer/mistress/money
 - Nick Longworth?
- Founder of Girl Scouts (1912)
 - “I’ve got something for the girls of Savannah”
- Honors
 - Truman/postage stamp, liberty ship, National Women’s Hall of Fame, Federal building
- Buried in Girl Scout uniform

The Meaning of Money/Life

- Money
 - Proof of goodness
 - Accomplishment, credibility
 - Barometer of success
 - Capital vs. sweat
 - Lottery winner
 - Jeopardy
- Life
 - Birthing of America
 - Let's get to work
 - Work
 - Who are you
 - Ritz Carlton: "Serving Ladies and Gentlemen"
 - No luggage rack on a hearse

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Closing

- Most difficult decision?
- Your worst memory?
- With whom would you most wish to visit?
- Rewind your life?
- What next?