Maxwell, Stewart to Lead 2010 Graduating Class

The History Dept. is set to confer BA degrees on 233 majors for the 2009-10 academic year.

To celebrate the department will host a reception for graduating seniors and their families on Sunday, June 11, from 11 a.m. to noon in the History Conference Room, HSSB 4020. The commencement ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. on the Faculty Club Green.

The largest number of BAs will go to 144 students finishing their degrees this term. Forty-eight students completed studies in Fall and Winter quarters, and another 41 plan to finish in Summer.

Leading this year’s graduating class will be Rheannon Maxwell and Mitchell Stewart, who were both selected to receive the Buchanan Award, which is conferred by the UCSB Alumni Association on the outstanding graduating senior in History.

Rheannon and Mitchell were selected on the basis of their outstanding records (both will graduate summa cum laude).

Both were members of this year’s Senior Honors seminar. Rheannon wrote her thesis on State Department policy in Nicaragua at the start of the 20th century, and Mitchell on American imperialism in Haiti during roughly the same period.

Along with the other eight students in the seminar, they will be awarded Distinction in the major on their diplomas.

The others are Andrew Alvarado, Eleanor Dickson, Catherine Kwon, Philomen Leonelli, Joshua Madison, Christy Mason, Mackenzie Weinger and Shauna Woods.

Rheannon and Mitchell both plan to pursue their studies in graduate school.

Rheannon has been admitted to Oxford University, where she will pursue a degree in international relations with an emphasis on Latin America.

Mitch will spend he coming year as an intern in a social justice non-profit while he applies for graduate study of U.S. foreign policy.

"I would like to examine how the United States has influenced the racial, labor and gender aspects of the country or countries affected," he says.

The Buchanan Award was created by the UCSB Alumni Association in 1974 to honor Prof. A. Russell Buchanan, who taught diplomatic history here from 1936 to 1973. He also served as the first dean of the College of Letters and Science and as Academic Vice Chancellor.

Recipients are selected on the basis of superior scholarship and potential for continued success in the field.

Who Else But Nelse?

Lichtenstein Selected For MacArthur Chair

Following a campus-wide nominating process, History Prof. Nelson Lichtenstein has been named to hold a chair created by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to promote study of issues related to human rights in the workplace.

Together with Sociology Prof. Richard Appelbaum, who was also named to the MacArthur Chair, Prof. Lichtenstein submitted a proposal to conduct a comparative study of guest worker programs and labor conditions, laws and enforcement in emerging economies worldwide.

Under the auspices of the Center for the Study of Work, Labor, and Democracy which Prof. Lichtenstein directs, Profs. Lichtenstein and Appelbaum will convene at least three high-level, international conferences during the five-year term of the grant.

The MacArthur Foundation awarded $10 million to UCSB to advance its agenda “to defend human rights, advance global conservation and security, make cities better places and understand how technology is affecting children and society.”

Funds from the grant will also be used to support research and graduate students whose studies meet these criteria.
Associates Hand Out $60K At 2010 Awards Ceremony

Despite one of the worst econom-ies in memory, the UCSB History Associates collected almost $60,000 in its annual drive to provide financial aid and recognition to History grad students and majors.

Seventeen graduate students (listed above in photo caption) were selected to receive History Associates fellowships for dissertation research and writing.

In addition, the Associates awarded the Donald Van Gelderen Memorial Award (formerly known as the Van Gelderen re-entry fellowship) to Eric Fenrich (Yaqub), whose dissertation will be on “The Color of the Moon: the US Space Program and the Civil Rights Movement.”

The Van Gelderen Memorial Award goes to high-achieving students who, like Jo Beth Van Gelderen, returned to graduate school after pursuing a career outside academia.

Also, a History Associates graduate recruitment fellowship, created in 2008 to help the department recruit highly competitive candidates was awarded to Eun Ah Kim, who will come from South Korea to work on ancient Chinese history with Prof. Anthony Barbieri-Low.

New Mouré Award Adds to Grad List

A new award funded by former History Chair Ken Mouré and his wife, Sarah Norquay, went to Zachary McKiernan (Bergstrom) for his research on public memory and the Pinochet regime in Chile.

Last year, Prof. Mouré accepted an appointment to the University of Calgary, where he also chairs the History department.

Viktor Schmagin (Hasegawa) received the Joseph and Gina Laun Jannotta Foundation research prize to study Russo-Japanese cultural interactions. The Jannotta Prize supports work in East Asian or trans-Pacific relations.

The Stuart Bernath Research Prize went to Rachel Winslow (Jacobson) for travel related to her dissertation on the creation of an international adoption policy between 1945 and 1975.

Dick Cook Award

The Dick Cook Award, named for the History Associates' founding president, went to Shauna Woods and Nicole Pacino. The award recognizes outstanding service to the department by a graduate and undergraduate student who also has an outstanding academic record.
A Border Crossing

Celebrating the successful conclusion of the second biennial International Graduate Student Conference on Ancient Borderlands are, l. to r., back row: Ryan Abrecht, Greg Goalwin, co-chair Wyatt Rounds, Tracey Watts, Alison Turtledove, Briana Bricker, Chris Kegerreis; front row: Prof. Beth DePalma Digeser, Jessica Ambler, Vicky Ballmes, Matt Recla, Ryan Horne; kneeling: co-chair Peninah Walpo, Emily Schmidt.

Presenters at the three-day conference came from across the U.S. and overseas.

Collins Award

Scarlett Aldebot-Green, (Soto Laveaga), selected to receive the second Robert O. Collins Award for best first publication, has some big shoes to fill.

Last year’s recipient, Ellie Shirmer, learned recently that another article written while a student here was selected to receive the W. Turrentine Jackson Prize by the Pacific Historical Review.


PBK Taps 7 History Majors

Seven history majors were among 143 graduating seniors selected this year for admission to Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious scholastic honor society.

Selected for membership were Rebecca Eckert-Fong, Hanna Kazin, Rheannon Maxwell, Catherine Kwon, Blake Pulliam, Mitchell Stewart and Leah Yadegar.

Phi Beta Kappa is highly selective. The 143 students were selected out of a graduating class of some 3,500 students.

In recognition of this achievement, the UCSB History Associates pays membership dues for History majors.

Scarlett Aldebot-Green.

Grad Secretary Wins Service Award

It’s not every day that you can give out an award and receive one at the same meeting.

But that’s what happened at History’s longtime graduate secretary Darcy Ritzau on the day of the annual Awards ceremony.

Hours before the program, at which recipients of this year’s "Darcys" were announced, Darcy learned that she had been chosen to receive the university’s Margaret Getman Award for outstanding service to UCSB students.

"Darcy Ritzau is the heartbeat of our department," said grad student Lily Welty, who nominated her.

"She is compassionate and channeled Darcy.

"Because she was so reassuring during my times of crisis, I knew exactly how to react humanely when it came to me helping someone else," Welty said.

A representative faculty reaction came from Prof. Stephen Humphreys.

"The grad students will never in their lives have a better or more honest friend," he said.

But the strongest reaction came at the start of the ceremony. When Darcy entered the room, she was greeted with a spontaneous and sustained ovation. The kind only rock stars get.

Tory Inloes

Tory Inloes (Plane) received the Van Gelderen Graduate Fellowship to support study of U.S. history, especially the American West, for her dissertation on "The Representation and Education of Children in 20th Century California Museums."

The Wilbur Jacobs Prize for outstanding work in colonial, native American or frontier studies went to Peggy Beedle (Plane) for her work on California mission history.

Tory Inloes

Van Gelderen Fellow: Tory Inloes.
Prizes Presented For Best Grad, Undergrad Research Papers

Tracey Watts (Lee) won the William H. Ellison Prize for best graduate paper for her work, "Beyond the Pleasure Garden: Urban Agriculture in the Ancient Mediterranean."


Earlier in the day, Mackenzie learned that her paper had also won the UCSB Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research.

Two undergraduates were selected this year to receive the Stuart Bernath Prize for best paper in a one-quarter seminar.

Leonard Shonka wrote "A War of Stubbornness: A Look at the Different Perspectives of the 'Puritan Martyrs' & Archbishop William Laud Regarding the English Church and State" for Prof. Sears McGee.

Travis Van Ligten wrote “A Strong Start: How the Jesuits Converted a Nation,” dealt with the appeal of Catholic Christianity in sixteenth-century Japan and was directed by Prof. Luke Roberts.

The Nicholas and Lena Dumas Essay Award for best paper on a topic in Greek history or culture went to Arianna Zalud, who wrote "Grave artifacts from the Geometric cemetery at Lerna in the Argolid" for Prof. Brice Erickson in Classics.

Nicole Pacino (Cline) received the John Coleman Award for best paper in Cold War, international or military history for "The MNR’s New Revolutionary Movement: Sanitary Reforms and the Consolidation of the Bolivian Revolution."

Awards for Distinction In Teaching, Research

The Richard Mayberry Award for overall excellence in graduate study went to Karen Frank (Lansing) and Leandra Zarnow (Boris).

The J. Bruce Anderson Fellowship for outstanding teaching was bestowed upon Lily Welty (Spickard).

The Stephen Hay award to support study of Islamic thought and culture was presented to two students of Prof. Stephen Humphreys: Andrew Magnusson and Kelly Johnson.

The Harold and Kathleen Drake Award for study of ancient Chinese or Mediterranean history went to Alison Turtledove (DePalma Digeser).

Three students received the Darcy Ritzau Award (“the Darcys”), endowed by the department’s graduate secretary to meet the needs of graduate students in the early phases of their study.

The three are Paul Barba (Harris), Veronich Ehrenreich (Miescher) and Chris Kegerreis (Lee).

Hasegawa Salutes TA Teamwork

To the Editor:

I WOULD LIKE to share with you the following information.

One of the TAs informed me last night that the condition of his mother in hospicecare has turned to the worse. He had to rush to the hospice.

He promised that he would come back to his sections on Thursday or would arrange makeup sections later.

In today's History 500 class, immediately three TAs volunteered to take over his sections so that their fellow TA will be able to spend all his time with his mother without worrying about his teaching obligations.

I was touched by the generosity and comradeship of my TAs.

Not only are we training excellent graduate students with stellar records, demonstrated by their landing jobs and obtaining fellowships, but also we are fostering a great sense of comradeship among our graduate students.

(Prof.) Tsuyoshi Hasegawa

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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Soto Laveaga Book Wins Science Prize

History Prof. Gabriela Soto Laveaga has been awarded the Robert K. Merton Book Award of the American Sociological Assn. for the best recent book published in science and technology studies.

The award was given for *Jungle Laboratories: Mexican Peasants, National Projects, and the Making of the Pill*, published by Duke University Press in 2009. It is a study of the way peasants in southern Mexico who harvest a root vital for the production of steroids learned to deal with big pharmaceutical companies.

In announcing the prize, the ASA's Science, Knowledge and Technology committee hailed the book as "an exemplary contribution to contemporary science and technology studies, with important implications for future scholarship."

Its report said *Jungle Laboratories* was "an outstanding intellectual accomplishment—a complex and beautifully written analysis of the entanglements of knowledge, political economy, 'nature,' nation-states, political movements, Mexican workers, and laboratory science."

DAR Award Presented To Musket-Toting Undergrad

Junior History major Benjamin Lopez received the Margaret Straight Scholarship in American History from the Mission Canyon chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Prof. Patricia Cohen, who nominated Ben, described him as an enthusiastic Revolutionary War re-enactor and the only student she has ever known who has fired a musket.

"I've lifted one of those things," Prof. Cohen said. "They're heavy!"

The Marion Ramstad Scholarship to support majors in European or Asian history went to Matt Fibiger, who is working on U.S. foreign policy with Prof. Salim Yaqub, who will be a member of next year's Senior Honors seminar.

The William E. Nida Scholarship to support majors going to graduate school went to Catherine Kwon, a member of this year's seminar.

The Ronald Boorman Memorial Scholarship to support students pursuing a teaching career in History went to Stefan Magnusson, who will spend the next two years in the Teach for America program.

Three Endowed Fellowships

John Scholl (Lansing) received the C. Warren Hollister Memorial Fellowship to support his dissertation on "Religious Life in 14th-century Piedmont."

Mira Foster (Marcuse) was awarded the Robert L. Kelley Fellowship to support her research on "Polish Immigration to Germany, 1980-1990."

Profs. Hollister and Kelley were both founding members of the department and leaders in their fields of Anglo-Norman and U.S. policy history.

The Richard and Jeanne Williams fellowship went to Jean Smith (Rappaport), who is working on "The Politics of British Migration to Southern Africa, 1939-1965."

Jean has also received a Bernadotte Schmidt fellowship from the American Historical Assn. and a Mellon Pre-Dissertation grant to the Institute of Historical Research in London.

A UCSB alumnus, Richard Williams is senior associate of Mississippi Valley Advisors and a former chair of the UCSB Foundation.

Frost, DeConde Awards

The Esmé Frost Fellowship, funded by Emeritus Prof. Frank Frost to support research in pre-modern European history, went to Colleen Ho (Lansing) for her dissertation on "13th and 14th Century Franciscan Missions to Karakorum: Preconceptions and Representations of the Mongols." She has won a Fulbright fellowship for research in Italy next year.

Dimitri Akulov (Hasegawa) received the De Conde/Burns prize for his dissertation on "Soviet Foreign Policy During the Second World War: Cooperation and Conflict with the Western allies, 1941-1943."

Benjamin Lopez (l.) and DAR rep. Signe E. Wilson

Williams Fellowship: Jean Smith.
Department Mints 22 New PhDs in 2009-2010 Year

In what might be a record for the department, twenty-two graduate students completed all requirements for receipt of a PhD in History in 2009-10.

The students (their advisors) and their dissertation topics are:

Nicole Archambau (Farmer), Healing emotional distress in a time of plague and war: witnesses to the canonization of Delphine de Pulnichel (1563).

Ahmad Atassi (Humphreys), A history of ibn Sa’î’s biographical dictionary, Kitab al-Tabaqat al-kabir.

Joseph Bassi (McCray), Creating a scientific peak: how Boulder, Colorado became a world center for space and atmospheric science.

Justin Benger (Rappaport), The Pink Pound: Commerce and Sexuality in Britain, 1900-c. 1967.

Ingrid Dineen-Wimberly (Spickard), Mixed-race leadership in African America: the regalia of race and national identity in the U.S., 1862-1916.

Michelle Ferry (Plane), The Thin Red Line: Native American culture bearers, memory and the museum.

Bonnie Harris (Marcuse), From Zhaszym to Manila: the Holocaust odyssey of Joseph Cyuner and the Philippine rescue of refugee Jews.

April Haynes (Cohen), Riotous flesh: gender, physiology, and the solitary vice.


Heidi Marx-Wolf (Drake, Digeser), Platonists and high priests: daemonology, ritual and social order in the third century CE.

Sharleen Levine (Spickard), Meanings of maternity and medicine for Japanese and Filipino women on Hawai’i’s sugar plantations, 1919-1946: culture, economics, and generation.

Marisol Moreno (Garcia), “Of the community, for the community”: the Chicana/o student movement in California’s public higher education, 1967-1973.

Heidi Morrison (Gallagher), Childhood, modernity, and nation-building in Egypt, 1890-1957.

Anil Mukerjee (Dutra), The provenor-mor da fazenda in colonial Brazil: Laurencio de Brito Correia (1659-1662).

John Munro (Lichtenstein), The anticolonial front: Cold War imperialism and the struggle against global white supremacy, 1945-1960.


Jack Clark Robinson (Garcia), The Franciscan friars of New Mexico: three borderlands trails to Vatican II, 1957-1983.

Paul Sandul (Simpson) Harvesting suburbs: recalling the suburban side of California’s agricultural colonization, 1882-1902.

Mark Shanks (Plane), Very civil wars: re-enactors, academics, and the performance of the past.

Elizaeth Shermer (Lichtenstein), Creating the Sunbelt: the political and economic transformation of Phoenix, Arizona.

Todd Wahlstrom (Majewski), The southern exodus to Mexico: migration across the borderlands after the U.S. Civil War.

Corinne Wieben (Lansing), Infidelitatis errorem: marriage disputes and the courts in late medieval Lucca.

Jill Briggs Wins Badash Prize for Science Hist

JILL BRIGGS (Soto Laveaga and Osborne) received the Lawrence Badash Prize for the outstanding graduate student essay in History of Science.

Jill, whose dissertation is on “Jamaica’s Greatest Salvation: Colonialism, Medicine and the Making of the Jamaican National Body,” earlier received a Rockefeller Foundation grant to support her research this summer.

Prof. Badash taught history of science courses at UCSB from 1966-2002, including a popular course on “The Atomic Age.”