

Chair's Bulletin

November 2008

News and Notables

On October 23, 2008, the work of the **Freedmen and Southern Society Project** was showcased at a University celebration of reaching the halfway milestone in the Great Expectations fundraising campaign. Attendees included donors, alumni, regents, and members of the campus community.

Alejandro Cañeque delivered the paper "In Lands So Remote: The Conflictual Nature of Habsburg Rule in the Viceroyalty of New Spain" at the international symposium "Local Dimensions of a World Empire: Habsburg Rule 1300-1600." The conference, organized by the University of Zürich and the Staatsarchiv des Kantons Aargau, took place at Lenzburg Castle October 9-11, 2008.

The University of California Press has announced that **Art Eckstein's** book *Mediterranean Anarchy, Interstate War and the Rise of Rome* will be reissued in a paperback version in the spring of 2009. For an academic book in ancient history, this is quite an unusual achievement.

Michael David-Fox edited and published two book-length, special theme issues of *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* on transnational topics in volume 9 (2008). For "Imagining the West in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union," *Kritika* 9, 4 (Fall 2008), to be released any day now, he wrote the introduction, "Passing through the Iron Curtain." For the second, "Circulation of Knowledge and the Human Sciences in Russia," *Kritika* 9,1 (Winter 2008), he also wrote the introduction and co-organized the conference at the Centre russe, EHESS (Paris) at which the papers were originally presented. He has edited 8 such special theme issues in the 9 volumes of the journal to date.

Saverio Giovacchini delivered a public lecture on "Cinema and Disability" during the Disability Awareness Month on October 23, 2008.

Julie Greene's essay titled "Working-Class Heroes and the 2008 Presidential Campaign" appeared in the Fall issue of the Labor and Working-Class History Association's Newsletter. You can find it online at <http://www.lawcha.org/newsletters/fall08.pdf>

Gay Gullickson's essay "Emily Wilding Davison: Secular Martyr?" appeared in *Social Research*, vol. 75, summer 2008.

Jeffrey Herf's book, *The Jewish Enemy: Nazi Propaganda during World War II and the Holocaust* (Belknap Press, April, 2008) is now available in Spanish: *El Enemigo Judío* (Debate, September 2008).

At the Department of State on September 24, 2008, **John Lampe** presented a briefing paper to another of the US Ambassadors heading for the beloved Balkans, this time to Amb. Philip Reeker on the Macedonian economy just prior to his departure for Skopje. During his subsequent October research trip to Belgrade, Lampe also lectured, before students and faculty in the American Studies Program of Belgrade University's Faculty of Political Science, on the evolution of US diplomatic relations with the former Yugoslavia since 1919 and the problems hereby posed for relations with Serbia since 1989.

Sonya Michel's op-ed on Sarah Palin, "She's Not a Feminist, She's A Maternalist," appeared in The Baltimore Sun on October 16: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bal-op.palin16oct16,0,4507267.story> The column was also picked up as one of the "Best Columns, The U.S." in the October 31, 2008 issue of The Week.

Richard Price's book, [*Making Empire: Colonial Encounters and the Creation of Imperial Rule in Nineteenth-Century Africa*](#), has just been published by Cambridge University Press (October 2008).

Karin Roseblatt presented a paper titled: "¿Quebrar el ritmo de la historia?: Las políticas sociales en los gobiernos radicales" at a seminar celebrating the 70th anniversary of Chile's Popular Front Government, October 22-24, 2008.

David Sartorius authored "Crossing the Water: The Search for Africa in Latin America," the lead article for the University of Maryland Latin American Studies Center's Fall 2008 newsletter. This issue of the newsletter is devoted to the African presence in Latin America and it also includes an article by undergraduate history major Owen Andrews.

Peter Wien participated in a workshop on "Re-thinking the Iraqi Revolution: Perspectives on 1958" from October 24 to 26, 2008 at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. It was sponsored by The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TAARII).

Thomas Zeller was commentator for the panel "Engineering Nature" at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of Technology in Lisbon, Portugal, on October 12, 2008. On November 7, he will be a commentator at the conference "Automobility: The 100th Anniversary of the Model T," organized by the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, Delaware.

In September, **Joshua Furman** (Ph.D., Modern Jewish History; Advisor: Prof. Rozenblit) received a Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant from the university in support of his paper presentation at the Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary Historical Conference at the University of Colorado. Joshua gave a paper at the conference entitled, "The Koufax Image': Stereotypes and Symbolism in Media Coverage of Sandy Koufax, 1962-1966."

Katarina Keane (Ph.D. US; advisor, Leslie Rowland) presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association. Entitled "Working with Other Women: Feminist Businesses and the Second Wave," her paper was part of a panel on feminism in the South.

Darren Speece organized a panel for the 2009 Conference of the American Society of Environmental Historians entitled, "The States v. the Feds: National and Regional Environmental Politics and Policies." Darren will present the paper, "The Ghosts of Muir and Pinchot: The Redwood Wars and the Fights over Humanity's Place among the Giants, 1968 – 1999." The paper examines the history of the environmental ideas that California's redwood activists drew upon in their work.

Rachel Finkelstein, a senior honors major in History, won a Dean's Senior Scholar Award. She was one of six students that received recognition and a \$1000 prize. A ceremony will be held at the Driskell Center on November 6, 2008. Rachel, who hails from Berkeley, California, has been mentored by Art Eckstein and is currently writing an honors thesis on religious NGOs and the drafting of the U.N. Charter under the supervision of Sonya Michel. In addition to her academic achievements, Rachel has been an active volunteer both here and

abroad, including teaching English in a rural village in Thailand. After graduation, she hopes to become a Fulbright Teaching Assistant in South Africa.

Owen Silverman Andrews' article, "Structural Genocide during the First Vargas Regime, 1930-1945," was published in the fall issue of the Latin American Studies Center newsletter.

Max Grivno (Ph.D. 2007, Advisor: Rowland), assistant professor at the University of Southern Mississippi, won the C. Vann Woodward Dissertation Award in a unanimous decision for his dissertation, "'There Slavery Cannot Dwell': Agriculture and Labor in Northern Maryland, 1790-1860," at the 2008 annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association. The prize carries a cash award of \$3,000. Grivno also presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association. Its title was "'There are Objections to Black and White, But One Must Be Chosen': Farm Management in Northern Maryland, 1820-1860."

Upcoming Events

MCHTSE Seminar Series "Battle of the Brains: Election-Night Forecasting at the Dawn of the Computer-Age" Ira Chinoy, UMD, Nov. 6, 2008 beginning at 4PM TLF2110

Book Launch: [Decoding Clausewitz: A New Approach to On War](#), John Tetsuro Sumida, Professor of History, University of Maryland, on Monday, November 10, 2008 from 4:00-6:00PM in 2110 Taliaferro.

African American Political Culture Workshop: Tuesday, November 11, 2008, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (Light refreshments available at 6:15) in 2120 Key Hall, University of Maryland. Presenting will be **Martha Jones**, University of Michigan: "I was born in... Croix-des-Bouquets": Space, Time, and Jurisdiction in Atlantic World Slavery." Discussion will be based upon a pre-circulated paper. If you plan to attend the talk and would like a copy of the paper, please email Elsa Barkley Brown (barkleyb@umd.edu).

American History Search Candidate Talk: November 17, 2008 4PM, TLF2110

American History Search Candidate Talk: November 20, 2008 4PM, TLF2110

American History Search Candidate Talk: November 24, 2008 4PM, TLF2110

Thanksgiving Holiday – History Department Closed – November 27-28, 2008

Faculty Work-in-Progress: David A. Grimstead, Professor of History, University of Maryland, Monday, December 1, 2008, 4:00-6:00PM, 2110 Taliaferro Hall

CHS Presents: "Recruiting and Retaining an All-Volunteer Army" Beth Bailey, Professor of History at Temple University; Jennifer Mittelstadt, Professor of History and Women's Studies at Penn State University, Thursday, December 4, 2008, 5:30-7:00PM, 0106 Francis Scott Key Hall