Grad Student's Rule!

Ashenmiller Wins Top TA Award, Schwartzberg Top Dissertation

History continued its dominance of graduate studies at UCSB this Spring with winners of top awards in both teaching and research.

Josh Ashenmiller (Furner) won the Academic Senate’s Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award for 2001, and Bev Schwartzberg (Cohen) won the Louis and Winifred Lancaster Award for best dissertation in the Humanities.

Josh, who also won the department’s Bruce Anderson Award for outstanding teaching this year, is the fourth History grad student to win top teaching prizes in as many years.

Dennis Ventry (Brownlee) won the Outstanding TA Award in 1998, and both Rick Fogarty (Talbott) and Ken Osgood (Logevall) won it in 1999.

Also in 1998, Andy Johns (Logevall) won the Graduate Student Association’s Excel-

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High Achieving History Seniors To Take Degrees

125 majors in History and History of Public Policy were scheduled to receive bachelor’s degrees this month, bringing to 195 the total for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Leading this year’s class was Amber Leigh Kelsey, who won the A. Russell Buchanan Award as the outstanding graduating senior in History.

The award was created by the UCSB Alumni Association in 1973 to honor A. Russell Buchanan, a founding member of the department who also served as the first dean of the College of Letters and Science and, for 10 years, as academic vice chancellor.

In her acceptance speech, Amber thanked her family, professors, and teaching assistants for instilling and nurturing a love for history.

After a year off, she will pursue graduate studies focusing on the history of the American South.

Also leading this year’s graduating class were seven majors selected for admission to Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious honor society.

Those selected were Curtis Brainard, Jonathan Hill, Anne Leader, Amanda

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History Associates Recognize Talent

BY MONICA OROZCO

This year’s History awards ceremony was marked by a number of firsts.

For the first time, an award was presented to the winner of the Dumas Scholarship for best paper on a topic of Greek history.

On a sadder note, it was also the first time that an award was made in the memory of emeritus Prof. Stephen Hay, who died earlier this year.

The Dumas prize, created by long-time Santa Barbara residents Nicholas and Lena Dumas, went to junior Lee Shaker for his paper, ”Heralds: Ancient Conduits of Information” written for Prof. John Lee.

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Twin Deaths Cast Pall Over Commencement Festivities

Death cast a shadow over the brightness of this year’s commencement activities as the Department learned of the passing of Maria Powell and Jeff Garcilazo.

The tragic news of Jeff Garcilazo’s death arrived on May 7. A 1995 PhD of Mario Garcia and Zaragosa Vargas, Jeff was serving a professor of History and Chicano Studies at UC Irvine. He died of complications from a routine gall bladder operation that left him in a coma for months.

“Jeff was much beloved here as a colleague, teacher, friend and neighbor, and much admired as a dedicated and talented scholar and activist,” said Irvine History Chair Kenneth Pomeranz.

The widow of Phil Powell, Maria died peacefully in Santa Barbara on May 18. In recognition of her lifelong collaboration with one of its founding members, the Department voted to rename its Powell Prize the “Phil and Maria Powell Prize” in Latin American history and Iberian Studies.

The conference, chaired by UCSB Prof. Fred Logevall, was entitled “The Cold War Revisited.” Special graduate student panels included: the Cold War in Asia, New Perspectives on the Domestic Cold War, the Cold War in Central Europe, Re-examining the Early Cold War, and New Perspectives on the Cultural Cold War.


Other highlights of the weekend included the keynote address and the faculty round-table discussion. Prof. Marilyn Young (NYU) spoke on “Korea: the Postwar War.” Prof. Logevall, Young and
Archeologist Linda Bentz has a hunch that abalone fishermen were among the first Chinese on the South coast.

Speaking to the History Associates at the Karpeles Manuscript Library on April 22, she explained that her interest in the Chinese community of Santa Barbara was stimulated by two opportunities.

First, as an undergraduate at UCLA she was asked to examine the artifacts found in an abandoned well where the S.B. Presidio was being reconstructed. Later, BA in hand, she joined archeologists digging at the site of an abalone fishing camp on Santa Rosa Island.

Whether fishermen were the first or not, what is clear from the evidence is that there was a thriving Chinese community in Santa Barbara at the turn of the century, estimated at 177-300 people.

Taking the audience on a “virtual tour” of Chinatown through slides, Ms. Bentz showed that the Chinese block of Canon Perdido, between State and Anacapa streets in 1894 included 17 general merchants, among them a major fish merchant who operated six fishing vessels; several laundries and restaurants; an herbalist, a barbershop, a tong meeting hall, six opium establishments and several residences.

After the 1925 earthquake demolished the buildings in that block, the Chinese moved one block north on Canon Perdido.

After the lecture, the large audience broke into two groups for a walking tour led by Ella Lee Quan, the granddaughter of Yee Wah Yee, one of the early Chinese businessmen, and History Associates Pres. Patrick O’Dowd.

Yee’s business selling groceries, clothing, and herbal preparations was on the ground floor of the Whittaker Building, 825-831 Santa Barbara St. (where Our Daily Bread is now). Next door on the corner (where the Juice Squeeze currently does business) was a well-known herbalist, consulted when anyone fell sick.

Yee’s whole family lived in rooms behind the store. Stretching from there down Canon Perdido St. were jost houses, Tong meeting halls (where women and children never ventured, Ms. Quan pointed out), laundries and restaurants.

Upstairs lived large Chinese families who, along with those in the Whittaker building, tended domesticated pigeons, chickens, and vegetables on a large field behind the building stretching to the back of the De la Guerra adobe.

Ms. Quan observed that the Japanese lived across Canon Perdido Street beside the Buddhist temple built on the foundation of the original Presidio chapel.

Ms. Bentz described how difficult it was for Chinese men to establish families, since American law made it almost impossible for women to immigrate from China. For example, Gin Chow, a well-known Santa Barbara weather seer and aphorist, was fortunate enough to bring his first wife back to the U.S. from China.

But when she died nine years later, he sought out a new wife at the San Francisco Women’s Occidental Board of Foreign Missions, where Donaldina Cameron and her staff cared for abused Chinese children and women rescued from prostitution.

Through interviews of descendants, Ms. Bentz has unearthed some collections of private letters and been able to track family histories, a couple of which she shared with the audience. Ella Lee Quan, our guide for the walking tour, has been her invaluable informant for her research.

New faces, including Santa Barbarans of Chinese descent, joined the History Associates for this cool, clear sunny day’s jaunt, virtual and actual,
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In announcing the Hay Award, President Patrick O’Dowd said that the History Associates Board created it to carry on Prof. Hay’s deep commitment to fostering understanding and tolerance, which led him to fund a scholarship for the study of Islamic thought and culture.

He also announced the start of a campaign to raise sufficient funds to endow the Hay Award for the future.

The first winner of the new award was Hafiz Zakariya (Gallagher), who is conducting research on Muslim intellectuals of the Malay Archipelago and their ideas for reforming Islam.

The Dick Cook Memorial Award, named for the founding president of the History Associates and given for outstanding service, went to Mark Hendrickson (Furner).

Hendrickson also received a History Associates fellowship to the UC-DC program, where he is currently serving as a teaching assistant while conducting research for his dissertation on U. S. labor history.

The Robert L. Kelley Fellowship for best graduate paper went to Matthew Sutton (Brownlee) for his seminar paper “Revisiting Evangelicalism through Pentecostal Eyes.”

The William Ellison Prize for research on heretical women in the Middle Ages of Milan and Martin of Tours was awarded to Alex Epstein (Cohen) for “Exploring the Intersection: Women and Islam.”

The second annual History Associates Outstanding Fellow Award, given to a public school teacher in the California History-Social Science Project was presented by Humanities President David Marshall to Melanie Jacobson, a teacher at San Marcos High School, who has participated in the Project since its inception.

In undergraduates awards, Michelle Hill won the Stuart Bernath Prize for her paper entitled “If You Want My Body You Must Pay For It: Prostitutes on Prostitution in the Mid-Nineteenth Century.”

Steven Williams won the History Associates Board Prize for his senior honors thesis on the Americanization of the Vietnam War.

The Marion Ramsted Endowed Scholarship in History was awarded to Donald Burnett.

After presenting these awards, O’Dowd received a plaque from the Board in appreciation of his service as President.

Citing the inscription, “He Walked the Walk,” Board member Jo Beth Van Gelderen went on to say that she hoped “Patrick will continue to walk with us” in History Associates’ efforts to raise funds to support graduate students in history.

History Chair Jack Talbott presented the departmental awards.

Josh Ashenmiller (Furner) received the J. Bruce Anderson Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant.

The Richard K Mayberry Award for overall scholarly excellence was presented to Susan Snyder (Lansing) for her research on heretical women in medieval Bologna.

Tryntje Helfferich (Sonino) earned the Esmé Frost Scholarship in pre-modern European history for her research on the Thirty Years War.

Department dissertation fellowships went to John Baranski (Furner), David Burden (Cline), Jim Emmons (Drake), Alex Epstein (Cohen), Tryntje Helfferich (Sonino), Jason Kelley (Guerrini), Janet McFall (McGee), Jill Meekins (Guerrini), Mike Proulx (Drake), Justin Stephens (Drake) and Edward Wilson (Friesen).

New Ph.D.’s announced included Stephanie Marie Gustafson (McGee), Alan Manatt (Friesen), Peng-Fu Neo (Chen), Laura Wertheimer (Farmer), Michael Adamson (Brownlee), Doug Dodd (Graham/Bergstrom), Andy Johns (Logevall), William McGowan (Brownlee), and Nancy Stockdale (Gallagher).
Class of 2001 Prepares For June Commencement

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Marchand, Tori Praul, Andrew Vincent and Andrew Radsch, who in addition received the Lawrence Willson Honor Key, awarded to the highest achieving Regents Scholar among the initiates.

“This is the largest number of History majors ever selected in a single year,” according to Department Chair Jack Talbott.

“It is a signal honor, especially when you consider that only 90 students were selected from the entire campus.”

Slated to take degrees this term were:

Baktash Aazami, Michelle Theresa Airey, Shannon Marie Anderson, Steven Paul Anderson Jr., Armando Raul Arreguin, Jon Victor Austria, Ruslan A. Azibekyan.

Miranda Holly Baker, David Andrew Beal, Melissa Diane Bonds, Elise Suzanne Brock, David C. Buss.

Kenneth Dwane Callahan, Sean Killian Carlson, Patricia C. Casey, Wesley Hoyt Clanton III, Andriana A. Concha, Conor Anna Copeland, Keith Alan Copsey.

Michael John Deck, Daniel E. Doss, Brian Kyle Droutsas, Paul Christopher Dykman.

Steven Jay Eisenhut, Christine Ann Ellis, Jason Fernandez, Summer Dawn Fields, Oscar Alejandro Fierros, Christopher Brian Flynn, Jonathan Adam Freeman.

Roy Christopher Gault, Jason Dean Georgatos, Jill Renee Goforth, Jeddiedia Jacobsen Gray, Brent James Griebnow.

Ryan Louis Hartsoch, Cecilia C. Herera, Steven Brian Hibbard, Michelle Denise Hill, April Ann Holmes, Laura Teresa Izuel, Dennis David Jenkins, Oscar William Johnson III.

Chad Thomas Kaa, Matthew S. Keasling, Nicolas Thomas Kelsey, Travis Brendan Keys, Jennifer M. Kind, Joshua Aaron Klein.

Alfred Mun Bun Lam, Brandon Bernard Lampe, Edward S. Lara, Tien Thi Thao Le, David Boyd Lemon, Pearse John Leonard.

Albert Manuel, Amanda Louise Marchand, Angela Nadia Martinez, Priscilla Martinez, Zachary Charles Maxam.

Kathleen Finn McConnell, Christina Ann McCutcheon, Cheryl Marie McLandrich, Daniel B. Meyers, Gregory John Mojure, Martin Felipe Montoro, Jamie Suiko Morel.


Sungah Juliet Park, Jennifer Sara Pershes, Erin Elizabeth Pollack, Marc Anthony Prado.

Alexander Jay Rapoport, Marvi-Anne Dixon Reyes, Matthew Christopher Rheinschild, Jenny Elizabeth Ridnor, Jeffrey Michael Ritz, Stephanie Eileen Roeder, Matthew Daiches Rosen, Abraham Chiam Ross, Shannon Kathleen Rowden.

Kristopher Daniel Saenz, Fam Chiem Saeppharn, Victoria Marie Sage, John Patrick Sears, Torri Norma Shack, Andrea Monique Shelton, Sherman Chei-Ming Shen, David James Sieker.

Steven Rene Silva, Jessica Marie Silver-Hill, Thomas Bryan Simmons, Mindy Rae Simonson, Taleen Simonyan, Jason Peter Smith, Darren Reid Smoot, Nash Norman Solano.


Justin Warren Yaeger, Robert Allan Yarwood, Yin Yoon and Brandon Michael Zapf.

Taking degrees in History of Public Policy were Anne Houston Leader, Pablo A. Nichols.

Adding to their number were 24 students who took their degrees in Fall, 2000. These were:

Priscilla Jane Beal, Virginia Marie Benson, Kimberly Susanne Berry, Michael Joseph Briano.

Robert Weldon Dodd, Robert Wayne Donayre, Carrie Rae Donayre, Erik Edward Evans, Mikel Ray Giles, Christopher John Hoffee.


Wesley James Sechrest, Kevin Cameron Sloan, Daniel Bradley Souchek, Sherrilynn Dawn Theiss, Veronica Dawn Thielmann, Michael John Thrasher, Deborah Kay Woodworth and Jorgine Theresa Zondorak.

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Nicholas and Lena Dumas congratulate Greek prize winner Lee Shaker.
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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Daniel Huth Nirdlinger took a degree in History of Public Policy.

Another 32 students took degrees at the end of Winter quarter. These were:


Louis David Bilandzija, Christine Erl Blair, Zachary Joel Boehme, Ross Shane Brandon.

Jing-Dale Chang, Kristen Elizabeth Dalbey, Noah R. Daniels, Ian Angelo Gerbo, Cody Colter Green, Ian F. Heuston, Brian William Hogentogler.

Ariana Suzanne Katovich, David Joseph Kendall, Zachary Dean Koebel, Benjamin Blue Labrot.

John M. Lang, Sandro Magana, Melissa Marie Mendes, David S. Mitchell.

Tricia Marlene Olsen, Katherine Denise Renger, Juanita Reyes, Lisa Ann Rivera, Patricia Victoria Roeser.

Diana Lynne Smith, Jason Thomas Stubo, Dawn Kimiko Suzuki and. Jay Scott Wulkowicz.

Finally, 14 students are scheduled to qualify for degrees at the end of Summer quarter. These are:

Ronnie Floyd Herron, Russell Park Johnson, Ivan Kozin, Mark Lynn Mac Kusick Jr.

Nuala Marie Mansardm Gerardo Mena, Ryan Raymond Nahapetian.

Karen Marie Onyett, Ruben Orozco, Heriberto Rojas Jr., Moses P. Romo, Gary O’Bryan Santos, Joan Marie Vignocchi and Michael Walsh Williams.

International Conference

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Marc Trachtenberg (University of Pennsylvania/UCLA) concluded the conference by debating the roles of structure versus contingency in Cold War history.

Living up to its international theme, the conference drew graduate student participants from the European University Institute in Florence and Cambridge, as well as from the University of Akron, USC, Southern Illinois University, University of Colorado, Boulder, University of Pennsylvania, the LBJ School of the University of Texas, Columbia and UCLA.

Faculty participants from Fondazione Instituto Gramsci, Rome, Ottowa and the University of Hertfordshire were joined by others from the University of Virginia, Ohio University, Texas A&M, Whitman College, Cal State Northridge, Cal State Chico, the University of New Hampshire, the University of Pennsylvania, Westminister College, the University of Texas, USC Law Schools, and Marymount College.

Support for the conference was provided by the Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation, the Department of History, and the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center.