The California World History Association will be holding its first annual meeting Nov. 16-17 on the CSUF campus, co-sponsored by the CSUF Department of History, the H&SS Dean’s Office, and the Southern California Consortium on International Studies. Craig Lockard, Rosenberg Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay, and author of Societies, Networks, and Transitions: A Global History (2008) will be the keynote speaker on November 16 (Friday). Felipe Fernández-Armesto, Prince of Asturias Professor at Tufts University, and author of The World: A History (2006) will be the keynote speaker on November 17 (Saturday). A series of round tables and panels designed for secondary school and college teachers will feature other noted world historians such as Cynthia Brown, David Christian, and Ross Dunn. There will be a book exhibit, banquet (Friday), and reception (Saturday). Students planning to teach world history at any level are especially encouraged to attend; they may still register at a special price of $10 that includes one year of CWHA membership. For further information, please contact Professor Gayle Brunelle at gbrunelle@fullerton.edu. Please note that the banquet registration closed on November 1.

A few changes have been made of which students should be aware. One is that the Titan Degree Audit (TDA) is gradually being phased in as the guide to students’ graduation checks. Students must check their TDAs on a regular basis to track their progress toward degree both in General Education (GE) and the major (History). For help with the TDA, see the tutorial at http://www.fullerton.edu/aac/AAC_Resources/Presentations/TDA-tutorial.pps. Each semester after they receive their grade reports, students should check their TDA to see whether their courses have been placed in the correct category in both GE and the major. If there is an error for any course in the major, except for “T” courses (491T, for example), students should contact the TDA office directly (tda@fullerton.edu) and ask them to place the course in the category they want (provided that the History Department’s green advisement sheet shows the course as counting for that category). (continued on page 2: TDA)
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The newly revised advisement sheets are available outside the History Office (H-815F). Students who encounter problems with the above will need to see a faculty advisor to have a TDA exception form done. Secondly, students must take the “Examination in Writing Proficiency” (EWP) prior to graduation and preferably after completion of HIST300B. The web site to sign up for it is http://www.fullerton.edu/testing/ewp.htm#testregis. Finally, students must file for their graduation check about a year prior to when they want to graduate. The web site for the graduation check is http://www.fullerton.edu/admissions/CurrentStudent/Graduation.asp#Bachelor. Delay in filing will lead to delay in graduation.

Where Are They Now? Three CSUF History Grads Checking In

FOOTNOTES asked three of our recent M.A. graduates about their current experiences in Ph.D. programs, and how our M.A. program prepared them for doctoral work.

Daniel McClure (University of California, Irvine): “I am examining post-World War II art (paintings, audio and visual expression) and its intersections with political currents and discourse. My focus is on African American expression and white counterculture. CSUF’s graduate classes were very helpful in preparing for the workload at UCI. The reading and writing seminars and the theory classes laid some strong foundations. Fullerton’s World History focus gave me a head start conceptually, especially in terms of thinking about my work in a global perspective. My fellow Fullerton M.A. grads seem to be near the cutting edge in the UCI program as well.”

Heather Carter (University of California, Los Angeles): “My research period is 15th- and 16th-century England, with areas of interest ranging from topics in urban history in northern England to the survival of Catholicism among the aristocracy. I spend my days working on my languages, cramming for my comprehensive exams, and developing my paleography skills. Fullerton will always remain near and dear to my heart because of two specific skills I learned there which have served me very well in my Ph.D. work: I learned how to really write a paper, and I learned how to present at conferences, a skill that has turned out to be particularly useful during the research presentations in UCLA’s seminars.”

Kenneth Shonk (Marquette University): “My research focuses on the formative era of the Irish Republic (1922-47) as it relates to European trends regarding gender and extremist politics, and its relationship to such cultural elements as art, cinema, and literature. Fullerton introduced me to the nuances of the historian’s craft, the world of book reviews, historiography, primary source research, historical theory, and Socratic inquiry. I felt that I was trained as a historian rather than being taught as a history student. These skills have prepared me well for a doctorate program, but also placed me ahead of many in my doctoral cohort.”

If you are a CSUF History graduate (B.A. or M.A.) and want to let us know “what has become of you,” please send your brief report and, if possible, a digital picture we can publish to Professor Benjamin Cawthra at bcawthra@fullerton.edu.
Lost in Nepal: Part Two

If you missed Part One of Professor Kristine Dennehy’s exciting account of her 2005 trip to Nepal, e-mail FOOTNOTES at jburgtorf@fullerton.edu. After being separated from her trekking group, Professor Dennehy - with the help of Maoist guerrillas - found the village of Chiplis. “I hesitated at the doorway, but the boy encouraged me to enter. I tried to look humble and approached the hearth as he explained the situation to the women gathered there. Through a combination of sign language, facial expressions, and basic English skills, they embraced me with a heartfelt concern for my well-being. A young mother beckoned me to come closer, “Sister, sit down.” “Sister, you drink?” I joined the group seated on a small carpet next to the wood-burning fire. They would take turns feeding the fire, blowing on the embers through a bamboo tube, and boiling water for more tea. Even though I was still overwhelmed with guilt about the rest of my trekking group worrying about me, I tried to throw myself into this fortuitous experience, what we would later call my Gurung “home stay.” By this point, I was accustomed to the usual questions, “Are you married or unmarried?” “How old are you?” With the help of my business card, I explained that I taught Japanese and Korean history. My academic credentials surprised them, but the father and I immediately had a bond based on his years as a migrant laborer, as he said to me in Korean, “Please have some rice.” Suddenly, things I had seen since our arrival in Kathmandu two weeks earlier made more sense. Those Western Union signs at the money changers were for the foreign remittances coming in from Saudi Arabia, Japan, and Korea. This was globalization. The father had three brothers, two in the Indian army, and one with his family in Hong Kong.

In Memoriam: Harry Palmer Jeffrey

The CSUF Department of History has lost a very dear colleague and friend: Harry P. Jeffrey, emeritus professor of history (B.A. Dartmouth College; M.A. Ohio State University; Ph.D. Columbia University), passed away on November 4, 2007, after three years of battling leukemia. Dr. Jeffrey joined the department in 1969 and entered the Faculty Early Retirement Program in 2000. He taught post-World War II American History, and was a specialist on the administration of President Richard Nixon. Dr. Jeffrey’s book, Watergate and the Resignation of Richard Nixon, was published in 2005. Dr. Jeffrey is survived by his wife Mee-Young, son Robert, stepdaughter Clara, and grandchildren Marieke and Lex.

In Memoriam: John Carlyle Webb

It is with sadness that we have learned of the passing of John Carlyle Webb, a graduate of CSUF’s B.A. and M.A. program in History. John served as president (1993-94) and vice-president (1994-95) of our Theta-Pi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. He also worked tirelessly with the Welbaethan, the journal of history published by CSUF students, as an author, layouter/designer (1992-93), editorial staff member (1993-94), and general editor (1994-95). John died on October 7, 2007, in the comfort of his home after a courageous battle with brain cancer. John is survived by his wife, Deborah Horowitz Webb, and daughter Lyla Rose.
CHAIR ELECTION

The History Department voted unanimously to extend Professor William W. Haddad’s term as department chair for two additional years beyond the current year which was to be his last. The department’s vote has been forwarded to the CSUF administration.

NEW COPH DIRECTOR

The Board of the CSUF Center for Oral and Public History (COPH) has voted unanimously to recommend to the Dean of the CSUF College of Humanities and Social Sciences that Professor Natalie Fousekis be appointed Director of COPH (beginning in the fall of 2008), and the Dean has agreed with the Board’s recommendation. Congratulations to Professor Fousekis, and many thanks to Professor Arthur Hansen for many years of dedicated service as Director of COPH.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Professor Gayle Brunelle has published an article, “Policing the Monopolizing Women of Early Modern Nantes,” in the Journal of Women’s History 19, no. 2 (2007).

Professor Cora Granata has published a book, The Human Tradition in Modern Europe: 1750 to the Present, co-edited by Cheryl Koos (Rowman and Littlefield Press).

ANNUAL BANQUET

Our Annual History Banquet will be held on Friday, April 25, 2008, at the Spring Field Banquet and Conference Center in Downtown Fullerton (501 N. Harbor Boulevard). The festivities will commence at 6 p.m. with a reception, followed by a dinner, the Phi Alpha Theta Initiation, the History and Welch Awards Ceremony, and a dance. Tickets are $40 per person - but only $30 for current CSUF History students (with valid student ID). For reservations, please give or send your check (no cash please) to Professor Jochen Burgtorf, CSUF History Dept., 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton, CA 92834. If you are making reservations for more than one person, please include a list with the names of your guests. If you are claiming the student discount, please include a photocopy of your student ID. Reservations are, as always, final and non-refundable. Last year, the banquet was completely sold out one month prior to the event, so reserve soon.