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The Center for Oral and Public History Continues to Grow through the Generosity of Our Donors

Ever since 2011, when the National Endowment for the Humanities awarded California State University, Fullerton, a $425,000 challenge grant for the expansion and relocation of our Center for Oral and Public History, major donations have come in to support this endeavor. We take this opportunity to thank all donors, among them Lawrence B. De Graaf, professor emeritus of History, Gordon M. Bakken, professor emeritus of History, and Jeffrey S. Van Harte, vice chair of the board of governors of CSUF’s Philanthropic Foundation.

For more on the challenge grant, please see:

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Welcome to Our New Faculty Members:
Dr. Margie Brown-Coronel and Dr. Daniel McClure

The Department of History welcomes two new faculty members this fall. Dr. Margie Brown-Coronel (Ph.D. UC Irvine) joins us as a specialist in the history of the U.S.—Mexico Borderlands. Her research focuses on the several generations of women in the del Valle family of Southern California during the 19th and 20th centuries. She has an interest in Latino/Chicano history, women’s history, feminist studies, local and family history, as well as U.S. and Western History. Dr. Brown Coronel also has a strong interest in public history and the use of media, having worked as an advisor to the National Women’s History Museum on their online exhibit “Latinas in the Southwest.”

Dr. Daniel McClure joins the department for 2013-14 as a Visiting Assistant Professor. Dr. McClure completed his M.A. at CSUF before going on to earn his Ph.D. at UC Irvine with a dissertation entitled “Winter in America: A Cultural History of the Rise of Neoliberalism, 1960s—1980s.” Dr. McClure’s research focuses on African-American and African Diaspora history, as well as 20th-century U.S. history, Caribbean history, American popular culture, and historical theory. This fall he will be teaching HIST 501 (Theory and History), 300A (Historical Thinking), and 458A (West Africa and the African Diaspora).
Adventures in Graduate Student Research: The Social Meaning of Beer

When we return to class this Fall semester and fellow colleagues share their summer experiences together, I will happily state that I spent my summer drinking beer and shooting the breeze with strangers throughout the pubs, taverns and breweries of Southern California. “Hardly productive” is what I imagine the first reaction many would have, but my good cheer comes not so much from all the drinking of assorted beers but rather that the whole time I was in a way researching for my Master’s Thesis. For the beer I have been enjoying is not the $2 Dollar Happy Hour Bud Lights at the local TGI Fridays, but some of the rare and more eclectic brews that have become the shining achievements of the craft brewing community. Some historians research by burying themselves in archives, others by scanning online databases; I have the dumb luck of having a topic that I can engage with on a day-to-day basis. If words like Bock, Saison, Gueuze, Hefeweizen, Kölsch or Lambic are familiar to you then perhaps you understand the absolute complexity that beer today offers, as well as the history it embodies. From the finest Trappist Monk ales brewed in the monasteries of Belgium to the crap tap of corporate beers at a local dive bar, there is history to be found in these glasses, bottles and cans.

My adventures took me to several “beer fests” where craft brewers would show off their finer beers to visitors and discuss the history and complexity of their creative process. One of the great things about small businesses like micro/craft breweries is the willingness to experiment with flavors, adopting historic styles of beer, and adding a unique twist to it. A Beer Fest at Stone Brewing in Escondido displayed dozens of beers from throughout the states and several from England. While there, I met with the founder of Stone Brewing, Greg Koch, and the founder of Maui Brew Company, Garrett Marrero. While I only spoke with them briefly, they shared a clear camaraderie. Two business owners who would normally be rivals are in fact partners in a larger movement. Those with even a passing familiarity of beer in the United States can tell that something big has been taking place. Men and women across the nation have changed the course of American and World beer history in the same ways men like Augustus Busch or Frederick Miller did over a hundred years ago. The language, culture, and economics surrounding beer have all changed due to the efforts of the craft beer movement. The purpose of my research is to better understand that shift in understanding, hopefully from hearing the stories of those who have taken part in this change in history.

Cheers,

Eric Ortega

Alumni News

Joseph Lanning, Phi Alpha Theta member, Dean's List honoree, and recent CSUF magna cum laude graduate, has recently been accepted into Utah State University’s graduate program in the field of history. Throughout his academic career at CSUF, Mr. Lanning focused primarily on areas of study related to social inequality, women's studies, the effects of imperialism and post-colonialism, and U.S./Middle Eastern relations. He attributes his accomplishment to the exemplary education he received at CSUF along with three shining letters of recommendation submitted on his behalf by Drs. Bakken, Jobbitt, and McLain. In addition, Mr. Lanning reports that he has been offered full tuition compensation and a graduate assistantship position that pays a hefty $1000/month salary.

First Sergeant Steven Lyon (M.A. History, 2005) received the 2013 Educator of the Year Award from the Troy High School PTSA for his work with the school’s Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Program. Sergeant Lyon served for more than twenty years in the United States Marine Corps. After his retirement from service, he pursued an M.A. in History at CSUF, as well as a teaching credential at CSULB. He has been teaching at Troy HS since 1995.
Please congratulate Dr. Stephen O'Connor. Dr. O'Connor and Maura Halpenny were married on July 12 at the Village at Lyons, Celbridge, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

Dr. Jessica Stern, her husband Craig, and their daughter Eva are celebrating the birth of their son and little brother, Jacob Yirush.

Ms. Maria Hernandez Figueroa, a graduate of the Department and one of its former staff members, has accepted a new position at CSUF in the Office of Guardian Scholars in the Division of Student Affairs. Congratulations Maria!

Dr. Amy Essington is celebrating the formal conferral of her Ph.D. degree from Claremont Graduate University. Congratulations Dr. Essington!

Dr. Lee Bellot presented Tea Time at Downtown Abbey at the Fullerton Public Library. The July 28 event discussed the decline, collapse and reconstitution of the aristocracy in modern British society.

Dr. Gordon Morris Bakken, Emeritus Professor of History, presented a talk on the Equal Access to Justice Act and the Endangered Species Act to OLLI on July 25, 2013. The former statute and a 1989 U.S. Supreme Court decision enabled the current explosion in Social Security Disability claims and the combination of the statutes enabled the current litigation expense crisis for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dr. Lynn Sargeant, Professor of History, has been appointed the Interim Director of Undergraduate Studies for CSUF during the 2013-14 academic year.

Dr. Allison Varzally was awarded a Senior Intramural Research Award from the CSUF University Faculty Research Committee for her project, “Children of Atonement: Vietnamese Adoptees, Wartime Memories, and the Politics of Interracial Families.”

In Memorium: Kinji Ken Yada and Nancy Carson

Kinji Ken Yada, associate professor emeritus of history, died July 9 of cardiac arrest. He was 84. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Yada graduated from Roosevelt High School, and attended Los Angeles City College and UCLA, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in history. He earned his master’s and doctoral degrees in history at the University of Michigan and USC, respectively. Following teaching appointments at Northern Colorado University and the University of British Columbia, Yada joined Cal State Fullerton’s faculty in 1969 and retired in 1994. According to Arthur A. Hansen, professor emeritus of history, Kinji “was a popular teacher both in upper-division offerings in Japanese history and lower-division courses in world history, who was greatly respected by his colleagues.”

Yada is survived by his wife, Yoko, and children, Jerry and Allison.

Nancy Carson passed away at her Anaheim, CA, home on Saturday, July 20, 2013, with her family by her side, from complications of lung cancer. Nancy took a job in the California State University, Fullerton temp pool in 1994, handling various assignments, and eventually became the Department Secretary for the History Department. Her warmth and generosity played a key role in making the department a delightful place to work. She retired in 2005. Nancy was an active homemaker and gardener, an excellent cook, talented at crochet and other needlework, and an avid mystery reader (as her 1,000+ volume library and database attest). She and her husband Steve also developed a love of horse racing and loved spending time at Del Mar and Santa Anita. Nancy is survived by her two daughters, Julie Carson of Anaheim and Jean (Jason) O’Donnell of Beaverton, OR. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Ann (Jim) Carr, and numerous cousins and nephews. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, and her husband.

Please note the location of the Hansen Lecture on Oral and Public History: "Harlan County, Kentucky: Thirty Years of Field Work," by Professor Alessandro Portelli will be held on Tuesday, October 8, at 5:30pm, in the TSU Pavilion A, CSUF campus.
Mr. Thomas Fujii (M.A. Candidate, B.A. History 2007) is the 2013 recipient of the Jorice Maag Local History Scholarship. The scholarship, which is named for longtime donor Jorice Maag of the Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum, is awarded annually to support the study of local history.

During his studies, Fujii has worked closely with Drs. Bakken, Fousekis, Cawthra, and Hansen. He has conducted oral histories for the Center for Oral and Public History, participated in the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station project and the "New Birth of Freedom: Civil War to Civil Rights in California" exhibit mounted last year in the Fullerton Arboretum's Orange County Agricultural and Nikkei Heritage Museum. Fujii is proposing a permanent exhibit for the museum. Tentatively titled "Growing Our Legacy: The Nikkei Heritage in Orange County," it would explore three generations of Japanese Americans from 1900-2013.

In addition to his current work on local history, Fujii has authored several articles, including "Hors d'oeuvres: Blackfoot Horse Raiding" in the January issue of The Indian Trader, and presented numerous papers, such as "Cash, Gold Dust and Credit: California Indian Economic Advancement: 1542-1807" at last year's American Society of Ethnohistory meeting. He is a member of the Theta Pi chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the History Student Association, Western History Association, American Society of Ethnohistory and Nikkei Civil Rights/Redress. In addition to the Maag award, he has received an EPOCHS Graduate Research Grant, the Arthur Hansen Fellowship, and an American Society of Ethnohistory Travel Award.

On to Even Greater Things: Graduation 2013
Thirty-two individuals participated in the 2013 HOTM Study Tour. Most of the participants came from southern California, but we also had fellow travelers from northern California, Texas, New Jersey and Washington (from which a family originated but lived and worked in Germany for several years). The USA participants all came together at JFK Airport in New York on the 17th of June, and departed from there directly for Tel Aviv, Israel, which was our first stop. Air and land arrangements with the agencies of the different countries in which we traveled were handled by Bound To Travel, Inc. of Fullerton, CA.

This year’s participants included students, educators, business people, nurses, a medical doctor, retired individuals and many spouses. We averaged about four hours of walking per day as we visited historical, archaeological and religious sites, museums, as well as modern commercial areas in the various cities (for shopping of course!). As you can imagine with all the walking we did, many of the HOTM participants lost a few of their unwanted pounds of weight.

**A Surprise in Luther’s City**
As we were visiting Wittenberg, Martin Luther’s city in eastern Germany, we came to the Castle Church, upon whose doors Martin Luther posed his “95 Theses,” which were instrumental in starting the Reformation. While we were discussing the posting of Luther’s Theses, Jason Collar, a HOTM participant and a graduate student in History at California State University, Fullerton, dropped down on one knee and presented a diamond ring and his handwritten “95 Theses of Love” to Lanette Uribe, also a HOTM participant. Jason had already committed to marry Lanette, and he had purchased the diamond ring while we were in Tel Aviv area of Israel (by the way, Israel has a very large diamond cutting industry). However, Jason wanted to present the ring and his 95 Theses of Love at a very special place, so he chose to do so in front of the Wittenberg Castle Church, while keeping his intentions secret until he carried out his proposal. Of course, Lanette accepted his offer, and all the rest of the HOTM participants expressed their congratulations and best wishes to a very special couple.

**Focus of the Study Tour**
Upon arrival in Israel, we were transferred by bus to our hotel in Jerusalem, where we were to begin our touring of historical sites. We visited a number of places in and around Jerusalem, including Jerusalem University College (Institute of Holy Land Studies) where Joan and I had the privilege of serving as directors during the early 1980’s. It was also good to visit friends at the International Christian Embassy, Jerusalem, which provides humanitarian care to Jews and Arabs in Israel.

Then we traveled on to Bethlehem, Palestine, and the Dead Sea areas of Qumran and Masada. We continued south to Eilat, Israel and then crossed the Jordanian border to modern Aqaba, visiting ancient Petra, and on to the museums in the capital city of Amman, Jordan. As we then headed north in Jordan, we visited the ancient Roman city of Gerash before crossing over the Jordanian/Israel border into northern Israel, not far from the Sea of Galilee. We stayed at the guest house of Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar on the northwest side of sea/lake, where our travelers were introduced to kibbutz life. What a learning experience we had as we studied the historical geography of biblical sites from the borders of Lebanon and Syria, sites around the Sea of Galilee, and westward through the lower Galilee and the Jezreel Valley to the Mediterranean coast. Along the Mediterranean coast we visited Haifa, Mt. Megiddo, the ancient Roman city of Caesarea and the Tel Aviv/Jaffa area.

As we were departing Israel for Germany after two weeks of travel, twelve of our thirty-two participants returned to their homes. In Germany, during the third week of traveling, we visited sites in Frankfurt area, had dinner with friends of co-hosts Dennis & Joy Griggs in Pohlheim Village at Giessen, went on to Eisenach and Wartburg Castle, visited one of the Nazi extermination camps at Buchenwald, and then on to Dresden. From Dresden we traveled and toured Wittenberg, and then ended our Study Tour together with a few days in Berlin. In Berlin we visited the central part of the city, the Reichstag, museums and the Holocaust Memorial. Then came the participants’ long flights to the various parts of the USA.

Other than a few stumbles by our participants, our HOTM Study Group made it safely back to their homes. What fun it was to travel and learn together, and especially to see the group develop a family atmosphere, helping each other at different difficult locations.

By the way, California was not the only hot place while we were traveling, for it was about 110 degrees while walking through ancient Petra in Jordan!

Our appreciation to all who traveled with us!

Respectfully submitted,

George Giacumakis, Emeritus Professor of History
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Get Involved:
Join the History Students Association or Phi Alpha Theta

Congratulations to the new officers of the History Student Association (HAS) and of the Theta-Pi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honor Society in History:

Presidents: Nicole Arnold (PAT), Eric Ortega (HSA)
Vice Presidents: Shane Austin (PAT), Chloe Reid (HSA)
Treasurers: Lindsay Huysentruyt (PAT), Tim Barrette (HSA)
Secretaries: Madison Pavia (PAT), Samantha Westen (HSA)
At-Large Board Members: Greg Leighton (PAT), Mary Flynn (PAT), Richard Upward (HSA)
HSS-ICC Representatives: Jason Collar (PAT and HSA), Gloria Lopez (PAT and HSA), Eric Ortega (PAT and HSA)

The National Honor Society in History, Phi Alpha Theta, was founded at the University of Arkansas in 1921, with the intention to encourage the study of history and to recognize excellence in history. On May 31, 1962, the Theta-Pi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta was established at Orange County State College (now California State University, Fullerton). Among its charter members were Bill Langsdorf (the university’s first president), Giles Brown (the university’s first dean of Graduate Studies), Ernie Toy (the university’s first librarian), and Larry de Graaf (one of the university’s founding faculty members). The chapter has won the organization’s "Best Chapter Award" numerous times, and its journal, The Welebaethan, regularly receives national accolades. As of 2013, the chapter has initiated over 1,900 members.

Membership in the "History Students Association" is open to all students, faculty, and staff at California State University, Fullerton. To be added to the HSA e-mail distribution list, or for information on the requirements for induction in Phi Alpha Theta, please contact Dr. Jochen Burgtorf at (657) 278-3474, via e-mail, or in person (Humanities Building 810 O), or see the bulletin board across from the History Department Office (Humanities Building 815 F).

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