

## Macalester Geography Professor Wins Book Prize

**St. Paul, Minn.** - Eric Carter's book, *Enemy in the Blood: Malaria, Environment, and Development in Argentina*, published by the University of Alabama Press, has received the 2013 Elinor Melville Prize for the best book on Latin American environmental history, awarded by the Conference on Latin American History.

The book traces the evolution of malaria science and policy in the impoverished region of Northwest Argentina from the disease's emergence as a social problem in the 1890s to its effective eradication by 1950.

The award means a lot to Carter, who's in his second year in Macalester's Geography Department. "It's always nice to be recognized by your peers, and I'm especially pleased that this recognition comes from a group of Latin Americanist environmental historians," said Carter.

The Melville prize, established in 2007, is awarded for the best book in English, French, Spanish or Portuguese on Latin American Environmental History that is published anywhere during the imprint year previous to the year of the award. Melville defined environmental history as "the study of the mutual influences of social and natural processes." The prize goes to the book that best fits that definition, while also considering sound scholarship, grace of style, and importance of the scholarly contribution as criteria for the award.

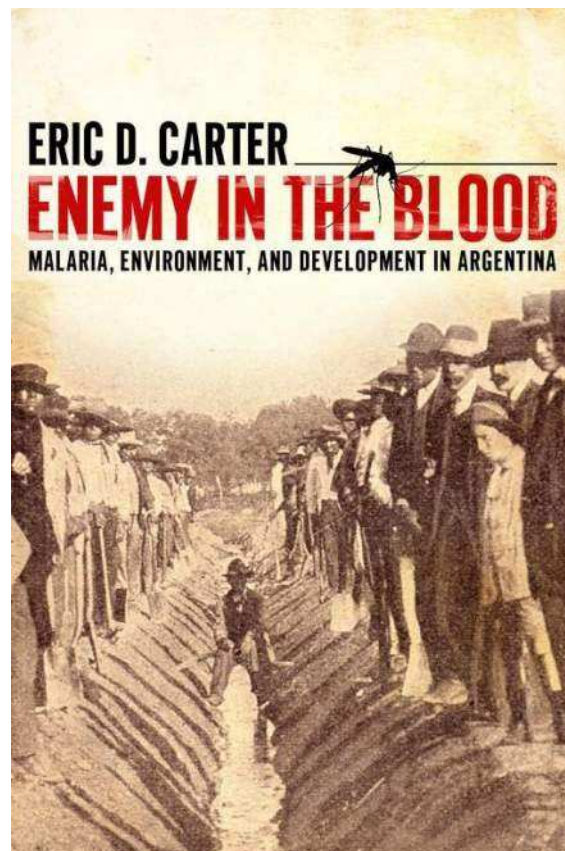
"The biggest influence this award has on my career," said Carter, "is to give me a small shot of confidence as I start thinking about my next big research project -- the confidence to choose my own path, while also carrying on scholarly traditions that matter to me."

He'll be officially awarded the prize in January at the American Historical Association meeting in Washington, D.C.

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