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FROM THE CHAIR  
Jeffrey Cox

Since you last heard from us several years ago, the History Department has gone through a period of major transition. With the retirements of Larry Gelfand and Ellis Hawley, and the unexpected death of Sydney James, we lost scholars, teachers, and colleagues who have sustained the department for decades.

Reprinted below are the texts of three addresses delivered in May of 1994 at the ceremonies honoring Larry and Ellis in the Old Capitol, beginning with comments by President Hunter R. Rawlings III. We were especially pleased to have two distinguished alumni speak at the event: Mike Hogan and Trudy Huskamp Peterson. Mike Hogan is currently chair of the History Department at the Ohio State University. At the time of her remarks, Trudy Huskamp Peterson was Acting Director of the National Archives. She has since been named a Distinguished Alumna of the UI by the Alumni Association, and received the Hancher-Finkbine Medallion for distinguished achievement by a graduate of the University.

Larry and Ellis continue to serve the department as Emeriti Professors, of course. Even Emeriti Professors have not escaped the disruption caused by the renovation of Schaeffer Hall, which has displaced the department for a period of up to two years. You can find us in Seashore Hall, originally the University Hospital (1897-1928). Schaeffer Hall is to be entirely renovated, with hard wiring promised for the new age of instant communications and electronic publishing. As you will see from the newsletter, members and graduates of the department continue to write books despite predictions of their obsolescence.

The department has entered the electronic age in another way. Last spring David Schoenbaum taught a course simultaneously with Wayne Moyers, a colleague at Grinnell, using Iowa’s new (publicly funded) fiber optics network. David’s course—1945 Plus Fifty—caught the attention of the new History Channel on cable television. If you watch carefully, you might see his opening lecture, which was taped for re-broadcast.

My two years as chair have led me to a new appreciation of the achievements of past and present colleagues in creating a department that combines high professional standards with an unusual degree of collegiality. Our department has received prestigious external evaluations of its scholarly standing, including the election of Linda Kerber as President-elect of the Organization of American Historians. U.S. News & World Report last year ranked Iowa (in a tie with five other departments) as the 25th best graduate program in the nation. Our new colleague Sarah Farmer has received media attention in Le Monde, and a cover story in the Chronicle of Higher Education, for her new book: Oradour: Arrêt sur mémoire (Paris: Editions Calmann Lévy, 1994).

External evaluation of a department often fails to acknowledge important internal traditions that are difficult to quantify, especially the value placed on openness, collegiality, and graduate student participation in the life of the department. Particular credit for maintaining those values should go to Sydney James, whose obituary is reprinted below. Sydney understood the centrality of search committees in the life of the department and took a special interest in them. Our tradition of wide reading by the entire department continues to amaze candidates for positions, who arrive on campus to find everyone in the department, and many graduate students, prepared to discuss their work.

There are many ways for alumni to contribute to the ongoing life of the department. One is by making sure that our achievements do not remain known only to residents of Iowa City. Another is by contributing to our departmental gift fund. The private funds available to the department are used almost entirely for graduate research expenses. Even a small gift can make a large difference to a graduate student who needs to get to the archives. Please send a check of any amount to: History Gift Fund, Department of History, University of Iowa, Iowa City IA 52242.

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RECENT DISSERTATIONS

1989

BROWN, GAYLE PLUTA

LIU, XIAOYUAN
“The Tentative Partnership: The United States and China Contemplate the Post-War Status of Japan and the Japanese Empire” Assistant Professor, State University of New York College, Potsdam

OSTLER, JEFFREY
“The Fate of Populism: Agrarian Radicalism and State Politics in Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa, 1880-1892” Assistant Professor, University of Oregon

SHANNON, MAGDALLINE
“Dr. Jean Price-Mars and the Haitian Elite”

1990

BOUDREAU, CARL

NEYMEYER, ROBERT
“The Establishment and Operation of the Dominican Republic Customs Receivability, 1905-1916” Lecturer, University of Northern Iowa

YERGLER, DENNIS
“Herbert Feis, Wilsonian Internationalism and America’s Technological Democracy” Westmar College

1991

BJORNSTAD, FRED
“A Revolution in Ideas and Methods: The Construction Industry and Socio-Economic Planning in the United States, 1915-1933” Assistant Professor, Stockton State

BONAKDARIAN, MANSOUR
“The Left Opposition to Sir Edward Grey’s Iranian Policy, 1906-1912” Assistant Professor, University of South Dakota

JELLISON, KATHERINE
“Entitled to Power: Farm Women and Technology, 1913-1963” Assistant Professor, Ohio University

KAMERICK, KATHLEEN
“This Book of Imagery: Holy Images in Late Medieval England” Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Iowa

STAGGS, KENDALL
“Millionaire Underdogs: The Independent Petroleum Association of America and the Politics of Oil Import Controls, 1921-1941”

1992

DUZINKIEWICZ, JANUSZ
“Fateful Transformations: The Old Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, the Four Years’ Parliament, and the Constitution of May 3, 1791”

JENSEN, KIMBERLY
“Minerva on the Field of Mars: American Women, Citizenship, and Military Service in the First World War” Western Oregon State College

LIU, WENXI
“Property Right, the Land Law, and the English Constitution from the Age of Glencoe to the Age of Bracton” Assistant Professor, Miami University, Ohio

NACHISON, BETH
“Provincial Government in the Ancien Regime: The Princes of Condé in Burgundy, 1669-1730” Assistant Professor, Southern Connecticut State

PHELPS, MARGARET DORSEY
“Idled Outside, Overworked Inside: The Political Economy of Prison Labor during Depressions in Chicago, 1871-1897” Buena Vista College

1993

BAYNTON, DOUGLAS
“Foreigners in Their Own Land: The Cultural Origins of the Campaign against Sign Language in Nineteenth-Century America” Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Iowa

BUCKLIN, STEVEN
“The Wilsonian Legacy in Political Science: Denna F. Fleming, Frederick L. Schuman, and Quincy Wright” Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Iowa

CHILD, BrendA
“A Bitter Lesson: Native Americans and the Government Boarding School Experience, 1890-1940” Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

DIALLO, MAHAMADOU
“Aspects of British-African History as Seen through British Fiction: Colonial and Postcolonial Periods” Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

HALVERSON, JAMES
“Peter Aureol and the Reemergence of Predestinarian Pluralism in Latin Theology, 1317-1344”

HARISON, JOHN CASEY
“Laboring Class, Dangerous Class, Insurgent Class: The Paris Building Trades, 1830-1871” Assistant Professor, Southern Indiana

HENDRICKSON, KENNETH III
“Making Saints: The Role of Religious Pluralism and Tolerance in the Reshaping of the British Army, 1599-1885” Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State
PEABODY, SUE
"‘There are No Slaves in France’: Law, Culture, and Society in Early Modern France, 1685-1789” Assistant Professor, Washington State University at Vancouver

PERLBERG, MARILYN
“Men and Women in Saint-Simonianism: The Union of Politics and Morals”

STEELE, PHYLLIS

WUESCHNER, SILVANO
“Herbert Hoover, Benjamin Strong, and American Monetary Policy, 1917-1928”

1994

DESILIPPE, DENNIS

RESCHLY, STEVEN
“Alternate Dreams and Visions: The Amish Repertoire of Community on the Iowa Prairie, 1840-1910” Assistant Professor, Northeast Missouri State

WEIKART, RICHARD
“Socialist Darwinism: Evolution in German Socialist Thought from Marx to Bernstein” Assistant Professor, California State University, Stanislaus

ZHANG, XIAOMING
“Toward Arming China: United States Arms Sales and Military Assistance, 1921-1941” Assistant Professor, Texas Tech University

FACULTY

DAVID ARKUSH
David Arkush was in China for the academic year 1992-93, working on his project on the mental world of North Chinese villagers in the early 20th century. Mostly he searched for and read locally published collections of folk tales and the like. On several trips to the countryside he also had a great deal of fun videotaping traditional village operas, listening to old storytellers, and observing newly revived temple fairs. This work was carried out in association with the leading group of folklorists in China, at Beijing Normal University, where he lived (in one room, with his wife) and where he had an honorary appointment as a Professor in the Chinese Department! He was thus emboldened to give five scholarly presentations at different universities, speaking in Chinese for the expected two or three hours, a new and somewhat humbling experience.

He has since been back in Iowa occupied with more ordinary pursuits. He is now assistant chair and director of graduate studies. He has been named a corresponding fellow of the Institute for Chinese Folk Culture in Beijing. In the fall and winter of 1994-95 he had a Visiting Scholar from Beijing, the first Chinese PhD in folklore, with him at the University of Iowa for six months of collaboration. His *Land without Ghosts: Chinese Impressions of America from the Mid-Nineteenth Century to the Present* (with Leo O. Lee; University of California Press) has been published in a paperback edition. A collection of his articles in Chinese on folk culture will be out soon in Beijing under the title *Zhongguo minzong sixiang shi lun* (Essays on Chinese popular intellectual history); it also includes a piece about him and his "ideas."

MITCHELL ASH

Mitchell Ash was Visiting Professor in the fall of 1993-1994 at the Institute for Science Studies, University of Vienna. In spring 1994 he completed the second term of a Faculty Scholar Award from the University of Iowa’s College of Liberal Arts while serving as a Visiting Scholar at the Institute for History of Medicine, Free University of Berlin, and at the Research Center for Theory and History of Science, Berlin.


His presentations include "Psychological Research in the GDR: Continuity and Change," presented to a Workshop "Science under Socialism in Comparative Perspec-

He has served on the Forum for History of Human Science, an interest group in the History of Science Society, Chair since 1992, re-elected 1994; Editorial board of Isis, official journal of the History of Science Society; Editorial Board of the German journal Psychologie und Geschichte (Heidelberg).

CONSTANCE H. BERMAN


Her presentations will include talks in Copenhagen, Oxford, London, Cambridge, Leeds, Prague, Paris, and Sioux City during 1995. During 1994, she presented “Bourgeois Money and Cistercian Nuns,” at Robinson College, a Poroi seminar, and a paper in Kalamazoo. In 1993, she gave three papers, a comment for the Quebec Medieval Society, and chaired a session organized by her students at the Berkshire Conference on Women’s History. In 1992, she gave an invited paper in Toronto, and other papers at Oakdale, in Kalamazoo, at the Western French History Society, and for a joint session of the AHA and American Catholic Historical Association annual meetings, Washington, DC.

In addition to serving as summer chair and for two years as the Assistant Chair in the Department, she has been active in the Medieval Studies Guild. She was elected to the nomination committee (chair 1992) for the American Catholic History Association; the Program Committee for the Society for French History; the research committee for an NEH dictionary project and served as a reviewer for the Czech Republic and the Central European University, Budapest.

T. DWIGHT BOZEMAN


He organized a session on “Puritan Radicalism” for the Chicago, 1995 meeting of the American Society of Church History. He is University of Iowa liaison for the Society, and served on the Society’s Albert Outler prize committee (1992-3 [chair, 1993]), its Committee for Research (1993-), and an awards panel for the National Endowment for the Humanities (1994). He received a research fellowship for 1995 from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

KENNETH CMIEL


JEFFREY COX


He has delivered lectures to conferences on "After the Victorians: Private Conscience and Public Duty from the Fin-de-Siècle to the Festival of Britain," at the Center for European Studies, Harvard University; "Feminism, Imperialism, and Race: India and Britain," at the University of Cincinnati; and "Religion and Liberty in Nineteenth Century Europe," at the Center for the Study of Freedom, Washington University. The North American Conference on British Studies invited him to present a plenary lecture at the 1995 Anglo-American Conference of Historians in London.

While serving as chair of the department, he continues work on his book Religion and Imperial Culture in Punjab, 1870-1940.

**SARAH FARMER**

Sarah Farmer received her Ph.D. from the University of California-Berkeley. She was interviewed on French regional television about her newly published book Oudard: Arrêt sur Ménage, which was reviewed in Le Monde.

**LAWRENCE E. GELFAND**


He presented the following papers: "The World War, the Armistice and the Wilsonian Revolution in American Foreign Policy," at Saint Louis University in March, 1993 and "ADMISSION After 75 Years" at the international conference commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Treaty of Versailles of 1919, at Berkeley, California in April 1994.

He participated in the meeting of the American Conference on Irish Studies in Galway, Republic of Ireland, in July, 1992 and the conference, The United States and the Integration of Europe 1945-1960, at the University of Missouri, St. Louis, in October, 1992.

He continues to represent presidents of the University of Iowa on the Board of Directors, Harry S. Truman Library Institute.

**JIM GIBLIN**


He has recently been awarded these fellowships: NEH Summer Stipend, 1994; Grant from CIFRE, University of Iowa, 1993; Grant, Wener-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, 1989; National Institute of Health, Junior Faculty Seed Grant, 1989.

At the Conference on History of Land Use in Africa, held by the African Studies Association and Forest History Society (December 1993), he presented a paper entitled, “How the Politics of Land Use Inform the Study of Disease: The Example of East Coast Fever in Zimbabwe.”

**JONATHAN GOLSTEIN**


His presentations include a lecture to Liberal Arts honors students, fall, 1991, on Solomon’s Law for an activist citizenry; a speech at initiation of members of University of Iowa Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, December 8, 1991; a lecture to Classics Colloquium on the legends about the encounter of the Jews with Alexander the Great, 1992; a lecture to Classics Colloquium on the paintings of the synagogue of Dura-Europos, 1993.

**COLIN GORDON**


PAUL GREENOUGH


He has served as chair, International Health Program, Center for International and Comparative Studies, University of Iowa, 1993-95; chair, review committee for undergraduate history major, 1994; Member, International Strategic Planning group for international studies, University of Iowa, 1994.

CHARLES A. HALE

Since the last newsletter, Charles A. Hale’s book, The Transformation of Liberalism in Late Nineteenth-Century Mexico (Princeton, 1989) was awarded the Herbert E. Bolton Prize by the Conference on Latin American History of the AHA. It also appeared (1991) in a Spanish edition, published by Editorial Vuelta of Mexico City. In 1990 he received the Burlington Northern Foundation Award for excellence in teaching and scholarship from the University of Iowa. In the spring of 1991 he was appointed Visiting (Research) Professor at El Colegio de Mexico, where he began work on his new project, “Liberalism and the Mexican Revolution.” He was awarded an NEH Senior Fellowship in 1992 to continue this work. His 1986 chapter, prepared for the Cambridge History of Latin America, volume 4, was reprinted in Latin America: Economy and Society, 1870-1930 by the Cambridge University Press, and also appeared in Spanish in Historia de la America Latina (Barcelona, Editorial Critica, 1991). The volume he co-edited, Intellectuals and Power in Mexico, papers from the VI Conference of Mexican and US Historians, finally appeared after 10 years, published jointly by UCLA and El Colegio de Mexico (1991). The volume included his paper, “Mexican Political Ideas in Comparative Perspective.” During March and April 1993 he served as Fulbright lecturer at the Universidad de la Republica, Montevideo, Uruguay, and also lectured in Santiago, Chile and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

SARAH HANLEY