

Chair's Bulletin

August 1, 2006

WELCOME

It may be summertime, but I wanted you to know that there is much to report. So, we are sending out this mid-summer issue of the chair's bulleting.

The transition from the Gerstle era is progressing smoothly, I think. I am settling into the new office and Whit and Elsa are already deep into the work of their respective responsibilities. Daryle, now the old timer, of course, continues to exercise his watchful eye over the Graduate Program. He and Elsa have just hired a replacement for David Sohns. Her name is Jodi Hall and she begins July 31, 2006.

Sonya Michel will no longer be split in two; we have put her back together where she really belongs: in History and now full time with us. She has also kindly agreed to take on the Directorship of CHS following the end of Barbara Weinstein's term.

I want to express my thanks to all those officers who have stepped down – Clare Lyons, David Sicilia, as well as Barbara – for the tremendous jobs they have all done in the past three years.

FACULTY AND STAFF: ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Gary Gerstle is now settling himself in at Vanderbilt, enjoying his subscription to the Grand Ole Opry. We wish him well.

Dr. Brush retired after 38 years with the University of Maryland as a Distinguished University Professor. Many wonderful things were spoken at his retirement party on May 15, 2006.

Dr. Richard Bell has accepted a position as Assistant Professor in early American history. He will add greatly to our strength in colonial and early national American history. We are excited about the boldness of his work on suicide in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century America.

Dr. Hilary Jones has joined the department as Assistant Professor in African History and the History of the African Diaspora. We admire the quality and range of her work on the Métis society in late nineteenth and early twentieth century Senegal.

Dr. Peter Wien will be an Assistant Professor in Middle East History. His book about the emergence of Iraqi nationalism in the interwar years is a must read.

Dr. Julie Taddeo has come to the history department as a visiting Assistant Professor. She is an expert in modern Britain who will add to our strengths in European history, the history of women and gender, and cultural history. She will also serve as Coordinator of our Undergraduate Internship Program.

I would also like to welcome Dr. Avi Piccard, Ben Gurion University, Israel, as Visiting Professor of History. He is the second of the series of visiting professors in Israel history, a program supported by funds raised by the Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies. Dr. Piccard is currently co-editing a book on Israeli development towns. At Maryland, Dr. Piccard is teaching the history of Zionism for the fall semester and will play a role in events and programming at the Meyerhoff Center.

Many adjunct and visiting professors and lecturers have returned for another semester here in the History Department. Jeannie Rutenberg, Don McNeilly, Sabrina Baron, Ivanka Atanasova, Ron Lilley, Betsy Mendelsohn, and Howard Smead

As many of you know, Darlene King has returned to the History Department. Cajoled out of a wonderful retirement in Arkansas, Darlene is back at her old desk and ready to assist everyone with anything they need.

Courtenay Lanier has joined the department as Assistant to the Chair. It was a huge change coming from the High-Tech business world to academia but the adjustment seems to be going well. Courtenay has already demonstrated what an asset she promises to be by taking on the job of updating the history department website.

Jodi Hall accepted a position working in the Graduate and Undergraduate Affairs office. A recent Howard University graduate, Jodi brings a lot of customer service experience to the job.

GRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS

From a record-high 226 applications to our three-degree programs, the Department made 82 offers of admission. Thirty-one admitted students will matriculate in the Fall 2006, and another five have deferred matriculation until 2007.

All students taking PhD, MA, and Language examinations during academic year 2005-06 had passed the comprehensives by the end of June 2006.

The History Graduate Students Association conference, "Popular and National Identities in a Transnational World," was held February 9-10, 2006.

The Second Latin American and Caribbean Graduate Student Conference, organized by Leandro Benmergui (PhD, Latin America; Advisor: Daryle Williams), was held May 4-5, 2006

MERRILL ROOM COMPLETED

The Horace Samuel Merrill Room is now complete, save for the artwork for the walls. The addition of two tables and 25 new chairs make the room much more comfortable for meetings and seminars. The dedication this past April went very well. 75 alumni, faculty, and friends joined Marion Merrill for dinner and conversation.

NATHAN AND JEANETTE MILLER CENTER FOR HISTORICAL STUDIES

The Center for Historical Studies has had a major overhaul thanks to the generosity of the Nathan and Jeanette Miller Estate. The Center is busy planning many new events, workshops and seminars for the coming year under its new leadership: Dr. Sonya Michel, with the assistance of graduate student Jason Guthrie.

SEARCHES

We are still working on the Senior American Search to replace Gary Gerstle. Currently, Nancy Tomes is being considered.

Dean Harris has approved each of the three searches proposed. A senior Latin American Search will be done for an Associate or Full Professor to replace Barbara Weinstein, who is leaving the University of Maryland to pursue a position at NYU. We will also seek a junior level Latin American Assistant Professor. Our third search is to fill a junior level position in Medieval History.

The Latin American search committee is lead by Mary Kay Vaughan with Daryle Williams and Madeline Zilfi. The Medieval Search Committee consists of leader Kenneth Holum, Art Eckstein, and Philip Soergel from History and Theresa Coletti from English. We shall also add graduate students members to these committees.

CHS LAUNCHES ITS 2006-2007 PROGRAM

CHS has planned a full and exciting series of seminars, lectures, and events for the year. The theme this year is "The Power of Belief: Religion in History."

CHS is the intellectual hub of our Department, and its events have become important occasions for us to discuss and debate history. The Center encourages a spirit of wide-ranging and rigorously analytic historical inquiry, and it seeks to involve Department members in discussions that range from ancient to modern history and from the U.S. and Latin America to Europe, Africa, and Asia. With that in mind, please make a special effort to attend events that lie both within and beyond your areas of primary interest. The seminars are grounded in pre-circulated papers that participants are expected to read beforehand; most of the seminar time is devoted to active discussion rather than passive listening.

The Center's first seminar this season will be on Monday, September 25th, 2006: "Living Blood Poured Out:" Chapter 7 of Caroline Bynum's new book *Wonderful Blood*, a work on blood piety in Northern Germany in the 15th Century due out in 2007.

The Center will also be hosting Faculty Works in Progress, the first presented on November 13, 2006 by Saverio Giovacchini.

MARYLAND'S HISTORIANS

In addition to their individual studies, Maryland graduate students accomplished several major commissioned research and editing projects during the Spring 2006 semester. The list includes:

The editorial team of *The Maryland Historian* announced the publication of Volume 30 of the "the oldest continuously-published graduate-student-run history journal in the country." The special anniversary edition included contributions from David Grimsted, Ian Tyrell, Nelson Lichtenstein, and Donald A. Ritchie.

Sarah Snyder (HiLS,US; Advisor: Marlene Mayo) completed a commissioned history of the University Libraries' Gordon W. Prange Collection.
Keith Swaney (HiLS,US; Advisor: Leslie Rowland) completed a commissioned history of the Department of History.

FELLOWSHIPS

2005-2006 was a year of tremendous success in graduate fellowships awards. The highlights include:

Patricia Acerbi (PhD, Latin America; Advisor: Barbara Weinstein) has been awarded a Fulbright-IIE fellowship for dissertation research in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for calendar year 2006.

Thomas Castillo (PhD, US; Advisor: Gary Gerstle), won awarded a one-semester Nathan and Jeanette Miller Center for Historical Studies Dissertation fellowship, for his dissertation, "Laboring in the Magic City: Workers in Miami, 1915-1965."

Jennifer Copeland (PhD, US; Advisor: James Henretta) has been awarded a Lord Baltimore Fellowship at the Maryland Historical Society (Baltimore, MD) for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Ian Drake (PhD, US; Advisor: Herman Belz) has been awarded an Earhart Foundation fellowship for graduate study for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Susanne Eineigel (PhD, Latin America; Advisor: Mary Kay Vaughan) has been awarded a Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council fellowship for dissertation research in Mexico City, Mexico for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Tony Glocke (PhD, Modern Europe; Advisor: John Lampe) has been awarded an International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) fellowship for dissertation research in the Balkans and Austria for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Max Grivo (PhD, US; Advisor: Leslie Rowland), has been awarded the Mary Savage Snuffer Dissertation Fellowship, given by the College of Arts and Humanities. The dissertation title is "'There Slavery Cannot Dwell': Rural Labor in Northern Maryland 1790-1860."

William Howes (PhD, East Asia; Advisor: James Gao) has received a China Scholarship Council fellowship, which he will take at Peking University in Beijing, China over the 2006-2007 academic year.

David Hunter (PhD, US; Advisor: Gary Gerstle), has a one-year Nathan and Jeanette Miller Center for Historical Studies Dissertation fellowship, for his dissertation, "'Jim Crow Goes Abroad': Race and the American Nation During World War Two."

Rinna Kulla (PhD, Modern Europe; Advisor: John Lampe) has been awarded a Helsingin Sanomain Centennial Foundation fellowship for dissertation research in the Balkans and Russia for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Philip Lyon (PhD, Modern Europe; Advisor: John Lampe) has been awarded an American Council of Learned Societies fellowship for dissertation research in Germany for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Christina Morina (PhD, Modern Europe; Advisor: Jeffrey Herf) has been awarded a Stiftung Aufarbeitung fellowship for dissertation research in Germany for Fall 2006.

Nicholas Schlosser (PhD, Modern Europe; Advisor: Jeffrey Herf) has been awarded a Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies for dissertation research in Germany for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Daniel Stotland (PhD, Russia & Former USSR; Advisor: Michael David-Fox) has been awarded an ACTR Dissertation Fellowship for dissertation research in Russia for Fall 2006 and a one-semester Nathan and Jeanette Miller Center for Historical Studies Dissertation fellowship for the spring 2007.

Jonathan White (PhD, US; Advisor: Herman Belz) has been awarded a Bradley Foundation fellowship for graduate study for the 2006-2007 academic year.

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE FOR UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

The Department of History is continuing its participation in the Undergraduate Technology Apprenticeship Program. In the Fall semester, two History majors will be participating in a technology training course. Upon completion of the course, they will be matched with 2 or 3 faculty as paid apprentices for Spring 2007 to support a project using technology for teaching. This is your opportunity to get in-depth support over a semester's time while providing a student with the opportunity to participate in the academic process of creating instructional materials. For example, you might want to integrate images, video, or audio into your lectures, try online discussions, quizzes or student projects with WebCT, or use a weblog for communication.

Faculty are invited to submit project proposals by completing the application found at <http://www.arhu.umd.edu/utap/application-fac.html>. For more information, visit <http://www.arhu.umd.edu/technology/utap/>.

Congratulations to the following faculty for their achievements, awards, and honors:

David Sicilia, 18 January 2006, "Reframing Post World War II U.S. History: A Political Economy of New Institutions and Ideologies." A paper delivered at the American Historical Association meetings in Philadelphia, PA.

Marsha L. Rozenblit, Published 2006, "Germans or German-Speaking Jews? The Case of the Jews in Moravia, 1848-1938." An article in *Text and Context: Essays in Modern Jewish History and Historiography* (In Honor of Ismar Schorsch).

Jeffrey Herf was interviewed 23 April 2006 about his book "From Hatred to the Holocaust" by Michael Hill for an article in the *Baltimore Sun*

Thomas Zeller, 22 December 2005, "How Green Were the Nazis? Nature, Environment, and Nation in the Third Reich." An announcement of the publication of his article, coauthored with Franz-Josef Bruggemeier and Marc Cioc.

David Sicilia and Clare Lyons, 14 March 2006, "Teaching History, Teaching Freedom: Historical Thinking for the 21st Century." Drs. Sicilia and Lyons both aided in teaching educators at this conference, Dr. Sicilia with the High school teachers and Dr. Lyons with the Elementary and Middle school instructors.

Jeffrey Herf, 2 February 2006, "The Jewish Enemy: Nazi Propaganda During World War II and the Holocaust." Dr. Herf held lectures in German pertaining to this book at several institutions, including the following: Center for Research on Anti-Semitism at the Technical University of Berlin, Viadrina Universitat Frankfurt/Oder, and the History Department at the University of Jena.

Jeffrey Herf, 2 February 2006, "The Revolt Against Modernity." Dr. Herf also published this article in the November 2005 issue of *International Politik*.

Jeffrey Herf, 14 February 2006, "The Hypocrisy of Britain and France." Online article published by *The New Republic* and authored by Dr. Herf.

Ira Berlin, 30 October 2005, "Forgotten Slaves." An article by Dr. Berlin pertaining to the slaves of Van Cortlandt Park, the Bronx, New York City; published in the *Baltimore Sun*.

Barbara Weinstein was elected AHA president.

Barbara Weinstein, 29 November 2005, GRB (Graduate Research Board) Semester Award. Dr. Weinstein received \$9,250 in funds from the board for the 2006-2007 academic year in order to further her research needs.

Sabrina Baron, 26 April 2006, University Senate Representative Position. Dr. Baron was appointed to a one-year term, ending May 2007, to the University Senate as a Non-Tenured Instructional Faculty Representative for the Department of History.

James A. Henretta, Spring 2006, "Charles Evans Hughes and the Strange Death of Liberal America." This was an article published in the Law and History Review of Spring 2006, Vol. 24, No. 1.

Jon Tetsuro Sumida, October 2005, "Gunnery Procurement, and Strategy in the Dreadnought Era." Dr. Sumida published a book review in the Journal of Military History No. 69 (October 2005) pertaining to John Brooks' book, Dreadnought Gunnery and the Battle of Jutland: The Question of Fire Control.

Arthur M. Eckstein, 4 December 2005, "Review Article: Persia and the Greeks: Failure of an Empire." Dr. Eckstein published a review of George Gawkwell's book, The Greek Wars: The Failure of Persia in The International History Review, XXVII.

John Lampe, 2006, "Ideologies and National Identities: The Case of Twentieth Century Southeastern Europe." This book, published in 2004 and coauthored by Mark Mazower, was recently reviewed by Melissa Bokovoy, of the University of New Mexico, for the Slavic Review.

Alison Olson, 14 September 2005, Appointment to Professor Emerita. Dr. Olson received this honorary title on behalf of all of her colleagues in the Department.

Stephen Brush, 10 January 2006, Full Member of the International Academy of the History of Science. Dr. Brush received this appointment earlier in the year, one that he describes as being comparable to an election to the National Academy of Sciences.

Kenneth Holum, 18 November 2005, Continuation of Affiliation for Combined Caesarea Expeditions. Dr. Holum's project had its affiliation with the Committee on Archeological Policy of the American Schools of Oriental Research continued last year.

Keith Olson, 13 January 2006, "America's War in Iraq: Questions and Perspectives." Dr. Olson gave this lecture at the Renvall Institute, University of Helsinki.

Clare Lyons, February 2006, "Sex among the Rabble: An Intimate History of Gender and Power in the Age of Revolution, Philadelphia, 1730-1830." Dr. Lyons had this book published by the University of North Carolina Press.

Michael David-Fox, Date (?), "Triple Ambivalence: Theodore Dreiser's Accusatory Pilgrimage, 1927-1928."

Peter Wien, April 2006, "Iraqi Arab Nationalism: Authoritarian, Totalitarian and Pro-Fascist Inclinations, 1932-1941." Dr. Wien, a new professor in the Department, had this book published by Routledge.

Saverio Giovacchini, 28-30 September 2005, Guest Lecturer in the seminar "Uses of History: Culture and Media Studies." Dr. Giovacchini lectured at this conference at Aalborg University in Denmark.

Barbara Weinstein, Abel Ricardo Lopez and Susanne Eineigel, 27-29 April 2006, "We Shall Be All: Toward a Global History of the Middle Class." Dr. Weinstein and Mr. Lopez organized this conference, Lopez also gave a paper at the conference, "They Are my Poor. Who Are my Elites? The Historical Formation of the Middle Class in Bogota, Colombia. 1940-1960." Along with this, another doctoral student, Susanne Eineigel, presented her paper, "Residential Space and Urban Services in Middle-Class Identity and Politics, Mexico City, 1920-1940."

Congratulations to the following Alumni:

Harvey G. Cohen (PhD, 2002, US; Advisor: David Grimsted), author of *Duke Ellington's America* (forthcoming, University of Chicago Press), has been appointed Lecturer in the Department of Cultural and Creative Industries at Kings College (London, UK).

Naomi Coquillion (MA, 2006, US; Advisor: Leslie Rowland) has been appointed School Resources Coordinator at the Maryland Historical Society (Baltimore, MD).

Christian Esh (PhD, 2006, US; Advisor: Herman Belz) has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of History at Northwest Nazarene University (Nampa, ID).

Scott A. Ickes (PhD, 2003, Latin America; Advisor: Daryle Williams) has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of History at the University of South Florida (Tampa, FL).

Mark E. Kehren (PhD, 2006, Latin America; Advisor: Barbara Weinstein) has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of History at Loras College (Dubuque, IA).

Cynthia Kennedy (PhD, 1999, US; Advisor: Ira Berlin) published *Braided Relations, Entwined Lives: The Women of Charleston's Urban Slave Society* (Indiana University Press) in 2005.

Rebecca A. Lord (PhD, 2003, Latin America; Advisor: Daryle Williams) completed two years as an assistant editor at the Samuel Gompers Papers Project and is now working as a political organizer in the upcoming Maryland General Assembly elections.

Matthew Mason (PhD, 2002, US; Advisor: Ira Berlin), an assistant professor at Brigham Young University (Provo, UT), has been appointed as a Gilder Lehrman Senior Scholar at the New York Public Library for his latest research project, "The Doughfaces: Northern Men of Southern Principles in U.S. Politics, 1819-1865."

Donald A. Ritchie (PhD, 1975, US; Advisor: Samuel H. Merrill), Associate Historian of the United States Senate since 1976, published *Our Constitution: What It Says, What It Means and Reporting from Washington: The History of the Washington Press Corps* (both Oxford University Press) in 2006.

Marie J. Schwartz (PhD, 1994, US; Advisor: Ira Berlin), Associate Professor of History at the University of Rhode Island (Kingston, RI), published *Birthing a Slave: Motherhood and Medicine in the Antebellum South* (Harvard University Press) in 2006.

Andrew Smith (PhD, 2004, Ancient Mediterranean; Advisor: Ken Holum), formerly a postdoctoral fellow at the Albright Institute for Archeological Research (Jerusalem, Israel), has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of History at Dowling College (Oakdale, NY).

Kari Turner (MA, 2006, US; Advisor: Leslie Rowland) has been appointed Director of Education for the National Museum of Civil War Medicine (Frederick, MD).

Ingo W. Trauschweizer (PhD, 2006, International & Diplomatic; Advisor: Jon Sumida) has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of History at Norwich University (Northfield, VT).

Yafeng Xia (PhD, 2003, International & Diplomatic; Advisor: Shu Guang Zhang), an Assistant Professor in East Asian History at Long Island University (Brookville, NY), will publish *Negotiating with the Enemy: U.S.-China Talks during the Cold War, 1949-1972* (Indiana University Press), a revised version of his dissertation, in October 2006.

Congratulations to the following Graduate Students:

Bill Howes, one of our PhD students in Chinese history, has won a fellowship from the Chinese Government for a second year of advanced-level language study in Beijing.

Claire Goldstene (PhD, US; Advisor: Gary Gerstle) has won a Gilder Lehrman grant for dissertation research at the New York Public Library.

David Hunter (PhD, US; Advisor: Gary Gerstle) has won a Gilder Lehrman grant for dissertation research at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York Public Library.

Helena Iles (PhD, US; Advisor: Leslie Rowland) has won the Northeast Popular Culture Association's 2005 prize for best paper presented by a graduate student. The paper was "Patriotism, Grief, and Domesticity: Representations of the Civil War in Tableaux Vivants."

Kate Keane (PhD, US; Advisor: Leslie Rowland) has received an award from the Schlesinger Library (Cambridge, MA) and the Duke University Libraries Special Collections to conduct dissertation research.

Melissa Kravetz (PhD, Modern Europe; Advisor: Jeffrey Herf) has been awarded a grant from the Deutsches Akademisches Austausch Dienst (DAAD) for summer study in Munich, Germany.

Courtney Michael (HiLS, US; Advisor: David Sicilia), a summer intern at the National Trust for Historic Preservation's President Lincoln and Soldiers' Home National Monument (Washington, DC), won a scholarship to attend the conference of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the American Libraries Association: "Libraries, Archives, and Museums in the Twenty-First Century: Intersecting Missions, Converging Futures?".

Stephen Scala (PhD, Modern Europe; Advisor: Jeffrey Herf) has been awarded a scholarship to attend the Summer Seminar in Germany, organized by the German Historical Institute and the the German Department of the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Jonathan White (PhD, US; Advisor: Herman Belz) has been awarded travel grants from the Gilder Lehrman Institute, the Filson Historical Society, the Princeton University Libraries, and the Huntington Library.

Rebecca Wieters (PhD, US) has been awarded a graduate scholarship from the Southern Conference Dorothy Hicks program for her first year of graduate study.

Patricia Acerbi (PhD, Latin America; Advisor: Barbara Weinstein) presented "Legados escravistas, modernidade alternativa: Comércio ambulante no Rio de Janeiro, 1850-1930" at the ANPUH-Rio conference, held August 17, 2006 at the Universidade Federal Fluminense (Niterói, Brazil).

Christian Esh (PhD, US; Advisor: Herman Belz) and Trisha Posey (PhD, US; Advisor: David Grimsted) have organized a panel for the AHA Conference in January 2007. The title of the session is "The Organic Idea in Antebellum New England Thought."

Helena Iles (PhD, US; Advisor: Leslie Rowland) presented "Modernity and Marriage: Tableaux Vivants and Fantasies of America, 1860-1930" at the Seventh Southern Conference on Women's History, held June 8-10, 2006.

Sara Snyder (HiLS, East Asia; Advisor: Marlene Mayo) presented at the Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities CoffeeHouse Conversation on "Experiences in Scholarly Recording with MiniDisc Technology" on May 2, 2006.

DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

August 30 First day of Classes

September 4 Labor Day Holiday - UM Closed

September 11 Departmental Meeting - KEY1117 - 3:30PM Welcome Back
Senior American Search: the Nancy Tomes-Christopher Sellers decision
Looking Forward: the prospects for the next few years

September 25
Departmental Meeting - TLF2110 3:30PM
Revising the Plan of Organization

September 25
Center for Historical Studies
Lecture Series: The Power of Belief: Religion in History

October 9
Departmental Meeting - TLF2110 3:30PM
Tentative meeting with the Dean of Libraries, Charles Lowry

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