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## The Faculty

The Department announces the appointment, effective September 1950, of Dr. Stow S. Persons as Professor of American History. Mr. Persons has been a member of the History Department at Princeton University for the last ten years, 1940-1950, after taking his Ph.D. degree at Yale University. He was visiting professor at the State University of Iowa in the summer session of 1950. He is the author of *Free Religion: An American Faith*, Yale University Press, 1947, and has edited or contributed to three collections of essays dealing with various aspects of American civilization: *Foreign Influences in American Life*, Princeton University Press, 1947; *Evolutionary Thought in America*, Yale University Press, November 1950; and a two-volume study of American Socialism, which will be published by the Princeton University Press sometime this year.

Professor H. J. Thornton has published during the last year: "Resources and Methods Available to Public Schools for Character Education," in the *Morning-side College Bulletin*, vol. XXXIV (1950), "Chautauqua Memories," *The Eleusis*, February 1951, and book reviews in *The American Historical Review*. He delivered the Lincoln's Day address before the Fifty-fourth General Assembly in Des Moines in February 1951, and this address has subsequently been published under the title, "Abraham Lincoln Today," in the *Iowa Senate Journal*, and has also appeared in pamphlet form. Dr. Thornton has also delivered addresses at the Honors Society of the University of Dubuque, at the Phi Beta Kappa Society of Creighton University, at Chautauqua, New York, at the Iowa State Teachers College, and at the Dubuque Historical Society. He continues as a member of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association committee on the Mississippi River Valley Conservation Project.

During the summer of 1950, Professor W. R. Livingston was again ordered to active duty with the United States Air Forces at the Air University. His assignment was with the Academic Instructor Division, Special Staff School, Craig Air Force Base, Alabama.

Professor George E. Mowry has resigned from the State University of Iowa, effective June 1950, in order to accept a professorship at the University of California at Los Angeles. During the academic year 1950-51, he was on a Fulbright Fellowship in France,

lecturing at the Universities of Strasbourg and Rennes. He also taught at the Salzburg Seminar.

Associate Professor Robert S. Hoyt published "The Nature and Origins of the Ancient Demesne," *English Historical Review*, for April 1950. His book, *The Royal Demesne in English Constitutional History, 1066-1272*, Cornell University Press, appeared in December 1950. Dr. Hoyt has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and has become a member of the American National Committee of the Commission on the History of Representative and Parliamentary Institutions of the International Congress of Historical Sciences. He was commencement speaker at the Convocation of the State University of Iowa in February 1951.

Associate Professor George L. Mosse published *The Struggle for Sovereignty in England, from the Reign of Queen Elizabeth to the Petition of Right*, Michigan State College Press, 1950. He also contributed articles on "Puritanism" and on "Thomas More" to the *Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*. Together with Philip A. M. Taylor, he published a new edition of the *Outlines and Sources for a History of Western Civilization, from the Middle Ages to the Present*, Brown and Company, Dubuque, 1950. He delivered a paper on "Puritanism and Absolutism in New and Old England" at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in December 1950. He has become a member of the American National Committee of the Commission on the History of Representative and Parliamentary Institutions of the International Congress of Historical Sciences.

Associate Professor William J. Petersen continues as a member of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and presided over a session at the Association's meeting in April 1951.

Assistant Professor Charles Gibson published in January 1951, in collaboration with Professor George Kubler of Yale University, *The Tovar Calendar: An Illustrated Mexican Manuscript ca. 1585; Reproduced with a Commentary and Handlist of Sources on the Mexican 365-Day Year, (Memoirs of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, XI, January 1951)*. He has also published an article entitled, "The Identity of Diego Munoz Camargo," *The Hispanic American Historical Review*, May 1950, as well as book reviews in the same journal.

Assistant Professor J. F. Gilliam has published a monograph, "Some Latin Military Papyri," in the

*Yale Classical Studies*, vol. XI, 1950, a short note, "Scylla and Sin," in the *Philological Quarterly*, July 1950, and book reviews in the *American Journal of Philology* and *American Journal of Archaeology*.

Assistant Professor Nicholas V. Riasanovsky has published, "Some Ways to Misunderstand Russian History," in *The American Oxonian*, July 1950, and a book review in *The Russian Review*.

W. O. Aydelotte has been on leave for the academic year 1950-51. During his absence, the Department has been under the direction of an Executive Committee consisting of Professors Gilliam, Persons and Thornton. Mr. Aydelotte will return to his duties as Chairman in September 1951. During the past year he published, "Nineteenth Century British Pamphlets at the Newberry Library," in *The Newberry Library Bulletin*, May 1951, and book reviews in *The Journal of Modern History*, *The Journal of Economic History*, and *The Iowa Stethoscope*. He has also another article in press which will appear shortly. He delivered the address at the annual banquet of Phi Beta Kappa at the State University of Iowa in May 1950. He was promoted to a full professorship in July 1950.

Eleven members of the Department attended the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Chicago in December 1950: Professors Gibson, Gilliam, Greenlaw, Hoyt, Livingston, Mosse, Persons, Petersen, Riasanovsky, Roohan, and Thornton. At this meeting, the Department held a smoker for its former graduate students and friends. Professors Persons and Petersen attended the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in Cleveland in April 1951.

During the year 1950-51, Philip A. M. Taylor, formerly of the University of Aberdeen, has been an instructor in the Western Civilization core course, lecturing in the trailer. The following have acted as instructors in charge of sections in the core course: John R. Bengtson; Gilbert A. Cahill; Norbert J. Gossman; Robert W. Green; Anne Kingsley; Lawrence J. McCaffrey; Robert E. McMinn; Phyllis A. Nelson; Walter F. Peterson; Ellen E. Robinson; Glenn H. Smith; and Donald Weinstein. Leo F. Solt, M.A. 1948, formerly a member of the Western Civilization staff, published, "John Saltmarsh: New Model Army Chaplain," in the *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, April 1951. Paul L. Hughes, M.A. 1947, also a former member of the core course staff, has been appointed assistant professor of history at De Paul University in Chicago, Illinois.

## Graduate Students

Francis J. Bowman, Ph.D. 1929, of the University of Southern California, during the summer of 1950 did research at Paris and in Amsterdam and participated in the Ninth International Conference of Historical Sciences held at Paris. He read a paper at the

convention of the history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, in Chicago in December 1950. His volume, *Handbook of History and Historians*, was published in February 1951. He will be a visiting professor of history at the Johns Hopkins University in the summer of 1951.

Harold E. Briggs, Ph.D. 1929, State Teachers College, Carbondale, Illinois, has published, "The Early Theatre in the Northern Plains," *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, September 1950, and "Lawlessness in Early Cairo, Illinois, 1848-58," *Mid-America*, April 1951. Willis G. Swartz, Ph.D. 1929, has been appointed Dean of the Graduate College of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois.

Howard R. Anderson, Ph.D. 1930, Division of Secondary Education, United States Office of Education, served as consultant at the Workshop on Economic Education at the State University of Iowa in June and July 1950; took part in the national conference sponsored by the Commission on Life Adjustment Education in Chicago in October 1950, and helped to write the report of the Commission's activities; and took part in two sessions of the annual meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies in Minneapolis in November 1950, at one of which he delivered a paper on "What are the Trends in the Teaching of the Social Studies?" He was a delegate to the UNESCO Seminar on "The Improvement of Textbooks," in Brussels, July and August, 1950, and served as a member of the UNESCO committee meeting in Paris, October 1950, which made preliminary plans for the 1951 UNESCO Seminar on "The Teaching of History" to be held in Sevres. He spoke on "Adjusting the Social Studies to the Needs of Today" at the annual meeting of the New York State Council for the Social Studies in Buffalo, February 1951. He is co-author of an article, "Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Can Children and Youth Learn Its Meaning?", in the January 1951 issue of *School Life*.

Elmer Ellis, Ph.D. 1930, continues as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Missouri, and as a member of the Social Science Research Council. During the past year, he has been president of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. He presided at the annual meeting of the MVHA at Cincinnati in April 1951, and delivered his presidential address on the subject, "The Profession of Historian."

Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D. 1930, Head of the History Department at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, resumed his regular duties in September 1950, after a leave of absence for two and a half years to gather material for writing a history of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. He is still working on this manuscript. He has been elected first vice president of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, and he gave an illustrated lecture on, "When the Oil Industry was Young" at a meeting of the Historical

Society of Western Pennsylvania in March 1951.

Paul O. Carr, Ph.D. 1932, of Wilson Teachers College, Washington, D.C., will teach this summer at the Catholic University of America. Boyd C. Shafer, Ph.D. 1932, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, has published, "The American Heritage of Hope," in the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, December 1950, as well as book reviews both in that journal and in the *American Historical Review*. He was the discussion leader at a session at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in Oklahoma City in April 1950. He was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for research in France, beginning in the fall of 1950. E. W. Thornton, Ph.D. 1933, Chairman of the Department of History at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, has had an article accepted by *The Social Studies* on "Soviet Membership in the UN," to be published in a forthcoming issue.

Wasył Halich, Ph.D. 1934, of State Teachers College, Superior, Wisconsin, has published, "Russian Propaganda in American Schools," in *The Ukrainian Quarterly*, Spring 1950, and was in charge of one of the discussion groups at the Range Social Science Conference, Eveleth, Minnesota, in April 1951. Guy F. Hershberger, Ph.D. 1935, of Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, spent the academic year 1949-50 in Europe making a study of European pacifism. During the present year, he is giving half his time to Goshen College, where he has taught since 1925, and half his time to the Mennonite Research Foundation. His book, *The Mennonite Church in the Second World War*, will be published by the Herald Press in the summer of 1951.

Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D. 1935, has published: "Minnesota Grues," in *North Star Folk News*, May 1950; "Wildlife Fables," in *The Conservation Volunteer*, May-June, 1950; "The Scope of Folklore and History," in *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, Summer 1950; and "Folklore for the School," in *Social Education*, February 1951. He has also published book reviews in the following: *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, *United States Quarterly Book Review*, *Minnesota History*, *Journal of Southern History*, and *Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Quarterly*. He served as a session chairman, both at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in Oklahoma City in 1950, and at the joint meeting of that association and the National Council for the Social Studies in Minneapolis in 1950. He also was a speaker at another session at the meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies. Besides this, he has spoken before various organizations and conferences in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Harold T. Hagg, Ph.D. 1936, State Teachers College, Bemidji, Minnesota, published, "The Lumberjacks' Sky Pilot," in *Minnesota History*, June 1950. He is serving on a state committee to revise the social studies curriculum for Minnesota secondary schools, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Council for Social Studies.

The leave of absence of Gordon W. Prange,

Ph.D. 1937, from the University of Maryland has been extended to 1 September 1951. Professor Prange is still serving as Chief, G-2 Historical Division, General Headquarters, Far East Command. Herbert W. Rice, Ph.D. 1938, Associate Professor of History at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been appointed a member of the Board of Editors of the *Dictionary of Wisconsin Biography*, and has also completed an index of the 49 volumes of the Interstate Commerce Commission *Valuation Reports*. This index will be published and distributed by the Association of American Railroads.

Homer L. Calkin, Ph.D. 1939, has been promoted to the position of Assistant Records Management Officer of the Department of State and the Foreign Service. During October and November 1950, he served in an advisory capacity in Vienna, Austria, studying problems pertaining to the disposition of government military records and records of the inter-Allied agencies in Germany. He is co-author of *Federal Records in World War II*, a two-volume work issued by the U. S. Government Printing Office in 1951. He has also published *Preliminary Inventory of Records of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion*, issued by the National Archives in 1951, as well as book reviews in the *American Archivist*.

Martin L. Cole, Ph.D. 1939, Academic Dean, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico, has, during the past year, delivered addresses before the North Eastern New Mexico Educational Association, the Southwestern Educational Association, the Northwestern Texas Educational Association, and the State Editor's Convention at Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Carl B. Cone, Ph.D. 1940, Associate Professor of History, University of Kentucky, Lexington, has had a book (a biography of Richard Price) accepted for publication by the University of Kentucky Press, which will probably appear in the fall of 1951. He has also had an article accepted for publication by the *Economic History Review*. During the summer session of 1951, he will be the director of an inter-departmental course entitled, "Perspectives on Contemporary Life." Wallace W. Taylor, Ph.D. 1941, New York State College for Teachers, Albany, published, "Schools in Norway," in the winter issue of the *Citizenship Journal*.

John S. Galbraith, Ph.D. 1943, of the University of California at Los Angeles, published, "The British and Americans at Fort Nisqually," *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, April 1950; "Land Policies of the Hudson's Bay Company," *Canadian Historical Review*, March 1951; and "The Puget's Sound Company in Oregon," *The Beaver*, March 1951. His book, *The Achievement of Canadian Diplomatic Status at Washington*, will be published by the University of California Press in June 1951. He has also had an article accepted by the *Journal of Modern History*. He will direct the UCLA summer session in London this summer, and hopes to remain in London until June 1952, to do research in the Hudson's Bay archives.

Daryl Pendergraft, Ph.D. 1943, has been appointed Curriculum Coordinator and assistant Dean of the faculty at Iowa State Teachers College. Pendergraft, William Lang, Ph.D. 1941, and Donald Howard, Ph.D. 1947, three of Professor Thornton's former students, are all teaching history at Iowa State Teachers College. Ryland W. Crary, Ph.D. 1946, Teachers College, Columbia University, spent the summer of 1950 in Brussels at the UNESCO Seminar on "The Improvement of History Textbooks." During this year, he is editing a yearbook on *Democratic Citizenship Education*.

Mildred Throne, Ph.D. 1946, Associate Editor, Iowa State Historical Society, published, "'Book Farming' in Iowa, 1840-1870," *Iowa Journal of History*, April 1951; "Electing an Iowa Governor, 1871; Cyrus Clay Carpenter," *Iowa Journal of History*, October 1950. She also edited, "The Civil War Diary of John Mackley," and, "Diary of W. H. Turner, M.D., 1863," *Iowa Journal of History*, April and July numbers, 1950.

Eugene M. Emme, Ph.D. 1949, member of the Documentary Research Division, Air University Library, Montgomery, Alabama, has been serving as a historical consultant to the Air War College of the Air University since October. In this capacity he regularly assisted the seminar program and delivered lectures on the Luftwaffe before and during World War II. On November 15, 1950, he addressed the student body at Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia on "Air Power in World Affairs." His annotated bibliography on *National Air Power and International Politics* was reprinted by the Air University, and it is being incorporated into a comprehensive bibliography on *Aviation and Society* being prepared by William Fielding Ogburn, University of Chicago. He published an article on "Politico-Military Aspects of Western Defense under the North Atlantic Treaty" and two book reviews in the *Air University Quarterly Review*. He also reviews books regularly for the *Des Moines Sunday Register*.

Keach D. Johnson, Ph.D. 1949, of the University of Maine, Orono, Maine, has published, "The Baltimore Company Seeks English Subsidies for the Colonial Iron Industry," *Maryland Historical Magazine*, March 1951. Donald Pierce, Ph.D. 1949, has been promoted to the position of Head of the Department of History and Political Science at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas. Morris R. Boucher, Ph.D. 1950, is teaching at Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas.

Since our last News Letter, Ph.D. degrees in history have been granted to the following: Byron Y. Fleck, Walter P. Metzger, John J. Kamerick, George C. Coleman, and Robert W. Iversen.

Byron Y. Fleck is a member of the Department of History, Glenville State College, Glenville, West Virginia. Walter P. Metzger is teaching history at Columbia University. John J. Kamerick teaches at Marycrest College, Davenport, Iowa. George C. Cole-

man is Head of the Department of History at Austin College, Sherman, Texas. Robert W. Iversen has been Assistant Professor of History at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, since the fall of 1949.

M.A. degrees in history since our last News Letter have been received by the following: Henry C. Allan, Russell G. Bannister, Earl S. Beard, George DeVries, Ricardo T. Reyes, Darrington W. White, Robert F. Fanslow, Edwin J. Goodrich, Paul L. Hicks, Jaroslava Holubova, Neal F. Hoover, Howard C. Lundvall, Roy K. Marsh, Francis E. Mullin, Donald C. Rathe, Clifton Satterthwaite, William Walsh.

## The Historical Conference

At the Twenty-Ninth Annual Historical Conference, which met Friday and Saturday, April 27, 28, 1951, the following papers were delivered: Raymond P. Stearns, University of Illinois, "The Importance of Political History"; Elmer Ellis, University of Missouri, "Mr. Dooley, Historian"; Charles H. McIlwain, Harvard University, "Understanding Our Political Heritage"; Edgar B. Wesley, University of Minnesota, "What's History For?"; and Charles J. Ritchey, Drake University, "Face to Face with the Common Man."

## The Summer Session

The regular Summer Session of eight weeks will open Wednesday, June 13 and close Wednesday, August 8. Courses offered in the Department this summer will be as follows: *Ancient and Medieval Culture*, Mr. Hoyt; *Survey of Early Modern Europe: 1648-1815*, Mr. Greenlaw; *Europe in the Eighteenth Century*, Mr. Greenlaw; *History of Russia, 1800 to the Present*, Mr. Riasanovsky; *Germany in Modern Times*, Mr. Riasanovsky; *The British Commonwealth in the 20th Century*, Mr. Livingston; *The United States in the 20th Century*, Mr. Thornton and *History of Iowa*, Mr. Petersen.

In addition, the following seminars will be offered: *Medieval Thought and Institutions*, Mr. Hoyt; *American Social and Economic History*, Mr. Thornton; *American Foreign Relations in the 20th Century*, Mr. Livingston; and *Historiography and Philosophy of History*, Mr. Hoyt.

## Root Memorial Room

As a memorial commemorating the long and distinguished service of Professor Winfred T. Root to the Department, to the University, and to the University Library Planning Board, a History Seminar Room in the new library building will be named in Professor Root's honor. A considerable number of Mr. Root's former students and friends have contributed to a fund which will be used to purchase a memorial plaque and furnishings or equipment for the room, and the Department wishes to take this occasion to express its thanks for their generosity. The room will be dedicated and opened sometime during the next year.