Hasegawa Gets Faculty Research Nod; Cline Earns Grad Award

CONTINUING THE HISTORY department’s string of honors, Profs. Tsuyoshi Hasegawa and Sarah Cline have walked off with two of the UCSB Academic Senate’s top awards.

Prof. Hasegawa was named Faculty Research Lecturer for 2009-10 and Prof. Cline received the Outstanding Graduate Mentor award.

Regarded as the highest honor the Senate can confer, the Faculty Research Lectureship went to Prof. Hasegawa in recognition of the “breadth and depth of his scholarship,” according to the selection committee.

A specialist in Russian and Cold War history, Prof. Hasegawa is the author or editor of 15 books and more than 250 articles, essays and chapters, published in English, Russian and Japanese.

The committee singled out for special praise his 2005 book Racing the Enemy, a fresh analysis of decision-making in Moscow, Tokyo and Washington that led to President Truman’s decision to drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Calling the volume “ground-breaking” and “a benchmark,” the committee concluded that Racing the Enemy “has been pre-eminent in promoting a new understanding of this epochal set of events.”

The citation also called attention to Prof. Hasegawa’s most recent book, East Asia’s Haunted Present (2008) for showing “how views of the past continue to shape ideologies in the present.”

Prof. Hasegawa is the eighth historian to earn the Research Lectureship since it was

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New Finds At Tomb of China’s First Emperor

NEW DISCOVERIES at the tomb of China’s first emperor will be the subject of Prof. Anthony Barbieri-Low’s talk at the next History Associates gathering on Friday, May 7.

 Appropriately enough, the talk will be held at the China Pavilion restaurant, 1202 Chapala St. (on the corner of Anapamu and Chapala) and will include a three-course Chinese meal, which will be served at 6 p.m. and followed by Prof. Barbieri-Low’s illustrated lecture.

Ying Zheng, king of the state of Qin, took the title of huangdi, or emperor, in 221 B.C. after conquering the last of China’s independent kingdoms.

At his death in 210 B.C., his body was placed in an elaborate tomb near the city of Xi’an in north-central China. The tomb itself was the center of a huge burial compound, or necropolis, where thousands of terra cotta craftsmen, warriors and horses, buried to serve the monarch in the afterlife, were unearthed in the 1970s.

Prof. Barbieri-Low’s talk will discuss new discoveries at the site made during the past decade.

These have allowed scholars to create "an image of a complete, parallel palace of the deceased emperor," according to Prof. Barbieri-Low.

Prof. Barbieri-Low’s book on Artisans in Early Imperial China (2007) has been

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Grads Land Prestigious Fellowships, Post-Docs

John Munro (PhD 2009, Lichtenstein) has been awarded a post-doctoral fellowship to Harvard’s Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History.

Nadia Nader (Humphreys) was one of only 10 students worldwide to receive a post-doctoral fellowship sponsored by a trio of European institutions, including the Berlin-Brandenberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities. She will complete her dissertation on Islamic legal history this summer.

Tanya Stabler (PhD 2007, Farmer) received a Mellon postdoctoral fellowship. Now in a tenure-track position at Purdue-Calumet, Tanya will spend her year at Notre Dame.

Jill Briggs (Osborne, Soto Laveaga) received a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to conduct dissertation research in New York.

Jean Smith (Rappaport) was selected to receive a Mellon Pre-dissertation Grant from the Institute of Historical Research to conduct dissertation research in London.

Alan Mason (Edgar) received a fellowship from the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) to conduct dissertation research in Moldova.

Jessica Elliott (Farmer) has been awarded a Bourse Chateaubriand to conduct her doctoral research in France next year.

Dept's Mellon Fellows Land Postdoc Positions

Our two History grad students who received prestigious Mellon New Faculty Fellowships have settled on their positions for next year.

Nicole Archambeau (PhD 2009, Farmer) will spend the year as an American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) postdoc at Cal Tech in Pasadena.

Nicole’s dissertation studies the canonization of a 14th-century saint in Provence.

Job Market Heats Up For History Grads

Jonathan Scharcon (Gallagher) has accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Denver, where he will teach Jewish and Middle Eastern history. Jonathan is completing a dissertation on "Narrative, Gender, and Social Change Among Iraqi Jews, 1864-1960."

Karen Frank (Lansing) has accepted a tenure-track position in medieval European history at the University of the Ozarks in Arkansas. Karen is finishing a dissertation on Jewish families in medieval Italy.

Brandon Seto (Spickard) has accepted a one-year appointment in the History department at Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles. He will complete a dissertation on Asian-American history this term.

Elizabeth Shermer (PhD 2009, Lichtenstein), has accepted a two-year appointment as a Mellon Research Fellow at Cambridge University in England, following which she will take up a tenure-track position in urban, labor and political history at Loyola of Chicago.

Ellie has also signed an advance contract with University of Pennsylvania Press to publish her dissertation on the rise of the Sun Belt.
Publishing: From Americanization to Dilettanti

THE SOCIETY OF THE DILETTANTI: ARCHAEOLOGY AND IDENTITY IN THE BRITISH ENLIGHTENMENT by Jason Kelly (PhD 2004, Guerrini) has just been published by the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art and Yale University Press.


Monica Orozco (PhD 1999, Cline) published a chapter on "Protestant Perceptions of Catholicism in Nineteenth-Century Latin America" in L. Penyak and W. Petry, eds., Religion and Society in Latin America: Interpretive Essays from Conquest to Present (Orbis, 2009).

Toshihiko Aono (PhD 2007, Hasegawa) has published an article on "Anglo-American Relations during the Berlin Crisis, 1961-1962" in Diplomatic History 34 (March, 2010), 325-56.

Leandra Zarnow
Scores Trifecta
Leandra Zarnow (Boris, Lichtenstein) has three new awards under her belt.

Slated to defend her dissertation this term, Leandra has been awarded a postdoc to the NYU Center for United States and Cold War history.

She also was awarded the Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize of the Western Association of Women Historians for an article on Bella Abzug and the Legal Left.

Finally, a book chapter on has just appeared in No Permanent Waves (Rutgers).

Senior Honors Students to Present Projects to Department, College

The graduate mentor award was created by the Senate five years ago to recognize faculty who go to extraordinary lengths to prepare their students for an academic career.

And, as Prof. Cline’s photo on p. 1 (taken at Machu Picchu in 2005) shows, she will scale any heights to help her students.

She is the fourth History faculty in a row to receive this prize. Previous recipients are Hal Drake (2007), Paul Spickard (2008) and Patricia Cohen (2009).

BY SHAUNA WOODS

This year’s undergraduate senior honors thesis class wrote on topics ranging from journalists in the Mexican-American war to the portrayal of James II in Ireland.

The 10 students in the class were supervised by Prof. Hilary Bernstein, who guided the students through every step of the writing process. They also worked with individual mentors (whose names appear in parentheses).

The students completed their theses at the end of Winter quarter. After some brief r&r, they are now working on oral and visual presentations that they will give for the department and the College of L&S.

The students and their projects are:

Andrew Alvarado (Talbott), "The Best Little Army in Asia: KMAG, the ROK Army, and the Failure of American Policy in Korea."

Eleanor Dickson (Rappaport/Fogu), "Images of the Peasant: Ruralism and Southern Rural Policy in Fascist Italy."


Phil Leonelli (Lansing), "Petrarchan Humor: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Irony."

Josh Madison (McGee), "Irish Perspective of James II and the Emergence of Jacobitism in 17th Century Ireland."

Christy Mason (Cohen), "Valuing Virtue: Nineteenth-Century Sexuality and the Act of Seduction."


Mitchell Stewart (Yaqub), "Black Radicalism, the Communist Party, and the Struggle to Liberate Haiti from American Imperialism, 1918-1930."

Mackenzie Weinger (Cohen) "Have You Any News?: How America’s First Embedded Journalists Envisioned the United States, 1846-1848."

Shauna Woods (Kalman), "Henry Spira and the SHAC 7: Comparing Animal Rights Activism in 1976 and 2006."
Grad Student Laments Undergraduate Plight

To the Editor:

DURING THIS LAST week as a TA for a closed class I have seen on the front lines in my sections palpable panic, stress, and twenty crashers for one spot. In that time I have heard many stories and rather than turning a deaf ear to the problem this is what I have concluded:

As teaching assistants, we are the interface of the university for the undergraduates. Few university representatives have had a chance to hear them out in the ways that we have, and for the most part, we are in a place where it is important for us to listen and be sympathetic people—not machines with better things to do.

My first instinct was to just be cut-throat and ignore the chaos. Then I started to listen, the way that Darcy has listened to me when I have felt terrified. I heard stories like this:

- A freshman student has not been able to enroll in any classes because they are all closed. She has zero units.
- Another student on the soccer team will risk losing her scholarship because she can only enroll in 8 units and she needs a minimum of 12 units to play soccer.
- A freshman needs the course I am teaching for her major, but it was closed before her first registration pass.

Clearly, these students are not at fault. They are inheriting a broken system. They are seeing first hand the budget cuts to the university, and they are the hardest hit.

I encouraged the students who crashed my sections to write letters to the UC Regents and their legislators. I told them to tell their parents to do the same.

I am not affected in the ways they are because I completed my coursework, but it is affecting the UC community of which we are all a part. We are witnessing the UC system crumble, and it is tragic.

Thank you for reading.

Lily Anne Welty

History Degree Led to Career in Balkans

To the Editor:

GREETINGS FROM Washington, DC. I just received an email to UCSB history alumni from Dean Marshall asking for pledges with which to support TAs, as well as news updates from alumni. I feel I received a great education at UCSB, so I’m happy to acquiesce to both requests. Below is the latter.

I graduated in 2005 and (taking finals a week early and missing graduation) flew to Romania for two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer. Not knowing exactly what I wanted to do post-graduation, but knowing grad research in History was not for me, I wanted to travel, but also to be of service. This continues to be the best decision I’ve ever made. It was a completely eye-opening experience, and I’m forever grateful that I had it at the age of 22 and not 52, though I suppose 52 is better than never at all!

I was drawn to this region by my studies in European history while at UCSB under the tutelage of Profs. Lindemann, Edgar, and Rappaport, and the desire to see what the impact of large countries’ decisions would be on smaller countries (e.g., how the decision to divide Europe and the ensuing Cold War would affect Eastern European countries, without much of their populace’s involvement or desire in the matter).

While there, I taught US history, anthropology, and research writing technique to bi-lingual English classes at a great high school in Bacau, a large town of 250,000 in the eastern part of the country. In addition, I worked very closely with many of my students and a couple of teachers to develop a strong extra-curricular activities program, with clubs, fund raisers, and the like being run completely by students, in the hope of helping students to develop such necessary experience in organization, leadership and civic engagement.

Additionally, I tutored one of my best students for the SATs and with college applications; she was the first student in her town to be accepted to (and funded for) a US school to study something besides physics (a very popular Romanian export). This May she will graduate from Kenyon College with a BA in Political Science.

In 2006, with letters of recommendation from Profs. Lindemann and Edgar and the director of Peace Corps Romania, I entered the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University in Washington, DC—one of the top in the nation.

I highly recommend this school for anyone interested in the practical nature of international affairs or those seeking to work in or with the government. Johns Hopkins’ SAIS, American University, and Georgetown are also great schools in this regard.

At GW, I studied international affairs with a dual focus on European affairs and conflicts and conflict resolution. Despite studying in general the EU, democratization in Central and Eastern Europe, terrorism, the international community and conflict, and reconstruction in post-conflict societies, I found myself coming back to the Balkans for research topics again and again, as the region lends itself well to all of the above topics.

I lucked out post-graduation and landed a job at an international education non-profit organization, American Councils for International Education, working on two Dept. of State-funded high school exchange programs for students in the Balkans.

My job allows me the opportunity to work in Washington, DC (a great town with serious, dedicated people—including a super high percentage of returned PC volunteers), the opportunity to work in a field I find fascinating and with youth (whom I also find fascinating), and the opportunity to travel to the region and interact with our alumni, who are engaged in civil society efforts all over the Balkans.

Having the ability to work on a program with the power to transform a young person’s mentality and future as well as supporting and witnessing the ripple effects of that experience truly makes me feel like I am actively engaged in the world—as it develops and as we as its citizens attempt to leave it a better place than we found it.

I hope this email finds everyone well and enjoying life in Santa Barbara. It’s one of my favorite places in the world, and I’d move back in a heartbeat if I could. Happy New Year!

Skye Wallace
2005 History and Anthropology

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Postings: From Honors Seminar to Grassroots

To the Editor:
I got my BA in History in 2000. I was part of the Senior Honors program and wrote my thesis supervised by Prof. Lindemann. I fondly remember Prof. Drake’s Western Civ and Roman Empire courses. I’ve been a member of History Associates for some years now, and really enjoy reading the newsletter and keeping up with the department.

I just wanted to send my own piece of news. I earned my MA in International Affairs in 2005 from the New School in New York City, and have since the middle of my time there been working for the Huairou Commission—a global coalition of grassroots women’s organizations and their development partners. We work from our small Secretariat in Brooklyn and with regional leaders to link together groups of grassroots women doing community development and women’s empowerment work, so that they are not working in isolation, so that they can learn from each other, and to bring their voices and collective priorities into decision-making forums, locally and globally, that affect their lives. I coordinate our Campaign on HIV/AIDS.

I certainly had no idea that an organization or job like this even existed when I was in college, and I am very grateful that I’ve found it!

I also wanted to let you know that I recently had an article published in a book called The Governance of HIV/AIDS: Making Participation and Accountability Count (Routledge, 2009). My article is on “The Home-Based Care Alliance in Kenya: Improving governance and transforming communities in the context of HIV/AIDS.” I presented it at a very small conference last year at the University of Warwick. The article is based on my Master’s thesis, which is, in turn, based on my work here at my organization, so it has a very practical focus. I can say with confidence that the only reason I felt at all qualified to present the paper was my several years under the academic tutelage of my great professors at UCSB!

So warm greetings from cold, cold Brooklyn, not that you need it out there in sunny Southern California! I hope that you are doing well, and keep up your good work keeping us all connected!

Best wishes,
Shannon Hayes

Faculty Land Major
Japan Foundation Award

Prof. Luke Roberts and Sabine Frühstück have been awarded a major grant from the Japan Foundation.

The grant will provide nearly $300,000 to support Japanese studies (particularly Japanese history) over three years.

The grant will provide funds to support a post-doc, a visiting scholar from Japan, graduate student fellowships, and a summer institute for faculty and graduate students.

"Perhaps the most exciting component of the package is that it will provide funds to facilitate the hiring of a full-time, tenure-track position in modern Japanese history," said History Chair John Majewski.

"This is our department’s top priority," Prof. Majewski said. "This important grant will help shape our department for years to come."

The East Asian Studies dept., where Prof. Frühstück teaches modern Japanese culture, predicted that the grant "will contribute to making UCSB one of the primary centers for Japanese studies in the United States."

The Japan Foundation describes itself as that country’s "leading public organization dedicated to international cultural exchange."

Awards for Faculty

Prof. Cecilia Mendez has won two major fellowships for next year. One is from the Stanford Humanities Center and the other from the Institute of Historical Studies at the University of Texas Austin.

Prof. Tony Barbieri-Low and Ann Plane have won fellowships that will allow them to focus on research and writing next Fall.

Prof. Barbieri-Low will spend next Fall at the Getty Villa in Malibu as the resident Getty Scholar.

Prof. Plane received the Erikson Scholar position at the Austen Riggs Center in Stockbridge, MA.

Prof. Stephan Miescher received a University of California President’s Fellowship in the Humanities for 2010-11 to work on his current book project, a study of Ghana’s Volta River project and its importance for nation-building.
Another great year of UCSB History Associates’ events is under way. You’ll want to keep posted about events in the History Department as well. To renew your membership or join for the first time, just fill out this form and mail it with your check or money order (payable to UCSB History Associates).

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A SINCERE THANK YOU goes to the members and friends who created and participated in the successful program on March 7. The Goleta Valley Historical Society was an excellent co-sponsor and we are grateful for its hospitality and cooperation.

The speaker, Rose Hayden Smith, was widely praised. Perhaps we can have her speak again in the future.

Our next program, “Recent Discoveries at the Necropolis of the First Emperor of China,” promises to be a fascinating and delicious evening on Friday, May 7. This is an unusual event for the History Associates, in that it is to be held in the evening at a well-regarded Chinese restaurant. I encourage you to reserve early, as seating is limited and dinner reservations are a MUST.

You will read elsewhere in this issue about the difficulties facing the university and the History department during these stressful economic times. Please do what you can to help by supporting fund-raising activities and by renewing your memberships in campus support groups.

The History Associates award ceremony will be held Thursday, May 27, at 4:00 in the McCune Conference Room, HSSB 6040. All are invited.

Mary Louise Days
President

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President's Corner

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