

# HISTORY NEWS

THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

Spring 2003

## Department Implements Ph.D. Program

Thanks in no small part to the visible and vocal support of Provost John Wanat and Chancellor Nancy Zimpher, the Board of Regents approved our Ph.D. program in November. We have held several meetings for prospective students and have received our first completed applications. For more information about the program, which includes concentrations in global history, urban history, and modern studies, please visit our website: <http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/History>

We have welcomed a large number of new faculty members this year: **William Jones, Stephen Meyer, Cary Miller, Robert Self, and Daniel Sherman** in August, and



Will Jones, Cary Miller, Robert Self, Carl Nightingale and Steve Meyer

**Douglas Howland** in January. Visiting Associate Professor **Carl Nightingale** from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst is spending the academic year with us. Visiting Assistant Professor **Stepanka Magstadtova** from Charles University in Prague is teaching our course on Immigrant America this semester.



Doug Howland, Dan Sherman and Stepanka Magstadtova

Two additional faculty members will join us in August and provide coverage in several curricular areas. **Jasmine Alinder**, who received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, will teach courses on public history and visual culture. She has a Woodrow Wilson Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities at California State University-Los Angeles this year and is completing revisions on her book manuscript on photographic representations of Japanese American Incarceration during World War II. **Ellen Amster** will complete her dissertation (*Medicine and Sainthood: Islamic Science, French Colonialism, and the Politics of Healing in Morocco, 1877-1935*) and receive her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania this Spring. She will teach courses on Islamic and Middle Eastern history.

**Kevin Murphy** won the A.T. Brown Award for Best Graduate Thesis for "The Fenian Brotherhood and Anglo-American Diplomacy Following the Civil War." **Michelle Boyle** won the Theodore Saloutos Award for the Best Thesis Proposal for "Alternative Agriculture in the United States, 1930-2002: Development and Impact."

**Daniel Bartlett** won the A.T. Brown Award for Best Graduate Paper for “Stinky Cheese: An Examination of the Role of Ethnicity in the Development of Green County’s Swiss and Limburger Cheese Industry.”

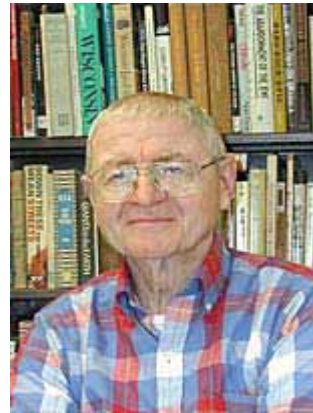
Our monthly departmental colloquium is in its second year, with presentations by Jeff Merrick, Steve Meyer, Bruce Fetter, Carlos Galvao-Sobrinho, Genni McBride, and graduate students Elaine Hronick and Stacy Smith. We will include the schedule of speakers for 2003-4 in the questionnaire mailed to alumni in August, so that those of you who live in the Milwaukee area can join us if you like.

On 8 March, in collaboration with the Wisconsin Historical Society, we will sponsor the second annual southeastern Wisconsin regional History Day, organized by Ellen Langill. Middle and high school students will present papers, displays, videos, and performances on this year’s theme: Rights and Responsibilities in History. The winners will be eligible for the State competition in April.

## Victor Greene Retires

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Our colleague and friend Victor Greene received his B.A. from Harvard University, M.A. from the University of Rochester, and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. After teaching at Kansas State University, he joined the UWM Department of History as an Associate Professor in 1971 and was promoted to Full Professor in 1977. He has published many articles and five books: *The Slavic Community on Strike: Immigrant Labor in Pennsylvania Anthracite* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1968); *For God and Country: Polish and Lithuanian Ethnic Consciousness in America* (Society Press, 1975); *American Immigrant Leaders, 1800-1910: Marginality and Identity* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1987); *A Passion for Polka: Old Time Ethnic Music in America* (University of California Press, 1992); and *A Singing Ambivalence: Immigrant Songs*, forthcoming from Kent State University Press.



Victor Greene

Vic has received a long list of awards and accumulated a distinguished record of academic and community service. He won a National Humanities Institute fellowship in 1975-6 and a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship in 1987-8. He has held visiting appointments in Germany, England, China, and Poland. Vic founded the UWM Ethnic Studies program and played an instrumental role in the establishment of the UWM faculty exchange with Charles University in Prague. He was President of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society in 1985-8 and has served on the editorial boards of the *Journal of American Ethnic History* and *Polish American Studies* and on the executive boards of the Wisconsin Labor History Society, Wisconsin Society for Jewish Learning, Ko-Thi African Dance Troupe, International Institute of Wisconsin, and Milwaukee County Historical Society.

Vic and his wife Laura have two children: Geoffrey, in the Washington DC area, and Jessica, in Milwaukee. Vic will continue his research on metropolitan folk festivals, assimilation, and urban identity, but we will miss the sound of lively music emanating from his office!

## Faculty News

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**Margo Anderson**, Director of the Urban Studies Program, is a member of the Executive Council of the Social Science

History Association. She coauthored an article on “The 2000 Census: Litigation, Results, and Implications.” WIP: the politics of statistics in U.S. history.

**Mark Bradley**, Book Review Editor of the *Journal of Asian Studies*, received the Harry J. Benda Prize from the Association of Asian Studies and coedited *Truth Claims: Representation and Human Rights*. WIP: global histories of the Vietnam wars and human rights.

**Martha Carlin** is the editor of the Hambledon Press book series on Daily Life in Medieval Europe. WIP: food and work in medieval England; medieval household technologies.

**Michael Dintenfass** will join the Department of History at the University of Connecticut in the Fall.

**Bruce Fetter**, Vice President of the Friends of the Golda Meir Library, coauthored an article on “Performance-Based Contracting in Wisconsin Public Health: Transforming State-Local Relations.” WIP: the role of human initiative in mortality reduction.

**Carlos Galvao-Sobrinho**, a Fellow in the UWM Center for 21st-Century Studies this year, published an article on “Autocratie, ressentiment, et engagement dans le haut empire romain.” WIP: Christian bishops in the 4th century; poverty in the late Roman Empire.

**Michael Gordon**, Director of Graduate Studies and Coordinator of the Public History specialization, is involved in projects with several community groups. WIP: anarchism in Milwaukee, 1917.

**Victor Greene** published an article on “Singing Ambivalence: Chinese Immigrants to America” and has a book in press on American immigrant songs, 1830-1930. He will retire from UWM after the Spring semester.

**Anne Hansen**, a Fellow in the UW-Madison Institute for Research in the Humanities this year, published an article on “Story and World: The Ethics of Moral Vision in the *Gatilok* of Ukna Suttantaprija Ind.” WIP: Cambodian Buddhism, 1860-1930.

**David Hoeverler** published *Creating the American Mind: Intellect and Politics in the Colonial Colleges* and is involved in a School of Education project to enhance elementary and middle school teacher preparation. WIP: Darwin in America.

**Douglas Howland** joined the Department this Spring as the first David Buck Professor of History and is teaching courses on Asian history. WIP: translations and adaptations of John Stuart Mill in China and Japan.

**Glen Jeansonne**, editor of the M. E. Sharpe series on The Right in America, published an article on “Gerald L. K. Smith: From Wisconsin Roots to National Notoriety.” WIP: a synthetic account of U.S. history since 1890.

**William Jones**, a member of the Board of Directors of the Labor and Working-Class History Association, joined the Department in the Fall and is teaching courses on Multicultural America and African American History. WIP: African American men in the industrial South.

**Marc Levine**, Director of the Center for Economic Development, published three policy papers about economic issues in Milwaukee and worked with or spoke to three dozen community organizations, government agencies, and local institutions.

**Genevieve McBride**, a Fellow in the UWM Cultures and Communities program, co-taught the new interdisciplinary course on Multicultural America with faculty from the Department of English. WIP: anthology of sources on Wisconsin women’s history.

**Aims McGuinness**, a Fellow at the Huntington Library in San Marino CA this Spring, coedited *Societies After Slavery*, an annotated bibliography of sources from the Americas and Africa. WIP: connections

**Jeffrey Merrick**, Chair, published articles on same-sex relations in 18th-century Parisian police records and coorganized the annual meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies. WIP: family, gender, and sexuality in 18th-century French political culture.

**Stephen Meyer** joined the Department last Fall, taught a new course on Manhood in America, and published several articles on U.S. labor history in the 1940s and 50s. WIP: the masculine cultures of U.S. auto workers, 1910-70.

**Cary Miller** is a member of the UW System Native American Studies Consortium, which will develop standards for the delivery of Native American Studies degree program and explore the use of Native American pedagogical models in higher education.

**Neal Pease**, Director of Undergraduate Studies and interim Coordinator of the Ethnic Studies Program, published an article on "Diamonds out of the Coal Mines: Slavic Americans in Baseball." WIP: church-state relations in Poland, 1918-39.

**Helena Pycior**, a Fellow in the UWM Center for 21st-Century Studies this year, gave talks about her research on presidential pets and her experience in teaching a large, cultural diversity course in History. WIP: history of race, science, and medicine in the U.S.

**Lex Renda**, on sabbatical in the Fall, published an article on "'A White Man's State in New England': Race, Party, and Suffrage in Civil War Connecticut." WIP: abolition of debtors' prisons in the U.S.

**Joseph Rodriguez**, interim Chair of Spanish and Portuguese, a member of the Wisconsin Humanities Council Board, organized a

conference on "Border Cities/Border Cultures." WIP: history of Latinos in Wisconsin; edited collection of papers from the conference.

**Ronald Ross** has chaired the departmental Graduate Affairs Committee for the last two years, during the implementation of the Ph.D. program. He will retire from UWM after the Fall semester. WIP: prisons and prisoners in 19th-century Germany.

**Kristin Ruggiero**, Director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, published an article on "The Devil and Modernity in Late 19th-Century Buenos Aires." WIP: medicine, law, and society in turn-of-the-century Argentina.

**John Schroeder**, a member of the Wisconsin Historical Society Board of Curators, won the John Lyman Book Award and the Theodore and Franklin D. Roosevelt Naval History Prize for his biography of Matthew Perry. WIP: Commodore John Rodgers, 1773-1838.

**Robert Self** joined the Department last Fall and is teaching courses on U.S. urban history. He coauthored an article on "The Power of Place: Race, Political Economy, and Identity in the Postwar Metropolis." WIP: 1968 in U.S. history and global perspective.

**Amanda Seligman**, co-coordinator of the Urban Studies Reading Group, has been involved in the development of a Community Organizing certificate program. WIP: neighborhood decay and racial change in postwar Chicago.

**Philip Shashko** published an article entitled "From Primitive Rebels to Conscious Revolutionaries: The Macedonian Struggle as a Social Movement." WIP: Liuben Karavelov on Bulgarian-Romanian cooperation; young emigrants from Greece, 1947-89.

**Daniel Sherman**, Director of the Center for 21st-Century Studies, won the Lawrence Wylie Prize for his book on *The Construction*

*of Memory in Interwar France*. WIP: French constructions of the primitive against the background of decolonization.

**Merry Wiesner-Hanks**, Director of the Center for Women's Studies, coedited *Ages of Woman, Ages of Man: Sources on European Social History, 1250-1750* and several articles on women's history. WIP: Cambridge History of Europe volume on early modern Europe.

## **Alumni News**

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### **Class of '66**

**James Behling**, Vice President for Investments at Salomon Smith Barney in West Des Moines, reminds us that the study of history cultivates skills that can lead to success in the business world.

### **Class of '67**

**J. L. Seaman** reports that all five of his grandchildren are studying history.

**Robert Wooley** appeared on the PBS program on "The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow" broadcast last Fall.

### **Class of '68**

**Philemon Hensel** is the pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Valders, WI and the Assistant Editor of *Faith-Life*, a bi-monthly historical and cultural magazine.

### **Class of '69**

**Steven Stearns**, Senior Enlisted Historian in the U.S. Air Force Office of Air Guard History, will retire this summer after 29 years of military service.

### **Class of '70**

**Rick Kocchi** is the Principal of Eisenhower Middle School in New Berlin. His son Kevin is a junior at UWM.

### **Class of '71**

**Thomas Frenn** has been elected Chair of the Business Law Section of the State Bank of Wisconsin.

### **Class of '73**

**Carl Mohs** retired six years ago after teaching U.S. history for 32 years at William Horlick High School in Racine.

### **Class of '74**

**Jon Rauser** is President of the Rauser Agency, which brokers health insurance products to small businesses.

### **Class of '75**

**Tom Tonnesen** is Project Manager for the Title II Teacher Education Partnership Grant in the UWM School of Education. His son Erik is studying to be a secondary school history teacher.

### **Class of '76**

**Gary Keller**, president of Keller Management Services, received a national teaching award from the Association of Collegiate and Business Programs.

### **Class of '77**

**Kristine Utterback** is Associate Professor of History and Chair of the department at the University of Wyoming.

**Kelly Wright**, retired, is sailing around the world.

### **Class of '81**

**James Rice**, Deputy Special Assistant for Military Support in the Office of the Secretary of the Army, will assume command of the 56th Medical Evacuation Battalion at Fort Bragg this summer.

### Class of '82

**Laura Tabili** is Associate Professor of History at the University of Arizona.

### Class of '84

**Judith DeGroat**, Associate Professor of History at St. Lawrence University, is directing SLU's program in Rouen, France this spring.

### Class of '86

**Anita Baerg-Vatndal** is the archivist for the Betsy-Tacy Society, a literary organization devoted to preserving the writings of author Maud Hard Lovelace.

**Julie Hardwick** is Associate Professor of History at the University of Texas-Austin.

### Class of '92

**Sandy Wilson** is a member of the Board of Directors of Olde Main St, Inc. in Green Bay.

### Class of '93

**D. J. Bensyl** is active in the restaurant industry in Sister Bay and was one of the founders of UWM Rugby, which celebrates its twentieth anniversary this year.

**Paul Geib**, Performance Audit Supervisor for Milwaukee Public Schools Audit Services, published a chapter from his M.A. thesis in the *Journal of Negro History* in 1998.

**Tammy Schindel McCormack**, Human Resources Director at Michael Best and Friedrich, Attorneys at Law, has a four-month-old son, Cole.

**Marc Rodriguez** is Assistant Professor of History and Assistant Director of the Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies at Princeton University.

### Class of '94

**Michael Grover** is a Health Care Workforce Analyst with the Minnesota Department of Health Community Health Services.

**Jeff Sommers** is Assistant Professor of History at North Georgia College and State University.

### Class of '95

**Robert Holzhauer** is a member of the U.S. diplomatic corps and is currently assigned to Kosovo.

**Mary Huelsbeck**, Academic Archivist in the UWM library, is in charge of processing the WTMJ-TV Film Archive, which includes news film from 1950 to 1980.

**Joseph Miller** works as a landscaper and house painter in Milwaukee.

**Ken Wirth**, records and archives project manager at Johnson Controls, has a year-old son, Kenneth.

### Class of '96

**Patricia Marks** and her husband run a travel company in Kalkan, Turkey.

### Class of '97

**Tim John**, president of a publishing company, is writing a book on the Miller family and the Miller Brewing Company, 1854-1970.

### Class of '98

**Stephen Servais** is working on a Ph.D. in History and working as a Teaching Assistant at Marquette University. He and his wife are expecting their first child in June.

### Class of '99

**Jeremiah Hackett** is working on a Ph.D. in Genetics at the University of Iowa. He and his wife are expecting a son in March.

### Class of '00

**Marianne Willers Miro** is a member of the Dental Assisting Faculty at Waukesha County Technical College.

### Class of '02

**Jessie Duncan** reports that she got her job as trial assistant (a position usually reserved for law students) at a law firm in Minneapolis because of her history major.

**David Herrewig** has been working as a historical researcher and writer.

## Friends of History

Many thanks to all of you who have made contributions to the Department during the last few years. This year we used Friends of History funds to purchase the "UWM Department of History" pens that we gave to high school students who visited our booth at the annual UWM Open House and to subsidize two class outings. Aims McGuinness took students in his Freshman Seminar on The California Gold Rush and the Making of the Pacific World for a ride on a schooner in Lake Michigan. Bruce Fetter took students in his course on Maps as Historical Sources on a trip to the Newberry Library in Chicago. Friends will soon receive an invitation to a luncheon to be held on April 4.

You can show your interest in and support for the Department of History by making an annual contribution to Friends of History. Please make your check for \$25 (or \$100 for Patrons) payable to UWM Foundation-Friends of History and mail it to: History, UWM, POB 413, Milwaukee WI 53201.

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