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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.

FACULTY

Dr. Paul L. Dengler, Director of the Austro-American Institute of Education, served as Visiting Professor of History during the first semester under appointment from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He offered two courses for credit, gave two series of public lectures, and filled many speaking engagements in the Middle West.

Dr. W. M. Macmillan, formerly of All Souls College, Oxford, now engaged in a social and economic survey of the British West Indies for the Carnegie Foundation, visited the University in November. He gave a public lecture on "Imperialism and Civilization in British Africa" and conducted a round table for graduate students on the problems of research in the social sciences.

Professor A. C. McLaughlin, professor of history in the University of Chicago, gave an address, February 22, 1934, on "The Makers of the Presidency."

Professor W. T. Root addressed the students and faculty of Augustana College on April 13 on the subject "Some Remarks on the Nature and Values of History." He also spoke before the Iowa Historical Association meeting at Grinnell, on May 4, on "The Two-Fold Aspect of the American Revolution." Dr. Cecil E. Marshall, Research Fellow, gave a public address in Old Capitol last spring on "Eighteenth Century Race Problems in New Spain." Professor George G. Andrews addressed
the students and faculty of Augustana College, December 12, on the subject, "The Historical Significance of Napoleon." Professor H. J. Thornton addressed the Washington County Teachers' Association in October on "Interpretations of History" and in January, the Teachers, Supervisors and Superintendents Association of Cedar Rapids on "Historical Backgrounds of the Present Crisis." In January he delivered the mid-year convocation address at the Davenport High School. Dr. Howard R. Anderson spoke on "Teaching Procedures in the Social Studies" at a session of the social studies teachers during the State Teachers Convention in November. Dr. William J. Petersen gave an illustrated lecture on "History of Steamboating on the Mississippi" before the Faculty Club of the University of Missouri.

The state associations of college history and political science teachers will meet with the faculties of history and political science at the University May 11-12. These meetings serve to promote the comradeship in the common purpose of teaching and research in the social sciences.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

B. J. Hovde, Ph.D., 1924, University of Pittsburgh, contributed "Notes on the Effects of Emigration upon Scandinavia" to the Journal of Modern History, September, 1934. Leonidas Dodson, Ph.D., 1927, University of Pennsylvania, edited the September number of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science devoted to a series of articles under the title The Shadow of War, and among them is his own on "The Unfree Seas." Dr. Dodson is also co-editor of the Journal of Philip Vickers Fithian (Princeton Press, 1934). Dr. Cecil E. Marshall, formerly Research Fellow and now at the University of Idaho, read a paper on "The Origin of the Mestizo in New Spain" before the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association meeting at Stanford University.


W. D. Houllette, Ph.D., 1933, presents two articles: "William Byrd I and Some of his American Descendants" Tyler's Historical and Genealogical Quarterly, July, 1934; and "Parish Libraries and the Work of Rev. Thomas Bray," Library Quar-

The following appeared on the program of the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at the University of Missouri. H. R. Anderson, Ph.D., 1930, assistant professor of history, University of Iowa, on “The Significance of Revision of World History Textbooks”; W. J. Petersen, Ph.D., 1930, lecturer in history, University of Iowa, on “Migration Trails Westward to the Mississippi”; M. L. Hansen, M.A., 1917, history faculty, University of Illinois, on “Atlantic Trails of the Westward Migration”; R. L. Welty, Ph.D., 1924, history faculty, Texas Christian College, on “Supplying the Frontier Military Posts”; W. D. Wyman, M.A., 1931, history faculty, State Teachers College, River Falls, Wisconsin, on “Missouri River Towns in the Westward Migration.”

GRADUATE STUDENTS

E. Douglas Branch, Ph.D., 1928, has joined the history faculty of the University of Montana. He is at present managing editor of the Frontier and Midland magazine. Dr. Branch taught at Northwestern University during the past summer. Cecil E. Marshall, Ph.D., 1933, formerly research fellow in history, is now assistant professor of history in the University of Idaho at Moscow. Bertha A. Reuter, Ph.D., 1924, is now head of the history department at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas. F. J. Bowman, Ph.D., 1929, has been promoted to an assistant professor-
ship of history at Washington State College, Pullman. Elmer Ellis, Ph.D., 1930, associate professor of history, University of Missouri, is chairman of the program committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. E. P. Alexander, M.A., 1931, formerly Roberts Fellow in history at Columbia University, is now Curator of the New York State Historical Association with headquarters at Ticonderoga. R. L. Welty, Ph.D., 1924, was promoted to a professorship and elected chairman of the Division of History and the Social Sciences at Texas Christian College. On leave of absence this year from teaching, he is engaged in the Compliance Division of the NRA. E. W. Thornton, Ph.D., 1933, resigned the deanship of the Junior College at Fort Dodge, to accept a post on the history faculty of Sioux Falls College, South Dakota. Vernon Carstensen, M.A., 1932, at present Research Fellow, has been invited to teach during the spring quarter at the State Teachers College, Ellensburg, Washington.

Dorothy Graff, M.A., 1934, is now on the history faculty of the State Teachers College, Platteville, Wisconsin. F. H. Bankston, M.A., 1933, is teaching in South-eastern Louisiana College. W. D. Houlette, Ph.D., 1933, is State Supervisor of Adult Education for Iowa. C. W. Tebeau, Ph.D., 1933, taught at Stout Institute, Wisconsin, during the summer, and at present is educational adviser in the CCC group at Skokie Valley, Glenview, Illinois. J. A. Greenlee, Ph.D., 1934, is teaching in the Junior College, Emmetsburg, Iowa, and O. A. Kinchen, Ph.D., 1934, is at present employed on a government project in Oklahoma. H. F. Stanek, M.A., 1925, department of history, Augustana College, is a member of the commission planning the archival work for Illinois. Edwin A. Davis, M.A., 1931, has been named associate editor of the new Southern Historical Review. Esther C. Martinson, M.A., 1932, is teaching in the schools of Iron Mountain, Michigan. Arthur C. Nobles, M.A., June, 1934, is teaching the second semester in the high school at Burlington, Iowa.

P. H. Giddens, Ph.D., 1930, Allegheny College, taught during the summer at the Teachers College, Terre Haute, Indiana. F. A. McNeil, Ph.D., 1930, Principia College, St. Louis, taught in the summer session of the Rolla School of Mines, Missouri, and A. G. Umscheid, M.A., 1933, fellow in history, taught in the summer school at St. Ambrose College, Davenport.

W. J. Van Schreeven, M.A., 1932, has been reappointed to a Roberts Fellowship at Columbia University. J. A. Vieg, M.A., 1929, resigned his post in the junior
college at Burlington, Iowa, to accept a fellowship in history at the University of Chicago. Agnete Christiansen, former graduate student in history, has accepted an assistantship in history in the Graduate School of Boston University. Vergil Fogdall, M.A., 1933, is on the faculty of Burlington Junior College.

Kathryn Meyers, M.A., 1932, is on the staff of the Metairie Park Day School, New Orleans; Mabel Miller, M.A., 1933, is teaching in the Lexington High School, Massachusetts; W. E. Keeling, M.A., 1933, is in the office of the Registrar, State Normal School, Minot, South Dakota; Burtyce Lincoln, M.A., 1934, is on the high school faculty of Fulton, Illinois, and Myrna Boyce, Ph.D., 1918, is teaching history in the College of St. Genevieve of the Pines, Asheville, North Carolina. She will spend the summer in Washington completing a research problem that has occupied her leisure time for the past two years.

The following are teaching in high schools in Iowa: Chester Crowell, M.A., 1933, and Lawrence Olsen, M.A., 1932, in Cedar Rapids; Max O. White, M.A., 1933, at Belle Plaine; George H. Ehmann, M.A., 1932, at Morning Sun; Helen King, M.A., 1933, at Toledo; Julia Browning, M.A., 1933, at Afton; Vera Trader, assistant in the University High School last year, at Clarinda; Luella E. Cook, M.A., 1934, at West Liberty; Jessica Milligan, M.A., 1933, at Missouri Valley; and Lois Crane, M.A., 1931, at Clarinda.


DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

Late in 1932 appeared the first volume of Abstracts in History published in the University of Iowa Studies. It contained the abstracts of twelve doctoral dissertations, each giving the essential findings of the study and the material on which it is based. The purpose of the volume was to make known to scholars the results of these studies. A volume of abstracts is the alternative to the difficulty of print-

THE HISTORICAL CONFERENCE

The fifteenth Annual Conference met on Friday and Saturday February 1 and 2, 1935. Dr. Howard E. Wilson of the Harvard Graduate School of Education and Mr. J. E. Stonecipher, principal of the Roosevelt High School, Des Moines, addressed the session devoted to the teaching of history. The Friday evening address by Professor Bernadotte E. Schmitt, University of Chicago, was on the subject "The United States and the World." The session on contemporary American problems heard Professor Lester B. Shippee, University of Minnesota, on "What the Post War Years Have Brought"; and Professor George R. Davies, University
of Iowa, on "Some Consequences of Economic Change." The session on contemporary European affairs was addressed by Professor Preston W. Slosson, University of Michigan, on "Modern Dictatorships." The Friday luncheon conference for college teachers heard Professor O. F. Ander, Augustana College, and Professor Russell M. Cooper, Cornell College, discuss the question of "Research in Small Colleges." President Eugene A. Gilmore, University of Iowa, gave the after dinner address on Friday evening.

SUMMER SESSION 1935

The summer session opens for instruction Monday, June 10. As usual it is a session of eleven weeks, divided into one term of six weeks, a second of five weeks.

The following courses run through the entire session. In the American field, The American Colonial Era to 1713, Professor Root; American Foreign Relations since 1900, Professor Livingston; History of the West to 1840, Professor Pelzer; A General Survey of American History, 1763-1914, Professor Livingston. In the European field, The French Revolution and Napoleonic Era, Professor Andrews; French Civilization, Professor Brugère.

The courses for the first term only are, American Social and Economic History since 1865, Professor Thornton; History of the South since 1865, Professor Thornton; Beginnings of Modern England, 1485-1548, Professor Plum; History of England, 1850-1900, Professor Plum; The Renaissance, Professor de Kiewiet. Professor Anderson will offer his course on the Teaching of History during both terms.

There will be two seminars running through both terms, one in American History under Professor Pelzer, the other in the European field under Professor Andrews.

Ample opportunity will be given qualified students to do individual study in the American field under Professor Root and in the European field under Professor de Kiewiet and Professor Anderson.