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The Department of History presents its annual bulletin of items concerning the scholarly and professional interests of both faculty and graduate students

### *The Faculty*

Professor J. F. Gilliam has been on leave of absence during the year with a Guggenheim Fellowship for research on the *auxilia* of the Roman Imperial Army. He has published "The Death of Alexander Severus and the Stelae from Terenouthis" in *Chronique d'Egypte* and "P. Mich. 163" in *Classical Philology*, and he is one of the authors of "Inscriptions from Dura-Europos" in *Yale Classical Studies*. He has published reviews in the *American Historical Review*, *American Journal of Philology*, and *Classical Philology*.

Professor Stow Persons, who was on leave of absence in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with a Ford Fellowship for research in American intellectual history last year, has returned to the Department. He has published reviews in the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, the *William and Mary Quarterly*, and *Theology Today*. A new edition of his *Evolutionary Thought in America*, published originally by Yale University Press in 1950, has been issued by George Braziller, Inc.

Professor William O. Aydelotte published an article, "The House of Commons in the 1840's," in No. 137 of *History*. He delivered a paper, "The Left and the Right in British Politics in the 1840's," at the meeting of the Midwest Conference on British Studies in Chicago in November, and he has contributed reviews to the *American Historical Review* and the *Journal of Modern History*.

Professor Nicholas V. Riasanovsky has returned from a year's leave of absence in Helsinki, where he was engaged on research in Russian history. His article, "Khomiaikov on *Sobornost*," has been published in *Continuity and Change in Russian and Soviet Thought* (Harvard University Press, 1955). He has published reviews in the *Journal of Modern History*, the *Journal of Central European Affairs*, and the *New Republic*. During the year he delivered addresses to the Eastern Orthodox youth society in Cedar Rapids and to a number of University and community groups in Iowa City, including the Rotary Club, the League of Women Voters, the Young Democrats, the Kiwanis, and the Baptist and Unitarian youth societies.

Professor W. Ross Livingston attended the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting at St. Louis and the American Historical Association meeting at Washington, D.C.

Professor Herbert H. Rowen has received a grant in aid of research on Dutch pamphlet materials at the Folger Shakespeare Library. He has published "A Second Thought on Locke's 'First Treatise,'" in the *Journal of the History of Ideas*, and his book, *The Ambassador Prepares for War: The Dutch Embassy of Arnauld de Pomponne, 1669-1671*

(Martinus Nijhoff, The Hague), is forthcoming in the International Scholars Forum series.

Professor Samuel P. Hays has delivered addresses before the Political Science Fraternity, Pi Sigma Alpha, and the International Students Center in Iowa City. He published a review in *Agricultural History*, and his book, *The Gospel of Efficiency: The Progressive Conservation Movement, 1890-1920*, has been accepted for publication by Harvard University Press.

Professor Allan G. Bogue is on leave of absence during the current year with a research training fellowship in rural sociology and statistics. His book, *Money at Interest: The Farm Mortgage on the Middle Border*, was published by Cornell University Press in November. He was a discussion leader at the University of Kansas summer session on the nature and writing of history and a discussant at the session on state and regional history in the colleges at the American Historical Association meeting in December. He has published reviews in *Agricultural History* and the *Journal of Civil War History* and is serving as a member of the program committee of the Agricultural History Society.

Professor Robert B. Leard has been appointed to the Department to replace Professor Bogue during his year of absence. Professor Leard received his doctoral degree at the University of California with a dissertation entitled "Bonds of Destiny: The United States and Cuba, 1848-1861." He was a Teaching Assistant at the University of California from 1948 to 1950 and a Henry L. and Grace Doherty Traveling Fellow of Princeton University in 1951-1952. He was a member of the Department of History of the University of Wisconsin in 1953-1954 and of Northwestern University in 1954-1955.

Professor William J. Petersen is serving on the editorial board of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and contributing regularly to the *Palimpsest*, the *Iowa Journal of History*, and the *Nebraska Historical Review*. He has secured a legislative bill providing \$200,000 for the new centennial building of the State Historical Society of Iowa, contingent on the raising of an additional \$100,000, for which he is now directing the campaign.

Professor Charles Gibson delivered papers on "The Spanish Conquest as Reality and Symbol" at the First Newberry Library Conference on Latin American Studies, and on "Colonial Hispanic American Studies in the United States, 1900-1955" at the American Historical Association meeting in Washington. In April and May he conducted a series of seminars before the Group for the Comparative Study of Urbanization of the University of Chicago. He has published "The Transformation of the Indian Community in New Spain, 1500-1810" in the *Journal of World History*, and reviews in the *American Historical Review*,

the *Hispanic American Historical Review*, and the *Handbook of Latin American Studies*. He has been appointed Associate Managing Editor of the *Hispanic American Historical Review* and is a member of the program committee of the American Historical Association.

Mr. Giles Constable has this year taken the place of Professor Robert S. Hoyt in the Department following Professor Hoyt's transfer to the Department of History of the University of Minnesota. Mr. Constable received his B.A. in 1950 at Harvard, where he subsequently served as Teaching Fellow (1953-1954), Tutor (1954-1955), and Resident Tutor in Kirkland House (1953-1955). During 1950-1951 he was a Henry Russell Shaw Fellow in Europe, and in 1952-1953 he began work on his doctoral thesis at Cambridge University (St. John's College) under the direction of the Reverend Professor D. Knowles. The thesis is for a degree at Harvard. Mr. Constable has published "A Note on the Route of the Anglo-Flemish Crusaders of 1147" in *Speculum*, "The Second Crusade as Seen by Contemporaries" in *Traditio*, "The Alleged Disgrace of John of Salisbury in 1159" in the *English Historical Review*, and "Petri Venerabilis Sermones Tres" in the *Revue bénédictine*.

Professor Eugen J. Weber has replaced Professor George Mosse as Chairman of the Western Civilization Program following Professor Mosse's transfer to the Department of History of the University of Wisconsin. Professor Weber is a graduate of Cambridge University (Emmanuel College) and has taught at the University of Paris (1948-1949), Cambridge University (1950-1951, 1953-1954), the University of Southern California at Los Angeles (1952-1953), and the University of Alberta (1954-1955). He has published "A Persistent Prophet - Péguy," in the *French Review*; "Psichari and God," in the *Yale French Studies*; and "Political Language and Political Realities," in the *Cambridge Journal*. During the present year he has published "Garrison State or Concentration Camp?" in the *University of Toronto Quarterly*, and "European Reactions to American Policies" in the *International Journal*. He has also contributed a book review to the *International Journal*.

Professor Richard S. Westfall and Mr. Donald Weinstein have conducted the trailer course in Western Civilization during the year. Professor Westfall received his doctoral degree at Yale in June and is the author of "Unpublished Boyle Letters Relating to Scientific Method," forthcoming in the *Annals of Science*. Mr. Weinstein returned to the campus this year after spending two years in Florence with a Fulbright scholarship. He is completing his doctoral dissertation on "The Prophecy of Savonarola and the Reform Movement in Florence."

During the year the following have served on the Western Civilization staff: George Boeck, Ralph Cook, Curtis Cowle, Frederick de Luna, Keith Dickinson, Thomas Dilkes, Phyllis Hald, Robert Hilliard, Don Kirschner, Nancy Knapp, Thomas Lundeen, Samuel McSeveney, Harry Morris, Arnold Pincus, Morton Rosenberg, Thomas Ryan.

Of former members of the Western Civilization staff, Thomas E. Auge has received a Fulbright grant and is at the University of Paris; David C. Riede is an Instructor in the Department of History at the University of Akron; and Philbrook Smith has been appointed to the Department of History at Juniata College, Huntington, Pennsylvania.

### Graduates

The Department announces with deep regret the death of Dr. Hans F. Swansen in December, 1955. Dr. Swansen received his Doctoral Degree in the Department in 1936

and at the time of his death was Professor of History at Dana College, Blair, Nebraska.

Bessie L. Pierce, Ph.D. 1923, Professor of History at the University of Chicago, has published the third volume of her *History of Chicago*. She was granted an honorary degree by Northwestern University in June and has received a Guggenheim Fellowship for the continuation of her work on Chicago history.

Fred A. Shannon, Ph.D. 1924, Professor of History at the University of Illinois, taught during the summer at Stanford University. He is at present on leave from the University of Illinois completing a volume for the *New American Nation* series.

Francis I. Moats, Ph.D. 1926, Emeritus Professor of History at Simpson College, Indianola, has contributed biographies of W. H. Berry and A. V. Proudfoot to recent issues of *Annals of Iowa*. He has in preparation a biography of J. H. Henderson and is working on material for the Centennial History of Simpson College to be published next year.

Elmer Ellis, Ph.D. 1930, has been appointed President of the University of Missouri.

Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D. 1930, President of Hamline University, St. Paul, has published *Standard Oil Company (Indiana): Oil Pioneer of the Middle West*. Appleton-Century-Crofts, the publisher, issued the first printing in January and the second in March.

Paul O. Carr, Ph.D. 1932, has been Dean of Instruction at the District of Columbia Teachers College (formerly Wilson Teachers College) since July.

Boyd C. Shafer, Ph.D. 1932, Executive Secretary of the American Historical Association and Managing Editor of the *American Historical Review*, has published *Nationalism: Myth and Reality* (Harcourt, Brace, 1955). He also attended the International Congress of Historical Sciences in Rome in September as a delegate of the American Historical Association and as a member of the assembly of the International Congress of Historical Sciences.

Everett W. Thornton, Ph.D. 1933, Professor of History at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, has published "The Anglo-American Rift of 1954" in the May issue of *The Social Studies*. He will soon publish a second article, "The United Nations' Debt to the League of Nations" in the same periodical.

Wasy Halich, Ph.D. 1934, Professor of History at Wisconsin State College, Superior, has contributed an article, "The Red Russian Regime a Continuation of the Old," to appear in the *Ukrainian Quarterly*.

Oscar A. Kinchen, Ph.D. 1934, Professor of History at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, is the author of *Patriot Hunters*, a study of a secret revolutionary attempt to expel the British authorities from Canada. He is currently at work on a monograph entitled *The St. Albans Raiders, Daredevils of the Confederate Army*.

Guy F. Hershberger, Ph.D. 1935, Professor of History and Sociology at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, is Managing Editor of the *Mennonite Quarterly* and Director of Research of the Mennonite Research Foundation. He published "The Modern Social Gospel and the Way of the Cross" in the April issue of the *Mennonite Quarterly Review*.

Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D. 1935, Professor of History at the University of Minnesota, has served during the year as consultant to the following organizations: the Oliver Mining Division of the United States Steel Corporation, the Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association, the St. Paul Public Library, and the Committee on the History of Public Health in the United States. He is a member of the

Executive Committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, the Curriculum Coordinating Committee of the Minneapolis Public Schools, and the Publications Committee of the Minnesota Historical Society. Professor Jordan has received a grant for research and writing from the Hill Family Foundation, St. Paul, and has published articles in *The Centaur*, *Gopher Historian*, *Lutheran Digest* and *Co-op Grain Quarterly*. His book reviews have appeared in the *United States Quarterly Book Review*, *Minnesota History*, *Indiana Magazine of History*, *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, and *Co-op Grain Quarterly*.

Walker D. Wyman, Ph.D. 1935, Professor of History at Wisconsin State College, River Falls, has published reviews in the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, the *American Historical Review*, and the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*. He has been elected to the Executive Board of the Northwestern Wisconsin Education Association and has written a history text for the Webster Publishing Company to be used in the fifth grade. He also will contribute to a series of high school texts in social studies to be issued by the Follett Publishing Company.

Harold T. Hagg, Ph.D. 1936, Professor of Social Studies at State Teachers College, Bemidji, Minnesota, contributed to the *Guide for Instruction in the Social Studies*, issued by the Minnesota Department of Education. He was a discussant at the meeting of the Upper Midwest History Conference at St. Paul in May and has contributed book reviews to *Minnesota History*. He has been elected President of the Beltrami County Historical Society.

Gordon W. Prange, Ph.D. 1937, Professor of History at the University of Maryland, has received a second research grant from the American Philosophical Society for the continuation of his work on the origins of the war in the Pacific. He spent part of the summer and autumn of 1955 in research on the west coast and in Hawaii and Tokyo. He has published reviews in the *American Historical Review* and the *Washington Post and Times Herald*.

Melvin Gingerich, Ph.D. 1938, has a two-year leave of absence from his position of Director of Research of the Mennonite Research Foundation, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, and is currently in Japan where he is making a study of the peace movement and peace organization of the country. His assignment in Japan is with the Mennonite Central Committee. Volume I of *The Mennonite Encyclopedia*, of which Professor Gingerich has been Managing Editor for the past seven years, was published in November. Three additional volumes will appear at intervals of one year.

Myron L. Koenig, Ph.D. 1938, is in his second year as Cultural Attaché of the United States embassy in London. He will return to George Washington University as Professor of History in September.

Homer L. Calkin, Ph.D. 1939, Archivist of the Department of State, has published three articles: "La propagation en Irlande des idées de la Révolution française," in *Annales historiques de la Révolution française*; "Les invasions d'Irlande pendant la Révolution française," in *Carnet de la Sabretache*; and "Iowans in the State Department and in the Foreign Service," in the *Palimpsest*.

Carl B. Cone, Ph.D. 1940, Professor of History at the University of Kentucky, was a discussant at the session on politics and finance in eighteenth-century England at the American Historical Association meeting in December and has been elected to the Executive Council of the Catholic Historical Association. He served as acting head of his department during the summer of 1955, and he has published reviews in the *Journal of Modern History*, the *Catholic Historical Review*, and the *Historical Bulletin*.

Everett W. Sterling, Ph.D. 1940, Professor of History at the University of South Dakota, did research on the Sioux of the Dakotas in the National Archives during the summer of 1955 under a grant from the General Research Fund of the University. During the regular school year he has served as Assistant to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

H. Clifford Fox, Ph.D. 1941, is in his ninth year as President of Findlay College and has directed the construction of a dormitory and a library stack room addition during the year.

William C. Lang, Ph.D. 1941, has been appointed head of the Department of Social Science at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls.

Wallace W. Taylor, Ph.D. 1941, Professor of History at New York State Teachers College, Albany, taught comparative education in the University of Maryland Graduate Summer Sessions in Munich during the summer. The Summer Sessions were attended by teachers in the dependent schools of the European theater.

Wilfred W. Black, Ph.D. 1942, Professor of History at Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, has published two articles, "Reviving American History: The Use of Historic Parallels," in *The Social Studies*, and "Civil War Letters of Lieutenant George M. Wise" in the *Ohio Historical Quarterly*.

John S. Galbraith, Ph.D. 1943, Chairman of the Department of History at the University of California at Los Angeles, is spending the year in Africa with a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Mildred Throne, Ph.D. 1946, of the State Historical Society of Iowa, is serving on the nominating committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association for 1956-1957. She has edited "A Commissary in the Union Army: Letters of C. C. Carpenter," and "Civil War Letters of Abner Dunham, 12th Iowa Infantry," in the *Iowa Journal of History*. She is also the author of an article, "The Liberal Republican Party in Iowa, 1872," in the same journal, and has published reviews in *Agricultural History* and *Landscape*.

William H. Seiler, Ph.D. 1948, Professor of History at Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia, is serving as president of the Kansas Association of Teachers of History during the year. He has continued to edit issues of the graduate publications of the college and is directing the western civilization sequence of the general education program. He has published his *Study-Guide and Outline to Accompany Bruun-Commager, Europe and America since 1492*.

Eugene M. Emme, Ph.D. 1949, of the Air War College, Montgomery, Alabama, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the American Military Institute. He contributed an article, "Some Fallacies Concerning Air Power," to the May issue of the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, and has written reviews for the same journal and for *Military Affairs*. He has also served as advisor to the Columbia Broadcasting System concerning a series of television programs on the history of aviation.

Walter P. Metzger, Ph.D. 1950, of the Department of History at Columbia University, is the co-author with Professor Richard Hofstadter, of *The Development of Academic Freedom in the United States*. He is to teach at the Salzburg Seminar this summer and has been appointed a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences for 1956-1957.

Robert W. Iversen, Ph.D. 1951, Professor of Social Science at Drake University, Des Moines, is on leave of absence to prepare the volume on education for the

thirteen-volume history of communism in America of the Fund for the Republic.

John R. Bengston, Ph.D. 1953, is a member of the staff of the Minnesota Historical Association.

Donald L. Graham, Ph.D. 1953, has been appointed Associate Professor of History at Wisconsin State College, Whitewater.

John Clifford, Ph.D. 1954, has been appointed to the history faculty and to a position on the library staff at Southern Illinois University.

Lawrence J. McCaffrey, Ph.D. 1954, has been appointed Associate Professor of History at the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Neelak S. Tjernagel, Ph.D. 1955, has been appointed to the Department of History of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois.

Duane G. Meyer, Ph.D. 1956, has been appointed to the Department of History at Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield.

### *Degrees*

Since the last issue of the *News Letter*, Ph.D. degrees in history have been awarded to Alton F. R. Lawrence, Neelak S. Tjernagel, and Duane G. Meyer. M.A. degrees in history have been awarded to Ann Alderks, Robert Dale Barger, Nellie A. Busey, Curtis Cowle, Russell L. Daniels, Frederick A. de Luna, C. Ashley Ellefson, Phyllis Hald, Don S. Kirschner, Thomas Lundeen, Rachel S. Martin, Alvin L. Petersen, and Robert G. Wright.

### *Iowa History Conference*

The thirty-fourth annual History Conference of the

State University of Iowa was held on March 23 and 24, 1956. The program included the following papers: "The Turning Point of American History, 1890, Reconsidered," by Professor Charles A. Barker of Johns Hopkins University; "The One Consistent Theme in American Foreign Policy," by Professor Thomas LeDuc of Oberlin College; "Bismarck and His Ambassadors: The Problem of Discipline," by Professor Gordon A. Craig of Princeton University. On the morning of Saturday, March 24, a joint meeting with the Iowa Council for the Social Studies was held with a general discussion on the problems of history teaching in the high schools.

### *The Summer Session*

Dr. Thomas G. Manning will be teaching in the Department during the 1956 summer session. Dr. Manning has taught at Yale University and is co-editor of *Government and the American Economy* (New York, 1950). His research has been in the history of American scientific thought.

The following courses are to be offered during the summer session: Renaissance and Reformation, Mr. Rowen; French Revolution and Napoleon, Mr. Rowen; Survey of Modern Europe, 1815-1870, Mr. Weber; Survey of Modern Europe, 1870 to the Present, Mr. Weber; British Empire and Commonwealth Since 1900, Mr. Livingston; Recent American History, Mr. Hays; American Intellectual History, Mr. Manning; History of Iowa, Mr. Petersen. Seminars will be offered in Nationalism and Sectionalism in America, 1775-1877, by Mr. Manning; Recent American History by Mr. Hays; and American Foreign Relations by Mr. Livingston.