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## *The Faculty*

WILLIAM O. AYDELOTTE has been working on his research, on which he presented a paper, "The Structure of Politics as the Accession of Queen Victoria," at The University of Iowa in April 1978. He has published "Das Problem der historischen Generalisierung" and "Quantifizierung in der Geschichtswissenschaft" in Theodor Schieder and Kurt Gräubig, eds., *Theorieprobleme der Geschichtswissenschaft* (Darmstadt, 1977). These are German translations of two articles earlier published in English. He retired this spring as Carver Professor of History at The University of Iowa.

T. DWIGHT BOZEMAN published a book, *Protestants in an Age of Science* (Chapel Hill, 1977) and an article, "Inductive and Deductive Politics," in the *Journal of American History* (December 1977). He has been promoted to associate professor. His current research project is concerned with American Puritanism, in connection with which he received a U of I Summer Developmental Award during the summer of 1977 for travel to manuscript locations in New England. Among his professional activities, he served as a member of the program committee and as a session chairman at the spring meeting of the American Society of Church History, held in Iowa City (April 1978).

JEFFREY COX has joined the department as a specialist in nineteenth-century British history. He took his undergraduate training at Rice University and did his graduate work at Harvard University under Professor John Clive. He completed his doctoral requirement this spring with a dissertation entitled "The Social Origins of the Decline of Religion in England, 1870-1930."

ROBERT R. DYKSTRA spent the fall semester on developmental assignment working on his book on Iowa politics in the Civil War era. In October he presented a lecture, "In Search of Wisconsin Progressivism: A Test of the Rogin Scenario," to the History Department Colloquium at Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts. In April he participated in the annual Midwest History Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism, held in Iowa City, offering remarks on "The Community Press in the Nineteenth Century." During the 1978-79 academic year he will be on leave as a Charles Warren Fellow at Harvard University while beginning a new book on frontier violence in perceptions of the American West.

LAWRENCE E. GELFAND had his usual busy year. He published "American Foreign Policy and Public Opinion: Some Concerns for Scholars," in *Reviews in American History* (September 1977), and he is continuing to review the series by Arthur S. Link et al., *Papers of Woodrow Wilson*, for *West Virginia History*, having reached volume 24. He served as a member of the Binkley-Stephenson Prize Committee for the

Organization of American Historians; as a member of the Grants and Awards Committee of the Harry S. Truman Library Institute, and attended the annual meeting of the institute in Kansas City (May); and as a member of the Council, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. He is editing two chapters of the new guide to diplomatic history of the United States, prepared under the auspices of SHAFR. Along with Ellis Hawley and historians from Grinnell and Cornell colleges, he is participating in a study of the status of history instruction in the secondary schools in Iowa. Among his other university assignments, he serves as chairperson of the Editorial Committee, University of Iowa Press.

RALPH E. GIESEY presented a paper, "Notaries, Seizin and Family Secrets in Modern France," at the annual meeting of the American Society for Legal History in Boston (November 1977).

JONATHAN GOLDSTEIN continues work on his commentary to II Maccabees for the Anchor Bible. He delivered an inaugural lecture, "The Apocryphal Book of I Baruch," as a fellow of the American Academy of Jewish Research (December 1977). The lecture will be published in the fiftieth-anniversary volume of the academy. He has been invited to participate in the symposium on Hellenism in Judaism and Christianity, to be held in the spring of 1979 at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

PAUL GREENOUGH attended a meeting of the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, DeKalb, Illinois (October 1977), to deliver a paper, "Mortality during the Bengal Famine of 1943-44: The Data and Their Interrelation." He also attended an SSRC workshop on "Risk and Uncertainty in Social and Economic Processes in South Asian Environment," where he gave a paper, "The Ultimate Insurance Mechanism: Patterned Domestic Breakup during the Bengal Famine of 1943-44." He continues to revise his doctoral dissertation for publication.

CHARLES A. HALE was elected vice-chairman for 1978 (chairman for 1979) of the Conference on Latin American History, and advisory editor of the *Hispanic American Historical Review* for a five-year term. He is also serving as chairman of the Beveridge and Dunning Prize Committee of the American Historical Association for 1978. He acted as co-coordinator of the V Conference of Mexican and United States Historians which met in Patzcuaro, Mexico, in October 1977. He also serves as chairman of the Department of History.

ELLIS HAWLEY published "Some Thoughts on and Experiences with Presidential Libraries and the Library of Congress," in A. Hamby and E. Weldon, *Access to the Papers of Recent Public Figures* (1977), and "The National Recovery Administration" in the *Encyclopedia Americana*. His "Herbert Hoover, the Commerce Secretariat, and the Vision of an Associate State," was reprinted in Edwin J. Perkins, ed., *Men and Organizations: The American Economy in the Twentieth Century*

(1977). He participated in a seminar on "The Preservation and Use of Foundation Records," Rockefeller Archives Center (September 1977); in a session "The State of History in Iowa Colleges and Universities," fall meeting of Iowa College Teachers of History, Cornell College (October 1977); on a panel, "Agriculture and the Energy Crisis: An Historical Perspective"; in a conference on "Food and Social Policy," Sioux City (November 1977); as a session chairman, "Business and Public Policy in the Organizational Society," at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Dallas (December 1977); and, on a panel, "Antitrust and the Post-1945 Search for a Liberal World Order," Symposium on the U.S. and World Economic Problems, Kansas State University (April 1978).

JOHN BELL HENNEMAN served as president of the Iowa Conference of the American Association of University Professors. He continues to hold the position of secretary/treasurer of the North American Section of the International Commission for the History of Representative and Parliamentary Institutions. His article, "The Military Class and the French Monarchy in the Late Middle Ages," will appear in the October 1978 issue of the *American Historical Review*.

HENRY HORWITZ spent the academic year 1977-78 on leave in London, supported by a University of Iowa research semester and a Guggenheim Fellowship, where he collected material for a study of the London mercantile elite, 1660-1760. His article, "The East India Trade, the Politicians, and the Constitution, 1689-1702," was published in the *Journal of British Studies*. He read papers at the Early Modern Europe seminar at Oxford, the London School of Economics, and the University of Sussex.

LINDA K. KERBER continues to work on her book on American women in the years of the revolution and the early republic. She thinks the end is in sight. She published a long review article on eight volumes of the *Papers of James Madison* in the *William and Mary Quarterly* in January; a chapter, "Female Dissent in Antebellum America," in a new edition of the text *Main Problems in American History*, eds. Milton Cantor and Howard Quint; and a review of John C. Miller's *The Wolf by the Ears* in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* (November 14, 1977). At the AHA meeting in Dallas she commented on a paper by Jack Pole on the concept of equality in America; at the OAH meeting in New York she commented in the session on political ideology in the early republic. She served on the Pulitzer Prize Jury for Biography and has just been asked to serve as program chairwoman for the OAH meeting in San Francisco, 1980.

SARAH H. MADDEN has completed revision of her book-length manuscript, "The *Lit de Justice* of the Kings of France."

SIDNEY E. MEAD, emeritus, taught at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville last spring. In August he moved to Tucson, Arizona. This spring he taught two courses at the University of Arizona under the auspices of the Religious Studies Committee. He participated in the Governor of Arizona's Conference on Marriage and the Family (January 1978), and he lectured at Southwest Missouri State (April 1978). He returned to Iowa City in April to participate in the annual meeting of the American Society of Church History, which was devoted in part to a consideration of his work. His permanent address is 4550 N. Caminito Callado, Tucson, Arizona 85718.

ALLAN MECILL is now in the second year of his research fellowship in the "History of Ideas Unit" of the Australian National University. He will be returning to the department in January. He is at the moment working on problems and issues in the history of historical thought.

JAROSLAW PELENSKI has completed the editing and preparation for publication of a book-length manuscript of the Proceedings of the Second (Bicentennial) Conference of Polish and American Historians, entitled "The American and European Revolutions, 1776-1840s: Sociopolitical and Ideological Ramifications," a volume which also includes his introduction and his

study "The *Hajdamak* Insurrections and the Old Regimes in Eastern Europe." This volume of the proceedings has been accepted for publication by the University of Iowa Press. In summer of 1977 he undertook a research trip to Warsaw, Poland, in connection with the editorial work on this volume. He also received a research grant from the NEH for the summer of 1977. He published an article, "The Origins of the Official Muscovite Claims to the 'Kievan Inheritance,'" in *Harvard Ukrainian Studies* (1977). In 1977 he also published three reports on the Second (Bicentennial) Conference of Polish and American Historians. He has presented a paper entitled "Russia, Poland and the Ukraine: Historical and Political Perspectives" at the McMaster University Conference on "Poland and the Ukraine: Past and Present," in Hamilton, Canada (October 1977). He also read a paper on "Eighteenth-Century Popular Unrests in Eastern Europe: The *Hajdamak* Insurrections, 1734-1768" at the Brooklyn College Conference on "War and Society in Eastern Europe" in March of 1978. He also served as the organizer and chairman of a session on "Contemporary Soviet Ukrainian Politics" at the 9th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies which took place in Washington, D.C., October 14, 1977.

STOW PERSONS resumed his regular teaching duties in January after an eleven-month period of full-time work as chairman of a special University committee on educational directions. He continues his research in ethnic history.

HERMANN REBEL used a leave of absence in the fall to prepare a book-length manuscript entitled "Class and Status in Rural Austria." He presented a paper, "Peasant Family and Class Conflict in Seventeenth Century Austria," at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Houston; a longer version of the paper will appear under the title, "Peasant Stem Families in Seventeenth Century Austria: Life Plans, Status, Tactics and the Grid of Inheritance," in the *Journal of Social Science History* (Summer 1978).

The newest title for MALCOLM J. ROHRBOUGH's manuscript is "The Trans-Appalachian Frontier; People, Societies, and Institutions, 1775-1850." It is scheduled for publication this coming fall. He participated as a commentator in a conference on "Childhood in American Life," sponsored by Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Children's Museum (March 1978). He also delivered a paper, "The Land Office Business in Indiana, 1800-1840," at an American Bicentennial Symposium, sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society and the Tippecanoe County Historical Association at West Lafayette (April 1978). He has received a developmental assignment for the coming spring semester to begin work on his newest project, a history of the mining town of Aspen, Colorado, from 1880 to 1914.

DAVID SCHOENBAUM reports that Editions Robert Laffont in Paris plans a French edition of *Hitler's Social Revolution* (early 1979). The Wiener Library/Institute for Contemporary History in London will publish his article on U.S. policy toward Palestine/Israel in 1948-49 in a special, thirtieth-anniversary number of the Wiener Library Bulletin (June 1978). He will present a version of this paper to the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Fairfax, Virginia (August 1978). His article on the violinist Rudolf Kolisch will appear in *Musical America* (August 1978).

ALAN SPITZER continues his research for a book on the French generation of 1820 and for a short study of the electorate of the French Restoration.

DONALD SUTHERLAND received an NEH Summer Stipend for the summer of 1977 to edit the law reports of the eyre of Northamptonshire, 1329-30 (with Professor John S. Beckerman of Haverford College, M.A., U of I, 1968). This project was expanded by a two-year project grant from the NEH to take in all four of the eyres of 1329-31. The grant is for the years 1977-79. He also read a paper at the annual meeting of

the American Society for Legal History, "Legal Reasoning in the Fourteenth Century: The Invention of 'Color' in Pleading," in Boston (November 1977); and a paper, "King's Law and Gentlemen's Law in Fourteenth-Century Northhamptonshire," to the Medieval Society at the University of Kansas, Lawrence (April 1978).

STEPHEN VLASTOS completed his doctoral dissertation, "Tokugawa Peasant Movements in Fukushima: Conflict and Changing Patterns of Peasant Mobilization," at the University of California-Berkeley (June 1977). He chaired a panel at the annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies in Chicago (April 1978), where he delivered a paper on late Tokugawa peasant uprising. In addition to revising his thesis for publication, he is translating (with others) essays by the Japanese historian Irokawa Daikichi for publication by the Princeton University Press in the summer of 1978, and he is writing a paper for a Social Science Research Council workshop on Peasant Uprising and the Meiji Restorations, to be delivered July 1978. He has also begun research for a chapter on opposition movements in the early Meiji period, which will be a chapter in volume 5 of the *Cambridge History of Japan*.

JONATHAN WALTON has joined the Department of History as instructor with a specialty in Afro-American history. He received his B.A. from the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle and he is presently completing his dissertation, entitled "Blacks in Buxton and Chatham: Did the 49th Parallel Make a Difference?" at Princeton University.

LYNNE WITHEY has spent the academic year 1977-78 as visiting assistant professor at Boston University. She continues to work on revisions of her book, *Urban Society in Colonial New England: Newport and Providence, 1636-1800*. She read a paper, "Undesirable Inhabitants: The Transient Poor of Providence, R.I., 1680-1800," at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians in New York (April 1978). Her article, "Household Composition in Urban and Rural Areas: The Case of Rhode Island, 1774-1800," appeared in the *Journal of Family History* (Spring 1978). She has also been involved in planning an NEH-funded exhibit on seventeenth-century New England for the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She will return to Iowa City this fall to resume her duties in the department.

### Visiting Faculty

ALAN F. JANUARY (1976) taught the American history survey and a course on Civil War and Reconstruction. His research trip to Washington, D.C. (July 1977), under a grant-in-aid from the American Philosophical Society, was part of the revision of his dissertation. He published an article, "The South Carolina Association: An Agency for Race Control in Antebellum Charleston," in the *South Carolina Historical Magazine* (July 1977), and he presented a paper, "The Negro Seamen Acts of South Carolina: A Precedent for Nullification" at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Dallas (December 1977).

PAUL MAZGAJ (1977) offered work in European intellectual history during the spring semester 1978. He has accepted a position at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, beginning in the fall 1978.

WILLIAM SILAG, M.A., 1972, taught the American history

survey and a course on quantitative methods. His article, "Sioux City: The Story of an Iowa Town," has been accepted for publication by *Annals of Iowa*.

### New Graduates

In the period June 1, 1977, to May 31, 1978, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred on nine candidates from this department. Their names, the titles of their dissertations, and the names of their major advisers are as follows:

DAVID N. DOYLE, "Irish Americans, native rights and national empires" (Dykstra).

MARIAM D. FRENIER, "Women and the Chinese Communist Party, 1921-1952: Changes in party policy and mobilization techniques" (Arkush).

ROBERT HILDERBRAND, "Power and the people: Executive management of public opinion in foreign affairs, 1869-1921" (Gelfand).

LOREN N. HORTON, "Town planning, growth, and architecture in selected Mississippi River towns of Iowa, 1833-1860" (Rohrbough).

JUDITH PUGH MEYER, "Reformation in LaRochelle: Religious change, social stability, and political crisis, 1500-1568" (Giesey).

ANTHONY MUSSARI, "The Anger flood disaster as an agent of community change in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, 1972-1976" (Gelfand and Greenough).

PHILLIP E. MYERS, "Mask of indifference: Great Britain's North American policy and the path to the Treaty of Washington, 1815-1871" (Lafore).

GERALD W. PATTON, "War and race: The black officer in the American military, 1917-1925" (Hawley).

DONALD R. SMITH, "The French Elections of 1824 and 1827: A quantitative analysis" (Spitzer).

### Old Graduates

ELMER ELLIS, 1930, president emeritus, University of Missouri-Columbia, has resigned the presidency of the Truman Library Board. Of this decision, he writes, "It was my 20th anniversary and I thought it was time for me to retire in place of someone younger."

FLOYD MCNEIL, 1930, lives in retirement in Yucaipa, California. He sends his greetings to "those of the earlier days around 1930 who may remember me. I was one of the 'Pelzer Boys' of that period."

CHARLTON W. TEBEAU, 1933, professor emeritus of history at the University of Miami, has received several honors. The Florida Association of Colleges and Universities gave him a citation for service to higher education in Florida at a ceremony that included the presentation of the association's medallion for "distinguished service." In October 1976, the Historical Association of Southern Florida, which he helped to organize in 1940, named its library for him. The ceremonies included the unveiling of a piece of sculpture in his honor. He has edited

### University of Iowa Studies in History

The Department announces the initiation of the University of Iowa Studies in History, a series to be published by the University of Iowa Press. The department seeks book-length manuscripts of the highest quality and will nominate at least one to the Press each year, without limitation as to period, method, or source. Please address inquiries to the department.

the annual publication of the society, *Téquesta*, since 1946. Also, in October 1976, the University of Miami celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with the publication of a university history that he wrote. At the banquet in honor of the occasion, the university awarded him an honorary degree, Doctor of Letters. Since his retirement, he has lived in Springfield, Georgia.

JUSTIN WILLIAMS, SR., 1933, has a manuscript, "Japan's Political Revolution under MacArthur: A Participant's Account," soon to be published by the University of Georgia Press. He is preparing two related articles for publication, "From Charlottesville to Manila: Military Government Preparation for the Occupation of Japan, 1944-1945," and, "The Brief History of MacArthur's Military Government Section in 1945: Japan's Narrow Escape from Military Government."

PHILIP D. JORDAN, 1935, emeritus professor of history at the University of Minnesota, published "Bob Burdette and the Hawk-Eye Sharpshoot a General," *The Palimpsest* (July/August 1977); "Milksickness in Kentucky and the Western Country," in Lowell Harrison and Nelson L. Dawson, eds., *A Kentucky Sampler: Essays from the Filson Club Historical Quarterly, 1926-1976* (Lexington, 1977); "History as Confrontation," *Minnesota History* (Winter 1977); "The Career of Henry M. Farr, Civil War Surgeon," *Annals of Iowa* (Winter 1977); and "Adventures of a Student at Iowa," *Books at Iowa* (April 1978). His reviews appeared in the *Journal of American History*, *Nebraska History*, *Minnesota History*, *Annals of Iowa*, and *Arizona and the West*. On other fronts, he served on the Editorial Board of *National Association and Center for Outlaw and Lawman History Quarterly*, on the Editorial Board of the *Annals of Iowa*, and as vice-president of the Board of Trustees of the Burlington Public Library. He continues to give talks and speeches before local and regional audiences.

ARTHUR C. UMSCHIED, 1935, officially retired at the end of the 1974-75 academic year and has been named dean emeritus, Graduate School, Creighton University. He continues to teach part-time in the Department of History. He has published "1878-1905: Creighton's Early Struggle," in the *Creighton University Alumnews* (February 1978) as a part of the university's centennial celebration.

WALKER D. WYMAN, 1935, will retire on June 30 after a career of 46 years in Wisconsin, 41 in the Department of History at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and five years as president of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. His new books are *Witching for Water, Oil, Pipes and Precious Minerals* (River Falls, 1977) and *The Frosting on the Cake: History of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Foundation, 1948-1976* (River Falls, 1977). He has published reviews in the *Journal of American History* and the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*.

VERNON CARSTENSEN, 1936, University of Washington, has published an article in the *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* (July 1977). He served as a commentator at a session of the Forest History Society held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Western History Association at Portland (October 1977). He has completed his second and last three-year term as one of the Organization of American Historians' representatives on the National Archives Advisory Council. He has been teaching part-time since 1975 and will fully retire this June.

HAROLD T. HAGG, 1936, professor emeritus, Bemidji State University, continues to work on "the social and economic aspects of the regional history of the Mississippi Headwaters area."

HOMER L. CALKIN, 1939, writes, "The Department of State through the United States Government Printing Office is publishing my study, *Women in the Department of State: Their Role in American Foreign Relations*."

CARL B. CONE, 1940, professor of history at the University of Kentucky, has been elected to the editorial boards of the Southern Historical Association and of the *Price-Priestley News-*

*letter* published at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. He has published a chapter in Lawrence S. Kaplan, ed., *The American Revolution and 'A Candid World'*. His reviews have appeared in the *American Historical Review*, *William and Mary Quarterly*, and *Historian*. He is presently at work on a biography of King George III and an anthology of sporting articles from English periodicals, 1792-1835. He has been appointed to the Board of the Lexington Public Library.

ALFRED S. MARTIN, 1941, still serves as chairman and chief executive officer of King Fifth Wheel Company, Mountaintop, Pennsylvania.

WILFRED W. BLACK, 1942, professor emeritus of history at Findlay College, writes, "I'm enjoying my retirement thoroughly." His address is 132 West Lincoln Street, Findlay, Ohio 45840.

R. BRUCE HARLEY, 1948, continues as command historian for Hq 15th Air Force, located at March Air Force Base, California. Hq Strategic Air Command presented his office with the Joseph P. McGinley Award for conducting the best major subordinate command historical program for 1977.

EUGENE M. EMMER, 1949, retired from Federal Civil Service on May 1, 1978, completing 19 years as the NASA Historian. The NASA Advisory Committee on History noted that "the enduring monuments to his endeavors will be found in the historical publications he sponsored." He will continue full-time research, writing, and lecturing on the history of aerospace science and technology. He edited *Two Hundred Years of Flight in America—A Bicentennial Survey* (San Diego, 1977), first volume in a new History Series of the American Astronautical Society, and for which he will continue to serve as general editor. He has organized the 12th History Symposium on Rocketry and Astronautics of the International Academy of Astronautics, and will also deliver a paper on "New Perspectives on the Coming of the 'Space Age'" at Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, in October 1978. He has forthcoming book reviews in *Technology and Culture* and *Interdisciplinary Abstracts* (London).

KEACH JOHNSON, 1949, has retired from the History Department at Drake University. The past year he published two articles in the *Annals of Iowa*, "Iowa's Industrial Roots, 1890-1910" (Winter 1977) and "Iowa's Industrial Roots: Some Social and Political Problems" (Spring 1978). He continues his research into "Iowa at the turn of the century and related topics."

WALTER F. PETERSON, 1951, continues to serve as president of the University of Dubuque.

NORBERT J. GOSSMAN, 1952, has been appointed chairman of the Department of History at the University of Detroit.

HARRY HUTSON, 1952, continues as chairman of the Department of History and Political Science, University of Tennessee at Martin. He visited England and Scotland (May-June 1977) as codirector of a tour of historical areas. He also directed a two-day History Roundtable on the campus (March 1978) with China specialists from the University of Wisconsin and Stanford.

The department has learned of the death of DONALD GRAHAM, 1953, on June 29, 1976.

DWIGHT W. HOOVER, 1953, had a collateral appointment as professor of historical sociology at the University of Virginia from June 1977 to May 1978 to allow him to participate in a National Science Foundation-funded study of Muncie, Indiana, being conducted by Professor Theodore Caplow of the University of Virginia. He also won the Ball State award for 1977-78, and was appointed a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee of the *Indiana Magazine of History*. He ended his stint as consultant to the Federation of Public Programs in the Humanities in October with the successful initiation of that organization. He had six book reviews in *Choice* last year as well as one forthcoming