

Grad Notes Intelligencer August 2005 – an irregular newsletter of reports, hearsay, gossip, and information.

Meet the staff who will assist you in many ways:

Sandra Pershing – Administrator

Cindy Hilsabeck – Department Secretary and Graduate Secretary

Lisa Gustafson – Department Secretary and helps also with graduate student issues

These are great women. By the way, Cindy's birthday is Wednesday Sept 7, a birthday she shares with Elizabeth I of Famous Memory. Everyone should plan to stop by the office that day and wish her a happy birthday.

Welcome to all the new graduate students:

In the M.A. program:

Tim Anderson is specializing in the American West and his advisor is Professor John Wunder. This is a return for Tim to UNL; he received his B.A. in 1974. As well as working on his advanced degree, Tim will be teaching in the School of Journalism.

Teresa Beacom is specializing in African-American history and will continue to work with Professor Jeannette Jones and Professor Patrick Jones with whom she has already taken courses. Teresa already holds an M.A. in English from the University of Missouri – Kansas City and teaches at Southeast Community College.

Jeramie Beahm is UNL undergraduate who has decided to continue at UNL do his M.A. and will work with Professor Mahoney in American history

Suzanne Brodine is another UNL undergraduate who is pursuing her M.A. at UNL. With a specialty in medieval European history, Suzanne's advisor is Professor Jessica Coope.

David Cassidy, who already holds a M.A. from University of Missouri – Kansas City, will pursue a second M.A. specializing in nineteenth century studies. His advisor is Professor and Chair Kenneth Winkle.

Jacob Eder joins us as a Fulbright Scholar from Germany who will be working on his M.A. under the supervision of Professor Alan Steinweis.

Brendan McGinn graduated from UNL in 2004 and will now pursue an M.A. in American history with Professor Winkle as his advisor.

Zahra Ortiz Delgado comes to UNL from the University of Puerto Rico. She is specializing in pre-modern comparative world history and will be working with Professor Akers. This past year she won an essay contest in the Golden Key International Honor Society. She holds a Larson Fellowship.

Stephanie Panting received her B.A. from UNL and is continuing here for her M.A. in American history working with Professor Winkle.

Kevin Rippe teaches high school social studies and already has an M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction. He is pursuing an M.A. in American history working with Professor Doug Seefeldt.

Ivan St. John received his B.A. from the University of North Texas and came to UNL to do an M.A. in military history under the supervision of Professor Pete Maslowski. He is the recipient of the Centennial Fellowship.

Shayla Swift is also from Texas; her B.A. is from Austin College. After an internship at the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC she has come to UNL to work with Professor Steinweis in modern German history. She is the recipient of the Centennial Fellowship.

Doug Wharam graduated from the University of Virginia; he came to UNL to do an M.A. in American history and digital history and will work with Professor Will Thomas.

David Walter is an active-duty Marine officer assigned to the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at UNL. He is doing his M.A. in military history with Professor Maslowski.

In the Ph.D. program:

Amy Forss will be doing her Ph.D. in African-American history with a specialty in the civil rights movement working with Professor Patrick Jones. Her M.A. is from the University of Nebraska – Omaha and she is currently teaching full time at Metropolitan Community College in Omaha.

Diane Miller has worked for the National Park Service for the last twenty years. In 1999 she was appointed as the national program manager for the newly authorized National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program. She will be doing her Ph.D. in African-American history working with Professor Jeannette Jones. Her M.A. is from the University of Maryland.

Ryan Miller is doing his Ph.D. in modern European history with a specialty in twentieth century history and the European Union under the supervision of Professor Jim Le Sueur. He received his M.A. from the University of South Dakota and spent this past summer in Alaska.

Kevin Moeller received his B.A. from UNL and his M.A. from UN – Kearney. He returns to UNL to do his Ph.D. in Western American history and his advisor is Professor Akers.

Nathan Sanderson received his M.A. at the University of Indianapolis and comes to UNL to work with Professor Andrew Graybill in Western American history. He is also working with Professor Thomas in the Center for Digital Scholarship in the Humanities and is the recipient of the Chancellor's Fellowship.

Mark Reuter received his M.A. in History at UN – Omaha with a minor in Medieval and Renaissance Studies. At UNL he will do his Ph.D. working with Professor Levin. He is the recipient of the Othmer Fellowship.

Barbara Sommer has worked for many years doing public history administration and she has also worked professionally as an oral historian. She has her M.A. in history from the University of Minnesota – Duluth. She will be pursuing her Ph.D. in American history and Professor Seefeldt is her advisor.

Fellowships and Awards for our current graduate students:

The Dov Ospovat Memorial Award for a distinguished graduate research paper.

This year we had a particularly large and excellent group of papers for the Dov Ospovat Memorial Award for a distinguished graduate research paper. This made choosing the winner all the more difficult for the committee. **Joann Ross** received an honorable mention for her paper "Gender and Law in English Witchcraft Trials," and **Tonia Compton** was honored with the award for her paper on Slave Women's Resistance. Students should remember that a research paper done in graduate seminar in the calendar year 2005 is eligible for submission for the award for this coming year. The deadline will be sometime in the spring semester.

Congratulations to the following graduate students who received fellowships from the Department:

Tom Smith received the Marguerite C. and Clare McPhee Memorial Fellowship in History for the fall semester 2005.

Aaron Wilson received the Addison E. Sheldon Fellowship in History for the fall semester 2005.

Kurt Kinbacher received the Addison E. Sheldon Fellowship in History for the spring semester 2006.

Christopher Rasmussen received the John F. Stover Graduate Fellowship in History for 2005-06.

Joann Ross received the William S. Heitzman Fellowship in History for 2005-06.

David Nesheim is in the second year of his Othmer Fellowship.

In spring 2005 small awards for travel for research or to present a scholarly paper were given to

Leslie Working who presented a paper "Appealing to Town and Country: Nebraska Women's Reform and Political Involvement" at the Western Association of Women Historians 2005 Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

Tonia Compton who presented a paper "Arousing Public Sentiment: The Ladies' Anti-Polygamy Society as a Political Organization" at the annual meeting of the Western Association of Women Historians in Phoenix, Arizona,

Jason Denzin who presented a paper "Progress of a Different Sort: Ignacio Manuel Altamirano's Road Map for the Mexican Citizen" at the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies conference in Tucson, Arizona.

Chris Rasmussen who presented a paper "Rocking the Machines: Punks, Engineers, and the Recording Studio," at the conference on Technology, Knowledge and Society in Berkeley, California.

James Griffin to support travel to the Truman Library for research on his M.A. thesis.

Joann Ross and **Aaron Wilson** are Preparing Future Faculty Fellows for 2005-06.

FELLOWSHIP FOR UNFUNDED GRADUATE STUDENT!!!!

Graduate Assistantship in Humanities Computing

Graduate assistantships are available in the University Libraries' Electronic Text Center as part of the Initiative for Digital Research in the Humanities. Through contributions to a wide variety of digital research projects, such as Gilded Age Prairie City, the Quilt Index, and the Cather Archive, students will learn many valuable humanities computing skills. Graduate assistants will help faculty and staff in the transcription and encoding of texts, the capturing and processing of digital images, content research, and project design. Experience in a humanities discipline and basic computer skills are required; familiarity with eXtensible Markup Language (XML), the Text Encoding Initiative (TEI), web design, or digital imaging is useful.

The University of Nebraska is investing considerably in the burgeoning field of humanities computing, and these graduate assistantships are an excellent way to get distinctive research experience in a growing, vibrant area of humanities scholarship. Compensation is competitive. Please send a 1-2 page vita or resume via email attachment to Laura Weakly at lweakly2@unl.edu or via mail to Laura Weakly, Electronic Text

Center, 319 Love Library, UNL, Lincoln, NE, 68588-4100. Preference will be given to resumes received before September 2, 2005. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln does not discriminate based on gender, age, disability, race, color, religion, marital status, veteran's status, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation.

GRAD STUDENT NEWS

Lisa Schuelke presented a paper entitled, "Overcoming Obstacles: Marguerite Higgins Reports from Korea," at the Sixth Annual Conference on War and Media: War and Nonfiction sponsored by the Center for the Study of the Korean War at Graceland University in Independence, Missouri in February of 2005, and her paper was published in the conference proceedings in June, 2005. She reports that this is a great conference for scholars and students who are interested in the Korean War. The conference environment was friendly and supportive, yet it fostered critical thinking. Presenters included professional scholars and students from the United States, as well as England and South Africa. Significantly, veterans of the Korean War also participated, giving original accounts of their experiences in the war. The February 2006 conference will focus on propaganda associated with the "forgotten war," and the center will be posting a call for papers in the near future. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.graceland.edu/koreanwar/> Lisa also compared gender roles of the 1920s with those of the 1970s in "Smoking Women on Parade: Viewing Changes in Women's Gender Roles through Cigarette Advertising," which she presented at the Missouri Valley History Conference in Omaha in March.

Shannon Meyer presented "Woman's Best Friend: The Canine Familiar in the Lancashire Witch Trials of 1612" at South Central Renaissance Conference in Malibu, California in March and in June presented "Play Vs. Pamphlet: Dekker, Ford, and Rowley's *The Witch of Edmonton* and Henry Goodcole's *The Wonderful Discovery of Elizabeth Sawyer, a witch, late of Edmonton*" at the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Both Lisa and Shannon received some funding for their conference and research travel last academic year.

Upcoming conferences need volunteers and attendees

Queens and Power in Late Medieval and Early Modern England

March 3-April 21 the traveling version of the exhibit **Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend**, sponsored by the American Library Association, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Newberry Library of Chicago, will be at Love Library. In association with the exhibit, the Department of History and the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program, in conjunction with many other co-sponsors, will host a conference.

The Queens and Power Conference March 23-25, 2006 is an intensive three-day event focusing on the history of and literature about queens in medieval and early modern England. In addition to three keynote presentations by prominent scholars in this field (who are also highly enjoyable speakers), professor and graduate students from all over the United States will be presenting papers, leading workshops, and doing creative readings in the fields of history, literature, architecture, paleography, and more. UNL graduate students presenting at this conference include Kory Bajus, Amy Gant, and Nathan Martin (History), Christine Stewart-Nunes (English – poet key note) Jan Jarvis, Amber Leightner, Krista Ferguson, (English) and UNL alumni include Timothy Elston (2004; Assistant Professor of History, Newberry College), Matthew Hansen (2005; Assistant Professor of English, Boise State University), and Shawdra Holderby (2001; Assistant Professor of History, Mansfield University).

We need a range of volunteers to help before and during the conference. You do NOT need to be a specialist in the period; rather energy and enthusiasm are the requirements. Registration is free to all UNL faculty, staff, and students. The Friday March 24 luncheon is \$15; however we hope to be able to offer free lunch to all volunteer workers. If interested, please inform Amy Gant, Lisa Schuelke, or Carole Levin. The conference also includes a number of receptions, the Aquilla Theatre Company's production of *Hamlet* at the Lied on Friday March 24, and a reading of the play, *Silence*.

First Annual James A. Rawley Graduate Student Conference

The History Graduate Students' Association (HGSA) will be hosting the first annual James A. Rawley Graduate Student Conference **April 7-8, 2006**. The conference is tentatively entitled *Coming to Terms: Legacies of Conflict and Resolution*. The conference is named in honor of University of Nebraska-Lincoln Professor Emeritus Dr. James Rawley who served as a professor of history at UNL from 1954-1988. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Stephanie M.H. Camp, associate professor of history at the University of Washington.

Over the next few months the conference planning committee will be asking for assistance from the history grad students. We will need help in a variety of ways, so if you are interested please talk to Tonia Compton, Joann Ross, or Kory Bajus. We will also send out emails regarding the progress being made by the committee and specific volunteer opportunities. This is a great opportunity to get involved, get to know your fellow grad students, and gain some valuable experience in conference planning.

We would like to congratulate the following who have received their degrees in the last year:

Ph.D.

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John Jacobsen received his Ph.D. in December 2004. His advisor was Professor Wunder and his dissertation: "Jackson's Judges: Six Appointments Who Shaped a Nation." He is an Assistant Professor at Williams Baptist University in Arkansas.

Tekla Johnson received her Ph.D. in May 2005 under the supervision of Professor Wunder. Her dissertation: "An Intellectual and Political Biography of Nebraska State Senator Ernest Chambers: Activist, Statesman, and Humanist 1937-." She is an assistant professor at North Carolina A & T, Greensboro, North Carolina

Don Walker received his Ph.D. in American history under the supervision of Lloyd Ambrosius in August 2005. His dissertation is "Alexander Hamilton's American Empire: The Intellectual Origins of Federalist Foreign Policy" – Don is now in Denver teaching at a number of institutions in that area.

M.A.

Melissa Marsh received her M.A. in December 2004 under the supervision of Professor Steinweis with her thesis: "Denazification on the Plains: The Intellectual Diversion Program at the German Prisoner of War Camp. Fort Robinson, Nebraska, 1943-1946."

Gretchen Albers received her M.A. in May 2005 working with Professor Wunder and Professor Margaret Jacobs. Her thesis: "Leaving Home, Returning Home, Reimagining Home: Mandan & Hidatsa Young Women and the Fort Berthold Congregational Mission, 1876-1904." She is now pursuing her Ph.D. at the University of Calgary.

Benjamin Graham completed his M.A. in May 2005 under the supervision of Professor Coope. His thesis was: "The Diplomacy of Theoderic the Great: A Study of Cultural Identity."

Brian Jolet received his M.A. in May 2005 working with Professor Mahoney. His thesis was: "The Law & Order Movement of the Gilded Age United States."

Kimberly McVey received her M.A. in American women's history in August 2005. Her thesis: "What Do We Live For: How Domesticity, Desires, and Destinies Were Determined For Widows of the Civil War."

Shannon Meyer received her M.A. in early Modern English history under the supervision of Carole Levin in August 2005. Her thesis: Shannon L. "The Canine Familiar in Early Modern English Witchcraft Cases." Shannon is continuing at UNL working on her Ph.D. and serving as a graduate assistant in the Honors Program.

Jon Went received his M.A. in cultural American history under the supervision of Tim Mahoney in August 2005. Jon's thesis: "Race, Gender, and Sexuality: Rereading the Dakota War."

News from our alums:

John Husmann (Ph.D., 2004) has completed his first year as Assistant Professor of History at Dakota Wesleyan University.

Anne Tschetter (Ph.D., 2003; lecturer in History, University of Nebraska) and **Shawndra Holderby** (Ph.D., 2001; Assistant Professor of History, Mansfield University) both graded AP European history exams in June and enjoyed the experience very much.

Andrea Radke received her Ph.D in 2002 and is now on a tenure track line at BYU – Idaho, where she taught as a visitor last academic year. The University of Nebraska Press is publishing her revised dissertation on co-educational universities in the Great Plains that she completed under John Wunder.

Raymond Screws received his Ph.D. in 2003 under the supervision of Ken Winkle. He is Senior Program Officer at the Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) in Lincoln. Raymond coordinates several programs for the NHC including the Speakers Bureau, Great Plains Chautauqua, Museum on Main Street, and Teaching American History. In addition, he works with the Council's grant program. Raymond began working for the NHC in 2001.

Matt Swanson who received his M.A. in 2002 under the supervision of Pete Maslowski is stationed about 70 miles northeast of London and really enjoys his time in East Anglia. He says: “We - the United States - have much in common with our UK relatives beginning with our ancestors.

“Here I am flying the F-15E Strike Eagle. The base we fly from is RAF Lakenheath (Royal Air Force because it's owned by the Brits of course). When I am not flying (about three to four times per week), I am hard at work reading (mostly history), or performing any number of my ‘extra’ duties.”

Maria L. Olin Munoz (M.A., 2004) is working on her Ph.D. at the University of Arizona. In March she spent three weeks in Panama on assignment for the *Tucson Citizen*. She co-wrote a paper on indigenous communities. She sent a copy of each of the articles and they are displayed outside Oldfather 607.

Eric Schmaltz (Ph.D., 2003) has been hired as a tenure-track assistant professor at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma.

Mark Van Rhyn says he's doing fine teaching at a private high school in the Cajun country of Louisiana. He says the environment there is perfect for him - small classes, very bright kids, and the ability to teach his own way and to teach the electives that he wants to. He says to tell everyone hi.

Gary Trogdon (Ph.D., 2001) is working in Washington D.C., at the Department of Army Center of Military History. He is doing well and hopes everyone in Cornhusker country is doing well also.

Scott Stempson (almost Ph.D., Dec. 2005) will be teaching History at Concordia College in Seward, NE.

Ed Wood (Ph.D., 2004) is teaching history in the "wild, wonderful West Virginia" at Glenville State College, in Glenville, West Virginia.

Welcome to New Faculty this semester:

Andrew Graybill, who was a visitor for the department two years ago, and last year held a Clements Research Fellowship at Southern Methodist University, is now here permanently as an Assistant Professor whose specialty is North American Western history. His adorable daughter two-year daughter is Fiona. She is often a visitor to the department so be sure to give her a smile when you see her.

The Department is delighted that **Susanna Schraftstetter**, who has been a visitor in the department for two years, now joins us permanently. Her field is twentieth century European history.

We are also very proud to have **Will Thomas**, John and Catherine Angle Professor in the Humanities, come to us from the University of Virginia. His specialty is nineteenth century American history and especially Digital Scholarship.

Do stop by and say hello to all of them.

We also want to congratulate our faculty.

This past year **Lloyd Ambrosius** was named Waugh Professor, **Timothy Mahoney** is a Fulbright Scholar in Poland this academic year, **Victoria Smith** now holds the title of Harold and Esther Edgerton Assistant Professor, and our department Chair **Ken Winkle** was named Thomas C. Sorensen Professor.

There were also many, many other publications, fellowships, and awards of various note to many members of the Department, too numerous to name here.

From the Graduate Chair:

Please stop by my office, 605 Oldfather, to talk about any issues you need to discuss or just to say hello.

I would like this newsletter to offer useful information and also to celebrate the many accomplishments of our graduate students. This first issue was certainly not inclusive. If

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any of you present a paper at a conference, publish an article or book review, win a fellowship, or any other activity or award of note, please let me know:

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This issue of the newsletter was put together by Carole Levin, Willa Cather Professor of History and Graduate Chair.