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UC San Diego History Department Newsletter Academic Year 2012-2013

NEW ARRIVALS

Starting Fall 2013



KARL GERTH joins us as the Hwei-chih and Julia Hsiu Endowed Chair in Chinese Studies. He was previously Dame Jessica Rawson Fellow and Tutor in Modern Asian History at Merton College, Oxford University. His most recent book is *As China Goes, So Goes the World: How Chinese Consumers are Transforming Everything*.

Karl Gerth

Formerly a Professor of History at UC Irvine, ULRIKE STRASSER joins us as a specialist in early modern European history with a special interest in both gender and religion. Her books include, *State of Virginity: Politics, Religion, and Gender in German Catholic Polity* and *Cultures of Communication, Theologies of Media*.

Ulrike Strasser



Pamela Radcliff

Chair's Corner:

As I start my last year as Chair, I am more optimistic about the future of UC and UCSD than I was three years ago when I started. UC has begun to revise its funding strategies to rely less on state money, and the hiring of a new Chancellor has given our campus new momentum. All year we have been involved in a serious "strategic planning" discussion, initiated by the Chancellor, to define what the campus priorities should be for the

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Faculty Kudos



DEBORAH HERTZ, Herman Wouk Chair in Modern Jewish History, will be a visiting research associate at the NYU Center for European and Mediterranean Studies in the fall. **MARK HANNA** received the Graduate Student Mentorship Award from the Graduate Student Association. **MICHAEL PARRISH** will give the Faculty Research Lecture in the fall.

What's Up With the Faculty



ERIC VAN YOUNG'S book, *Writing Mexican History*, a collection of his previously published and lauded essays, appeared in an edition from Stanford University Press.



SARAH SCHNEEWIND held an NEH Fellowship in 2012-13 for research on shrines to living officials in Ming China; she also published "Beyond Flattery: Legitimizing Political Participation in a Ming Living Shrine" in the *Journal of Asian Studies*.

CHRISTINE HUNEFELDT FRODE co-edited with James Cooper *Amazonia: Environment and the Law in Amazonia: A Plurilateral Encounter* (Sussex Academic Press).

DANA VELASCO MURILLO published "Laboring Above Ground: Indigenous Women in New Spain's Silver-Mining District, Zacatecas, Mexico, 1620-1770," in the *Hispanic American Historical Review*; she also received a Franklin Research Grant from the American Philosophical Society.

MICHAEL PROVENCE'S book, *The Great Syrian Revolt*, was published in a revised Arabic edition; he gave the keynote lecture on contemporary Syria at the Semana Srabe in Mexico City.

HEIDI KELLER-LAPP received the Teaching Excellence award from Roosevelt College, and an NEH grant for a summer seminar at the Wellcome Library.

JOHN MARINO published four new articles, including "Constructing the Past of Early Modern Naples: Sources and Historiography" and "Myths of Modernity and the Myth of the City: When the Historiography of pre-modern Italy Goes South".

MARK HENDRICKSON'S *American Labor and Economic Citizenship* appeared from Cambridge.

SUZANNE CAHILL curated and wrote wall copy for treasures from the Suzhou Museum at the San Diego Museum of Art.

STANLEY CHODOROW published a new book, "Writing a Successful Research Paper," written for undergraduates and published in 2012 by Hackett..

REBECCA PLANT received a Research Fellowship from the Newberry Library to support research on child soldiers in the Civil War that she is conducting with her collaborator, Frances Clarke (University of Sydney).

New Undergrad Journal

Spearheaded by Stephanie Robitaille and Doug Sangster, our local chapter of **Phi Alpha Theta**, the UCSD History Honors Society, published the first issue of its journal, *The Chronicle*. Articles appeared by Kyle Dowling, Nicholas Garcis Johnson, Joseph Daniel, Rebecca Benest, and Jeffrey Lew.

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Another Round of Applause



BILL PROPP spent the fall term as **Visiting Professor in Religion** at **Dartmouth** where he taught the **Biblical Roots of Jewish Mysticism**. In the *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* (2013) he also published “Is the Da Vinci Code True?” Soon to be a major motion picture?



PAUL PICKOWICZ published two new books, *China on Film* and *Restless China*. He is a visiting scholar this fall at the **University of Edinburgh**.



NANCY KWAK received three major grants from the **UCSD Humanities Center**, the **Graham Foundation**, and the **UC Humanities Research Initiative**.

Our Deepest Sympathy



We mourn the passing of our former PhD student **EMILY MONTGOMERY**, who died on **December 3, 2012**. Emily was a new mother of a baby girl, **Eloise**, born 11 weeks early due to Emily’s illness. She is survived by her husband, **Chris Wakeham**, 2-year-old son, **Miles**, mother, **Lynn** of **San Diego**, and brother, **Paul** of **Seattle**.

What's Up With Staff?



We said goodbye to **GAIL PARISH**, our budget magician for seven years (28 yrs. at UCSD), who kept the auditors at bay and made certain all our reimbursements arrived on schedule. Have a great retirement, Gail!

Staffing Changes

AMBER RIEDER became Graduate Coordinator; **MAGGIE TILLEY** moved into the Undergraduate Coordinator position; **SALLY HARGATE** began as Judaic Studies and CAESAR Program Rep; **COURTNEY HIBBARD** began as Science Studies Program Rep; **VANESSA RUBINFELD** began as Japanese Studies Program Rep; and **ANDY LIEDHOLM** began his career appointment as Computer Resource Specialist.



and We Bid Adieu to:



NAYAN SHAH who is off to join the Department of American Studies & Ethnicity at USC, and **NAOMI ORESKES** who is bound for Harvard's Department of Science Studies.

We will miss them.



Beginning Their Careers

JUDD KINZLEY is now an Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison; EMILY BAUM, a PhD candidate in our Modern China program, has accepted a tenure-track appointment as Assistant Professor of History at UC Irvine; NICK SAENZ has accepted a tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor at Adams State University; MARGARET GREENE, a student of Paul Pickowicz and Joe Esherick, has accepted an appointment as an Assistant Professor in the Departments of History and Philosophy at Montana State University; ANITA CASAVANTES BRADFORD, a student of Luis Alvarez, has accepted a tenure-track appointment with the History and Chicana-Latina Studies Departments at UC Irvine.

Recent Dissertations

DANIEL FRESE, “The Civic Forum in Ancient Israel: Its Form, Function, and Symbolism”; BEKIR HARUM KUCUK, “Early Enlightenment in Istanbul”; JUDD KINZLEY, “Staking Claims to China’s Borderland: Oil, Ores, and State-Building in Xinjiang Province, 1893-1964”; ZHENZHENG (JENNY) HUANGFU, “Internalizing the West: Qing Envoys and Ministers in Europe”; ELENA AROVOVA, “Studies of Science before ‘Science Studies’ Cold War and the Politics of Science in the U.S., U.K., and U.S.S.R., 1950s-1970s”; KENNETH VANDEVELDE, “The First Bilateral Investment Treaties: U.S. Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation Treaties in the Truman Administration”; RYAN ZROKA, “If Only This War Would End: German Soldiers at the End of the First World War”; MARIA BARBARA ZEPEDA CORTES, “Empire, Reform, and Corruption: Jose de Galvez and Political Culture in the Spanish World, 1765-1787”; GLORIA KIM, “A Community in Conflict: Race, Class and the Struggle for Educational Equity in San Diego City Schools, 1954-1985”; CHARLES NICHOLAS SAENZ, “National Reform and Municipal Revolt in a Revolutionary Spain: Political Culture in Western Andalusia, 1766-1823”; JULIETTE MAIORANA, “The Mining Lite: A Transnational History of Race and Family in the U.S. Mexico Borderlands, 1890-1965.”

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next generation.

In the UCSD History Department, we promote deep learning about different times and places in both undergraduate and graduate education. In terms of the undergraduate teaching mission, we continue to teach a range of lower division survey courses to a broad range of non-history majors, as well as upper-division courses in our specialized fields. The point of a history major, we have decided, is to promote the analytical, writing and synthetic skills that could be learned in any course, no matter the geographic focus. Beyond the major, every year we get fifteen students who pursue the honors track that includes writing a serious research paper based on primary sources. On the graduate side, there are between 80-90 Ph.D. students who specialize in a major field and two minor fields.

Our research and education missions have been enhanced this year by several new faculty hires, as well as successful retentions. This year three new faculty arrived—Jessica Graham, who works on Brazil, Dana Velasco Murillo, whose research focuses on colonial Mexico, and Edward Watts, our new endowed chair in Byzantine history. Two other new recruitments will join us next year—Karl Gerth, specialist in modern China, and Uli Strasser, who studies early modern Europe. We will miss Naomi Oreskes and Nayan Shah and wish them the best.

Grad Awards

◆ AYTEK ALPAN

received a fellowship to the Orient-Institut in Istanbul and an appointment to the Greek National Research Foundation in Athens;

◆ MAKI SMITH received a travel grant from the UC Studies Consortium to support his research on the making of model cities;

◆ MAYRA AVITIA received a UC Studies Consortium travel grant and was chosen to participate in the Dissertation Writing Workshop led by Professor Stanley Chodorow.



Also ...

◆ LAURA GUTIERREZ has been awarded a UC Mexus dissertation research grant for her project on repatriation, deportation and development in Turreon; LAURA also received the Peer Mentorship Award from GSA;

◆ MAYRA AVITIA has been awarded the Pozzetta Award for the best dissertation proposal funded by the Immigration and Ethnic History Society;

◆ LUIS SANCHEZ-LOPEZ has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to conduct research in Mexico for his thesis on constructing the Mexican nation in 19th century Oaxaca;

◆ ANDREA DAVIS received a dissertation research award from the UC Humanities Research Institute;

◆ RYAN MORAN received a dissertation research award from the D. Kim Foundation for his project on life insurance in modern Japan;

◆ PATRICK ADAMIAK won research support from the American Center of Oriental Research-Council of American Overseas Research Center;

◆ FOSTER CHAMBERLAIN received a Fulbright dissertation award to carry out research in Spain on the political culture of the civil guard during the Second Spanish Republic;

◆ MARY KLANN won the award for the best graduate student conference paper from the Western Association of Women's Historians;

◆ JAMES SHRADER was awarded a grant from the UC Center for New Racial Studies at UCSB;

◆ CUTLER EDWARDS received a grant from the UC Center for New Racial Studies as well;

◆ KATE FLACH received renewed funding for collaborative research on feminism and womanhood in television of the 1960s and 70s; ROBERT TERRELL received the Fritz Thyssen Foundation Pre-Dissertation fellowship and the Archival Summer Seminar grant from the German Historical Institute;

◆ AMY O'KEEFE has been awarded a Columbia University Library Research Grant;

◆ JORGE LEAL won the Oceanids Bertha Lebus Scholarship and was awarded outstanding community leader by GSA;

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Grad Awards continued ...

- ◆ **JOHN ALANIZ** has been selected for the UC San Diego chapter of the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society;
- ◆ **ALINA MENDEZ** received the first annual UCSD award for distinguished graduate teaching of diversity, equity, and inclusion;
- ◆ **Mendez and MYCHAL ODOM** were honored for their contributions to multicultural understanding at UCSD;
- ◆ President's Dissertation Diversity Fellowships went to **ELIZABETH SINE** and **JOHN ALANIZ**;
- ◆ **BEKIRK HARUN KÜCÜK** won the Chancellor's Dissertation Medal;
- ◆ First Annual History Department Best TA Award went to two graduate students: **MATTHEW DAVIDSON** and **WILLIAM MCGOVERN**; and
- ◆ the Dryden Hull Memorial Prize for Best Dissertation went to **JUDD KINZLEY**.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Undergrad Honors

The Rappaport Prize is presented to the best history essay or thesis written each year. The Rappaport Prize originated from a memorial fund established in 1983 for an early member of the UCSD History Department, Professor Armin Rappaport.

The **ANNUAL RAPPAPORT PRIZE** was awarded to **REBECCA HAWKINS**.

Faculty Advisor: Cathy Gere.

Thesis title: "Dying to be Healthy: Moral Restraint, Self-Control and the Starvation Diet in the Treatment of Diabetes"

AMARDEEP BAINS

Faculty Advisor: David Gutierrez

Thesis title: "Chicano Punk and the Vex"

TYNG-GUANG CHU

Faculty Advisor: William Propp

Thesis title: "Where He Dwells: The Cosmological Interpretation of the Jerusalem Temple"

FELICIA DANA

Faculty Advisor: Patrick Patterson

Thesis title: "From Benito to Bombshell: How Americanization to Italian Media After WWII Facilitated the Creation of New Feminine Identities"

BRIAN DAIGLE

Faculty Advisor: Rachel Klein

Thesis title: "Traitors to the Cause: Unionist Sentiment in Civil War Alabama"

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more Undergrad Honors

LILA GITESATANI

Faculty Advisor: Mark Hanna

Thesis title: “Negative Representation of North Africans in English Captivity Narratives: 1670-1720”

PABLO LARA

Faculty Advisor: Eric Van Young

Thesis title: “The Xibaro Frontier of Macas in Sixteenth-Century Quito”

DOUGLAS SANGSTER

Faculty Advisor: Rebecca Plant

Thesis title: “A. Philip Randolph and the First Chapter of the Modern Civil Rights Movement”

KIRSTIE THOUM

Faculty Advisor: Eric Van Young

Thesis title: “Of Laws and Men: The Sphere of Conversation and the Politics of Negotiation”

STEPHANIE VILLALOBOS

Faculty Advisor: Tal Golan

Thesis title: “The Duty to Protect: Problems Plaguing Mass Immunization in the United States”

HANNAH YENDLER

Faculty Advisor: Patrick Patterson

Thesis title: “Probable Enemies of All Mankind”

In Search of History Alumni

We are looking for recent UCSD History Department Alumni who are willing to talk about your professional experiences on the theme, “What do you do with a History major?” Contact Maggie Tilley, Undergraduate Coordinator, at historyundergrad@ucsd.edu, 858-534-8940, or via email at

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