Sylvia Linggi Wins Buchanan Prize

Winners of the History Department’s most coveted prizes will be recognized Wednesday, May 26 at the annual awards ceremony and reception for graduating seniors.

The Buchanan Prize, presented to the outstanding graduating senior, will be presented to Sylvia Linggi, a History of Public Policy major who also served as dean of students and vice chancellor.

"All of the finalists for the award were outstanding," Prof. Alfred Golchin, chair of the selection committee, said. "It makes you feel good to interview students like this."

Linggi, who plans to enter the graduate program at George Washington University in the fall, will deliver a brief talk at the ceremony on the subject of her senior thesis, which deal with France, the United States and the Indochina War from 1945-1950.

She will be introduced by Prof. Fred Logewall, who joined the Department this year to teach American diplomatic history.

The award was created 20 years ago by the UCSB Alumni Association to honor J. Russell Buchanan, a founding member of the History Department who also served as dean of students and vice chancellor.

The Richard Mayberry Prize for the outstanding graduate student will be presented to Janet Pope, a student of Prof. Warren Hollister, who is completing a doctoral dissertation in medieval history.

Tom Cordero, who is studying with Prof. Jack Talbott, has been selected to receive the J. Bruce Anderson award. Originally created to recognize achievement in multi-media instruction, the award was revamped this year to recognize excellent teaching by graduate students.

Peter Quimby, a student of emeritus Prof. Richard Oglesby, was selected to receive the Wilbur

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Almost 200 Seniors To Take Degrees

Almost 200 seniors will be awarded Bachelor of Arts degrees in History at this year’s Commencement ceremonies.

Leading the list will be Sylvia Linggi, a History of Public Policy major who was selected to receive the Buchanan Prize as the outstanding graduating senior.

Linggi is one of eight members of the Department’s Senior Honors seminar who are scheduled to receive Distinction in the Major for the three-quarter thesis papers they have been writing all year.

The others are Alison Aubry, Dan Dougherty, Kecia McDonald, Dan Nirdlinger, Diana Saso, Greg Shepherd and Kathryn Statler.

This year’s graduating class also includes eight seniors who were selected for admission to the UCSB chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious scholastic honor society.

Five of the candidates are History majors, and three are majors in the History of Public Policy.

The History majors are Robert Duquette, CONTINUED ON BACK PAGE

HA Gives Record $13,000 in Support Of Grad Students

Eleven graduate students were named to share a record $13,000 in funds raised for graduate support this year by the History Associates.

Leading the list are Karen Mead, who received the Dick Cook Award, named in memory of the HA’s founding president; and Beverly Bastian, who received the Van Gelderen Award, funded by Jo Beth Van Gelderen and intended to support women who have returned to graduate school after spending time first in careers or families.

Mead is completing a dissertation on public health in Buenos Aires at the turn of the 20th century, under the direction of Prof. David Rock. Bastian, who is working on the history of natural resource management with Prof. Robert Kelley, worked as a professional consultant in cultural resources management before returning to graduate school.

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Grad Roundup

Two History graduate students have been able to combine business with more business, thanks to UCSB’s UC in DC program.

Betty Koed is serving as a teaching assistant for students who are enrolled in the innovative Washington, D.C. program this Spring quarter. While there, she is also able to make use of the resources of the National Archives and Library of Congress for her dissertation on the Immigration Act of 1965, a centerpiece of Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society legislation, which she is writing under the direction of Prof. Robert Kelley. Although the legislation removed the restrictive “national origins” quotas of the 1921 and 1924 immigration laws, it has not received the same attention from historians as other civil rights measures adopted during his Presidency, Koed says.

She replaces Peter Cortelyou, one of Prof. Laura Kallman’s grad students, who took the same opportunity while working as a teaching assistant in Winter quarter. The UCSB Washington center is being run by Prof. Robert Collins this year.

Rebecca Conard (PhD 1984), has received the Throne-Aldrich Award for 1992 from the State Historical Society of Iowa. The award is for the best article published in The Annals of Iowa each year. An assistant professor and director of the public history program at Wichita State University, Rebecca won the award for her article, “Hot Kitchens in Places of Quiet Beauty: Iowa State Parks and the Transformation of Conservation Goals.” Her dissertation at UCSB was supervised by Prof. Elliot Brownlee.

Sholeh Quinn (B.A. 1983) successfully defended her dissertation on “Historical Writing During the Reign of Shah ‘Abbás I” at the University of Chicago this spring and is now being considered for a position in Middle Eastern and Persian history. In order to complete her study of Iranian historiography of the Safavid period (16th-17th century), Sholeh had to study Persian, Arabic and Turkish language and history. At UCSB she studied with Profs. Nancy Gallagher, Sears McGee and Hal Drake.

Cheri Rice (B.A. History of Public Policy, 1988), who went on to take a master’s degree in public policy at the Kennedy School at Harvard, is now serving as a policy analyst for President Clinton in the Office of Management and Budget. At UCSB, Rice received the Buchanan Award as outstanding graduating senior.

Ed. Note: Have you had a change of address or position? Received any prizes or honors? Are there alums you know about or want to know about? Drop a line to:

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Alumni Achievements

DeConde Book Wins Praise

UCSB’s History Department is well represented in the current issue of The American Historical Review, the official publication of the American Historical Association.

In addition to an article by Prof. Gerald Horne, chair of the Black Studies Department who holds an affiliated appointment in History, the April 1993 issue includes a “featured review” of emeritus Prof. Alexander DeConde’s new book, Ethnicity, Race, and American Foreign Policy: A History.

Published in 1992 by Northeastern University Press, the book focuses primarily on the effect lobbying by ethnic Americans has had on U.S. foreign policy, and concludes that, although ethnoracial considerations have always been a part of that policy, they have only had a decisive effect in certain specific circumstances.

Prof. Thomas Borstelmann of Cornell University praises the book for its “careful but suggestive weighing of material which defies quantification” and Prof. DeConde’s “attention to precision in his writing.”

Calling ethnic and racial diversity in the population and America’s rise to dominance in world affairs “two of the most important themes in the history of the United States,” Prof. Borstelmann concludes that “There will be few readers of this fine book who will not find their knowledge of American foreign policy increased in important and suggestive ways.”

Prof. DeConde, who retired in 1991 after 30 years at UCSB, earned a national reputation in the field of American foreign policy. In 1988, he became the second scholar to receive the biennial Graebner Award of the Society for the History of American Foreign Relations. The award was created in 1986 to recognize scholars whose work has served to define and develop the field.
What Do You Give the Man Who Has Everything?

Well, if the man in question is your major professor and the occasion is his retirement after 20 years of teaching at UCSB, and if during that time he turned out 19 PhDs, you might consider giving him a traditional European festschrift—a volume of articles contributed by friends and admirers and dedicated to his scholarly interests.

Thus was born Scholar, Patriot, Mentor, a book of historical essays in honor of recently emeritus Prof. Dimitrije Djordjevic. Edited by two of his students—Richard Spence, now an associate professor at Idaho State University, and Linda Nelson, who is currently teaching at the Mississippi University for Women—the book contains more than two dozen articles dealing with aspects of Balkan history and scholarship ranging from antiquity to the 20th century. Published in 1992 as volume 320 of East European Monographs, Scholar, Patriot, Mentor was formally presented to Prof. Djordjevic last December. But it was conceived almost four years earlier, when a group of his students decided they wanted something special to commemorate his upcoming retirement.

“The initial idea came from Alain Dubie,” Nelson recalls. “We realized that compiling a list of participants would be the most difficult part of the process because we could not possibly invite all who would wish to contribute.”

That summer, Nelson met in Sofia, Bulgaria with Elizaveta Allen of Dumbarton Oaks to draw up a list of contributors.

“We felt the festschrift should first of all be a tribute to Mita from his students,” Nelson explains, using the diminutive that all of the beloved Balkanist’s friends and students soon adopt.

“Mita’s peers who participated were chosen to represent UCSB, the ‘Balkan family’ of scholars in the United States, as well as the Serbian Academy of Sciences, the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, and the Nikola Iorga Institute of Bucharest.”

To accommodate all who wanted to honor this doyen of Balkan studies, a tabula gratulatoria eventually was added.

In true Balkan fashion, the students turned the project into a conspiracy.

“We implored everyone in the department at UCSB to keep it quiet, and we were very direct in stressing secrecy in all our written correspondence,” Nelson says.

Did it work?

“We think Mita suspected something was in the works,” she says. “But he had no idea who, when, and where. He was truly surprised when I announced it at the department party.”

To anyone familiar with the history of the Balkans, the announcement could not have been made in a more appropriate way.

“It almost didn’t take place at all because I got stuck in traffic after stopping to buy batteries for my camera,” Nelson explains.

Junior Faculty Win Awards

Three junior faculty in the History Department have won awards for furthering their research activities in 1993-94.

Asst. Prof. Michael Osborne (History of Biological Science) was awarded funds for travel and research by UCSB’s Interdisciplinary Humanities Center for his project, “Mind the Social Order: French Tropical Medicine, ca. 1798-1914.”

Prof. Osborne will use the funds to conduct research at the Musée de la Marine in Rochefort, France, which holds all records dealing with French naval medicine and the French Navy’s role in the medical administration of Indochina.

The research will help him complete a book-length manuscript on the relationship between medicalization, colonization and Westernization in the former French colonies of Algeria and Indochina.

Asst. Prof. Fred Logevall (U.S. Diplomatic History), a post-doctoral fellow and visiting assistant professor at Yale for 1993-94, will teach one seminar each semester and use the remainder of the time to revise his dissertation on the Vietnam War for publication.

Dr. Anita Guerrini, a lecturer in History of Science and Early Modern Europe, received a grant from the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center for her study of the... CONTINUED ON PAGE 5
The Suicide of Yugoslavia

“I will never forget when the Berlin Wall came down,” Prof. Dimitrije Djordjevic told a rapt History Associates audience last month.

“I was teaching my Western Civilization class, and I told my students what it meant was that they would enter the 21st century free of the fear and insecurity and horror that we have known in the 20th.

“I was wrong,” the emeritus professor said, smiling ruefully. “I was so wrong.

The war that since has broken out in his former homeland of Yugoslavia is a harbinger of the potential for ethnic conflict on a much larger scale in the lands that once were ruled by Communist regimes.

“It is not easy to look at the horrors that have exploded so unexpectedly,” Prof. Djordjevic said. “We knew there were animosities, we knew there would be fights, but nobody expected the size of it.”

Himself a Serb by birth, Prof. Djordjevic said his fellow Serbs deserve the bulk of the blame for the current conflict, if for no other reason than that they are the largest of the ethnic groups involved.

But, he added, there is plenty of blame to go around. Citing reports by United Nations observers, Prof. Djordjevic said that “there is enough guilt to go around,” and that all sides have been guilty of lies and sensationalism as well as atrocities, and of appealing to the deepest fears of their populations.

As one of the generation that identified itself as Yugoslav first, Prof. Djordjevic said, the hardest part of the conflict is seeing the revival of the same nationalist sentiments that already have been responsible for two world wars.

Quoting from a letter written by a Croatian woman, Prof. Djordjevic—himself a survivor of both Nazi and Communist prison camps—showed how ethnic labels rob people of their identity.

“I am living in a country of war,” the woman wrote, “and they do not understand me any more.

“How could they understand that in the last year I became a Croat? In this war I am defined by my nationality and my nationality only. War is reducing us to one dimension.”

Although pessimistic about the immediate prospects for peace, Prof. Djordjevic said he remained hopeful that other forces will supplant the ancient hatreds.

“Let me be a dreamer,” he said. “We know the world is moving toward greater integration.

“The people in the Balkans have to realize—I am sorry later rather than sooner—that they will have to redo the ties of family and marriage that have been torn by this tragedy.”

“That will be the task of the new generation there. They have to do it.”

Otis Graham Named Spencer Fellow

Prof. Otis Graham has been named a Spencer Fellow of the National Academy of Education for 1993-95.

The appointment will allow Prof. Graham time to work on a book and articles related to the history of California higher education since the Master Plan was adopted in 1960—a timely subject, given current interest in the state Legislature in revising the Plan, which established academic missions for the three higher education systems in California.

Prof. Graham will use the stipend to reduce his teaching activities at UCSB during the two-year period in order to spend time with other members of the Stanford-based Academy.

A specialist in the history of American public policy, Prof. Graham has a penchant for timely topics. His more recent book is a study of the effort to create an industrial policy for the United States. The current issue of The Public Historian, which he edits, has attracted national attention for an article by Prof. James Banner calling for creation of a “historical analogy police” composed of ranking historians who would correct politicians when they use historical analogies inaccurately in support of policy.

Such misuse has been blamed for everything from the Vietnam War to President Gerald Ford’s ill-fated campaign for vaccination against swine flu.

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EIGHT STUDENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE DISTINCTION IN THE MAJOR FOR THEIR SENIOR HONORS THESIS PAPERS, ACCORDING TO PROF. ALBERT LINDEMANN, WHO OVERSEES THE THREE-CENTER SEMINAR.

THE STUDENTS AND THEIR TENTATIVE THESIS TOPICS, WITH THE NAMES OF THEIR SUPERVISING PROFESSORS IN PARENTHESIS, ARE:

ALISON AUBRY (PROF. COHEN): "THE EROTIC IMPULSE: SEXUAL ADVICE LITERATURE AND RACY NOVELS IN VICTORIAN AMERICA." SHE IS ALSO THE RECIPIENT OF THE ALDRICH AWARD FOR UNIVERSITY SERVICE.

DAN DOUGHERTY (PROF. HUMPHREYS): "THE DRAKE IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE."


DAN NIRDLINGER (PROF. VARGAS): "EISENHOWER AND THE STRUGGLE FOR THE FULLBRIGHT PROGRAM."


GREG SHEPHERD (PROF. OGLESBY): "MACBETH, MONOLOGUES, AND MINERS: GOLD-RUSH THEATER AND SOCIETY IN CALIFORNIA."

KATHRYN STATLER (PROF. LOGEVALL): "THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS: AN 'AVOIDABLE' BRUSH WITH NUCLEAR DISASTER?"

STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED A GPA OF AT LEAST 3.6 IN THE MAJOR ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE SENIOR HONORS SEMINAR AT THE END OF THE JUNIOR YEAR. TYPICALLY, THESE STUDENTS WILL HAVE TAKEN LOWER DIVISION HONORS SECTIONS AND ALSO THE JUNIOR HONORS SEMINAR CONDUCTED BY PROF. TALBOT.

THEY SPEND THEIR SENIOR YEAR WORKING INDIVIDUALLY WITH A SPONSORING PROFESSOR WHO SUPERVISES THEIR THESIS PROJECT AND MEETING AS A GROUP WITH PROF. LINDEMANN TO WORK ON WRITING AND RESEARCH TECHNIQUES AND CRITIQUE DRAFTS OF EACH OTHER'S PAPERS.

"THE SUCCESS OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THIS PROGRAM IS JUST PHENOMENAL," PROF. LINDEMANN REPORTS. "MOST GO ON TO GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS, AND THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE BEEN EQUALLY SUCCESSFUL IN OTHER FIELDS RANGING FROM PUBLISHING TO PUBLIC SERVICE."

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Both awardees will each receive a check for $2,000 from the Associates.

Nine other graduate students were named History Associates Fellows and will receive awards ranging from $500 to $1,000.

The nine new HA Fellows are Brad Brown (Talbott); Rick Cahill (Gallagher); Erik Ching (Rock); Don Davies (Cohen); Viviana Marsano (Gollin); Rosie Ramirez (Cohen); Mitchel Roth (Oglesby); Stacey Robertson (Cohen) and Zuoyue Wang (Badash).

The recipients will receive their awards at the May 26 ceremony and be honored guests at the final Associates Luncheon of the year, scheduled for June 3 at the Santa Barbara Sheraton.

In addition, the Associates supplied a $500 award for the winner of the annual Ellison Prize, which goes to the best graduate paper written in the previous academic year, and $100 for the winner of the Bernath Prize for best undergraduate paper.

At its meeting earlier this month, the HA Board also voted to send checks of $50 to each of the eight History and History of Public Policy majors who were selected for admission to Phi Beta Kappa this year.

Commenting on the continued success of the History Associates' fundraising efforts Department Chair, Sears McGee, said "The History Associates have done it again, and we are all deeply grateful. Jo Beth and Donald Van Gelderen's very generous challenge grant of $4,000 provided the impetus for this year's great success — and next year they are increasing it to $5,000! As UC support slips in these tough times, these fellowships are the more welcome and the more needed."

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USE OF LIVE ANIMALS FOR EXPERIMENTATION IN THE EARLY ENLIGHTENMENT.

The growing use of animals from 1660-1750 in public demonstrations of anatomy lessons as well as experimentation shows "a culture in transition between religious and secular modes of thought," Dr. Guerrini writes.

She has also applied for funding from the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities for her project, appropriately titled "Theater of Death."
Graduating Seniors
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Mark Eagle, Eve Logsdon, Marlene Solway, and Kathryn Statler.

Kathy Baird, Sylvia Linggi and Kecia McDonald are the History of Public Policy majors.

This is the largest number of History majors ever selected at one time by the society, which only selected a total of 43 students from all majors this year.

The full list of seniors who filed graduation papers with the Registrar's Office is as follows:

Amy Elizabeth Adams, Anthony Oro Adelini, Carrie L. Allford, Christopher A. Arrigo, Brian Evan Appletor, David A. Astengo, Alfonso Ming Aubrey, Danielle Marie Aucoin.


Marc Vincent Eagle, Suannah Teresa Edgington, Simon Aroon Elliot-Lehbohn, Anna Cora Emerson, Caesy Annort Etra.

Roy Figueroa, Harris Benjamin Finkelstein, Amber Lee Fitzgerald, Michael Abraham Flaimsh, Zephyr Lake Frank, John Thomas Franko, Dominique Lee Freking, Jason Eric Friedberg, Seth Peter Friedrich.

Reza Garajalghi, Gerald A. Gaerwood, III, Lee H. Gelfman, Michael James Gidemelt, Margaret Frances Glass, Elizabeth Macy Graham, Michael John Green.

Michael Thomas Hagens, Jonathan Reid Hall, Laura Lynn Hanzack, John Paul Hanken, Charles O'Neil Heinemann, Joseph Steven Hickman, Karl Wilhelm

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