

History at Eastern

Summer 2008



Notes from the Chair

Dr. Anita Shelton

The biggest buzz at EIU this past year has been about our new president, Dr. William Perry. Dr. Perry spent countless hours making visits to every unit on campus, to all constituencies, and peering into every crack and crevice of the university, both literal and figurative. As he made his rounds, he listened to what all of us had to say about ourselves and our university, and where we would like to see it go, and responded with a few ideas of his own. The outcome of his extended getting-to-know-you tour was an open letter to the EIU community, outlining what he saw to be the university’s character, strengths and values (<http://www.eiu.edu/~presiden/initiatives.php>). He concluded that the university’s overall objective should be to become “the best in the nation in the integrated academic and personal development of students.” In order to achieve this goal, which he also sometimes refers to as being the “Best in Class,” he laid out the following top five priorities of the university for the immediate future. These are, in his own words:

- Enhance support for excellence in faculty scholarship and teaching, in particular faculty-mentored undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activities.
- Enhance service and leadership opportunities for students.
- Enhance fine arts programming and outreach.
- Enhance study abroad opportunities.
- Enhance honors programs.

I would like to address how the History Department already reflects and also can work to improve upon its performance in these five areas, and thus play a critical role in helping to raise the level of the university to Best in Class, even during these (continuing) hard budget times.

Faculty scholarship in the History Department is very much alive and well. Our designation as a “First Choice” Graduate Program (among a very small handful) this year reflects this criterion, among others. Not only do all of our faculty participate in research and publication, but many of us do so at a rate and level commensurate with professors at the best Research-1 universities in the country. Just check out our page on faculty activities this year for the evidence. Moreover, in their work with both graduate and undergraduate students, History faculty personify the ideal of the scholar-teacher. Lynne Curry, Debra Reid, Roger Beck and others lead the way. Again, I urge you to take a look at the lists of student awards and activities to see the evidence. Or even better, read the articles in *Historia*. Every year, it seems, the History Department gets stronger. This year we have a new initiative, thanks to a major contribution from a History alumnus, Mr. Allen Corzine and his wife, Louise, to create the Herbert Lasky Undergraduate Seminar in Early National United States History, which would provide money to buy books for students, and give an award to the best research paper to emerge from the seminar. I look forward to seeing the work that the first cohort to benefit from this seminar will produce. Many thanks to the Corzines for the generous support of the department, and for honoring emeritus and good friend Herbert Lasky in this manner.

History students engage in service and leadership opportunities primarily through the activities of Phi Alpha Theta and the History Club. However, we are eager to develop more such opportunities, and to integrate them into our curriculum. With the development on campus this coming year of a new Interdisciplinary Center for

Global Diversity which will, among other things, seek to orient our students in the world of internships, corporate and government, as well as NGO’s (in the U.S. and abroad), we are excited about helping find opportunities for our students to develop as citizens of the ever-shrinking world.

Fine arts programming may not seem to be History’s bailiwick, but we can certainly participate and contribute by encouraging our students to attend and benefit from arts programming in the new Doudna Fine Arts Center that relates to the peoples, periods and cultures we study in our classes. Even more, we can make suggestions to the programming committee for artists and performers we might bring to campus. Our own increasing global diversity in our curriculum and faculty will help us provide this input. And the experience of faculty like Jose Deustua and Jinhee Lee in organizing Latino Heritage Month and Asian History and Culture Month will be a great resource.

History has for some time participated very actively in Study Abroad initiatives, and more students than ever are taking advantage. Three of our faculty – Bailey Young, Newton Key, and David Smith – have been taking students abroad on short-term study trips to Belgium, England, and France, respectively, every summer. Next spring, Newton Key will be with EIU (and other American) students at Harlaxton Manor in England for the entire semester. Several other faculty, such as Jose Deustua, Sace Elder and Jinhee Lee, are also very active in promoting foreign languages and study abroad among our students. This past year we have also seen several students decide to go abroad for their student teaching experience. Slowly, but steadily, the horizons of our students at EIU are expanding.

Finally, I would like to note that our departmental Honors continues to develop as a viable program in the able hands of faculty advisor Sace Elder. Honors provides eager and talented students with the opportunity to pursue their interests more deeply and extensively by writing, under the guidance of faculty mentors, an Honors Thesis. This past year, we saw several completed – which really brings us full circle back to Priority 1!

Although in these times of shrinking support from the state, exhortations to raise the level of the university are like being asked to lift ourselves by our own bootstraps, I am confident that we can, in fact, do it. One day, just a few weeks ago, someone asked me “But how do you, as chair, motivate your faculty?” I could only look at him in puzzlement, because, I, of course, do not motivate my faculty (except by trying to stay out of their way!); the point is that faculty motivate themselves. Let me just conclude that every year when I sit down to write this “Letter” I am grateful for the faculty in the History Department – by any and all standards they are first in class, grade A, best in show!

Before I close: A heartfelt thank-you to all alumni who made contributions to the department this year. I would also like to thank Michael Shirley, faculty advisor, and all the students on the editorial staffs of both the Newsletter and *Historia* for their hard work. You have done a great job!

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First Choice

Eastern Illinois University’s history department has made a little history of its own by being named the university’s initial First Choice Graduate Program.

The First Choice designation is given by the Graduate School to EIU departments that meet criteria that show that their programs are, indeed, worthy of being graduate students’ first choices.

The history department – which offers a master’s degree in history, as well as an accompanying historical administration option – has shown evidence of a desire to bring the finest graduate students to Eastern, said Robert Augustine, dean of the Graduate School.

“We are excited because your leadership in this area serves as a role model for others to follow,” Augustine said as he presented a plaque to Anita Shelton, chair of the history department. Joining in the presentation were William Perry, EIU president; and Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Shelton praised the department’s “fabulous faculty” for making the designation possible.

“I know that we are now obligated to live up to and surpass these expectations, and we intend to,” Shelton said. “We have plans in the making.”

Programs that are named “First Choice” will retain that status for three years. During that time, they will be eligible for extra financial resources from the Graduate School to further strengthen their status.

Seven other graduate programs are currently under consideration for the designation.

First Choice designees must show sustained achievements in five areas:

- strengthening the quality, diversity and internationalization of the student body by attracting candidates who have the potential for academic and professional achievement and who complete de-



- grees and succeed as alumni;
- fostering advanced scholarship through a depth of knowledge, critical thinking, problem solving, oral and written communication, application of technology, research/creative activity and commitment to professional ethics;
- expanding the curriculum with rigorous advanced courses and options offered through lectures, laboratories, seminars, forums, practicum field experiences, internships, and partnerships with education, business and industry;
- conducting research/creative activity with graduate students and faculty; and
- developing opportunities for the discovery and application of knowledge with graduate faculty members who reflect the university’s teaching and mentoring priority and who have a record of research/creative activity and professional service.

Detective Wehrle



Dr. Ed Wehrle with Wes Cowan, host of PBS’s “The History Detectives,” on the grounds of the Reagan Library in California.

Dr. Ed Wehrle recently found himself far away from the classroom and, instead, in the mountains north of Los Angeles to film an episode of the PBS series “History Detectives.”

The program typically explores a “history mystery” submitted by a viewer. Wehrle’s segment involves a letter signed by President Ronald Reagan, thanking a naval officer for selecting the site that eventually became Camp David, the presidential retreat in Western Maryland.

“Years ago, as a recently minted Ph.D.,” Wehrle explained, “I researched and wrote a history of Catoc-tin Park for the National Park Service. Camp David is located in the park.” Founded in 1942 by President Franklin Roosevelt, who sought a nearby refuge from the pressures of wartime Washington, D.C., the site originally was known as Shangri-la. Seeking information on how the park located in Western Maryland came to serve as the official presidential retreat, producers of the “History Detectives” contacted Wehrle.

“We chatted on the phone, and they asked if I’d be willing to appear on camera. I figured they’d come to Illinois or perhaps fly me to Maryland, but since Reagan wrote the letter, they decided to film my interview in sunny southern California at the Reagan Presidential Library. That was fine with me.”

The segment’s host, Wes Cowan (shown with Dr. Wehrle, left), one of four “detectives” who regularly appear on the program, interviewed Wehrle as the two walked the grounds of the presidential library. “You couldn’t have picked a more scenic location. The Reagan Library’s set high in the mountains, with a stunning view of the Simi Valley below,” Wehrle recalled.

The Shangri-la segment, which also will feature interviews filmed in San Francisco and Washington, D.C., is set to air this summer, most likely in June, Wehrle said. The “History Detectives,” now in its sixth season, appears on PBS stations across the country, including WEIU.

Collections Practicum

During February students in the Historical Administration graduate program at Eastern Illinois University assisted Norma Winkleblack with Coles County Historical Society (CCHS) collections. The nine students processed objects that Winkleblack had identified as under-documented. This involved determining the proper nomenclature category for the object, completing catalogue worksheets, assigning accession numbers, cleaning and re-housing objects, and applying accession numbers. The work partially satisfied requirements for HIS 5090: Care and Management of Historical Artifacts, taught by Debra A. Reid.



Historical Administration student Sarah Elm cleans a World War II Red Cross medical kit, Catherine Carman describes a glass dish, and Laurie Stein inventories the parts of a bed pan while Kristen Lundquist and Debra Reid look on during a work day at the CCHS Research Center in Mattoon, Feb. 20, 2008.

Distinguished Work



Catherine Carman receiving the Distinguished Graduate Student Award from Dr. Nora Pat Small, Historical Administration Program Coordinator

A Year of Tilford Dudley

Public Exhibition

Nine Historical Administration graduate students (Catherine Carman, Angela Drews, Sarah Elm, Alisha Goode, Dan Grzesiak, Kristen Lundquist, Alyson Mazzone, Laurie Stein, and Tiffany Taylor) received Research/Creative Activity Awards from EIU’s Graduate School for their work on the Fall 2007 exhibit, “Tilford E. Dudley: A Man of Conviction,” and the series of three public programs that accompanied the exhibit. The exhibit remains on view at the Dudley House, and you can tour the virtual exhibit at: <http://www.eiu.edu/~localite/Dudley/DudleyHome.html>

iMovie Challenge

Graduate students in Historical Administration helped the Coles County Historical Society enter the 21st century on April 14, 2008 when they debuted “Digital Dudley,” an i-Movie based on the Tilford Dudley Collection. The students directed, produced and starred in the film as part of the iLife Academic Challenge, sponsored by Apple Computers and EIU’s Center for Academic Technology Support. They decided to base their iMovie on work they started with the Dudley Collection during the Fall 2007 semester. Students Karen Lundquist, Catherine Carman and Sarah Elm, produced the film; faculty mentoring was provided by Rick Riccio and Joshua Birk, technical assistance was provided by Nick Riccio, and acting services were provided by Angie Drews, Alisha Goode, Dan Grzesiak, Alyson Mazzone, Debra Reid, Tiffany Taylor and Laurie Stein. Dr. Anita Shelton reported that, at the April 14 video competition, the H.A. entry was awarded First Place (in a tie with Geology/Geography) by the Judges, and Second Place in the popular vote. Dr. Shelton indicated that “considering very few historians were able to get there to vote for it, I think that’s just fantastic. Rick and the students are to be congratulated! And: theirs was the only really creative and witty entry. The others all featured talking heads.” English faculty, and even Dr. Michael Hoadley, director of the Center for Academic Technology Support, which co-sponsored the competition with Apple, Inc., have likewise commented on the originality of the piece and its appeal. For their efforts, students received gift certificates provided by the EIU Union Bookstore. Don’t tell New Dealer and labor lawyer Tilford that the actors were non-unionized!

For the growing digital archive on Tilford Dudley, see: <http://www.eiu.edu/~localite/Dudley/DudleyHome.html>

Grad Lab Redone



The history graduate students' computer lab has been completely redesigned, with new paint, carpet, desks, and computers, replacing decades worth of papers, books, files, maps and clutter. The graduate students are already making themselves at home, and are happy to start the clutter collection anew.

Notes from Dr. Wehrle

When I became graduate coordinator in fall 2006, I set as one of my goals increasing the number of our graduate students presenting papers at academic conference. To my great satisfaction, our students have taken up the call—and run with it, delivering papers across the country. Below is a partial list. Congratulations to our presenters and thanks to the Graduate School and History Department (special thanks to Dr. Shelton) for their support.

- Among those who presented papers this academic year:
- Michael Swinford and Rachel Kleinschmidt at the Fourth Annual Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Conference
- Krystal Rose at the Midwest Junto for the History Science, University of Minnesota and the West Texas A&M Student Research Conference
- Krishna Thomas at the Ninth Annual Graduate Symposium on Women’s and Gender History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- Michael Kleen at the 2007 Conference on Illinois History in Springfield, Illinois.
- Jason Minard at the 29th Annual Mid-America Conference on History at Stillwater, Oklahoma.
- Rachel Kleinschmidt and Eric Orr at the EIU/Indiana State University History Graduate Symposium
- Rachel Kleinschmidt at the Phi Alpha Theta Indiana Regional History Conference, Indiana State University
- Wade Ellet, Jason Minard, Rachel Kleinschmidt and Erin Crawley at EIU Grad Exposition

Congratulations as well to this year’s graduates:
Program Graduates: Amanda Terrell, Patrick Harris, Nancy Lurkins, Michael Swinford, Krishna Thomas, Richard Teddy, Annie

Distinguished Work



Mike Swinford, Distinguished Graduate Student for History, receiving his award from Dr. Lynne Curry

Tock, and Michael Kleen

And to this year’s thesis writers:
Matthew Berry, Evangelical Religion and Benevolent Reform in the Antebellum Urban Southwest: Natchez and Vicksburg, Mississippi, 1800-1860
Annie Tock, “Wee by this woman’s features, that she is capable of any wickedness”: Murderous Women, Public Justice and the Social Order in London, 1674-1799
Krishna Thomas, “Lola’s Story: Writing Comfort Women in World War II History in the Philippines
Patrick Harris, The Life of Young Ramon Llull

Faculty Notes

Ralph Ashby

Ralph Ashby, who previously taught at Barat College (a now defunct DePaul University campus), UIC, and Truman College, has been keeping very busy at Eastern teaching intro “survey” World History courses, but did find time to work on a book review and a couple of presentations.

Terry Barnhart

Dr. Terry A. Barnhart completed his fourteenth year of service in the History Department, where he continued to pursue his teaching and research interests in American cultural history. Dr. Barnhart is a faculty member in the department’s graduate program, where he teaches in both the Master of Arts in Historical Administration and the Masters of Arts in History degree options. He continues to teach the U. S. history surveys to undergraduates, and was a nominee for the 2008 Distinguished Honors Faculty Award. Dr. Barnhart’s most recent published work is “The Partisan: William Davis Gallagher and the Cause of Western Literature,” which appeared in the Annual 2008 edition of *Ohio History* published by the Kent State University Press, and he contributed book reviews to *The Annals of Iowa*, and *Ohio History*. Dr. Barnhart also conducted a workshop entitled “Cultural Identities and Interactions: Mediation and Conflict Between Native Americans, Europeans, and Euro-Americans in the Ohio Country, ca. 1650 to 1843” at the Newark Campus of Ohio State University on May 14, 2007. The National Endowment for the Humanities funded the workshop as part of the “Teaching American History” program and the Teaching History Institute of Ohio State University and the Ohio Historical Society were the co-sponsors and coordinators. He participated in a panel discussion on the theme of “Lincoln: Worthy of Commemoration?” at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield on May 7-8, 2007. The discussion was part of the “American History Partnership,” a collaborative program sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, and Illinois School District U-46. He also completed his second year as a member of the the Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and accepted appointment to the editorial board for the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*.

Roger Beck

Roger Beck has been on sabbatical all year. He has two book projects he’s been working on -- a history of Africa and an edited collection of world history documents. He has also been revising the 8th edition of the college world history textbook for which he is a co-author. During the past year he’s been working mainly at home, and he could be found occasionally at the Candy Kitchen in Tuscola.

Joshua Birk

In 2008, Joshua Birk presented research “Family, Community and Governance: The Architecture of Power in Antioch and Southern Italy in the Twelfth Century” at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association and the Haskins Society. He was sponsored as a visiting speaker on Medieval Eunuchs at the Sarum seminar. Eastern Illinois University nominated him for an award as Outstanding Honors College faculty member and he developed a new course focusing on Islam in the Classical and Middle Periods.

Jon Coit

Dr. Coit is completing an article entitled, “‘Our Changed Attitude’: Black Self-Defense in the 1919 Chicago Race Riot” for submission to the *Journal of African-American History*. He participated in a panel discussion on immigration as part of Latin American Heritage month. He continues to enjoy engaging students in courses on the U.S. Constitution, American Intellectual History, and 20th Century U.S. Social and Cultural History. He had the distinct pleasure of supervising Keith Friederich’s honors thesis on the history of the Creativity movement. As a Faculty Senator this year, he coordinated the selection process for the Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award. As co-advisor of the History Club, he enjoyed its biweekly movie nights and a trip to Chanute Air Museum in Rantoul.

Lynne Curry

Lynne Curry continued her research on the intersections of medical and legal history as they pertain to children’s rights to bodily autonomy, a project she will pursue while on sabbatical during academic year 2008-2009. She published book reviews in the *Journal of American History*, *Law and Politics Book Review*, *Social History*, and *H-Law*. Her book, *The DeShaney Case: Child Abuse, Family Rights, and the Dilemma of State Intervention* (University Press of Kansas, 2007), was nominated for the American Society for Legal History’s John Philip Reid Book Award. Dr. Curry also served as the chair of the Faculty Senate and received an Achievement and Contribution Award in the Balanced category.

Jose Deustua

Professor Deustua is currently teaching three courses: “Roots of the Modern World. Global Interactions” (HIS 15200), “Modern Latin America” (HIS 3260), and a Graduate Seminar (HIS 5400) “World History. Latin America, 18th-21st centuries”. He is also continuing with the writing of his book, *Mining, Social Energy, and the State in 19th century Latin America*, which is an analytical history of Peru, Bolivia, Chile, and Mexico in the 19th century, taking into account the mining industries, agriculture, labor, money, and government. During the summer he was a Research Associate at the Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (Peruvian Studies Institute) in Lima, Peru. He also applied for a residency at the Archivo General de Indias (General Archives of the Indies) in Seville, Spain. A non-for-profit social research institute is also interested in the translation to Spanish and publication of his book, *The Bewitchment of Silver. The Social Economy of Mining in 19th-century Peru* (Athens, OH, 2000). He has also published this year a chapter in a book, *Vidas Universitarias* (Lima: Universidad Catolica del Peru, 2007, vol. 2), a commentary in *Wayra* (Uppsala, Sweden, vol. III, n. 5, 2007), and book reviews in *Hispanic American Historical Review* (Duke University Press, 2007). Finally, until this Spring he was also Chair of the Latin American Studies Program on campus.

Sace Elder

Dr. Elder spent the first part of her summer in Berlin where, with the support of a Summer Research and Creative Activity Grant from the Council on Graduate Studies, she conducted research on a new book project tentatively titled *Cruel, Brutal, and Malicious: Child Abuse and the Limits of Parental Authority in Germany, 1898-1945*. In October, she presented the preliminary results of her research at the German Studies Association Annual Conference in San Diego. Dr. Elder was very excited to teach a

new course on the history of the First World War -- the first such course offered at EIU. In addition, she continues to enjoy teaching courses in modern German and modern world history, and she has big plans to introduce new readings and course lessons in both courses in the coming academic year. In addition to her teaching and research, Dr. Elder served this year on a number of departmental and university committees. She has completed her fourth year as the coordinator of the departmental honors program and has served for two years as the chair of the departmental awards committee. This year marked the end of Dr. Elder’s three-year term on the Council on Graduate Studies; she continues her service to the graduate program as a member of the History Department’s graduate committee. And this year she headed the Women’s History and Awareness Month Programming Committee of the Women’s Studies Program. Finally, she joined several of her colleagues to represent the EIU chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois at the organization’s annual House of Delegates meeting.

Martin Hardeman

The academic year 2007-08 has been a pretty quiet one for Martin Hardeman. He has taught six classes. Three of them were the U.S. Constitution and Nation (HIS 3600); one was the Civil War and Reconstruction (HIS 3630); another was the History of the South (HIS 3760); and, finally, he taught a graduate seminar on the Origins of the Civil Rights Movement (HIS 5160). Other than that, he has finished or is in the process of finishing five book reviews for various journals and is continuing his research for an article on the proposal of a federal slave code.

Newton Key

Newton Key has been on sabbatical this past year, taking up one-month fellowships at the Clark Library in Los Angeles and the Lewis Walpole Library in Farmington, Connecticut. During a research trip to the UK in September he gave a talk on at a conference on London (which oddly enough was in Oxford). Before beginning his sabbatical he led a group of students to the UK in the Summer of 2007, based at Harlaxton Manor in Lincolnshire and Queen Mary College in London’s East End (not to mention a great side-trip to Dublin). The study abroad group included history graduates and undergraduates as well as non-majors. In addition to the “London” conference, Prof. Key gave a talk on where plotters met in London at the North American Conference on British Studies in San Francisco. He has just completed revisions for the 2nd ed. of both his co-written textbook and sourcebook on early modern England. He looks forward to teaching again this Fall semester. He will be among the faculty teaching the Spring semester at Harlaxton; contact him (soon) if you want to take a full semester of courses abroad.

Jinhee Lee

Jinhee Lee taught courses on women in East Asia, modern Japan, East Asia in the Pacific Century, and global interactions during AY 2007-2008, and her three new courses were added to the EIU course catalog. She chaired EIU’s first history M.A. thesis in Modern World History, by Krishna Thomas, which dealt with former Filipino sex slavery under Japanese rule during the Asian Pacific War, and launched the first exchange program with a major university in Seoul, Korea funded by EIU Redden Grants for Undergraduate Instruction. She took her Modern Japan class on a field trip to the Japan House as well as the students of Asian American Association and Asian Cinema Organization to the Korean Film

Festival, both at the University of Illinois. In addition to delivering several conference papers, she published a journal article “Commemorating the Great Kantō Earthquake: ‘Malcontent Koreans’ and the Politics of Mourning in the Japanese Empire” and translation of a scholarly monograph from Japanese to Korean during the past academic year. She was selected to receive a research grant in Korean Studies by the Northeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies—the world largest scholarly organization in Asian Studies—at its annual meeting in Atlanta in April 2008 where she presented a paper on the problems of colonial archives and representations in historical knowledge production in the Japanese empire. She was also a recipient of an EIU Faculty Development Grant and EIU Faculty Travel Award by the College of Arts and Humanities. In addition to serving as a manuscript reviewer for a number of major academic journals and publishers, she has joined the advisory board of a new journal *Teacher-Scholar: The Journal of the State Comprehensive University* and the planning committee for the central Illinois Asian Film Festival which will be held in Champaign in the fall of 2008. She organized a panel on graduate mentoring, an Asian Film Series, Asian Studies Syllabus Workshop, and the 3rd annual Asian Heritage Month at EIU while serving as the coordinator of Asian studies at EIU.

John McElligott

Dr. McElligott is retired but continues to teach HIS 3700 each semester. He is presently studying the foundations of the medieval universities and the transfer of the Greek learning through the Arabs in the twelfth century. Most likely, this will lead to a reorganization of the course.

Debra Reid

Debra Reid received the T. R. Fehrenbach Award for her book, *Reaping a Greater Harvest: African Americans, the Extension Service and Rural Reform in Jim Crow Texas*. She has an edited collection of essays in the final stages of review at Texas A&M University Press, entitled *Seeking Civil Rights: Texans and their Quests for Social Justice*. The anthology began as a tribute to her late mentor, Bob Calvert, beloved professor of history at Texas A&M University. Reid joined the ranks of the “Roads Scholar,” a speakers program administered by the Illinois Humanities Council, and presented a lecture on Anabaptists and Illinois Agriculture in September 2007. In anticipation of her tenth year at EIU (AY 2008-2009), Reid celebrated by proposing a new course, HIS 3801: Rural History, to be offered during Spring 2009. She is also working on a new upper division/graduate course - The Rural World since 1700 - and has organized a session for Agricultural History on issues related to teaching such a course. Reid continues to serve as Treasurer of the Midwest Open Air Museum Coordinating Council and the Rural Women’s Studies Association, and is on the Agricultural History Society nominating committee. She also serves on the Coles County Historical Society board of directors, and advises the Illinois Mennonite Historical and Genealogical Society on interpretive development.

Rick Riccio

Riccio Exhibit Services’ projects for the year included a project for the Elgin Public Museum, in which he designed, built and installed “Rediscovering Tyrannosaurus rex” Animated a cast of a T-rex skull whose jaw opens and roars. Latest research on the popular prehistoric carnivore also added by way of other casts, models and real dino “poop.” For the Kansas State Histori-



2008 History Department Honors Banquet



Faculty, students, family, and friends gathered for the History Department's annual Honors Banquet, held in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King, Jr., Student Union. Above, center, Dr. Bailey Young, suitably decked out as Dr. Shelton's Deputy Emcee. From top center, l-r, Dr. Debra Reid and Lisa Cerny, Dr. Roger Beck and Matt Upchurch, Dr. Ed Wehrle and Jeff Cutright, Dr. Young and Jason Minard, Dr. Martin Hardeman (he's not presenting an award; we just like the picture), Dr. Michael Shirley and James Buckwalter, Dr. Wolfgang Schlauch and Jacob Koniak, Dr. Jinhee Lee and Samantha Sauer, Dr. Lynne Curry and Robin Carswell, Dr. Shirley and Kara Batts, Dr. Reid and Julie Cole, Dr. Herb Lasky and Kimberly Smith, Dr. Curry and Nicholas Crnokrak, Dr. Shirley and Mallory Alcock. Left, above, Dr. David Maurer and Dr. Shirley with Jonathan Stratton; left, below, Dr. Curry and Erin Crawley. Right, above, Dr. Jose Deustua and Mark Baran; right, below, Dr. Deustua and James Hysell.



cal Society, he created and cast 5 models of a Pottowatomi bark lodge. This is the fourth of a series of Indian house models previously created (earth lodge, grass lodge and tipi). Finally, at the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, he created an exhibit about the Grossmann Axe Cache Site. Located 10 miles southeast of Cahokia Mounds, the importance of the site’s major feature of over 80 stone celts is displayed and explained.

Amy Schneidhorst

In the spring semester, Dr. Schneidhorst taught both halves of the US history survey and a new course, Topics in Peace History. She feels truly blessed to have the opportunity to work with such great students. This summer she will work on turning her dissertation, *It Wasn’t Just the Young: Mature Women’s Struggle for Peace and Justice in Chicago During the Sixties*, into a book manuscript.

James Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz taught the history of colonial America in the fall and in spring taught a course on the American Revolution. He taught both the first and second half surveys of U.S. history, and reviewed a book on the social history of the Civil War for the March 2008 issue of the *Journal of American History*. He will have an article forthcoming in the Michigan Historical Review.

Anita Shelton

Anita Shelton is pleased to report that a committee she chaired last year to study the status of ethnic and gender studies programs at EIU resulted in the creation of a new Interdisciplinary Center for Global Studies. She also chaired a successful search this year to find a Director for the Center. The purpose of the Center is to encourage and support interdisciplinary collaborations within and between the African-American, Latin-American, Asian and Women’s Studies Programs; to raise the visibility and activity of these programs both on and off campus; to advise and encourage students to engage not only academically but in service learning and internships with people and issues related to these studies programs; and, in sum, to help EIU students become global citizens, prepared for a rewarding life and productive work in the context of a shrinking world.

Michael Shirley

Michael Shirley’s article, “G.W.M. Reynolds, *Reynolds’s Newspaper*, and Popular Politics,” will appear in *G.W.M. Reynolds: Nineteenth-Century Fiction, Politics, and the Press*, Louis James and Anne Humpherys (eds.), which is scheduled for publication by Ashgate in late 2008. His paper, “*Reynolds’s Newspaper* and Post-Chartist Radicalism,” was presented for him (he was ill with pneumonia) at the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, 1750-1850, in Huntsville, Alabama. He continues to serve the department as undergraduate advisor to all history majors.

Nora Small

In 2007-2008, Nora Pat Small continues to serve as the Coordinator of the Historical Administration Program. She had the pleasure in October of speaking at the opening of the EIU Literature Conference on “Sketches of Place: Hawthorne’s New England.” In September she attended the Mid-America Conference on History in Oklahoma to comment on papers for the panel, “Architectural History in the Great Plains”. The Historical Administration Program’s spring 2008 exhibit, “The View from Here to There: The Aesthetics of Travel in the Rural Midwest,” was awarded a major grant from the Illinois Humanities Council. The grant will fund

two speakers, Dr. Susan Rugh from Brigham Young University, and Dr. Richard Longstreth from George Washington University, who will be addressing various aspects of the aesthetics of travel corridors. Kit Morice, curator of education at the Tarble Arts Center, and she are co-curating the exhibit. She is also very pleased to be serving once again as an Illinois Humanities Scholar for the Smithsonian Institution’s traveling exhibit, “Between Fences.”

David Kammerling Smith

David Smith stayed busy the past year teaching, writing, and serving as Editor-in-Chief of H-France.

Charles Titus

Charles Titus teaches Illinois History, US Military History and the social studies teaching methods course. He is Coordinator of the Social Science Studies Program and chairs the Annual History Teachers Conference held at EIU each fall. He is a member of the Illinois State Historical Society’s Advisory Board and serves on the Society’s Symposium Committee.

Mark Voss-Hubbard

This past year Professor Voss-Hubbard published two book reviews, reviewed manuscripts for two refereed journals, commented on the panel “Lincoln and the 1850s,” at the Mid-America History Conference in Tulsa, OK, and used his Sabbatical to almost finish *Illinois’s War: The Civil War in Documents* (forthcoming, Ohio University Press). But all of this pales in comparison to his greatest moment last year: marrying his beautiful wife, Kimberly.

Edmund Wehrle

This past year Dr. Wehrle completed his first full year as graduate coordinator of the history master’s degree program. Among his prize accomplishments, Wehrle claims the renovation of the graduate student computer lab and the history graduate program designation of “first choice” by the EIU Graduate School. During 2007-2008, he delivered papers at the National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, and the Military Operations Research Society’s Workshop on Emerging Societies. He published “Labor’s Falling Dominos”: The AFL-CIO and the Vietnam War Era, in *Perspectives in American Social History* (ABC-Clio, 2008), and “Partisan for the Hard Hats”: Charles Colson, George Meany, and the Failed Blue-Collar Strategy.” *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* (forthcoming 2008). He published book reviews in the *American Historical Review*, *The Journal of American History*, *The Pacific Historical Review*, and *H-France*.

Bailey Young

Bailey K. Young was chosen Faculty Marshall representing the Graduate School for the Commencement Exercises of December, 2007. In May he received a Professional Advancement Increase, and in November an Achievement and Contribution Award in the Balanced Category. He was invited to the University of Kansas, Lawrence, as the featured presenter at the Before 1500 Seminar at the Hall Center for the Humanities, (November 13, 2007) on the topic “Castle and Landscape: the Walhain Research Project”, and to Rice University to present a seminar entitled “From Gaul to Francia: Archaeology, Legend and Ideology in the Construction of Frankish Identity” and to conduct) a Lunch Bag Seminar on Medieval Archaeology for students in the Medieval Studies Program (Feb 7-8, 2008). In March, 2007, he gave a paper, “The Imag-



Lincoln’s Birthday

History graduate students threw a party for Abraham Lincoln in honor of his 199th birthday. Krystal Rose, Rachel Kleinschmidt, Jason Minard, Erin Crawley, Michelle Lashley, and Mike Swinford welcomed faculty, staff, and Lincoln’s portrait to the celebration. Refreshments were served while “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” played; faculty members, it is alleged, ate most of the cake.

ery of Personal Objects: Hints of “Do-It-Yourself” Christianity in Merovingian Gaul?” at the Late Antiquity conference at Boulder, CO; it has been accepted for publication in a volume entitled *The Power of Religion*, edited by Noel Lenski, and was appointed to the Program Committee for the next conference (Indiana U, 2009). His paper “Has Anyone Seen the Barbarians? Remarks on the Missing Archaeology of the Visigoths in Gaul” was presented at the 42 International Medieval Congress (Kalamazoo, MI), May 10-13, 2007, and he chaired a session at devoted to “Archaeology of the Visigoths in Iberia and Aquitaine”, at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Association francaise d’archéologie mérovingienne (AFAM), on the theme Franks, Visigoths and the Battle of Vouillé (A.D. 507), held in Poitiers, France, Sept 28-30, 2007. He published, with Lynne Peters Sullivan of the McClung Museum at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, “Le Tennessee Valley Authority: de l’archéologie de sauvetage à une politique de longue terme” in Jean-Paul Demoule (ed), *L’archéologie préventive dans le monde. Apports de l’archéologie préventive à la connaissance du passé* (Paris, La Découverte, 2007) 271-286. Dr. Young serves

as the Chair of the Medieval Studies Minor, as Co-ordinator of EIU’s Phi Beta Kappa Task Force, and as Mentor in programs for new faculty and for Honors students. In January 2008 he began teaching a newly-approved seminar His 4780, Origins of Europe: Archaeology and History, which has been listed as an elective in the revised Archaeology Minor offered by the Sociology and Anthropology Department, as well as in the History major program.

Alumni News

Jeff D. Corrigan (MA, History) informs us that he is at the University of Missouri-Columbia working at the State Historical Society, which is located in the main library on campus as their one and only oral historian. (<http://shs.umsystem.edu/index.shtml>) Specifically his office is in the Western Historical Manuscript Collection (<http://whmc.umsystem.edu/>), which is a very interesting collection, and has his own page describing the oral history program that he is now in charge of: <http://whmc.umsystem.edu/oralhis.html>. There are three ongoing projects/collections that this

position seeks to further. One involves gathering oral histories of major MO politicians and political figures, the second documents the personal experiences of Ex-POW’s, and the final documents conservation, preservation, environmentalism, etc. in MO. Three very diverse, but interesting projects. He concludes, “Yesterday I helped interview an 90 year old WWII submarine vet, whose story and experiences was truly amazing.”

Dan Grooms (BA, History, MA, History) writes, “Beginning on May 5th, I will be the next University Archivist for Midwestern University in Illinois and Arizona. Midwestern University began as the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine way back in 1900 and has expanded since then to include a pharmacy program, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant, biomedical sciences, and psychiatric program. Beginning next year, we will also start a dental program on the Arizona campus and eventually in 2011, on our Downers Grove Campus. The university is in a period of aggressive growth at the moment and part of my job will be to capture and encapsulate this period in the university’s history for future historians. If anyone has suggestions about what items should be preserved in regards to medical education in the 20th and 21st centuries, I would greatly appreciate it. P.S. Go Cubs!”

Ryan Ervin (BA History and History with Teacher Certification, MA History) has been selected by the Gilder Lehrman Institute to go to Stanford in July for a seminar on The Constitution and Its Early Interpretation. More immediately, he and his wife Nancy welcomed their first child, a boy, Lincoln Henry Ervin, in May.

Katie Keach (BA History with Teacher Certification) will begin teaching social studies at Warren Middle School in the fall.

Chris Lundin (BA, History with Teacher Certification) is teaching in a 98% Latino school in Milwaukee.

Rachel Bledsoe, nee Harzinski (BA, History), will begin graduate studies in history at Illinois State University in the fall.

Carol Scott (BA, History with Teacher Certification) has accepted a position at Okaw Valley Middle School (in Findlay) and Okaw Valley High School (in Bethany) as a social studies teacher. She will be teaching 7th and 8th social studies at the middle school,

Grants Received

Institutions associated with Historical Administration students and alumni fared well as awardees of grants conferred by the Illinois Museum Association, announced in the Winter 2008 issue of *IAM News*. According to the announcement, “competition for the budgeted \$8,900 was fierce,” and only eighteen of forty-six applications received funding. Of these HA students wrote four and alumni wrote two, accounting for six (33.3 percent) of the total number awarded. Students prepared these grant applications as part of course requirements for Patricia Miller’s HIS 5010: Administration for Historical Organizations (Fall 2007).

Community Awareness Grants:

Bryant Cottage State Historic Site, Bement, for commemoration of the Lincoln-Douglas Debate, prepared by Dan Grzesiak (HA 07-08).

Johnny Gruelle Raggedy Ann and Andy Museum, Arcola, for website development, prepared by Kristen Lundquist (HA 07-08).

Conservation Support Grants:

Historic Vandalia, Inc., Vandalia, for purchase of materials to build storage cabinets, prepared by Catherine Carman (HA 07-08).

Stephenson County Museum, Freeport, for purchase of acid-free tissue, storage boxes, and cabinets for storage of textiles, written by Chris Gordy, Stephenson County Historical Society (HA 97)

Exhibit and Educational Program Grants:

Applie River Fort Historic Site, Elizabeth, for the exhibit, *Black Hawk’s Raid: The Fort Under Seige*, written by Susan Gordy (HA 93)

Technology Grants:

Macon County Historical Society, Decatur, for purchase of new video equipment, prepared by Laurie Stein (HA 07-08).

and American Government, Illinois History and 20th Century at the high school. Among her students will be her own children, who are apparently delighted with the idea.

Fr. John Titus (BA, History) has returned to Charleston as pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, and as chaplain to the Newman Catholic Student Center.

Ann Tock (MA, History) got married in October to Adam Morisette, a fellow student at East Carolina University’s Maritime Studies/Underwater Archaeology Program, where she hopes to finish her degree in December. Last fall she went to Hawaii to document an iron ship that wrecked off Kauai in the early 20th century. She writes that, “on this project I was viciously attacked by a sea urchin and am still recovering emotionally.”

Ashley Tomlinson (BA, History and History with Teacher Certification) is currently living in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and attending the University of Arkansas School of Law, where she is \on the Dean’s List, and a board member of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity. She works for the WalMart Home/Corporate Office in Bentonville, Arkansas as a Law Clerk in the Realty Department and teaches at Sylvan Learning Center on the weekends. This summer she is studying International Arbitration and Law & the EU in Ireland.



Dr. Michael Shirley presents Dr. Ed Wehrle with a Dick Tracy Junior Detective Club badge in honor of his appearance on PBS’s *History Detectives* show. (See the story about the show on page 3.)

History Department Awards

DISTINCTIONS OUTSIDE THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT

The Livingston C. Lord Scholarship
James Buckwalter

Distinguished Graduate Student
Office of Graduate Studies
Michael Swinford, MA, History
Catherine Carman, MA, Historical Administration

Williams Travel Awards, 2007-2008
Graduate College
Michael Kleen, “The Copperhead Threat in Illinois: Peace Democrats, Loyalty Leagues, and the Chalreston Riot of 1864.” Presented at the 2007 Conference on Illinois History, Springfield, Illinois

Dr. Edmund Wehrle, advisor

Jason Minard, “Korematsu: Greed and Racism or Justified Removal?” Presented at the 29th Annual Mid-America Conference on History, Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dr. Edmund Wehrle, advisor

Women’s Studies Program Essay Contest
Undergraduate Level Honorable Mention
Jonathan Stratton, “Comfort Women: Systems of Domination Revealed,” written for Dr. Jinhee Lee, HIS 4775

First Place, Social Science Writing Award 2008
Ryan D’Arcy, “Westfield College: The Wealth of a Community,” honors thesis, Dr. Debra Reid, advisor

Continuing Honors Student Scholarships, Honors College
Mallory Alcock
Lisa Cerny
Julie Cole
Hillary Rains

Fall 2008 Graduate, University Honors
Mallory Alcock

Spring 2008 Graduates, University Honors
Kathleen Keach
Christopher Limbach

Spring 2008 Graduate, University and Departmental Honors
Ryan D’Arcy

Honors Theses
Ryan D’Arcy
“Westfield College: The Wealth of a Community”
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Debra Reid

Keith Friedrich
“Foundations of Inequality: The Creativity Movement and the Persistence of Racism in America”
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jonathan Coit

Dorothy Magnuson
“The Soul of a Continent: African Experiences in British East Africa During World War I”
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Roger Beck

Chady Hosin
“All Things to All Men: The Early Church and Hellenism”
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Joshua Birk

DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Charles H. and Dorothee Coleman Scholarship
Jeff Cutright

The Leften Stavrianos World History Award
Graduate: Michelle Lashley
Undergraduate: Matthew Upchurch

History Study Abroad Scholarship
Jason Minard
Melissa Ortiz

The Elisha H. and Estella Ziegler Baumgartner Scholarship
Nicholas Crnokrak

The Lawrence and Emily Nichols Memorial Scholarship
Kara Batts

The William B. Reid, Jr. History Education Scholarship
Chady Hosin

The Rex Syndergaard Scholarship
Patrick Harris
James Buckwalter

The Wolfgang and Barbara Schlauch European History Scholarship
Jacob Koniak

The Robert and Julie Sterling History Scholarship
Mark Baran

The Fogelsanger History Scholarship
Mallory Alcock

The Errett and Mazie Warner History Award
Julie Cole
Jonathan Stratton
Lisa Cerny

The Jeanne and Donald Tingley Memorial Scholarship
Samantha Sauer

DEPARTMENTAL WRITING AWARDS

Bolivar/ Gandhi/ Sejong Award
James Hysell, “Raping Nanjing: Sexual Violence and the Role of Gender in the Rape of Nanjing”

The Robert H. Irrmann Memorial Award
Jonathan Stratton, “The Kingdom of God is at Hand: The Anglican Church and World War II Perceptions”

The Alexander Hamilton Paper Award in American History
Julie Cole, “Northern Civil Rights Movement”

The Anne Frank Award
Kimberly E. Smith, “The Changes, Effects, and Outcomes of the Educational System Under the Third Reich”

The Lavern M. Hamand Graduate Writing Award
Erin Crawley, “‘Advertising would never again have it so plush’: the Therapeutic Ethos and Advertising in Good Housekeeping, 1920-1929”

Robyn Carswell, “The Other Labor Movement: Chicago Immigrant Women and the Americanization of Childbirth During the ‘American Midwife Debate’”

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The History Club

In addition to weekly meetings, which featured occasional talks by faculty, Eastern Il-
linois University’s History Club maintained a bulletin board in Coleman Hall, on which
articles and exhibits of historical interest were displayed, created a page on facebook.com,
and showed history-themed movies every two weeks. Thanks to a successful bake sale,
the club raised funds for two in-state trips, one to the Cahokia Mounds site in Southern
Illinois, and the other to Chanute Air Museum in Rantoul. The club also donated to Haiti
Connection’s Hunger Banquet.

Graduate Students celebrate the end of the semester



l-r: Erin Crawley, Patrick Harris, Krystal Rose, James Hysell, Sonya Scott, Michelle Lashley, Mike Swinford, Jason Minard, Robin Carswell, Rachel Kleindschmidt

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