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The Faculty

Professor Nicholas V. Riasanovsky taught Russian history in the 1956 summer session of the University of California at Berkeley. He read a paper entitled "Some Comments on the Role of the Intelligentsia in the Reign of Nicholas I of Russia, 1825-1855" at the American Historical Association meeting in December, 1956. He has addressed various University and civic groups in Iowa City and elsewhere, and during the year has contributed book reviews to the *Journal of Central European Events*, *American Slavic and East European Review*, and the *Slavic and East European Journal*.

Professor Herbert H. Rowen's book, *The Ambassador Prepares for War: The Dutch Embassy of Arnauld de Pomponne, 1669-1671*, was published in February, 1957, by Martinus Nijhoff at The Hague. Dr. Rowen delivered a paper at the American Historical Association meeting in December, 1956, on "The Makeshift Executive: The Grand Pensionary of Holland, 1653-1672." He also published a book review in the *American Historical Review*. In the summer of 1956 he was a fellow of the Folger Shakespeare Library.

Mr. Giles Constable is a joint editor, with J. Kritzeck, of *Petrus Venerabilis 1156-1956: Studies and Texts Commemorating the Eighth Centenary of His Death*. This is a composite work containing articles by a number of American and European scholars. Mr. Constable, in addition to his editorial task, contributed three articles to the volume. He has also published "The Vision of Gunthelm and Other Visiones Attributed to Peter the Venerable," in the *Revue bénédictine*, and during the year he reviewed two books for *Speculum*.

Professor Charles Gibson during the academic year 1956-57 has been visiting lecturer at Harvard University. In December, 1956, he addressed the Mesa Cuadrada, Peabody Museum, Harvard, on "Repartimiento Labor in Chalco Province, 1550-1630." He has published two articles: "Códice Cuertlaxcouapan: problemas de fechas," in *Memorias del V Congreso histórico municipal interamericano*, Ciudad Trujillo, and "Llamamiento general, Repartimiento, and the Empire of Acolhuacan," in the *Hispanic American Historical Review*. Besides this, book reviews by him have appeared in the *Hispanic American Historical Review*, the *Pacific Historical Review*, and the *Handbook of Latin American Studies*.

Professor Samuel P. Hays' book, *The Response to Industrialism: The Populist-Progressive Era, 1885-1914*, has been accepted for publication by the Chicago University Press for May of this year. Professor Hays delivered Wood-

row Wilson lectures at Cornell College and Coe College, and has given a number of talks of current and historical interest to University and civic groups in Iowa City.

Professor Allan G. Bogue was promoted in September, 1956, to an associate professorship. In collaboration with Margaret R. Bogue, he published an article, "'Profits' and the Frontier Land Speculator," in the *Journal of Economic History* for March, 1957.

Professor Stow Persons held a University Research Professorship during the fall semester of 1956-57 for work on an intellectual history of the United States.

Professor J. F. Gilliam has published the following articles: "Trebonianus Gallus and the Decii: III et I cos" in *Studi in onore di Aristide Calderini e Roberto Paribeni*, and "The Veterans and Praefectus Castrorum of the II Traiana in A.D. 157" in the *American Journal of Philology*. He has also published book reviews in the *American Historical Review* and the *American Journal of Philology*.

Professor Richard S. Westfall's book, *Christianity and the Virtuosi*, has been accepted for publication by the Yale University Press and will appear in 1958. During the year 1956-57 Professor Westfall has replaced Professor Eugen J. Weber as chairman of the Western Civilization Core Course following Professor Weber's transfer to the University of California at Los Angeles. He has been assisted by Mr. Donald Weinstein who has given the lectures in a second section of the course and in the trailer course.

During the fall of 1956, Professor W. O. Aydelotte served on the Chicago Committee of Selection for the Marshall scholarships. He has published book reviews in the *American Historical Review* and the *Journal of Modern History*. He has been appointed a member of the editorial board of *Victorian Studies*, a new journal dealing with 19th-century British history and culture. He is serving also on a committee of the Social Science Research Council dealing with problems of historical generalization.

The Department announces with regret the departure of three of its present staff members to other institutions next fall: Professor Riasanovsky to the University of California in Berkeley, Professor Westfall to Grinnell College, and Professor Rowen to the Newberry Library.

To replace them the University has appointed the three following men who will join the Department in September: Dr. Arthur H. Mendel who is at present an Assistant Professor at Roosevelt University and who has published a number of articles in the field of Russian history; Dr. Robert M. Kingdon, Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts, who is the author of *Geneva and the Coming of the Wars of Religion in France, 1555-1563*, published at Geneva in 1956; and Dr. Alan B. Spitzer,

Assistant Professor at Boston University, whose book on L. A. Blanqui will be published by the Columbia University Press this spring.

During the year the following graduate students have served on the staff of the Western Civilization Core Course: George Boeck, Richard Clark, Curtis Cowle, John DeJong, Frederick deLuna, Thomas Dilkes, Phyllis Hald, Don Kirschner, Nancy Knapp, Richard Luman, Thomas Lundeen, Samuel McSeveney, Harry Morris, Arnold Pincus, Thomas Ryan, and Joel Silbey.

Graduates

Francis I. Moats, Ph.D. 1926, retired from his professorship at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, in 1954. He has in recent months been closely associated with the staff of the Historical Library in Des Moines. He has completed three articles which are to be published shortly and has been asked to direct the preparations for a history of Simpson College.

Bruce E. Mahan, Ph.D. 1927, Dean of the State University of Iowa Extension Division, has begun a series of sketches for his home-town newspaper, *The Bedford Times-Press*, on Bedford institutions in the decade 1898-1908.

James H. St. John, Ph.D. 1927, continues as Assistant Dean at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Francis J. Bowman, Ph.D. 1929, Professor of History at the University of Southern California, spent the first seven months of 1956 in Europe and lectured at the Universities of Gothenburg, Stockholm, and Uppsala. He also taught in the Army Education program at Metz and Paris. Since his return to the United States, he has acted as chairman of the committee on the Herbert Baxter Adams prize award and has also served as national president of Phi Alpha Theta. His presidential address on "French Historians at Mid Century" will appear in the *Historian* in May, 1957.

Dorsey D. Jones, Ph.D. 1929, Professor of History at the University of Arkansas, was a guest speaker at the Conference on Russian Studies at the University of Texas in October, 1956. He published *Russia: a Concise History* in 1955, and the book has become widely used as a text for courses in Russian History.

Willis G. Swartz, Ph.D. 1929, Dean of Southern Illinois University, published a textbook entitled *American Governmental Problems* in April of this year.

Elmer Ellis, Ph.D. 1930, President of the University of Missouri, gave the Commencement address at the February, 1956, Commencement of the State University of Iowa. He has recently been made Chairman of the U.S. Army Historical Advisory Committee.

Boyd C. Shafer, Ph.D. 1932, the secretary of the American Historical Association and editor of the *American Historical Review*, was a guest speaker at the spring conference of the State University of Iowa History Department in Iowa City on April 12, 1957.

A. G. Umbreit, Ph.D. 1932, is director of the Muskegon Community College, Muskegon, Michigan, and also has charge of the curriculum development for the junior and senior high schools in that city. He has been working recently on the development of a new Community College plant and has also been engaged in preparing a special program in the senior high school for students of outstanding ability.

Everett W. Thornton, Ph.D. 1933, Professor at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, has pub-

lished "The United Nations' Debt to the League of Nations" in *The Social Studies* for May, 1956.

Phillip D. Jordan, Ph.D. 1935, Professor at the University of Minnesota, has published a book, *Fiddlefoot Jones of the North Woods*, and has also published two articles: "Lure of Far Places" in the *Gopher Historian*; and "Pioneer Gateway to the West" in the *Co-op Grain Quarterly*. His book reviews have appeared in the *American Historical Review*, *United States Quarterly Book Review*, *Minnesota History*, and *Saturday Review*. He served as Visiting Professor at Macalester College in St. Paul and as a consultant for the Oliver Mining Division, U. S. Steel Corporation. He is a member of the Minnesota Historical Society Publications Committee, the editorial board of the *Gopher Historian*, the Historical Sites Committee of the Minnesota Historical Society, and the Committee on History of Public Health in the United States.

Arthur G. Umscheid, Ph.D. 1935, Professor at Creighton University in Omaha, was in charge of the Central Regional Conference of collegiate International Relations Clubs in March, 1957, has been elected to honorary membership in Alpha Sigma Nu, and has made a number of addresses in Omaha, including the Woodrow Wilson lecture at Creighton.

Walker D. Wyman, Ph.D. 1935, of Wisconsin State College, River Falls, Wisconsin, is serving on the joint committee on graduate study of the University of Wisconsin and Wisconsin State College. He addressed the Illinois Folklore Society in April, 1957. He is at present engaged in rewriting the sixth grade world history by Ames and Ames, and during the year he has published book reviews in the *American Historical Review*, *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, and *Wisconsin Magazine of History*.

Merrill G. Burlingame, Ph.D. 1936, Chairman of the Department of History and Government at Montana State College, Bozeman, Montana, has written, in cooperation with K. Ross Toole, superintendent of the Montana State Historical Society, a two-volume *History of Montana*, which will be published in May. He has also edited a single-volume history of Montana, written some twenty years ago by James M. Hamilton, a former president of Montana State College.

Vernon Carstensen, Ph.D. 1936, of the University of Wisconsin, is Visiting Professor at the University of Stockholm during the academic year 1956-57 under a Smith-Mundt grant. He will spend some time in England this summer on a research grant from the University of Wisconsin. He has given up the editorship of *Agricultural History*, of which he has been editor for the last four years. He has also published several articles during the last year.

Melvin Gingerich, Ph.D. 1938, is serving with the Mennonite Central Committee in Tokyo, Japan.

Laura M. Nanes, Ph.D. 1938, Professor at Central College, Pella, Iowa, taught summer school last summer at Eastern Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, Texas.

Homer L. Calkin, Ph.D. 1939, has published an article, "Elkhorn to Vicksburg," in *Civil War History* for March, 1956.

Martin L. Cole, Ph.D. 1939, Academic Dean of Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico, has been chairman this year of the New Mexico State Association of Deans and Registrars, and chairman also of the Tri-State Conference on Moral and Spiritual Values which met in Portales in February. His book, *Living with Yourself*, was published in July, 1956. His son, Richard Glenn

Cole, is doing graduate work in History at the State University of Iowa.

Millard Hansen, Ph.D. 1939, director of the Social Science Research Center at the University of Puerto Rico, spent the last academic year on sabbatical leave in Mexico and California.

Lyle S. Shelmidine, Ph.D. 1939, Chairman of the History Department at the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington, spent last summer traveling in the Middle East and Europe, and has since then lectured extensively on his observations during his trip. He recently served as Visiting Professor at the University of Washington and is at present teaching an extension class in Middle Eastern History at that institution.

Everett W. Sterling, Ph.D. 1940, of the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota, has published "Moses N. Adams: A Missionary as Indian Agent" in *Minnesota History*, and will read a paper at the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting at Lincoln this spring. He will publish articles in the forthcoming editions of the Collier's and Britannica *Yearbooks* and Collier's and World Book *Encyclopedias*.

H. Clifford Fox, Ph.D. 1941, has completed ten years as president of Findlay College, Findlay, Ohio.

Lulu M. Johnson, Ph.D. 1941, is Dean of Women at State Teachers College, Cheyney, Pennsylvania, and served last fall on the program committee of the Pennsylvania Association of Deans of Women for their 36th annual convention.

Wilfred H. Black, Ph.D. 1942, Professor at Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, is publishing an article dealing further with his research on George M. Wise in the April issue of the *Ohio Historical Quarterly*.

Franklin A. Doty, Ph.D. 1946, Associate Professor at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, delivered a commentary on two papers at the joint meeting of the Southern Historical Association and the American Historical Association in St. Louis last December, and published "Florida, Iowa, and the National Balance of Power, 1845" in *The Florida Historical Quarterly* for July, 1956. A sequel to this article is scheduled to appear in the July, 1957 number of the same periodical.

Mildred Throne, Ph.D. 1946, of the State Historical Society of Iowa, has published "Fort Dodge and the Des Moines Valley Railroad" and edited the documents "History of Company D, Eleventh Iowa Infantry, 1861-1865" and "California Journey of George D. Magoon, 1852-1854," all in the *Iowa Journal of History*. She has been elected a member of the executive committee of the Agricultural History Society.

Vergil S. Fogdall, Ph.D. 1947, is now in his seventh year as Professor of History and Dean of Students at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon. He is chairman of the Northwest Association of Independent Colleges for the coming year.

Paul A. Knights, Ph.D. 1947, Associate Professor at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, took part last summer in the Seminars on American Culture sponsored by the New York Historical Association.

R. Bruce Harley, Ph.D. 1948, of Western Illinois State College, Macomb, Illinois, will publish two articles in the May, 1957, issue of the *Western Illinois State College Bulletin*, and is scheduled to make an address at the spring meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society.

William H. Seiler, Ph.D. 1948, Professor at Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas, has just completed

his term as president of the Kansas Teachers of History. He has edited two numbers of the graduate division publication of his institution and has published an article, "The Anglican Parish Vestry in Colonial Virginia," in *The Journal of Southern History* for August, 1956. He also contributed two chapters on "Industry and Mining" to *Kansas: The First Century*, edited by John D. Bright and published late in 1956.

Eugene M. Emme, Ph.D. 1949, Professor of International Politics and Research Advisor at the Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, has been appointed to the board of editors of *The Air Power Historian*. He has published an *Air War College Handbook on Research and Writing* and is completing a textbook on *The Impact of Air Power* which will be published this fall.

Raleigh A. Wilson, Ph.D. 1949, Professor of History at Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State University, Nashville, Tennessee, presided in May, 1956, over the annual meeting of the Association of Social Science Teachers in Greensboro, North Carolina. Beginning in September, 1956, he has been supervising the graduate work in history at his institution.

Morris R. Boucher, Ph.D. 1950, has been teaching at Olivet College at Olivet, Michigan, for the last five years, and for the last three of these years has been Professor and Chairman of the Division of History and Sociology.

John Kamerick, Ph.D. 1950, has given up the deanship of Lewis College of Science and Technology in Lockport, Illinois, to accept the position of Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. He has published, during the year, several book reviews in the *Catholic Historical Review* and elsewhere.

Walter P. Metzger, Ph.D. 1950, Assistant Professor at Columbia University, is spending the year 1956-1957 at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Stanford, California.

Paul L. Hughes, Ph.D. 1951, has been promoted to an associate professorship at De Paul University, Chicago, Illinois. He published, in September, 1956, a series of *Readings in Western Civilization*, and is completing a book, *Constitutional Documents of the Tudor-Stuart Period*, which will be published in the near future.

Walter P. Peterson, Ph.D. 1951, has been promoted to Associate Professor at Milwaukee-Downer College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and has been made Chairman of the Social Science Division. Last summer he presented a paper on "American Protestantism During the Progressive Period" at the Conference on the Progressive Period in Brief Perspective at the University of Kansas.

Norbert J. Gossman, Ph.D. 1952, of Detroit University, has published "Political and Social Themes in the English Popular Novel, 1815-1832" in *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Fall, 1956. He received a grant from the Social Science Research Council to do research on Republicanism in Victorian England.

Harry M. Hutson, Ph.D. 1952, who is teaching at the State Teachers College at Towson in Baltimore, Maryland, taught two courses last summer in the Johns Hopkins University summer session.

Phyllis Nelson, Ph.D. 1953, has been promoted to an associate professorship at Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Indiana.

George Breathett, Ph.D. 1954, who teaches at Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina, delivered a public lecture at South Carolina State College in December, 1956.

He has been appointed chairman of the history section of the Association of Social Science Teachers for their annual meeting in Houston, Texas, in May, 1957, and will present a paper at that meeting.

Gilbert A. Cahill, Ph.D. 1954, has been promoted to an associate professorship at State Teachers College, Cortland, New York. He published "Irish Catholicism and English Toryism" in the January, 1957, issue of the *Review of Politics*.

Lawrence J. McCaffrey, Ph.D. 1954, who teaches at the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minnesota, has published during the last year two articles: "An Evaluation of the General Education History Course," *The Journal of General Education*, April, 1956; and "Trends in Post-Revolutionary Irish Literature," *College English*, October, 1956. He has received a grant from the American Philosophical Society to do research in Dublin, Ireland, during the summer of 1957.

George R. Poage, Ph.D. 1954, of the Department of History at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa, has organized the first conference at Cedar Falls on Materials for Teaching of International Affairs at the Secondary Level. This conference, which took place in October, 1956, was sponsored by the Ford Foundation and Science Research Associates. He also organized the conference at Cedar Falls on Tensions in the Middle East which was held in March, 1957, and was sponsored by the State Teachers College.

Degrees

Since the last issue of the *News Letter*, Ph.D. degrees in History have been awarded to Harold B. Wohl, Lewis F. Wheelock, and John E. Visser.

M.A. degrees in History have been awarded to Richard C. Clark, John A. DeJong, Eli D. Potts, Gerald A. Priori, Joel H. Silbey, Williard I. Toussaint, William H. Vibert, James P. Walker, Hilda L. Fedeler, and Robert N. Timpte.

Iowa History Conference

The thirty-fifth annual History Conference of the State University of Iowa was held on April 12 and 13. The program included the following papers: "Cultural Nationalism and a National Culture," by Professor John M. Blum of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; "Reflections on Nationalism," by Dr. Boyd C. Shafer, secretary of the American Historical Association and managing editor of the *American Historical Review*, who received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the State University of Iowa; and "The Medieval Origin of the National State," by Professor Gaines Post of the University of Wisconsin. The Saturday session was devoted to a discussion of "The Organization and Subject Matter of the World History Course." The opening speeches were made by Professors Richard S. Westfall and J. F. Gilliam of this Department and the discussants were Professor Nicholas V. Riasanovsky also of this Department and Mr. Arthur Eady of the Indianola High School.

Summer Session

The Visiting Lecturer this summer will be Professor Robert A. Lively of Princeton University, who came here in the same capacity for the summer session three years ago.

The courses to be offered during the summer session are: European Intellectual History: Renaissance and Reformation, Mr. Westfall; England under the Stuarts, Mr. Westfall; Germany in Modern Times, Mr. Riasanovsky; United States in the Middle Period, 1789-1840, Mr. Bogue; Recent American History, Mr. Lively; American Economic History, Mr. Lively; American Foreign Relations, Mr. Livingston; History of Iowa, Mr. Petersen. Seminars will be offered in Modern Europe by Mr. Riasanovsky; British-American Relations, by Mr. Livingston; and American Middle Period and the West, by Mr. Bogue.