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**MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE PROFESSOR ATTENDS SEMINAR ON THE
CIVIL WAR IN GLOBAL CONTEXT**

New York, New York (July 12, 2007) – This summer, Missouri Valley College Professor Timothy Baumann traveled to New York University to attend a one-week competitive application seminar entitled "The Civil War in Global Context" led by Thomas Bender, University Professor of the Humanities and Professor of History at New York University. The seminar, sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, was attended by nineteen community and small college instructors and examined transnational and global aspects of the American Civil War.

The Gilder Lehrman Institute's summer seminars are designed to strengthen educators' commitment to high quality history teaching. Public, parochial and independent school teachers are eligible to apply. These week-long seminars provide intellectual stimulation and a collaborative context for developing practical resources and strategies to take back to the classroom. Over the past 12 years, more than 6,000 educators have participated. This year, more than 600 participants from 49 states and 6 foreign countries will take part in one of 24 different seminars held in the United States and England. In each seminar, educators work with primary source documents provided by the professors and the Gilder Lehrman Collection. The documents are used by all of the attendees to produce materials that can be brought into their classrooms. Each educator receives reading materials, room and board, transportation for tours and a stipend.

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