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

The Faculty

Professor Stow Persons has been serving as Acting Chairman of the Department during the year. His book, *American Minds: A History of Ideas*, has been published by Henry Holt and Company. He is the author of an article, "Public Opinion—A Democratic Dilemma," in the October issue of the *Stetson University Bulletin*. He is a member of the Program Committee and a member of the Pelzer Prize Committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

Professor William O. Aydelotte had a Research Professorship for the first semester of 1958-1959 and has been on leave of absence during the second semester. He has been continuing his research on the history of Parliament. He presided at a session on "Extraconstitutional Factors in Modern History," at the meeting of the American Historical Association in December and has contributed book reviews to the *American Historical Review* and *Victorian Studies*.

Professor J. Frank Gilliam has been a member of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J., during 1958-1959, where he has been preparing a monograph on the Roman army and studying other aspects of the Roman Empire. He has published "Two Latin Letters from Dura-Europos of A.D. 221," in *Etudes de papyrologie*, "The Governors of Syria Coele from Severus to Diocletian," in the *American Journal of Philology*, "The Appointment of Auxiliary Centurions," in *Transactions of the American Philological Association*, and book reviews in the *American Journal of Philology*.

Professor Allan G. Bogue published an article, "The Iowa Claims Clubs: Symbol and Substance," in the September issue of the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*. He has also written articles on "North America" and on a number of other subjects for the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

Professor Samuel P. Hays is the Associate Director of the Honors Program at the University. His book, *Conservation and the Gospel of Efficiency: The Progressive Conservation Movement, 1890-1920*, is to be published in June by the Harvard University Press. He has written reviews for the *American Historical Review* and the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*.

Professor Alan B. Spitzer has continued his work on the French Carbonari and plans to spend the coming summer in France to pursue archival research on this subject.

Professor Robert M. Kingdon has published "The Political Resistance of the Calvinists in France and the Low Countries," in the September issue of *Church History* and book reviews in the *Bibliothèque d'humanisme et renaissance* and the *American Historical Review*. He addressed the Humanities Society of the University in November on the subject, "Printing and Religion in Sixteenth-Century Europe," and he was a commentator at the meeting of the American Society of Church History at St. Louis last April.

Professor William J. Petersen has directed numerous publications of the State Historical Society, which now has a membership of over 6,000. The Society's new building, for which the cornerstone was laid in December, is approximately three-quarters completed.

Professor Arthur P. Mendel continues as director of the Western Civilization core course program. He is preparing for publication his manuscript on "Legal Populism and Legal Marxism: Dilemmas of Progress in Rural Russia."

Professor Charles Gibson read a paper at the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting in Minneapolis on "A Case History of Repartimiento." He has edited the *Guide to the Hispanic American Historical Review, 1946-1955*, published by Duke University Press, and he has published book reviews in the *American Historical Review*, the *Hispanic American Historical Review*, the *Pacific Historical Review*, the *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, and *Revista Iberoamericana*. He has also become an editor of the *Handbook of Middle American Indians* and a member of the Beveridge Committee of the American Historical Association.

Professor Frederick G. Heymann is Visiting Professor this year in German, East European, and European Diplomatic History. Professor Heymann studied at the Universities of Berlin, Göttingen, and Heidelberg, and received his Ph.D. degree at the University of Frankfurt. He has been an editor of the *Frankfurter Zeitung*, the *Prague Bohemia*, and *Die Zeitung*, sponsored by the British Ministry of Information during World War II. In the United States, since 1946, Professor Heymann has taught at the New School for Social Research and the Ethical Culture Schools (Fieldston School) in New York, and from 1956 to 1958 he was a member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton. He is the author of *Der Young Plan* (Frankfurt, 1929), *Gold aus Glas* (Prague, 1938), *John Zizka and the Hussite Revolution* (Princeton, 1955), and a large number of scholarly articles, including "The National Assembly of Caslav," in *Medievalia et Humanistica* and "The Role of the Towns in the Bohemia of the Late Middle Ages," in the *Journal of World History*. He read a paper at the American Historical Association meeting in December entitled "The Hussite-Utraquist Church in the Fifteenth and Early Sixteenth Centuries," and articles by him on John Rokycana and the Utraquist Church are soon to appear in *Church History*. He has published book reviews this year in *Speculum*. Professor Heymann's principal area of research is the Hussite movement and the Bohemian Reformation.

Dr. Donald W. Sutherland has joined the Department to offer courses in medieval history. Dr. Sutherland received his B.A. from Swarthmore College in 1953 and studied at Oriel College, Oxford, from 1953 to 1956 with a Rhodes Scholarship. He presented his thesis, "Quo Warranto Proceedings in the Reign of Edward I, 1278-1294," and was

awarded the degree of D.Phil. by Oxford University in 1957. After serving in the army he was discharged in September, 1958, to accept his appointment in the Department.

Professor Lawrence J. McCaffrey, who received his doctorate in history at the State University of Iowa in 1954, joined the Department this year as a lecturer in Western Civilization. He is also offering a course in Irish history. He read a paper on "The Attitude of the Catholic Clergy and the Protestant Gentry to the Home Government Association, 1870-1873," at the joint session of the Conference on British Studies and the American Historical Association at Washington in December. During the summer session of 1958 he was a Visiting Professor at the University of Detroit. In April he delivered a Newman Foundation Lecture on the Christian Philosophy of History. He has published book reviews in *Civil War History* and the *American Historical Review*.

Teaching Assistants in the Western Civilization core course this year have been Gil Allardyce, Harold Bauman, Rosemarie Bougie, Edward S. Bradley, Richard Clark, Curtis Cowle, Bruce Curtis, John De Jong, Don Kirschner, Elmer Lampe, Robert D. Linder, David Lukowitz, Eugene McGarry, Marvin J. Penton, Gerald Priori, William D. Putnam, Thomas G. Ryan, and Walter F. Weiss.

Graduates

Bruce E. Mahan, Ph.D. 1927, Dean of the State University of Iowa Extension Division, will retire on June 30, 1959, after thirty-six years of service at the University—six years as Associate Editor of the State Historical Society and Lecturer in the Department of History, and thirty years as Director and Dean of the Extension Division. After his retirement Dean Mahan plans to do research and writing in the field of midwestern and Iowa history.

Francis J. Bowman, Ph.D. 1929, of the Department of History of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, participated in the meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association in December and is serving as a member of the Board of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Anniversary Committee of California.

Howard R. Anderson, Ph.D. 1930, Dean of the School of Liberal and Applied Studies, University of Rochester, River Campus Station, is serving as chairman of the Publications Committee of the National Council for the Social Studies. He delivered an address at the meeting of the Council in November on the development and use of tests. In February he delivered an address at the meeting of the American Association for School Administrators in Atlantic City on "Curriculum Planning in American Schools: The Social Studies." He is a co-author of the high school text, *The History of Our World*, published this year by Houghton Mifflin Company, and he has also published "Retooling the Social Studies" in the *NEA Journal*.

Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D. 1930, President of Hamline University, St. Paul, has delivered addresses at the meeting of the Great Lakes District of the American Alumni Council on "The Hamline University Alumni Story"; at the annual sales conference of the Wolf's Head Oil Refining Company on "The Petroleum Industry: A Century of Progress"; and at the Conference on Employee Communications of the American Petroleum Institute on "Highlights of the Petroleum Industry's History."

Floyd McNeil, Ph.D. 1930, after retiring last June from The Principia, Elsau, Illinois, will return to conduct his classes for an additional year.

Boyd C. Shafer, Ph.D. 1932, Executive Secretary of the American Historical Association and Managing Editor of the *American Historical Review*, is the author of *National-*

ism: Interpreters and Interpretations, published by the Service Center for Teachers of History of the American Historical Association.

Allen G. Umbreit, Ph.D. 1932, retired last June from Muskegon Community College, Muskegon, Michigan, after forty-four years in the teaching profession. He has served as District Governor for District 629 of Rotary International during the past year.

William D. Houlette, Ph.D. 1933, of the Department of History, Drake University, Des Moines, is the author of "Sources of Books for the Old South," published in *The Library Quarterly*. He is contributing the series entitled "The Iowa Record" to *The Iowan*. He has also become a member of the Board of Curators of the Iowa State Historical Society.

Everett W. Thornton, Ph.D. 1933, has been awarded the rank of Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of History at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Oscar A. Kinchen, Ph.D. 1934, of the Department of History of Texas Technological College, Lubbock, has completed his book *Daredevils of the Confederate Army*, which is being published by the Christopher Publishing House, Boston.

Guy F. Hershberger, Ph.D. 1935, of the Department of History, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, is the author of *The Way of the Cross in Human Relations*, published by the Herald Press in 1958. He has published an article, "A Newly Discovered Mennonite Petition of 1755," in the *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, and book reviews in the *William and Mary Quarterly*, the *Bulletin of the Friends Historical Association*, and the *Mennonite Quarterly Review*.

Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D. 1935, of the Department of History of the University of Minnesota, is the author of *The Nature and Practice of Local History*, published by the Service Center for Teachers of History of the American Historical Association. He spent three months of last year with a leave of absence for research in Mexico. He was chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting in Minneapolis in April and is serving as a member of the Committee on Public Health in the United States, in the Southern Branch of the American Public Health Association. He is also a member of the Minnesota State Board of Education advisory committee on the social sciences, and president of the Upper Midwest History Conference. He delivered commencement and convocation addresses at Superior State College, Macalester College, the Duluth Branch of the University of Minnesota, and the St. Louis County Historical Society. He has been adopted into the Sioux tribe with the name Wam-Ba-Dee-Skah.

Vernon Carstensen, Ph.D. 1936, of the Department of History of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, is the author of *Farms or Forests: Evolution of a State Land Policy for Northern Wisconsin, 1850-1932*, which was published by the College of Agriculture in December. He taught during the 1958 summer session at the University of California in Berkeley, and he is currently serving as president of the Agricultural History Society.

Harold T. Hagg, Ph.D. 1936, of the Department of History at Bemidji State College, Bemidji, Minnesota, is the author of a school textbook, *Exploring Minnesota*, published in 1958 by the Follett Publishing Company. He has contributed various articles on Minnesota history to the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and the *World Book Encyclopedia*.

Gordon W. Prange, Ph.D. 1937, of the University of Maryland, College Park, delivered two lectures before The Lecture Group in Baltimore on "Is Japan Our Anchor in Asia?" and "Japan's Hour of Decision at Pearl Harbor." He

has published book reviews in the *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Washington Post*, and *Baltimore Sun*.

Myron L. Koenig, Ph.D. 1938, after twenty-five years as Professor and Dean at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., last summer joined the Department of State as Associate Dean of the School of Foreign Affairs, F.S.I., Washington, D.C. He is engaged in both teaching and administrative work in his new position.

Homer L. Calkin, Ph.D. 1939, has published two articles, "Irish in the U.S. Engineers" and "James Leander Cathcart and the United States Navy," both in *The Irish Sword*. He has also published book reviews in the *American Historical Review* and the *American Archivist*.

Martin L. Cole, Ph.D. 1939, Academic Dean of Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, is serving as president of the New Mexico State Higher Education Group, a division of the New Mexico Educational Association.

Marvin C. Wren, Ph.D. 1939, has been named Chairman of the Department of History and Political Science at Montana State University, Missoula. His book, *The Course of Russian History*, has been published by Macmillan, and he has written book reviews for the *Journal of Modern History*, *Russian Review*, and the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. He will be spending next year in Europe.

Carl B. Cone, Ph.D. 1940, of the Department of History of the University of Kentucky, has been appointed to the Nominating Committee of the Southern Historical Association. He directed the Alumni Seminar at the University of Kentucky in July, 1958, and he is a member of the Governor's Commission for the White House Conference on Youth to be held next year. He won the Hallam Prize of the University of Kentucky for his book *Burke and the Nature of Politics* and has received a Faculty Research Award of the University of Kentucky Alumni Association.

Everett W. Sterling, Ph.D. 1940, is serving as Chairman of the Department of History at the State University of South Dakota, Vermillion. In June he will be Director of an Institute for High School History Teachers, in co-operation with the Service Center for Teachers of History of the American Historical Association.

A. S. Martin, Ph.D. 1941, President of the King Fifth Wheel Company, Philadelphia, is in charge of the Philadelphia and Mountain Top Divisions of the company and for the past two years has served as Vice-President of the Welded Ring Manufacturers Association.

Virginia B. Platt, Ph.D. 1941, has been promoted to the rank of Professor in the Department of History at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. She read a paper at the Purdue University meeting of the Ohio-Indiana American Studies Association entitled "Gentleman Merchant? An Inquiry into the Social Position and Ethical Practices of the Colonial Merchant."

Wallace J. Taylor, Ph.D. 1941, of New York State College for Teachers, Albany, spent the academic year of 1958-1959 in a study of the education of physically handicapped children in Europe, sponsored by the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples and the International Union for Child Welfare. The results are expected to be ready for publication this year.

John Miller, Jr., Ph.D. 1942, is now serving as Deputy Chief Historian of the Office of the Chief of Military History, Department of the Army in Washington, D.C. He has published book reviews in *Military Affairs* and the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.

Ryland W. Crary, Ph.D. 1946, is now in his third year as

Director of Research at the Educational Television and Radio Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is administering a program of grants-in-aid in educational television research and completing a textbook entitled *Television in Education*. In April he delivered an address at the national conference of the Association of College Unions on "Campus Institutions and Student Values."

Franklin A. Doty, Ph.D. 1946, Professor of Social Science at the University of Florida, Gainesville, spent the summer of 1958 in Europe engaged in research on William Vans Murray, United States Minister to Holland from 1797 to 1801.

Mildred Throne, Ph.D. 1946, Associate Editor of the State Historical Society of Iowa, will publish this year her biography of Cyrus Clay Carpenter, governor of Iowa in 1872-1876. She edited "Erastus B. Soper's History of Company D, 12th Iowa Infantry, 1861-1866," in the *Iowa Journal of History*, and published a review in the *Journal of Economic History*.

Vergil S. Fogdall, Ph.D. 1947, Dean of Admissions of Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon, is a member of the Executive Committee of the Northwest Independent Colleges and a member of the West Coast Committee of the colleges of the College Entrance Examination Board.

Aubrey C. Land, Ph.D. 1948, spent last year in England on a Guggenheim and Fulbright grant. On his return he assumed his new duties as Chairman of the Department of History at the University of Maryland, College Park.

William H. Seiler, Ph.D. 1948, has become Chairman of the Division of Social Science at Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas. He served as chairman of the session on the American Revolution at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in Minneapolis. He has published a book review in the *Journal of Southern History*.

Eugene M. Emme, Ph.D. 1949, has transferred from the Air University, where he was Professor of International Politics, to the Operations Research Office of the national operational headquarters of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, Battle Creek, Michigan. He is engaged in the analysis of non-military defense functions. His book, *The Impact of Air Power: National Security and World Politics*, has been published by D. Van Nostrand Company and was the February selection of the Airpower Book Club. He has also written "The Genesis of Nazi Luftpolitik, 1933-1935" in the January issue of the *Air Power Historian*, "As I See It" in the *Montgomery, Alabama Advertiser*, and book reviews in *Military Affairs* and the *Air Power Historian*. For his work at the Air University he has been awarded a Commendation for Meritorious Civilian Service by the Department of the Air Force.

Keach Johnson, Ph.D. 1949, of the Department of History, Drake University, Des Moines, has published "The Baltimore Company Seeks English Markets: A Study of the Anglo-American Iron Trade, 1731-1755," in the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

Walter F. Peterson, Ph.D. 1951, of Milwaukee-Downer College, Milwaukee, read a paper before the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, last May and has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin and Northern Illinois Chapter of the American Studies Association.

Norbert J. Gossman, Ph.D. 1952, has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor at the University of Detroit. He has received a research grant from the University of Detroit for the completion of his research on republicanism in nineteenth-century England, and he has published a book review in the *Journal of Modern History*.

Dwight W. Hoover, Ph.D. 1953, was released from active

duty with the United States Navy in January, 1958, and returned to his former position as Professor and Head of the Social Science Department at Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida. He taught there during the second semester and summer session and in September he accepted a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of General Studies at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

Lenore Rickels Salvaneschi, Ph.D. 1953, of the Department of History of Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, attended the American Academy of Classical Studies at Athens last summer.

Ernest J. Sixta, Ph.D. 1953, has been promoted to the rank of Professor of History at State Teachers College, Trenton, New Jersey. He is also serving as president of the Trenton State Faculty Association.

George Breathett, Ph.D. 1954, of the Department of History, Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina, has published "The Expulsion of the Jesuits from Colonial French Saint Domingue" in the *Journal of Social Science Teachers*. He addressed the Guilford College Historical Society on "The Political Development of Haiti" and the Graduate Seminar in Latin American History at the Women's College of the University of North Carolina on "Church and State in Latin America." He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Social Science Teachers and served as Visiting Professor and Associate Director of a Social Studies Workshop sponsored by the International Paper Company Foundation at Tuskegee Institute in the summer of 1958. He was also a consultant for a Social Studies Workshop for South Carolina high school social studies at South Carolina State College in January.

John E. Visser, Ph.D. 1956, has transferred from his position as Assistant Dean, Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Indiana, to the position of Dean and Executive Officer of Grand Rapids Junior College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Harry F. Bangsberg, Ph.D. 1957, of the Department of History of Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire, has published "The Colombo Plan" in *Social Education*.

Robert B. Hilliard, Ph.D. 1957, has transferred from Florida Southern College to his new position as Assistant Professor and Director of the Western Civilization Program at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

David C. Riede, Ph.D. 1957, has been promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of History of the University of Akron. He delivered an address, "National Socialism and the Catholic Church," at the meeting of the Ohio Historical Society in April.

Morton M. Rosenberg, Ph.D. 1957, of the Social Science Department, Danbury State Teachers College, Danbury, Connecticut, has published "Iowa Politics and the Compromise of 1850" and "The Election of 1859 in Iowa," both in the *Iowa Journal of History*.

Donald Weinstein, Ph.D. 1957, has been appointed to the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of History at Roosevelt University, Chicago. He published an article, "Savonarola, Florence, and the Millenarian Tradition," in the December issue of *Church History*, and he has been nominated for a post-doctoral fellowship in the Institute for Research in the Humanities at the University of Wisconsin for 1959-1960.

William H. Cumberland, Ph.D. 1958, has been appointed to the rank of Assistant Professor at Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa.

Degrees

Since the last issue of the "News Letter," M.A. degrees have been awarded to Harrison H. Hoft, Hubert H. Wubben, Bruce E. Curtis, Willard K. Bissell, Norman De Jong, John Verne Eason, Elmer L. Lampe, Jr., Leonard S. Smith, Shirley J. Dorr, Thomas A. Ewers, and Vernon L. Hein.

Iowa History Conference

The thirty-seventh annual Conference of the Teachers of History and the Social Sciences at the State University of Iowa took place this year on April 3 and 4. Speakers were Alan Simpson, of the University of Chicago, on the topic "Reconstructing a Tudor Success Story"; Robert F. Byrnes of Indiana University on the topic "Dostoyevsky and Pobedonostsev"; Joseph F. Wall of Grinnell College on the topic "The Radical Antecedents of Andrew Carnegie"; and Jack Allen of George Peabody College for Teachers on the topic "Of Teaching and Social Intelligence."

The Summer Session

Professor Frederick G. Heymann will be Visiting Professor during this summer session. The courses to be offered are: Survey of Early Modern Europe, 1648-1815, Professor Mendel; Survey of Modern Europe, 1870 to the Present, Professor Heymann; The Soviet Union, Professor Mendel; British Commonwealth in the Twentieth Century, Professor Livingston; Civil War and Reconstruction, Professor Bogue; Recent American History, 1914-1958, Professor Hays; History of Iowa, 1673-1958, Professor Petersen; Seminar in Modern Europe, Professor Heymann; Seminar in British-American Relations, Professor Livingston; Seminar in the American Middle Period and the West, Professor Bogue; Seminar in Recent American History, Professor Hays. Individual Study for undergraduate and graduate students will also be offered. Professor Bogue will serve as Acting Chairman of the Department.