Award for 1993. He was honored for Lifetime Service to the Public Humanities, having promoted awareness and understanding of the state’s history and culture as an author, teacher, scholar, and field historian for the State Historical Society of Iowa, which he has served since 1972. Currently Senior Historian at SHSI, he has been a guiding force for local, state, and national organizations, including the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women and the Iowa Chapter of the Victorian Society of America - on whose national board of directors he now serves - as well as numerous local historical societies, museums, and other historical projects in every corner of the state. His work is admired by both the professional community and the general public in Iowa and beyond the borders of the state.

Bill Iles, 1978, is in his 7th year as Director of Alumni Activities for Virginia Commonwealth University and the Medical College of Virginia. He remains tangentially involved in history in several ways. Recently, reconstruction was completed on the MCV Alumni House, a historic building located one block from the White House of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia. The Alumni House had once been owned by Matthew Fontaine Maury, known as the Pathfinder of the Seas, and was reportedly the location of the bathtub in which Maury conducted tests on the underwater torpedo which he is credited with inventing. Reconstructing and furnishing the house within historic preservation guidelines has served up several practical lessons. As an avocation, Bill restores pre-civil war American clocks and time pieces, and is enjoying trying to keep up with cold war historiography.

Jim Roberts, 1979, is Vice Provost for Financial Affairs at Duke University and Adjunct Professor of History. His new squash partner is Michael Schoenbaum, son of David. He remains immensely proud of his Iowa connections and wonders if anybody has yet found the $10 bill tucked inside the bound copy of his dissertation in the library stacks.

Bill Silag, 1979, is editor-in-chief at Iowa State University Press in Ames. He has published two short pieces recently: one, a note on Frederick Jackson Turner and the Columbian Exposition of 1893, for The Palimpsest; the other, a foreword for Robert Walser’s essay collection titled Old Songs in a New Cafe (Warner Books).

Dorothy Schwieder, 1981, recently completed her twenty-eighth year on the History Faculty at Iowa State University. Her most recent book, 75 Years of Service; Cooperative Extension in Iowa, was published in 1993 by Iowa State University Press. She was on Sabbatical during 1993-1994 to complete an historical survey of Iowa history; this book will be published in 1996. During the past five years she has served on the Board of Trustees of the State Historical Society of Iowa and has published several articles on Iowa topics. Last year she received the 1992 Iowa Humanities Board award for Lifetime Service to the Humanities.

David E. Hamilton, 1984, is now an associate professor at the University of Kentucky. His book From New Day to New Deal: American Farm Policies from Hoover to Roosevelt, 1928-1933 won the Theodore Saloutos Prize from the Agricultural History Society in 1992. He was awarded an NEH fellowship for 1992-1993 to work on a biography of the New Deal economist Mordecai Ezekiel. In September of 1993 he delivered a paper on Ezekiel at a conference held at Cambridge University in honor of William Leuchtenburg. He is about to finish—mercifully—a two-year term as director of graduate studies.

Paula Nelson, 1984, has chaired the history department at University of Wisconsin—Platteville since June, 1992. She is associate producer and chief historical advisor for an NEH-funded two-hour documentary, Homestead, currently in production. Paula also serves on the editorial board of North Dakota History and is completing final revisions on her second west river South Dakota book, The Prairie Winnows Out Its Own.

William Dean, 1985, has completed his third year as Chair of the Department of History and Political Science at Olivet Nazarene University, Kankakee, Illinois. The major departmental project initiated by Dr. Dean in the last two years was the search for two new professors to expand the department in order to enhance the program in political theory and third world studies. He continues to participate in the Medici Foundation program, headed by Theodore Rabb of Princeton University, to introduce the PBS “Renaissance” series into small college classrooms. This project reflects Dr. Dean’s commitment to enhanced teaching by the introduction of multimedia resources into the history classroom. He also served as Visiting Professor of History at Nizhyn Pedagogical Institute in Nizhyn, Ukraine, for a month during the summer of 1993.

Evan Thomas, 1986, is Professor of History and Chair of the History Department at Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa. His article on “Collaboration of William I. Thomas and Florian Znaniecki” was published in Polish American Studies (Spring 1992). He teaches a variety of courses: Western civilization, histories of Japan, Mexico, and Russia in the Modern era, and “A History of Women in the Professions.” In May 1994 he participated in a curriculum development institute sponsored by Winona State University and Wisconsin-La Crosse, “Linking the International and Domestic Dimensions of Women’s Issues.”

Brian Strayer, 1987, was granted tenure and full professor status at Andrews University. During his 10 years at Andrews, he has published two books: Lettres d’un cachet and Social Control in the Ancien Régime, 1650-1789.
(Peter Lang Press, 1992) and *Where the Pine Trees Softly Whisper: A History of Union Springs Academy* (Patterson Press, 1993). In addition, he has published three scholarly book reviews, two articles in refereed journals, and read five papers or critiques of papers before the Western Society for French History, Phi Alpha Theta, and the Society for French Historical Studies. At present he is working on a book manuscript entitled "Aliens of the State: Huguenots, Jansenists, and Convulsionaires, 1643-1789." He also serves as secretary of the University Senate and of the steering Committee at Andrews University and teaches a course in Early Modern European History.

John G. Kolp, 1988, recently transferred to a full-time position with the US Naval Academy History Department after serving six years in a joint appointment between the History and Computer Services Departments. His article, "The Dynamics of Electoral Competition in Colonial Virginia," appeared in the October 1992 *William and Mary Quarterly* and a book manuscript, *Elections and the Political Communities of Colonial Virginia,* is scheduled for publication by Johns Hopkins University Press in 1996.

Gayle K. Pluta Brown, 1989, is finishing an appointment for the 1993-94 academic year as Visiting Assistant Professor of History on Miami University's Hamilton campus. Her most recent publication was "The Impact of the Colonial Anti-Catholic Tradition on the Canadian Campaign, 1775-1776," *Journal of Church and State* 35 (Summer 1993):559-75.

Jeff Ostler, 1989 is teaching at the University of Oregon. His book, *Prairie Populism,* was published in 1993. He recently received an NEH fellowship to work on his current project, "The Lakota Ghost Dance and the Massacre at Wounded Knee."

Mansour Bonakdarian, 1991, presented a paper at the conference of the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis at the University of Villanova, entitled "The Iranian Tobacco Protest of 1891-92 as a Turning Point in British Appraisals of Iranian Society." His article on "Edward G. Browne and the Constitutional Struggle in Iran: From Academic Orientalism to Political Activism" appeared in a 1994 issue of the *Journal of Iranian Studies."

Katherine Jellison, 1991, is an assistant professor in the Department of History at Ohio University, where she primarily teaches courses in American women's history. She also serves on the advisory committee of the university's Contemporary History Institute and on the curriculum committee of the Women's Studies Program. She is the author of a recent book, *Entitled to Power: Farm Women and Technology, 1913-1963* (Chapel Hill, 1993) and during the summer of 1994 spoke about her book at Leipzig University in Germany, where she also discussed her current research on the commercialization of American weddings.


Steven J. Bucklin, 1993, has taught at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon the past three years as a part-time Faculty member. Summer 1994 brought an appointment for a foreign policy course at the U of I. His wife Stephanie Bucklin returned to the U of I after serving in the Persian Gulf War for five months and is now with the Parking Administration. His daughter Clare Bucklin, after serving five years in day care and pre-school, began Kindergarten at Coralville Central in August of 1994.

Mahamadou Diallo, 1993, accomplished two major achievements in December of 1993: he received his Ph.D. in History, and his first Driver's License. With one success leading to another, he was thus able, as soon as he returned home to Burkina, Faso, to teach, and he purchased his first car ever (a Peugeot, of course). The turn of the year saw him sitting on top of the world. Soon, however, he suddenly found himself almost at the bottom when, in February, he had an accident (not with the peugeot but with his old motorcycle), and broke his leg in three places. The cast has been removed and he is climbing back to his proper place. Mahamadou says "Fili" to all at the U of I, instructors, personnel and alumni, wherever they may be on this planet.

John Casey Harrison, 1993, was promoted from Instructor to Assistant Professor at the University of Southern Indiana upon receipt of his Ph.D.; he presented a paper at the Western Society for French History (October 1993) and the Indiana Association of Historians (March 1994); he also conducted research in Paris the summer of 1994.

Sue Peabody, 1993, taught for one semester at Marlboro College in Vermont; she began working as a researcher for "Afro-American Religion: A Documentary History Project" at Amherst College, Massachusetts. Her post-doctoral position there has been extended to full-time for another year. Two articles and a book review appeared this spring (*Eighteenth Century Life, The Historian*). She is currently revising her dissertation, "There Are No Slaves in France: Law, Culture, Society in Early Modern France, 1685-1789," for possible publication by Oxford University Press. She will join the faculty of Washington State University in Vancouver, Washington.
Phyllis E. Steele, 1993, surprised everyone and finally finished her dissertation, graduating in August. She is currently working as the corporate archivist for the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, one of the oldest mutual life insurance companies in the United States and one of the few Boston-based corporations to have a professionally staffed archives. Although chartered earlier, the company began doing business in 1844, so this past year, she experienced an epidemic of sesquicentennial fever, as the company’s general agencies across the United States request agency histories, historical exhibits, and historical materials for use in videos, ads, and other marketing pieces applicable to their local regions.

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