Nearly 200 Seniors Take History Degrees in 1995-96 Ceremonies

A total of 114 seniors were scheduled to graduate with degrees in History this Spring, and three more in History of Public Policy, bringing to 192 the number of students who took degrees in the major in 1995-96.

Thirty students took degrees in Summer, 17 at the end of Fall quarter, and 28 at the end of Winter quarter.

History majors will take their degrees in ceremonies scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 16. Prior to Commencement, the Department will host its traditional reception for graduating seniors and their guests in the fourth floor Lounge of Ellison Hall from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Graduate students will take their degrees at a separate ceremony that day. Three students have completed the MA degree and advanced to the PhD program. They are Michael Adamson (Brownlee), David C. Elliott (Hasegawa) and Peter McDermott (McGee).

Four others have completed all training and will take their PhD degrees. They are Rick Barton (Hollister/Farmer), Rick Cahill (Gallagher), Beth Digeser (Drake) and Doug Lumsden (Russell).

Leading the list of 1996 graduates are two students selected for admission into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest honor society, and 10 students awarded Distinction in the Major.

The new Phi Betes are John Boyle Renehan and Sarah Louise Triano.

Awarded Distinction in the Major: Elizabeth Aburto, Kevin Douglas Brower, Tracy Lynn DiRienzo, Ronit Charon Gechter, Shawn Adam Howard, Loris Ann Mullins, John Boyle Renehan, Christopher Anthony Sleeper, Duncan Jeffrey Stoutner and Joseph Ellis Torbik.

The 1995-96 History graduates are:

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Jeffrey Kevan Appell, Calie Ann Bloomgren, Sarah Michelle Brennan, Diane Christene Cashin, Thomas Kingsley Devereux, Lisette Guevara, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Beth Digeser's Dissertation Gets Lancaster Prize

BY SARAH CLINE

For Elizabeth Digeser, this has been—to put it mildly—a good year.

It began with an NEH Dissertation Fellowship. Beth was one of only 40 graduate students nationwide to be selected, out of almost 800 applicants.

Then the dissertation Beth produced on that grant, “Lactantius, Constantine, and the Roman res publica,” won UCSB’s Louis and Winifred Lancaster Award as the outstanding dissertation in this year’s field of competition, which in-

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Associates To End Year With Talk On Wharf

SANTA BARBARA’S most durable landmark will be the subject of the final History Associates luncheon-lecture series of the 1995-96 season when a team of UCSB graduate students present an illustrated history of Stearns Wharf at noon of Wednesday, June 5.

The presentation by Douglas W. Dodd, Victor W. Geraci and Fermima Brel Murray will be based on their book, Stearns Wharf: Surviving Change on the California Coast, the product of a team research seminar directed by Prof. Otis L. Graham, Jr.

The program substitutes for a wine country tour that had been scheduled to coincide with the debut of a new study of that topic by the UCSB Public History program. Delay in publication of that study forced the switch, according to Associates President Cathy Rudolph.

Although it is now a leading tourist attraction, Stearns Wharf long was an eyesore that came close to destruction more than once during its 120-year history.

Appropriately enough, the luncheon will be held at The Harbor Restaurant on Stearns Wharf. Reservations at $14 for members and $16 for non-members may be made by telephoning the UCSB Office of Community Relations, (805) 893-4388.

Graduate Winner

“...It will be a major step away from the ‘conflict’ model that still influences a great deal of study of Christian-pagan relations in the fourth century, and it will expand our understanding of the common ground between traditional belief and the new faith.”

As for what it was like to have Beth as a student, Drake says, “All I had to do was sit back and admire.”

As winner of the UCSB award, Beth’s dissertation will become UCSB’s entry in the 1996 Council of Graduate Schools/University Microfilms International (CGS/UMI) nationwide competition.

The Lancaster dissertation competition rotates among four fields, in conjunction with the CGS/UMI national competition. The other fields are: biological sciences, social sciences, and mathematical/physical sciences/engineering. The last time the humanities and fine arts was the field of competition at UCSB in 1992, the winner was also from history: Jeno Michael Burger.
Grad Students Clean Up In Fellowship Competitions

History graduate students scored well in national and campus-wide fellowship competitions.

Leading the list were two Fulbright award winners, Ken Tuite (L. Kallet-Marx) will study at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, where he has been admitted for 1996-97. James Burns (Collins) will conduct research in Zimbabwe.

Monica Orozco (Cline) received a President’s Dissertation Fellowship, and Valery Garrett (Graham) received the Graduate Division’s Humanities Research Assistantship.

Two students, Alicia Rodriguez (Harris) and Scopas Poggo (Collins) received fellowships from the Graduate Research Mentorship Program.

In addition, Gaston Espinosa (Garcia) won a Graduate Opportunity Fellowship.

Six students won Humanities/Social Science Research Grants: James Burns (Collins), Alistair Hattingh (Rock), Betsy Homsher (Glickstein), Andy Johns (Logevall), Ron Morgan (Cline), and Brett Schmoll (Bergstrom).

General Affiliates Dissertation Fellowships went to Bob Bauman (Kalman), Valery Garrett (Graham), N.C. Luebben (McGee) and Ron Morgan (Cline).

Departmental Dissertation Fellowships went to Bob Bauman (Kalman), Kevin Chambers (Rock), Hubert Dubrulle (Gollin), Christine McCann (Russell) and Brett Schmoll (Bergstrom).

Beverly Bastian has been given the Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship at the Huntington Library for 1996-97. It provides two months’ doctoral research with a stipend of $1,800 per month, using the collections of the Huntington.

Alan Manatt (Friesen) received a dissertation grant from DAAD and a pre-dissertation grant from the Berkeley Council for German and Central European Studies.

Active Grads Write, Deliver Papers

David Tipton and Justin Stephens delivered papers at the First Annual Graduate Student Conference on Late Antiquity at UCLA earlier this month. Tipton’s paper was entitled “The Power of Words in Gregory Nazianzen’s First Invective Against Julian.” Stephens spoke on “John Chrysostom’s On the Incomprehensible Nature of God: Religious Debate During the Theodosian Era.”

Maureen A. McEnroe (Gollin), currently in Wellington, New Zealand as a U.S. Fulbright Scholar, read a paper entitled “Connecting Empire: Cable Communications and Imperial Strategy, 1880-1903,” at the Fulbright 50th Anniversary Asia/Pacific Regional Symposium in Tokyo this month. In July she will present another paper at the Australian Historical Association.

Cara Anzilotti (PhD 1994, Cohen), has won the Teacher of the Year award at Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles, where she is serving as an assistant professor of U.S. Colonial history.

Michelle Kimball (MA 1995) is co-author of Muslim Women in the World: A Bibliography with Selected Annotations, to be published in the Fall by Lynne Rienner Publishers in Boulder. The book covers nearly 3,000 books and articles on Muslim women and includes a list of 50 titles chosen as the “most highly recommended” works by specialists. At UCSB, Kimball worked with Profs. Humphreys and Gallagher.

Monica Orozco (Cline) organized a panel on “Cesar Chavez and the Struggle for Social Justice and Responsibility: Strategies and Legacy” for the National Association for Chicana/o Studies conference in Chicago in March. As part of the panel, she presented a paper on “Labor Organizing, Social Awareness, and Responsibility: House Meeting Strategy Applied in Academe.”

Alicia Rodriguez (Harris) gave a presentation earlier this month on her dissertation, “Urban Populism: Challenges to Democratic Party Control in Dallas, Texas, 1887-1900” as a participant in the New Scholars Lecture Series sponsored by CSU Northridge’s Center for Humanities.

Rick Barton (Holister) has written “Zealous Anger” and the Renegotiation of Aristocratic Relationships in Eleventh- and Twelfth-Century France,” which will appear in Wrath and Righteousness: The Social Uses of Anger in the Middle Ages, being published this Fall by Cornell.

Michael Adamson’s research paper for Prof. Logevall, “Delusions of Development: The Eisenhower Administration and the Foreign Aid Program in Vietnam, 1955-1969” has been accepted for publication by the Journal of American-East Asian Relations.
We Did It!

I am very pleased to report that the $6,000 gauntlet tossed down by Jo Beth and Don Van Gelderen last Fall has been met, thanks to all our members who so readily replied to the Van Gelderen’s challenge.

With an additional $5,000 grant from the UCSB Graduate Division and income from endowed funds, we are able to award in excess of $20,000 in fellowship and scholarship funds to UCSB History graduate and undergraduate students this year—and still retain a small fund for emergency appropriations during the coming year.

Aiding worthy students (and again this year, the nominees for assistance were all outstanding) is, after all, the real reason for History Associates. On behalf of everyone on the Board, I thank you for recognizing that and responding so generously to our appeal—and, of course, the Van Gelderens for providing such a generous “spur” to keep us going.

Serving these past two years as President of the Associates has been a most rewarding experience for me—as well as a learning experience of the first order.

The enthusiasm, support and willingness of the Board to try new ideas and to help implement them has been a tremendous boon. Thank you all.

I’m sure the entire Board will forgive me—and join me—if I single out two Board members for special thanks. Hal Drake and Luke Roberts have been tireless in their efforts to produce a newsletter which is relevant and interesting. Always open to suggestions and new ideas, they have succeeded admirably; each issue of Historia has surpassed in excellence the one preceding it. Thank you, fellows, for a job well done—and much appreciated!

Again on behalf of the Associates Board, I congratulate the UCSB History students who are graduating or completing advanced degrees, extend to you an invitation to become an Associate and wish you continued success and prosperity in the years ahead. We wish all Associates a relaxing, refreshing summer, and look forward to seeing you all again next Fall.

Cathy Rudolph
President

DeHart Named To ACLS Board

Prof. Jane De Hart has been named to the Delegates Executive Committee for the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), a federation of 56 national scholarly organizations. Prof. De Hart, who recently completed a five-year stint on the National Research Council’s Committee for the Study of Research Doctorate Programs, will serve as delegate of the Organization of American Historians (OAH).

In October, Prof. DeHart will travel to Germany to deliver a paper on “Gender, Sexuality and National Identity: Recreating Founding Paradigms” at a conference on “The Unfolding of America’s National Identity,” sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Institute in Berlin and the American Institute at the University of Munich.

Undergrad Book Sale

BY DUNCAN STOUTNER

The Phi Alpha Theta undergraduate student historical honor society will sponsor a book sale in the fourth floor conference room of Ellison Hall on Wednesday, May 29 and Thursday, May 30.

Buyers will be able to choose from a wide range of books that were donated by History faculty for the event. Proceeds will be used to support chapter activities in 1996-97.

The sale will wrap up a full year of activities by the chapter that included a trip to the John Paul Getty Museum in Malibu and a monthly film series with members of the faculty discussing the historical importance of their favorite movies. Members saw “Zelig” with Prof. Drake, “The Graduate” with Prof. Pendleton, “Spartacus” with Prof. Robert Kallet-Marx, “Dr. Strangelove” with Prof. Badash and “Barry Lyndon” with Prof. Guerrini.

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Dutra’s lecture was entitled “The Social and Economic World of the Portuguese Seafarer, 1481-1700.”

The co-editor of Portuguese Discoveries in the Pacific (1995), Prof. Dutra also presented papers at the 19th Annual Symposium on Portuguese Traditions at UCLA and the 27th annual meeting of the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies at Tucson.

Hollister Honored
At Medieval Congress

The work of Prof. Emeritus Warren Hollister was the topic of four sessions at the 31st Congress on Medieval Studies earlier this month at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Among the panelists were a number of Hollister students from UCSB, including Robin Fleming, Rick Barton, David Spear, Marty Claussen, Rob Helmerichs, Marc Meyer and Tom Keele.

Earlier this year, Prof. Hollister served as Wei Lun Visiting Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

‘Very Civil War’ Wins Swiss Book Prize

Emeritus Prof. Joachim Remak’s study of the Swiss Sonderbund War of 1847, A Very Civil War (1995) has been named “Best Book on Swiss History” by the Swiss-American Studies Assn. Prof. Remak will travel to Provo, Utah, to receive the award at a ceremony attended by the Swiss ambassador.

Mary Furner to Give Seminar in Berlin

Prof. Mary Furner, who has just started a term on the editorial board of the Journal of Policy History, has been invited to visit the North American Studies Program of the Free University of Berlin for a week in late June. While counseling some 25 postdoctoral students in the program, she will give a seminar on “Social Scientists and the State” and a public lecture entitled “The Problem of Planning in a Democracy: Some Aspects of the American Case.”

Prof. Furner contributed a chapter on “Social Scientists and the State” to a volume entitled Intellectuals and Public Life: Between Radicalism and Reform, just published by Cornell University Press.

Jeff Russell Wins Erick Nilson Award

Prof. Emeritus Jeffrey Russell has been named to receive the 1996 Erick Nilson award of the Christian Leadership Ministries (CLM), a national organization with more than 10,000 college and university faculty members. Prof. Russell, whose numerous books include a four-volume study of the history of Satan, announced that he will donate the award’s $1,000 prize to UCSB Faculty/Staff Christian Fellowship.
Kevin Douglas Brower, Marc Renaud Browne, Brett David Burch, Christy Lillian Burdick.

Devin Gawaine Capshaw, Kenavon Tramayne Carter, Brian Douglas Chaffin, Paul Stanton Chapak, Connie Young Chiang, John Leslie Corbett, Donna Michele Coyne, Carol Lee Cunningham, Kevin Timothy Curtis, Zachary Joseph Dalton, Tracy Lynn Derienzo, Paolo Velasco Domingo, Jean-Guy Tanner Dube.

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