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activities of both faculty and graduate students

### *The Faculty*

Professor J. F. Gilliam has published "Enrollment in the Roman Imperial Army" in *Symbolae Raphaeli Taubenschlag Dedicatae* and book reviews in the *American Historical Review* and the *American Journal of Philology*. He delivered a paper at the American Philological Association meeting in December on "P. Mich. 164 and the Appointment of Auxiliary Centurions" and was a participant at the conference of the American Council of Learned Societies at Princeton in April, 1957, on plans for the 1958 Annual Meeting.

Professor William O. Aydelotte has continued active on the Committee on Historical Generalization of the Social Science Research Council and on the Midwestern Selection Committee of the Marshall scholarships. He attended in June, 1957, a conference on the Social Sciences in Historical Study at the Hoover Institute of War, Revolution, and Peace at which he delivered a paper which has subsequently been published in the mimeographed proceedings of that conference. He took part in a conference on humanistic scholarship sponsored by the Ford Foundation in March, 1958, and has contributed book reviews to the *American Historical Review* and to *Victorian Studies*.

Professor Samuel P. Hays served as a discussant at the first session of a series on conservation entitled "Natural Resources Conservation in the United States—History and Prospects," sponsored by Resources for the Future, in Washington, D.C., in January. His comment was entitled "The Mythology of Conservation" and was presented at a session on "Fifty Years of Conservation Thought and Action." During the summer of 1957 he was Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of California at Berkeley. In June, 1957, he served as one of two University representatives at a Conference on the Superior Student at Boulder, Colorado, and he is at present a member of the Steering Committee of the Inter-University Committee on the Superior Student. He is also serving as the University's representative on the board of directors of the Harry S. Truman Library Institute for National and International Affairs. His book, *The Response to Industrialism, 1885-1914*, was published in June by the University of Chicago Press in the Chicago "History of American Civilization" series.

Professor Allan G. Bogue has published "Pioneer Farmers and Innovation" in the *Iowa Journal of History* for January, 1958. He served as a member of the Agricultural History Society Committee which prepared specifications for the society's new annual book award and he is now a member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Civil War History*.

Professor Stow Persons was Visiting Professor at Stetson University during the summer session in 1957. He has been appointed to the Editorial Board of the *American Quarterly* for 1958-1959.

Professor William J. Petersen is the author of the Historical Introduction to the new edition of J. B. Newhall's *A Glimpse of Iowa in 1846*, published by the Iowa State Historical Society. He has also published numerous articles in *The Palimpsest*, including "Mormon Trails in Iowa," "Christmas in Iowa," "The Ioways Bid Farewell," "A Musical Addendum," and "The Spirit Lake Massacre." His article, "The State Historical Society of Iowa 1955-1957" in the *Iowa Journal of History* for July, 1957, is a report on the publications, membership, and activities of the society during that period.

Dr. Donald Weinstein will present a paper on "Savonarola and the Millenarian Tradition in the Renaissance" at the spring meeting of the Society for Church History in St. Louis. He received his doctoral degree from the State University of Iowa in June, 1957.

Professor Charles Gibson is a co-author of "Trends of United States Studies in Latin American History" in the *American Historical Review*. He has written a bibliographical pamphlet, *The Colonial Period of Latin American History*, issued by the Service Center for Teachers of History of the American Historical Association, and book reviews in the *Revista interamericana de bibliografia*, *American Antiquity*, *American Historical Review*, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, and *Handbook of Latin American Studies*.

Professor Robert M. Kingdon has joined the Department to teach courses in early modern European history. Professor Kingdon received his B.A. degree from Oberlin College in 1949, received his M.A. degree from Columbia University in 1950, studied at the University of Geneva in 1951-1952, and received his doctoral degree from Columbia University in 1955. He was Instructor in History at the University of Massachusetts from 1952 to 1956, Visiting Instructor at Amherst College in 1953-1954, and Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts in 1956-1957. He is the author of *Geneva and the Coming of the Wars of Religion in France, 1555-1563* (Geneva, 1956) and of articles in the *Archiv fuer Reformationsgeschichte* and the *Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*. In the past year Professor Kingdon has published "The Library of an Early Calvinist Pastor" in *The History of Ideas News Letter*; "The Business Activities of Printers Henri and François Estienne" in *Aspects de la propagande religieuse* (Geneva, 1957); "Laissez-faire or Government Control: A Problem for John Wesley" in *Church History*; and reviews in *The Review of Religion* and the *American Historical Review*. With a grant from the American Philosophical Society Professor Kingdon spent the past summer in Europe in research on the business activities of sixteenth-century printers. In December he read a paper on "The Political Resistance of the Calvinists in France and the Low Countries" at the joint meeting of the

American Historical Association, the American Society for Reformation Research, and the American Society of Church History.

Professor Alan B. Spitzer has also joined the Department, to offer courses in French and modern European history. Professor Spitzer received his B.A. from Swarthmore College in 1948, his M.A. from Columbia University in 1949, and his doctorate from Columbia in 1955. He taught at Boston University, College of General Education in 1953-1954 and 1955-1957. His book, *The Revolutionary Theories of Louis Auguste Blanqui* was published by Columbia University Press in 1957.

The Western Civilization program is now being directed by Professor Arthur P. Mendel. Professor Mendel received his B.A. from Roosevelt University in 1950, his M.A. from Harvard in 1952, and his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1956. He taught at Roosevelt University before joining the Department last fall. In addition to Western Civilization, Professor Mendel is offering courses in Russian history, a field in which he has published several articles. During this year Professor Mendel has delivered lectures on current Soviet and East European affairs at Augustana College and at Blackburn College and has participated in several local radio and public forum panels. Also this year, he has published an article, "Legal Populism and Its Economic Blueprints" in *Harvard Slavic Studies*, and another article and two book reviews are to be published in the Notre Dame journal, *Review of Politics*.

Professor Giles Constable, who is on leave of absence during this year, has resigned from the Department to accept an appointment in the Department of History, Harvard University.

Teaching Assistants in the Western Civilization Core Course during the year have been Rosemarie Bougie, Richard C. Clark, Curtis I. Cowle, John A. DeJong, Frederick A. de Luna, Phyllis R. Hald, Don S. Kirscher, Nancy E. Knapp, Richard G. Luman, Thomas B. Lundeen, Samuel T. McSeveney, Marvin J. Penton, William D. Putnam, Thomas G. Ryan, Robert V. Schauer, Joel H. Silbey, and Willard I. Toussaint.

### Graduates

Francis I. Moats, Ph.D., 1926, Professor of History Emeritus at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, has published monographs on three prominent Indianolans and members of the State Legislature, W. H. Berry, A. V. Proudfoot, and J. H. Henderson, in *Annals of Iowa*.

Bruce E. Mahan, Ph.D. 1927, Dean of the Extension Division, State University of Iowa, is the author of a series of sketches in his hometown newspaper, the *Bedford Times-Press*, on "Boyhood in Bedford, 1898-1908." The sketches include "At the Opera House," "The Old Singing School," "The Old Blacksmith Shop," "The Old Livery Barn," "The Old Grocery Store," "At the Chautauqua," "Memorial Day," "Fourth of July," and "Main Street in 1900."

Frederick Tilberg, Ph.D. 1928, Historian of the Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, delivered an address at the Chicago Civil War Round Table on "Command Decisions at Gettysburg, July 2 and 3," and an address at the Milwaukee Round Table on "Convergence of the Armies on Gettysburg."

Francis J. Bowman, Ph.D. 1929, Professor of History at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, has published his 1956 presidential address for Phi Alpha Theta, "French Historians at Mid-Century," in *The Historian*. He took part in the meeting on diplomatic history of the Pacific

Coast Branch of the American Historical Association in December as commentator on "The Diplomacy of Louis XIV, 1680-1690." In June he addressed the Civil War Round Table of Los Angeles on "Recruiting, the Bounty and the Draft."

Willis G. Swartz, Ph.D. 1929, Dean of the Graduate School at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, is serving as Foreign Student Adviser and as District Governor of Rotary International. His textbook, *American Governmental Problems*, was published in June by the D. Van Nostrand Company.

Elmer Ellis, Ph.D. 1930, President of the University of Missouri, continues as Chairman of the Advisory Committee on the Army History and as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Truman Library.

Floyd A. McNeil, Ph.D. 1930, will retire in June from his position as Professor of American History and Chairman of the Department of History at the Principia, Elsau, Illinois.

Allan G. Umbreit, Ph.D. 1932, will retire in June after twenty-seven years as Director of the Muskegon Community College, Muskegon, Michigan. During this year he has served as Chairman of the Planning Committee of the American Association of Junior Colleges. After July 1, he will be District Governor Nominee for District 629 of Rotary. He is planning a book, *The Forty Years War*, a history of the battle against ignorance during the time that he has been engaged in educational work.

Charlton W. Tebeau, Ph.D. 1933, Chairman of the Department of History at the University of Miami, is the author of *Florida's Last Frontier: The History of Collier County*, which was published in October by the University of Miami Press. He is serving as Chairman of the University of Miami Committee on Graduate Studies.

Guy F. Hershberger, Ph.D. 1935, is on sabbatical leave from Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, and is devoting his time to writing. During the summer of 1957 he attended the Anglo-American Conference of Historians at the University of London, the Theological Conference for the Study of Christian Pacifism at Iserlohn, Germany, and the sixth Mennonite World Conference at Karlsruhe, Germany. In July the Herald Press published *The Recovery of the Anabaptist Vision*, a volume of twenty-four essays in honor of Harold S. Bender and edited by Professor Hershberger. The Herald Press is now in process of publishing his manuscript on *The Way of the Cross in Human Relations*, a work on the social implications of Christianity. Professor Hershberger is at present completing his study of *Pacifism and Politics in Provincial Pennsylvania*, which is being supported by a grant from the Johnson Fund of the American Philosophical Society.

Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D. 1935, Professor of History at the University of Minnesota, is on sabbatical leave during the winter quarter and is traveling in the southwest.

Arthur G. Umscheid, Ph.D. 1935, has been appointed Director of the Departments of History and Political Science, Creighton University, Omaha. He attended the annual foreign policy discussions of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York in June and delivered addresses at Dukes College, the College of St. Mary, Offutt Air Force Base, and the Midwest Regional Convention of the Credit Women's Association and the Lincoln's Birthday Observance of the Douglas County Republican Women in Omaha. He has published a review in the *Catholic Historical Review*.

Walker D. Wyman, Ph.D. 1935, of Wisconsin State College, River Falls, was Chairman of the Upper Midwest History Conference for 1956-1957 and a member of the University of Wisconsin-State Colleges Committee on Graduate

Study. He has read papers before the Illinois Folklore Society at Southern Illinois University and before the Wisconsin Historical Society at its annual meeting in June. He is co-editor of *The Frontier in Perspective*, published by the University of Wisconsin Press, and has written book reviews for the *American Historical Review*, *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, *Pacific Historical Review*, and *Minnesota History*.

Gordon W. Prange, Ph.D. 1937, Professor of History at the University of Maryland, spent six months during the past year as a consultant in the Comparative Education Section, Division of International Education, United States Office of Education, Washington. His responsibility was the appraisal of educational institutions in central, eastern, and northern Europe, and the evaluation of credentials from those institutions. He has received a research grant from the Graduate School of the University of Maryland and has published book reviews in the *Washington Post* and the *Baltimore Sun*.

Melvin Gingerich, Ph.D. 1938, completed in September a two-year term of service in Japan with the Mennonite Central Committee. He visited nineteen countries in 1957 and delivered over 200 addresses during his absence from the United States. On January 1, 1958, he resumed his work as Director of Research of the Mennonite Research Foundation. As Managing Editor of the *Mennonite Encyclopedia*, he is now directing the production of Volume IV and contributing various articles to it. He is also serving as Archivist of the Archives of the Mennonite Church and Managing Editor of *The Mennonite Quarterly Review*. He wrote one of the chapters in *The Recovery of the Anabaptist Vision*, edited by Guy F. Hershberger, Ph.D. 1935.

John H. Powell, Ph.D. 1938, of the Free Library of Philadelphia, is the author of *The Books of a New Nation, United States Governmental Publications, 1774-1814*, recently published by the University of Pennsylvania Press. The work is a history of national printing through its first forty years and was originally delivered as the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Lectures of the annual A. S. W. Rosenbach Fellowship in Bibliography at the University of Pennsylvania.

Roscoe L. Lokken, Ph.D. 1939, President of State Teachers College, Valley City, North Dakota, has been appointed a member of the National Committee of Sponsors of the Theodore Roosevelt Centennial Observance. He is also serving as a member of the committee to plan an archives law for North Dakota.

Thomas E. Tweito, Ph.D. 1939, Dean of Morningside College, Sioux City, appeared on the program of the North Central Association of Academic Deans in Chicago in April, 1957. He has been asked to serve on a committee appointed by the Iowa State Bar Association for the study and recommendation of a proposed new judicial article for the Iowa State Constitution.

Carl B. Cone, Ph.D. 1940, by vote of the Department of History at the University of Kentucky, has been elected to the first two-year tenure of the Hallam Professorship of History. The first volume of his two-volume biography of Edmund Burke, *Burke and the Nature of Politics: The Age of the American Revolution*, was published by the University of Kentucky Press in November. During the second semester, 1957-1958, and during the summer of 1958, he will direct the first alumni session of the University of Kentucky.

Everett W. Sterling, Ph.D. 1940, Professor of History at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, has published "Bishop Henry Whipple: Indian Agent Extraordinary" in the *Historical Magazine of the Protestant Episcopal Church*. He contributed reviews to *Minnesota History* and *Ethno-*

*History* and read papers at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and the combined Plains Anthropological and Ethno-Historical sessions, both in Lincoln. He will serve as departmental Chairman beginning July 1.

H. Clifford Fox, Ph.D. 1941, President of Findlay College, Findlay, Ohio, is directing the construction of a new dormitory for girls and revising the Business Administration curricula.

Wallace W. Taylor, Ph.D. 1941, is in Barcelona this year on sabbatical leave from New York State Teachers College, Albany.

Wilfred W. Black, Ph.D. 1942, has resigned from Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, to join the Department of History at State Teachers College, Frostburg, Maryland. He has published "Marching Through South Carolina: Another Civil War Letter of Lieutenant George M. Wise" in the *Ohio Historical Quarterly*.

John Miller, Jr., Ph.D. 1942, continues as a member of the professional staff of the Office of Military History, Department of the Army. He is preparing a book on Korean operations from November, 1950, through June, 1951. His volume in the Office's World War II series, *Cartwheel: The Reduction of Rabaul*, is now in press. He is the author of most of the text of *Korea, 1951-1953*, a combined photographic and textual presentation of the war, published in 1957. He taught a course in the Civil War at the American University in Washington during the past semester and has published reviews in the *Journal of Southern History*, *Military Affairs*, and the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.

John S. Galbraith, Ph.D. 1943, Chairman of the Department of History at the University of California, Los Angeles, is the author of *The Hudson's Bay Company as an Imperial Factor*, published in 1957 by the University of California Press.

Franklin A. Doty, Ph.D. 1946, of the Department of History of the University of Florida, Gainesville, has published "Florida and Iowa: A Contemporary View" and "The Civil War Letters of Augustus Henry Mathers," both in the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

Mildred Throne, Ph.D. 1946, of the State Historical Society of Iowa, has published "Iowa and the Battle of Shiloh" in the *Iowa Journal of History* and "Suggested Research on Railroad Aid to the Farmer" in *Agricultural History*. She has also edited "Reminiscences of Jacob C. Switzer of the 22nd Iowa" in the *Iowa Journal of History*.

R. Bruce Harley, Ph.D. 1948, has been promoted to the position of Professor of Social Science at Western Illinois University, Macomb.

Robert B. Rockwood, Ph.D. 1948, has been promoted to the rank of full professor at Upsala College, East Orange, New Jersey. He continues to teach a course in Twentieth-Century World Problems at Teachers College, Columbia University.

William H. Seiler, Ph. D. 1948, of Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, participated in a Symposium on Seventeenth-Century Colonial History at Williamsburg, Virginia, in April, 1957, presenting a paper on "The State-Church in Seventeenth-Century Virginia; The Anglican Parish as a Religious and Secular Institution." He also served as Chairman and discussant at the session on "The American Revolution" at the meeting of the Southern Historical Association in Houston in November.

Eugene M. Emme, Ph.D. 1949, Professor of International Politics and Research Adviser at the Air University, Montgomery, Alabama, has completed *The Impact of Air Power:*

*National Security and World Politics*, a large anthology being published by D. Van Nostrand Company. During the past year he has served as acting editor of *The Air Power Historian*, the quarterly of the non-governmental Air Force Historical Foundation, and he continues as a trustee of the American Military Institute. He has published reviews in *Military Affairs*, *Air University Quarterly Review*, and *The Air Power Historian*.

Donald F. Pierce, Ph.D. 1949, has resigned from the Department of History of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, and has taken a position in the Department of History of Eastern Washington College of Education, Cheney, Washington.

Lee C. Johnson, Ph.D. 1950, has been promoted to the rank of Professor at Eastern Oregon College, La Grande.

Paul L. Hughes, Ph.D. 1951, of De Paul University, Chicago, has been promoted to the rank of Professor. His *Documentary Survey of English Constitutional Development: Tudor-Stuart Period* is now being published by G. P. Putnam.

Walter F. Peterson, Ph.D. 1951, is Chairman of the Social Science Division at Milwaukee-Downer College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has been elected Vice-Chairman of the Milwaukee World Affairs Council and Director of the Goethe House, a new German-American cultural center. During the coming summer he will be teaching the American history survey course at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Harry M. Hutson, Ph.D. 1952, is Chairman of the Committee on Program and Special Events at State Teachers College at Towson, Baltimore.

Earl S. Beard, Ph.D. 1953, has been promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of History, University of Maryland, College Park.

Lenore M. Rickels, Ph.D. 1953, has returned to Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, after spending the academic year 1956-1957 in Italy on a combined American Association of University Women Fellowship and Fulbright grant. She has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor and is a member of the Faculty Senate and the Survey Committee on Graduate Study. She has received a stipend from Valparaiso University for work at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens during the Summer Session of 1958.

Gilbert A. Cahill, Ph.D. 1954, of the Division of Social Sciences, Harpur College, Endicott, New York, published "The Protestant Association and the Anti-Maynooth Agitation of 1845" in the October issue of the *Catholic Historical Review*. He also served as commentator at the session of the American Historical Association meeting on "The Roots of American Nativism."

Lawrence J. McCaffrey, Ph.D. 1954, of the Department of History of The College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minnesota, has published "The Home Rule Party and Irish Nationalist Opinion, 1874-1876" in the *Catholic Historical Review* and reviews in the *American Historical Review*, *Victorian Studies*, and *Journal of Modern History*. During the summer he was at the National Library of Ireland on an American Philosophical Society Research Grant for research on the Home Government Association, 1870-1873.

George Poage, Ph.D. 1954, of the Department of History, Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, served as Chairman of the All-College Conference on International Affairs at that institution last spring.

John E. Visser, Ph.D. 1956, has accepted a position as Assistant Dean of Instructional Affairs, Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Indiana.

Thomas E. Auge, Ph.D. 1957, is a member of the Department of History of Loras College, Dubuque.

Robert Hilliard, Ph.D. 1957, is Assistant Professor of History at Florida Southern College, Lakeland. He presented a paper at the Florida Academy of Science in December.

David C. Riede, Ph.D. 1957, is teaching European History and historiography at the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio. He returned to Iowa City in January to address the Graduate Study Group of the Newman Club on "National Socialism and the Catholic Church."

## Degrees

Since the last issue of the "News Letter," Ph.D. degrees in History have been awarded to Thomas E. Auge, Harry F. Bangsberg, William H. Cumberland, Robert B. Hilliard, David C. Riede, Morton M. Rosenberg, and Donald Weinstein.

M.A. degrees in History have been awarded to Rosemarie Bougie, Robert L. Branyan, Charles S. Campbell, Daniel F. Clynych, Richard G. Cole, Duane C. Hawk, Richard V. Hoyt, Lloyd L. Huff, Paul A. Maenner, Donald S. Owings, William D. Putnam, Barbara Rodgers, Donald A. Scovel, and Josephine E. Thostenson.

## Iowa History Conference

The thirty-sixth annual History Conference of the State University of Iowa took place on April 11-12, 1958. Speakers in the afternoon session on April 11 were Professor Ray A. Billington of Northwestern University on the subject "A Meaning for American History: The Frontier Hypothesis Re-examined," and Professor William A. Williams of the University of Wisconsin on the subject "The Corporation and American Foreign Policy, 1890-1958." The evening session on April 11 was devoted to an address by Professor Jack H. Hexter of Washington University on "Factors in Modern History." The speaker at the Saturday morning session on April 12 was Dr. George B. Carson, Jr., Director of the Service Center for Teachers of History, on the subject "Toward More Effective Programs for History Teachers."

## The Summer Session

Two Visiting Lecturers will offer courses in the Summer Session: Professor Lenore O'Boyle of Smith College and Professor Wilson Smith of Princeton University. The courses to be offered are: Survey of Early Modern Europe, 1648-1815, Professor Mendel; Survey of Modern Europe, 1815-1870, Professor O'Boyle; The Soviet Union, Professor Mendel; British Empire, Professor Livingston; Recent American History, 1877-1944, Professor Hays; American Foreign Relations, Professor Livingston; American Intellectual History since 1865, Professor Smith; History of Iowa, Professor Petersen; History of American Higher Education, Professor Smith; Seminar in Modern Europe, Professor O'Boyle; Seminar in Recent American History, Professor Hays. Individual study for graduate and undergraduate students will also be offered. Professor Hays will serve as acting Chairman of the Department.