

Macalester grants tenure status to Geography professor

St. Paul, Minn. - Macalester College has granted tenure status to **Eric D. Carter**, Edens Associate Professor of Geography and Global Health in the Geography Department. Carter received his PhD and MS from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and his BA from the University of California, Berkeley.

Carter is a medical geographer, with connected interests in people-environment geography and historical geography, and a regional focus on Latin America. Before he joined the Macalester Geography Department he taught at Grinnell College for five years.

Carter's research focuses on the environmental and social history of infectious and vector-borne diseases; international health policy; and environmental justice.

He recently received a pair of prestigious grants to support his upcoming research and teaching in Latin America: an American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Fellowship and a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award.

For a book project entitled *The Health of the People: A History of Latin American Social Medicine*, Carter will conduct archival research in Argentina, Chile, and Costa Rica starting in August and running through 2016. The main goals of the project are to understand the ideological roots of socially conscious health policies in Latin America and the institutional and interpersonal networks that sustained them, from the 1920s onward. This new project builds on Carter's previous research on the history of public health in the region, particularly the book *Enemy in the Blood: Malaria, Environment, and Development in Argentina* (University of Alabama Press, 2012).

With his Fulbright, Carter will be teaching a graduate-level course for three months on Health, Society, and Environment at the Advanced Social Studies Institute at the National University of Tucumán, in Northwest Argentina.

Carter's approach to teaching is based on promoting critical thinking skills through inquiry-based learning, stimulating classroom discussions, and integrating perspectives from multiple fields. Some of the classes he's taught at Macalester include Medical Geography: The Geography of Health and Health Care, Geography of Environmental Hazards, Regional Geography of Latin America and Advanced GIS (Geographic Information Systems) for Health.



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