In the 1960s, satirist Tom Lehrer wrote a song about the major worry of his day, nuclear proliferation. With the chilling refrain "Who's Next?" Lehrer went through the nations that had, or wanted to get, a bomb. His song ended with the memorable lines,

We'll try to stay serene and calm
When Alabama gets the bomb!

A succession of nuclear non-proliferation treaties calmed those fears, and Alabama's nuclear program is still in its infancy.

But now several shocks—India, then Pakistan and now North Korea and Iran—have raised the question, "What's happened to the nuclear club?"

That will be the topic of the next UCSB History Associates event as Dr. Jessica Chapman, executive director of the UCSB Center for Cold War Studies, discusses "International Security and Regional Politics in Asia and the Middle East."

The meeting is schedule for Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Chase Palm Park Recreation Center, 236 E. Cabrillo Blvd.

The talk will begin at 5:30, preceded by a wine-and-cheese reception at 5 p.m.

With both North Korea and Iran—two of the three states identified by President Bush as an "axis of evil"—actively pursuing nuclear programs in defiance of international protocols, the need for a fresh approach is obvious, Dr. Chapman says.

Experts agree on the seriousness of the problem. In a recent issue of The New Yorker, former Council on Foreign Relations Pres. Leslie Gelb is quoted as saying that "the next President is heading into the biggest, most dangerous set of problems that we've faced since the Cuban missile crisis."

In her talk, Dr. Chapman plans to place the nuclear programs of these two states in the political context of their respective regions.

The fear is not just that the leaders of these countries might use nuclear weapons themselves, Dr. Chapman says, but also that they might sell these weapons to "non-state actors."

Dr. Chapman specializes in the history and politics of Southeast Asia.


She is the author of articles that have appeared in Diplomatic History, The Public Historian and the Magazine of History.

Reservations for the talk, which is being co-sponsored by the UCSB Affiliates, may be made through the UCSB Office of Community Relations, (805) 893-4388.

The price is $10 for members and $11 for non-members.
Cold War Studies Center Wins U.S.-Japan Conference Grant

The Cold War Studies Center has received a grant of almost $50,000 from the United States-Japan Foundation to hold an international conference on "Historical Memories and Resurgence of Nationalism in East Asia."

As a preliminary for the conference, which will be held May 24-25, Ambassador Kazuhika Togo of Japan will participate in a public forum on ways to foster reconciliation in the region.

Also appearing in the forum will be Prof. Gilbert Rozman of Princeton University and Prof. Mike Mochizuki of George Washington University, who will serve as commentator.

Ambassador Togo is currently in residence at UCSB as Public Policy in Residence Scholar.

Prof. Salim Yaqub, co-director of the Center with Prof. Toshi Hasegawa, described winning the conference grant as "a real coup" for the Cold War Studies program.

Monique Vallance Named 'Student of Year'

Another Dutra student, Monique Vallance, has been named "Student of the Year" by the Luso-American Education Foundation of Central California for 2006. The award is made for exemplary educational achievement and community involvement.

The Foundation cited Monique's "passion for the Portuguese culture and Portuguese people" as exemplified by the many organizations and events in which she has been involved.

Rosales Gets Grant for Central Valley Study

Oliver Rosales (Garcia) has received a $2000 grant from the UCSB’s Chicano Research Center to conduct research into the history of ethnic Mexicans in California’s Central Valley.

Entitled "Agrarian Chicanismo: Political Culture and Racial Formations In California’s Central Valley," Rosales’ project aims to fill a gap in the scholarly Chicano literature.

"The historiography of ethnic Mexicans in California focuses on coastal centers, and when it does discuss the Central Valley, it is all about César Chavez," he said.

Rosales plans to conduct oral history interviews with former directors of the Chicano Cultural Center at Bakersfield College as one part of his doctoral research.
There's No Stopping Santa Barbara, Graffy Says

Barbara might have been defrocked by the Second Vatican Council, but she is still going strong as a popular saint, local author Erin Graffy told the UCSB History Associates last term.

With a history that traces back to Roman persecution at the beginning of the fourth century, Barbara went through several incarnations, Graffy said.

Because she was locked in a tower by her father, she became the patron saint of stonemasons, and because her father was incinerated by lightning after putting her to death, she became the patron of ammunition dumps and coal mines.

Her name became associated with the city when the Spaniard Sebastian Vizcaíno arrived in 1602, Graffy said. He gave the area the name of Santa Barbara because it was the saint’s feast day (December 4).

Cabrillo, who had come to the site half a century earlier, had given it the name “La Laguna.

Graffy went on to list a number of coincidences that could be taken as signs of Saint Barbara’s protection of her namesake city.

For instance, she called attention to the city’s “miles and miles” of stone curbs and walls built by European stone masons whose patron Barbara was, and the protection the city has had despite natural disasters that also fall into Barbara’s domain, such as fires, floods, and earthquakes.

“Despite all this, the number of recorded deaths from these catastrophes over 200 years is fewer than 100,” she observed. “In other places, deaths have been in the thousands.”

Further, she noted, Fremont took Santa Barbara during the Mexican-American War without firing a shot, and the Japanese submarine that fired about 25 rounds into Santa Barbara during World War II only did about $1,000 worth of damage.

“You can say she’s been do-
From The Chair

An Honor? Perhaps

When I meet people in the community and they learn I am chairing the History department at UCSB, they often congratulate me on being honored in this fashion. It is indeed an honor to be asked to do this job, but I know I speak not only for myself but for my predecessors in this office when I say I’d be happier if someone else had that particular honor. We pass it around like a hot potato, not because it is an unnecessary job or even an unpleasant one (most of the time anyway), but because it takes us away from doing the things that attracted us to this profession in the first place. We became historians because we enjoy and are quite passionate about writing and teaching history. But department chairs teach less and normally write less than everybody else because of the huge amount of time that the administrative work takes. Or – to be more precise – I write a great deal, but I’m writing memos instead of history.

Fortunately, I’m curious about everything that has to do with history, including not only the people who lived it but the people who write and teach it now. We are presently conducting a search for a historian of ancient China, and as I sit in on the search committee meetings, read the applicants’ files, and listen to the interviews, I learn lots of interesting things about a field I previously knew little about. In recent years, as China has opened up to the world, the amount of archeology being done there has increased exponentially. Many ancient Chinese worthies buried in their extraordinary tombs chose to take their books with them. The result is that the modern study of these tombs has led to the discovery of many previously unknown texts that vastly enrich our sources for historical analysis.

Another recent task has been the writing of memos analyzing the teaching ability of several of our grad students who are finishing their dissertations this year and are applying for UCSB’s new Faculty Fellows Program. These are highly coveted post-docs that pay the winners to teach half-time and continue their research the rest of the time. For their applications they also dream up courses they’d like to teach, and as I read their syllabi, I found myself thinking how much fun it would be to take these courses. Maeve Devoy, for example, who is completing her dissertation on the history of the Office of Independent Counsel from Watergate to Whitewater, is proposing a course called “A History of Political Satire in the United States” from Ben Franklin to Bill Maher. Maybe I can audit Maeve’s course next year. Since I won’t be department chair then, I might have time for it.

J. Sears McGee

Dawson Wins Prize For Best First Article

Sandra Dawson (Rappaport) has won the Twentieth Century British History 2006 Essay Prize for her article, “Working Class Consumers and the Campaign for Holidays with Pay,” which will appear in the journal Twentieth Century British History.

In the article, Dawson studies a campaign that led to legislation in 1938 encouraging a week’s paid holiday for all full-time workers.

“By highlighting the image of the ‘poor suffering British housewife,’ this campaign helped construct working class families as consumers of leisure time,” Dawson said.

The campaign led to the development of holiday camps catering to low-paid workers and facilities specifically suited to the needs of the workers’ wives.

“The campaign, the report, and the legislation deeply implicated the State in the construction of a consuming working-class as well as the expansion of commercial class-based sites of leisure,” she said.

Grad Students Make Marks Academically

AN ARTICLE BY Teresa Algosõ (Frühstück) on “Thoughts on Hermaphroditism: Miyatake Gaikotu and the Convergence of Sexes in Taishō Japan” appeared in the August 2006 issue of The Journal of Asian Studies.

JAS is the premier journal in field the Asian studies and also the most competitive, since it covers the South, Southeast and East Asia fields.

Travis Moger (Friesen) will present a paper on “Processions, Protests and a Wolf Puppet: Contested Notions of Holiness in Early Modern Frankfurt am Mainz” at the the Renaissance Society of America (RSA) convention in Miami in March. His will be one of three papers in a panel on “Holiness across the Confessions.”

Mark O’Toole (Farmer) is serving as a lecturer at California State University, East Bay (formerly CSU Hayward) for Winter and Spring. He is teaching World Civilizations, 800-1700.

Kevin Chambers (PhD Rock, 1999) was promoted to the rank of associate professor of history with tenure at Gonzaga University in Spokane.

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Eight History Grad Students Win Awards for Labor Research

Eight History department graduate students have been awarded a total of $42,500 from the University of California’s Labor and Employment Research Fund during a competition held in the Fall of 2006. Administered by the Office of Research at the UC Office of the President, the LERF is a multi-campus initiative that supports faculty and graduate student work on labor and employment issues relevant to California and the nation.

Pre-dissertation fellowships amounting to $7,500 each were awarded to:

Elizabeth Lamoree (Lichtenstein) for her proposal entitled “Agribusiness Against the State: Growers Challenge the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act (1975).”

Jill Jensen (Furner) for a project on “International Labor Standards in the Building of Two Postwar Orders, 1916-1949.”

Mary Donaldson (Rappaport) for her study, “Racialized Nationalism: A Case Study of the Moral, Racial, Labor, Industrial, and National Debates Surrounding the Passage and Enforcement of the White Australia Policy (1901-1902).”

Mini-grants of $4,000 each, designed to facilitate on-going research projects, including travel and lodging at relevant archival collections, were awarded to five additional History graduate students.

They are:

Elizabeth Shermer (Lichtenstein), “Creating a Corporate Oasis in the Desert: the Conservative Mobilization and Re-Envisioning of Phoenix, AZ.”


Sarah Griffith (Spickard), “Regionalism and the Nineteenth-Century Chinese Immigrant Exclusion Debate.”

Travis Smith (Spickard), “Race and the Shifting Economy in California’s Northern Interior.”

The Labor and Research Fund also offers $30,000 dissertation fellowships. At UCSB these were won by two graduate students, one in Sociology and one in Anthropology.

In addition Women’s Studies Prof. Eileen Boris, an affiliate member of the department, was awarded $20,000 to host an interdisciplinary conference on “Intimate Labors.”

According to Prof. Nelson Lichtenstein, who serves on the LERF steering committee, grant and fellowship applications will be accepted for a second competition in the Spring quarter of 2007, pending funding in the governor’s new budget, which still must be approved by the State Legislature.

Science Group Spreads Out

The History department’s History of Science contingent has been spread far and wide.

Joe Bassi (McCray) is spending five months at the National Air and Space Museum and the Department of Space History in Washington, DC as a Guggenheim pre-Doctoral fellow.

Joe is doing research for his dissertation on the development of US atmospheric and space science during the 1950s and early 1960s.

Closer to home, Eric Boyle (Osborne), currently HFA Dean’s Teaching Fellow in the department, has won National Science Foundation funding for his dissertation.

Prof. Anita Guerrini spoke at the annual meeting of the Goleta Valley Historical Society.

And Prof. Michael Osborne, who spent Fall quarter at the Camargo Foundation in Cassis France, reports, “I must concur with Paul Sonnino—the French baguette is in a state of decline!”

Mission Program

Brother Joseph Schwab, O.F.M., “The Philosophy of Dun Scotus (made simple) and His Importance to the Franciscans” (April 15).


John Woodward, Santa Barbara attorney and historian, “Virtual 1850s Tour of Santa Barbara Adobes” (June 24).

Each event will be followed by a sherry and tapas reception. For reservations, phone (805) 682-4713, ext. 152.
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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History's Dynamic Duo

Too late for our Halloween issue but too good to pass up is this photo of Mrs. Incredible with her faithful sidekick Yoda (in real life, mild-mannered graduate student Lily Welty (Spickard) and her dog, Maru, a well-known fixture around the department. When not battling the forces of evil, Lily is working on identity formation among multi-racial babies born in postwar Japan.

Santa Barbara

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Graffy said she got interested in Saint Barbara when local leaders decided a statue of the saint should go on the pedestal in Storke Placita downtown that had been intended for a statue of King Carlos of Spain.

Since her book How to Santa Barbara came out in 1996, Graffy said, she has gotten cards and letters from people all over the world who have stories about the saint.

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