

# HISTORY AT ILLINOIS

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## FROM THE NOT-SO-EASY CHAIR

The 1976-77 academic year (with a spillover into the current year) was the year that the department coped with COPE, the University's Council on Program Evaluation. This body was set up six years ago in order to superintend the process whereby every University school and department, in due course, justified its educational purposes in lengthy statistical, as well as narrative, detail. The process involved (1) a questionnaire evaluating the department filled out by undergraduate history concentrators and by graduate students in history; (2) a questionnaire filled out by each member of the faculty about his or her own professional background, accomplishments, and affiliations; (3) a questionnaire, filled out by all faculty members who chose to do so, evaluating the department's executive officer; (4) a lengthy narrative report prepared by that same executive officer outlining the department's history, organization, objectives, criteria for merit increases and promotions, teaching assignment policies, advising policies, and other such subjects; and (5) some twenty statistical tables, at least half of which had to be compiled by the department. After an interval the process was climaxed by a COPE-sponsored visit to the campus late in February 1978 by three distinguished historians, Samuel P. Hays of Pittsburgh, Lacey Baldwin Smith of Northwestern, and Peter H. Smith of Wisconsin.

Pending a final report on the department by COPE, members of the department have thus far been compelled to look upon statistical self-analysis as a reward in its own right. For the most part they have found mathematical confirmation for what hitherto had been random impressions. Thus, at the time the survey was taken, 49 persons were associated with the department: 39 with tenure or tenure track appointments wholly in the Department of History, 6 with appointments partly in the Department of History and partly in another University subdivision, and 4 temporary visitors. For these 49, the median age was 42 and the average number of years since receiving the Ph.D., 12. Of this number, 34 had published at least one book and 41 at least one article in a scholarly journal; 30 had held office in at least one national or regional professional association; and 18 were serving on at least one journal editorial board. An average of two faculty members per year had received promotion to the rank of associate professor or professor during the previous decade.

Similar statistics were accumulated about courses, degrees awarded, and students. The department has been offering an average of 155 separate courses during each academic year plus summer. During the ten year period 1966-75, a total of 2,006 students received a B.A. with a major in history, 650 an M.A. in history, and 123 a Ph.D. in history. The results of the survey of current graduate and undergraduate students indicated that most students were well satis-



Executive committee members (left to right) Frederic C. Jaher, Bennett D. Hill, Walter L. Arnstein, C. Ernest Dawn, and J. Leonard Bates.

fied with most aspects of the department's program: they regarded it as neither too easy nor too difficult, its structure neither too flexible nor too rigid, its orientation neither too general nor too detailed. A significant number of graduate students suggested that courses were not sufficiently well integrated and provided an insufficiently "sound theoretical framework," but both undergraduates and graduates gave high marks to the quality of instruction, and, in the case of graduate students, even higher marks to the department's secretarial staff. On a scale of five, both undergraduate and graduate students gave an average grade of four to both their personal sense of dedication to the program and to the degree to which they regarded their program of study as worthwhile.

As last year's newsletter observed, like most other history departments, that of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has had to face the problem in recent years of a falling number of enrollments and a falling number of history concentrators. That decline has not been halted altogether, but by the fall of 1977-78 the department's enrollment level had almost reached a plateau, and at the 100 level the trend was once again upwards.

*Walter L. Arnstein*

## PRUETT TEACHING AWARD FINALIST



John H. Pruett, a member of the Department of History since 1973 and the mainstay of the teaching of History 151 (History of the United States to 1877) since that time, emerged as one of eight finalists for the third all-campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. Initially (together with O. Vernon Burton) one of two department nominees for the award, Pruett was chosen successively by the School of Humanities and the College of Liberal Arts

and Sciences as award nominee.

Other members of the department have also been recognized for excellent teaching. In annual surveys, LAS graduating seniors have been invited to nominate their "most effective teacher." Persons named 8 to 13 times are listed as "excellent," those named 14 times

### NEWS FLASH!

Bennett D. Hill, professor of history (and a member of the department since 1963), has been appointed to chair the department effective August 1978.

Martha Friedman, the University of Illinois history librarian, has been elected president of the American Association of University Professors.

or more as "superior." In the 1976 and 1977 surveys, eleven different members of the department were named at least once: Johannsen, Pruett, and Pernicone as "superior," and Arnstein, Burkhardt, Drake, Hill, Krueger, Mastny, Ransel, and Widenor as "excellent."

Yet another source of information about excellence in teaching is the semiannual "Incomplete List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students." This is compiled by the Office of Instructional Resources on the basis of standard course questionnaire results made available to the office by the instructors. The following full-time department members have been cited as "excellent" on that basis for one or more courses during the past two years: Buckler, Burkhardt, Burton, Crumney, Dawn, Drake, Hibbard, McKay, Mastny, Melhado, Mitchell, Padgett, Pruett, Ransel, Solberg, Waller, Wechsler, and Widenor.

### GUGGENHEIM FOR MASTNY

Professor Vojtech Mastny, a member of the Department of History since 1974, was honored last spring by the award of a Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship. In conjunction with a partial sabbatical and a Dorothy Danforth Compton Fellowship (Institute for the Study of World Politics), the Guggenheim Fellowship is enabling Professor Mastny to pursue his researches on the cultural life of Eastern Europe during the period after 1945. The author of *Czechs Under Nazi Rule* (1971), Professor Mastny has also completed a book on Stalin's war aims that is to be published by the Columbia University Press. Professor Mastny serves as book review editor of the *Slavic Review* and as a member of the editorial boards of both *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* and *East Central Europe*. In the course of 1976-77 he published five book reviews and served as commentator at meetings of both the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (October 1976) and the American History Association (December 1976). He also presented papers at the City University of New York Conference on Ideology and Foreign Policy (October 1976) and the Conference on Americans as Protagonists held by the Smithsonian Institution in May 1977. While working in archives of the Washington, D.C., area during the 1977-78 academic year, he has been granted an office in the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

### PROMOTIONS FOR JAHER AND DRAKE

In the late spring of 1977 the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign approved the promotion of Frederic C. Jaher to the rank of professor and of Paul W. Drake to the rank of associate professor.

A member of the Department of History since 1968, Professor Jaher received his Ph.D. degree from Harvard University and has also taught at the City College of New York, Long Island University, and the University of Chicago. He is the author of *Doubtfuls and Dissenters: Cataclysmic Thought in America, 1885-1918* (1965), the editor of *The Age of Industrialism in America* (1968), and *The Rich, the Well-born, and the Powerful* (1974), and the coeditor of *Aliens: A History of Ethnic Minorities in America* (2nd ed., 1976). His comprehensive new study on the elites of five major American cities has been accepted for publication by the University of Illinois Press. The article he contributed (in collaboration with Jocelyn Ghent) to the fall 1976 issue of the *Business History Review*, "The Chicago Business Elite, 1830-1930: A Collective Portrait," was named the best article to appear in that journal during 1976. In

May 1977 Professor Jaher was elected to a two-year term on the department executive committee.

Paul W. Drake, who received his Ph.D. from Stanford University, has been a member of the department faculty since September 1971. He is the author of five scholarly articles, and his book, *Socialism and Populism in Chile, 1932-1952*, has been accepted for publication by the University of Illinois Press. He presented a paper to the University of Chicago/University of Illinois Seminar on State and Society in Latin America in May 1977, and he served as panelist on a session devoted to "Ethical Problems of Research in Latin America" at the October 1977 meeting of the Midwest Association for Latin American Studies. During the spring of 1978, Professor Drake will be on sabbatical leave and doing research in Washington, D.C.

### JAN CUNNINGHAM NEW DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

In July 1977, Judith A. Corray, after five years as chief secretary to the Department of History, resigned from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in order to take a position in private industry. Shortly thereafter, Jan Cunningham (who, as Jan Draper, had first joined the department as a clerk-typist in 1971) was persuaded to return after several months in the Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese to head the department's secretarial staff. In addition to having gained many years of experience communicating with publishers about book orders and with doctoral candidates about dissertation formats, Jan holds a B.S. degree from the University in psychology, a subject that she continues to find useful in her dealings with Department of History faculty members and students.

As of spring 1978, the other members of the department secretarial staff are Irene Benker (who has been with the department since 1970 and takes care of most official correspondence), Lorie Raupp (in charge of book orders, as well as correspondence), Kim Howard (who handles graduate student admissions and financial aid matters), Joy Miller (in charge of undergraduate advising and course registration records), and Nancy Zehrbach (receptionist, typist, mailroom clerk, and supervisor of audiovisual equipment).

### MISSION TO WARSAW

Wallace Farnham returned in June 1977 from a unique and productive term as visiting professor of American history at Warsaw University, Poland. It marked the end of a total of four years' work during which he served in turn as a Fulbright lecturer, 1971-73, and as co-organizer and deputy director of a newly formed American Studies Center, 1975-77.

The Fulbright position is believed to have been the first in American history in a Communist country and marked the beginning of systematic work in the field of Polish universities. From 1971 to 1977 it was part of a regular exchange between Warsaw and Illinois, supported by the two universities and the Fulbright-Hays program. During that period five Warsaw professors and two research scholars worked on the Urbana campus and returned to make "Urbana" and "Illinois"



familiar and, apparently, popular words in Warsaw's Institute of History.

In his second tour in Warsaw, Professor Farnham, who represented Indiana University as well, served as visiting professor with responsibility to help conclude and implement an agreement for scholarly exchange between Indiana and Warsaw. The agreement, signed by the presidents of the two universities on October 4, 1976, features the creation of the center in Warsaw and a Polish Studies Center in Bloomington. The Warsaw center began activities immediately, and the center in Bloomington was opened a year later with the participation of distinguished Polish scholars and Polish and American diplomats. Each center encourages a broad range of studies of the history and civilization of the respective countries and has made possible substantial improvement in library holdings for the respective universities. The library program is expected to make serious study and research on American civilization possible in Poland. The Warsaw center already serves as a basic resource and stimulus for work that has lagged for want of resources rather than of interest, and it promises to extend into that country the American studies movement that has for some years been firmly established in several other countries in Europe and Asia.

Although the center in Warsaw is the chief fruit of the Illinois venture there, the more prosaic work of teaching and talking moved forward in courses, seminars, and some publishing, and it is now a familiar part of the historians' scene. The first group of students specializing in American history graduated in 1977, producing substantial theses for their degrees. Over the years Professor Farnham also lectured at most other Polish universities. He was editor and, with Polish scholars, coauthor of a collection of articles on Polish and American themes, *Shifting Currents in Polish-American Relations*, published in English by the Warsaw University Press in 1976, and author of an article on American historiography published in Polish in 1974.

### VISITING STAFF

During the 1977-78 academic year, the Department of History has been profiting from the services of six visitors.

Dr. Donald E. Crumney, who now bears the title of visiting associate professor of African studies, continues to teach courses in African history. In the course of the past year, he contributed reviews to the *English Historical Review*, the *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, and the *Journal of African History*. He also presented papers to the annual conference of the African Studies Association meeting in Boston in November 1976, and to a symposium on "Pre-colonial Modes of Production in Africa" held on the Urbana campus in May 1977. In August 1977 he became associate director of the University's African Studies Program.

Janet Duitsman Cornelius, who received her Ph.D. in history from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign last year and has been a member of Danville Junior College faculty since 1970, is serving as both academic counselor and visiting assistant professor of history. Her book, *Constitution Making in Illinois, 1818-1970* was published by the University of Illinois Press in 1972. She is currently revising for possible publication her doctoral dissertation on Southern evangelists and slaves in the United States during the period 1830-60.

Paul Edward Kopperman, who received his Ph.D. from the University in 1972 and taught at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, from 1972 to 1974, is serving as visiting assistant professor

of history during the spring 1978 semester and teaching a course surveying U.S. military history from its beginnings to 1865. His book *Braddock at the Monongahela*, published in 1977 by the University of Pittsburgh Press, has been hailed by the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* as "an indispensable tool [for] any scholar working close to the subject. . . . It will also prove useful in graduate seminars as a practical, easy-to-comprehend demonstration of how a scholar copes with a problem involving multiple conflicting sources." Roy Carroll Tumbaugh, Jr., who received his Ph.D. in history from the University in 1977 with a dissertation on the historian Harry Elmer Barnes, is serving as visiting assistant professor of history and teaching both 100-level survey courses and 200-level courses in American diplomatic and social history. His "Images of Empire" appeared in the winter 1976 issue of the *Journal of Popular Culture*.

Peter Wetzler, a native of the state of Washington with a B.A. degree from Santa Barbara and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California at Berkeley, is visiting assistant professor of history and teaching courses in Japanese history. Before arriving at the Urbana campus in August 1977, Dr. Wetzler had spent the greater part of five years in Japan, where from 1973 to 1976 he served as visiting research fellow at Tohoku University and participated in several Japanese historical conferences and symposia. His doctoral dissertation involves Confucianism and Buddhism in medieval Japan.

Marcella Grendler has been associated with the department since August 1977 as visiting assistant professor of library administration and history. Dr. Grendler holds a B.A. degree from Mundelein College, an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin, and a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto. She has taught at Woodsworth College of the University of Toronto and is the author of a critical edition and interpretation of *The "Trattato politico-morale" of Giovanni Cavalcanti (1381-c.1451)* (Geneva: Droz, 1973). Dr. Grendler is at the University under the auspices of a three year National Endowment for the Humanities grant to organize and catalog some 22,000 pamphlets and ephemeral publications—most of them dealing with the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries—that constituted part of the library of the Count Antonio Cavagna Sangvilianni, who died in 1913 and whose collection was purchased by the University Library in 1921.

### FACULTY NEWS (of the 1976-77 academic year)

Walter L. Arnstein contributed "George Macaulay Trevelyan and the Art of History" to the autumn 1976 issue of *The Midwest Quarterly*. He gave a paper on Victorian catholicism to the November 1976 meeting of the Southern Conference on British Studies and served as annual Phi Alpha Theta banquet speaker at Eastern Illinois University in April 1977. He chaired sessions at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Bicentennial Symposium in October 1976 and at the Anglo-American Historians' Conference in London in July 1977. He has been named a member of the Distinguished Advisory Council of the Institute for Humanistic Studies at the State University of New York at Albany.

J. Leonard Bates has returned from a one-year stint as visiting professor of history at Arizona State University. While there he taught a course on the history of conservation and gave a number of guest lectures on populism and progressivism. He has been asked to join the membership committee of the Southern Historical Association. In December 1977 he was elected a member of the department's executive committee.

Natalia M. Belting has given numerous guest lectures under auspices ranging from the Ford County Historical Society (French colonial Illinois) to the Illinois State Homemakers' Conference, the Tuscola Bicentennial Commission, the Southern Illinois University Teachers' and Librarians' Workshop on Children's Literature, and Augustana College (The Historiography of French Influence in the Mississippi Valley). In May 1977 Professor Belting conducted workshops dealing with her writings on history and folklore for children at Western Illinois University.

Paul P. Bernard contributed "The Emperor's Friend: Joseph II and Field Marshall Lacy" to the *East European Quarterly* (1976), and "The Limits of Absolutism: Joseph II and the Allgemeynes Krankenhaus" to *Eighteenth Century Studies* (1975-76). His *Rush to the Alps* has been accepted for publication by the Columbia University Press.

John C. Buckler is the author of "Plutarch and the Fate of Antikides" in *Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies* 18 (1977), and of "The Alleged Achaian Arbitration after Leuktra" in *Symbolae Osloenses* 53 (1978). Several additional articles are in press.

Richard W. Burkhardt, Jr., the director of the University's program in history and philosophy of science, has published *The Spirit of System: Lamarck and Evolutionary Biology* (Harvard University Press, 1977). He delivered a paper on "Darwinism in France" at the Society for French Historical Studies meeting at Berkeley in April 1977, and chaired a panel discussion on "Health Care Lessons for the United States" at the Central Illinois World Affairs Conference at Decatur in May 1977. He is a member of the steering committee of the fledgling School of Basic Medical Sciences on the Urbana campus and has been named halftime resident associate at the University's Center for Advanced Study for 1977-78.

O. Vernon Burton spoke on "The Development of the Postbellum Tenant System and Agricultural Production in Edgefield County, South Carolina" to the Seventh International Congress of Economic History in Paris in July 1977. He also presented papers at Princeton University in October 1976 and to the American History Association Convention in Washington in December 1976. He is on leave of absence during the 1977-78 academic year under the auspices of a Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellowship and an American Council of Learned Societies Grant-in-Aid for recent recipients of the Ph.D.

Robert B. Crawford is nowadays occupied primarily by his duties as director of the School of Social Sciences at the University, as well as by his responsibilities as a member of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) board of consultants and an NEH panelist on senior fellowship awards. He co-authored an article in the *Ming Biographical Dictionary* (Columbia University Press, 1976).

John R. Dahl, the department's associate chairman, was program consultant for the October 1977 conference of the Illinois Social Science Association. He is chairman of the executive committee of the University's Athletic Association board of directors and of its museum development committee.

C. Ernest Dawn, a member of the board of advisory editors of *The Middle East Journal*, contributed two reviews to the *American Historical Review* and one to *The Historian*. In 1976 he chaired a session at the meeting of the American Political Science Association and appeared as panelist at a meeting sponsored by the American Professors for Peace in the Middle East. He continues as member of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences executive committee and has been elected a member of the department's executive committee as well.

Lloyd E. Eastman is spending the 1977-78 academic year in Taiwan under the auspices of a senior Fulbright Fellowship. He contributed "Regional Politics and the Central Government: Yunan and Chungking" to Paul K. T. Sih, ed., *Nationalist China During the War with Japan, 1937-1945* (New York: Exposition Press, 1977) and two conference reports to the *Chinese Republican Studies Newsletter*. He presented papers at Harvard University, at the National Academy of Sciences (Washington, D.C.), at the Army War College, and at Illinois State University, as well as served as panelist at a session of the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs in October 1976.

Ronald C. Jennings is proceeding with his researches on Ottoman Turkey in the seventeenth century. His "Archival Materials and Research Facilities in the Cyprus Turkish Federated State: Ottoman Empire, British Empire, Cyprus Republic" was published in the *International Journal for Middle East Studies* 8 (1977) in collaboration with two other specialists, and his article on "Kayseri" appeared in volume 9 of the new edition of the *Encyclopedia of Islam*. Other articles are in press.

Robert W. Johannsen, James G. Randall Distinguished Professor of History, has completed a term as member of the executive board of the Organization of American Historians. He has been appointed a member of the national advisory board of the United States Newspaper Project and of the board of directors of the Great American People Show, which produced the outdoor drama "Your Obedient Servant, A. Lincoln" in New Salem during the summer of 1977. He gave the Robert Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecture at Gettysburg College in November 1976 and was Olive B. White lecturer at Bradley University in November 1977. He also spoke to a meeting of the American Library Association at Detroit in June 1977 and contributed reviews to the *Journal of American History*, the *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, and the *Journal of Southern History*.

Blair B. Kling is the author of *Partner in Empire: Diarakanath Tagore and the Age of Enterprise* (University of California Press, 1976). "With his first book [*The Blue Mutiny*]," writes J. H. Broome, "field in *South Asia in Review*, 'Kling established himself as one of the best prose stylists writing on modern India. The present work is an equal delight to read, and it represents an even more substantial historical contribution. . . . In the field of entrepreneurial history it punctures the fallacious, but surprisingly widely held, belief that Bengali culture is incompatible with commerce. In the field of imperial history it throws fascinating light on the ability of the British to evoke from some groups in their colonies enthusiastic support and collaboration. Technically the work is impeccable. . . ."

Thomas A. Krueger contributed "Labor in Contemporary America" to the spring 1977 issue of the *Journal of Social History* and provided two reviews for the *Journal of American History*.

Joseph L. Love served as commentator on two papers on slavery at the meeting of the Economic History Association in September 1976 and read a prize-winning paper, "Against the Tide: Liberal Politics in São Paulo, 1930-1937," at the March 1977 meeting of the Southwest Social Science Association. His "Comment" on A. J. R. Russell-Wood's "Technology and Society" appeared in the *Journal of Economic History* 37 (March 1977). As research director of the University's Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Professor Love coordinated a joint University of Illinois/University of Chicago seminar during the spring of 1977 on the state and society in Latin America. He has been named to both the historical statistics committee and the 1978 program committee of the Conference on Latin American History.

Robert M. McColley served as commentator at both a special Bicentennial Symposium in Urbana in May 1976 and at a Southern Historical Association session in Atlanta in November 1976. In the course of 1977-78, Professor McColley is introducing a new two-semester 100-level humanities survey, "Introduction to American Civilization."

John P. McKay has produced a 16-page pamphlet for the Forum Press, *The Industrialization of Russia. His Tramways and Trolleys: The Rise of Urban Mass Transport in Europe* (Princeton University Press, 1976) has been hailed by the *Library Journal* as "an original and provocative study," by the *Times Literary Supplement* as a "model monograph," and by the *Business History Review* as "an attractive book of remarkable range and compactness." He was on sabbatical leave during the fall of 1977.

The Ph.D. degree has been conferred by Princeton University on Evan M. Melhado, whose appointment as history of science specialist in the department is shared with the School of Chemical Sciences.

Richard E. Mitchell contributed "Roman Coins as Historical Evidence: The Trojan Legends of Rome" to *Illinois Classical Studies*, I. (1976), and a review to *American Historical Review*. During 1976-77 he served as chairman of the faculty appeals committee of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

J. Alden Nichols' essay "German Liberal Weakness" appeared in the June 1977 issue of *Reviews in European History*.

To the regret of the department, Nancy Jo Padgett, who taught courses in military history, western civilization, and the era of the French Revolution and Napoleon during her two-and-a-half years at Illinois, has for personal reasons resigned her position as of January 1978 and returned to California.

Nunzio Pernicone marked the fiftieth anniversary of the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti with a lengthy article in *Newsday*, "The Case That Will Not Die." During the spring of 1978 he will be conducting a 400-level course focused on Italian fascism.

John H. Pruett's book, *The Anglican Clergy Under the Later Stuarts*, has been accepted for publication by the University of Illinois Press and is expected to appear in the course of 1978. In the fall of 1976 Professor Pruett addressed a state meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution on the causes of that conflict.

In the course of 1976-77 Donald Queller sped two books toward publication and, in collaboration with Gerald Day, contributed an article, "Some Arguments in Defense of the Venetian Role in the Fourth Crusade," as well as several reviews to the October 1976 issue of the *American Historical Review*. He presented papers to the 1976 meeting of the Midwest Medieval Conference — of which he has been elected vice-president — and to the 1977 meeting of the Medieval Association of the Pacific. He also served as chairman and commentator at a session devoted to "The Myth of Venice" at the August 1977 meeting of the American History Association's Pacific Coast branch.

David L. Ransel has published "Abandoned Children of Imperial Russia" in the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 50 (1976), as well as reviews in *The Historian*, the *Philological Review*, and the *Slavic Review*.

Paul W. Schroeder has returned to teaching after a year of research under American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship auspices. In the course of that year, the University of Texas Press put out a paperback edition of his book *Mettetrich's Diplomacy at His Zenith, 1820-23* (1962), and *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* published his "Quantitative Studies on the Balance of Power: An

Historian's Reaction" and "A Final Rejoinder" in its March 1977 issue. He also supplied reviews to *American Historical Review*, the *Canadian Historical Review*, *The Historian*, and the *Slavic Review* and presented papers on the balance of power to the American History Association (AHA) convention in December 1976 and to the American Political Science Convention in September 1977. He has completed three years as a member of the AHA Herbert Adams Prize Committee and of the AHA research division.

Winton U. Solberg's long-awaited *Redeem the Time: The Puritan Sabbath in Early America* was published in May 1977 by the Harvard University Press. *History* describes the book as "extremely well researched, meticulously written," and according to the *Religious Studies Review*, the book "demonstrates how economic, political, and theological materials can be interrelated in a sensitive way through a cultural approach to religious materials." Martin Marty, in the *Journal of Religion*, tails the work as "a model of research and graceful writing." Professor Solberg also conducted a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on the Urbana campus in 1977 and contributed "Unionism and Collective Bargaining in Universities" to the *Proceedings of the Indiana Academy of Social Sciences* 11 (1977).

Clark C. Spence is the general editor of *Western Americana: An Annotated Bibliography of the Microfiche Collection of 1012 Books and Documents of the 18th, 19th, and Early 20th Century* (Ann Arbor: University Microfilms, 1977). He also contributed "The Mining Bonanza" to Vol. IX of *The American Destiny* (Danbury, N.Y., 1976), Henry Steele Commager, editor-in-chief. Professor Spence is on sabbatical leave during the second semester of 1977-78.

Mary Lee Spence has received a National Historical Publications and Records Commission Grant for 1977-78 in order to enable her to proceed with the editing of the letters and papers of John C. Frémont for the University of Illinois Press. In the course of the year she served as program committee chairman of the 1977 meeting of the Western History Association and contributed reviews to *Ariana and the West* and the *New Mexico Historical Review*.

Charles C. Stewart has been appointed acting director of the University's Program in African Studies for 1977-78. During the previous year he published reviews in *The Historian*, the *Journal of the Historical Society of Nigeria*, and *Savanna*. He also served as a chief examiner for Northern Nigerian University applicants during the summer of 1976 and as a consultant to the British Broadcasting Corporation in connection with a series of programs on Islam in today's world. In Urbana he has introduced a new 300-level course, "Africa Since 1945."

Robert M. Sutton, director of the Illinois State Historical Survey, has published "George Morgan, Early Illinois Businessman: A Case of Premature Enterprise" in the August 1976 issue of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*. In September 1976 he spoke about George Rogers Clark to the annual meeting of the Indiana Historic Preservation Conference and in September 1977 served as commentator at a session of the Mid-America Conference on History. He remains active as a member of the board of editors of *Illinois Studies in the Social Sciences*, as a member of the editorial advisory committee of *Chicago History*, and as a member of the national council of Phi Alpha Theta. During his sabbatical in the spring of 1978, Professor Sutton hopes to continue his researches on the period 1772-1778, "the forgotten years of Illinois history."

Richard C. Trexler chaired a session at the December 1976 American History Association convention and presented papers to the Midwest Medieval Academy in October 1976, the Central Illinois

branch of the Archeological Institute of America in February 1977, and to the Colloquium on Youth Groups in Traditional Europe, held at the École des Hautes Études in Paris in April 1977. He is the co-author of "Two Captains and Three Kings: New Light on the Medici Chapel" in *Mitteilungen Des Kunsthistorischen Instituts in Florenz* 21 (1977), and he contributed reviews to the *Catholic Historical Review*, *Speculum*, and the *Journal of Psycho-History*. During the fall of 1977 Professor Trexler was an associate in the University's Center for Advanced Study.

Benjamin Uroff, who continues to serve as research director of the University's Russian and East European Studies Center, devoted the summer of 1977 to the coordination, for the fourth successive year, of the Illinois Summer Research Laboratory on Russian and Eastern Europe.

Juliet E. K. Walker read a paper to the Newberry Library Family and Community History Center and gave numerous guest lectures in Chicago at the DuSable Museum of African American History and the Roundtable for Afro-American History; in Normal at the Illinois State University International Women's Year Conference; in Kansas City at the St. Augustine Episcopal Church; in Urbana at the YWCA Women's Forum; and elsewhere. Professor Walker's other activities include that of historian for the Urbana-Champaign branch of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History and that of adviser for the campus Afro-American History Club.

Robert A. Waller's book, *Rainey of Illinois: A Political Biography 1903-1934*, was published in October 1977 by the University of Illinois Press. It is the first biography of the long-term Illinois congressman who became speaker of the House of Representatives during the first year of Roosevelt's "New Deal." Professor Waller's "General Education: A Challenge for Community Colleges" appeared in the summer 1977 issue of *Community College Frontiers*. He remains active as a member of the Organization of American Historians committee on the status of history in the schools and of the American History Association committee on the revitalization of history and of the executive committee of the Illinois Curriculum Council. In the course of the year he addressed the national meeting of the Association of Community and Junior Colleges, the annual meeting of the Illinois Council for the Social Studies, and the regional meeting of the West Suburban Social Studies Council. During the spring and summer of 1977 he was on sabbatical leave.

Howard J. Wechsler did research in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Japan during the spring and summer of 1977 under the auspices of a Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Fellowship.

William C. Widenor, who served as one of the department's two graduate advisers during the fall of 1977, has been appointed a fellow in the University's Center for Advanced Study for the spring of 1978. His colloquium, "Henry Kissinger and Recent American Foreign Policy," proved to be one of the most popular in department history.

## ALUMNI NEWS

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Winfred A. Harbison, professor emeritus at Wayne State University, has brought out the fifth edition of *The American Constitution*, the classic volume first published in cooperation with the late Alfred H. Kelly. In his nonscholastic time he is developing a grain livestock farm.

Mary Lucille Shay, a member of the University's Department of

## ELWIN W. SIGMUND, 1925-77

A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Dr. Sigmund received his B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee in 1947, the M.A. degree from the University of Illinois in 1950, and his Ph.D. degree in 1961. He served as research editor of the Illinois State Historical Library from 1953 to 1955. The remainder of his academic life was spent at the University of Wisconsin — Stevens Point, where he was promoted to the rank of professor of history in 1964, was appointed vice chancellor of academic affairs in 1967 and assistant to the chancellor as chief university budget officer in 1974. His specialty was American labor and constitutional history, and he contributed articles to the *American Historical Review* and the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*. He died unexpectedly of a heart attack on November 7, 1977. Survivors include his wife and two children.

History from 1931 to 1963, continues her daily research excursions to the University of Illinois libraries.

1931

Frances Kellam Hendricks, professor emerita of Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, is cotranslator of *The Revolution in the Latin American Church* to be published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

1937

T. A. Larson, professor emeritus of history at the University of Wyoming, has published *Wyoming, A History* (New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 1977). He is also a member of the appropriations committee in the House of Representatives of the Wyoming Legislature.

1940

M. L. Flaningam remains professor of European history at Purdue University. His *Bismarck: Diplomat and Statesman* is in press with Barron's Educational Series.

1941

Paul J. Woods, professor of history at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, has been named "Outstanding Faculty Member" by his university's Phi Alpha Theta Chapter and "Man of the Year" in the university's yearbook.

Dallas M. Young, professor of labor relations at Case Western University, has been elected to the board of governors of the National Academy of Arbitrators (1976-79) and has published two major arbitration reports and decisions.

1941

James Harvey Young, professor of history at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, has contributed articles to *Dictionary of American Biography* and to *Medicine without Doctors*, and has accepted a two-year appointment from the Food and Drug Administration to work on a history of food and drug regulations in the United States.

1943

Leroy H. Fischer, Oppenheim Regents Professor of History, Oklahoma State University, has edited *The Western Territories in the*

*Civil War* (Manhattan, Kansas: 1977), and has contributed articles to *The War Chief* (December 1976), *Journal of the West* (April 1977), and *Chronicles of Oklahoma* (summer 1977). He has been appointed associate editor of *Journal of the West*. He also presented a paper to the Polish American Historical Association in Washington, D.C., December 1976.

1946

David H. Donald remains the Charles Warren Professor of American History and Professor of American Civilization at Harvard University. In collaboration with five other authors he has brought out *The Great Republic: A History of the American People* (Little-Brown and D. C. Heath). He also presided over a session of the Southern Historical Association in November 1977.

W. Robert Holmes is currently associate director of the Evening Division, Schenectady County Community College, in New York.

1948

Ann Beck, professor emerita of history of the University of Hartford, has published *Medicine and Society in Tanganyika, 1890-1930* (Philadelphia: Transactions of the American Philosophical Society, 1977). At the International Congress of the History of Medicine, which met in Quebec in August 1976, she spoke on "Changing Attitudes Toward Medicine in East Africa." She has been elected member of the executive board of the New England Historical Society.

Nelson F. Norman, professor of history at San Diego State University, is on sabbatical leave during 1977-78 gathering and organizing curricular materials on the United States and the world since 1945. He boasts of the arrival of a new grandson, his third.

1949

Ralph J. Roske, professor of history at the University of Nevada (Las Vegas), spoke to a session of the Western Historical Association at Portland, Oregon, on "Nevada Gambling, First Phase, 1861-1931." He has received a grant to study the cultural history of the California desert, 1776-1880.

1950

Claude E. Fike, university archivist and director of the Graduate Library at the University of Southern Mississippi, has contributed "The Edited Diary of James Oliver Hazard Perry Sessions" to the *Journal of Mississippi History* (1977). He has also been elected president of the university's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

George A. Rogers, professor of history at Georgia Southern College, is coauthor of "The Scourge of Sherman's Men in Liberty County, Georgia," *The Georgia Historical Quarterly* (winter 1976).

He read papers at the October 1976 meeting of the Georgia Historical Society and at the founding session of the Savannah chapter of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. He remains a member of the Georgia Heritage Trust Commission.

1952

Henry C. Boren, professor of history at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill), is responsible for two books, *The Ancient World in Historical Perspective* (Prentice-Hall, 1976) and *Roman Society: A Social, Economic and Cultural History* (D. C. Heath & Co., 1977). He is serving as a consultant and panelist for the division of fellowships of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Arthur Q. Larson, professor of history and department chairman at Westmar College (Iowa), received recognition for twenty-five years of service at Westmar College. His article, "Platt Smith of

Dubuque: His Early Career," appeared in *Palimpsest* (May-June 1977).

1954

Earl A. Reitan, professor of history at Illinois State University, Normal, together with Fred Youngs, Henry Snyder, and David Fahey, coauthored *English Heritage*, a new textbook in English history being published by Forum Press, St. Louis, Missouri.

1955

Victor Hicken, distinguished professor of history at Western Illinois University, was named "Author of the Year" by the Illinois Association of Teachers of English at Carbondale, October 1976. He contributed a paper on the writers of Western Illinois to that same conference in 1977.

Charles G. Nauert, Jr., professor of history at the University of Missouri (Columbia), has published *The Age of Renaissance and Reformation* (The Dryden Press, 1977). He has also been elected vice-president of Sixteenth Century Studies Conference.

1956

James G. Burrow, professor of history at Abilene Christian University, is the author of *Organized Medicine in the Progressive Era: The Move Toward Monopoly* (The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1977).

Wayne C. Temple has been promoted to deputy director of the Illinois State Archives. He is coauthor of *First Steps to Victory: Grant's March to Naples, July 3-5, 1861*. He has been reelected to the board of governors for Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, and elected dean of the Springfield Preceptory Legion of Honor. In June 1977 he received the Meritorious Service Award from the Scottish Rite.

1957

James A. Duran, professor of history at Canisius College (Buffalo, New York), conducted study tours of the USSR (summer 1977), Yucatan Peninsula (Easter 1976), and Jamaica (Easter 1977), in cooperation with his wife Elizabeth, associate professor of history at Niagara University.

Roy B. Scott, professor of history at Mississippi State University, has been presented with a certificate of commendation from the American Association of State and Local History for a book on C. A. Cobb and has been elected vice president of the Agricultural History Society.

1958

James W. Neilson, who remains professor of history and chairman of the Department of Social Science at Mayville State College (North Dakota), has been reelected president of Alpha Phi Sigma, the national scholastic honor society.

Gunther E. Rothenberg, professor of military history at Purdue University, is responsible for *The Art of Warfare in the Age of Napoleon* (London, Batsford, 1977).

Nathan Smith, chairman of the Department of History at Washington College (Maryland), has contributed several entries to the *Modern Encyclopedia of Soviet and Russian History* and a review to *Slavic Review*.

Althea L. Stoeckel, professor of history at Ball State University (Muncie, Indiana), has contributed "Presidents, Professors and Politics: The Colonial College and the American Revolution" to *Con-*

*spectus of History*, Vol. 1, no. 3, and "Teaching Indiana History at Ball State University" to *Indiana History Bulletin* (July/August 1977). She has joined the board of directors of the Society of Indiana Archivists and has been appointed chairwoman of the Muncie Historical Preservation and Rehabilitation Commission.

1958

David A. Waas, chairman of the Department of History and Political Science at Manchester College (Indiana), led thirteen students through West Africa in January 1977.

1959

Wesley Norton, professor of history at LaMar University (Texas), has contributed "Religious Newspapers on the Pacific Coast to 1865" to the *California Historical Quarterly* (fall 1977).

1960

James M. Haas, professor of history at Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville), is the author of "Methods of Wage Payment in the Royal Dockyards, 1775-1865" in *Maritime History* (1977). He has been appointed coordinator of humanities-social sciences broadcasting at his institution, a responsibility that involves serving as co-host of "Topics in Western Civilization," broadcast twice monthly on WSIE, and as host of two monthly programs on KSD radio (St. Louis).

Wilda M. Smith, professor of history at Fort Hays State University (Kansas), spoke on "Preparation for Citizenship: Education or Indoctrination?" at a meeting of the Western Kansas Council for the Social Studies in October 1976. She spent the spring semester of 1977 on sabbatical leave to do research on women in Kansas history and the summer of 1977 touring historic places in Western Europe.

1961

Raymond Bim, professor of history and department head at the University of Oregon, held a National Endowment for the Humanities Senior Fellowship in Paris during 1976-77. His book *Crisis, Absolutism, Revolution: Europe, 1648-1789* was published in 1977 by Holt, Rinehart, Winston/Dryden Press. He also contributed "Livres et Sociétés After Ten Years: Formation of A Discipline" to *Studies on Voltaire and the 18th Century* (1976), and five book reviews to the *American Historical Review*.

Richard C. Smith, chairman of the Department of Classics, University of Alberta, has been promoted to the rank of professor and has been named to the editorial board of *Phoenix*. He is director of the Alberta Summer School in Rome, which offers courses in classics, history, art history, and Italian.

Stanley Yates, head of the Department of Special Collections at the Iowa State University Library (Ames), has been named curator of the American Archives of Factual Films.

1962

Ralph D. Gray, professor of history at the Indianapolis Center of Indiana-Purdue University, has edited *Gentlemen from Indiana: National Party Candidates, 1836-1940* (Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Bureau, 1977). Professor Gray's own essay, "Thomas A. Hendricks: Spokesman for the Democracy," is one of twelve essays on Indiana candidates for the presidency or vice-presidency.

John L. Tevebaugh, professor of history at Grand Valley State College (Allendale, Michigan), has been named program chairman for the Fourth Annual Great Lakes History Conference to be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on April 27-29, 1978.

1963

Elizabeth C. Duran, associate professor of history at Niagara University, contributed "Gateway or Stumbling Block, Reemergence of a Panama Study-Tour" to the spring 1977 issue of *Kaplan*. During the 1977-78 academic year she will be on sabbatical for research on American Indians.

John E. Hodge, associate professor of history at Greensboro (North Carolina), has published "Charles Dillon Perrine and the Transformation of the Argentine National Observatory" in the February 1977 issue of the *Journal for the History of Astronomy*.

Keith L. Sprunger has been named Oswald H. Wedel Professor of History at Bethel College (Kansas) and contributed "John Yates of Norfolk: Puritan Preacher and Ramist" to the October-December 1976 issue of the *Journal of the History of Ideas*. Under the auspices of an American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship he spent the 1976-77 year on sabbatical in London and Amsterdam completing a book on puritanism in the Netherlands. He is also helping to edit *Fides et Historia* (the journal of the Conference on Faith and History).

Arnold Zuckerman, professor of history at Northeast Missouri State University, contributed "Seury and the Ventilation of Ships in the Royal Navy: Samuel Sutton's Contribution" to the winter of 1976-77 issue of *Eighteenth Century Studies*.

1964

Arther Ferrill, associate professor of history and associate chairman at the University of Washington, is the author of "Caesar's Private Fortune: Wealth and Politics in the Late Roman Republic" in *Indiana Social Studies Quarterly* 30 (1977). In August 1976 he gave a public lecture on "The Wealth of Crassus and the Formation of the First Triumvirate" at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor).

1965

Benjamin F. Byerly, professor of history at the University of Colorado (Greeley), has edited, in collaboration with his wife, Catherine Ridder Byerly, *Records of the Wardrobe and Household, 1285-1286* (London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1977). He has been named a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

1966

Leon E. Boothe, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at George Mason University, presented papers to the National Conference on Urban Education in November 1976 and to the Great Lakes History Conference in April 1977, as well as chaired a session on Sino-American relations at the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations in August 1977. He has been named a member of the national governing board of the American Conference of Academic Deans.

1967

Theodora Pirdos Bostick has been promoted to the rank of professor and elected chairman of the Department of History and vice-chairman of the faculty at Christopher Newport College (Newport News, Virginia).

Jerome Rodnitzky has been promoted to the rank of professor of history at the University of Texas (Arlington), and his article "The Southwest Unbound: Janis Joplin and the New Feminism" appeared in the winter 1977 issue of *The Feminist Art Journal*.

John Scarborough has been promoted to the rank of professor and named Hallam Professor of History at the University of Kentucky.

His "On Understanding Medicine Among the Romans" appeared in *The Historian* 39 (1977). He also contributed "Galen's Description of the Kidney" to *Clio Medica* 11 (1976) and articles to *Pharmacy in History* (1977) and *Colopierists Bulletin* 31 (1977). His "Medicine in Science Fiction" appeared in Peter Nichols, ed., *Encyclopedia of Science Fiction* (London and New York, 1977). He presented papers to the History of Science Society in December 1976 and gave guest lectures at the University of Ottawa and the University of Texas at Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, and Galveston.

1968

Charles DeBenedetti, associate professor of history at the University of Toledo, received a National Education Association summer stipend in 1976 to work on "The Antiwar Movement in America, 1961-1975." At the 1977 Organization of American Historians meeting he gave a paper on "The American Peace Movement and the National Security State, 1941-1971."

Phillip Paludan, associate professor of history at the University of Kansas, contributed "Lincoln, the Rule of Law, and the American Revolution" to the February 1977 issue of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*. He has received a grant from the American Philosophical Society and has several major publishing ventures on his agenda.

1969

Roy A. Austensen, associate professor of history at Illinois State University, is the coeditor of *Readings in the Humanities* (Lexington, Massachusetts, 1976) and the author of "Felix Schwarzenberg: *Realpolitiker* or *Meternichian*?" The Evidence of the Dresden Conference" in *Mitteilungen des Osterreichischen Staatsarchivs* 30 (1977).

Cullom Davis, professor of history at Sangamon State University (Springfield, Illinois), is the author of *Oral History: From Tape to Type* (American Library Association, 1977). He has also presented papers on oral history in Munich, Germany (June 1977) and in San Diego, California (October 1977).

Dale E. Landon, professor of history at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, has been granted the "Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award" by his institution and has been elected chairman of its faculty senate, 1977-79. He presented an historical appraisal of Shakespeare and Shakespeare's England to the Duquesne History Forum, October 1977, and spoke on "An Interdisciplinary Course in Shakespearean England" at Missouri Valley Historical Conference, March 1977.

1970

Roger D. Bridges, head librarian and director of research at the Illinois State Historical Library, prepared "A Bibliography of Dissertations Related to Illinois History, 1884-1976" for the August 1977 issue of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*. He spoke on "Lincoln Reacts to the Civil War" to the Lincoln Conference at Sangamon State University during the summer of 1976.

Dominic Candeloro, after spending the year as visiting assistant professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, has moved to the University of Illinois at the Chicago Circle as visiting assistant professor of history and director of Italian-American studies. His "Louis Post and The Single Tax Movement" appeared in the October 1976 issue of the *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*.

Jack Dukes, associate professor of history at Carroll College, has

been named National Education Association Fellow in German history at the University of California, Santa Barbara, for the 1977-78 academic year.

Ronald M. Johnson, associate professor of history at Georgetown University, published "Captain of Education: Andrew S. Draper, 1848-1913" in the summer 1976 issue of *Societas*. His "Black History and White Students: Broadening Cultural Horizons" appeared in the January 1977 issue of the *Negro Educational Review*.

David E. Schulz, associate professor of history at Texas A&M University, contributed "Woodhawks and Cordwood: Steamboat Fuel on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, 1820-1860" to the July 1977 issue of the *Journal of Forest History*. He has been appointed review consultant for Museums and Historical Organizations, of the Division of Public Programs of the National Endowment for the Humanities. During the summer of 1977 he taught American history once again aboard the Texas Clipper as it made its way across the Atlantic to the Azores, Holland, and Ireland.

Donald E. Shephardson, associate professor of history at the University of Northern Iowa, contributed "Shifting Images of Adolf Hitler" to the summer issue of the *North American Review*.

1971

J. David Hoeveler has been promoted to the rank of associate professor of history at the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. He presented a paper on "Ideas and Institutions" at the American Intellectual History Symposium at Racine, Wisconsin, in December of 1977.

Joseph E. King has been promoted to the rank of associate professor of history at Texas Tech University (Lubbock). He is the author of *A Mine to Make a Mine: Financing the Colorado Mining Industry, 1859-1902* (Texas A&M University Press, 1977).

John D. Krugler has been promoted to the rank of associate professor at Marquette University. His *To Live Like Princes: A Short Treatise Set Down in a Letter Written by R. W. to His Worthy Friend C.J.R. Concerning the New Plantation Now Erecting Under the Right Honourable the Lord Beltonore in Maryland* was published in 1976 by The Enoch Pratt Free Library at Baltimore, and his "Trusty and Wellbeloved Councilor": The Parliamentary Career of Sir George Calvert, 1609-1624" appeared in the winter 1977 issue of *Maryland Historical Magazine*.

James A. Zimmerman, associate professor of history and department chairman at Tri-State University (Angola, Indiana), prepared "Who Were the Expansionists and Anti-Imperialists of 1898 and 1899, A Chicago Perspective" for the *Pacific Historical Review* (November 1977).

1972

Donald R. Hickey has been actively publishing while seeking new employment. "The Darker Side of Democracy: The Baltimore Riots of 1812" appeared in the fall 1976 issue of *Maryland Historian*. "The United States Army vs. Long Hair: The Trials of Colonel Thomas Butler, 1801-1805" appeared in the October 1977 issue of the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, and "Writing the History of the Federal Period, 1789-1815: A Survey of Library Resources" was published in the June 1977 issue of *Soundings*. He spoke on the "Federalist Party Unity and the War of 1812" at the Organization of American Historians Convention in Atlanta in 1977.

Sally Gregory Kohlstedt has been promoted to the rank of associate professor of history at Syracuse University. She was a delegate to the International Congress for the History of Science at Edin-

burgh, August 1977, and presented a paper on "Henry A. Ward and the Natural Science Museum Movement." She also spoke on "Marina Mitchell and the Advancement of Women in Science" at the 1977 Organization of American Historians convention.

Louis Christian Smith, assistant professor of history at Arizona State University, has received one of two annual "Dean's Quality Teaching Awards." He presented a paper to the Midwest Popular Culture Association meeting in October 1976 and contributed book reviews to *The History Teacher*, *History Review* of *New Books*, and the *American Historical Review*. His "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness—Speculations on Forgotten Words" has appeared in Arizona State University's *American Issues Forum*. During 1977-78 he is on sabbatical leave.

George B. Stow, Jr., assistant professor of history at La Salle College (Philadelphia), is the author of *Historia Vitae et Regni Ricardi Secundi* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1977). He also contributed "Thomas Walsingham, John Malvern and the *Vita Ricardi Secundi*, 1377-1381: A Reassessment" to *Mediaeval Studies* 39 (1977) and presented a paper to the British Studies Conference at Claremont College, California, in the spring of 1977.

1973

James T. Chambers, assistant professor of history at Texas Christian University, has contributed "The Fourth Century Athenians' View of their Fifth Century Empire" in *La Parola del Passato*. He read papers at the Southwestern Social Science Association convention and the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference.

Walter Tousey has been promoted to the office of assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

1975

Ronald C. Brown, instructor of history at Southwest Texas State University (San Marcos), spoke on "Fred A. Shannon and Walter P. Webb at Skytop: A Clash of Historical Methodology" to the Texas State Historical Association meeting in 1977. He also provided book reviews for the *American Historical Review*, *Arizona and West*, and *Business History Review*.

Harry Butowsky has been appointed research historian for the National Park Service in Philadelphia in order to prepare the book-length manuscript on City Point, Virginia, during the years of the American Civil War.

Parks M. Coble, assistant professor of history at the University of Nebraska, prepared an essay on "The Shanghai Capitalists and Chiang Kai-shek" for the forthcoming volume *China at the Crossroads*, edited by Gilbert Chan. He was granted a University of Nebraska Summer Fellowship in 1977.

Dan M. Hockman remains associate professor of history and assistant director of continuing education at Eastern Illinois University. An abstract of his doctoral dissertation appeared in the July 1977 issue of the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

Prudence Ann Moylan, assistant professor of history at Mundelein College (Chicago), has published *The Form and Reform of County Government: Kent 1889-1914* (Leicester: University of Leicester Press, 1977).

James A. Schmiecchen, visiting assistant professor of history at Illinois State University, has contributed biographies of Emma Paterson, Margaret MacDonald, and Amie Hicks to volumes 4 and 5 of *Dictionary of Labour History*, edited by John Saville. He has also received a research and publication grant from the American Council of Learned Societies.

1976

Jocelyn Maynard Ghent, a postdoctoral research fellow at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada), is coauthor of the prize-winning article "The Chicago Business Elite: 1890-1930. A Collective Biography," *Business History Review*, autumn 1976. She presented a paper to the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States at the University of Vermont in October 1977, and she served as a panelist at the Social Science History Association meeting at Ann Arbor during the same month.

William Harwood has been appointed United States State Department foreign service information officer, and is currently located in Dacca, Bangladesh, where he is explaining American foreign policy, economics, and culture and society by means of talks, movies, and exhibits.

Philip R. VanderMeer, assistant professor of history at Purdue University, is responsible for "Annual Bibliography—History" in the March-April 1977 issue of *Computers and the Humanities*.

### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Epsilon chapter of Phi Alpha Theta enjoyed a successful year. It sponsored social gatherings, including picnics and post-prelim parties; a series of colloquia at which graduate students presented papers and discussed their current research interests; and a bake sale. At the annual Phi Alpha Theta/Department of History banquet in April 1977, the chapter was pleased to present as the main speaker Dr. Lacey Baldwin Smith, distinguished historian of Britain and long-time faculty member at Northwestern University. Prior to the banquet, the Epsilon chapter initiated sixty-eight new members. The chapter's president in 1976-77 was Larry Leveque; the current president is Robert Spude.

The History Graduate Student Association (HGSA) offers the graduate student access to informal channels of information, a chance to voice opinions among supportive peers, and opportunities to socialize. The organization joined forces with Phi Alpha Theta to host some of the parties mentioned above, as well as two faculty-student mixers in the fall of 1977. At the beginning of each fall term HGSA provides coffee, donuts, and peer advising for new students. It finances these activities through the sale of soft drinks to the denizens of the third and fourth floors of Gregory Hall. The organization supports the current emphasis on "sound minds in sound bodies" by supporting Department of History athletic teams in intramural competition and by participating in the department's "brown bag" seminars. The HGSA president in 1976-77 was Craig Slonkosky; the current president is Keith King.

The History Undergraduate Association (HUG) had an active year. It began with a student-faculty tea at which Professor Charles Stewart spoke. The group also sponsored a movie, "Soldier Blue," with historical commentaries provided by Professors Mary Lee Spence and Nancy Jo Padgett. Professor Fred Gottheil of the Department of Economics gave a slide talk about Israel, and Professor Bennett Hill also spoke to the group. The editor of *Civil War Quarterly*, Dr. John Hubbell, addressed the organization on the problems arising from the editing of scholarly journals. Virginia Carlson served, and continues to serve, as president.

An Afro-American History Club was organized in the fall of 1976 by Juliet E. K. Walker. Among the speakers was Sterling Stuckey, associate professor in the Department of History at Northwestern University. Edna G. Medford, graduate student in the Department

### AWARDS

At the 1977 Department of History banquet, the Martha Belle Barrett Prize for outstanding undergraduate work in history was shared by Jeffrey Ira Langer and Stuart Mark Berkson. Mr. Langer also received the Barrett prize for the best senior thesis. (Mr. Berkson, who has since become a first-year law student at Harvard, subsequently received the Eliza Watt Sells Gold Medal from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for having achieved the highest score in the entire nation on the most recent uniform CPA examination.) Ann E. Franklin received the Lawrence Marcellus Larsen Award as the ablest student to have passed preliminary examinations in English or Medieval history during the previous year. The Joseph Ward Swain Prize for writing the best graduate student essay went to Richard Douglas King. Gerald Day and Barry Wood shared the Swain prize for scholarly publications by graduate students. The first Michael Scher Award for original work by an undergraduate student went to Thomas E. Homerin. The Frederick S. Rodkey Prize in Russian History was subsequently awarded to Bruce F. Thompson.

of History, gave a presentation on blacks in history graduate programs. During Black History Month a workshop on blacks as historians was given. For the 1978-79 academic year the club will attempt to expand its lecture series.

The British History Association sponsored a fall picnic, and, in the course of the year, it sponsored dinner or wine-and-cheese evenings featuring talks by Joseph Trabern of the University's Department of English on "The Battle of Maldon" and by T. William Heyck of the Northwestern University Department of History on Victorian intellectual history. Robert Halsband of the University's Department of English spoke on "Condemned to Petticoats: Lady Mary Wortley Montagu as Feminist and Writer." The topic of University history professor John Pruett's talk was "A Late-Stuart Leicestershire Parson: the Rev. Humphrey Michel," and Mark Kishlansky of the University of Chicago Department of History presented a paper on the English Civil War, "The Case of the Army Truly Stated." The organization's prime minister in 1976-77 was Ann Franklin. That position was held by Lucinda McCray during the fall of 1977, and is being held by James Filkins during the spring of 1978.

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