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#### [PhD candidate Asher Orkaby discusses parallels between Syria and Yemen](#)

[Asher Orkaby](#), PhD candidate in History and Middle Eastern Studies and Fellow in the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs' Program on Global Society and Security, has published a piece in [Bloomberg](#) discussing the similarities between recent chemical attacks in Syria and the forgotten gas attacks in Yemen during the 1960s.

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#### [Jill Lepore's "Book of Ages" makes the National Book Awards Longlist](#)

Professor Jill Lepore has made the 2013 National Book Award Longlist for Nonfiction with her recent work *Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin* (Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, Inc. ) Lepore's book tells the story of Benjamin Franklin's youngest sister, Jane Franklin. Like her more famous brother, Jane Franklin was a prolific writer and an avid political commentator. For more on *Book of Ages* and other books by Jill Lepore, please visit her [webpage](#).

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#### [Recent PhD graduate tracks cultural heritage preservation in Istanbul](#)

Clare Morgana Gillis (PhD '10) discusses the fight to preserve Ottoman archaeological sites in Istanbul in a recent [article](#) in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Reacting to large-scale construction projects which threaten significant sites, archaeologists and academics have argued that the current need for such projects does not justify the potential destruction of important sites such as the Ottoman shipyard Tersane, which dates back to mid-15th century.

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