The Department of History presents its annual bulletin of items concerning the scholarly and professional interests of both faculty and doctoral graduates.

Departmental Review

In October the University released its professional review of the department ("Report of the Review Committee for the Department of History. University of Iowa"). Consisting of four members from other academic faculties here at Iowa, as well as an "outside" reviewer, Professor Philip D. Curtin of the University of Wisconsin, the committee rendered very favorable judgments in most respects.

Among its conclusions was that "In the eyes of its colleagues in allied disciplines at the University, the [History] Department is one of the most distinguished within the College of Liberal Arts. Despite its small size, in the judgment of leading historians it is among the top 20 departments in the profession. . . . If the Department is compared with departments of similar size, it may well be the best in the country."

New Books

In the twelve months since June 1st of last year, four department members have published new full-length works. These books now enrich the bibliographies of their respective historical fields:


The IOWA/Saw Conference

The First Conference of Polish and American Historians met on May 27-29 at Nieborow, Poland. Sponsored jointly by Warsaw University's Institute of History and the U of I Department of History, this first in an expected series of meetings has already become known (on this side of the Atlantic anyhow) as the IOWA/Saw Conference. The theme of this year's meeting was "State and Society from the Fifteenth to the Eighteenth Centuries: A Comparative Approach." Iowa's Jaroslav Pelenski served as conference coordinator, and, as noted below, three department members contributed papers.

The Faculty

The main scholarly concern of R. David Arkush this year has been his Harvard doctoral thesis on Fei Hsiao-tung, the contemporary Chinese sociologist. He wrote full time while in residence at Cambridge, Massachusetts, last summer.

W. O. Aydelotte was elected to the National Academy of Sciences—only the second historian ever to be so honored. He this year published "Lee Benson's Scientific History: For and Against" in the Journal of Interdisciplinary History (Autumn, 1973), and at a conference at Cornell University he delivered a paper on a related theme: "The Controversy over Scientific History."

A specialist in American religious history, T. Dwight Bozeman, joined the Iowa faculty this year, filling a joint appointment with the Department of Religion left vacant by the retirement of Sidney Mead. At Duke University this spring he successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, "Baconianism and the Bible: The Baconian Ideal in Ante-Bellum American Presbyterian Thought."

Robert R. Dykstra read a paper on Wisconsin politics to a conference on popular voting behavior at Cornell University. He was commentator at a session on rural-urban conflict at the Southern Historical Association meeting in Atlanta, and at the Organization of American Historians meeting in Denver chaired a session on nineteenth century urban social organization. His article on "Stratification and Community Political Systems" was reprinted in A. G. Bogue, ed., Emerging Theoretical Models in Social and Political History (Beverly Hills, Calif., 1973). He continued to serve as executive committee member of the Agricultural History Society, and was elected to a two-year term on the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa.

Lawrence E. Gelfand spent the second semester in Seattle as visiting professor at the University of Washington.

As a senior fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities this year, Ralph E. Giuesey has been researching—here and abroad—the genealogical character of the higher civil service in pre-Revolutionary France. He gave a paper on this theme, "From Monarchomachs to Dynastic Officialism in the Ancien Régime," at the IOWA/Saw Conference.

Jonathan Goldstein read a paper on the persecution of the Jews by Antiochus IV at the Sixth World Congress on Jewish Studies, held at Jerusalem, Israel. He participated in the Society of Biblical Literature Pseudepigrapha Seminar this year, and contributed a chapter to G. W. E. Nickelsburg, Jr., ed., Studies on the Testament of Moses (Cambridge, Mass., 1973). He expects to deliver the first volume of his commentary on 1 and 2 Macceabees to the publisher this summer.

Charles A. Hale has been on leave this year, pursuing his study of Mexican political ideas, 1867-1910. His itinerary included a month's research in Spain. In addition he served as chairman of the Bolot Prize committee of the Conference of Latin American History, and is currently on the Conference's projects and publications committee. He acts as chairman for 1974 of the steering committee of the Consortium of Latin American Studies and is a member of the screening committee to seek a new editorial home for the Hispanic American Historical Review. He was a commentator at the Fourth International Congress of Mexican Studies in Santa Monica, California, and participated in a two-hour discussion on history.
taped in Mexico City for presentation in the Encuentro television series in that country.

Ellis W. Hawley’s year was, as usual, a busy one. He contributed “New Deal und ‘Organisierter Kapitalismus’ in International Sicht” to H. W. Winkler, ed., Die Gross Krise in Amerika: Vergleichende Studien zur Politischen Sozialgeschichte, 1919-1939 (Goettingen, 1973), and was co-editor of Herbert Hoover and the Crisis of American Capitalism: Essays and Rejoinders (Cambridge, Mass., 1973). He presented a paper on “Herbert Hoover and Economic Stabilization, 1921-22” to the Second Hoover Seminar at West Branch, and commented on two papers at the initial meeting of the seminar. He chaired a session on recent interpretations of the New Deal at the Organization of American Historians meeting in Denver. A chapter of his book on the New Deal was anthologized in R. S. Kirkendall, ed., The New Deal: The Historical Debate (New York, 1973). He continued as advisory board member for the Business History Review and served as the Iowa representative on both membership and teaching committees of the Organization of American Historians.

John Bell Hennesew received a Research Assignment from the U of I and has been on leave second semester, doing research on the medieval French aristocracy. At the IOWArts Conference he presented “Soldiers, Society, and State Finance in Renaissance France, 1350-1500.” His new book-length manuscript, “Royal Taxation in Fourteenth Century France: The Captivity and Ransom of John II, 1356-1370,” has been accepted for publication by the American Philosophical Society.


Sydney V. James has finished writing “Colonial Rhode Island: A History,” to be published by Scribner’s as part of a set of thirteen volumes, one on each American colony that rebelled in 1776.


Laurence Lafore, as already mentioned, is the co-author of a new book on the Italo-Ethiopian War. He is at present writing a novel (his fifth) about an easterner in a midwestern university, and is also engaged in a computer-aided study of the composition of the British House of Lords in 1911. He has been named department chairman for a three-year term starting in the fall of 1974.

Wilson J. Moses presented a paper, “Industrial Education from Frederick Douglas to Booker T. Washington: Observations on Bourgeois Liberalism,” at the meeting of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. He also read a paper on “Sutton Griggs: Black Nationalist Traditions and the Folk Novel” at the Midwestern Modern Language Association meeting. He chaired a session on history and culture at the Missouri Valley History Conference, where he also presented “Remarks on Ethiopian Traditionalism in Anglo-African Literature.” In April he organized a panel “New Directions in the Study of American Slavery” for the Conference on Minority Studies at the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.

As noted above, Jaroslav Pelenský is the author of a new book, Russia and Kazan. He also presented a paper, “The Incorporation of the Ukrainian Lands of Old Rus’ into Crown Poland (1550): Socio-Material Interest and Ideology—A Reexamination,” at the Seventh International Congress of Slavists held at Warsaw last summer. This paper was then included in American Contributions to the Seventh International Congress of Slavists (The Hague and Paris, 1973). He was active as U.S. organizer of the first IOWArts Conference, to which he also contributed a paper entitled “Poland-Lithuania and Muscovite Russia in the Second Half of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries: State and Society—A Comparison of Socio-Political Developments.”

As mentioned, Stow Persons’ new book was published in September. “I have nothing to report since the last news letter,” he says, “except that I am looking forward to a [U of I] Research Assignment during the first semester of 1974-1975.”

Hermann Rebel’s dissertation on the socio-economic background of the 1626 peasant revolt in Upper Austria is nearing completion.

Malcolm J. Bohrbaugh was on leave during spring semester in order to devote full time to his manuscript on the American trans-Appalachian frontiers, 1775-1850. He served on the program committee of the Western History Association meeting in Fort Worth this year.

David Schoenbaum is at present at the University of Freiburg, West Germany, where he spent the year teaching and doing research on the Savernon Incident of 1913, in which the inhabitants of a town in German-ruled Alsace clashed with the German army command. He proposes a book on an aspect of the incident that has been little considered, the political debate it unleashed in Germany and the light shed by that debate on the state of German politics and opinion.

Alan B. Spitzer published an article, “The Historical Problem of Generations,” in the American Historical Review (December, 1973). He served as chairman of a seminar on “Generations in Modern French History” at the meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies. In addition to publishing a new book, The Assize of Novel Dues, Donald W. Sutherland held a Guggenheim in the fall of 1973. He and one of his doctoral students, Mary Schrom, have both received $9,000 Merit Fellowships from the American Bar Foundation (only four such fellowships were granted this year). Professor Sutherland will devote the stipend to completing work on the law reports of the Eyre of Northampton, 1320-1330; Ms. Schrom, at present working on her dissertation in London, is doing research on the finance of litigation by ordinary people in medieval England. Sutherland served as chairman of a session at the Medieval Conference held at Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Doctoral Graduates

We regretfully report the deaths of two Iowa Ph.D.’s during the past year. Bertha Reuter, who received her degree in 1923 and had retired from the history and political science department at Harding-Baylor College, died in January, 1973. Arthur Williamson, 1930, retired professor of history at Hamline University, who served there also as director of admissions, registrar, and assistant to the president, died in February, 1973.

The range of activities, writings, and geographical distribution of Iowa history Ph.D.’s is as wide as ever. Those who answered our requests for information include university presidents and high officials in government service as well as teachers in thirty-seven colleges and universities in twenty-five states and Canadian provinces. They have, during the past year, produced fifty-two odd books and articles, as well as innumerable learned papers and book reviews. They are extraordinarily energetic in civic causes and public service. One of them, Elmer Ellis, 1930, president emeritus of the University of Missouri at Columbia, has had the main library of that institution named for him.

Floyd McNeil, who also received his doctorate in 1930, writes that the past year was “another quiet year in retirement” in California.

Boyd Shafer, 1932, professor of history at the University of
views in the Catholic Historical Review, Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, American Historical Review, and William and Mary Quarterly, and served on the nominations committee of the Southern Historical Association.

Alfred S. Martin, 1941, president of the King Fifth Wheel Company, Mountaintop, Pennsylvania, writes that he has little to add to the News Letter, but that if we would like a full commercial report on his business we have only to let him know.

Wilfred W. Black, 1942, of Findlay College, had an article in the November, 1973, issue of The Social Studies called "America's Contribution of State Capitalism."

Esther Daine-Tisot, 1945, writes that she has recently remarried—her husband is Ernest Daine-Tisot, a retired businessman from Toronto—but is continuing her work as head history mistress at Saint Catherine's School in Queenstown, Ontario. The book she has been working on for some years, Secular Jurisdictions of the Moldavian Monastic Orders, 1273-1381, was published in 1973 by Chambers and McCrea, Edinburgh.

Paul G. Knights, 1947, professor of history at Allegheny College, tells that Allegheny is developing "an internship in historical research for undergraduate credit, in connection with the nearby museum and historical societies." It is the sort of project that might interest other institutions.

Eugene M. Emme, 1949, NASA historian since 1959, has relinquished administrative duties to write a history of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Volume I (1957-1961). In this connection he is doing research in the Presidential Libraries and the National Archives and conducting oral history interviews with leading principals. In the past year he had book reviews in the Journal of American History, Technology and Culture, and Aerospace Historian. He was a commentator at the history symposium at the U.S. Naval Academy, and lectured at the "Lunchbox Forum" at the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution. His lecture notes appeared as "Space and the Historian" in SpaceFlight.


Seymour Lutzky, 1951, professor and chairman of the Department of American Studies at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, writes that his department, with himself as chief investigator, received a large grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to conduct research into and publish findings upon the history and cultural values of the Asian-American communities in Hawaii. As Hawaii is the only state with a white minority, the research of the department will involve a majority of the population rather than the usual "ethnic minority" project. They have already published two bibliographies: The Chinese in Hawaii and The Filipinos in Hawaii. A third, The Japanese in Hawaii, is in press. A popular reader entitled Jan Ken Po: The World of Hawaii's Japanese Americans, has also been published this year.

Professor Walter Peterson, 1951, president of the University of Dubuque, writes: "Very simply, I continue as President of the University of Dubuque," and wishes us well.

Norbert J. Gossman, 1952, professor of history at the University of Detroit, had an article in The British Studies Monitor for the fall of 1973, "Definitions of and Recent Writings on Modern British Radicalism, 1790-1914."

George Brechlett, 1954, chairman of the History Department of Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina, writes that he has been appointed to the editorial board of the Journal of Negro History and to the W.E.B. Du Bois Award Selection Committee; served as section chairman at the annual meeting
of the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists and the
Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History; is
a member of the board of directors of the Afro-American Bi-
centennial Corporation; and is a director of the Consortium on
Research Training with a $250,000 grant from the U.S. Office of
Education.

Duane Meyer, 1956, president of Southwest Missouri State
University, Springfield, published last year a revised edition of
his The Heritage of Missouri. President Meyer has been nomi-
nated by the governor of Missouri to membership on the Mis-
souri Commission on Higher Education.

George W. Sieber, 1960, in the History Department of the
University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, writes that he has had two
easays adopted by Defense Race Relations Institute, Patrick Air
Force Base, Florida, for use in their student handbook, The Na-
tive American. He is an expert on Indian history.

Arthur E. Soderland, 1961, Social Studies Consultant for the
Department of Education of the State of Connecticut, has pub-
lished Connecticut State and Connecting Yesterday and Today: A
Selected Bibliography for the Schools. Dr. Soderland was also involved in the revision of India: A Look Across Cultures, which was originally produced as an
ESEA project. He has served again on the planning committee
of the Northeast Regional Conferences for social studies teachers
in Boston, and will be chairman of a clinic on the Middle East
and introduce one of the general session speakers.

Robert G. Clouse, 1963, professor of history at Indiana State
University and chairman of his faculty senate during the past
year, will be visiting professor of history at the University of
Illinois in the summer of 1974. During the past year he has
published “John Napier and Apocalyptic Thought” in The
Sixteenth Century Journal, and presented a paper, “Millennial-
isim and Education: The Case of Robert Owen,” at the His-
tory of Education Society meeting at Loyola University, Chi-
cago. A book of which he was a co-author, The Cross and the
Flag, with Robert D. Linder, 1963, and Richard Pierard, 1964,
published by Creation House in 1972, was chosen as a Choice
Evangelical Book by Christianity Today and ranked No. 4 in

Robert J. Knowlton, 1963, of the Department of History of the
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, has been extra-
ordinarily active in professional meetings in his field of Latin
American studies. He was a panelist for a session on “Nine-
thenth Century Heritage” at the Fourth International Congress
of Mexican Studies at Santa Monica; moderator for a panel on
“Social Justice in Spanish America” at the spring meeting of the
North Central Council of Latin Americans at Stevens Point;
chairman of a session on instructional materials on Latin
America for elementary and secondary school teachers at Eau
Claire; and took part in a discussion of “A Survey of the Pat-
nato and Its Effect upon Church and State in Latin Amer-
ica” at the fall meeting of the Wisconsin Council of Latin
Americanists.

Robert D. Linder, 1963, last year became full professor of
history at Kansas State University. He is spending the spring
semester and the summer of 1974 at Oxford, where he is a
member of Nuffield’s Park College. During his research and visit
on the following subjects: a biography of Pierre Viret, a his-
tory of evangelical Christian social concern, and the influence
of Calvinism on the sixteenth and seventeenth century Eng-
lishe free churches. He continues as editor of Fides et Historia,
the journal of the Conference on Faith and History, and is co-
author with R. V. Pierard, 1964, of Politics and Christianity,
published by the Inter-Varsity Press in 1973. He contributed
articles on “History of Oppression,” “Nationalism,” and “The
Protestant Ethic” to Baker’s Dictionary of Christian Ethics,
edited by C. F. H. Henry and published by the Baker Book

H. H. Wubben, 1963, associate professor of history at Ore-
gon State University, Corvallis, had an article, “American
Prisoners of War in Korea: A Second Look at the ‘Something
New in History’ Theme,” reprinted in Interpreting Twentieth-
Century America: A Reader, edited by R. L. Low and J. F.
Wall, published by Crowell in 1973. Professor Wubben is
working on a book-length manuscript on Iowa Copperheadism
during the Civil War.

Robert L. Gold, 1964, has been promoted to professor of his-
tory at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He has pub-
lished two articles during the past year: “That Inflexible Flor-
idan, Jesse Fish,” in The Florida Historical Quarterly, and
“Governor Bernardo de Galvez and Spanish Espionage in Pen-
sacola, 1777,” in J. F. McDermott, The Spanish in the Missis-
sippi Valley, 1762-1804 (University of Illinois Press). He was
also a seminar speaker on “The Joy of Learning” at the Semi-
nar for Master Teachers in Portland, Maine. He was a com-
mentator on a discussion, “The Catholic Church and Socialistic
Education in Mexico,” at the Southern Conference on Latin
American Studies in Waco, Texas, and he is a committeeman
of the Midwest Regional Screening Committee for Fullbright-
Hayes Grants in the “American republics” area.

Don S. Kirschner, 1964, in the History Department at Simon
Fraser University in British Columbia, is on sabbatical leave
and has received a Canada-Council Fellowship to con-
tinue his research into the development of a variety of urban
middle-class professional groups during the first forty years of
the twentieth century.

Stanley B. Parsons, 1964, professor and chairman of the His-
tory Department at the University of Missouri in Kansas City,
presented criticisms of two papers on “Southern Agrarian Rad-
calism” at the Southern Historical Convention, Atlanta. His
Great Plains Frontier, was published by Greenwood.

Richard V. Pierard, 1964, professor of history at Indiana
State University, in addition to collaborating with Robert Lin-
der and Robert Clouse on books mentioned above, published
two articles during the past year. “A Study in Cultural Pessi-
mism: Oswald Spengler and the Antithesis between Civilization
and Culture” appeared in the Montclair Journal of Social Sci-
ences and Humanities, and “Can Billy Graham Survive Rich-
ard Nixon?” in the Reformed Journal. He delivered a paper en-
titled “Evangelical Social Concern: Some Historical Models” at
the Midwest Section of the Evangelical Theological Society
meeting in Chicago. Professor Pierard is co-director of the
Indiana State University History Department’s study abroad in
Europe program.

Rudolph W. Heinze, 1965, spent the summer of 1973 in
Britain completing a manuscript of a monograph, “The Pro-
clamations of the Tudor Kings.”

Harry Choon Hong, 1965, professor and chairman of His-
tory and Political Science at Jamestown College in Jamestown,
North Dakota, attended a faculty institute on Africa at Hamil-
town University in St. Paul. He attended summer school at
Harvard University as a visiting scholar to do post-doctoral
studies and was granted a Faculty Development Research
Grant from Jamestown College and a post-doctoral fellowship
from the Northern Plains Consortium for Education. He is cur-
rently director of interim—supervising and directing the Jan-
uary interim term. He is director of the Robert A. Taft Insti-
tute of Government Seminars, Jamestown College having been
selected as one of thirty-two institutions of higher education in
the United States to sponsor the seminar for elementary and
secondary school teachers.

Samuel McSeveeny, 1965, joined the Department of History
at Vanderbilt University as an associate professor in 1972. In
October of that year his book, The Politics of Depression: Po-
litical Behavior in the Northeast, 1893-1896, was published by
Oxford.

Donald Nugent, 1965, has returned from sabbatical in Ire-
land where he was visiting lecturer at University College, Dub-
in, in 1972-1973. His book, Ecumenism in the Age of the Re-
formation: The Colloquy of Feiassy, was published this spring by Harvard.

Robert P. Swierenga, 1965, in the History Department at Kent State, reports publication of the following articles: "Computers and American History: The Impact of the New Generations" in The Journal of American History (March, 1974); "Legal Considerations of Delinquent Tax Auctions in Frontier Iowa" in Agricultural History (April, 1974); "Towards the New Rural History: A Review Essay" in Historical Methods Newsletter (June, 1973); and "Quantitative Historical Data and the Archivist" in the Ohio Archivist (Fall, 1973). An article of his, "A Dutch Immigrant's View of Central Iowa," originally published in 1965, was reprinted in Patterns and Perspectives in Iowa History, edited by D. Schwieter and published by the Iowa State University Press. He has been active in meetings of professional organizations; he was a member of a panel discussion of the Western History Association meeting at Fort Worth; read a paper, "Quantification in American Historical Research: Lessons of the Past," at the Ohio Academy of History meeting at Columbus; and served as seminar leader for a panel on "Rural America: A Counterpart to Urban History" at the meeting of the Organization of American Historians in Denver. He lectured on his book at the University of Iowa, Summer Institute of Quantitative History at Case Western Reserve University, at Grove City College, and at Taylor University, and presented a paper on "Perspectives on History" at the 1974 Malone College Conference on Faith and History. He is a member of the editorial board of the Historical Methods Newsletter and was awarded a summer fellowship by Kent State in 1974 to carry on a quantitative study of Dutch immigration to the United States, 1845-1877.


Weldon S. Crowley, 1966, associate professor of history at Florida Southern, writes that "after a few years in administration which took me to India for a year, then as Dean of American and International Studies to Ramapo College in New Jersey, I am in my third year of teaching at Florida Southern. My article entitled "Erastianism in the Westminster Assembly" appeared in the Winter, 1973 issue of Journal of Church and State. "Religion and Social Activism: Benjamin Rush" will appear in the Summer, 1974 number of Religion in Life."

Donald J. MacIntyre, 1966, formerly associate professor of history at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California, has been appointed academic dean of Saint Francis College in Biddeford, Maine. His article, "Constantine Kavelin and the Modernization of Russia," was published in Research Studies (March, 1973).

Howard A. Barnes, 1968, assistant professor of history at Winston-Salem State University, North Carolina, directed a program financed by NEH designed to record "oral traditions" by sending students into black communities in Winston-Salem to "tap the rich resources stored up" in the minds of old people. They sought, in particular, information about family histories and ways of life. Professor Barnes is the author of an article, "The Idea That Caused a War: Horace Bushnell vs Thomas Jefferson," in Journal of Church and State (Winter, 1974). He also read a paper on Bushnell at the annual meeting of Phi Alpha Theta at San Francisco.

William L. Bowers, 1968, associate professor of history at Bradley University, is contributing editor of a two-volume book of readings, Origins of Tomorrow, published by Holt. He is continuing work on a collection of readings, Liberty Hyde Bailey, the early twentieth century environmentalist.

James C. Hamilton, 1968, who is associate professor of history at Benedict College in Minnesota, writes that he is devoting his time this year exclusively to administrative duties, completing his third year as chairman of the college honors program and his first year as coordinator of the External Studies Program, which he initiated for the college last fall. In September, 1973, he completed a year-long project writing a chapter on the history of operations of the Mississippi River Headwaters Reservoirs Systems (1890-1973); he served as general coordinator and editor for the social science report for this study, which was published for the St. Paul Corps of Engineers by the Center for Environmental Studies of Benedict College.

William C. Lubenow, 1966, professor of history at Stockton State College, Pomona, New Jersey, spent the summer of 1973 in England continuing his research on the House of Commons of 1868 on a grant provided by the American Philosophical Society. He has been granted a fellowship by the Huntington Library for the summer of 1974.

David C. Lukowitcz, 1966, has been appointed secretary of the Upper Midwest Historical Society and regional chairman for the Conference on Peace Research in History. His article on "British Pacifists and Appeasement" was published in The Journal of Contemporary History in the spring of 1974.

Clifford H. Scott, 1966, professor of history at Indiana University at Fort Wayne, has completed work on an intellectual biography of Lester Frank Ward, which will be published by the Twyame United States Authors Series. He is president of the Federal of Indiana Chapters of the AAUP.

Hamilton Cravens, 1969, is associate professor of history at Iowa State. He read a paper, "Universities and the Academic Professionalization of American Scientific Disciplines, 1890-1930," at the History of Science Society meeting in San Francisco, and was commentator on a session on dissent and social control in American history at the Northern Great Plains History Conference, Sioux Falls. He completed several projects and continued to serve as a member of the editorial board of American Studies, the journal of the Mid-Continent American Studies Association; published several book reviews; and won a Neatland Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend and a grant from Iowa State to begin a new book-length study on a history of race theory since 1890.

Helen B. Upson, 1969, associate professor of history at the United States International University, California Western campus, San Diego, writes concerning the interesting growth, curriculum, and arrangements for foreign study at her university. She expects to spend most of the summer in Europe doing research on the influence of the English parish and the London Mergers Guild precedents on the ideas of government developed by the leaders of the Massachusetts Bay Company.

Gerald W. Wolff, 1969, associate professor at the University of South Dakota, writes that he was co-author with Joseph H. Cash of The Arkans, Mandan, and Hidatsa Peoples, published by the Indian Tribal Series at Phoenix, and author of "A Sectional and Party Analysis of House Roll-Calls Related to the Kansas-Nebraska Bill," which will be published by Computers and the Humanities in 1974. He is editor of the "Civil War Diary of Arthur C. Mellette," first governor of South Dakota, which will be published in the South Dakota Historical Collections in 1974. He is assistant director of American Indian Research, a project at the University of South Dakota, and also director of the South Dakota Oral History Project. He has written a number of book reviews.


Neil M. Johnson, 1971, is assistant professor of history at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska. He has written a tourist guide to Washington County, Nebraska, entitled "Portal to the Plains." He assisted in establishing, and was elected presi-
dent of a non-profit corporation of the same name to raise funds and distribute the booklet. Publication is pending. His article, "Lewis and Clark Followed the River Road," was published in the *Midlands* Magazine supplement of the Omaha World-Herald. He is interested in a project for the construction of a full-scale replica of Lewis and Clark's keelboat for display in a planned Western Heritage museum in Omaha. The project is under study by Omaha's planning department.

Phillip Dean Jordan, 1971, is assistant professor at Western State College of Colorado. He had an article, "The Evangelical Alliance and American Presbyterians, 1867-1873," in the Fall, 1973, issue of *Presbyterian History*, and reviewed eight books in religion and history. He convened a session, in March, 1973, of the Rocky Mountain Great Plains regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, and College Theological Society at Colorado College; is preparing his dissertation for publication; and is elective coordinator of his history department.

Peter L. Petersen, 1971, assistant professor of history at West Texas State University, has just completed a term as president of the local chapter of the AAUP and vice chairman of the university faculty council. He has published an article, "Edwin T. Meredith: Iowa's Other Secretary of Agriculture," in the Spring, 1973, issue of *The Iowan*, and has had reviews in *South Dakota History*, *The Historian*, and *Film and History*.

Harold L. Smith, 1971, is at present living in Moline, Illinois. He presented a paper on "Leonard T. Hobhouse and the New Liberal Solution to the Problem of Class Conflict in Early Twentieth Century Britain" at the 1974 conference of the Rocky Mountain Social Science Association. His article, "World War I and British Left-Wing Intellectuals: The Case of Leonard T. Hobhouse," has been accepted for publication in *Albion*.

Paul B. Pixton, 1972, has accepted a new position in medieval European history at Brigham Young University beginning in June, 1974. He has read a paper entitled "The Preachers of the Fifth Crusade in Germany" at the annual conference of the Medieval Institute at Kalamazoo, Michigan. His article on "Dietrich von Wied" will appear in the 1974 annual issue of the *Archiv für mittelalterliche Kirchengeschichte*. He is currently working on some of the problems encountered by German bishops in the thirteenth century as they tried to effect the reform of cathedral chapters in compliance with Innocent III's decrees.

James L. Thane, Jr., 1972, is chairman of the History Department at Black Hawk College, Moline, Illinois. He was on leave in the fall of 1973 to continue his research into the history of the Montana Territory. He is editing the letters of Mary Eright Egerton, wife of Montana's first territorial governor, and has an NEH grant for further research for the summer of 1974.

Dennis Melchert, 1973, has received an NEH grant to continue his study of inoculation in Boston in the early eighteenth century.

**New Graduates**

In the period June 1, 1973, to May 31, 1974, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred on eight candidates from this department. Their names, together with the titles of their dissertations and their major advisers, are as follows:

Gerald D. Anderson, "Public Order and Civil Liberties in Britain, 1921-1937" (Lafore).

Michael D. Green, "Federal-State Conflict in the Administration of Indian Policy: Georgia, Alabama, and the Creeks, 1824-1834" (Rohrbough).

Michael Hogan, "The United States and the Problem of International Economic Control: The Private Structure of Cooperation in American Foreign Policy, 1918-1928" (Gelfand).

Robert J. Klaus, "The Pope, the Protestants, and the Irish: Papal Aggression and Anti-Catholicism in Mid-Nineteenth Century England" (Lafore).


Dennis Melchert, "Experimenting on the Neighbors: Inoculation of Smallpox in Boston in the Context of Eighteenth Century Medicine" (James).

Harold N. Schneebeck, Jr., "The Law of Felony in Medieval England from the Accession of Edward I Until the Mid-Fourteenth Century" (Sutherland).

John Stack, "Social Policy and Juvenile Delinquency in England and Wales, 1815-1875" (Aydobote).

**Spring Conference**

In response to the threat of a severe spring gasoline shortage—and thus of a poor turnout—the History Department temporarily altered the format of its annual Spring History Conference to that of a public lecture. On the evening of March 21st Professor Oscar Handlin of Harvard University spoke to an audience of 153 persons on the controversial subject "Ideology and Interest in American Imperialism." The following day he gave a radio interview and talked informally with a group of approximately twenty-five history and American civilization graduate students.

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