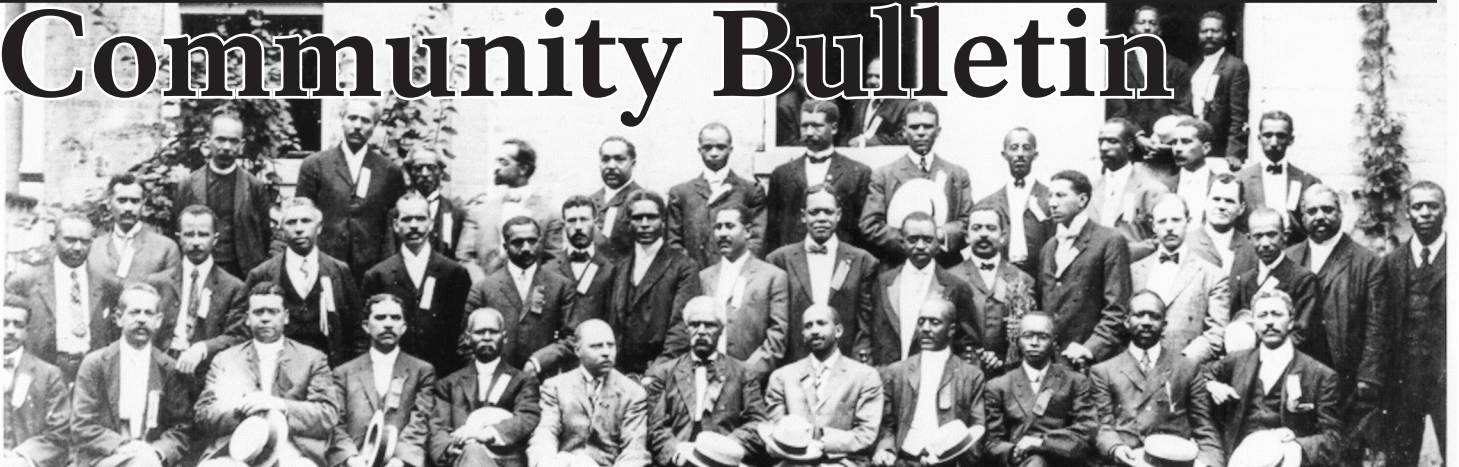




# Community Bulletin



## Harpers Ferry Park Celebrates Black History Month

In conjunction with Black History Month, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park invites the public to attend the opening of a new exhibit, *Lafayette M. Hershaw: Pioneer and work of Freedom*, featuring the life and work of Civil Rights activist Lafayette McKeene Hershaw. The opening and reception will be held on Sunday, February 3, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. on the second floor of the John Brown Museum on Shenandoah Street in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. The program will feature a talk by Mr. George Rutherford, President of the Jefferson County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Born in Clay County, North Carolina, in 1863, Hershaw devoted his life to making a difference in the lives of fellow African Americans. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Atlanta University, a law degree from Howard University and, as a founding member of the Niagara Movement, helped to shape the modern civil rights era.

The exhibit will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. throughout the month of February. For additional information, please call the Park Information Center at 304-535-6029.



Lafayette M. Hershaw, founding member of the Niagara Movement

## Todd Bolton and Jim Koenig named NPS Employee and Volunteer of the Year for 2006.

National Capital Regional Director, Joseph Lawler, recently announced the recipients of the 2006 National Capital Region Park Employee and Volunteer of the Year.

The Employee of the Year Award was presented to Todd Bolton, Chief of Visitor Services Branch at the park.

This award recognized Bolton's many contributions to the park, in particular, his preservation and promotion of the Niagara Movement Centennial Event.

Bolton organized this event in August, 2006 to honor the 100th anniversary of the 1906 gathering on the campus of Storer College. He recognized the

Niagara pioneers by rekindling their spirit and trumpeting their message so it would not be forgotten. As a result of his vision and leadership, 10,000 people attended the three-day celebration.

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The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Jim Koenig for his outstanding contributions to Harpers Ferry Park.

Koenig's service to the park included interpretive exhibit projects, such as the fabrication of the 19th century African American residence exhibit; restoration of a 19th century farm wagon, lending his time and talent as an exhibit specialist, trail monitor, maintenance and information specialist. He gave additional support to Visitor Services, Living History, Curatorial Offices, and Maintenance.

His efforts saved the federal government thousands of dollars, made work easier for park staff, and enhanced the experiences of park visitors in untold ways.

The park thanks both Todd and Jim for their dedicated service to Harpers Ferry NHP and to the many visitors who benefit from their devotion to a job well done.



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The history of Harpers Ferry has few parallels in the American drama. It is more than one event, one date, or one individual. It is multi-layered, involving a diverse number of people and events, decisions and actions that influenced the course of our nation's history. Visit Harpers Ferry and step into history.

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## Park Welcomes Interns

Harpers Ferry Park welcomes 4 new interns for the spring season.

**Erin Anderson**, from Chicago, Illinois, recently began her internship with the Curatorial Branch of the park. She is currently a graduate student in the Museum Science program at Texas Tech University and will be at the park for six months completing the final project for her M.A. degree.

Erin chose to come to Harpers Ferry because of the wonderful opportunities the internship presented, not only based on the kinds of work she would be doing, but also because of the networking within the NPS and beyond. According to Erin, "My ultimate goal is to learn as much as I can in order to secure a job after graduation. Six months is not a long time, so I need to make the best of my time here. Hopefully, I will not only learn, but also be able to help the park curators as much as I can."

The Education Branch welcomes the following three interns:

**Thomas Frezza** from Johnston, Rhode Island, is currently a senior at Unity College in Maine, pursuing his Bachelor's Degree in Parks, Recreation, and Ecotourism. At Unity College, Tom is a member of the Search and Rescue Team and the Marksmanship Team. In his spare time he enjoys hiking, canoeing, and backpacking. According to Tom, "I'm a big fan of any type of history and usually have some type of history book in my pack. Naturally, one of my interests is the Civil War. I'm looking forward to working here and to graduation in May."

**Karolyn Ryan** is originally from Bronxville, NY, a suburb of New York City. She went to Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT where she graduated with a double major in Political Science and History in 2006. From there she went on to intern with Congressman Christopher Shays of Bridgeport, CT

and the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. In Fall 2007, Karolyn completed 3 graduate level Public Administration courses at George Mason University in Virginia and is now at Harpers Ferry with the intention of learning more about the organizational structure and complexities of running a publicly funded service. Karolyn says, "I am dedicated to public service and aspire to work for the U.S. government either in the area of law or as a Policy Analyst." Her interests include reading, watching movies, traveling and going to museums.

**Katie Isacksen** is currently a graduate student at American University in Washington, DC where she is pursuing a dual master's degree in International Affairs and Natural Resources/Sustainable Development. She obtained her undergraduate degree Communications in her home state of Arkansas and then worked as an environmental photojournalist in Wyoming. She has also served as a Health Educator for the U.S. Peace Corps in Uzbekistan and as a Student Conservation Association trail crew member in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Katie is an avid world traveler, runner, and hiker and is an aspiring fiddle player. In an ideal world, she would like to be a professional Ultimate Frisbee player, but in lieu of that, she hopes to work in community outreach and natural resource management. When asked why she came to Harpers Ferry, she said, "I have an affinity for nature and also wanted to expand my community outreach experience. I will be working primarily on environmental education as well as (of course) history education."

Anyone interested in internships with Harpers Ferry National Historical Park can find information on the park's webpage at <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/supportyourpark/internships.htm> or by calling 304-535-6282.