Commencement Calls 205 History Majors

A total of 205 students will take History degrees this year, with the bulk of them going through Spring commencement ceremonies on Sunday, June 13 at 1 p.m.

Prior to that event, the History department will host its annual reception for graduating seniors and their families in the History Conference Room, 4040 HSSB, at 11 a.m.

Leading this year's graduates are seven members of the Senior Honors Thesis class: Jennifer Sue Adkins, Bret Beheim, Elizabeth Ann Ciarrocca, Joanna Tani Hulce, Daniel Oliff Klein, Natalie Alexandria Xifo and Marco Paolo Lacson Yupangco.

FALL 2003

Twenty-six students completed their degrees in Fall 2003.

Timothy Richard Ball, Tara Lynn Beattie, Andrew Rogers Bermond, Kevin A Brown, Michael Terence Cooney, Bradley Thomas Deal, Nicole M Franz, Margaret Ellen Hause.


WINTER 2004

Another 32 students completed their degrees in Winter 2004.

Natalie Yesmeen Bogharian, Arturo Guillermo Calisto, Fernando Cerda, Ashok Joshua Chelian, Monica Chum, Robert Badar Din.


Woo Sang Lee, William Elton Leitch,

Buchanan Winner Looks to Study The ‘Other Side’

This year's Buchanan Award winner is a second-generation UCSB History major with a passion to tell the "other side of history."

"I want to fill a gap in the historical record and write about women in mining," says Monica Isabel Sanchez, selected as this year's top History graduate.

She will do just that beginning in the Fall, when she will enter the graduate program to study labor history with Profs. Nelson Lichtenstein and Zaragosa Vargas.

Her professors focused her interest on labor history, but Monica’s passion for history was stirred by her father, a community college professor who got his own graduate degree from UCSB.

"At home, I would learn all kinds of history that we never were exposed to at school," she recalled. "Mexican-Americans, Chinese—the whole scope, not just the sanitized version.

"So I always knew there was another side of history that I wasn’t learning in school."

As rosy as things look now for Monica, the picture was very different just a few years ago. She will begin her studies in the fall with labor history Prof. Nelson Lichtenstein and Zara Vargas.

Can You Say ‘Thaumaturgy’?

True to the impish style that made him the favorite lecturer of a generation of UCSB students, emeritus History Prof. Richard Oglesby has given the title of "The Thaumaturgy of History" to the closing lecture of this year's History Associates series.

As we all know, "thaumaturgy" is the Greek word for "wonder working" or "miracle making."

Prof. Oglesby chose the term to characterize the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1804. The two-year trek drew little attention at the time, Prof. Oglesby says.

But on its 200th anniversary, Americans are celebrating Lewis and Clark as "the great American epic, our Beowulf, our Song of Roland, our El Cid," he said.

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An Angel Goes to His Reward

THE BLOOM was taken off these Spring’s festivities by the death of one of the History department’s longtime angels, Don Van Gelderen.

Along with his wife, JoBeth, Don founded a scholarship for students who enter graduate school after pursuing a non-academic career or raising a family.

He and JoBeth have also funded an annual matching grant of $8,000 to encourage donations to the History Associates’ scholarship fund.

In 2000, the department named its graduate library The Don Van Gelderen Room in recognition of the couple’s important contributions to graduate education in History.

Don died peacefully at home on May 3 following a long illness. He was 90 years old.

An established contractor and businessman, Don moved to Santa Barbara after marrying JoBeth in 1977.

It was the second marriage for both. Passionate travellers, they met on a tour of South America and over the course of the next 20 years visited more than 90 countries and took three trips to Antarctica. He continued to travel even after suffering a stroke in 1992 during a visit to Turkey.
Congratulations to the History Class of 2004!

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Kelly C Miller, Patrick James Murphy, Rami N Nabi, Andrew Justin Nicolai, Darren Mitchell Nuesca, Michael Barry Orlyn.

Scott Anthony Rienbolt, Samantha Marie Schaubert, Frances Carmina Capil Sicangco, Sarah Frances Smith-Withey, Gregory Sam Stone, Julia Alexandra Tamai, Matthew James Terrill, Timothy Paol Thomas.

SPRING 2004

A total of 114 students filed for Spring 2004 graduation.

Karla Jean Aleman, Jessica Marie Allison, Sophia V Amaya, Beatriz Anguiano, Michael Thomas Baer, Daniel Christopher Barron, Patrick Ryan Bartelmie, Alexandra Alicia Beaton, Matthew Gregory Bettencourt, Alissa Leanne Bjerkhoel, Andrea Melissa Bradford.

Jae David Brattain, Darla Elaine Breiling, Joshua Michael Brown, Kimberly Marie Bryan, Monica Dione Burrowes, John Rewell Campbell, Dina Marie Carini, Phillip Nicholas Chardon, Jessica Lauren Combs.


Garrett Matthew Hart, Victoria Armstrong Hassid, Jonathan David Hettema, Brian James Horan, Peter Borruoy Huang, Shana Miyeon Hwang.


Rickie Reynell Lazzerini, Summer M. O. Lederer, Peter Ethan Leeb, Christopher David Lilien, Donald David Lovett, Christopher Eric Low, Margarita Rae Lozano, Matthew Collins Lynn.

Anna Louise Martinez, Russell Avery Matheny, Brian Adam Mcclure, Jayme Laryyne Mechur, Jeffrey Maxwell Melnick.

Czir-Angelo Diamante Mendez, Nancy O. Montes, Jamie Elizabeth Morrow, Jennifer M Mundy, Kira Leah Murray.


Jose Conrad Salas, Jessica Marie Salcedo, Monica Isabel Sanchez, Scott Harmon Sanders, Summer Marie Sandhoff, Brett Patrick Sawyer, Lee Charles Schmeier, Katrina Marie Schmid, Elizabeth Rose Sorrentino, Bryan James Soto, James Logan Statler, Shane William Steinback, Jacklyn Rae Strongin.

Vikram Aditya Talwar, George Adam Tokarski, Jennifer Lynne Torres, Ryan Gayle Tubbs, Jay Michael Turner, Christopher Richard Violet, Timothy John Vizthum.

Jeffery James Wagner, Jennifer Patricia Wagner, Ryan Michael Watson, Joshua Marc Weinberg, Keren Weinstein, Chadrick Robert Widfeldt, Jessica Erlinda Woodson, Elizabeth Jean Wright, Adam Byron Zettel.

SUMMER 2004

Another 33 students expect

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What's It Good For?

Another year, another graduating class: I love to observe the intellectual growth of students I first met in the lower-division survey now completing their own historical research projects in our proseminar requirement. Some love it, some hate it, but all remember the prosemin and take away valuable skills from the intense experience of doing original research in ten compressed weeks.

A History B.A. is multifaceted and versatile. Our students first acquire a foundation in U. S. history, Western Civ, and non-western history. Next they take any 10 specialized history courses they choose. In the process they learn much about wars, state formation, revolutions, ethnic identity, public policy, social conflict, gender questions, religion—thematic areas where we are especially strong. They study current historical interpretations in each area and sharpen their brains to sift and evaluate evidence, clearly useful skills for many careers as well as valuable for understanding our modern world.

Then comes the feared prosemin: each and every history major must formulate a workable research topic, locate relevant primary sources and produce a substantial paper. In the process, each becomes an expert on something, however tiny a sliver of history it might be, and gets a taste of how professional historians go about illuminating the world of the past. Parents, inquire about your student’s prosemin project!

And what’s it good for, this B.A. in History?

Some of our majors go to law school; some join the Peace Corps. Some wind up in business and others take staff jobs at institutions like UCSB. Not a few go on to graduate school in History: a recent study of History PhDs nationwide shows that a higher percent of UCSB BAs in History acquired PhDs than any other UC campus aside from Berkeley.

Some of our majors choose government. Ambassador Joseph C. Wilson IV, so much in the news about Iraq lately, is a 1972 UCSB History graduate who joined the diplomatic corps four years after graduation. When he spoke on campus in May 2003 in Campbell Hall, Wilson opened with a joke about his own experience dozing in lectures in that hall some 30 years earlier. So if you have occasionally snoozed there too, students, take heart.

We especially like to hear from our graduates in later years. We start by surveying all of you at the moment of graduation, but we especially enjoy learning what you are doing in later years. Do make it a point to e-mail your favorite professors and let us know how the UCSB History degree has served you over time. In so doing, you will help a future department chair tell a future crop of students and their parents about the History degree and what it’s good for.

Patricia Cohen
Chair
Grad Students Continue Torrid Pace of Honors, Jobs

The banner year History grad students have had with jobs and awards showed no signs of abating this month.

John Shardellati (Logevall) learned that his article on “Boot- ing a Tramp: Charlie Chaplin, the FBI, and the Construction of the Subversive Image in Red Scare America,” written with Tony Shaw, won the Pacific Historical Review’s Louis Knott Koontz Memorial Award for most deserving article to appear in PHR in 2003.

Bianca Murillo (Miescher) was named the first recipient of Graduate Division’s Steck Fellowship, endowed by UCSB alumnus and Foundation trustee Fred Steck in honor of his father. The fellowship provides one year of full financial support.

David Schuster (Furner) received the University of California Humanities Research Institute’s Andrew Vincent White and Florence Wales White Scholarship to write his dissertation.

Mark O’Tool (Farmer) won the Charles T. Wood Dissertation Grant of the Medieval Academy of America and a UCSB Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Pre-Doctoral Fellowship to do research in Paris next year.

Jason Kelly (PhD Guerrini, 2004) has accepted a tenure-track position in modern British history at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

Josh Ashenmiller (Furner) will be a visiting professor of U.S. History at Claremont McKenna College.

Matt Aberman (Badash) presented two papers this quarter. He spoke on “The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI)” at a joint cultural studies conference in San Antonio, then presented “Rationalizing Speculative Science” to the 2nd Annual George Washington University-UCSB Graduate Student Conference on the Cold War.

Class of 2004

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to graduate at the end of Summer session. They are:


Kristin Ann Duarte, Francina Danielle Edmonds, Andrew Robert Feitt, Daniel Del Gerken, Sanam Fateme Gharagozlou, Benjamin Bun-

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Robert Gilman (Plane), Mary Lamond (Lansing), Jon Lemmond (Friesen) Mar Logrono (Humphreys/ Gallagher), Heidi Marx-Wolf (Drake), Jourden Moger (Friesen), Bianca Murillo (Miescher), Ingrid Page (DeHart) and Chris Wright (Humphreys).

In addition, Eric Boyle (Osborne) and Maeve Devoy (Kalman) received fellowships to support one quarter of teaching in Washington, D.C.

Here is a complete list of awards and prizes:

Tom Szigorich (Drake) won the Rick Mayberry Award as outstanding graduate student in any field of history.

Sandra Dawson (Rappaport) and undergraduate Jessica Hutchins shared the Dick Cook Award, named after the founding president of the History Associates and presented to an outstanding student who has performed significant service for the department.

The Robert L. Kelley Memorial Fellowship for the outstanding student in U.S. intellectual history and public policy went to David Schuster (Furner).

The C. Warren Hollister Award for supporting research in European medieval history went to Mark O’Tool (Farmer).

Tanya Stabler (Farmer) won the Esmé Frost Award for research in pre-modern European history.

The Richard and Jeannine Williams Endowed Graduate Fellowship for research support went to Lee Goodwin (Cline).

The Wilbur Jacobs Award for outstanding work in colonial and native American history went to Vanessa Crispin Peralta (Plane).

John Lyons (Rock) received the Philip Powell Award for outstanding work in Latin American and Iberian history.

The Lawrence Badash Prize for best graduate paper in the history of science, medicine or weapons control went to Jason Kelly (Guerrini) for "Archaeology and Enlightenment Natural Philosoophy."

Carolyn Lewis (DeHart) won the J. Bruce Anderson Award for innovative teaching.

The Ellison Prize for the outstanding graduate research paper in 2002-03 was won by Jason Dormady (Cline) for his paper on "Religious Community in Post Revolutionary Mexico."

Undergraduate prizes were also announced.

Thomas Flowers won the Stuart Bernath Prize for the outstanding undergraduate paper of 2002-03, a study of "The 1606 Oath of Allegiance Controversy," written for Prof. McGee.

The History Associates Board Prize for the outstanding Senior Honors Thesis of CONTINUED ON PAGE 6
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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years ago, when she suddenly found herself out of a job with three small children to support.

“When I first came to UCSB in 1990, I was overwhelmed, so I decided to go to work instead,” Monica recalls.

She did well, until a combination of illness and downsizing left her unemployed.

Returning to school after a 12-year absence turned out to be an advantage, she said.

“Being in the work force gave me perspective on the value of a college education,” Monica explains. “I talk to everybody, I read everything, but most of all my own experiences have made what I study so much more real for me.”

She has even found that being a full-time mother and full-time student has its advantages.

“I don’t know if I would have been motivated to do all of this if not for my children,” she says. “I’ve had to learn to make the most of my time at both ends.”

Monica especially liked the department’s preseminars, which train students in conducting research. Instead of the one required for majors, Monica has taken three. For the past two quarters, she has been on the Dean’s honor list.

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

Awards Recognize Student Achievement
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2002-03 went to Mike Peixoto, who wrote on "The Last Templars" for Prof. Lansing.

The Marian and Dean Ramstadt Scholarship to support undergraduate research in European or Asian history went to Joseph Chapel, a student of Prof. Marcuse.

Jason Shattuck won the Nicholas and Lena Dumas Award for best paper on any period of Greek history and culture for his study of the emperor Julian, “Smoking Altar, Burning Bull,” written for Prof. Drake.

Jason was also one of three majors who received cash awards from the History Associates to recognize their selection for membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious scholastic honorary. They other two recipients were Bret Beheim and Noelle Boucquey.