

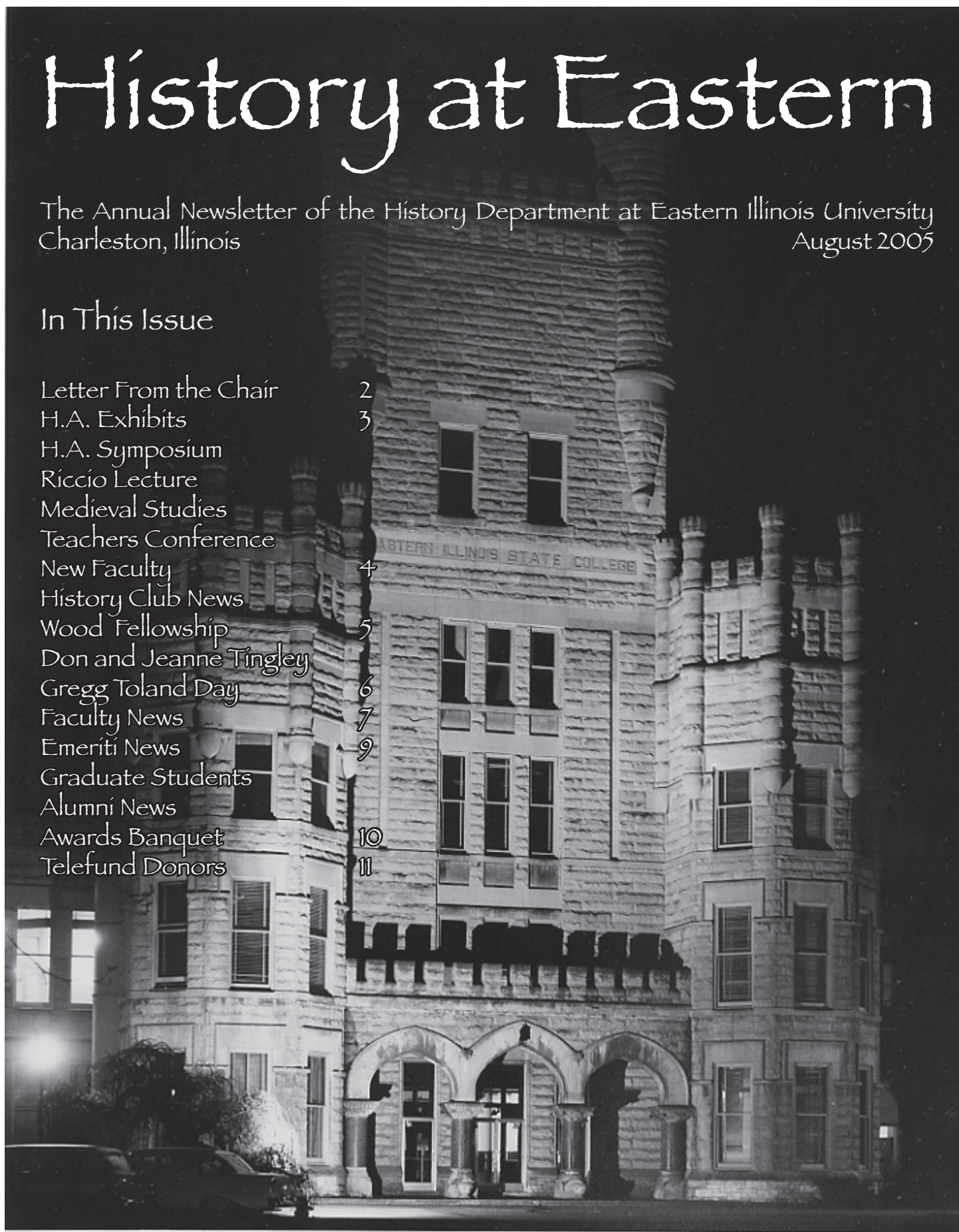
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Letter from the Chair 2005

Dr. Anita Shelton



IN last year's "Letter From the Chair" I focused my comments on our excellent history faculty and the generational change of which I have been a part. This year I would like to shift the focus to students, our *raison d'être*. Over the sixteen years that I have been teaching I have heard others (and have myself joined in) lamenting

about the deteriorating quality of our students: that they come to us less prepared for college work, with shorter attention spans, increasingly unable to write, more likely to cheat or plagiarize, and with fewer social graces than ever before. When we talk about "the Millennial Generation," we are rarely being complimentary. The examples are legion, and often circulate in e-mail or on the web. It's hard not to be discouraged. But then I go to class. And more striking to me than the students who cut class or show up, but sleep through class, or plagiarize their papers, are the many students who show up and prove ready to meet me halfway, sometimes even more than halfway, even on the days I am imperfectly prepared for class or delving into a topic that even I know is, come on let's admit it, deadly dull.

This year I had a student in one of my classes who was seriously handicapped, in a wheelchair, and able to guide a pencil in his hand only with concentrated effort. He missed only one day of class the entire semester, and that only because he had a doctor's appointment in St. Louis that he could not reschedule. In the same class my best students were a young mother with a young child, a Gulf War veteran and father not much younger than myself, a shy Honors student who never volunteered anything in discussion but consistently submitted astonishingly good written work and a classically brash "class clown" type who more than once surprised me with his thoughtful insights or questions. Different

people, different ages and backgrounds, different goals, different obligations and distractions, all coming together to make an effort in good faith to connect with whatever it was that I brought to the classroom that day. The students established a good rapport with each other, helped each other, and were consistently open to me. It was a pleasure to teach them.

When a couple of years ago we reworked our entire teacher certification program to accommodate the Illinois Board of Education's desire (ok, mandate) that future teachers of history be certified also in six other social science disciplines (anthropology, economics, geography, political science, psychology and sociology) many of us predicted a steep drop-off in the number of students seeking to become teachers. Who would want to struggle through all of the new requirements? Well, we were wrong. Enrollments in the program are up. As it looks now, not only are our students willing to work harder and longer to get their degrees, but results from the first three administrations of the new standardized state tests for future secondary teachers of history and the social sciences from EIU show a 100% pass rate (compared to under 60% for the state as a whole, by the way).

The various student awards and achievements that are noted in the pages of this *Newsletter* are more happy evidence of the good work that our students do. However, it's not just the award winners who have impressed me. This year, the student of whom I am most proud, is one who gets mediocre grades, and has won no academic awards. She is someone who was utterly let down by her secondary education. She arrived at EIU simply lacking the skills for college-level work through no fault of her own. I have watched her struggle and strive to make up for the lost years. She works hard. She seeks help. She doesn't cheat or plagiarize. Her work is her own. She has genuine interest in the subject matters we cover, and shows real growth in understanding. She is still a "C" student, but when she graduates from college later this year, I will be even prouder of her than I am of the award winners.

Martin Marty Gives 2005 Riccio Lecture



Dr. Martin Marty was this year's speaker at the Barry D. Riccio memorial lecture series, presenting a talk on "The First Amendment and Religion: Subordinate but not Subservient." Dr. Marty, Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of the History of Modern Christianity in the Divinity School; also in the Committee on the History of Culture, University of Chicago, is one of the most eminent interpreters of religion and culture today.

Dr. Martin Marty and Dr. Kathryn Anthony at the Barry D. Riccio Memorial Lecture

25th Annual Eastern Illinois University History Teachers Conference

On Thursday, October 28, 2004, Eastern Illinois University hosted the History Teachers Conference, "Transforming Teaching for Tomorrow: New Approaches to History and Social Studies Education." The Conference helps promote excellence in history and social studies teaching by providing teachers with information about imaginative avenues to history and social studies teaching as well as an opportunity to network and learn from other teachers across Illinois. The Conference sessions explored: examining conflicting values in teaching social studies and history; unique approaches to involve students in the excitement of history, such as cemetery walks and community lecture series; a new website for exploring social, economic, and historical connections of the Mississippi River Basin; involving social studies and history students in purposeful service learning projects; meeting the challenges of integrated history and English classrooms through the Essential Questions and Understanding Strategy; and a "Swap Shop" where teachers were able to exchange their own techniques and methods.

HA Exhibit

Each year for a class project, Eastern Illinois University Historical Administration graduate students install an exhibit at an establishment in the Charleston area. The HA Class of 2004-2005 designed and installed an exhibit with the Tarble Arts Center featuring propaganda posters from World War II and the Vietnam War. There is also an interactive electronic gallery (egallery) in conjunction with the poster exhibit.

HA Symposium

Each spring, the Historical Administration alumni association sponsors a symposium on some aspect of current museum theories and practices. The symposium is open to the public, and offers an annual opportunity for alumni, faculty, and current HA students to reconnect. This year's symposium addressed the topic, "You Want Me To Do What??? Museum Training Versus Museum Reality"

New Medieval Studies Minor

A new interdisciplinary minor has been added to Eastern Illinois University's curriculum: Medieval Studies. Through a formal program, the period can now be studied in several departments, instead of limiting a student to his major. Credits for Medieval Studies will be offered in Art, Language, English, History, Music, and Philosophy. In the history department students can take Medieval History, Medieval Archeology, History of Christianity, and Western Civilization to Renaissance. Undergraduates, who want to continue Medieval studies as a graduate student, will get a firm foundation in the discipline and therefore be able to compete favorably. Dr. Bailey Young was instrumental in creating this new minor.

New Faculty Notes

Dr. Johnathan Coit joined the History department faculty this year as the department's specialist in American Intellectual and Cultural History. Dr. Coit received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2004 after the completion of his dissertation, "The Discourse of Racial Violence: Chicago, 1914-1923." While conducting the research for his thesis he was the recipient of the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities Graduate Fellowship in 2002-2003 and a fellowship with the Department of History, University of Illinois in 1999. Dr. Coit has presented aspects of his work widely, most recently on race and racism at the Urban History Association Conference last October. This year he taught undergraduate courses in U.S. Survey since 1865 and the History of U.S. Ideas, and a graduate course in the Social and Cultural History of the 20th Century U.S. Dr. Coit is extremely involved here at Eastern, serving on the History Department's Curriculum and Localities Committees, and as a History Club Faculty Sponsor.



Dr. Rajit Mazumder joined the History faculty this year as the department's specialist on South Asia. Dr. Mazumder moved from New Delhi to London and received his Ph.D. from the University of London in 2001 after completing his dissertation, "The Making of Punjab: Colonial Power, the Indian Army and Recruited Peasants, c. 1849-1939." While conducting research for his thesis he received the Felix Scholarship for Doctoral Research, 1997-2001, the Charles Wallace Trust, Gilchrist Trust, Leche Trust, and Newby Trust funding for the last six months of the dissertation in 2001, the Central Research Fund from the University of London for fieldwork in India in 1998 and the School of Oriental and African Studies Travel Grant in 1998. Dr. Mazumder has presented and published his work on the colonial and military history of South Asia at many conferences, and intends to continue researching the role that the colonial military establishment had on the development of science, technology and medicine in India. Dr. Mazumder is currently teaching a World History Survey course and an upper division course on Modern South Asia. In the fall he plans to develop a course to include an overview of Indian History from ancient to modern times.



History Club News

Eastern Illinois University's History Club bowled with the History Faculty members in the Fall and Spring of 2004-5. The History Club participated in its usual meetings and lectures. The Club also instituted a new tradition of meeting at the El Racherito. Bowling proved to be an eventful outing for history club members and the faculty. Event-goers enjoyed soda and pizza. The History Club's Vice President, Whitney Tarbutton, promoted a new charity activity for the organization. In the winter months of 2004, the Club raised money, gas cards, food, and presents for a local family. The family's father had just been laid off his job after the mother quit her job to take the youngest two children to St. Louis twice a week for their leukemia treatments.



History Club members at bowling night



Professors Coit and Elder, with their daughter, Rosa, enjoy an evening of bowling with the History Club

Wood Family Internship Fund

The family and friends of Leonard and Tanya Wood of Charleston, Illinois have established the Wood Family In-



The Wood Family at Drayton Hall in 2000

ternship at Drayton Hall, a National Historic Landmark and National Trust historic site located in Charleston, South Carolina. Leonard Wood, Professor Emeritus of History at Eastern Illinois University, and his wife Tanya, were killed in a car accident in March 2004. Their son Stephen, a young and talented preservation craftsman, was killed in August 1980, while participating in a National Trust Restoration Workshop at Drayton Hall, when the scaffolding on which he was working collapsed.

Begun as a plantation in 1738, Drayton Hall is a landmark in colonial architecture and was likely the first building in America built in the Palladian style, a style of architecture that became the standard across the colonies and Great Britain through the rest of the 18th century. It is unique among historic sites in the nation because it has come down to the present through seven generations of one family, substantially unchanged.

In honor of his parents and brother, Anthony C. Wood initiated the Wood Family Internship Fund. Its purpose is to provide an annual internship for a regional, national, or international student to work at Drayton Hall in research, education, architectural conservation, or historic preservation

in accordance with the needs of Drayton Hall. According to site director, George McDaniel, "this fund will be a lasting tribute to Stephen, Tanya, and Leonard and provide enduring benefits both to Drayton Hall and to the field of historic preservation." Drayton Hall has already received additional donations to the Wood Family Internship Fund. The goal is to raise \$100,000 in order to permanently endow the internship and ensure its long-term continuance. Internships began in the summer of 2005.

To learn more about the Wood Family Internship Fund or to make a donation, please visit www.draytonhall.org or contact Drayton Hall's development office at 843-769-2601. Alternatively, donations may be mailed to Drayton Hall, attn: Wood Family Internship Fund, 3380 Ashley River Road, Charleston, SC, 29414.

Don and Jeanne Tingley

Professor of History Emeritus Donald F. Tingley died on Thursday, August 12, 2004; his wife Jeanne, who had been in poor health, did not long survive him, passing away on March 16, 2005. They are survived by their daughter Elizabeth, who, with her husband, has established the Tingley Memorial Scholarship with Eastern Illinois University's History Department.

A veteran of World War II, Don went on to earn his Ph.D. in history at the University of Illinois, before coming to Eastern Illinois University, where he served as Professor of History for thirty-one years. Don was the author and/or editor of a number of scholarly publications-the most notable being Volume Five in the *Sesquicentennial History of Illinois, The Structuring of the State: The History of Illinois, 1899-1928* (1980), and *The Emerging University: A History of Eastern Illinois University, 1949-1974* (1974). Don's friends will miss his always lively historical discussions and his trenchant political observations. He was truly one of the best and brightest.

Alumni Updates Needed

Attention Alumni: we rely on you for Alumni Updates. Please use the form on the back cover of this newsletter to let us and your fellow alumni know what you have been doing.



Between February and September 2004, several students, faculty and staff of the History Department facilitated a series of events commemorating the life, work and influence of Gregg W. Toland (1904-1948), Charleston-born and internationally renowned cinematographer. Three distinct events included the following:

- “Citizen Gregg: Charleston Born, California Bound,” an exhibit sponsored by the Coles County Historical Society, May 29 through November 2004 at the Dudley House, 895 7th Street; February 2005 at the City of Charleston building; March and April 2005 in the Booth Library Atrium, EIU.
- “Citizen Gregg: A Symposium on Gregg Toland’s Influence,” sponsored by the Coles County Historical Society and the College of Arts & Humanities, Eastern Illinois University, September 24, 2004; and
- The Gregg Toland Day Festival, sponsored by the Coles County Arts Council, September 25, 2004 on the Historic Downtown Courthouse Square and the Dudley House, Charleston.

The events mark the centennial of Toland’s birth (May 29, 1904) and the fifty-sixth anniversary of his death (Sept. 26, 1948) and provide opportunities for film enthusiasts, festival goers, and the general public to learn about the small-town origins of Toland as well as previously non-documented life experiences of the boy who eventually turned a camera and light source into “the eyes of the audience” (Gregg Toland, “The Motion Picture Cameraman,” *Theatre Arts* (1941), 647-654).

Toland shot more than 60 films during the “Golden Age” of cinema which included *Wuthering Heights* (1939) for which Toland received an Oscar for his cinematography, and *Citizen Kane* (1941) a film nominated for six Academy Awards and considered one of the best films of all time. Toland also filmed John Ford’s adaptation of *The Grapes of Wrath* (1940) and *The Best Years of Our Lives* (1946).

Joy Pratte, president of the Coles County Arts Council and reader for Dr. Martin Hardeman, and Debra Reid, Associate Professor of History, researched Toland’s family history. Reid curated the exhibit, designed by Rick Riccio, Instructor, with assistance provided by Historical Administration graduate students, Amanda Bryden and Dan Smaczny. Reid served as program chair, along with Pratte and Dr. Lynnea Magnuson, for the symposium. Pratte worked with local res-

idents to coordinate the festival. The multi-part commemoration could not have occurred without the support of several funding agencies, and the cooperation of the Coles County Historical Society, the College of Arts & Humanities at EIU, and the Department of History.

These programs were made possible in part by grants from the Illinois Humanities Council (through support from the National Endowment of the Humanities and the Illinois General Assembly). Additional funding came from the Illinois Arts Council, the Illinois Association of Museums, Eastern Illinois University, the Coles County Arts Council, the Charleston Area Charitable Foundation, and numerous individuals and businesses.

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Faculty News

Terry A. Barnhart began his eleventh year of service in the History Department with the assignment of a research sabbatical for the Fall 2004 Semester. Dr. Barnhart resumed his teaching duties during the Spring 2005 Semester, where he continues to teach both graduate and undergraduate history courses in the M.A. in Historical Administration Program, the M.A. in History Program, and the undergraduate Honors Program. He teaches the archival methods, research methods, and historical interpretation courses in the Historical Administration Program, the American social and cultural history courses in the M.A. Program, and the honors sections of the U.S. survey courses. Dr. Barnhart was honored by being nominated for the Graduate School Faculty Mentor Award in the spring of 2004, and an invited presenter in the Graduate School's Graduate Assistant Development Session on leadership and mentoring held in October. He also participated in the planning and initiation of the Honors Faculty Mentoring Partnership in the University's Honors College for entering students in the Presidential Scholars Program. He is serving the second of a four-year term on the Council of the American Association for State and Local History, a second two-year appointment to the Advisory Board of the Illinois State Historical Society, and remains an active member of the American Association of Museum's Committee on Museum Professional Training.

Dr. Barnhart's most recently published works are *Ephraim George Squier and the Development of the American Anthropology*, which will appear in May of 2005 as a volume in the Critical Studies in the History Anthropology series published by the University of Nebraska Press, and an article entitled "In His Own Right: Dr. Edwin Hamilton Davis and the Davis Collection of American Antiquities" that appeared in

the May 2004 number of the *Journal of the History of Collections* published by Oxford University Press in association with the Ashmolean Museum. He is currently researching the life and political thought of Albert Taylor Bledsoe (1809-1877), the subject of his research sabbatical and a History Department Colloquium presentation given in March of 2005. He continues to work with Dr. Newton E. Key and other faculty members and graduate students in the ongoing development of the History Department's "Localities" webpage.

Ian Binnington taught courses in US Constitutional History, Modern US History, and Early Modern World History in his third year at Eastern. His essay, "Promoting the Confederacy: Virginia's Southern Illustrated News," was published in *Virginians and the Civil War*, eds. Peter Wallenstein and Bertram Wyatt-Brown (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2005): 114-122. In March he co-presented a paper entitled "'And Bid Him Bear a Patriot's Part': National and Local Perspectives on Confederate Nationalism" at the British American Nineteenth Century Historians (BRANCH) Conference in Edgefield, South Carolina. His paper, "We Must All Stand Together: Visions of a Future Confederacy in Beverly Tucker's The Partisan Leader" was accepted for presentation at the Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta in November 2005. He continues as Review Editor for H-South <<http://www.h-net.org/~south>> and as a member of the Champaign County Head Start Policy Council.

Jose Deustua attended the IV CEISAL Congress in Bratislava, capital of the Republic of Slovakia, this summer. CEISAL is the European Council of Social Research on Latin America. CEISAL was born after the fall of the Berlin wall in response to increasing European unification. There have been already three "congresses" before the one Dr. Deustua attended this summer. He coordinated a panel on transforma-

tions and persistences in Latin American history with an Argentine and a Peruvian scholar. His research on the Peruvian and Bolivian ethnic communities in Chicago was also published in *The Encyclopedia of Chicago*, a project managed by the Newberry Library. He continues his research on the social economies of Latin America and the United States in the 19th century.

Lynne Curry has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend for 2005 to support the completion of her book manuscript, *DeShaney v. Winnebago County: Child Abuse, State Action, and Children's Rights in a Family Tragedy*, which is under contract with the University of Kansas Press. She presented a paper on American law and eugenics at a conference sponsored jointly by the Canadian, British, and American History of Science societies in Halifax, Nova Scotia in August 2004. In April 2005 she presented a paper on law and child abuse at the German Historical Institute in Washington, DC for a conference entitled, "Raising Americans, Raising Europeans in the 20th Century." She published book reviews in the *American Historical Review* and on H-Law, as well as two essays in the *Encyclopedia of Chicago History*, University of Chicago Press.

Newton Key taught a new course on the History of Ireland and the Irish this year. A short-term fellowship allowed him to research at the Newberry Library, and that research and that sponsored by an EIU Council of Faculty Research (a council on which he now serves) grant went into an article on London's Feasts and the Association Crisis that is also the beginning of a new book he is working on about the politics of fellowship, feasting, and associating. He continues as the webmaster for the department and the North American Conference on British Studies and as the book review editor for H-Albion. He delivered an assessment of H-Albion and other online review projects at the

Midwest Conference on British Studies, Lansing, 22-24 October 2004.

Debra A. Reid began AY 2004-2005 newly tenured and promoted to Associate Professor. Preparations for new courses in both the Fall (Archival Administration) and Spring (Women in American History) kept her busy. She partnered with Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site to deliver the HA graduate course in Collections Care and Management, and with EIU Archivist, Robert Hillman, to provide a lab opportunity for students enrolled in Archival Management. She secured grant funding from the Illinois Humanities Council to underwrite the September 2004 symposium on Charleston-born Gregg Toland, internationally renowned cinematographer, which she also co-chaired. Her revised manuscript, *Reaping a Greater Harvest: African Americans and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Since 1903*, is under review at Texas A&M University Press. Articles appeared in *Kulturlandschaft – Cultural Landscape – Paysage Culturel*, the *Bulletin of the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums* (ALHFAM) and the *Midwest Open Air Museums Magazine*. A book review appeared in *History News*. She reviewed manuscripts for the University of Nebraska Press and AltaMira Press. She presented papers or chaired sessions at the following professional conferences: American Historical Association, Agricultural History Society (AHS), American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), ALHFAM, the Midwest Open Air Museums Association (MOMCC), and at CIMA XIV, the triennial conference of the International Association of Agricultural Museums (AIMA) held in the Czech Republic. Dr. Reid served as the vice-chair of EIU's Council on Academic Affairs and helped write the guidelines to facilitate refinement of EIU's General Education Curriculum. She continues as ALHFAM publications chair and

treasurer for MOMCC as well as the Rural Women's Studies Association. She was elected to a three-year term as the U.S. delegate to AIMA in September 2004. MOMCC members approved at its Fall 2004 annual meeting the Statement of Professional Conduct that she wrote. Her efforts were rewarded with an EIU Achievement and Contribution Award in the "Balanced" category, for exemplary teaching, research and service. She also won the Candace Tangorra Matelic Award, presented by MOMCC for the best essay relevant to the organization's mission. During AY 2004-2005 she has done contract work with the University of Illinois' College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to develop a course in the History of Agriculture in Illinois Since 1860 and with the Illinois Humanities Council to serve as humanities scholar (along with EIU colleague, Dr. Nora Pat Small) on the Museum on Main Street/Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit, *Between Fences*. She sings with the Mattoon-Charleston Shaped Note Singers, and plays vintage base ball with the Rock Springs Ground Squirrels, Decatur.

Rick Riccio designed, built and installed the exhibit "What Makes Us Who We Are?" which opened September 26 at the Manitowoc County Historical Society in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Sarah Johnson, HA class of 2001 is the Society's Executive Director. He also designed the exhibit, "The World of Water" which opened March 3, 2005, at the Witte Museum in San Antonio, Texas.

Nora Pat Small received a sabbatical for fall of 2005. She continues to serve as Historical Administration Program Coordinator through spring of 2005. She gave papers at the Sept. 2004 AASLH conference and at the Jan. 2005 AHA conference, both dealing with local myth and memory. She continues to serve on the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council with Debra Reid,

serving as Illinois Humanities Scholars. They will be assisting 6 museums throughout rural Illinois to develop programming to accompany the traveling Smithsonian exhibit "Between Fences." She has begun research for a new project in which she will examine how aesthetics, technology, economics and iconography intersect for an architectural history of lighthouses of the early republic.

David Kammerling Smith received a Sabbatical Fellowship from the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia that permitted him to spend the year writing, writing, writing. He has two articles forthcoming and presented papers at the Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies at Stanford University and at the History of Economics Society meeting at the University of Puget Sound.

Charles Titus teaches Illinois history, United States Military history and the social science teaching methods class and serves as Chair of the Social Science Studies program. He currently is a member of the Unit Assessment Committee for Teacher Education, a university wide committee centered in the College Education and Professional Studies that is working with an electronic portfolio for use in teacher education assessment.

Mark Voss-Hubbard continues in his fourth year as Graduate Program Coordinator. This past year he was promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor. He published two book reviews and one review article in *Reviews in American History*. He continues work on a book-length project exploring the intersections of labor reform, land reform, and antislavery politics in the Civil War era. Dr. Voss-Hubbard is also contemplating getting another tattoo.

Edmund F. Wehrle enjoyed a summer of research in Britain and France courtesy of a summer grant from the Council on Faculty Research. This fall he published "Guns, Butter, Leon Key-

serling, the AFL-CIO and the Fate of Full-Employment Economics,” in *The Historian*, 66 (Winter 2004): 730-748. His book, “*Between a River and a Mountain*”: *The AFL-CIO, the Vietnamese Confederation of Labor, and the Vietnam War*, will be published by the University of Michigan Press in 2005.

News From Emeriti

Wolfgang T. Schlauch edited Walter Schmid's *A German POW in New Mexico* as published by the University of New Mexico Press in April of 2005.

Graduate Student News

Matthew Berry is continuing work on his thesis, “Evangelical Religion and Benevolent Reform in Antebellum Natchez, and Vicksburg, Mississippi.” He is employed at Argonne National Laboratory as a researcher in the Decision and Information Sciences Division.

Jeff Corrigan is in his final semester of classes in the MA History program, with a focus in 20th Century U.S. History and a minor in World History. He will be spending the summer working on his thesis entitled “A Cultural History of Advertising: Advertising's Influence on Four Periods of Twentieth-Century America.”

Kendra Derrer, from Shannon, Illinois, is in the Historical Administration program. Before coming to Eastern she was the Collections Manager at the Freeport Arts Center. Fall semester she wrote a preservation grant for them and it will be submitted this May. Spring semester she worked, with others, on nominating the Charleston Courthouse Square for the National Register. She has also received an internship at the Flagg Township Museum in Rochelle, Illinois.

Ryan Ervin's paper, *The Alger Hiss/Whittaker Chambers Espionage Case*, was published in the 2005 edition of *Historia*. As part of the James Madison Fellowship, he will be going to Georgetown this summer to attend a seminar on the Constitution.

Merrilee Garner is a Historical Administration student originally from Indiana.

Right now she works as a graduate assistant for Dr. Debra Reid. This summer she will be interning at Living History Farms in Iowa.

Stephanie Johnson has been working as a graduate assistant with WEIU TV on a project titled, “Ask Mr. Lincoln”, an education interactive DVD aimed at answering questions children have about President Abraham Lincoln. She plans on doing an educational internship with the Joliet Historical Museum.

Katie Keil, from Bellevue, Iowa, currently enrolled in the Historical Administration program. She is working as the Graduate Assistant for Dr. Martin Hardeman; her duties include reading him essay portions of tests and undergraduate papers. This summer she will have a two month internship in the collections department at the Baseball Hall of Fame, in Cooperstown, New York.

Patricia Kennedy received the Presidential Assistantship this year. For the Historical Administration department, she is working on the e-gallery component of this year's exhibit, as well as, determining the department's needs for technology in the classroom. As part of this she will write a report on the ways technology can be used by students and professors in the classroom. She also recently received an internship at Volkening Farms in Shaumburg, IL. She is excited to continue her learning experience through the many duties and projects they have planned for her this summer.

Nicholas Mariner graduated from Millikin University in May of 2004 with a BA in Social Science Secondary Education. There he received the Albert T. Mills Award for Excellence in History, given to the top history student of the year. He enrolled at EIU last fall, and is focusing his research on Native American History and oral history methodologies. He plans to attend law school upon completing his MA, focusing in Education Law.

Sharie Mooney is a Historical Administration student. She will be interning at Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, in Lerna, Illinois, this coming May. She also recently received a grant for the John Wornall House Museum in Kansas City, Missouri.

Sarah Preskitt, from Anchorage, Alaska, has been at Eastern since Fall 2004. As a graduate assistant, she has worked on a

website designed to assist future Illinois teachers study for the state certification exam. She plans to finish her coursework in December 2005, majoring in United States History. Her future plans include using history to further her goals of world peace and prosperity.

John Rasel (MA) a European history major, will be finishing his coursework and taking his comprehensive exams over summer. He will be attending Kent State University's School of Library and Information Science in the fall. During his two-year stay at the Hotel Coleman, John worked as a co-editor of *Historia* and served as a graduate assistant for one and a half years.

Kelly L. Rider served as the History graduate assistant in Technology for the 2004-2005 academic year, under the supervision of Dr. Key. This assistantship has consisted of updating department web pages and maintaining computers within the department. Rider recently received the Distinguished Graduate Student award for Historical Administration from the Graduate School. Rider will be completing her internship at Homestead Prairie Farm, a part of the Macon County Conservation District, in Decatur, Illinois.

Andrew Roling is currently working towards his Masters in American History. He completed all course work on campus in December 2004, and is now working on his Master's thesis. Upon completing class work at EIU, he moved back home to East Moline, Illinois to continue his thesis work and research. He is also working as an adjunct at Muscatine Community College in Iowa, teaching an evening class every Tuesday on Western Civilization up to the end of the Middle Ages.

Michael Sparks is currently a part-time graduate student of history. He is working with Dr. LeMaster on an independent study on Native American cultures. He's also teaching Latin American History, Geography, and American Government at Rend Lake College in Southern Illinois.

Erin Storc is a 2004 graduate of Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. She served as an Illinois Regional Archives Depository Interns at Booth Library University Archives for 2004-

2005 History Department and Phi Alpha Theta Awards Banquet

2005. Erin is looking forward to interning in the collections department at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck after classes have finished.

Justin Thomas has presented two papers to two different conferences. At the Mid-American Conference on History at Southwestern Missouri State University in October 2004 he presented "U.S. foreign policy on the Path to Pinochet's Chile." At the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference at Murray State University, he presented "Operation Rolling Blunder: Strategic Bombing and the Failure of American Military Policy in Vietnam." In other news he was married to Kelly on June 12, 2004 and welcomed their daughter, Emma Grace, in the first week of May 2005.

Mike Wills is completing his course load this spring, and intends to take his boards Fall 2005. Then he plans on attending an MLS program at either the University of Illinois or the University of Iowa.

Alumni News

Neil Dahlstrom, an EIU H.A. alumni from 1999, has served for the last three years as reference archivist at the Deere & Company Archives. His first book, *The John Deere Story: A Biography of Plowmakers and John and Charles Deere*, co-authored with Jeremy Dahlstrom, has been published by Northern Illinois University.

Lincoln King, History, B.A., 1999, writes "I attended Northern Illinois University's College of Law and graduated with my J.D. in May of 2003. I am now an attorney in the law firm of Ruddy, Milroy & King. I became partner at the firm in January of 2005. My business address is as follows: 1700 N. Farnsworth Ave., Suite 12, Aurora, IL 60505; phone (630) 820-0333; fax (630) 820-0594; email rvlawfirm@aol.com. Our firm deals with a variety of types of cases, but we specialize in bankruptcy law, foreclosure law, commercial law, and family law."

Jay Samuel, Sociology, B.A. 1985 and M.A. in American History, 1990 from EIU, has presented a photo portfolio for the Reagan Boyhood Home Preservation Foundation.

On April 30, 2005, the History Department, in conjunction with the Epsilon Mu Chapter of Phi Alpha theta, held the annual History Student Awards Banquet at Richard's



Farm Restaurant in Casey, Illinois. After a social hour and buffet dinner, Dr. Anita Shelton welcomed those in attendance. Dr. Michael Shirley, faculty advisor for Phi Alpha Theta, then announced the 2005 Epsilon Mu Chapter inductees: Mary Barford, Dana N. Blumthal, Matthew H. Caraway, Jeff D. Corrigan, Jeffrey A. Drake, Joshua D. Fulton, Kurt Kalush, Robert L. Lang, Kathryn J. Mc Mahon, Vince W. Parker, Rebeckka Lee Pogeman, Margaret Mary Rohman, Michael J. Swinford, and Tara A. Wuthrich.

Dr. Debra Reid, chair of the History Department Awards committee, then announced the 2004-2005 award winners. Graduate student Mary Barford (below) and undergraduate student Michael Swinford took home the Leften Stavrianos World History Award. Barford and fellow graduate student Ryan Ervin shared the Lavern M. Hamand Memorial Award, with John Rasel earning honorable mention. Rasel also earned the Wolfgang and Barbara Schlauch European History Scholarship. Nicholas Mariner, a traditional graduate student, and Kelly Rider, a Historical Administration graduate student, earned the department's distinguished graduate student awards. Niccole Hurley, a senior history major, received the History Study Abroad Scholarship. Hurley was also one of three undergraduate winners of the Errett and Mazie Warner History Award, sharing the award with Robyn Carswell and Sarah Crawford (above right). Carswell also earned the Robert H. Irrman Award, established this year by Professors David Maurer and Michael Shirley, in

memory of their undergraduate advisor at Beloit College. Ryan Darcy, a sophomore history major, gained recognition under the Elisha H. And Estella Ziegler Baumgartner Scholarship.

Kelly Thole earned the Simon Bolivar Award, and shared the Rex Syndergaard Scholarship with Ashley Tomlinson. Tomlinson also earned the Alexander Ham-

ilton Award in American History. Whitney Tarbutton received the Fogelsanger History Scholarship, and Eric Orr won Anne Frank Award. Dr. Bailey Young then gave a special award to Dr. Herb Lasky, who retired from EIU last year. The William B. Reid, Jr. History Education Scholarship was awarded to Michael Cassady, while the Robert and Julie Sterling History Scholarship was given to Alison Personette. Matthew Caraway earned the Stephan M. Horak Memorial Scholarship. The Charles H. Dorothee Coleman



Scholarship was awarded to Matthew Berry. Dr. Anita Shelton presented a special "future CEO" award to Jason Miller, a business major who had worked in the History Department Office for two years. The evening concluded with a talk by Dr. E. William Monter, Professor Emeritus of History at Northwestern University. Dr. Monter, who was introduced by Dr. David Smith, spoke on "Re-Thinking European History in the Age of the Euro." After Dr. Monter's talk, Dr. Shelton congratulated the award winners, and thanked everyone for coming.



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