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Letter from the Chair

Anita Shelton

Recently, the EIU Foundation reported on donations to all ten of the departments in the College of Arts and Humanities from the last fiscal year (July 1, 2005 to June 31, 2006). I was greatly gratified to see that the History Department received more donations than any other department in the college, including those that are equal to us in size or even larger. Moreover, when I looked at the number of endowments managed by the Foundation for the departments in our college, History again had more, and stronger, endowments, than any other department. Even more recently, I received a list of donors, the amount of donation, and the designation of the donations (i.e. whether the donor specified a particular endowment). It pleased me very much to see many alumni whose names I recognized from the years I have been at Eastern making contributions to endowments established by or in honor of emeritus professors with whom they – and also I – had the privilege to work before their retirement.



I felt so moved by this, and so grateful that I have had the opportunity to know and work with these wonderful people who among them have created a real community in support of the next generation of students, that I decided to devote this space to a public expression of my appreciation.

Since I first came to EIU in the fall of 1988, the number of endowments enhancing education in the History department has almost tripled (and increased even more in total dollars) due to the following:

- **The Robert and Nancy Hennings History Fund to Support Public Outreach by the History Department** for support of academic colloquia, symposia and lecture series in the History Department
- **The Ann Frank Award** for the best paper written in a History class on the Holocaust (founded by Herbert and Jane Lasky)
- **The Hamilton Paper Award** for the best paper written in a History class on U.S. History (founded by Herbert and Jane Lasky)
- **The David and Joyce Maurer Scholarship** in Historical Administration
- **The Lawrence and Emily Nichols Memorial**

Award for support of an outstanding student with demonstrated interest in Latin American History

- **The Barry D. Riccio History Fund** for support of an annual lecture series in American History of Ideas
- **The William B. Reid Jr. History Education Scholarship** for an outstanding student majoring in History Education
- **The Wolfgang and Barbara Schlauch European History Scholarship** for the best undergraduate or graduate majoring in European History
- **The Robert and Julie Sterling Scholarship** for the best student majoring in History Education
- **Jeanne and Don Tingley Memorial Scholarship** for an Outstanding History major, with preference given to first-generation freshmen or transfer students.

I would be remiss if I didn't also mention that three of our current faculty have also created scholarships each year for the last several years for, respectively:

- **Study Abroad** (Bailey Young and Christine Merllié)
- **The Bolivar/Gandhi/Sejong Award**, for the Best Paper in Latin American, East Asian or South Asian History (Jose Déustua- Carvallo)
- **The Robert H. Irrmann Award** for the best paper on a topic in European History (Michael Shirley, together with David Maurer)

And further thanks to the faculty in the department who are on the Awards Committee and every spring (at an already very busy time of year) carefully read all of the submissions and decide which scholarship goes to whom among our many meritorious students. Thus, generosity begets generosity, and all of us are better for it. So, a heart-felt thank-you from me personally (and on behalf of current and future students) to all of our great alumni, emeritus faculty and their families, and current faculty. In closing, if I may quote Marcel Proust, "Let us be grateful to those who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

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History Department Awards

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Undergraduate Research Grant

Honors College & Undergraduate Research Council

Robyn Carswell

Dr. Michael Shirley, Faculty Mentor

Continuing Honors Student Scholarships

Honors College

Rachel Elam, Kristina Nootbaar, Mary Rodgers, Shannon Bailey, Kathleen Keach, Daniel Cuthbert, Chris Limbach, Ashley Tomlinson

Charles Austin, Jr. Scholarships

Honors College

Rachel Elam

Ashley Tomlinson

Distinguished Graduate Students

History – Ryan Ervin

Historical Administration – Christine Saniat

Williams Travel Awards

Mary Barford, History

Social Science Writing Award

First Place

Lori Henderson

“Historiography of the Irish Famine: a Critical Review”

Women’s Studies Essay Contest

Graduate Winner:

Mary Barford

“Feminism and Imperialism: an Historiographic Review”

Livingston C. Lord Memorial Scholarship

Ashley Tomlinson

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Finalist for the Summer Research Fellowship for Undergraduates.

Keith Friederich

DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND WRITING AWARDS

The Leften Stavrianos World History Award

Undergraduate: Shannon Bailey

Graduate: Krishna Ignalaga

Graduate Thesis Research Grant

Andrew Roling

History Study Abroad Scholarship

Undergraduate: Caroline Deters

Harlaxton Program - England (directed by Dr. Newton Key)

Graduate: Niccole Hurley

Summer Archaeology Program in Belgium (co-directed by Dr. Bailey Young)

The Elisha H. and Estella Ziegler Baumgartner Scholarship

Mary Rodgers

The Simon Bolivar Award

Ashley Tomlinson

“Female Experiences in Colonial Latin America: Women’s Lives as Different as Day and Night”

The Robert H. Irrmann Memorial Award

Amanda Terrell

“Constitutional Constraints: Limitations That Led to Abdication”

The Fogelsanger History Scholarship

Ryan D’Arcy

The Alexander Hamilton Paper Award in American History

Ashley Tomlinson

“The Warren Court: A Look into Public Opinion”

The Anne Frank Award

Jim Mathewson

“Training a Generation: The Political Socialization of Girls in the Bund Deutscher Mädel”

Lawrence and Emily Nichols Memorial Scholarship

Dorothy Magnuson

The William B. Reid, Jr. History Education Scholarship

Sarah Gonzalez

The Wolfgang and Barbara Schlauch European History Scholarship

Robyn Carswell

The Robert and Julie Sterling History Scholarship

Kimberly Johnson

The Stephan M. Horak Memorial Scholarship

James Qualls

The Rex Syndergaard Scholarship

Krishna Ignalaga, Kevin Micks

The Errett and Mazie Warner History Award

John Herron, Kathleen Keach, Keith Friederich

Charles H. and Dorothee Coleman Scholarship

Mary Barford

The Lavern M. Hamand Memorial Scholarship

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War Letters: Andrew Carroll

On Thursday, January 26, 2006, the History Department sponsored a presentation by Andrew Carroll, author of *Letters of a Nation: A Collection of Extraordinary American Letters, War Letters, Behind the Lines*, and founder of the Legacy Project, a national, all-volunteer effort to honor and remember those who served our nation in wartime by seeking out and saving their letters.

After a moving introduction by Professor Roger Beck, Andrew Carroll expanded on the scope and mission of The Legacy Project. The project, which began in 1998 and continues strong today, is an all-volunteer effort to encourage Americans to honor and remember wartime veterans. Carroll explained, "Our mission is to honor America's veterans and active duty personnel by preserving their wartime letters. We believe that these letters (and emails) will help current and future generations achieve a better understanding of the reality of warfare and the sacrifices of the men and women who served."

During the presentation, Carroll read several excerpts from *War Letters* and from his latest book, *Behind the Lines*. Those in attendance were moved by Carroll's poetic and sincere style of delivery. Carroll finished by reading a letter written by a member of the audience.

Dr. Beck expressed his gratitude in having his own family's military letters. His father, Frank Beck, served in the United States Military during WWI. "I have been lucky to have family letters all these years," said Beck, who has seventy-five letters from his father. Dr. Beck hopes someday to publish them in the *Indiana Journal of History*.

Carroll encourages those who have wartime letters to share them with others as well as consider submitting them to the project. For more information on how to preserve old letters or where to send them, please visit the Legacy Project's website at www.warletters.com.

History Department Honors Banquet

Dr. Scott Levi, formerly assistant professor of history at Eastern Illinois University, and now assistant professor of history at the University of Louisville, was the featured speaker at the History Department Awards Banquet, held on April 21, 2006. His talk was entitled "The New Great Game: Central Asia at the Crossroads of Modern Empires." Dr. Levi received his Ph.D in 2000 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His first book, *The Indian Diaspora in Central Asia and its Trade, 1550-1900*, was published in 2002. He has published numerous articles and is currently working on another book manuscript, tentatively titled, *Central Asia at the Crossroads of World History: Khoqand, from Khanate to Colony in the Farghana Valley (1709-1876)*.

A complete list of the student award winners can be found on page three of this newsletter. Selected photographs from the banquet can be found on pages eight and nine.

History Club News

An active EIU History Club sponsored a variety of events throughout the year. In the fall, club members met for lunch at the historic Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola, Illinois. The club also hosted a movie night, featuring *Edward Said: On Orientalism*; a film featuring Said and his thoughts on Islam and war in the Middle East. A highlight for the year was a trip to the Field Museum in Chicago with Dr. Jon Coit, where the extraordinary and fascinating Pompeii exhibit prompted much interest and discussion. At the close of the fall semester, faculty and students enjoyed a night of pizza and bowling. In the spring, the Club hosted a barbecue for students and faculty. Two fundraisers this year included a book sale and a candy sale. The History Club would like to thank their supportive advisors, Dr. Josh Birk and Dr. Jon Coit, without whom these events could not have been possible.

New Faculty

Jinhee Lee



Growing up in Korea with three sisters, Dr. Lee realized that memories and interpretations of the seemingly “shared” past could vary dramatically even within a family. As a natural extension of her interest in such dynamic process of producing historical knowledge, Prof. Lee’s current book project examines the competing narratives of collective violence in the early twentieth-century Japanese empire. Committed to generating cross-disciplinary methodological innovation in the studies of violence, imperialism, (post) colonialism and critical globalism, Prof. Lee incorporates variety of historical “texts”—such as rumors, testimonies, paintings, children’s writings, and commemorations—in her research and teaching in and beyond the boundaries of historical archives. She has written and translated a booklet, book chapters, book/film reviews, and exhibition brochures in Japanese, Korean and English. Dr.

Lee got her inter-disciplinary training in linguistics, anthropology, area studies and history at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (Seoul, S. Korea), Drexel University (PA), University of Tokyo (Tokyo, Japan) and University of Illinois. Prior to joining EIU, she taught Asian history and cultures at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Fort Hays State University. Dr. Lee earned her Ph.D at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Joshua Birk

Dr. Joshua Birk joined the History department faculty in 2005 as the department’s specialist in the Medieval Mediterranean World. Dr. Birk received his Ph.D. from the University of California Santa Barbara in 2006, after completing his dissertation, “Sicilian Counterpoint: Power and Pluralism in Medieval Sicily.” While conducting archival research in Palermo, he was the recipient of dissertation fellowships from the Graduate Division at University of California Santa Barbara, the Esme Frost Fellowship for Outstanding Work in Medieval from the History Department at UCSB, and a dissertation grant from the Medieval Academy of America. Dr. Birk has presented and published aspects of his work on the relationship between the Christian kings of Sicily and their Muslim subjects. He teaches ancient world history and numerous courses on cross culture interaction in the Medieval Mediterranean world. He is currently designing courses on the Medieval Islamic world, and on Italy in the Middle Ages.



Barry D. Riccio Memorial Lecture

The Third Annual Barry D. Riccio Lecture was given on November 14, 2005, by Dr. John Bodnar, Chancellor’s Professor of History at Indiana University. Dr. Bodnar’s lecture, “What We Remember and What We Forget About World War II,” was enthusiastically received by an audience of faculty, students, alumni, and guests. Professor Bodnar is the author of many works, including *Blue-Collar Hollywood: Liberalism, Democracy, and Working People in American Film* (2003), and he is currently finishing a project on the cultural assault on democracy in America.

Phi Alpha Theta

Regional Conference

Eastern's Epsilon Mu Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta hosted the Southern Illinois Regional Student History Conference on April 21, 2006. Dr. Gregory Guzman, Phi Alpha Theta chapter advisor at Bradley University, welcomed conference participants on behalf of the national office of Phi Alpha Theta. Students from EIU, Bradley University, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and the University of Southern Indiana presented papers at several well-attended sessions. Dr. Walter L. Arnstein, Professor Emeritus of History and Jubilee Professor of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, gave the luncheon address, "History: a Matter of Honor," which is published, with his kind permission, in this year's *Historia*. Eastern was well represented by Krishna Ignalaga, Kevin Korst, Niccole Hurley, Ryan Ervin, Justin Thomas, Josh Cole, and Robyn Carswell. Eastern students earned the top graduate paper awards: Josh Cole took first place for his paper (published in this year's *Historia*), "The Excuse of Paternalism in the Antebellum South—Ideology or Practice?", while Niccole Hurley earned second place for her, "A Disregarded People—The Nicaraguans: a US Cold War Pawn in the Sandinista Era, 1978-1990." Honorable Mention went to Kevin Korst for his paper, "Breakdown: Japan and America at Portsmouth."

2006 Phi Alpha Theta Inductees



Front row, left to right: Shannon Bailey, Robyn Carswell, Carrie Deters, Samantha Bjornbak, Niccole Hurley, Krishna P. Ignalaga, Kimberly Johnson, Katie Keach, Dorothy Magnuson, Amanda Terrell. Back row, left to right: Justin Coffey, Ryan D'Arcy, Rachel Elam, Wade Ellett, Meghan Houlihan, Keith Friederich, Kevin Micks, Melissa Locke. Absent: Dirk Anderson, Winston Andrews, Kristin Barrett, Maria Cristian Carillo, Nathan Cash, Daniel Cuthbert, Courtney Dillon, Mark Hamm, Brandon Hodgson, Christopher Kelly, Amanda Lempera, Christopher Lundin, Frank Murray, Matthew Upchurch, Julie Volz.

Faculty Notes

Terry Barnhart

Academic year 2005-2006 marked the completion of Professor Barnhart's twelfth year of service in the History Department. He served as interim coordinator of the Master of Arts in Historical Administration Program from May of 2005 to January of 2006. He co-wrote with Mr. Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center, the Illinois Humanities Council grant that funded in part the "The Arts and Cultures of the Ancient Mound Builders" exhibition that opened at the Tarble on April 22nd and closed on July 2nd. A traveling component of the exhibition is available to local libraries and historical societies. Dr. Barnhart co-curated the exhibit with Ms. Kathryn Morice, curator of education and exhibits at the Tarble. The year also saw the culmination and completion of several of Dr. Barnhart's longstanding research projects. The University of Nebraska Press published *Ephraim George Squier and the Development of American Anthropology* in May of 2005, while "In His Own Right: Dr. Edwin Hamilton Davis and the Davis Collection of American Antiquities" appeared in the *Journal of the History of Collections* published by the University of Oxford Press and the Ashmolean Museum. Dr. Barnhart's "Early Accounts of the Ohio Mounds" appeared as a chapter in Bradley T. Lepper's *Ohio Archaeology* (2005).

Roger Beck

Roger Beck relinquished his duties in January 2006 as Treasurer of the World History Association after six years in that position. This allowed him much more time to spend on his teaching and writing. He taught his History of South Africa course again in Spring 2006 for the first time in nearly ten years. He is also working to increase his use of multimedia aids in the classroom, such as PowerPoint presentations, and organizing his classes with WebCT. When not working on his classes he is busy writing. He gave a paper on missionaries and settler colonies at the 20th International Congress of Historical Sciences in July 2005 in Sydney, Australia and a week later gave a paper on missionaries in the British Empire at the 4th British World Conference in Auckland, New Zealand. Dr. Beck also presented a paper on religion and the formation of British identity at the Midwestern British Studies Association meeting at the University of Notre Dame in September 2005,

and a paper on missionaries as government agents in nineteenth century South Africa at the African Studies Association meeting in Washington, DC in November 2005. Dr. Beck published five entries in *Women and War: An Encyclopedia*; three entries in *Holy People of the World. A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*; three entries in the *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History*; and five book reviews. Roger was also the new co-author of the 7th edition of the widely used college world history textbook, McKay, Hill, Buckler, Ebrey, Beck, *A History of World Societies* that appeared in January 2006. He is currently writing a one volume History of Africa and editing an accompanying source book, and also editing a four volume *Encyclopedia of World Historical Documents*.

Ian Binnington taught courses in US Constitutional History and Modern US History in his fourth year at Eastern. He also taught in Continuing Education for the first time, offering a class in the Era of Civil War and Reconstruction. In August, his dissertation received the Melvin E. Bradford Dissertation Award from the St. George Tucker Society, awarded at a session in his honor in Augusta, Georgia. In November he presented a paper entitled "We Must All Stand Together: Visions of a Future Confederacy in Beverly Tucker's *The Partisan Leader*" at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association in Atlanta. He continues as Review Editor for H-South < <http://www.h-net.org/~south> >, and completed his three-year term as a member of the Champaign County Head Start Policy Council in December. He also accepted a position as assistant professor of history at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania.

Joshua Birk

Joshua Birk completed his dissertation "Sicilian Counterpoint: Power and Pluralism in Medieval Sicily." In the summer of 2006. In addition, he published translations from Ibn Jubayr and Ibn Al-Athir in, *Medieval Italy: A Reader*, University of Pennsylvania Press, Forthcoming. He presented his research on Sicilian queenship, "All the Queens's Men: Queen Regents & Their Advisors in Medieval Sicily" at the 2006 International Medieval Congress, Leeds, "Rethinking Medieval Italy." In addition, he has designed two new course for EIU's history department, "Medieval Peripheries" and "Cru-



2006 History Department



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 Wolfgang and Barbara Schlauch European History Scholars...
 John Herron receiving the Errett and Mazie Warner History A...
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 Award; Dorothy Magnuson being congratulated
 Memorial Scholarship.
 and Dorothee Coleman Scholarship; Dr. Scott Levi giving his
 Distinguished Graduate Student in History.



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John Coit

Dr. Coit presented a paper entitled “‘Disgraceful and Harmful Scenes’: Race, Class, and Gender in the Prosecution of the Crimes of the 1919 Chicago Race Riot” at the Social Science History Association convention. His entries on the Chicago Commission on Race Relations, “Rumors,” and Madison Grant’s *The Passing of the Great Race* will appear in Greenwood Press’ *Encyclopedia of American Race Riots*. He taught courses in American Constitutional History, American Intellectual History, and Contemporary America. The History Club held several social events with department faculty, and in the spring took a trip to the Pompeii exhibit at Chicago’s Field Museum.

Lynne Curry completed her book manuscript, *DeShaney v. Winnebago County: Child Abuse, State Action, and Children’s Rights in a Family Tragedy*, to be published in the University of Kansas Press’s Landmark Legal Cases series in fall 2006. She also contributed a chapter in a forthcoming volume, *Raising Citizens in the “Century of the Child”: Child Rearing in America and Europe, 1900-2000*, currently under consideration by a major university press. In November, 2005 she participated in a symposium on “popular constitutionalism” at the Chicago Kent School of Law and in March, 2006 served as a panel commentator at the Human Rights History Workshop, sponsored by the Center for the Study of History and Memory at Indiana University.

Jose R. Deustua was in Mexico last summer where he did research in the National Archives. He also gave a lecture at the Colegio Mexiquense on his current research project, “Social Economies, Ecological Economics, and Mining in the Americas during the 19th century.” He participated in the 55th Annual Conference of the Mid- West Association of Latin American Studies (MALAS), which took place in November 2005 at the Sheraton Hotel and Webster University in Saint Louis, Missouri. He organized a panel, “Indians (Indigenous Peoples) in Latin America”, and presented a paper in this conference. He also gave a lecture on “Frankenstein, the Gore, and Latin America”, as part of the exhibition hosted by Booth Library at Eastern.

Likewise he participated in a panel at the EIU Business School on the effects of the commercial agreements between the USA, Canada, Mexico and now Central America (NAFTA/CAFTA), organized by the EIU Fair Trade Coalition. Finally, he wrote articles for the *Oxford Encyclopedia on Latin America*, reviewed articles for the *Hispanic American Historical Review*, and is a member of the prize committee for the Conference on Latin American History (CLAH).

Sace Elder

Dr. Elder has enjoyed teaching modern world and modern German history. She also taught for the first time a course she recently developed: HIS 4845: Women and Gender in Modern Europe, scheduled this spring to coincide with Women’s History Month. In addition to teaching, Dr. Elder also continues to work on her manuscript, which deals with criminal violence and urban culture in Weimar Germany. In the summer she spent five weeks researching in Berlin archives and presented some of her findings at the German Studies Association Conference in October. Her article, “Murder, Denunciation, and Criminal Policing in Weimar Berlin,” will appear in the July 2006 issue of the *Journal of Contemporary History*. In addition to research and teaching, Dr. Elder has also enjoyed serving as the History Department’s Honors Coordinator as well as on the university’s Council on Graduate Studies.

Newton Key spent much of this year designing, recruiting, and implementing History Abroad: British Rulers and the British Ruled since 1700, a Summer program located at Harlaxton Manor and London for June and July 2006. He looks forward to staying in Britain without spending all daylight hours in the archives this time. He published two articles this year, “‘High feeding and Smart drinking’: *Feasting and Associating in Exclusion Crisis London*,” in *Fear, Exclusion and Revolution: Roger Morrice and Britain in the 1680s*, ed. Jason McElligott (Ashgate, 2006); and “Metropolitan Puritans and the Varieties of Godly Reform in Monmouth” (co-written with Joe Ward), *Welsh History Review* 22, 4 (Dec. 2005). A version of the latter was awarded the Nichols Prize for Local History of England and Wales, from the Centre for English Local History, University of Leicester. He delivered public talks on “The Duke of Monmouth’s Lodgings as a Reversionary Court?: Hedge-Lane Lords Feast in Exclusion Crisis London”

at the Seminar on Courts, Lineages, and Households,” Newberry Library, April 2006; and on “‘Eating the Health of the King’: political drinking and political temperance in Stuart Britain” at the North American Conference on British Studies (NACBS), Denver, October 2005. He completed his tenth and final year as webmaster and technology coordinator for the department, and continues as book review editor for *H-Albion*, and an officer for the NACBS. He will chair Eastern’s Council on Faculty Research this coming year.

Jinhee Lee

Dr. Lee launched the Asian Film Series, which has been supported enthusiastically by the department and across the campus. She is also working on several other major tasks including the Asian Studies Minor Program Development Committee, the inaugural Asian Heritage Month Celebration Committee, and the East Asia Study Abroad Program Development, and is currently developing several new courses, such as Twentieth-Century Japan, History of Korea, and Women in East Asia. Her current book project, *Instability of Empire: Earthquake, Rumor, and the Massacre of Koreans in the Japanese Empire*, tells the story of the aftermath of the Great Kanto Earthquake in the Japanese empire in 1923. Other publication and research projects during the current academic year include: “The Enemy Within: Earthquake, Rumors, and Massacre in the Japanese Empire.” In Tobe Levin and Patti Turissi, eds. *Cultures of Violence*; review of “The Brotherhood of War: Taegukgi,” directed by Je-gyu Kang (2004); review of *Decolonization: Perspectives from Now and Then*, edited by Presenjit Duara; a translation of *Kanto daishin-sai ji no chosenjin gyakusatsu: sono kokka sekinin to minsh sekinin* [*The Massacre of Koreans at the Time of the Great Kanto Earthquake: The Responsibility of the State and the People*] by Yamada Shoji (Tokyo: Sōshisha, 2003).

During the academic year of 2005-6, she presented papers and commented on papers at the following conferences and symposiums: The College Teaching Effectiveness Network, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA; Korea Workshop The Koreans in a Transforming East Asia. University of Illinois; Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Comparing Colonialisms Workshop Inaugural Symposium The Thing

Speaks for Itself: Articulating Evidence and Discourse in Colonial Studies. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; the 54th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

Rajit Mazumder

Rajit Mazumder reviewed Randolph G. S. Cooper, *The Anglo-Maratha Campaigns and the Contest for India: The Struggle for Control of the South Asian Military Economy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003), in *The Book Review* (New Delhi, September 2006), and was external reviewer for Heinemann (Oxford) for a textbook on British India, 1900-1947. Apart from that, he spent the summer researching in the British Library.

Debra Reid

Debra A. Reid spent her Christmas gathering photographs to illustrate *Reaping a Greater Harvest: African Americans and Rural Reform in Jim Crow Texas* (Texas A&M University Press, anticipated Spring 2007). With that nine-year project nearing completion, she tested the academic waters with two new topics. In January 2006 she presented “Blacks Tilling the Margins: Environmental Responsibility in the Racialized South,” at the American Historical Association. She is discussing the manuscript with the *Making of the Modern South* series editor for Louisiana State University Press. Also, in Summer 2006, Agricultural History will publish an article on African American rural women and property ownership, the foundation for a third manuscript, and one that aligns with Reid’s academic responsibilities at EIU, the application of material culture studies to historic inquiry. Public history pursuits included securing a grant from the Illinois Humanities Council to fund “Fa-Sol-La: Shape Note and Other Music Traditions as Community Memory,” as part of the Fall 2005 conference of the Midwest Open Air Museums Coordinating Council. Also during Fall 2005 she traveled to Poland to her first board meeting of the Association Internationale Des Musées D’Agriculture. During that trip she stopped by the region of Poland from which her mother’s family immigrated during the 1850s. This made even more meaningful her work with a group of distant relatives who are translating church records of one of the earliest Polish Catholic congregations in the midwest, St. Mary Help of Christians Roman Catholic Church, Chester, IL-

Illinois. Reid also is a member of the “Panther Express,” a group of EIU alums who play vintage base ball with the Rock Springs Ground Squirrels, Decatur, Illinois, and she sings shape-note music with the Charleston-Mattoon Sacred Harp Singers.

Anita Shelton

Anita Shelton’s chapter on “Franciszek Bujak” appeared in *Nation and History: Polish Historians From the Enlightenment to the Second World War* in 2006. She also wrote a book review for *Slavic Review* and six articles for the ABC-CLIO on-line historical encyclopedia. She is making *slow* progress on a long-term book project on “Resistance and Collaboration Under Nazi Rule in Poland.” She ran the *Detroit Free Press* Marathon with Friend and former chair of the Music Department at EIU, Roger Stoner.

Michael Shirley

Dr. Shirley continues to serve as the department’s undergraduate advisor and as webmaster for the Midwest Conference on British Studies. Of more importance, he and his wife, Debra, welcomed a daughter into their family: Katherine Elizabeth, born on July 14, 2006. Her nickname is, “The Reason this Newsletter is Late.”

Nora Pat Small

Dr. Small spent fall 2005 on sabbatical. She devoted her summer and fall primarily to researching her new project—an architectural history of lighthouses of the Early Republic. It will examine the intersection of aesthetics, technology, economics, and politics in the creation of these important structures. She also served, with Dr. Debra Reid, as Illinois Humanities Scholar for the traveling Smithsonian Museums on Main Street Exhibition, “Between Fences,” for which they researched, wrote, and presented a talk for the six local openings of that exhibit. She is serving as UPI Vice-President, EIU chapter, and continues to serve as a board member of the Illinois Historic Sites Council, and has resumed serving on the board of the Lincoln-Sargent Farm Foundation. She also serves as an ad hoc member of the Charleston Historic Preservation Commission. Dr. Small resumed her duties as the Historical Administration Program Coordinator on her return from sabbatical.

David Kammerling Smith

After returning from sabbatical, Professor Smith enjoyed re-acquainting himself with classroom and learning how to integrate more technology into his classes. At the same time, he continued in his role as Editor-in-Chief of *H-France* and oversaw the launching of two new scholarly journals focused on the history of France. He continued with his own research, highlighted by being invited to present a paper at the Annual Meeting of the Society for French History at the University of Sussex in Great Britain.

Charles Titus

This past summer Dr. Titus served as historian for the video discussion series “The World War I Years: America Becomes a World Power” at the Marshall Public Library in Marshall, Illinois. He introduced the six videos in the series and then led the discussion sessions that followed each film. In May he attended the R. Freeman Butts Institute on Civic Learning in Indianapolis and in October participated in a Montpelier Weekend Seminar on “James Madison, Architect of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights” at the Center for the Constitution at James Madison’s home, Montpelier, near Charlottesville, Virginia. Also in October he served as Chair of the 27th Annual History Teachers Conference held on campus at Eastern.

Mark Voss-Hubbard

This past year Dr. Voss-Hubbard finished his fifth and final year as Coordinator of the traditional MA in History program. He will be handing over the reins to Dr. Ed Wehrle’s able hands beginning in the Fall. In addition to publishing book reviews and evaluating manuscript submissions for several academic presses and journals, Dr. Voss-Hubbard continues work on two book length projects: One on land reformer and antislavery politician George W. Julian, the other a volume of essays and document on Illinois’ Civil War era experience. And yes, he did get that long-anticipated second tattoo. This summer you may see him (and his tattoos) rollerblading around Champaign, where he was named “Best Professor” for 2006, as chosen by the readers of *The Hub Weekly* in its annual “Best of C-U” issue.

Ed Wehrle

Edmund F. Wehrle published "*Between a River and a Mountain*": *The AFL-CIO and the Vietnam War, 1947-1975*, with the University of Michigan Press. He delivered a paper based on that book at the New Direction in Vietnamese Studies Conference held at Western Connecticut State University. He is also preparing an article for a book tentatively titled *Reappraising the Military Industrial Complex*. Additionally this year Dr. Wehrle took the reins (as new coordinator) of the traditional graduate history program.

Bailey Young

During the summer of 2005, Dr. Young directed the sixth season of the Summer Archaeology Program in Belgium, which is centered on the excavation of Walhain Castle; his sabbatical in the Fall of 2004 had allowed him to work on the 400-page Interim Report completed and submitted during 2005. Dr. William Woods, Director of the Environmental Studies Program at the University of Kansas, and he presented a paper based on this research at the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers and have submitted it as an article entitled "The Built Environment of a Medieval Outer Bailey (Walhain, Belgium)", for a special issue of the journal *Geomorphology*. He was Guest Curator of a special exhibit entitled "Barbarians and Romans" at the Spurlock World Heritage Museum in Urbana, and gave a paper entitled "Auguste Moutié, Pioneer of Merovingian Archaeology" at the symposium of the Society for Late Antiquity held at the University of Illinois-Urbana on this same theme. Dr. Young was invited by INRAP (France's national salvage archaeology institute) to an international symposium in Paris, where along with Dr. Lynne P. Sullivan of the University of Tennessee he presented a paper entitled "'Salvage Archaeology and the Tennessee Valley Authority: or, Successful Improvisations.'" Among recent publications are articles on Merovingian Franks, Tomb of Childeric and Merovingian Archaeology in *The Encyclopedia of the Barbarian World*, edited by Peter Bogucki (Princeton) and Pam Crabtree (NYU), and "Rites funéraires et stratégie politique: le cas des tombes royales," in L. Baray, ed., *Archéologie des pratiques funéraires. Approches critiques.*, the acts of a colloquium held at the European Archaeological Center of Mont Beuvray, in France, the site where Julius Caesar once wrote his Gallic Wars.

On behalf of the Medieval Studies Minor, he organized of panel "Monsters Before Frankenstein: the Medieval Heritage", one of the scholarly events connected with the Booth Library Exhibit: Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature, as well as the first interdisciplinary Medieval Studies Distinguished Lecture, by Prof. Danuta Shanzer of the University of Illinois-Urbana. In November 2005 he won a Faculty Achievement and Contribution Award for Research.

Alumni News

Donald E. Shepardson (BA, History, Ph.D. UIUC) continues to teach several courses at the University of Northern Iowa, where he is Professor of History. His essay, "A Faraway Country: Munich Reconsidered," has appeared as part of a collection of essays in honor of Dr. James Schick, Editor-in-Chief of *The Midwest Quarterly*.

Martin Elzy (MA History, 1969, Ph.D., Miami University of Ohio), was named the 2006 College of Arts & Humanities Distinguished Graduate Alum. He was Associate Director of the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, in Atlanta.

Deron Walker (BA and MA, History, 1994, 1995) earned his doctorate in Education in 2004 from Southern Illinois University, and is now Assistant Professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Literature at California Baptist University in Riverside, California.

Neil Dahlstrom (MA, Historical Administration, 1999) has just published *Lincoln's Wrath: Fierce Mobs, Brilliant Scoundrels, and a President's Mission to Destroy the Press*, an account of a Pennsylvania editor whose office was seized by the Lincoln administration, and who sued to recover his property.

Ryan Ervin (BA and MA, History, 2005, 2006) is teaching history and government at St. Anthony High School in Effingham, Illinois.

Nicole Hurley (BA and MA, History, 2005, 2006) is a law student at St. Louis University, in St. Louis, Missouri.

Jacob Jackson (BA, History, 2005) is a second-year student at the University of Kentucky Law School.

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Students in Dr. Jinhee Lee's Modern Asian History Class participate in a Tea Ceremony during their field trip to the Japan House in Urbana, Illinois. For further information about the Japan House, please visit their website: <http://www.art.uiuc.edu/galleries/japanhouse/index.cfm>

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