

HISTORY NEWS

THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

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The Department Plans Ph.D. and Welcomes New Faculty Members

If you compare this newsletter with the one you received last spring, you will see that the headline has not changed, which suggests that “you can’t teach old dogs new tricks” or at least that “history repeats itself.”

The Board of Regents Education Committee discussed our Ph.D. proposal in November but will not make a recommendation to the full Board until May or June. We have provided the Provost and Chancellor with all the information they have requested in order to lobby the Regents, and we remain cautiously optimistic about the outcome.

You may remember that Carlos Galvao-Sobrinho, Genevieve McBride, and Aims McGuinness joined the Department in 2001 and that three more historians, hired last spring, will join us this fall: Carl Nightingale, Robert Self, and Baki Tezcan. We have hired five additional faculty members this year, for a grand total of eleven over the last two years. We are excited not only about the quantity but also about the quality of our new colleagues, who have outstanding research and teaching credentials.

Douglas Howland, currently Associate Professor at DePaul University, will be our first Buck Professor of Chinese History. He received his B.A. from Wayne State University and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Doug has published *Borders of Chinese Civilization: Geography and History at Empire’s End* and *Translating the West: Language and Political Reason in Nineteenth-Century Japan* and is now working on “John Stuart Mill in East Asia: The Individual and the Group in China and Japan.”

William Jones, currently Assistant Professor of History at Rutgers University, received his B.A. from Northwestern University and his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He has a book under contract with the University of Illinois Press: *The Tribe of Black Ulysses: African American Men in the Industrial South*. Will will teach our two-semester survey of African American history and courses for the new Cultures and Communities program.

Stephen Meyer, currently Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and Chair of the department there, received his B.A. from the State University of New York-Stony Brook and his Ph.D. from Rutgers University. He has published *The Five Dollar Day: Labor Management and Social Control in the Ford Motor*

Company, 1908-1921 and “*Stalin over Wisconsin: The Making and Unmaking of Militant Unionism, 1900-1950*.” Steve is now working on “Bearing Manliness: Masculine Culture on the Automotive Shop Floor, 1910-1970” and will teach a new course on the history of manhood in the U.S. for us.

Cary Miller received her B.A. from the University of Iowa and will receive her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill this spring. Her dissertation is entitled “False Prophets: Ojibwe Encounters with Missionaries from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 1825-1855.” Cary will teach our two-semester survey of and other courses on Native American history.

Daniel Sherman, formerly Professor of History at Rice University, is the new Director of the Center for Twenty-First-Century Studies. He received his B.A. from Harvard University and his Ph.D. from Yale University. Dan has published *Worthy Monuments: Art Museums and the Politics of Culture in Nineteenth-Century France* and *The Construction of Memory in Interwar France*. He is now working on French constructions of primitive “others,” 1945-75.

On the first Friday of the month during the Fall and Spring semesters, the Department meets to transact business. On the second Friday we listen to and talk about work in progress, and you are welcome to join us. Our new departmental colloquium series included Amanda Seligman, Victor Greene, and Margo Anderson last semester and includes David Buck, Neal Pease, and several current graduate students this semester.

Last but not least, in collaboration with the Wisconsin Historical Society, we sponsored the first southeastern Wisconsin regional National History Day. On 9 March more than 75 middle and high school students presented papers, displays, videos, and performances addressing this year’s theme: Reform, Revolution, Reaction. The winners are eligible for the State competition in April. We thank Ellen Langill for organizing the event and the faculty members and graduate students who helped to make it a success.

David Buck Retires and the Buck Professorship Is Established



David Buck received his B.A. and Ph. D. from Stanford University, with an M.A. from Harvard University in between. He joined the Department as an Instructor in 1969 and was subsequently appointed Assistant Professor in 1972, then promoted to Associate Professor in 1977 and Full Professor in 1988. He chaired the Department from 1978 to 1981. Over the years he has served the Department, the College, the University, the community, and the profession in many capacities.

David published *Urban Change in China: Politics and Development in Tsinan, Shantung (1890-1949)* in 1978 and has published many articles, essays, and reviews since. He also edited *Archeological Explorations at the Ancient Capital of Lu at Qufu in Shandong Province* (1986) and *Recent Chinese Studies of the Boxer Movement* (1987). He hopes to complete a book about the international tea trade in the next few years.

David has played a major role in the field of Asian Studies on and off campus. On campus, he not only organized the Asian Studies certificate program but also served as Associate Director of the UW-Milwaukee and Madison Joint Center for International Studies (1991-99) and Director of the Institute of World Affairs (1997-99). Off campus, he has been a member of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations since 1988 and served as chair of the Wisconsin China Council (1978-88), editor of the *Journal of Asian Studies* (1990-95), and president of the Midwest Conference on Asian Studies (1999-2000). During the last thirty years, David has not only traveled extensively through but also led tours in several East Asian countries.

David and his wife Diane will spend more time in Colorado, Oregon, and Hawaii, where they have family connections, but they will continue to reside in Shorewood. They have two sons (Douglas, a lawyer in Chicago, and Andrew, a sociologist on the academic job market) and two grand-daughters. Thanks to the generosity of David's mother Mildred, the Department now has a named professorship: the David D. Buck Professorship of Chinese History. We thank her for giving tangible form to our respect for and gratitude to David for 32 years of service to UWM.

Faculty News

WIP = Work in progress

Margo Anderson assumed the responsibilities of

Director of the Urban Studies Program in the Fall. WIP: the abuse of statistics for human rights violations.

Mark Bradley received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for 2002-3. WIP: the global history of human rights.

Martha Carlin developed a new course on Food in History. WIP: *Food and Work in Medieval England*.

Michael Dintenfass published an article entitled "Modernity, Community and History: Narratives of Innovation in the British Coal Industry." WIP: a history of Western Civilization centered on readings of the idea of vanity.

Bruce Fetter gave half a dozen lectures on campus. WIP: the role of human initiative in mortality reduction.

Carlos Galvao-Sobrinho joined the Department last summer and taught Roman history this year. WIP: *The Rise of the Christian Bishop: Doctrine and Power in the Later Roman Empire, A.D. 318-380*.

Michael Gordon received the 2001 Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Humanities Scholarship. WIP: Italian anarchists in Milwaukee, labor and civil rights attorney William Rubin of Milwaukee.

Victor Greene negotiated a faculty exchange in American Studies between UWM and Charles University in Prague. WIP: Tin Pan Alley and ethnic groups.

Anne Hansen is developing new courses on world religions and religious pluralism. WIP: *Cambodian Buddhism, 1860-1930: Buddhist Values and Identity in Colonial Cambodia*.

David Hoeveler taught a summer course for Milwaukee area high school teachers of Advanced Placement U.S. history. WIP: *Darwin in America: Adventures of an Idea*.

Glen Jeanson was elected to the Company of Fellows of the Louisiana Historical Association in recognition of lifetime contributions to the history and culture of the state. WIP: *A Time of Paradox: America since 1890*.

Marc Levine directs the Center for Economic Development, the Consortium for Economic Opportunity, and the Center for Canadian-American Policy Studies. WIP: *The Rise and Fall of an Urban Renaissance: Baltimore and the Decline of the American City*.

Genevieve McBride is a member of the Board of Curators of the Wisconsin Historical Society. WIP: an anthology of Wisconsin women's history.

Aims McGuinness joined the Department last summer and taught global history this year. WIP: *The California in Panama: Race, Labor, and U.S. Empire in the Making of Two Americas*.

Jeffrey Merrick published *Homosexuality in French History and Culture* (co-edited with Michael Sibalis). WIP: domestic conflicts and political culture in eighteenth-century France.



Neal Pease spoke about English Catholic Views of Poland at the March colloquium.

Neal Pease is a member of the Professor Baseball group involved in UWM's partnership with the Milwaukee Brewers. WIP: church-state relations in Poland.

Helena Pycior received the Above and Beyond Award from the Student Accessibility Center and was one of five Center Scholars in Teaching and Learning at the Center for Instructional and Professional Development, 2001-2. WIP: *History of Race, Science, and Medicine in the United States*.

Lex Renda chairs the UWM Chapter of The Association of Wisconsin Professionals. WIP: abolition of imprisonment for debt in the U.S.

Joseph Rodriguez and his coauthors won the Milwaukee County Historical Society's Grambrinus Prize for *Nuestro Milwaukee*. WIP: Affirmative Action and U.S. cities.

Ronald Ross chairs the UWM Honorary Degrees Committee this year. WIP: prisons and prisoners in nineteenth-century Germany.

Kristin Ruggiero directs the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, which received a Title VI grant for three years. WIP: *In Hostage to the Body: Medicine, Law and Society in Argentina, 1850-1920*.

Sylvia Schafer was appointed to the organizing committee of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities. WIP: *Liberty, Equality, Alterity: Governmentality and Difference in Modern France*.

John Schroeder published *Matthew C. Perry: Antebellum Sailor and Diplomat*. WIP: Commodore John Rodgers (1773-1838).

Amanda Seligman is a Faculty Fellow at the Center for Twenty-First-Century Studies this year. WIP: *Block by Block: Confronting Neighborhood Decay and Racial Change in Postwar Chicago*.

Philip Shashko coedited *American Travel Narratives on Nineteenth-Century Bulgaria*. WIP: editions of the diaries of Emily Smythe (1876-7) and Albert Sonnichsen (1906).

Merry Wiesner-Hanks published *Gender in History and Lives and Voices: A Sourcebook on European Women* (coedited with Lisa DiCaprio). WIP: *The Cambridge History of Europe*, vol. 3: *Early Modern Europe, 1450-1789*.

Alumni News

Class of '58

Thomas Pettey is the president of Glenbard Graphics, Inc. in Carol Stream, IL. He and his wife Char have four children and three grandchildren.

Thomas Rondeau, retired, taught Social Studies at Wauwatosa East H.S. for 33 years.

Class of '61

Robert Zoker is retired.

Class of '63

Monte Sanders, retired, worked for the U.S. Department of Transportation as a Railroad Safety Specialist for 31 years. He has a son and a daughter.

Class of '65

Kenneth Kopydlowski is a public school History and Special Education teacher, instructor at Moraine Park Technical College, and ordained deacon in the Catholic Church.

Neal Lebow, retired, taught History at UW-Marathon County. He and his wife Avis have two sons, Peter and Mark.

Linda Guthrie Mitrovich has elementary teaching credentials in California

Robert Witas, retired from the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, is a member of the Milwaukee Press Club Hall of Fame. He has a daughter, Sue, and a son, Michael.

Class of '67

George Chalustowski, a member of the U. S. Department of Defense Chief Language Support Team, spent 9 months in Bosnia and then transferred to Germany for a 3-year tour of duty.

Patricia Spira is the president of the International Ticketing Association in New York.

Class of '68

Robert Lehninger teaches Social Studies at Wisconsin Lutheran H.S. He and his wife Nancy have three daughters: Robin, 13; Kimmi, 11; and Liza, 7.

Mavis Luther is the Manager of Human Resource Consulting for Wipfli, CPAs and Consultants, in Milwaukee.

James Prindl is a Professional Sales Representative for Reliant Pharmaceuticals in Liberty Corner, NJ. He has twin sons born last year.

Class of '69

Lawrence Gerue, retired, taught at Greenfield H.S. and worked for the Wisconsin Education Association Council.



Patricia Gardner (MA 2000) and her students participated in the National History Day competition on March 9.

Steven Stearns, CMSgt in the Air National Guard, edited *Through Airmen's Eyes*, which will be published this year.

Bruce Zimmerman owns The Maids Home Services in Lake County, IL. His first grandchild was born last year.

Class of '70

Miguel Prohaska has taught elementary school teacher for the Toronto Catholic District School Board since 1975. He is married and has two children.

Class of '71

Thomas Buchanan, attorney at law, is Assistant Grand Jury Prosecutor for Portage County. He and his wife Patti have three children: Alison, 18; Erica, 15; and Philip, (13).

Barbara Howe is the Director of the Center for Women's Studies at West Virginia University.

Bernie Kiefer works for West Bend Co. He functions as the company's unofficial historian having collected a large assortment of small kitchen appliances.

Class of '72

Paul Chase is the Dean of UW-Barron County.

James Crum, Assistant Director, Division of Insurance, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, coauthored a series of articles on cyber-insurance. His two daughters, Rebecca and Kathryn, were married in 2000 and 2001.

Class of '73

Francis Orval is the president of American Insurance Specialists, Inc. In Waukesha.

Class of '75

Roberta Kies Andrijasevic is a Library Media Assistant for Fox Point-Bayside school district. She has a daughter, Anna, in middle school and a son, Adrian, in college.

Class of '76

Gary Keller, Assistant Professor of Business and Management at Cardinal Stritch University, is the president of Keller Management Services in Milwaukee.

David Thornton is the president of Big Systems, Inc. in Butler and has won 3 "Dealer of the Year" awards from the digital graphics industry. He and his wife have two daughters, one of whom is a first-year student at UW-LaCrosse.



National History Day competition in Greene Hall

Class of '77

Kelly Wright is retired.

Class of '79

Diane Ahmad is Assistant Professor of History and Political Science at the University of Missouri-Rolla and received UMR's Outstanding Teacher Award for 2000-2001.

Jennifer Doyle, lecturer on surgery at Harvard Medical School, is Director of Educational Development and Evaluation for the Departments of Surgery and Graduate Medical Education, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

Class of '80

Alexander Rassogianis works for the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs in Chicago.

Tim John, president of Blue Mound Graphics, Inc. in Wauwatosa, is writing a book on the Miller Brewery family. He and his wife have three children.

Class of '83

Robert Olwell is Associate Professor of History at the University of Texas-Austin. His wife, Julie Hardwick, who received her M.A. in history from UWM in 1986 has joined the same department.

Class of '84

Judith Simonsen, retired from the Milwaukee County Historical Society, lectures on Victorian architecture and decoration.

Class of '85

Michael Lange, Vice-President and Editor-in-Chief for Science, Engineering, and Mathematics with McGraw-Hill, is restoring the David Henderson House in Dubuque, IA.

Dean Marlowe, Jr., is the president of the South Milwaukee Historical Society Museum. He and his wife Louise have two children: Nathan, 14, and Natalie, 12.

Class of '88

Sarah Filzen's M.S. thesis on "The History of Cuca Records, 1959-1973" is available in electronic form at <http://libtext.library.wisc.edu/FilznHCuca>.

Stephen Proe is an attorney for State Auto Insurance Company in Middleburg Heights, OH. He and his wife Jennifer have two daughters, Olivia and Emma, born in 1999 and 2001.

Gregory Reischl teaches U.S. and World History at Washington H.S. in Racine. His oldest child, Elizabeth, is a first-year student at UWM.

Scott Wibbert is an admissions coordinator at the University of Maryland University College.

Class of '89

David Bevesek co-owns of Bevesek-Verbick Funeral Home in West Allis, BMW Funeral Services, FAD Inc. Holding Company, and Corinthian Acquisitions.

Brian Eglash is the Director of Allocations and Overseas Operations for the United Jewish Federation in Pittsburgh. He and his wife Rachel have a daughter, Daniella, 5, and a son, Yoni, 3.

Jane Pieplow is the Director of the Churchill County Museum and Archives in Fallon, NV and a member of the board of directors of the Nevada Humanities Committee.

Class of '90

Kevin Prom is a 737-800 First Officer with American Airlines in Chicago. He has three children: Aly, 15; Jake, 8; and Emily, 5.

Class of '92

Mark Graves has been a purchasing agent at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital for 11 years. He and his wife Sharon have two children: Paul, 12; and Melissa, 9.

Class of '93

Paul Geib is a Performance Auditor for Milwaukee Public Schools. He has a daughter, Lara, 4, and a son, John, 1.

Tammy (Schindel) McCormack is the Human Resources Director for Michael Best & Friedrich, Attorneys at Law in Milwaukee. She is expecting her first child in June.

Steven Myers has a son, Jacob, 6.

Class of '94

Maureen Powless is the Head of the Personnel Department at Golda Meir Library.

Class of '95

Claire Anderson is the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for St. Robert Catholic Church in Shorewood.

Nicola (Ciarro) Leather, a Special Education teacher at Nicolet H.S., will open a charter school for students with learning differences. She and her husband Bryan have four children: Melanie, 12; Sarah, 10; Dillon, 6; and Ian, 1.

Alexander Prusin has a tenure-track position at the New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology, where he teaches Russian, Eastern European and World History.

Class of '96

Gina Radandt is a curator at the Kenosha Public Museum.

Michael Telzrow is the Curator of History at the Neville Public Museum of Brown County. He is married and has two children.



Teaching Assistants Michelle Schmidt, Tamara Lange, Rain Spaulding, Jon Boche, Stacy Smith, Russ Horton, Susan Horan, Mark Mulder, Elaine Schneider, Ted Mell

Class of '97

Elizabeth Stoneburner, office manager in the corporate office of a private label bakery, volunteers at the Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest.

Michael Tiefel is an Intelligence Officer at the Naval Air Station on Whidbey Island, WA. He and his wife Tamara have a young daughter and son.

Class of '98

Steve Eichstaedt is currently in his second year at the Marquette University Law School.

Class of '99

Amy Hefter is a librarian for the Milwaukee Office of City Clerk, Legislative Reference Bureau.

Class of '00

Jim Doucette teaches AP U.S. History and Practical Law at Franklin H.S. He and his wife have two children: Casey, 10; and Kayla, 7.

Sarah Stern is a plumbing and heating sales representative for Midwest Sales and Marketing, Inc. in Sussex.

Graduate Awards

A.T Brown Thesis Award: Susan Listwan,
“Marshall's Mission to China: America's Last Attempt to Revive the Open Door”

A.T. Brown Seminar Paper Award: Daniel Bartlett,
“The 20th Ward in the 1910 Milwaukee Mayoral Election”

Undergraduate Award

McGovern Undergraduate Research Paper Award:
Stacy Ann Klosiewski,

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