Friends To Fete Badash

Friends and colleagues will gather at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History on Saturday, May 11 to honor Prof. Larry Badash, who is retiring this year after 36 years of service in the UCSB History Department.

A specialist in the History of Science, Prof. Badash came to UCSB in 1966 from Yale University. In addition to specialized courses in the history of science, he has taught a highly popular course on The Atomic Age that regularly enrolls 150-200 students.

The "Badash Bash" will be held in the Museum’s Broder Building, 2559 Puesta del Sol Rd., from 4-7 p.m., with a short ceremony of remembrances starting at 5 p.m.

Profs. Michael Osborne and Anita Guerrini, who are hosting the event, will announce initial contributions to a Larry Badash Fund which has been started for the purpose of endowing a UCSB graduate student prize. Contributions should be made out to UC Regents—Badash Fund and sent to UCSB History Associates, Department of History, UCSB, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-9410.

Recent History PhD Bev Schwartzberg will talk about her award-winning research into the history of bigamy in 19th century America at the final UCSB History Associates event of the 2001-02 academic year on Tuesday, May 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the History Department Conference Room, 4020 HSSB.

Entitled "Grass Widows, Barbarians, and Bigamists: Looking for Fluid Marriage Patterns in Nineteenth-Century America," her talk will discuss informal and extralegal means that couples used to dissolve marriages at a time when formal divorce was either impossible or extremely difficult to obtain.

"Such stories appear frequently in anecdotes and family stories, but they can be hard to track in official documents," she said recently.

To find records, Dr. Schwartzberg used sources as varied as Civil War pension applications and court cases from Indian Territory.

The sleuthing paid off. Her dissertation received the national Distinguished Dissertation Award from the Council of Graduate Schools last December for the best dissertation in Humanities and Fine Arts for the years 1999-2001.

Dr. Schwartzberg is a former History Associates Fellow and a member of the History Associates Board.

While writing her dissertation she worked on award-winning exhibits and programs at the Ventura County Museum of History and Art and the Goleta Valley Historical Society.

Tickets to the event and a wine and cheese reception are $7 for members and $10 for non-members. Reservations may be made through the UCSB Office of Community Relations at (805) 895-4388.

Awards Ceremony Set for May 15

Mark your calendar for this year’s History Department Awards ceremony, slated for Wednesday, May 15 at 4 p.m. in the McCune Conference Room on the sixth floor of the Humanities and Social Science Building (HSSB).

Among this prizes to be announced will be the recipients of this year’s History Associates Fellowships.

"Thanks to the Van Gelderen matching grant and another matching grant from Graduate Division, we expect to have more than $50,000 to distribute this year," said President Monica Orozco.

Other prizes to be announced include winners of the Buchanan Award for best graduating senior in History, the Dick Cook service award, and a new award established in the memory of Warren Hollister.
Badash, Kohn Warn of Cutbacks Due to New Missile Defense

President Bush’s decision to fund a National Missile Defense (NMD) system threatens to divert both funds and attention from cheaper, more significant alternative programs.

That was the conclusion reached by History Prof. Larry Badash and Nobelist Walter Kohn at a symposium co-sponsored by the UCSB History Associates and the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center last March.

In a wide-ranging review of missile defense strategy since the 1950s, Prof. Badash traced the origins of the idea of a missile defense to the Kennedy-Johnson years.

“Scientists felt so strongly that it wouldn’t work that for the first time they broke with the government and went public with their opposition,” Prof. Badash said.

President Nixon signed the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT) with then-Soviet Premier Brezhnev because he realized the scientists might be right, Prof. Badash said.

In 1983, he said, President Reagan “shocked the public” with a speech in which he said Reagan “shocked the public” with a speech in which he said the Strategic Defense Initiative that quickly became nicknamed “Star Wars.”

After huge amounts were spent with little to show for it, President Clinton shelved the program except for continued research and development.

In 1998, while critics called the program a “rush to failure,” a commission chaired by now Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld warned of the possibility of “rogue missiles” from nations like North Korea that would be capable of striking U.S. targets and called for more funds for missile defense.

This is the program President Bush embraced in the 2000 Presidential campaign and that he has clung to, even though intelligence reports as late as February of this year have pointed out that low-tech, non-ballistic nuclear delivery systems pose a far greater threat, Prof. Badash said.

Even if the NMD system worked it would not make us more secure, Prof. Badash said, because it will provoke enemies to build more missiles in order to overcome it, leading to a new arms race.

“As one critic said, it is a ‘shield of dreams,’” Prof. Badash concluded.

In his own remarks, Prof. Kohn said that the expense of funding the NMD program has led to serious cutbacks in the missile reduction program, whereby Russian and U.S. scientific teams have been transforming weapons-grade material to relatively harmless non-weapons-grade products.

He also read a short statement signed by more than 100 Nobel laureates that warns that the most profound danger to world peace is not the irrational use of ballistic missiles but “the legitimate demands of the world’s dispossessed.”

Though not released until last November, he pointed out, the statement was written prior to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

“The spread of weapons is not the answer,” he said. “Only social justice will bring peace.”

Methods Conference Covers Dangers of Field

Presenting were UCSB anthropologist Mary Hancock, Raka Ray (Berkeley), Shahnaz Rouse (Sarah Lawrence), Alexia Bloch (British Columbia), Sondra Hale (UCLA) and Rema Hammami (Birzeit University in Palestine).

In the afternoon, graduate students gave short summaries of their research and the professors then gave each of them helpful feedback and advice.

Profs. Hammami and Hale spoke about carrying out research in dangerous settings, such as war situations.

For example, Hale mentioned

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GRAD TALKS OPEN NEW SYMPOSIUM

Sharleen Nakamoto (Spickard) will present the third and final paper in the Department’s new Graduate Student Symposium on May 23.

Entitled “Americanizing Japanese Motherhood in Hawai’i’s Sugar Plantations, 1910-1941,” Sharleen’s paper will argue that American sugar planters in the islands tried to pacify and improve their labor force by investing in social welfare reforms such as better medical care.

Her study is based on the personal papers of plantation doctors and managers, as well as oral histories of Japanese immigrants and their children.

The Symposium was inaugurated in April with a talk by Tryntje Helferrich (Sonning), on the subject of her dissertation, which uncovers the important role played by a German princess, Amalia Elisabeth of Hesse-Cassel, in historiography of the Thirty Years War.

The series’ second talk earlier this month featured Tom Sizgorich (Drake), who spoke on “Martyrs and Moneyshots: Confessing Fetishized Truth in Ancient Christianity and Modern Pornography.”

In his work, Tom applies contemporary film studies to ancient Christianity to argue that critiques of modern pornography can be used to understand the strategies whereby the early Christian community sought to make its own set of fetishized truths “visible” in martyr literature.

Maeve Cowan (Kalman), one of the Department’s lead TAs this year, said the Symposium was created for two reasons.

“First, we want to advance
UCSB Becomes a Major Player in Berkshire Confab

**BY ALEX EPSSTEIN**

The UCSB History Department will be well represented at the 12th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women.

The prestigious conference, which takes place every three years and rivals the AHA's annual meeting in attendance, will take place June 6-9 at the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

Women's historians know that having a paper accepted for this conference can be a challenge. Nevertheless, this year the Department has more papers on the program than most schools.

While the Department will have representatives from many subfields, the most numerous are American women's historians.

Seven former and current American women's history students will present papers: *Stacey Robertson* (Ph.D. Cohen, 1994), associate professor of history and director of Women's Studies at Bradley University; *Christine Erickson* (Ph.D. Cohen, 1999), assistant professor at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne; *Beverly Schwartberg* (Ph. D. Cohen, 2001), and current graduate students *Sarah Case* (DeHart/Harris), *Sharleen Nakamoto* (Spickard), and *Alexandra Epstein* (Cohen).

Stacey's paper, "Boycotting Slavery: Western Women Abolitionists and the Free Produce Movement," explores the gendered aspects of the antebellum free produce movement in the Old Northwest.

Bev is presenting: "Adulterers and 'Others': Constructing a Federal Policy on Marriage before 1900." The paper examines pension policy and the ways in which it fostered racialized and class-based understandings of female and male sexuality, and demonstrates how some government agents tried to avoid these judgments.

Sarah's paper, "Teaching Class: Spelman College, 1890-1925," discusses how alumnae of Spelman contributed to the creation of Atlanta's African-American middle class.

Sharleen is giving a paper on "Americanizing Japanese Motherhood on Hawai'i's Sugar Plantations, 1910-1941," and Alex is participating in a roundtable on women and global peace.

Other Department representatives are:

- Prof. Erika Rappaport who is presenting "'My Bonnets are the Admiration of Everyone': Commodities, Marital Conflict, and Feminine Identity in the British Empire;"
- Prof. Joan Judge, "Normative Womanhood and Chinese Nationalism: Local and Global Exemplars in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries;"
- Prof. Carol Lansing, "Marital Conflict in 15th Century Bologna;"
- Prof. Eileen Boris, Hull Professor of Women's Studies and an affiliated professor of History, is commenting on a panel.

Newly-hired historian in Women's Studies Leila J. Rupp is participating in a roundtable "New Perspectives in Lesbian History," and Lansing graduate student Susan Snyder is speaking on "Sex and Feminine Identity in the British Empire;"

At the annual meeting of the North American College of British Studies held at Pomona College on April 5-7, UCSB historians made a "jolly good show" by participating in six of the seventeen panels.

Jason Kelly (Guerrini) spoke on "'The best humoured worst looking fellows imaginable': English Sociability and the Levantine Dialogue."

Former students played a big role.

- Bob Mueller's paper, "The Problem of the Lord Steward in the Elizabethan Royal Household" showed how historians have misunderstood a key office in Elizabeth I's government.
- Tim is now teaching at Azusa Pacific University while finishing his dissertation. Bob received his PhD in 1993 and teaches at Utah State University-Utah Basin.
- Kathleen Noonan (Ph.D McGee, 1989), now at Sonoma State University, offered a penetrating comment in a session on anti-Catholicism in English history from the 17th through the 19th centuries.
- Sears McGee and Erika Rappaport both chaired and commented on the papers in two more panels.
- Britain has lost an empire. Is UCSB building one in British studies?
A Good Community

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, History Associates will present our last two events of the 2001-2002 academic year. Both celebrate the talent within the History Department. First up is the awards ceremony. This is the highlight of the year for us all, and the culmination of our fundraising efforts. I enjoy watching so many deserving recipients receiving their honors. It is a time when we can stop and take a moment to make contact and show our appreciation for the hard work done by students and on behalf of students.

It is also a moment when we can show our gratitude to those who contribute in so many ways towards allowing the History Associates to have an impact on the future of UCSB History graduate and undergraduate students. Our second event in May also reflects the rewarding relationship between the History Associates and the History graduate students. Bev Schwartzberg will give a presentation on her national award-winning dissertation research. Bev is not only a past History Associates Fellowship honoree but also current Board member.

Another event indirectly linked to the History Associates will occur in May. Lawrence Badash, professor of the History of Science, will be honored by his family, friends, and colleagues as they establish a graduate award in his name. This award will be administered by the History Associates and is meant to acknowledge Prof. Badash’s contributions to the History Department and to the field in general. This effort to establish a new fund serves to remind me that the work of History Associates is made possible because of the good will of past and current faculty, students, and HA members.

At the Award Ceremony I urge you to listen to the names associated with each award, for whom it was established, and what it seeks to honor. Each year this ceremony reinforces a legacy of outstanding scholarship. Equally important, it reinforces the sense of community within the Department and with the History Associates. It is a community that becomes stronger with each new group of students, with each addition to the faculty, and with each new member to History Associates.

It has been my pleasure to serve as History Associates President this past year. I thank you for your generous support and ask that you continue on this journey with us.

Monica Orozco
President

Grad Symposium

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the professional development of graduate students by allowing them to submit their work for peer review in a professional and supportive atmosphere,” she said.

The second reason, she said, was “to bring together grads across areas of interest, with a view to strengthening our sense of community.”

The program has been a huge success, Cowan said, and next year will be expanded to three presentations per
In The Coleman Tradition

History faculty, staff and grad students dusted off their Hawaiian shirts for another “Aloha Day” at the start of Spring quarter. The tradition was started two years ago by grad student and former Buchanan Award winner John Coleman, an inveterate Aloha shirt wearer, who donned coat and tie for the occasion. Joining in this year’s fun were top, (l. to r.): Ken Mouré, John Lee, Jason Kelly, Josh Ashenmiller, Matt Sutton, Matt De Fraga, Mark Hendrickson, Toshi Hasegawa, Jessica Chapman. Middle row, l. to r.: Sandy Dawson, Catherine Salzgeber, Erica Rappaport, Darcy Ritzau, Maeve Cowan, Larry Badash, Rick Fogarty, Greg Whitesides, Joe Campo, Carolyn Lewis, Laura Nenzi. Bottom, l. to r.: Al Lindemann, Luke Roberts, Mike Osborne, Mike Tucker, Fred Logevall (in the role of John Coleman), David Schuster, Eric Staples, Joe Banasch.

History Grads Clean up Across the Board

Public Policy and Cold War history grad students got the honors, and Middle East students got the jobs.

Josh Ashenmiller (Furner) and Jennifer See (Logevall) both were awarded highly prized fellowships from the Miller Center for Public Affairs at the University of Virginia.

There were more than 100 applicants and fewer than 10 fellowships awarded. In addition to a stipend, the Center provides office space and a choice of mentors.

Josh will conduct research for his dissertation on the effects of the National Environmental Protection Act of 1970. Jen’s dissertation is an international history of the origins of the Cold War.

“Miller Center fellowships are very difficult to get,” said Prof. Fred Logevall, director of Graduate Studies. “It’s terrific that not one but two of our students were successful.”

Honors also came to another Furner student, Mark Hendrickson, who received both a Social Science Research Council Dissertation Fellowship and a Rockefeller Archives Travel Grant for next year.

“Mark is the only history applicant in this major national competition to have received an SSRC,” Prof. Furner noted. He currently holds an ILE dissertation research fellowship. His dissertation is tentatively titled “Policy, Prosperity, and the Promise of American Life: Labor Knowledge and the Building of Modern Industrial Relations, 1918-1929.”

For Middle Eastern history, Stephen Cory (Humphreys) has been awarded a UC Faculty Fellowship to teach in the Department of Religious Studies next year. He is the second Middle East student to win this award. Two years ago, Nancy Stockdale (Gallagher) received one of the first fellowships offered in the new program.

Another Humphreys student, Rachel Howes, has taken a tenure-track position in Middle Eastern history at Cal State-Northridge.

Not to Mention . . .

Robert Bromber (Dutra) is delivering a series of current events briefing at the United States Air Force Academy. The briefings specifically target Venezuela to prepare the Model OAS (Organization of American States) team, which is comprised of ten cadets and four advisors. The briefings are for the Model OAS Conference in Washington DC this April. Bromber will accompany the team to Washington and present the team to the Venezuelan Ambassador.


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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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Emeritus Prof. Frank Frost (right) successfully stumped Historia’s puzzlers with his challenge to identify what he and former Judge Jim Slater are doing in the above photo.

The answer: “In Spring, 1998, I went to Nicaragua with a group of local pols and judges. We visited some cooperative farms in the countryside and our guide and bodyguard was this little 20-year-old Sandinista militia woman.”

Since Prof. Frost is.currently out of the country, an impartial panel of judges awarded the copy of Dead Philadelphians that he left as a prize to the editor of Historia, who has long coveted a copy.

Dead Philadelphians has been optioned by Fox Searchlight Pictures. Prof. Frost’s new novel, Bay to Breakers, will be published in May.

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Peter McDermott (McGee) been asked to deliver the distinguished Wright Memorial Lecture at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists in San Francisco next year. The eponymous lecture is nationally the most prestigious history lecture in the specialty of anesthesiology.

Matt Sutton’s (DeHart) article on “Between the Refrigerator and the Wildfire: American Pentecostals and the Fundamentalist-Modernist Controversy” has been accepted for publication in Church History.

Danielle Swiontek (DeHart) gave a paper on “Fighting Bullets With Ballots: California Women, Suffrage, and the Peace Movement in World War I,” at the Western Association of Women Historians Annual Conference in Pasadena last month.

David Espinosa (PhD Cline, 1998) has been awarded tenure at Rhode Island...