

A Dozen Volumes Off the Press for *Historia*

Historia, the student history journal, and a joint production of the History Department and our Epsilon Mu Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, published its twelfth volume during the spring of 2003. As part of History 4900, Historical Publishing, students solicited, evaluated, edited, and published exceptional history essays.

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Student Protest
Charleston, Illinois 1967

Charleston Riot



The Charleston Riot occurred on March 18, 1967 after United States soldiers and local Republicans clashed with local demonstrators known as "Copperheads." By the time the riot had subsided, seven were dead and twelve had been wounded. The news coverage of the event, defined that the Peace Democrats were responsible for instigating the event. One such news source, from the Chicago

You can pick up a copy in the History Department office or you can check it out online at <http://www.eiu.edu/~historia>.

Legislative Showcase in Springfield

On February 19, 2003 both the Social Science and the History major with Teacher Certification Programs joined over 30 other Eastern Illinois University academic departments in Springfield for the annual Legislative Showcase. The trip aimed to highlight to state legislators the university's academic programs. Representatives displayed a poster and presented it to interested passers-by. This year marked the first time both the Social Science and History programs participated, (although M.A. in History students presented the Coles County Legal History Project last year) and it was a rousing success. Thanks to Dr. Charles Titus and Dr. Michael Shirley for their creative design, graduate students Michael Pollock and David Bell for constructing each component of the poster presentation, and Karen Klebbe, who helped staff the booth at Springfield.

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wends its way through the publication process at University of Tennessee Press. She also published a review in the *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*, and has a review of a map CD-ROM forthcoming in ALHFAM's newsletter. In October, 2002, she had the pleasure of served on a panel with Terry Barnhart and Debra Reid at the Pioneer America Conference, where she presented "Local Myth, Local History: Uncovering the Past at the Five-Mile House in Coles County, Illinois."

David K. Smith found last year to be very fulfilling. Bedford Books published his two-volume study *The West in the Wider World: Four Millennia of Interaction*, co-authored with Richard Lim of Smith College, in November 2002. His article, "Structuring Politics in Early Eighteenth-Century France: The Political Innovations of the French Council of Commerce" appeared in the September 2002 issue of *Journal of Modern History*. In January, he presented a paper entitled "Le commerce et l'état: Les réseaux de communication autour du Conseil de commerce 1700-1725)" at a conference in Lyon, France, *Les Réseaux de correspondance en Europe (XVIe-XIXe siècle): matérialité et représentation*, which will be published in a book volume of the conference papers. And in February he agreed to co-author with Loïc Charles, Frédéric Lefebvre, and Christine Théré a book entitled *Commerce, population et société autour de Vincent de Gournay (1748-1758): La genèse d'un vocabulaire des sciences sociales en France* to be published by Institut National d'Études Démographiques (Paris). On campus, Professor Smith worked to develop a web-based quizzing program to aid students preparing for teacher certification examinations and ran preliminary tests on the program in the spring. He also won election to Editor-in-Chief of H-France, the large web-based discussion network and book reviewing program for historians of France. He continued to volunteer

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Scott Levi published his first book, *The Indian Diaspora in Central Asia and its Trade, 1550-1900*. With the support of grants from the Social Science Research Council and the EIU Council on Faculty Research, Dr. Levi traveled last summer to Uzbekistan to begin archival work on a new book project, tentatively titled *Khoqand: From Khanate to Colony in the Farghana Valley*. This year he received an Achievement and Contribution Award for Research. His "Hindus Beyond the Hindu Kush: Indians in the Central Asian Slave Trade" was published in the *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, while his article on geographical terminology in historical Central Asia was published in *The Turks* (in both English and Turkish). During 2002 he delivered two conference papers and a total of ten invited presentations at various universities. In January, he delivered a paper titled "Shikarpuri merchants in Durrani Afghanistan" at Duke University. Dr. Levi also participated in several public panels on the Eastern's campus on the issue of terrorism, including a terrorism, hosted by the EIU Public Policy Institute, was titled "From 'Black September' to September 11."

Lynnea Magnuson gave a public lecture in March entitled "Feminism: What did it mean, What does it mean...Am I a feminist?" She also led a discussion on "Women Facing War," a video produced by the International Red Cross. She worked with Bob McGrew, who directs the Campus Outdoor Recreation Program at the University of Illinois (UIUC), helping to prepare the students who are going on the Grand Canyon trip in May, by presenting information on the history of the Grand Canyon, the Petrified Forest, Mesa Verde, and the National Park Service. In April, she gave the keynote address at the UIUC History Department Phi Alpha Theta Awards banquet. In June, she presented a paper, "The territories and the election of 1848: Agents Provocateurs, domesticity, and the sectional crisis," at the annual conference of the Society for

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Coles County Legal History Project Online

by Jason Wagoner

Eastern Illinois students and professors have been pursuing a life of crime...: The Coles County Legal History Project online. Recently we have been putting online pictures, documents, photos, and sources in order to provide greater understanding of the cases in our "top five" criminal (and civil) cases from 19th-century Coles County: *Matson v. Ashmore*, *The Charleston Riot*, *Highland v. Crow*, cases regarding Charles Morton, and the lynching of Adolphus Monroe. Soon related materials from secondary works and documents housed in the University Archives will be available online. By the end of the summer term we hope to have the "top five" listings updated (and perhaps seek a new "top five"). Visit us at <http://www.eiu.edu/~localite/coles>.

Reconstructing an 1845 Harvest

by Tim Gerber

For one busy week in February, the 2002 Historical Administration class, advised by Professor Rick Riccio, worked to install their exhibit entitled *A Time to Gather: Autumn on the 1845 Prairie* in the Sargent Gallery of the visitors center at the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site. This exhibit explains how the harvest process in 1845 differed on both the Lincoln and Sargent Farms, both of which are located at the site. The exhibit includes: an introduction, agricultural fairs, transportation of crops to the market, food preservation, preparing for the winter, social events, and the harvest process itself. The exhibit is loaded with interactives geared for both children and adults. The exhibit officially opened on May 9th with an open reception. The exhibit is the third installment of four rotating exhibits that the HA program is contracted to design and install at the site. Learn more about the exhibit at <http://www.eiu.edu/~history/ha/exhibits/2003/index.htm>.

