

## ***PAST PERFECT***

### News from UIC's History Department

September 2006

*Please welcome:*

The Department welcomes two new members, hired last year: GOSIA FIDELIS in Polish History and RAMA MANTENA in South Asian History. Also welcome is COREY CAPERS, hired a year earlier. Fresh from a postdoc at Cornell, he has arrived to teach Early America, Popular Culture, and Race.

*Departmental and University Graduate Awards and Prizes:*

Deena Allen Award: Mark Bullock

Bentley Gilbert Award: Diane Adams.

Marion Miller Award: Jeff Helgeson and Josh Salzmann

Robert Remini Award: Beth Collins

History of Poland Award: Renee DeBock

Leo Schelbert Teaching Award: Bill Malone and Rebecca Morrow Nye

Leo Schelbert Dissertation Prize: 2002-04: Eva Becsai Kilborn. 2004-06: Cheryl

Ganz  
The Dean's Award, 2006/7: John Reda.

*Outside Research Funding:*

Katie Batza won a Point Foundation Scholarship, one of thirty awarded nationally which provide three years of funding for GLBTQ students and activists working at any level of post-secondary.

Sarah Rose won both a Spencer Foundation Fellowship and a fellowship from the American Association of University Women.

Matt Rothwell won an Albert J. Beveridge Award from the American Historical Association.

John Reda and Josh Salzmann won King Hostick Awards from the Illinois Historical Society.

William Malone received an NSEP Boren Graduate Fellowship to further his research.

*No doubt their home department is entitled to freebies:*

Prof. ERIC ARNESEN and MICHAEL PERMAN have been named OAH lecturers for the current academic year. In this capacity, a history department (etc.) may invite either of

them to give a lecture (one among several categories they have specified) for a set honorarium, which then passes into the coffers of the OAH.

*Books:*

Prof. DEIRDRE N. McCLOSKEY, *The Bourgeois Virtues: Ethics for an Age of Commerce* (University of Chicago, 2006).

*Other News of the UIC History Community:*

Grad student DIANE ADAMS has received a tenure-track appointment to teach World History at Harold Washington College.

Prof. ERIC ARNESEN is back from his Fulbright in Sweden. While most of his news made it through this newsletter's stringent security, all herring was confiscated. He gave lectures at the Université de Toulouse le Mirail, University of Oslo, Växjö University and University of Kalmar (both Sweden), and the Swedish Institute of International Affairs in Stockholm; and a paper on A. Philip Randolph's childhood at a conference at the University of Navarra in Pamplona. He delivered his Fulbright lecture, "From King to Katrina: The Fate of Racial Equality in America," at Uppsala University. He was also interviewed on the history of Labor Day on WGN radio.

He coauthored an introduction to a reprint of Katherine Archibald's 1947 ethnographic work, *Wartime Shipyard: A Study in Social Disunity*, just reissued by the University of Illinois Press. His article "Passion and Politics: Race and the Writing of Working-Class History" appears in the Fall issue of the *Journal of the Historical Society*, and two pieces on "Organized Labor and the Great Migration" and "Strikebreaking" grace the *Greenwood Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration*. Since April he has reviewed five books for the Chicago Tribune, including works of Nicholas Lemann and Simon Schama.

He also served as consulting editor for the April "Roaring Twenties" issue of *Cobblestone* and the March/April "Malcolm X" issue of *Footsteps: African American History*, both children's magazines.

DAVE BECK (PhD, 1994) reports from the University of Montana that his second volume on the Menominees, *The Struggle for Self-Determination, History of the Menominee Indians Since 1854*, won the 2006 Wisconsin Historical Society Book Award. He was the 2006 Donald J. Sterling Jr. Fellow at the Oregon Historical Society, spending the month of

June in Portland and nearby studying Oregon Indian history. And he was promoted to Full Professor. He'll be Acting Chair of Native American Studies for 2006-2007.

In August, DOUG BICKNESE (UIC MA 1995) took over as Regional Archives Director for the National Archives and Records Administration Great Lakes Region. From 1998 to this August he was UIC University Archivist. Two announcements about the Regional Archives' Open House and its program in Medical History (both October 6) are at the bottom of this newsletter.

Prof. JENNIE BRIER's article, "Save Our Kids, Keep AIDS Out: Anti-AIDS Activism and the Legacy of Community Control in Queens, New York," appeared in the Summer 2006 *Journal of Social History*

Dr. ANNETTE CHAPMAN-ADISHO (and the title dates from August!) is now an Assistant Professor in 18th and 19th-century European History at Salem State College, Salem, MA.

Grad student BETH COLLINS won the Alice Dan Award from UIC's Center for Research on Women and Gender.

Prof. JONATHAN DALY published "Police and Revolution," in *The Cambridge History of Russia*, vol. 2: 1689-1917, ed. Dominic Lieven (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

In April, Prof. RICK FRIED gave a public lecture on "America's Golden West: Myths and Reality" under the auspices of the US Embassy in Hanoi. Since his remarks were translated into Vietnamese, gag lines garnered separate chuckles in each language.

CHERYL R. GANZ (Ph.D., 2006) is the newly "moistened" ("minted"??; certainly not "cancelled") Curator of Philately at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum. She is a co-organizer of the Winton M. Blount Symposium on Postal History, November 3-4, 2007, in Washington DC. For the schedule of events please visit: <http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/blount/symposium.html> .

Prof GEORGE HUPPERT survived a sabbatical in France, where he found himself, not for the first time, surrounded by student revolutionaries who closed down universities and high schools in most of the major cities. The June issue of the *Journal of the Historical Society* includes a classic, forgotten essay, originally published in *Annales* in 1936, now introduced and translated by George: it is viewable in the front office.

Prof. RICHARD JOHN is a fellow at the American Bar Foundation this fall. Last June, he gave a paper on American telecommunications in the Progressive Era at the Policy History Conference in Charlottesville, Virginia, and at the Business History Conference in Toronto. In August, he gave a paper on postal networks in a session he organized at the International Economic History Conference in Helsinki.

Prof ROBERT JOHNSTON will be editor of volume 4 of the *Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History* (Congressional Quarterly Press), covering 1878-1921. He welcomes volunteers to write entries! This summer he took part in a conference "How College History Departments Can Produce the Best K-12 History Teachers" sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation and the University of Virginia, where UIC's Teaching of History program was held up as a model for teacher preparation at a research university. He was an instructor in a Terra Foundation "Teacher Lab" to help Chicago Public School Teachers better integrate art into the curriculum. He consulted on creating a history MAT program at Cal State-Sacramento. He presented "The Radical Middle Class in American History: John Brown, Martin Luther King, and . . . Harry Lane" to Oakland public school teachers in a Teaching American History grant-funded program.

Grad student JOE LAPSLEY's article "Heterosexist Liberalism: The NIMH Task Force Report on Homosexuality, 1969-72" has been accepted by the journal *Left History* for its fall special issue on the politics of masculinity studies.

Prof. RICHARD S. LEVY received news that his *Antisemitism: Historical Encyclopedia of Prejudice and Persecution* (2 v., Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2005), has won three awards for 2005: Best Reference Title, from Library Journal; Outstanding Academic Title, CHOICE; and Editors' Choice, Booklist. Non-monetary awards, alas, he notes.

Prof. GEORGE PABIS (Ph.D., 1996) and his wife Shelli celebrated the birth of their first child, Aidan Miles Pabis on Aug. 25. George was selected to be an IT Scholar at Georgia Perimeter College for the current academic year, giving him release time to work with

historians and technology experts to develop hybrid courses for GPC, a mixture of online material using WebCT Vista and traditional classroom techniques.

Prof. DOMINIC A. PACYGA (Ph.D. 1981) has been named Acting Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Columbia College/Chicago for the 2006-07 academic year.

TIA PARKS, daughter of the Department's own Mary Parks and a Deans List Graduate of UIC with a BA in English, Pre-Law and History, was accepted by and is now attending Washington University Law School in St Louis.

Professor (and Associate Director of the Teaching of History program) JULIE PETERS was interviewed in the September 10 *Chicago Tribune* regarding the teaching of "9-11."

Grad student MATT POPOVICH received a grant from the Richard S. Brownlee Fund, provided by the State Historical Society of Missouri. Matt is researching the 1876 St. Louis Scheme and Charter Plan that allowed St. Louis to secede from its respective county.

Prof. MARGARET POWER (Ph.D., 1997), currently on sabbatical researching the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party, has published "La mujer conservadora en Brasil y Chile," in *\_Historia de las Mujeres en España y America Latina\_* (Madrid: Editorial Catedra, 2006); and "Right-Wing Men in Chile," in *\_Third World Men: An Anthology\_*, ed. Adam Jones (London: Zed Press, 2006).

Grad student JOSH SALZMAN presented the paper "The Geography of Jurisprudence: Public Lands for Private Profits, Illinois Central v. Illinois (1892)" at the Business History Conference in Toronto.

Prof. GREG SCHNEIDER (Ph.D., 1996) of Emporia State University was appointed a senior fellow with the Flint Hills Center for Public Policy, a Kansas-based think tank focusing on Medicaid, education and tax reform.

Prof. JAMES SEARING's chapter, "The Time of Conversion: Christians and Muslims among the Sereer-Safen of Senegal, 1914-1950s," appears in Benjamin Soares (ed.), *Muslim Christian Encounters in Africa* (Brill, 2006), a volume in the "Islam in Africa" series. His "Islam, Slavery and Jihad in West Africa," was published in *History Compass* (July 2006), an online refereed journal. In April he commented on the panel "Shaping a Colonial Capital: Cultural and Urban Developments in Dakar, 1920-1960" at the Society for French Historical Studies Annual Meeting in Urbana.

Prof. DAN SMITH published an extended review of Arland Thornton's *Reading History Sideways: The Fallacy and Enduring Impact of the Developmental Paradigm on Family Life* in the August 2006 issue of the *International Review of Social History*.

Grad student ERIC SMITH reports a very busy July. His wife Mireia and he welcomed their baby girl, Aina Smith-Valls, born July 11, to the UIC History family. With in-law back-up, he was able to go to Bristol, England, to present the paper "Democracy and Fascism in the American mind: United Front politics and the Spanish Civil War." The jefe of the conference ("War Without Limits: Spain, 1936-39 and Beyond") also drafted him to facilitate a panel on "The Red Terror."

Prof. MAREK SUSZKO (Ph.D., 2004) has accepted a position in Polish and Eastern European History at Loyola University, Chicago.

Prof. BEN WHISENHUNT (Ph.D. 1997) of the College of Du Page, will spend the fall 2006 semester teaching on a Fulbright Award at Ryazan' State University in Ryazan', Russia. He is the first Fulbright Scholar to be assigned to Ryazan', which is about 120 miles SE of Moscow.

Prof. ANDREW WIEST (Ph.D. 1990), University of Southern Mississippi, spent last year as Visiting Professor at the US Air Force Air War College in Montgomery, AL. Just released is his edited book: *Rolling Thunder in a Gentle Land: The Vietnam War Revisited*, (Osprey, 2006) His chapter in it is titled "An American War?" He gave several conference papers: two on World War I (at the International Conference on the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme at the University of Kent and before the Society

for Military History in Manhattan, Kan.); and at the Vietnam Center of Texas Tech University, "ARVN Put to the Test: Reflections on Operation Lam Son 719."

Prof. JACKIE WOLF (PhD, 1998) of Ohio University delivered the talk "From Ether to Epidural: The Portrayal of Obstetric Anesthesia in the Lay Press," before the American Association for the History of Medicine in Halifax in May. She also was invited to speak to the annual La Leche League Physicians' seminar in San Diego in July on "Inventing Lactation Pathology." She's about to start filming the fifth season of her local PBS show, Health Vision, about contemporary topics in health and medicine.

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