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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 William O. Aydelotte has been on leave of absence during the academic year 1953-1954, and has spent most of this year doing research in England. He gave papers before the Anglo-American Historical Conference in London in July, 1953, the Economic History Group at Oxford University in October, 1953, and a conference at the Institute of Historical Research at the University of London in December, 1953. He also delivered public lectures at the Free University of Berlin in December, 1953, and the University of Birmingham in January, 1954, and addressed the Historical Seminar at the University of Heidelberg in December, 1953.

Professor J. F. Gillham has served as Acting Chairman of the department during the year. He has published "Ostr. Skeat 11" in the Transactions of the American Philological Association; "The Pro Caelio in St. Jerome's Letters" in the Harvard Theological Review; and "A Roman Naval Roster: P Rylands 79" in Classical Philology. He has also published a review in the American Journal of Philology. His promotion to the rank of Associate Professor was announced in June, 1953.

Professor W. Ross Livingston published three editorial articles in the Los Angeles Times for March 10, 11, and 12, 1952, on the subject of responsible government and the national budget. Professor Livingston has arranged with the Republic of India to receive the Indian parliamentary publications for the University library.

Professor William J. Petersen has continued to develop the library resources and to expand the membership of the State Historical Society of Iowa. He has published the first two volumes of The Story of Iowa and an historical bibliography, The Iowa History Reference Guide, with entries through July, 1952. Professor Petersen has written a number of articles for The Palimpsest on the U.S.S. Iowa and the cruiser Des Moines as well as on other subjects of Iowa history.

Professor Stow Persons presented a paper at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in May, 1953, on "The Problem of Modern Conservative Thought." During the year he published reviews in the American Historical Review, Mississippi Valley Historical Review, American Journal of Sociology, American Quarterly, and William and Mary Quarterly.

Professor George L. Mosse read a paper at the annual meeting of the American Society of Church History in December on "Machiavelli and the Puritans: the Casuistry of William Perkins and William Ames." At the joint meeting of the American Society of Church History and the American Historical Association, Professor Mosse read a second paper on "The Nature of English Puritanism." He participated in the first Newberry Library Conference on English History in November and published a review in the American Historical Review. He has been elected Vice-president of the Iowa Conference of University Professors.

Professor R. S. Hoyt was a discussant at the session on "The History of Representative Institutions" at the American Historical Association meeting in December and attended the second Newberry Library Conference on English History in March. Professor Hoyt has written "Recent Publications on the History of Representative Institutions Published in the United States and Canada" for a special issue of Speculum, January, 1954. He has also published a review in The Historian.

Professor Nicholas V. Riasanovsky has published "Fourierism in Russia: An Estimate of the Petrasevsky" in the American Slavic and East European Review, October, 1953, and reviews in the Journal of Central European Affairs and the Russian Review. He has delivered a number of addresses throughout the state, including an appearance on the "Mind of Man" program of WOI-TV, and was commencement speaker at Chatter High School. He has participated in the Regional Conference on Asia and Russia in Asia at the University of Kansas, and the Regional Conference on Russia and Eastern Europe at the University of Illinois. His paper on "Khomiakov on "Sbornn"" was presented at the Arden House Conference on Continuity and Change in Pre-Revolutionary and Soviet Russian Thought and will be published in the proceedings of that conference.


Professor Charles Gibson spent the summer and first semester on leave of absence in Mexico. He has published "The Rotation of Alcaldes in the Indian Cabildo of Mexico City" in the Hispanic American Historical Review and reviews in the Hispanic American Historical Review, The Americas, and the Revista Interamericana de Bibliografia.
Professor Ralph A. Greenlaw has resigned from the department to accept a position on the faculty of Wellesley College. Professor Philip A. M. Taylor has resigned from the department to join the Department of Extramural Studies at the University of Birmingham.

Dr. Samuel P. Hays has been appointed to the department with the rank of Assistant Professor. He received the B.A. degree from Swarthmore College in 1948, the M.A. from Harvard in 1949, and the Ph.D. from Harvard in 1953. His doctoral dissertation was on the subject “The American Conservation Movement, 1890-1920.” Professor Hays taught at the University of Illinois during 1952-1953. In the past year he has offered courses and seminars in recent American History and in 1954-1955 he will offer a course in American Economic History. His current research relates to the progressive movement in Iowa.

Dr. Herbert H. Rowen has been appointed to the position of Assistant Professor in the department. Professor Rowen received the degree of B.S. in Social Science at the City College of New York in 1936, the M.A. at Columbia in 1948, and the Ph.D. at Columbia in 1951. During 1953-1954 he has offered courses in Seventeenth-Century Europe and in French Revolution and Napoleon. He has published articles on modern French and Scandinavian biography in the New Century Encyclopedia of Names and an article, “John de Witt and the Triple Alliance,” in the Journal of Modern History. Professor Rowen’s edition of Relation de mon ambassade en Hollande, 1669-1671 by Simon Nicolas Arnauld de Pomponne is in press in the Works of the Historical Society of Utrecht. Also forthcoming is his translation of New German Views on German History, edited by Hans Kohn.

Richard S. Westfall, B.A., Yale, 1948, M.A., Yale, 1949, has been teaching the trailer course of the Western Civilization core. Mr. Westfall formerly taught in the Division of Humanities of the California Institute of Technology and is at present completing his doctoral dissertation on “Christianity and the Virtuosi.”

During 1953-1954 the following have served as section instructors or graduate assistants in Western Civilization: Thomas E. Auge, Janice Clark, Joyce Griffin, Lawrence McCaffrey, Duane G. Meyer, David C. Riede, Morton M. Rosenberg, James Russell, Pubbrock W. Smith, Dorothy Walker, Harold A. Wilson, and Harold B. Wohl.

Among former instructors in Western Civilization Donald Weinstein has been awarded a Fulbright grant for study in Italy; Neelak S. Tjernagel has been appointed Associate Professor at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois; and Gilbert A. Cahill, of Colgate University, delivered a paper at the American Historical Association meeting in December on “Irish Catholicism and English Toryism.”

Graduates

The department announces with regret the death, on July 11, 1952, of R. C. Werner, Ph.D. 1927, Professor of History at the University of Illinois.

Francis I. Moats, Ph.D. 1926, now retired as Professor of History at Simpson College, has published an article, “W. H. Berry,” in the October issue of Annals of Iowa.

Bruce E. Mahan, Ph.D. 1927, Dean of the State University of Iowa Extension Division, was the author and co-narrator of a pageant, “Bedford Through the Years, 1853-1953” for the centennial celebration of his home town, Bedford, Iowa, on July 2-5, 1953. The pageant was performed by a cast of nearly 400 and drew an estimated audience of 10,000.


Francis J. Bowman, Ph.D. 1929, of the University of Southern California, took part in the Pacific Coast Branch meeting of the American Historical Association at Davis, California, in December and is to be an exchange professor at the University of Minnesota in its first Summer Session in 1954. He has been elected vice-president of the National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta. During the year he contributed reviews to the Journal of Modern History, the American Historical Review, and the World Affairs Interpreter.


Howard R. Anderson, Ph.D. 1930, began his new duties as Dean of University School of the University of Rochester in February. He is serving as editor of the 1954 Yearbook of the National Council for the Social Studies dealing with the topic “Approaches to an Understanding of World Affairs.”

Elmer Ellis, Ph.D. 1930, Dean of the Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Missouri, delivered an address at the University of Tulsa in November on the subject “America in the Eyes of Europe.”

Boyd C. Shafer, Ph.D. 1932, has been appointed Executive Secretary of the American Historical Association and Managing Editor of the American Historical Review.

William D. Houlette, Ph.D. 1933, of Drake University, addressed the Guthrie Historical Society at Guthrie Center, Iowa, in July on the subject “Pioneer Life in Western Iowa after the Civil War.” His article “Books of the Virginia Dynasty” is to appear in the July issue of The Library Quarterly, and another article, “Some Stone Houses of Madison County,” will be published in a forthcoming issue of The Iowan.

Charlton W. Tebeau, Ph.D. 1933, has been appointed Chairman of the University Committee on Graduate Studies at the University of Miami. In November he read a paper entitled “Barron G. Collier: Early Twentieth-Century Developer” at the Jacksonville meeting of the Southern Historical Association. He also read “Marco Island: Early Settlement” at the meeting of the Florida Historical Society in March.

Justin Williams, Ph.D. 1933, has been serving as political adviser to General Clark and is now chief of the Korean division, F.O.A., Washington, D.C.

Walker D. Wyman, Ph.D. 1935, of Wisconsin State College, will teach at the University of Wisconsin during the 1954 summer session. His book Nothing But Prairie and Sky: Life on the Dakota Range in the Early Days has been published by the University of Oklahoma Press, and
he is at present delivering a course on the history of the frontier over the Wisconsin state network WHA. He has contributed reviews to the Wisconsin Magazine of History, the American Historical Review, and Minnesota History.

Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D., 1935, of the University of Minnesota, has published The People’s Health: A History of Public Health in Minnesota to 1948. He has also written three articles: “The Folklorist as Social Historian” in Western Folklore; “There’s History in Songs” in Gopher Historian; and “Your Family Heritage” in Gopher Historian. He has published reviews in Minnesota History, Mississippi Valley Historical Review, United States Quarterly Book Review, and Western Folklore. He has delivered addresses at the joint meeting of the American Historical Association and the National Council for the Social Studies, the Librarian-Publisher Workshop, the Twin Cities English Teachers Meeting, and Macalester College in St. Paul.

Guy F. Heralberger, Ph.D., 1935, of Goshen College, read papers at the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences meeting at Valparaiso University in October, and at the Detroit Conference on the Church and Peace, in December. He delivered the Conrad Grebel lectures on “The Social Teachings of Christianity” at Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, in March. The Herald Press has issued a revised edition of his book War, Peace and Non-resistance, which was originally published in 1944.

Vernon Cartensen, Ph.D., 1936, of the University of Wisconsin, assumed the editorship of Agricultural History in 1933. He edited “Pacific Northwest Letters of George Gibbs,” published in the Oregon Historical Quarterly in September. He will be teaching this summer at the University of Oregon.

Cecil O. Hahn, Ph.D., 1938, of Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos, attended the course for Academic Instructors at the Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, during the summer. In February he attended a two-week conference at Dallas under the auspices of the Department of Defense on the subject “The National Resources of Military Significance.”

Homer L. Calkin, Ph.D. 1939, has published an article “United States Government and the Irish” in Irish Historical Studies, March, 1954, and a book review in American Archivist. His Select List of Documents in the Records of the National Recovery Administration has been published by the National Archives.

Virginia Bever Platt, Ph.D., 1940, has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Carl B. Cone, Ph.D. 1940, of the University of Kentucky, has published “This Is Where We Came In” in the February issue of The Nation’s Schools. He has written book reviews for the Journal of Modern History, Journal of Southern History, William and Mary Quarterly, and Catholic Historical Review. He is currently engaged upon a biography of Edmund Burke.

Kenneth B. Rossman, Ph.D. 1940, of Doane College, Crete, Nebraska, is Fulbright Lecturer in American History at the University of Helsinki during the 1953-1954 academic year.

Everett W. Sterling, Ph.D. 1940, has been promoted to a full Professorship at the University of South Dakota. He is the recipient of a grant-in-aid from the University of South Dakota to conduct research on Sioux Indian agents of the period following the Civil War.

H. Clifford Fox, Ph.D. 1941, continues as President of Findlay College, Findlay, Ohio.

Wallace W. Taylor, Ph.D. 1941, Assistant Executive Dean for Teacher Education of the State University of New York, has been appointed Educational Consultant to the American-Korean Foundation. His present duties relate particularly to the grants-in-aid program for Korean graduate students in the United States.

William C. Lang, Ph.D. 1941, has been presenting a course in Humanities in adult night classes at Iowa State Teachers College.

John H. Haeberle, Ph.D. 1942, has published “The Battle of the Books” in the April issue of NEA Journal and “Candid Observations: Remarks by the President” in the February issue of Social Education. He has served as President of the National Council for the Social Studies and was Chairman of the joint session of the American Historical Association and the National Council for the Social Studies in December. He was a member of the Citizenship Committee of the National Education Association in 1953 and was the representative of the National Council for the Social Studies at the fourth general session of the National Committee on UNESCO in Minneapolis. In January he was appointed a member of the College Entrance Examination Board for the development of new testing instruments in social studies.

Wilfred W. Black, Ph.D. 1942, of Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, is publishing an article “A Parallel in History: the 1850’s and the 1950’s” in a current number of The Christian Century.

Daryl Pendergraft, Ph.D. 1943, has been serving as Curriculum Coordinator and Chairman of the committee to establish the program of general education at Iowa State Teachers College.

John S. Galbraith, Ph.D. 1943, of the University of California, addressed the Southern California chapter of Phi Alpha Theta on the subject “The Hudson’s Bay Company and American Foreign Policy” in January. He was Chairman of the Program Committee of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association for its December meeting.


Dwight L. Agnew, Ph.D. 1947, Head of the Department of Social Science at the Stout Institute, Menomonie, Wisconsin, has published "The Mississippi and Missari Railroad" in the July issue of the Iowa Journal of History. He has also written "Beginning of the Rock Island Lines" in the winter number of the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society.

Donald F. Howard, Ph.D. 1947, of Iowa State Teachers College, will be teaching this summer in the Portland State Extension Center at Portland, Oregon.

William H. Seiler, Ph.D. 1948, of Kansas State Teachers College, has edited two issues of the Emporia State Research Studies on Kansas political history. He published a review in the William and Mary Quarterly in April, 1953.
R. Bruce Harley, Ph.D. 1948, has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Social Science at Western Illinois State College.

Keach D. Johnson, Ph.D. 1949, of Drake University, has published an article "The Genesis of the Baltimore Ironworks" in the May issue of the Journal of Southern History.

Eugene M. Emme, Ph.D. 1949, has had two studies published by the Air University Press: Hitler's Blitzbomber—Historical Notes on High Command Decisions Influencing German Air Defense; and Thoughts on Air Power as a Political Weapon. He also published a review article on "Generals in the Rise and Fall of Germany" in the Air University Quarterly Review, and he continues as Director of the Graduate Study Group of the Air War College of the Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

Paul Davis, Ph.D. 1950, Command Historian of HQ Air Materiel Command at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, delivered an address, "History in Management" to the Military Historians' Council, San Antonio, Texas, and to supervisors and directors of the Oklahoma City Air Material Area, in January, 1954.

Walter F. Peterson, Ph.D. 1951, has been promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor at Milwaukee-Downer College.

Robert W. Iversen, Ph.D. 1951, has returned to his position as Assistant Professor of Social Science at Drake University after a year's teaching fellowship at Columbia University. He is presenting a weekly television program of news analysis in Des Moines.

Harry M. Hutson, Ph.D. 1952, of Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon, read a paper before the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association on "Methodist Concern with Social Problems in England, 1848-1873."

Earl S. Beard, Ph.D. 1953, is an Instructor in history at Maryland University.

John R. Bengtson, Ph.D. 1953, has been appointed to the faculty of the University of Minnesota.

Robert Green, Ph.D. 1953, is teaching at Pennsylvania State College.

Dwight W. Hoover, Ph.D. 1953, has accepted a position on the faculty of Bethune Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Ernest F. Sixta, Ph.D. 1953, is teaching at New Jersey State Teachers College, Trenton, New Jersey.

Phyllis A. Nelson, Ph.D. 1953, is Assistant Professor at Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Indiana.

Lenore M. Rickels, Ph.D. 1953, returned to her position as Assistant Professor at Valparaiso University in September 1953, after a year's leave of absence.

**Degrees**

Since the last issue of the News Letter, Ph.D. degrees in history have been awarded to Earl S. Beard, John R. Bengtson, Donald L. Graham, Dwight W. Hoover, Robert S. Moth, Ernest F. Sixta, Phyllis A. Nelson, and Lenore M. Rickels.

M.A. degrees in history have been awarded to Joyce Griffin, Julia C. Hauth, Harold B. Wohl, Robert W. Ask, George A. Buck, Edward B. Richards, Charlotte Silverman, and James D. Schrum.

**A.H.A. Smoker**

Faculty and many former graduate students of the department met at the State University of Iowa Smoker at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago on December 28, 1953. The Iowa Smoker has become a regular and successful feature of Chicago meetings of the American Historical Association.

**Phi Alpha Theta**

An Iowa chapter of the National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta, has been founded by graduate students. Officers for 1953-1954 are: President, Morton M. Rosenberg; Vice-president, Dorothy Walker; Secretary, William Sherman; Treasurer, Thomas E. Auge.

**The History Conference**

The thirty-second annual History Conference of the State University of Iowa is to be held on April 9-10, 1954. The program includes the following papers: "The Transformation of the Indian Community in New Spain, 1500-1810," by Charles Gibson of the State University of Iowa; "Merchant Princes of the Plains, 1865-1885," by Paul F. Sharp of Iowa State College; "When the Airplane was a Military Secret - A Study of National Attitudes before 1914," by Marvin W. McFarland of the Aeronautics Division of the Library of Congress; "Thought Control," by Richard Barnes Kenman of the Headquarters Staff of the National Education Association; and "Reflections on Edmund Burke's Reflections on the French Revolution," by Louis Gottschalk, Professor of history at the University of Chicago.

**The Summer Session**

Professor Robert Lively of the University of Wisconsin has been appointed to the faculty for the 1954 summer session. The following courses are to be offered during the summer session: Ancient and Medieval Culture, Mr. Hoyt; Survey of Early Modern Europe, 1648-1815, Mr. Rowen; Survey of Modern Europe, 1815-1870, Mr. Riasanovsky; Recent American History, 1914-1954, Mr. Lively; American Economic History, 1860-1954, Mr. Lively; Recent American Intellectual History, Mr. Persons; History of Iowa, Mr. Petersen. Seminars will be offered in Modern Europe by Mr. Riasanovsky, American History by Mr. Persons, and Historiography and Philosophy of History by Mr. Hoyt.