



# History at Eastern

*An Annual Publication of the History Department at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois*

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR - Dr. Anita Shelton

Greetings! I am honored once again to be addressing you in the pages of the annual History Newsletter. Having just completed and submitted the departmental "Planning Initiatives" for the next year, my mind is oriented toward the future. Despite the usual budgetary stresses, I can tell you with confidence that the future looks good. The department flourishes for one reason: the talent and hard work of our faculty. The number of majors is holding steady at around 250, with 150 of those seeking Teacher Certification; the Social Science with Teacher Certification program has enrolled around 90 majors; and the two graduate programs between them have about 50 majors. This is about all we can handle at current levels of staffing!



Two of the planning initiatives the department has developed have to do with the History with Teacher Certification major. It is our goal in this time of opportunity as a generation of teachers retires to become the region's recognized center for the preparation of secondary history and social science teachers. We will be seeking to develop stronger partnerships with both the College of Education and with teachers already working in the secondary schools to help us shape our programs for maximum effectiveness in teacher preparation. With new state requirements for the recertification of teachers being implemented in the next year, we plan to provide in our graduate curriculum courses that will be attractive and useful to those teachers seeking recertification. In the next few years, we will be working hard to provide as many well-prepared new teachers to fill the demand as we can.

Another initiative focuses on the development of local history partnerships between the department, or faculty members in the department, and community members. We already have a number of these partnerships underway, including *Localités/Localities*, our local history website (<http://www.eiu.edu/~localite/>). Nora Pat Small and Bailey Young are currently leading a team of students in an excavation of the original kitchen at the Five-Mile House. The public is welcome to come and observe. Partnerships between our Historical Administration Program and the Coles County Historical Society, the Early American Museum in Mahomet, and the Table Arts Center are further evidence of the department's involvement with local history and with the larger community.

Implementation of new computer technology is essential in all fields of endeavor, and history is no exception. Not being so inclined myself, and in the absence of a good support system on campus, I am grateful on a daily basis for the computer savvy of many of our faculty. If you have not yet visited the department's website, constructed and maintained by Newton Key, you really should do so at <http://www.eiu.edu/~history/>. More and more of us are getting our courses on-line, too. Of course, none of this substitutes for real-life discussion, and I'm glad to say that we continue to have plenty of that in the department, too!

I am pleased to report that the department has been successful in hiring a new tenure-track faculty member in United States history. Edmund Wehrle, with a Ph.D. from the University of Mary-

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land at College Park and specializations in U.S. foreign affairs, the Vietnam War and labor history, will be joining our staff in the Fall, 2000. Please join me in heartfelt congratulations to Terry Barnhart and Joy Kammerling, both of whom were awarded well-deserved tenure this year!

Finally, I need and want to thank all of you who contributed to our fund-raising effort this year. Thanks to you, we managed to raise about \$7,000. This money enables us to provide our students with opportunities beyond the bare-bones curriculum. It supports student scholarships, field trips, guest lecturers, and the publication (by students) of both the Newsletter you are reading now and the department's journal, *Historia*. If you have any news you would like to see included in next year's Newsletter, please send it us! And now, wish me luck: As I hand this over to the editor, I'm off to run in the Boston Marathon!

## Interview with Dr. Ben Fallaw

Associate professor Dr. Ben Fallaw, will be departing after the summer term. Arriving soon after receiving his degree at the University of Chicago, Dr. Fallaw has been active in a number of departmental programs. His area of specialization lies in Latin American studies and he taught classes such as Modern Revolutions, Law and Society in Mexico, Colonial Latin America, among others.

His next position will be at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. A small liberal arts school with a strong commitment to Latin American studies, he will serve as the coordinator of the Latin American Studies Program. After ten years in Illinois, Dr. Fallaw longs to see the hills and trees. He enjoyed his term here at Eastern, and commends its "emphasis on teaching" providing an "atmosphere where students want to continue with the learning process." The History Department here, Dr. Fallaw comments, is an outstanding department where students can study with the best in the field.

Dr. Fallaw recently completed his manuscript "Cardenas Compromised: The Failure of Reform in Yucatan, Mexico, 1935-1940," which was accepted for publication by Duke University Press. *The Hispanic American Historical Review* will publish his essay entitled "The Life and Three Deaths of Felipa Poot: Women, Violence and Fiction in Cardenista Mexico," in a special, upcoming issue on gender. He gave a paper at the Midwestern Association of Latin American Studies meeting hosted by Eastern Illinois University last November, and in March 2001, he will give a paper at the Latin American Studies Association International Congress in Miami, Florida. On top of all of this, this summer he will begin research for his next book.

-Amy Steadman



**Cristopher Waldrep** has taken a leave of absence to accept the Jamie and Phyllis Pasker Endowed Chair in History at San Francisco State University, beginning with the fall semester, 2000.

**Christopher Gil**, Ph.D. (Yale University, 2000) has agreed to join the History Department to replace Dr. Ben Fallaw for 2000-2001.

## WELCOME OUR NEW FACULTY

### **Robert Desrochers**

This is Professor Desrochers' first year at Eastern Illinois University. Originally from New Hampshire, Desrochers earned his B.A. at the University of New Hampshire in 1993. He then went on to earn his M.A. (1995) and is currently completing his Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University. Desrochers specializes in early American history and African American history. He is the author of "Not Fade Away: the Narrative of Venture Smith, an African American in the Early Republic," published in the *Journal of American History*, June of 1997. In his hard to find free time, he enjoys listening to and playing music, and playing with his son.

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**Carla Gerona**

Dr. Gerona earned her Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University and before coming to Eastern, taught at Otterbein College in Columbus, Ohio. She is especially interested in early American history and she is currently revising her book manuscript, "Stairways to Heaven: A Cultural History of Early American Quaker Dreams," which is a history of dream interpretation in early American Quaker society. This year Dr. Gerona taught an upper-level class called Perspectives in Native American History and The Constitution and the Nation. In addition to this, her toddler Ellison keeps her very busy (and very happy).

**Matt Holland**

Dr. Holland joined the department for the 1999-2000 academic year. He earned his B.A. at Arizona State University, obtained his M.A. at San Diego State University, and his Ph.D. at the University of Arizona. He specializes in 20th-century United States history and in foreign politics. Dr. Holland teaches US History, World Civilizations, US Diplomatic History, and History of the Middle East. He studied at the University of Leipzig in Germany as a Fulbright Scholar in 1998-1999. He is the author of *American and Egypt: From Roosevelt to Eisenhower*, published in 1996. He serves as the faculty advisor for Phi Alpha Theta, the international history honorary society on campus.

**Debra Ann Reid**

Professor Reid is a native of southern Illinois and is happy to be back in the Midwest after nearly twenty years on the road. She teaches undergraduate courses in history and graduate courses in the Historical Administration program at Eastern. She completed her Ph.D. requirements in the department of History at Texas A&M University and defended her dissertation entitled "Reaping a Greater Harvest: African Americans, Agrarian Reform, and the Texas Agricultural Extensions Service" in December, 1999. She will assume the position of Assistant Professor in Fall 2000. She holds a B.S. in Historic Preservation from Southeast Missouri State University, an M.A. in History Museum Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program, and an M.A. in History from Baylor University. She brings pro-

fessional experience to the classroom, having managed interpretation and operation at the Farmer's Museum in Cooperstown, New York, she also administered the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore, Maine, and curated the Governor Bill and Vara Daniel Historic Village in Waco, Texas. She worked as an interpreter at Old World Wisconsin, consulted at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, and participated in the summer fellowship program in Material Culture Studies at Historic Deerfield. She has taught in the Cooperstown Graduate Program in History Museum Studies, the Department of Museum Studies at Baylor University, the University of Houston, and Texas A&M. For fun, Debra volunteers at Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, serves publications chair for the Association of Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums, and participates in as many international museum conferences as possible.

**Anke Voss-Hubbard**

Anke Voss-Hubbard joined the history department as an instructor for the 1999-2000 academic year. She earned an M.A. in history from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and a M.L.S. (with a concentration in archives and preservation management) from the State University of New York at Albany. She has worked as an archivist at several academic institutions in the northeast, is active in both regional and national archival professional associations, and at Eastern taught the Archival Methods and Historical Publishing course, and also worked at the University Archives.

**Mark Voss-Hubbard**

New to Eastern in 1999-2000 is Dr. Mark Voss-Hubbard. Originally from Massachusetts, Dr. Voss-Hubbard earned the Ph.D. in 1997 from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he specialized in the political and social history of 19<sup>th</sup>-century America. Prior to his arrival in Charleston, he lived four years in New York City, where he taught at John Jay College, City University of New York. At Eastern he teaches the U.S. survey course, the Civil War era, Jacksonian America, and a graduate course on U.S. political history. His most recent publication, an essay entitled "The 'Third Party Tradition' Reconsidered: Third Parties and American Public Life, 1830-1900," appeared in the June 1999 issue of the *Journal of American His-*

tory. He spent the past year working on his forthcoming book, *Beyond the Party: Northern Politics, Nonpartisan Culture, and the Coming of the Civil War*, to be published by the Johns Hopkins University Press. He also wrote two book reviews, served as a Commentator for a panel at the Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, and gave a public talk on Lincoln and emancipation at the annual Lincoln Day Lecture sponsored by the Coles County Historical Society.

**FROM THE EDITORS:**

At the beginning of the spring semester, the goals of the class History 4900, Historical Publishing, were set before us, to produce *Historia* and the History Department newsletter. There were five of us in the class and one volunteer and we knew we had a lot of work ahead of us. Despite some bumps along the way, we succeeded in accomplishing the two goals that were set before us and we gained valuable experience in many areas along the way. The staff of the History Department Newsletter hopes you enjoy this edition of the newsletter. We also want to thank all of the contributors.

-Mark Hawks, editor

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**EXHIBIT REVIEW: THE ARCHITECTURE OF OLD MAIN:  
AESTHETICS, EDUCATION, & POLITICS  
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ments focused on current issues in educational interpretation.

Ingrid Nyholm-Lange of the Minnesota Children's Museum addressed "Early Learning in Museums," by providing insight into the educational needs of preschoolers and kindergartners. "Middle School...Middle Ground," presented by Joe Anderson and Judith Frank, proposed the need for more educational programming for this age group and suggested methods to achieve a high level of participation in interpretive activities through a discussion of one such program whose design the two collaborated on. Reggie C. Reantaso of St. Paul's House and Health Care Center, discussed senior education in his presentation entitled "The Spice of Life: Seasoned Citizens." A dinner buffet and auction raised more than \$1,000 for the Historical Administration Association.

## PHI ALPHA THETA

The annual Epsilon Mu chapter of Phi Alpha Theta banquet was held on April 14, 2000, at the University Union Ballroom. Dr. Glenda Riley, Bracken Chair of American history at Ball State University, was the featured speaker at the banquet. Dr. Riley spoke on the topic of "Women and the Conservation Movement," focusing mainly on the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. In addition to the induction of several members into Phi Alpha Theta, a number of students received awards: *The Herbert & Jane Lasky Holocaust Award*: Ian Davis for "Understanding the Holocaust: The Case of Representation and Memory;" *The Alexander Hamilton Paper Award in American History, sponsored by Herbert and Jane Lasky*: Teresa Cribelar for "Separate But Equal: The Plessy Case;" *The Lavern M. Hammand Graduate Writing Award*: Chuck Backus for "...the example Mr. Carnegie has set: The Philanthropy of Andrew Carnegie;" *The Robert & Julie Sterling History Scholarship*: Mindy Allen; *The Stephen M. Horak Scholarship*: Rebecca Cooley; *The Wolfgang & Barbara Schlauch European History Scholarship*: Chad Chojnicki; *The Rex Syndergaard Scholarship*: Amber Blevins, Barry Hudek, and Amanda Barron; *The Ardash Fogelsanger Award*: Jessica Gaspich & Alisa Treitman; *The Errett and Mazie Warner Presidential Award*: Reid Roethe, Chad Campbell, and Teresa Cribelar.

## Historical Administration Symposium

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Historical Administration Program Association Symposium was held April 8 at the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site Visitor's Center. This year's topic explored educational programming strategies for audiences ranging from preschool age to senior citizens. Dr. Debra Reid presented the Keynote Address and her com-

**Look for the forthcoming issue of *HISTORIA*, volume 9, Journal of the Epsilon Mu Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta & the History Department**

## HISTORY FACULTY 1999-2000

### **Terry Barnhart**

Dr. Barnhart is an associate professor and coordinator of the History Department's M.A. program in Historical Administration. He is currently working on an intellectual biography of nineteenth-century American archaeologist, Ephraim George Squier. Dr. Barnhart currently teaches the Research Methods in Local History course within the Historical Administration Program, and the historical methods course and U.S. history surveys at the undergraduate level. Barnhart was one of several faculty members who worked with this year's and last year's Historical Administration students in preparing the centennial exhibition on the history and architecture of Old Main. He also contributed an essay to the exhibit catalog, published by the Tarble Arts Center, entitled "That 'Nobel Project': The Founding of Eastern Illinois University and the Origins of Old Main." Dr. Barnhart's most recent publications are, "Albert Taylor Bledsoe: The Political Creed of and Illinois Wig, 1840-1848," in the Spring 2000 issue of *Journal of Illinois History*, and "Serving many Masters: A Public Historian" in the Summer 1999 issue. A forthcoming article entitled, "Of Whole and Parts: The Place of Local History in the National Experience," will appear this spring in *Research and Review*.

### **Roger Beck**

Dr. Beck has been busy finishing a book to be published by Greenwood Press in September 2000, entitled, *The History of*

*South Africa*. The book begins with the recent discovery of a 3 1/2 million year old humanoid skeleton near Cape Town and ends with the June 1999 election of Thabo Mbeki to succeed Nelson Mandela as president of South Africa. Dr. Beck also has a book chapter on trade in South Africa that will appear in late 2000, and three book reviews. He is currently working on a book about missionaries and European expansion and will hopefully have sabbatical leave in Fall of 2000 to complete it.

### **Lynne Curry**

Dr. Curry's book, *Modern Mothers in the Heartland: Gender, Health, and Progress*, was published by Ohio State University Press in October 1999. In November she received a Faculty Achievement and Contribution Award. She contributed an essay on children's health to the Newberry Library's forthcoming volume on the history of Chicago and is currently working on an article on the politics of public health in the 1920s. In May, she delivered a paper entitled "Our Antibodies Ourselves: Legal Challenges to Compulsory Vaccination in the Early Twentieth Century," at the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland.

### **Martin Hardeman**

In 1999, Dr. Hardeman's monograph, *The Structure of Time: Pike County Mississippi, 1815-1912*, was published by Peter Lang. In addition he wrote a number of book reviews and has begun research into the career of a Freedman's Bureau official in early post-war Mississippi.

### **Joy Kammerling**

Dr. Kammerling has begun revisions in earnest on her book, *Andreas Osiander and the Jews: A Reformation Pastor and Jewish Toleration in Sixteenth-Century Germany*, which has been accepted for publication with Concordia Academic Press. Her book reviews of Marilyn J. Harran's *Martin Luther: Learning for Life*, and editor Helga Scheible's, *Willibald Pirckheimers Briefwechsel*, have been published in the Fall 1999 issue of *Sixteenth Century Journal*. Also, her review of Peter Blickle's, *Obedient Germans? A Rebuttle: A New View of German History*, appears in *Sixteenth Century Journal*, Winter 1999. She was chosen to participate as a Fellow at the Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization, to be held this June 2000, at Northwestern University.

### **Newton Key**

Dr. Key, Graduate Coordinator, worked on an early modern England textbook and reader which he is co-writing under contract. He edited and saw to press a special issue of *Research & Review on Localités/Localities* and co-wrote an article on Restoration Monmouth coming out in November in *English Historical Review*. He filled up all available free time as early modern Britain book review editor of *H-Albion* (moderated listserv and website). And, lest he be pigeon-holed, mentored students working on the Coles County Legal History Project database of 19th-century U.S. court records and gave a take on British glam rock of the 1970s, at Westminster College in Missouri.

**John McElligott**

Dr. McElligott teaches a course on the History of Religion and Science, among others, and is currently developing a new course on Darwin and the Industrial Revolution.

**Daniel McMillan**

Dr. McMillan specializes in the history of 19th-century and 20th-century Germany, and teaches World History, Research Methods, Modern Germany, and a graduate seminar on Nazi Germany. He is currently writing a book, based on his doctoral thesis, about the gymnastics movement in 19th century Germany. His most recent publication includes, "Energy, Willpower and Harmony: On the Problematic Relationship between State and Civil Society in Nineteenth-Century Germany," in Frank Trentmann, ed. *Paradoxes of Civil Society: New Perspectives on Modern German and British History*, January 2000. On a personal note, Dr. McMillan recently became engaged to Dr. Teresa Britton, of Eastern's Philosophy Department.

**Patricia Miller**

Patricia Miller was recently elected for a three-year term on the board of directors of the American Association of Museums and is currently standing for election to the nominating committee of the American Association for State and Local History. She was the recipient of a Crozier travel award from the AAM. She is also serving on an ad-hoc committee to improve the Museum Assessment Program and is an instructor for an IMLS-funded collections management course.

**Richard Riccio**

Professor Riccio is designing the visitor interface for "This Virtual Old City," for the History Center located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which is due to open June 2000. He is also conducting an exhibit evaluation of historic sites for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. Professor Riccio is designing the exhibits for Charleston's Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum due to open in July 2000 as well as the visitor stations and trail signage for Morton Arboretum to be open on September 4, of 2000. Lastly, he is designing the exhibits for the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site's Visitor Center to be open in fall 2001.

**Michael Shirley**

Dr. Shirley presented a paper entitled, "Spiritualism, Radicalism, and the Quest for Truth: the Contradictions of Mid-Victorian Radical Thought," at the Midwest Conference on British Studies at the University of Chicago in October 1999. He also contributed two book reviews to *The Historian*, and taught a new course in Japanese History in the fall semester. Of far greater importance, he became a first-time father on March 4, 2000, when his son Jacob was born.

**Nora Pat Small**

Dr. Small served as co-curator, with Terry Barnhart, of the 1999 Historical Administration student exhibit, "The Architecture of Eastern's Old Main, Aesthetics, Education, and Politics," mounted at the Tarble Arts Center. She also wrote an essay for the exhibition catalogue entitled "A Building for the Ages: The History and Architecture of Old Main," and presented a talk on

the same subject at the Centennial Celebration Symposium in November. She continues to serve on the boards of local historical organizations and the board of the Vernacular Architecture Forum. The students in her *Historic Preservation* course participated in an archaeological dig at the Five Mile House in Coles County in April 2000.

**David Smith**

Dr. Smith had his article entitled, "Learning Politics: The Nimes Hosiery Guild and the Statutes Controversy of 1706-1712," published in vol. 22 of *French Historical Studies*. The article may be read on-line at [http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/french\\_historical\\_studies/v022/22.4smith.html#to](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/french_historical_studies/v022/22.4smith.html#to). In addition, he is near completion on the two-volume study coedited and authored with Richard Lim, entitled, *The West in the Wilder World: Four Millennia of Interaction*, which will be published by Bedford Books.

**Charles Titus**

Professor Titus teaches United State military history, the History of Illinois and the Social Science Methods course. He serves as chair of the Social Science Studies Program, chairs the History Department's Teacher Education Committee, and organizes the Annual History Teachers Conference held on campus each fall. In March he was a panelist at the Design of Professional Education In-Service Workshop on Performance Assessment sponsored by the college of Education and Professional Studies. Professor Titus also organized workshops for history and social science majors who are working towards departmental approval,

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and is faculty advisor to the EIU History Club. This year he also serves on the President of the Excellence in Education Foundation, a foundation which assists public schools through grants.

### **Christopher Waldrep**

Christopher Waldrep published, "War of Words: The Controversy over Definition of Lynching, 1899-1940" in the *Journal of Southern History*, this past February. His essay "Word and Deed: The Language of Lynching, 1820-1953," appeared in Michael Bellesiles, ed., *Lethal Imagination: Violence and Brutality in American History*. Dr. Waldrep also traveled to Toronto to deliver a paper entitled "Rock'n' the Constitution: Popular Music and the Fall of Segregation," to the American Society for Legal History.

### **Bailey Young**

Dr. Young delivered an invited paper at the Second International Roundtable on February Archaeology organized by the Museum of National Antiquities in Longroy, France, August, 1999. He received Eastern's Faculty Achievement and Contribution Award for Research this past November, served on the Old Main Centennial Committee, and delivered a lecture on "Medieval Antecedents (of the University)" at the Old Main Symposium. In February 2000, Dr. Young was invited by the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco to lecture on "Archaeology Re-invents the Middle Ages." This year he has also several publications which include, "Walhain-Saint-Paul: basse cour du chateau," in *Archaeologia Medievalis*, a review of Sos and Salomon's, *Cemeteries of the Early Middle*

*Ages at Pokaszepetk*, in *Speculum*, *Journal of the Medieval Academy of America*, and "The Myth of the Pagan Cemetery," appeared in a volume co-edited by Dr. Young, *Spaces for the Living and the Dead: An Archaeological Dialogue*.

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## **M.A. IN HISTORY GRADUATE STUDENTS**

(INCOMPLETE LISTING)

### **Jenny Crider**

Jenny earned her B.A. from Eastern Illinois University. She is currently an Illinois Regional Archives Depository intern and is completing her degree with an emphasis on American Studies.

### **Lincoln King**

Lincoln earned his B.A. in History from Eastern Illinois University. His future plans include attending Northern Illinois University Law School next semester and eventually becoming an attorney.

### **Greg Landry**

Greg is a traditional student in the History program with a concentration in American History. From here he would like to pursue a career in teaching or government.

### **Jill Lauerman**

Jill Lauerman is a traditional history graduate student with a concentration in European history. She received her B.A. in 1999 at Eastern Illinois University and is expected to graduate in the summer or fall of 2000.

### **Matt Schubert**

Matt received his B.A. in Social Sciences from Eastern Illinois University in December 1999. Currently working towards his Mas-

ters in History with a concentration in American Studies, he hopes to continue with his high school level teaching career.

### **Aaron Walk**

Aaron earned his B.A. from Eastern Illinois University. He plans to graduate this coming August and hopes to gain employment in teaching, or in state or federal government.

## **CATCHING UP WITH ALUMNI**

**Gregory Aydt** (M.A. '99) who earned his B.A. in 1998 from Eastern Illinois University, received the 2000 Eastern Illinois University Distinguished Master's Thesis Award. His thesis is entitled "A Radical Cure: Thomas Dimsdale, Radical Republicanism and the Montana Vigilantes During the Civil War." The recipient of this award automatically becomes the University's nominee for the Midwest Association of Graduate School's Distinguished Thesis Award. On March 24 he gave a presentation of his thesis in Springfield. He is currently teaching history at Westville High School in Westville, Illinois.

**Chris Gordy** (H.A. '97), Director of the Macon County Historical Society, and **Susan Gordy** (H.A. '93), Site Lead Historian at the Lincoln Log Cabin Site, are now joint editors of the magazine for the Midwest Open-Air Museum Coordinating Council.

**Jeff Waldhoff** (B.A. '95) reports that he will be completing his third and final year at the University of Illinois College of Law. This spring, in addition to

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# HISTORY DEPARTMENT TELEFUND

The faculty members and graduate students in Eastern Illinois's History Department phoned alumni to find out where they were, what they were up to, and to ask for donations to help fund Department scholarships, classroom equipment, public lectures, field trips, and publications. The History Department would like to thank the following individuals and associations for their generous contributions.

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## History Teachers Conference

The 21st Annual History Teachers Conference took place Friday, October 27, on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. This year the Conference was held in conjunction with another Conference sponsored by the History Department, the History at the Grass Roots Conference, which took place Friday afternoon and Saturday, October 28.

As in years past, the History Teachers Conference featured sessions dedicated to creative and innovative approaches to teaching history and social studies in the schools. Some sessions were designed to tie in with the local history theme of the History at the Grass Roots Conference, and these presenters participated in both events. Historian Bertram Wyatt-Brown from the University of Florida was the luncheon speaker at noon on Friday and his address led into the opening sessions of the History at the Grass Roots Conference.

James Loewen, author of *Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything You American History Textbook Got Wrong*, and whose conference presentation was entitled "What Goes Wrong in Teaching History/Social Studies and How To Do It Better," was a presenter in the Friday afternoon sessions, along with other historians and writers.

-Professor Charles Titus

## History Club

The History Club is alive and well on Eastern's campus. The club was actively meeting throughout the academic year. Jessi Gaspich, a senior history major served as the club's president during the fall semester. In the spring she was off campus student teaching and vice president Mindy Allen, a senior history major from Mattoon, was acting as president during spring term. Rebecca Matlock was the organization's secretary and Amanda Barron served as treasurer, replacing Laura Lenski, who was student teaching in Chicago area during the spring term.

The club was involved in several activi-

ties, including a club bulletin board in Coleman Hall, a historical videos program and cooperative projects with Phi Alpha Theta, the history honorary society. Club members were also scheduled to serve as judges at the Eastern Illinois Regional History Fair. The club organized a book sale, and established its own web site on the History Department Home Page, and offered their services as volunteers to the Charleston Tourism Office for the new Lincoln-Douglas Debate Site Museum.

The club also assisted in organizing the Phi Alpha Theta banquet on April 14, as well as sending several of our member to the Phi Alpha Theta Lower Illinois Regional Meeting on April 15, to give presentations on past papers. Good Luck and Thanks to Mindy Allen, Aaron Walk, Rebecca Matlock, Jill Lauerman, and Kim Spears.

-Professor Charles Titus & Jill Lauerman

## LOCALITÉS/LOCALITIES

This year's Localities members, Drs. Barnhart, Fallaw, Key, McMillan, Small, M. Voss-Hubbard, Waldrep along with graduate assistant Anna Pfeiffer, were hard at work improving the website (<http://www.eiu.edu/~localite>). A new *Research and Review* series will be premiering on-line and in print. This new addition will feature articles about Coles County, the United States, Europe, and Mexico, written by history department faculty.

The Localities group was busy working on the Coles County Legal History Project. They expanded the database, scanned legal records, and put the results on-line. Undergraduate students Bridget Schott and Aaron Osborne presented this project to legislators in Springfield on March 24, 2000. Localities member Christopher Waldrep was responsible for organizing the History at the Grassroots Conference which was held in the fall 1999.

### HISTORY HOMEPAGE

trio's presentation was entitled "The Castle: The History and Architecture of Eastern's Old Main," and the Old main web page which is the exhibitions latest incarnation.

#### Chuck Backus

Chuck is a 1996 graduate of Purdue University. Prior to enrolling in the H.A. Program he worked in the Local History Services Department of the Indiana Historical Society. Chuck is the new executive director at Historic Forks of the Wabash.

#### Elisabeth Engel

Elisabeth received her B.A. in History and minors in African Studies and Geography, from Truman State University. She will be interning at the George Washington Carver National Historic Site in Diamond, Missouri.

#### Mark Hawks

Mark received his B.S. in History at Illinois State University. After completing his course work he will begin an internship in the Anthropology Department at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.

#### Gordon Oyer

Gordon earned a B.S. in Accountancy and an M.A. in History from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has actively participated as volunteer for the Illinois Mennonite Historical and Genealogical Society over the past fifteen years, and recently accepted the role of volunteer museum coordinator. He is currently employed as an accountant at UIUC. He hopes his part-time H.A. studies will facilitate his volunteer work and possibly lead to employment in the field.

#### Erin Russell

Erin earned her B.A. in Anthropology with a minor in Museum Studies from Southern Illinois University. She will be interning at the Dupage County Historical Museum in Wheaton, Illinois creating a data entry manual for the computerization of the museum's collection.

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**Amy Steadman**

Amy graduated from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 1995 with a B.A. in English. When completing her classes in May she plans to began an internship at the Macon County Historical Society in Dectaur, Illinois.

**Andrew Stupperich**

Andy is the recipient of the Graduate Student Achievement Award for 2000 for recognition of academic achievement and peer leadership. He earned his B.A. in History at the University of Missouri-St.Louis in 1984. Andy entered the museum profession that same year and has worked in various museums in St. Louis and the southeast. He will be working as assistant curator of collections at the Farmers' Museum in Cooperstown, New York.

**Joel Zwart**

Joel received his B.A. in History, with minors in French and Art, from Calvin College, in Grand Rapids Michigan. He interned at the Public Mu-

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course work he will be an intern with legislative committee in Springfield. He is also a member of the *Elder Law Journal*. After taking the bar in July he will work in litigation at Sidley and Austin's Chicago office. His long term goals include working and perhaps teaching in Washington D.C.

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