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LECTURE: ROBERT R. MCCORMICK IN RUSSIA

*Historian David Mould to speak on McCormick's World War I trip as a reporter;
Presentation will include a screening of rare newsreel footage*

Wheaton, Ill., June 8, 2015 — The Robert R. McCormick Museum and First Division Museum at Cantigny Park will host a lecture by historian David H. Mould, Ph.D., on Thursday, June 25, at 7:30 pm.

All are invited to the event at Le Jardin inside the Cantigny Park Visitors Center. The program begins at 7:30 pm. Admission and parking are free.

Dr. Mould's presentation, "With the Russians at the Front," commemorates the 100th anniversary of Robert R. McCormick's trip to Russia during World War I. Colonel McCormick, Cantigny's benefactor, served as a front-line reporter for his family's newspaper, the *Chicago Tribune*, and supervised the *Tribune's* making of the first newsreels of the war.

McCormick went on to participate in the Great War as a soldier, commanding an artillery unit for the U.S. Army's First Division at the Battle of Cantigny in 1918.

The program on June 25 will include rare clips from "The Great Russian Army in Battle," one of the *Tribune's* official newsreels from the war, shot in 1915 by Colonel McCormick and his camera crew. During the screening, an actor portraying McCormick will read the Colonel's own descriptions of the events.

Dr. Mould is Professor Emeritus of Media Arts and Studies at Ohio University and the author of *American Newsfilm, 1914-1919: The Underexposed War* and many articles and conference papers on news and documentary film in World War I. Born in the U.K., he began his career as a newspaper and television journalist before moving to the U.S. for graduate study in mass media. Mould's Ph.D. is in American Studies and he teaches courses in media history and historiography, international media, communication for human development, and media and politics. Since the mid-1990s, he has worked as a media trainer and consultant, mostly in Central and Southeast Asia, and currently directs a global training course for UNICEF staff. His recent research is on post-Soviet media and his latest book, *Postcards from Stanland: Why We Should Care About Central Asia*, will be published this fall.

Doors open at 6:30 pm. A cash bar will be available along with a limited food menu. Coffee is complimentary.

More information about Cantigny Park, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955). It is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitor Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions and upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org. Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, full-service clubhouse, Cantigny Golf Academy and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, visit CantignyGolf.com.