

# HISTORY AT ILLINOIS

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## FROM THE NOT-SO-EASY CHAIR



The Illinois Department of History takes pride in its century-old tradition of scholarly distinction and teaching excellence. Thinking back over just the last fifty years the names of Thomas Marcellus Larsen in medieval history, William Spence Robertson in Latin American history, James Garfield Randall in American Civil War and southern history, and Frederick C. Dietz in English history come to mind. A new chairman has an acute sense of the tradition he follows and of the responsibility he assumes. Partly as a consequence of the social challenges posed by the 1960s, many American universities today are reevaluating their programs and curricula and considering the prospects for their graduate students. We in history at Illinois are doing the same, without forgetting, to paraphrase the medieval humanist Bernard of Chartres, the giants on whose shoulders we stand.

I begin my administration of the department painfully conscious of the ancient dictum that it is easier to move a graveyard than to revise a university curriculum. This year we are taking a hard look at our graduate students in the traditional fields and, by incorporating into the curriculum more of the "new" social science approaches to the study of history, we hope that students will be better prepared for the severely competitive job market which they will enter. The enormous increase in information that has developed over the past twenty-five years requires that our curriculum be flexible enough to allow students to develop individual fields of study. Because the academic marketplace is, and promises to continue to be so lean, the department is accelerating its exploration of nonacademic employment possibilities for Ph.D.s. Faculty and graduate students are trying to learn about opportunities in the business world for those with doctorates in the humanities. This year we have an exceptionally able group of young women and men who have already completed or will this year complete their dissertations. Any help that you can give us in finding employment for them, in or outside of the academic world, will be much appreciated. If you have ideas or leads, please contact Professor Donald Queller or Clark Spence, the departmental placement officers.

Imaginative and innovative research will remain a chief concern of a major university. At the same time, population and economic trends clearly indicate that a greater percentage of faculty teaching time will be devoted to undergraduate instruction. In revising the curriculum we hope that the education of undergraduates in history at Illinois will counter these factors that seem to threaten liberal education today: the trend towards vocationalism, the emphasis on "practicalities," the subordination of words to numbers. New courses are being devised, some of which have already proved to be highly attractive; new methods are being introduced, about which only time can tell. I am convinced that the coming years will see a deeper commitment to thoughtful and imaginative undergraduate teaching. The strong interest of the faculty in research will ideally result in a greater infusion into teaching of the substance and excitement of the best scholarship.

Bennett D. Hill

## HILL HEADS DEPARTMENT

Bennett D. Hill, a member of the University of Illinois faculty since 1964 and professor of history since 1975, took over as chief department executive officer in August 1978. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Professor Hill holds A.B. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton and an A.M. degree from Harvard. He is the author of *English Cistercian Monasteries and Their Patrons in the Twelfth Century* (Urbana, 1968), *Church and State in the Middle Ages* (New York, 1970), and numerous historical essays and reviews. He has been teaching on a regular basis both undergraduate and graduate courses in medieval history and a two-semester 300-level survey in the constitutional history of England. More recently he has been involved in the preparation (together with two University of Illinois colleagues) of a new *History of Western Society* scheduled for publication by Houghton Mifflin early in 1979. In the course of the 1977-78 academic year, he spoke on "Monastic Patronage: The Case of Savigny" at the December 1977 AHA convention in Dallas, and he contributed reviews to the *AHR*, *Speculum*, and the *Library Journal*. He was also listed as an "Excellent Teacher" in the 1977 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Senior Survey.

## LYNN AND TOBY APPOINTED



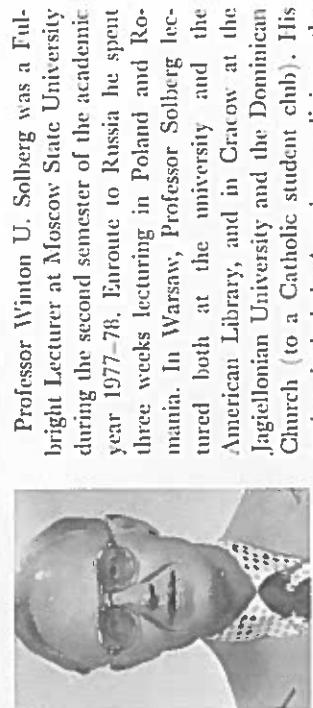
John Albert Lynn, a native of Illinois, has returned to his undergraduate alma mater as assistant professor of history in order to teach courses in military history and in early modern European history. After receiving his B.A. degree at Illinois, he went on to the University of California at Davis for the M.A. and to UCLA for the Ph.D. He has held temporary teaching appointments at UCLA, the University of California at Long Beach, Indiana University, and the University of Maine as well as heading his own museum diorama studio. Articles by him on French military history have appeared in such journals as *Military Review*, *Military Affairs*, and the *Annales Historiques de la Révolution française* as well as in *The Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, 1750-1850: The Proceedings 1974* (Gainesville, Florida, 1978).



Ronald P. Toby holds B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University as well as a certificate from the East Asian Institute there. His area of specialization is Japanese and Korean history with a focus on Japan's relations with its neighbors during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. With the assistance of Fulbright, Woodbridge, and Whiting Fellowships, Professor Toby has spent more than four years in Japan, and he holds a certificate of the Institute for Language Teaching from Waseda University in Tokyo; he has served both the U.S. State Department and a number of international organizations as interpreter. Articles by him, both in English and in Japanese, have appeared in a number of journals including the *Journal of Japanese Studies* as well as in the *Trans-*

actions of the International Conference of Orientalists in Japan 20. Ago" in *Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 9 (1978). He is spending the 1978-79 academic year in Turkey under the auspices of a grant from the Social Science Research Council.

## WINTON SOLBERG ON MISSION TO MOSCOW



Professor Winton U. Solberg was a Fullbright Lecturer at Moscow State University during the second semester of the academic year 1977-78. Enroute to Russia he spent three weeks lecturing in Poland and Romania. In Warsaw, Professor Solberg lectured both at the university and the American Library, and in Cracow at the Jagiellonian University and the Dominican Church (to a Catholic student club). His topics included American religion, the science and technology in twentieth-century America, and academic freedom. In Warsaw he was warmly entertained by "Illinois alumni," the Polish historians who had been visiting professors at Urbana during the 1970s. In Romania Professor Solberg lectured at the University of Cluj and at the American Library and the Nicolae Iorga Institute of History in Bucharest.

Upon returning home, Professor Solberg remained uncertain as to his success in teaching the Russians American history. He was certain, however, that he had profited professionally from his experience. He concluded also that the scholarly exchange with the Soviet Union was valuable for both countries, yet he would like to see greater Soviet cooperation in making scholarly opportunities freely available to American scholars who visit their country. Some of these reflections appeared in the September 18, 1978 issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* in an article entitled "The Fragility of Scholarly Exchanges."

At Moscow State University, Professor Solberg was the fifth American to teach American history since deienie led to the establishment of Modern and Contemporary History. He "read" lectures in English, on "The History of American Political Parties, 1790-1865" once a week to an audience of sixty or more, twenty-three of whom were advanced undergraduates taking the course for credit, the others from elsewhere in the university or Moscow. On Fridays these students came, by assignment, in groups of four for "consultations" (office hours). Students used these sessions to get help on an oral report on a subject related to the course on which they were to be tested at the final examination. At the end of the lectures Professor Solberg administered the oral examination, with two senior Soviet professors of American history participating. The exam, on a pass-fail basis, was, by University regulation, to last at least fifteen minutes. The first part was on the oral report, the remainder on the content of the course. Most exams actually lasted about forty-five minutes, everyone passed, and several of the students did splendidly. Professor Solberg found the students rewarding to teach. They were serious and achieved a high level of understanding of the development of the competitive, two-party political system in the United States during the years studied.

Robert A. Waller, a member of the department since 1963, has — since 1967 — also served as associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. His book, *Rainey of Illinois* (Urbana, 1977), has won the "Award of Merit" of the Illinois State Historical Society as the best book of statewide historical interest published during the year. In the course of this past year, Professor Waller also contributed "A Thematic Approach to Teaching United States History" to *The History Teacher* (February 1978) and a review to *Indiana History*. Professor Waller has long been involved in efforts to promote and improve the teaching of history in the secondary schools, as well as at the college level, and during the past year he was named chairperson of a committee to set up guidelines for the evaluation of projects submitted to the Organization of American Historians' new History Education Center. He was also elected a member of the executive committee of the Illinois Curriculum Council (which advises the state Superintendent of Education) and a vice-president of the Illinois State Historical Society.

A native of Connecticut, Ronald C. Jennings holds a Ph.D. in Islamic Studies from UCLA and has held a joint appointment in the Department of History and the Center for Asian Studies since 1971. His most recent works of scholarship include "Timurids, Bauls, and Gun-control — Some Evidence on Ottoman Policy Towards Firearms in the Possession of the Reaya, 1600-1627," in *Archivum Ottomanicum* (1977) and "Sakaltutan Four Centuries

atres, and when spring came (by the calendar though not in fact) trips were arranged to Archangelskoye, Vladimir-Suzdal, and Zagorsk. These excursions offered an excellent opportunity to get to know the students, as did the course-end party at which the Solbergs entertained members of the class.

In addition to his lectures at Moscow University, Professor Solberg conducted research on the Soviet system of higher education and the status of American history and American civilization in the Soviet Union. Moscow University arranged for him to lecture to two different groups of historians in Moscow on recent American historiography, and the University sent him to Leningrad twice to lecture at Leningrad University. Largely through his own initiative, with strong support from the American Embassy and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, he was able to travel and lecture in various centers in the Soviet Union. In Moscow he lectured twice at the Institute of USA and Canada Studies, and he lectured to historians at the Universities of Tashkent, Kiev, and Tbilisi. These occasions were followed by lively discussions. The questions afforded the visitor a good idea of what the Soviets thought important about America and gave him an opportunity to correct erroneous impressions about the United States. Professor Solberg also spoke to the Moscow Sunday Scientific Seminar on the religious situation in contemporary America.

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In January 1979, Houghton Mifflin Company of Boston is scheduled to publish a new *History of Western Society* intended for use in both four-year and two-year college programs. The book will appear in paperback in three formats: as a single one-volume 1,056 page book; as a two-volume edition ("From Antiquity to the Enlightenment" and "From Absolutism to the Present"); and as a three-volume edition ("From Antiquity to the Reformation," "From the Renaissance to 1815," and "From the Revolutionary Era to the Present"). Three members of the University of Illinois Department of History have collaborated on the project. Professor John Buckler wrote the chapters dealing with Near Eastern Origins, Greece, and Rome. Professor Bennett D. Hill wrote the chapters dealing with Medieval Europe, the Renaissance, the Reformation, and the Early Modern State System. Professor McKay is responsible for the chapters covering subjects from the Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment to Life in Our Times.

The purpose of the work is to give emphasis not only to "the great forces that shaped western civilization" but also to a "lively presentation of social history . . . the life styles of ordinary men and women — marriage, family, sex, mores, occupations, medicine." The text is accompanied by numerous photographs, illustrations, and maps, and by numerous examples of significant source materials. Yet another

current member of the University of Illinois Department of History, James A. Schmiechen, is responsible for preparing the *Study Guide* and the *Instructor's Manual* that the publisher is making separately available.

## FREDERICK C. DIETZ CELEBRATES NINETIETH BIRTHDAY



On May 23, 1978 Professor Emeritus Frederick C. Dietz turned ninety. At its department meeting in May, the Department of History took note of the occasion by passing unanimously the following resolution:

Whereas Professor Emeritus Frederick C. Dietz, a member of the Department of History of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for thirty-six years, is on May 23, 1978, celebrating his ninetieth birthday, be it hereby resolved that: the Department of History go on record as extending to Professor Dietz its most hearty congratulations and as paying tribute to his long and distinguished record of service as scholar, teacher, and administrator to this department, to this University, and to the historical profession.

A native of Philadelphia, Professor Dietz received his A.B. degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard. A Cutting Fellowship from Harvard enabled him to do research in England during the early years of World War I for his doctoral dissertation which, in revised form, became his first book. His major works include *English Government Finance, 1485-1558* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1921) and *English Public Finance, 1558-1641* (New York: Century Co., 1932). Frank Cass of London brought out second editions of both in 1961. He also wrote *The Industrial Revolution* (New York: Holt, 1927), *A Political and Social History of England* (New York: Macmillan, 1927; revised ed., 1932; 3rd edition, 1937), and *An Economic History of England* (New York: Holt, 1942). After brief teaching stints at Temple University and Smith College, Professor Dietz joined the Department of History of the University of Illinois in 1920 and remained a faculty member until his retirement in 1956. From 1948 until 1956 he served as department head.

As a token of esteem, the department presented Professor Dietz with a document signed by most department members and numerous graduate students. He and Professor Emerita Mary Lucille Shay were guests of honor at the annual department reception in late August 1978. Professor and Mrs. Dietz are now residing in the new Clark-Lindsey apartment complex on Windsor Road in Urbana.

## THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO COPE

By the time this newsletter is in press, the University of Illinois Council on Program Evaluation (COPE) should have issued its final report on the Department of History. In the judgment of that committee, the report last spring by a panel of outside evaluators headed by Professor Samuel P. Hays of the University of Pittsburgh performed the useful function of encouraging members of the Department of History to discuss and to articulate their long-range concerns. The Hays report complimented the department on its reputation for good teaching and sympathized with the problems the depart-

ment faced in competing for students with other departments whose standards in terms of course requirements and grading were less rigorous than those of history. The report also encouraged the University administration to give the department more flexibility in appointment procedures whenever vacancies occur. The report made several other recommendations including: (1) introduction of freshman seminars, (2) alteration of graduate fields so as to give greater emphasis to topical and comparative history and less to fields defined in geographical or chronological terms, (3) greater encouragement to members of the department whose interests overlap with those of members of social science departments.

Certain of the assumptions on which the Hays report was based have been seriously questioned within the department, but a number of the report's specific suggestions are currently under consideration.

#### OTHER DEPARTMENT NEWS

During the fall of 1977 the department offered its first correspondence course in conjunction with a TV series, John Kenneth Galbraith's "The Age of Uncertainty." The course was advertised in the East-Central Illinois edition of *TV Guide*. David E. Hogan served as instructor.

In the course of the year, the department sponsored or cosponsored numerous guest speakers. They included Daniel Boorstin, Librarian of Congress, who spoke on "The Test of Time," Speros Vryonis of UCLA, whose topic was "Ancient Greeks, Byzantines, and Modern Greeks: A Question of Scholarship," Francis Randall of Sarah Lawrence, who spoke on "Russia After Stalin, China After Mao," Andrejs Pjaks of Iowa State University who discussed "The New Family History: Europe East and West," and Rosalie Glynn Grylls, Lady Mander, the English biographer, whose subject was "Victorian Life in Pictures and Literature."

Richard C. Tresler has accepted an appointment as Professor of History at SUNY Binghamton... The Department of History, in the person of John C. McKay, is cooperating with the Departments of Economics and Political Science in offering a new 200-level course, "Contemporary Western Europe."

Only two "old-timers" are currently to be found in the department's secretarial staff, Jan Cunningham, who happily continues as department secretary, and Irene Blenker, who is currently completing her ninth year of dedicated service. The newcomers are Nancy Shaeue, who holds a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design degree from the University of Illinois; our receptionist Pat Sligel, who holds a B.A. in Elementary Education; and in Room 300, in charge of student records, Linda Perry, who holds a B.S. in Psychology, and Pat King, a former University of Illinois student and mother of two.

#### VISITING STAFF

Donald E. Grummett continues during 1978-79 as visiting associate professor of African studies teaching courses in African history.

In April 1978 Professor Grummett presented a paper to the Fifth International Conference on Ethiopian Studies in Chicago on "Gondarine Rim Land Sales: An Introductory Description and Analysis."

He also contributed reviews to the *Journal of African Historical Studies* and the *International Journal of African Studies*.

Marcella Grendler remains associated with the department for a second year as visiting assistant professor of library administration and of history. Although her chief responsibility is the cataloging of

the Cavagna collection of Italian pamphlets, Professor Grendler, who holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of Toronto, will also be teaching a course in the history of the Renaissance during the spring of 1979.

James A. Schmiechen, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1975, has returned after the completion of a three-year appointment at Illinois State University at Normal to serve as visiting assistant professor of history and assistant to the chairman. Professor Schmiechen, whose speciality is the socioeconomic history of modern Western Europe, has contributed articles to the *Economic History Review*, the *Journal of Economic History*, and the British *Dictionary of Labor Biography*.

Frank L. Salomon, the holder of a Ph.D. in anthropology from Cornell who is currently affiliated with the University's Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, taught an introductory course in Latin-American history for the department during the fall of 1978.

Stephen C. Shafer, a doctoral candidate in the department with a speciality in "Film and History," is assisting the department during the spring of 1979 with a course entitled: "Film as Popular Culture Commentary on American Society." Mr. Shafer has been a member of the University of Illinois Film Society since 1974, and he served as its secretary in 1976-77. He has spoken to Illinois Social Science Association and other groups on the use of feature films in the teaching of history.

#### FACULTY NEWS (of the 1977-78 academic year)

In August 1978 Walter L. Arstein completed four years as chairman of the Department of History. He contributed a review essay, "In Queen Victoria's Golden Days," to the June 1977 issue of *Reviews in European History*. In November 1977 he was elected president of the Midwest Victorian Studies Association, and he chaired panel sessions of that organization in Chicago in 1977 and in Urbana in May 1978. He also chaired a session at the Georgia Studies Symposium in Atlanta in February 1978 and served as commentator at a session devoted to "South Carolinians and the Second Reconstruction" at the Citadel Conference on the "New South" in Charleston, S.C. in April 1978. His article "Race and Reconstruction: Edgefield County," appeared in the September 1978 issue of the *Journal of Social History*, and two reviews by him have recently appeared in the same journal. He has also been appointed editor of the *Southern Community Studies Newsletter*.

Robert B. Crawford continues as director of the School of Social Sciences.

In August 1978 John R. Dahl completed six years as associate chairperson of the Department of History. In the course of the 1977-78 year he also submitted a final report as chairperson of the University's museum committee and completed four years of service on the Board of Directors of the University of Illinois Athletic Association. He is currently heading an *ad hoc* committee to make recommendations on the organization and fiscal future of the Athletic Association. He contributed a review of several newly released film strips to the February 1978 issue of *The History Teacher*.

C. Ernest Dawn contributed reviews to *The Middle East Journal* and the *International Journal of Middle East Studies*. He also served as panelist in the December 1977 AHA convention in Dallas. He remains a member of the Advisory Committee of the University's Tehran Research Unit, and he is currently completing a two-year term on the department's executive committee.

Paul W. Drake's book *Socialism and Populism in Chile, 1932-1952* was published in the spring of 1978 by the University of Illinois Press. His "Corporatism and Functionalism in Modern Chilean Politics" appeared in the May 1978 issue of the *Journal of Latin American Studies*, and he provided two reviews to the *American Historical Review* and one to the winter 1977 issue of the *Quarterly Review of Economics and Business*. He spoke at the AIAA convention in Dallas in December 1977, and he combined a sabbatical with a paper at the Conference on War and Society in Eastern

Europe at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York — the title: "How Not to Invent the Steamship."

John C. Buckler is the author of "Land and Money in the Spartan Economy: A Hypothesis" in the 1977 edition of *Research in Economic History*, of "The Thespians at Lencreta" in *Wiener Studien* 90 (1977), and of "Phatarch on the Trials of Pelopidas and Epameinondas (369 BC)" in *Classical Philology* 73 (1978). Since 1976 he has served as vice-president of the Central Illinois Chapter of the American Institute of Archaeology. He was named a fellow of the University of Illinois Center for Advanced Study for the fall of 1978.

Richard Burkhardt's *The Spirit of System: Lamark and Evolutionary Biology*, published in 1977, is praised in *Science* as "an important and reliable study" which provides an "informative and illuminating" introduction to the science of natural history in late eighteenth-century France. Professor Burkhardt, director of the program in the History and Philosophy of Science at Urbana, spoke in April 1978 to the Midwest Regional Conference for Senior Fullbright-Hays Scholars on "Scientific Research and Its Social Setting: A Historical Perspective." During the 1978-79 academic year, Professor Burkhardt is located in Cambridge, England under the auspices of the National Science Foundation.

O. Vernon Burton has returned to full-time teaching after a year of research under the auspices of a Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellowship. He spoke on "The Southern Family" to the Newberry Library Family and Community History Colloquium in Chicago in December 1977. He also chaired a session at the Georgia Studies Symposium in Atlanta in February 1978 and served as commentator at a session devoted to "South Carolinians and the Second Reconstruction" at the Citadel Conference on the "New South" in Charleston, S.C. in April 1978. His article "Race and Reconstruction: Edgefield County," appeared in the September 1978 issue of the *Journal of Social History*, and two reviews by him have recently appeared in the same journal. He has also been appointed editor of the *Southern Community Studies Newsletter*.

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In July 1978 Caroline M. Hibbard participated for the third summer in a row in the Oxford (England) Conference on Post-Reformation Catholic History. During the academic years 1976-77 and 1977-78 she chaired the University of Illinois Women's Forum. Keith Hitchins is the editor of volume I of *Studies in East European Social History* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1977) and contributed "Gindirea: Nationalism in a Spiritual Guise" to Kenneth Jowitt, ed., *Social Change in Romania, 1860-1940* (Berkeley, 1978). Since December 1976 he has contributed two reviews to the *American Historical Review*, three to the *Slavic Review*, and one each to the *Journal of Modern History*, the *Journal of Social History*, and the *Slavonic and East European Review*.

Frederic C. Jaeger is currently revising the manuscript of *The Urban Establishment*, a historical survey of business elites in five major American cities; it has been accepted for publication by the University of Illinois Press. He also contributed reviews to *The Historian* and the *Journal of Social History*. He is currently completing his second year on the department's executive committee. He spoke on "Old and New Elites" to the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation Conference in April 1978.

Robert W. Johansen, James G. Randall Distinguished Professor of History, has been appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of the new journal *Western Illinois Regional Studies*. He continues as a member of the Board of Editors of *Civil War History* and the *Western Historical Quarterly* and as a member of the National Advisory Board of the United States Newspaper Project (sponsored by

Scholars during the spring of 1978. He is on leave for the entire 1978-79 academic year on the basis of a fellowship from the Social Science Research Council.

Lloyd Eastman spent the 1977-78 academic year in Taiwan under the auspices of a Senior Fulbright Fellowship. In the course of that year he also participated in two conferences at Taipei (on the Economic History of Modern China and on the Ching Dynasty Archives) and a conference at Hong Kong in December 1977 on "Development and Challenge in the People's Republic of China." In the course of the year he contributed an article, "Regional Politics and the Central Government: Yunnan vs. Chungking, 1937-1949" to Paul Sih, ed., *Nationalist China During the Sino-Japanese War* (Hicksville, N.Y.: Exposition Press, 1977) as well as two reviews to the *American Historical Review*, two to the *Journal of Asian Studies*, and two more to the *China Quarterly*.

Wallace Farmham returned to the United States in the summer of 1977 after two years as professor of American history at Warsaw University. In October 1977 he participated in the opening of the Polish Studies Center at Indiana University (Bloomington), a counterpart of the American Studies Center he helped establish in Poland.

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OA&H and the Library of Congress). In the course of the year he published five book reviews. He gave the annual Olive B. White Lecture at Bradley University in October 1977 on "Lincoln, Douglas, and the Spirit of the Age." He also spoke on "Stephen A. Douglas" before the Champaign County Historical Society in January 1978. His lecture, "The Poet as Biographer: Carl Sandburg's Prairie Years" was given at the Carl Sandburg Centenary at Knox College in January 1978, at the dedication of a Carl Sandburg exhibit in the library of the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee in March 1978, and on the occasion of the opening of a Sandburg exhibit at the University of Illinois Library in April 1978. He also gave papers at Northeast Missouri State University, where a Lincoln collection was being dedicated, and to the History Undergraduate Association here. In addition he served as historical consultant to a project sponsored by NEH and Parkland College focusing on the history of nearby Homer, Illinois. In the course of the year the Homer Opera House was rehabilitated, and Professor Johansen gave an address on "The History of Homer in Perspective." He continued to serve as chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Great American People Show, the producers of the prize-winning outdoor drama presented each summer at New Salem State Park, "Your Obedient Servant, A. Lincoln." During the spring semester of 1979, Professor Johansen will serve as Distinguished Visiting Professor at Arizona State University.

Blair B. Kling has been named a member of the Executive Committee of the American Institute of Indian Studies. He has also been asked to develop an "Oral History of the University of Illinois" under the auspices of the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs; he and his associates are currently involved in interviewing older residents of the Champaign-Urbana area who have been involved with the University.

Thomas A. Krueger returned to full-time teaching this fall after a sabbatical devoted to research on the United States and the Great Depression. He contributed a review to the March 1978 issue of the *Journal of American History*.

Robert M. McColley, adviser to the American Civilization program in the School of Humanities, pioneered a new introductory two-semester "Introduction to American Civilization" sequence during 1977-78. He reviewed Alex Haley's Roots for Civil War History and also contributed reviews to Pennsylvania History, the William and Mary Quarterly, The Annals of the American Academy, and the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography. He has been named chairperson of the Committee on Publications of the Illinois State Historical Society.

Vojtech Mastny spent the 1977-78 academic year in the Washington, D.C. area under the auspices of a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Dorothy Danforth Compton Fellowship putting the finishing touches on his book *Russia's Road to the Cold War: Stalin's War Aims, 1941-1945*. His article "Ideology and Foreign Policy in Historical Perspective" appeared in George Schwab, ed., *Ideology and Foreign Policy: A Global Perspective* (New York, 1978) and his essay "Tradition, Continuity, and Discontinuity in Recent Czechoslovak History" was published in *Vortrage der Esten Internationalen Konferenz über die Tschechoslowakei*, Bad Wiessee, January 1975 (Munich: Oldenbourg, 1978).

He also provided a series of articles for the new edition of the *World Book Encyclopedia*. He spoke on "The Czechoslovak Government-in-Exile during World War II" to a conference at London's Imperial War Museum in October 1977 and on "War as an Instrument of Policy in Eastern Europe" at a conference on War and Society in Eastern Europe during the eighth

teenth and nineteenth centuries held in New York in March 1978. He participated in the Eleventh International Conference on European Problems at Valley Forge in September 1977 and lectured at the Johns Hopkins University, the Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State, and at George Washington University. He remains on leave during the 1978-79 academic year on the basis of a Dorothy Danforth Compton Fellowship and a grant by the American Council of Learned Societies.

John P. McKay has been named to the editorial board of the *Journal of Economic History* and elected a member of the department's executive committee. Most of his energies during the past two years have been concentrated on the forthcoming *History of Western Society*.

Evan M. Melhado is currently serving as acting director of the University's program in the History and Philosophy of Science. In 1978 he received a Faculty Summer Fellowship.

Richard E. Mitchell reviewed Kenneth Wellesley's *The Long Year A.D. 69 for The Historian* (August 1977).

Nunzio Pernicone participated in Sacco and Vanzetti symposia both at Columbia University in February 1978 and in Boston in May 1978. The 1977 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Senior Survey named him as a "Superior Teacher."

John H. Pruett guided his book, *The Parish Clergy Under the Later Stuarts: The Leicestershire Experience* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press) to publication in the fall of 1978. He was named as "Superior Teacher" in the 1978 LAS Senior Survey, and he received a Faculty Summer Fellowship.

Donald E. Queller is the author of *The Fourth Crusade: The Conquest of Constantinople* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1977). Choice hailed the book as "a welcome event. Based on a thorough knowledge of the widely varied primary sources and modern monographic literature in a number of languages, it is written in a clear, colorful, and highly readable style." The book is being published in Britain and the Commonwealth by the Leicester University Press, and an American paperback edition is scheduled for late 1978. Professor Queller was also responsible for *Two Studies on Venetian Government* (Geneva: Librairie Droz, 1977), and for reviews in the *Bibliothèque d'Humanisme et de Renaissance*, the *Canadian Journal of History*, and *The Historian*. He has been elected president of the Midwest Medieval Conference, and he chaired a session at the 1977 Western Michigan Medieval Conference at Kalamazoo. He also gave guest lectures at Ann Arbor and at the University of Chicago.

David L. Ransel spent much of the year overseeing the publication of *The Family in Imperial Russia: New Lines of Historical Research* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1978), the outgrowth of a symposium he organized in the fall of 1976. In addition to editing the volume, Professor Ransel contributed an essay, "Abandonment and Fosterage of Unwanted Children: The Women of the Foundling System." His essay "The Ambivalent Legacy: the Education of the Grand Duke Paul" appeared in Hugh Ragsdale, ed., *Paul I: A Reassessment of His Life and Reign* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 1977).

In the late spring of 1978, Professor Ransel arranged a University of Illinois Alumni College program on "The Soviet Union and the Russian Heritage." For the fall of 1978, Professor Ransel has been named a fellow in interdisciplinary studies. He hopes to spend the greater portion of his spring 1979 sabbatical semester in the Soviet Union.

Paul W. Schroeder contributed a review essay, "Austro-German Relations: Divergent Views of the Disjoined Partnership" to the September 1978 issue of *Central European History*. A longer interpretive essay, "Alliance, 1815-1945: Weapons of Power and Tools of Management," appeared in Klaus Knorr, ed. *Historical Dimensions of National Security Problems* (Lawrence, Kansas, 1976). He also contributed reviews to the *American Historical Review* and the *Political Science Review*.

Winton U. Solberg's exciting semester in Russia is described elsewhere in this newsletter. Professor Solberg has been appointed to the editorial board of *American Studies*.

Clark C. Spence's book *Montana: A History* has been published by W. W. Norton & Co. as one of a series of fifty volumes published under the auspices of the American Association for State and Local History to mark the nation's bicentennial. In October 1978 Professor Spence travelled to Helena to present a copy to the governor of Montana and to be interviewed on television and in local news papers. He also contributed reviews to *Agricultural History*, *Idaho Yesterday*, the *Western Historical Quarterly*, the *Journal of Southern History*, and *Arizona and the West*. He remains a member of the University's Research Board, and he has been elected once more to serve on the department's executive committee.

Mary Lee Spence was on leave during 1977-78 in order to continue the process of editing and preparing for publication the letters and papers of John C. Fremont. She contributed articles on Fremont, Jessie Benton Fremont, Zebulon Pike, Chief Black Hawk, and the Black Hawk War to *The Reader's Encyclopedia of the American West*, ed. Howard Lamar (New York: Thomas G. Crowell Co., 1977) as well as reviews to the *Journal of American History*, the *Western Historical Quarterly*, and *Idaho Yesterday*. She chaired the program committee of the 1977 Western History Association conference in Portland, Oregon and served as a member of the organizing committee of the Conference on Feminist Scholarship held on the Urbana campus in February 1978.

Charles C. Stewart served as acting director of the University's Program for African Studies during 1977-78. His article "Frontier Disputes and Problems of Legitimation: Sokoto-Masina Relations, 1817-1837" appeared in the *Journal of African History*, vol. 17, no. 4, and reviews by him appeared in the *International Journal of African Historical Studies* and *Savanna*. In the course of the year he spoke on "Ethnicity and Political Change in Northern Nigeria" to the American Society for Ethnohistory in Chicago (October 1977), on "Center-Periphery Relations: the African Adaptation of a Concept" to African Studies Association in Houston (November 1977), and on "Close Encounters with the Third World" at Southeast Missouri State University (April 1978). He also served as panel moderator at a meeting of the Chicago Area African Studies group in March 1978.

Robert M. Sutton, director of the Illinois Historical Survey, served as a commentator on a program entitled "Social and Economic Aspects of Urbanization: American Cities in the Antebellum Period" for the Mid-America Conference on History in September 1977. He also prepared a paper on "George Rogers Clark in Illinois: A New Look at the Old Evidence" for the Great Lakes History Conference in Grand Rapids in April 1978. The *Indiana Magazine of History* published his review essay covering four recent publications in state and local history in its June 1978 number. Two of his reviews also appeared in the *Journal of American History*. Professor Sutton was on sabbatical leave during the second semester, 1977-78, acquiring copies of documents from British libraries to

augment the holdings of the Illinois Historical Survey and doing research on "Illinois on the Eve of the American Revolution."

Benjamin Uroff, research director of the University's Russian and East European Studies Center, during 1978 once again coordinated the Illinois Summer Research Laboratory on Russia and Eastern Europe. He has been named associate editor of *Studies in East European Social History*.

Juliet E. K. Walker participated in three scholarly conferences during the 1977-78 academic year. In February she served as moderator at the Feminist Scholarship Conference on this campus, and in April she presented a paper to the Dakota History Conference and served as commentator at the Great Lakes History Conference. The Dakota History Conference presented her with the Karl E. Mundt Foundation Prize. She also gave a guest lecture at Chanute Air Base, served as NEH consultant, and had an article accepted for publication by the *Maryland Historian*. During the spring of 1979 she will serve as visiting assistant professor at the University of Texas. Her article "Free Frank's New Philadelphia: A Black Town Founder on the Illinois-Mississippi River Valley Frontier, 1830-1854," will soon appear in Herbert W. Blakley, ed., *Papers of the Tenth Annual Dakota History Conference* (Madison, S.D.: Dakota State College, 1979).

Howard J. Wechsler is the author of "The Confucian Teacher Wang Tung (584?-617): One Thousand Years of Controversy" in *T'oung Pao* 63:4-5 (fall 1978). Professor Wechsler served as commentator at the Midwest China Seminar held at Washington University, St. Louis in April 1978. At the University of Illinois he has organized a faculty-student seminar on China which has six meetings scheduled during the fall of 1978 featuring participants from inside and outside the University. After ten years of delay, volume 3 of the *Cambridge History of China* — to which Professor Wechsler has contributed three chapters — is scheduled to be published early in 1979.

William C. Widner had an appointment as fellow in the University's Center for Advanced Study during the spring of 1978. During that same semester he received word that his book manuscript, *Henry Cabot Lodge and the Search for an "American" Foreign Policy*, has been accepted for publication by the University of California Press. In the most recent LAS Senior Survey, Professor Widner was cited as an "Excellent Teacher."

## ALUMNI NEWS

1934

Selig Adler has been named Distinguished Service Professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

1937

T. A. Larson, professor emeritus of history at the University of Wyoming, has been reelected to the House of Representatives of the State of Wyoming on a program which seeks to shift the tax burden from property taxes and sales taxes on food to severance taxes on oil, gas, coal, and uranium. In the course of 1978 he also chaired a session at the Western Historical Association convention. The University of Nebraska Press has published a revised edition of his *History of Wyoming*.

1939

Joseph B. James, Callaway Professor of History and Political Science at the Wesleyan College (Macon, Georgia) is currently at Science at the Wesleyan College in Eastern Europe during the eight

in the Governance and Administration of Public and Community Colleges."

1954

Earl A. Reitan, professor of history at Illinois State University at Normal, Illinois, is the coauthor of *English Heritage* (St. Louis: Forum Press, 1978). He is spending the 1978-79 academic year at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill with the aid of a sabbatical and a fellowship-in-residence from the National Endowment of the Humanities. He is working on a study of *The Gentleman's Magazine, 1731-1754*.

Charles G. Nauert, Jr., professor of history at the University of Missouri (Columbia) is the author of *The Age of Renaissance and Reformation* (Dryden Press, 1977). He has been elected president of the Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, and he has also been named a member of the AHA Herbert Baxter Adams Prize Committee and chairperson of the nominating committee of the American Society for Reformation Research.

1956

Wayne C. Temple, deputy director of the Illinois State Archives, contributed "Tinsmith to the Late Mr. Lincoln: Samuel S. Elder" to the August 1978 issue of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*. He spoke on "J. G. Randall: Dean of the Lincoln Scholars" to a symposium held at Northeast Missouri State University. In July 1978 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General in the Illinois State Militia, the first promotion to this rank since 1844, and in September he received the highest honor of Masonry, the 33rd degree of the Scottish Rite. A year of achievements was cast into shadow, however, by the death of his wife.

1940

M. L. Flanigan continues as professor of European history at Purdue University.

1948

Ann Beck, professor emerita of history at the University of Hartford, gave a paper on "The Traditional Healer in Tanzania and Kenya" to the 1978 convention of the African Studies Association. She has been named member of the executive board of the New England Library of Medicine as well as of the New England Historical Association.

1950

Lavern M. Hamand, professor of history at Eastern Illinois University, joined Robert W. Johansen of our faculty, Wayne Temple of the Illinois State Archives, and Gilbert Kohlenberg of Northeast Missouri State University at Kirksville in May 1978 in dedicating a Lincoln Collection at the Library of the last-named institution. Professors Hamand, Temple, and Johansen all spoke on Lincoln and his interpreters. Drs. Temple and Kohlenberg are also University of Illinois Ph.D.s in history.

1958

James W. Neilson continues as professor and chairperson of the Department of Social Sciences at Mayville State College (North Dakota).

1959

Robert W. Heywood, professor of history at the University of Michigan-Flint, contributed "The Longé Convention" to the winter 1978 issue of the *Journal of African/Afro-American Affairs* and spoke on "Anglo-American Dimensions of European Regional Community Development" to the Great Lakes History Conference. In June 1978 he was married.

Joseph F. Zacek, professor of history at SUNY Albany, contributed "Czech Attitudes toward the Hungarian Revolution of 1848-49" to

is the author of "The Black Movement Towards Equality," in a collection of essays for classroom use, *America's Heritage in the Twentieth Century*.

1960

Richard Dean Burns, professor of history at UCLA and director of the Center for the Study of Armament and Disarmament, is the editor of *Arms Control & Disarmament: A Bibliography*. He has been asked by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (with the assistance of NEH) to serve as general editor of a revised edition of S. F. Bemis and G. Griffin's *A Guide to American Diplomatic History* (1935). It is scheduled to appear in 1980 as *A Guide to American Foreign Relations*. He has been named "Outstanding Professor, 1978-79" at UCLA.

Jacques Gontor, professor of history at King's College in London, Ontario, spent a 1977-78 sabbatical year in France.

James M. Haas, professor of history at Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville), spoke on "Work and Authority in British Industry: The Case of the Royal Dockyards" to the Southern Conference on British Studies meeting at St. Louis in November 1978.

Roy A. Rauschenberg, associate professor of history at Ohio University (Athens), contributed "John Ellis, F.R.S.: Eighteenth Century Naturalist and Royal Agent to West Florida" to *Notes and Records of the Royal Society of London* 32 (March 1978) and "John Ellis, Naturalist: An Early Member of the Society" to *Journal of the Royal Society...of Arts* (August 1978).

1961

Edward M. Bennett, professor of history at Washington State University (Pullman) contributed two articles to Alexander DeConde's *Encyclopedie of American Foreign Policy*. He is the author (together with Howard C. Payne and Raymond Callahan) of *As the Storm Clouds Gathered: European Perceptions of American Foreign Policy in the 1930s*, scheduled for publication in 1979 by the Moore Publishing Co. He gave the keynote address, "Uses and Misuses of Language in Diplomacy," to the Northwest Regional Conference of Phi Alpha Theta in Spring 1978, and he is currently completing a four-year term on the executive council of the Pacific Coast Branch of the AHA.

Raymond Birn, professor of history at the University of Oregon, published "Le Livre ancien français dans la Recherche nord-américaine," in NR. 16 (1977) of the *Revue française d'Historie du Livre* and spoke on "Book Peddlers and their Culture at the Dawn of the Enlightenment: the Pornographers of the College d'Harcourt" at the 1977 meeting of the Western Society for French Historical Studies at Las Cruces, New Mexico.

1962

Donald R. Whitnah, professor of history and department head at the University of Northern Iowa, contributed "The Cold War: No Exit" to *Bunk Forum*, vol. 3, no. 4 (1978) and reviews to *Aerospace Historian and Revue d'Histoire de la Deuxième Guerre Mondiale*. He spoke on "The Development of Civil Aviation" at the Georgia Tech-Southern Institute Conference on Humanities Technology in October 1978. He also participated in a session on the Cold War at the Conference on Diplomacy held at the Citadel in March 1978 and at a session devoted to aviation and western expansion at the Western Historical Association meeting at Portland, Oregon in October 1977.

1966

Ralph D. Gray, professor of history at the Indianapolis Center of Indiana-Purdue University, is both editor of and contributor to *Gentlemen from Indiana: National Party Candidates, 1836-1940* (Indianapolis, 1977). He also contributed book reviews to the *Journal of American History* and the *Indiana Magazine of History* as well as several historical articles to Indiana newspapers. He received the "Outstanding Faculty" award for 1977-78 from his institution's School of Liberal Arts, and he has been named to a three-year term (1977-80) on the executive board of the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences.

Joseph F. Zacek, professor of history at Lamar University (Texas),

volume 12 of the *Austrian History Yearbook*. He is currently editing the papers resulting from the international symposium held at Georgetown University in 1976 commemorating the centennial of the death of František Palacký, "The Father of the Czech Nation."

He gave a paper on "Czech and Slovak Contributions to American East European Historiography" to the 1976 meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies and a paper on "Czech and Slovak Humanism" to the 1977 meeting of the same association. At the April 1978 OAH convention, he spoke on "Made in America: American Czechs and Slovaks and the Creation of Czechoslovakia." During a 1977-78 sabbatical year, supported in part by a Rockefeller Foundation grant, he served as a visiting scholar in Columbia University's Institute on East Central Europe. He has been appointed a member of the National Selection Committee of the International Research and Exchanges Board.

1963

Keith L. Sprunger, Oswald H. Wedel Professor of History at Bethel College (Kansas), has contributed "Puritans and Separatists" to the *Erdmans' Handbook to the History of Christianity* (1977) and reviews to *Fides et Historia, The Historian*, and the *Mennonne Quarterly Review*.

1964

Arnold Zuckerman, professor of history at Northeast Missouri State University, reviewed a biography of Dr. Richard Meade for the summer 1977 issue of the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*.

Eugene H. Berwanger, professor of history at Colorado State University, has been appointed to the Board of Editors of the *Pacific Historical Review*. Arthur Ferrill, associate professor of history and associate chairperson at the University of Washington, is the author of "History in Roman Schools" in *The Ancient World* and of a Forum Series essay, *The Emperor Augustus: From Republic to Empire*. At the AHA convention in Dallas in December 1977 he served as session commentator.

1965

Benjamin F. Byrner, professor of history at the University of Colorado (Greeley), has received an NEH grant that will enable him to spend all of 1979 in London working on a second volume of *Records of the Wardrobe and Household of King Edward I*. The first volume was published in 1977. Rosemary Masek, associate professor of history at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, has contributed a bibliographical essay on Tudor-Stuart women to Barbara Kanner, ed., *English Women from Anglo-Saxon Times to the Present* (Archon Press, 1978). She has also published articles on Erasmus and others in the *Milton Encyclopedia*. Professor Masek has been elected president of the West Coast Association of Women Historians. In October 1977 she married Dr. Samuel H. Ellis.

Charles H. Clark has been named acting associate dean of academic affairs by the Harrisburg Area Community College (Pennsylvania). He spoke on "Utilization Rather Than Memorization of History" at the convention of the Community College Social Association.

Edmund J. Danziger, Jr., professor of history at Bowling Green State University is the author of *The Chippewas of Lake Superior* (University of Oklahoma Press, 1978). He gave a paper on "The Detroit American Indian Self-Determination

in the 1970s" at the October 1978 meeting of the Western History Association at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

1967

Lloyd E. Ambrosius, associate professor of history at the University of Nebraska, contributed "The Orthodoxy of Revisionism: Woodrow Wilson and the New Left" to the summer 1977 issue of *Diplomatic History*. During the 1977-78 academic year he filled the Mary Ball Washington Chair of American History at University College Dublin, offering both a lecture course and a research seminar on twentieth century American foreign relations. During the year he also gave guest lectures at the University of Ghent and the Belgian-Luxembourg American Studies Association of Brussels, and the Catholic University of Leuven — all in Belgium. He gave guest lectures as well at the University College Cork in Ireland, and he spoke on "Secret German-American Negotiations during the Paris Peace Conference" to the Irish Historical Society in Dublin in February 1978.

Jerome Rodnitzky, professor of history at the University of Texas-Arlington, served as codirector of the Taft Institute during the summer of 1978. He contributed a review to the December 1977 issue of the *AHR*.

John Scarborough, Hallam Professor of History at the University of Kentucky, is the author of "Reflections on Spartacus" in *The Ancient World* 1 (1978), "Theophrastus on Herbals and Herbal Medicines" in the *Journal of the History of Biology* 11 (1978), and three reviews in the *Classical Journal* 73 (1978). He spoke on "Nicander's Spiders" to the American Philological Association/Society for Ancient Medicine in Atlanta (December 1977) and on "The Galenic Question" to the American Association for the History of Medicine in Kansas City (May 1978). He has been elected president of the Society for Ancient Medicine, and he is serving as a consultant to both the American Institute for the History of Pharmacy and the Program in Medical History of the College of Physicians in Philadelphia.

F. Alan Coombs, associate professor of history at the University of Utah, spent the 1977-78 academic year as exchange professor on the Hilo campus of the University of Hawaii. He spoke on "A Theory of Regional Encumbrance: Joseph C. O'Mahoney as a Case Study" at a meeting of the Western History Association at Hot Springs, Arkansas in October 1978.

Charles L. DeBenedetti is the author of *Origins of the Modern American Peace Movement* (Millwood, N.Y.: KTO Press, 1978) and of "The American State Department and Peace Movement in the Era of Locarno," in Solomon Wank, ed., *Doves and Diplomats: Foreign Offices and Peace Movements in the Twentieth Century* (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1978). In the course of the year Professor DeBenedetti also spoke to the AHA convention on "The American Peace Movement and Asia, 1941-1961," to the OAI meeting on "The American Peace Movement and the National Security State, 1941-1971," and to the Pacific Coast Branch of AHA on "The Origins of the Anti-Vietnam War Movement, 1961-1965."

Not surprisingly he has been promoted by the University of Toledo to the rank of professor of history. During 1977-78 he was also the recipient of a Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellowship.

Kenneth G. Madison, assistant professor of history at Iowa State University at Ames, is the author of "The Tropiclyte Connection: A Case of Self-Plagiarism" in the summer 1977 issue of *Albion*. He has been awarded a research grant by his university to travel to

England next summer in order to study governmental archives of the reign of the short-lived King Edward V of England (1483).

1969

Roy A. Austensen, associate professor of history at Illinois State University, is closely involved with the "Illinois School of Humanities Project, 1978-79" funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. At the October 1977 Duquesne History Forum he spoke on "The Interdisciplinary History Course: Why and How." David E. Meersse, associate professor of history, was appointed chairperson of the department in August 1978 at State University College, Fredonia, NY, and is author of "Presidential Leadership, Suffrage Qualifications and Kausas: 1857," appearing in the December 1978 issue of *Civil War History*.

1970

Dominic Candeloro, visiting assistant professor and director of Italian-American Studies at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle, contributed "The Intellectual Development of Louis F. Post" to the June 1978 issue of the *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*. At the October 1978 meeting of the American Historical Association he spoke on "Chicago Flights Italians: Citizenship, Residential, and Occupational Trends."

Ronald M. Johnson, associate professor of history at Georgetown University, is the coauthor (with his wife Abby A. Johnson of Howard University) of "Away from Accommodations: Radical Editors and Protest Journalism" in the October 1977 issue of the *Journal of Negro History* and of "Reform and Reaction: Black Literary Magazines in the 1930s" in the winter 1978 issue of the *North Dakota Quarterly*. He has contributed book reviews to *New Jersey History*, the *New York Historical Society Quarterly*, the *Maryland Historical Magazine*, and the *Indiana Magazine of History*.

David E. Schob, associate professor of history at Texas A & M University, has contributed reviews to the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, *The American West*, and *Ohio History*. His article "Woodhaws and Cordwood: Steamboat Fuel on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, 1820-1860," was reprinted in the summer 1978 issue of *Forest and People Magazine*. He has been appointed to the roster of visiting teams of the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities, and during that same summer he once again taught American history aboard the 15,000 ton "Texas Clipper" as it travelled some 14,000 miles in the Caribbean Sea, through the Panama Canal, and as far south as Peru.

Donald E. Shepardson contributed "Theodore Roosevelt and William II: The New Struggle for Atlantic Supremacy" to *Problems in European History*, a collection of essays published by Moor Press. Jonathan G. Utley, associate professor of history at the University of Tennessee, is the coeditor of *Social Impact of Scientific Research*, to the March 1978 National Science Foundation Chautauqua Seminar at the University of Missouri — Kansas City. He and his wife are the parents of a son.

1971

John D. Krugler, associate professor of history at Marquette University, gave a paper on "Court Catholicism: Another Look at George Calvert's Conversion to Catholicism" to the October 1977 Duquesne History Forum.

Richard Saunders, associate professor of history at Clemson University, is the author of *The Railroad Mergers and the Coming of Conrail* (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1978), a study of the creation of railroad conglomerates like Burlington Northern and

Penn Central during the years since 1960. The book was the subject of a feature article in the October 30, 1978 issue of *Forbes*.

1972

Geraldine Forbes, associate professor of history at SUNY Oswego, edited *A Pattern of Life: The Memoirs of an Indian Woman* by Shuda Mazandar for the Manohar Press of New Delhi in 1977. She spoke on "The Political Mobilization of Women in India Through Religion: Bengal, 1905-1917" at a conference at SUNY Cortland in October 1977 and on "Purdah to Politics: The Social Feminism of the All-India Women's Organizations" at the Conference on Purdah in South Asia at Northwestern University in March 1978. At the Association for Asian Studies Conference in Chicago in May 1978 she organized a panel and spoke on "History Through Memoirs: The Writings of Shudha Mazundar, Begum Rahmatunissa, and Kamalabhar L. Rau." At the Fourth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women at Mount Holyoke College in August 1978 she read a paper, "The Indian Women's Movement: A Struggle for Women's Rights or National Liberation?" She wrote and directed an educational slide show for the Center for International Programs of the New York State Education Department on "India's Working Women," and she has been named a member of the executive board of the New York State Asian Studies Committee and a member of the program committee of 1978 New York State Asian Studies Conference.

1973

Lester Hutton, associate professor of history at Westfield State College (Massachusetts) is on sabbatical leave during the fall semester of 1978.

Sally Gregory Kohlstedt is now associate professor of history with tenure at Syracuse University. With the aid of a National Science Foundation grant, she is on leave during 1978-79 studying the development of public natural science museums during the late nineteenth century. She has contributed "Reassessing Science in Antebellum America" to the *American Quarterly* 29 (fall 1977), "Maria Mitchell and the Advancement of Women in Science" to the *New England Quarterly* 51 (spring 1978), and "In From the Periphery: American Women in Science, 1830-1880" to *Signs* 4 (fall 1978). She is also the author of several book reviews. She served as commentator at the 1978 Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, and she currently holds the post of secretary of the History of Science Society and of editor of its quarterly *Newsletter*.

1974

C. Edward Balog, assistant professor of history at Lindenwood College (St. Charles, Missouri), has been named chairperson both of the History Department and of the Division of Social Sciences at Lindenwood. He delivered a paper, "Societal Impact of Scientific Research," to the March 1978 National Science Foundation Chautauqua Seminar at the University of Missouri — Kansas City. He and his wife are the parents of a son.

Thomas P. Schlunz, assistant professor of history at the University of New Orleans, is the author of "Church and State in Normandy at the Time of the Becket Controversy" in *The McNeese Review* 24 (1977-78).

Walter C. Tousey continues to serve as Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and to teach one course each year for the Department of History.

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

During 1977-78 the Epsilon chapter of Phi Alpha Theta resembled the month of March — it came in like a lamb and went out like a lion. Under the leadership of President Robert Spude the traditional events of Epsilon chapter were carried off successfully, while with the assistance of Treasurer Kevin Kropf the organization solidified its financial and organizational base.

1975

Ronald C. Brown, now assistant professor of history at Southwest Texas State University, is guiding his book, *Hard-Rock Affairs of the Internationale West*, toward publication in 1979 by the Texan A & M Press. His "A Dedication to the Memory of Fred A. Shanon" appeared in *Arizona and the West*.

Parks M. Coble, assistant professor of history at the University of Nebraska, read a paper to the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs in October 1978.

Dan M. Hockman, associate professor of history and director of Continuing Education and Community Services at Eastern Illinois University, is the author of "Financing Adult and Continuing Education" in the spring 1978 issue of *The Neo Campus*. He has been elected academic representative to his institution's Council of University Administrators. He also gave a number of guest lectures and spoke on "George Washington: The War Years, 1775-1783" and "Witchcraft in Colonial America" on radio station WEIC (Charleston).

John D. Kier, associate professor of history at Fort Hays State University (Kansas), spent the 1977-78 academic year in Leningrad under the auspices of the International Research and Exchange Board's arrangement with the Soviet Union as a Fulbright Fellow. His article, "The *Illustrisstia* Affair of 1858: Polemics on the Jewish Question in the Russian Periodical Press" appeared in *National Papers* 5 (fall 1977). He read a paper at the Central Slavic Conference meeting in Manhattan, Kansas in November 1978.

1976

Joeelyn Maynard Ghent, visiting assistant professor at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs of Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada), contributed "Science, Technology, and Trudeau's Foreign Policy" to the May 1978 issue of *Behind the Headlines*, a publication of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. Her article "The Golden Dream and the Press: Illinois and the California Rush of '49" appeared in the April 1978 issue of *Journal of the West*; the latter originated in a junior-year term paper written more than a decade ago in a course taught by Clark C. Spence. She read a summary of her doctoral dissertation to an AIA session in Dallas in December 1977, and she spoke on "Canadian-Soviet Technological Cooperation" to a meeting of the Canadian Council of Learned Societies in London, Ontario in June 1978.

John C. Ruoff has become Training Coordinator of the South Carolina Legal Services Coalition in Columbia. He is reminded of

his dissertation on the image of nineteenth-century Southern womanhood whenever he looks out his office window. It faces a Confederate war memorial erected by the "Women of South Carolina."

Philip R. VanderMeer, assistant professor of history at Purdue,

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The first semester's activities were highlighted by the annual fall picnic, which in spite of less than optimum weather proved a success, and the continuation of the Canterbury House talks. A fund-raising book sale and the annual banquet, which was well attended, including a number of the more than forty new initiates, was addressed by Dr. Otto Pflanze, editor of the *American Historical Review*. While on campus, Dr. Pflanze also gave a separate and enlightening talk on the publication of historical articles.

The officers for 1978-79 are Stuart Rosselet, president; Ingrid Antonsen, vice-president; Catherine O'Connor, secretary; and Kevin Kropp, treasurer.

The History Graduate Student Association (HGSA) continued its program of advising new students. It also made a number of recommendations concerning changes in the administration of the graduate program to the department's executive committee. The HGSA cheered the department softball team on to victory in its league during the spring of 1978 and again during the summer of 1978. (University of Illinois football team, take notice!) Keith King served as HGSA president during 1977-78. The current president is Helen Hundley.

The History Undergraduate Association (HUG) did not meet regularly during the 1977-78 academic year, but it held a highly successful meeting in April featuring Robert W. Johannsen speaking on "The Mexican War: America's Romantic Adventure." A full program of activities is on the agenda for 1978-79.

The British History Association had an active year of dinner or wine-and-cheese evenings featuring speakers or films. In September 1977, A. L. Beier of the University of Lancaster (England) spoke on "Social Problems in Elizabethan London," and in November 1977, Scott Bennett of the University of Illinois Library talked about "Revolutions in Thought: Literacy and the Common Reader in

Early Victorian Britain." The classic film *The Private Life of Henry VIII* was shown at the December meeting. On the verge of completing her own Ph.D. in history at Illinois, Esther Shkolnik addressed the February 1978 meeting on "Politicians' Wives: the Missing Rib of Victorian Political Biography." The April meeting featured an illustrated talk on eighteenth and nineteenth century parish church music by Nicholas Temperley of the University of Illinois School of Music. In May Paul Koppelman, a University of Illinois Ph.D. then serving as visiting assistant professor of history here, spoke about "Women Attached to the British Army in America, 1755-1783." The president of the organization since January 1978 has been James Filkins.

## STUDENT AWARDS

At the 1978 Department of History banquet, the Martha Belle Barrett Prize for outstanding undergraduate work in history went to Gerlinde Niederreiter. The Barrett Prize for the best senior thesis went to William Henry Link for a paper written under the supervision of Professor O. Vernon Burton. Frank E. Swietek received the Lawrence Marcellus Larsen Award as the ablest student to have passed doctoral examinations in English or Medieval history during the previous year. (Mr. Swietek went on to complete his dissertation during the summer of 1978, and he is now teaching at the University of Dallas.) The Joseph Ward Swain Prize for the best graduate student essay went to Linda Duchamp. John Andrick, Dennis Davis, and Robert Spude shared the Swain prize for scholarly publications by graduate students. The Frederick S. Rodkey prize in Russian History was subsequently awarded to Ira Lynn Campbell.

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