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By Kevin Lavery ’16

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The 2015-2016 Civil War Institute Fellows are ready for action! Photograph courtesy of Shawna Sherrell.

Although the academic year started only a week ago, our newest writers have already stepped into the big shoes left by their predecessors and are eager to leave their own legacy upon the Gettysburg Compiler. As part of our ongoing commitment to bringing you great stories and reflections about the Civil War in history and memory, the editorial staff of the Gettysburg Compiler has spent a great amount of time rethinking the direction of our efforts to maximize our impact. We’re fortunate this year to have large staff with a vast diversity of interests and backgrounds. As such, our coverage will take a broader focus than in years past in order to capitalize on our team’s strengths. Are you fascinated by culinary fads of the Civil War Era? We’ll have that covered. Are you curious about some of the great townsfolk and visitors who help to make Gettysburg such a unique destination? We’ll be sending a team out to interview many of them so that we can bring their perspectives to you. Some of our writers will be tackling huge issues such as women and reenacting, how the Civil War is taught in schools, and why Americans are obsessed with the underdog narrative of the Lost Cause. This is only a small snapshot of the topics we plan to cover this semester, and as we grow together in our knowledge of the Civil War, our horizons can only expand.
It is now my pleasure to introduce our newest additions to the Civil War Institute Fellows program: Savannah Rose ’17, Kaylyn Sawyer ’17, Elizabeth Smith ’17, Alexandria Andrioli ’18, Nicole Hindley ’18, Annika Jensen ’18, Jeff Lauck ’18, Jennifer Simone ’18, and Julia Sippel ’18. They will be joining our returning team of veteran bloggers to help us all broaden our collective historical consciousness and to engage with the Civil War on an ever deepening level.

We hope you will enjoy the fruits of our labor. If you do, please let our dedicated staff know how much their work is appreciated by liking and sharing their posts. If you would like to contribute to a discussion, we would love to hear from you in a comment and we might even respond. Now, here’s hoping for a great semester.

Keep reading, keep writing, and keep questioning everything you know.

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