

## **PAST PERFECT**

### UIC Department of History

April 2005

UIC Institute for the Humanities: Two colleagues have been awarded fellowships at the Humanities Institute for the 2005/6 academic year: INA ZWEINIGER-BARGIELOWSKA for "Managing the Body: Physical and Reducing Culture in Britain, 1860s- 2000" and LEON FINK for "Citizens at Sea: Regulating Labor in the Atlantic World, 1800-2000."

Shirley A. Bill Teaching Award: This year's winner is Prof. KATRIN SCHULTHEISS, as announced at the annual Gilbert Osofsky Memorial Lecture on April 13.

Nominated: Profs. STEVE FANNING and JIM CRACRAFT have won nomination for the 2005 Silver Circle Teaching Award.

Graduate Loot: Grad students BENN WILLIAMS and SARAH ROSE have been awarded University Fellowships for next year. BETH COLLINS and JEFF HELGESON received Provost's Awards.

The Conquest of Omaha: Take Two:

UIC History graduate students once again overwhelmed the Missouri Valley History Conference. Five UICers presented papers.

ALLISON O MAHEN MALCOM was co-winner of the award for best paper by a grad student. (Last year MATT POVOVICH brought home the gold.) Her paper was titled "King Billy in the New World: Nationalism and Orangeism in New York and Ontario, 1860-1871."

The other participants were:

SAMUEL BARNETT, "No Worker's Paradise: Unskilled Immigrant Labor and Housing in the Company Town, 1894-1917"

JOSHUA A. FENNELL, "Well Meaning but Unmeaning: The Chicago Vice Crusade and the Chaos of Progressive Reform"

DANIEL HARPER, "Prelude to Corporate Liberalism?: The Illinois Manufacturers Association and the Illinois Anti-Trust Act, 1891-1905"

JOHN J. ROSEN, "Building Blocks of Protest?: African American Workers in the"

## Chicago Building Trades, 1919-1946

The World on their Shoulders. **ATLAS**, the alum newsletter of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has a section on Notable quotes by LAS faculty in the media. Four of the twelve word-bites came from History faculty: JOHN D EMILIO, CHRIS BOYER, JENNIFER BRIER, and BRIAN HOSMER. In addition, ERIC ARNESEN had an article noting two books on civil rights which colleagues D EMILIO and BARBARA RANSBY have recently published, their biographies of Ella Baker and Bayard Rustin respectively. Both books have won plural prizes. There s a story too by FRED BEUTTLER, Associate UIC Historian, on The Day Circle Campus Opened. If you haven t seen these news items, you need to pay your alumni/ae dues.

## Other News of the Department:

Under the heading gone but not forgotten, but lower-case to represent departure from Eden: our former colleague Greg Anderson, currently at Wright State University in Dayton, has accepted a position in the Department of History at Ohio State University.

Prof. ERIC ARNESEN has been appointed Distinguished Fulbright Chair at Sweden s Uppsala University in American Studies, where he will teach from January to June of 2006. He has just received from the Society of Midland Authors the 2005 James Friend Award for Literary Criticism (based on his **Chicago Tribune** reviews). And speaking of which, he has reviewed three books in the **Trib** since January and offered, along with Prof. KATRIN SCHULTHEISS, A Selection of Books for Harvard s President in the March 6 issue. He also edited and wrote for a special issue of *Footsteps: African-American History* (Sept./Oct. 2004) on the Civil War and Reconstruction and for a special issue of **Cobblestone** (March 2005) on muckrakers-both for fourth and fifth-grade students.

PAM BAKER (Ph.D. 2003) has been accepted to participate in the National Endowment for the Humanities June 2005 Summer Seminar on Early American Microhistories at the University of Connecticut.

PROF. FRED BEUTTLER (Office of the UIC Historian) presented a paper, "Failed Nerves and the Problem of Religion on the American Left, 1935 to 1962," at the International Society of Intellectual History at the University of California, Davis. He has also been working on several exhibits on Richard J. Daley for the Fiftieth Anniversary Symposium (celebrating his inauguration as Mayor), which was April 20 to the accompaniment of much media attention. He is currently teaching a short course on the history of medicine to M1s (first year med students) at UIC's College of Medicine.

Prof. ROGER BILES (Ph.D., 1981) of East Carolina University gave a paper at the Chicago Historical Society's Urban History Seminar and had an article published in *The Journal of Planning History*.

Prof. PETER D AGOSTINO put together a panel and gave a paper at the OAH in April. The paper was titled Consulates of Fascist Italy and Italian Americans.

Prof. LEON FINK has an essay (not to be missed), The Unbearable Heaviness of Being Harvard, in the latest (April 1) Chronicle of Higher Education.

Prof. RICK FRIED gave a presentation on the McCarthy era to a workshop convened by the Russell Sage Foundation in New York on March 11, on Responses to Perceived Threats to National Security in American History. He has been awarded a Fulbright senior lectureship in Vietnam for the Spring term of 2006.

STEPHEN HANSEN (Ph.D., 1978) is Graduate Dean at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. See the Chris Young entry infra for more information.

Prof. RICHARD JOHN gave a paper in January on the popularization of urban telephony at the Chicago Urban History Seminar and in February at the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, Delaware. In March he spoke on the mystification of corporate identity at AT&T at Willamette University and presented "Telephomania: The Contested Origins of the Urban Telephone Exchange in the United States, 1879-1894" at the Newberry Seminar on Technology, Politics, and Culture. His essay "Private Enterprise, Public Good? Communications Deregulation as a National Political Issue, 1839-1851" has been translated into Italian.

Prof. Emeritus JOHN KULCZYCKI published an article, Eastern Europe in Western Civilization Textbooks: The Example of Poland," *The History Teacher*, 38, No. 2 (February 2005); and a chapter, "Polish Communists and National Self-Determination after World War II," in *Wokol historii i polityki: Studia z dziejow XIX i XX wieku dedykowane Profesorowi Wojciechowi Wrzesinskiemu w siedemdziesiąta rocznice urodzin*, ed. Stanislaw Ciesielski et al. (Torun: Adam Marszalek, 2004).

Grad student EMILY LaBARBERA-TWAROG will present a paper, Out of the Strike Kitchen: Labor, Feminism, and the UAW Women s Auxiliaries Cost of Living Campaigns, at the Southwest Labor Studies Assn/Labor and Working Class Assn conference at the UC/Santa Barbara in May.

Prof. RICHARD LEVY held a workshop for the Jewish Studies faculty of UIUC, "Antisemitism from A-Z: making an encyclopedia, the agony and the agony, on

March 3. That evening, he gave a public lecture, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion: Latest Take on the REAL Hoax of the Twentieth Century*.

Grad student RAY LOHNE was guest curator and introductory speaker at Columbia College Chicago's March 1 presentation of *The Endless War: The Paintings of Susanna Tschurtz*, which ran from Feb. 14 to April 1 at the C-33 Gallery at Congress and Wabash.

Prof. DEIRDRE McCLOSKEY reports that her magnum opus, *The Bourgeois Virtues: Ethics for an Age of Capitalism*, is to be published early in 2006 by the University of Chicago Press. The Press is issuing it as a trade book.

News, but not exactly Good news: Prof. ROBERT MESSER has announced he will be retiring at the end of the current academic year. He will continue to teach part-time for the next three years.

Prof. DOMINIC A. PACYGA (Ph.D., 1981) of Columbia College has an article on the Polish Diaspora in Melvin Ember, Carol R. Ember, and Ian Skoggard, eds. *Encyclopedia of Diasporas: Immigrant and Refugee Cultures Around the World* (2004), just published. His article "Assimilation and Its Discontents: Polish Chicago and the Murder of Alvin Palmer," will appear in *Przeglad Polonijny* (Krakow) later this year. On April 5, he addressed the national meeting of Polish American priests in Chicago on the historical roots of the Chicago Polonia.

Prof. MICHAEL PERMAN commented on the panel *What Caused the Civil War?* at the Missouri Valley History Conference in March. (See: *Conquest of Omaha*, above.)

Prof. MARGARET POWER (Ph.D., 1997) of IIT spoke on "Right-wing Women and Impunity" at a conference in Barcelona examining impunity in Spain, Chile, and Argentina, April 19-21, 2005. She has a number of recent publications. *Gender, Modernity, and Technology: Chile under Four Regimes*, appeared in *Rockefeller Archives Research Reports*, January 2005, *Right-Wing Men in Chile*, came out in *Third World Men: An Anthology*, ed. Adam Jones, (London: Zed Press, 2005). *The Journal of Womens History*, 16, No. 3 (2004) contains her "More Than Mere Pawns: Right-Wing Women in Chile."

Prof. BARBARA RANSBY was the subject of a feature article, *The Activist Academic*, complete with photograph, by cultural critic Julia Keller in the March 23 *Chicago Tribune*.

Grad student SARAH ROSE gave a paper in March at the American Studies

Symposium at Purdue University entitled "Producing Productive Citizens: Eugenics and Work Programs in New York State Institutions, 1880-1920." Her review essay, "'Crippled' Hands: Disability in Labor and Working-Class History," appeared in ***Labor: Studies in the Working-Class History of the Americas*** 2 (March 2005).

Grad student MATT ROTHWELL delivered two papers: Antonio Díaz Martínez, the Chinese Cultural Revolution and the Creation of Peruvian Maoism, at the Regional Mellon Conference in Latin American History, Chicago, April 8-9; and Antonio Díaz Martínez and the Creation of Peruvian Maoism, at the Conference of the Institute for Latin American Studies Student Association, Austin, February 10-12.

Prof. PEG STROBEL reports that the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum received two NEH grants this year. The first will offer two one-week workshops in July for school teachers on "Hull-House in the Progressive Era: People, Places, and Ideas." Leon Fink and Robert Johnston are among the faculty. Master teachers are Kermit Eby (MAT, UIC) and Aggie Nowak, currently in the MAT program. The second is an NEH planning grant to bring in consultants during the academic year to help us re-envision the permanent exhibition. Consultants include UIC History Faculty Perry Duis, Leon Fink, Robert Johnston, and Barbara Ransby.

NANCY TURPIN (Ph.D., 2004) reports that her article, "Hot Chocolate: the Social Question in the Chocolate Exhibits at the 1900 Paris Universal Exposition, has just come out in the *Journal for the Study of Food and Society*, 6, No. 2 (Winter 2003). In March, two of her stories about Valois "See Your Food" Cafeteria in Hyde Park were published in the book ***For as Long as We Read, Essays in Honor of Ivan Dee***.

Prof. CHRIS YOUNG (Ph.D., 2001) co-organized an April 16 symposium at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, IL, on "Race and Politics in Stephen A. Douglas's America." He reports that the keynote speaker was Stephen Hansen (Ph. D., 1978). See supra. MacMurray College is Steve's alma mater.

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