The ‘El Niño’ Class

157 History Majors Take Degrees In Year Of Storms, Record Rainfall

More than 100 seniors will graduate with degrees in History this June, bringing the year’s total to 157 History graduates since last Summer.

The total includes three students who graduated with degrees in History of Public Policy, and one Medieval Studies major.

Six students took MA degrees during the year, and three others took the PhD. An additional nine MA students and 13 PhDs were scheduled to complete their degrees in Spring or Summer.

Four of the graduating seniors were among the 39 students selected by the Santa Barbara chapter of Phi Beta Kappa for admission to the nation’s oldest and most prestigious honor society.

They are Elisabeth Ann Lamkin, Gena Mercadante Merrill, Coreen Scully Rogovin and Tania Melana Stoff.

Here are the names of the graduates, and the quarter in which they graduated.


History of Public Policy: Lucinda Alvarez

Fall 1997: Brennan Baim, Oliver Collins, Michael Day, Michael Hagen, Katherine Harwood, Julie Higbee, Eric Holmes, Eric Lehman, Elizabeth Lindsay, Michael Lowman.

Shannon Magruder, Joanne Molloy, John Morris, Robert Ochoa, Renee Ojeda, Matthew Petersen, Esin Salter, Lia Schraeder, Andy Wells, Joel Wilde, Erik Winston, Timothy Wolter.

Medieval Studies: Heather Meyer.

MA: Lisa Dominguez (Farmer), Beth Nelson (DeHart), David Sand (Furner), Kenneth Tuite (Kallet), Evan Widders (Osborne).

PhD: Erik Ching (Rock), Victor Geraci (Graham).


Barclay Neel, David Perez, Laura Scales, Amy Shavelson, Ellinor Taylor, Brian Tees, Todd Tyner, Andrea Veiga-Ermert, Renee Watson, Erin Wiel.

Top Achievers Share Buchanan Honors

Tania Maync and John Coleman have been selected to share the Buchanan Award as outstanding graduating Senior in History. They will be honored at the annual Awards Ceremony at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, in the IHC McCune Room, 6020 HSSB.

The two awardees came to the study of History after beginning entirely different careers. Coleman first worked as a professional journalist, and Maync studied languages before turning to History.

“They show the amazing diversity of our department,” Awards Committee Chair Nancy Allagher said. “They could not be more different though both are outstanding, and we think the audience will enjoy the presentations of such excellent students.”

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The UCSB History Associates will give away more than $45,000 to students this year, more than double last year’s $21,000, which was also a record.

“This represents hard work by a lot of people,” Associates’ President Karen Anderson said. “It’s a little dazzling to think that we only gave our first awards in 1989, and those were for $600!”

An increased challenge grant of $8,000 from JoBeth and Don Van Gelderen helped create this record amount, Anderson noted, as well as a major gift of $15,000 from Emeritus Prof. Stephen Hay.

Combined with the interest from endowed awards, the Associates’ gifts bring the total dollar amount of student awards this year to more than $50,000.

“That is almost half the total amount that the Department has to award in its own funds,” History Chair Hal Drake pointed out. “The Associates are now a major reason for the excellence of our program.”

Drake pointed to two new Associates awards that significantly benefit the entire Department. The UC-D CFellowship, created
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MA: Dot Brovarney (Kalman). PhD: David Espinosa (Rock/Cline).


Adrienne Earl, Jeffrey El-Bour, Katherine Gavaldon, Francisco Gonzales, Andrea Grosso, Michael Guigliano, Gregory Guzman, Michael Hanrieder, Alison Hanscom, Justin Harrison, Adam Hatches, Chad Hayden, Andrew Epenstall, Alberto Herreria, Kristin Hilmo, Jason Hitt, Stacey Hoffman, Will Hutcheson.

NO SENIOR WROTE THIS!

THIS MONTH'S WINNING blooper comes from a History 4B exam read by Tryntje Helfferich: "... all people are sinners and should pay for their sins not with money, but with personal sacrifice. Some would wear hair shirts and even practice flatulation."

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A associates Schedule W ine C ountry Tour to E nd A ctive 1997-98 Y ear

The UCSB History Associates will end their 1997-98 season with a bang — the bang of popping corks. On May 30, members and friends will head for the Santa Barbara Wine Country for a special tour. This long-awaited event will mark the publication of Aged in Oak: The Story of the Santa Barbara Wine Industry, a project of the History Department’s Graduate Program in Public History. Several students and faculty, led by now-emeritus Prof. Otis Graham, researched and wrote this look at the pioneers of what has become one of the major industries in Santa Barbara County.

Ceremony Honors Award Winners

Both students plan to continue studying History at the graduate level. Coleman has already been admitted to UCSB and will work on modern French history with Prof. Ken Mouro. Mays is still weighing her options and plans to send off applications in the Fall.

Also being honored are winners for the best graduate and undergraduate papers of 1996-97, admittees to Phi Beta Kappa, the outstanding graduate student and best research projects in pre-modern European history.

Tim Oloyo won the Stuart Bernath Award for best undergraduate paper in a one-quarter class for his paper on “Patriotism and the War in the Arravites,” written for Prof. Carl Harris. And Ken Osgood won the E. Ilson Prize for best graduate paper for “Sputnik Reconsidered: Nativism, Security and the Formation of the U.S. Outer Space Policy,” written for Prof. Fred Logevall.

Osgood also won the J. Bruce Anderson Award as outstanding teaching assistant. Osgood was one of two “lead TAs” for the department this year.

New this year is the History Associates Board Prize for best paper in the Senior Honors Seminar. The recipient is Jeff Brax, who wrote on “The Blitz in World War II” for Prof. Logevall.

Karen Ditzler won the D. A. R. Scholarship of the Mission Canyon Council to support her study of the International Monetary Fund, supervised by Prof. Elliot Brownlee.

Andy Johns, another Logevall student, won the Richard Mayberry Award as the outstanding graduate student.

The Esmé Frost Award for research in ancient, medieval or early modern European history went to David Tipton, who is writing on the “culture wars” of the fourth century A.D. for Prof. Hal Drake, and Susan Snyder, who is studying gender and popular religion in medieval Bologna with Prof. Carol Lansing.

The Santa Barbara Vintners’ Association funded publication of the book. As Graham notes, “You can certainly say that the field work on this project was a special pleasure — hard work, but somebody had to do it.”

Associates and friends will ride on a motor coach to the Santa Ynez Valley for lunch at Buttonwood Winery. Wine tasting will follow, along with a talk by Victor Geraci, a 1997 History Ph.D. (and recipient of a History Associates Graduate Fellowship) and one of the authors of Aged in Oak. Geraci’s dissertation on the Santa Barbara County wine industry was inspired by the group project, and his deep knowledge of the region will yield some fascinating insights.

Following the talk, participants will board the bus again for a guided tour through the Santa Ynez Valley, with another stop at Zaca Mesa Winery for a tour and tasting. A designated driver will be provided for the trip back to Santa Barbara!

For reservations ($28 members, $30 non-members), phone (805) 893-4388.

Alum Williams Endows Grad Fellowship

When comedian Jay Leno recently told a “Tonight Show” audience that “businesses are so desperate for workers, today somebody actually hired a history major,” one of his viewers did not laugh.

Instead, Dick Williams, a 1959 UCSB grad, reached for his checkbook.

“I have been in business 35 years, and I’ve hired many people,” he said recently. “I’ve learned to look for Liberal Arts majors like History and English, because people with those degrees know how to think.”

As proof, he points to his son, Clinton, who graduated from UCSB with a history degree in 1993 and did so well in tests and interviews that he was immediately hired by a major investment firm.

Having been a History major himself, Williams knew something else:

“Nobody gives money to study History. I decided to change that.”

The result was the Richard A. Williams Endowment Scholarship, which was immediately funded to the tune of $50,000. When Williams graduated in 1959, he noted, “nobody had to do it.”

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It was the proverbial “good news, bad news” for Asst. Prof. H yung Il P ai. First she learned that she had won a coveted Regents’ Junior Faculty Fellowship award for her study of the politics of historical preservation in Korea, then she learned she was no longer eligible because she had just been promoted to Associate Professor!

All turned out well, however. Her award was converted to a Regents’ Humanities Faculty Fellowship, for which tenured faculty are eligible.

J ane D ehart was honored by the Women’s Studies Program and University of North Carolina-Greensboro last month on the occasion of the program’s 25th anniversary. She was founding chair of the program.

S ears M cG ee was elected to a two-year term as President of the Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies at its annual meeting in Long Beach.

A nita G uerrini has been awarded a two-year research grant from the National Science Foundation to work on her project “Animals and Public Anatomy in Early Modern Europe.”

V ic G erasi (PhD 1998, Graham), has been appointed to a tenure-track position at Central Connecticut State College in New Britain, Conn.

A licia R odriquez (PhD 1998, Harriss) has accepted a tenure-track job teaching 19th Century U.S. History at CSU Bakersfield.

A lex F avros, who entered the graduate program this year to work with Prof. Zaragosa Vargas, has received a Graduate Opportunity Fellowship for 1998-99.

Two History grad students have been selected to receive Graduate Student Research Assistantships from the Graduate Division. K athryn S tatler (Logevall) and B etsy H omsher (Cohen) are both former winners of History Associates Fellowships.

Two other students have won highly competitive Fulbright awards for 1998-99: Nancy S tockdale (Gallaher) will study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and T rynitte H elfrich (Sonnino) will travel to Germany to research her dissertation on the Thirty Years’ War.

Two Book C lub G rab Cohen’s Helen J ewhett

Prof. P at C ohen’s gripping story of a sensational murder in the 1830s, subject of a talk to the History Associates several years ago, will be available in book form in August, when Alfred A. Knopf publishes The Murder of Helen J ewett: The Life and Death of a Prostitute in Nineteenth-Century New York.

The book has been selected as an alternate by both the Book-of-the-Month Club and the History Book Club.

Prof. Cohen, who has been serving as Acting Dean of the division of Humanities and Fine Arts since 1996, will fly to Augusta, Maine, in the Fall to deliver the book in the town where Helen J ewett grew up.

Earlier this year, her co-authored American history textbook, The American Promise, was published by Bedford/St. Martin’s Press.

A leading scholar in early American history and the history of American women, Prof. Cohen has been at UCSB since 1976.

Her first book, A Calculating People: The Spread of Numeracy in Early America (Chicago, 1982), was greeted with highly favorable reviews.

K OED WINS SENATE HISTORIAN NOD
B etty K oed, a 1992 History Associates Fellowship recipient, has been selected following a grueling national competition for the post of Assistant U.S. Senate Historian.

Koed entered UCSB’s graduate program as a student of the late Robert Kelley.

Her doctoral dissertation, The Politics of Reform: Policymakers and the Immigration Act of 1965 was written for Prof. Otis Graham, with whom she also co-authored several articles.

“Whatever made Otis a wonderful mentor,” Betty said recently, “was that no matter how much of his own work he needed done, he always said to me, ‘Never forget that your work comes first!’”

HISTORIAN NOD ADMINISTRATION SUMMONS RYAN
B arry R yan (PhD Friesen, 1987) didn’t have enough to do with two jobs, so he took on one more.

Ryan, who took a law degree from Boalt Hall in Berkeley after completing his PhD, has been doubling as professor of History and Political Science and head of the pre-law program at Point Loma Nazarene College.

Last month, he was selected to serve as Vice President for University Relations for the 2,500-student college, located on San Diego’s Point Loma peninsula.

In his new post, Ryan will supervise admissions and community relations, and also serve as assistant and counsel to the President.

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History Sweeps Senate Teaching Awards!

History swept this year’s Distinguished Teaching awards, winning honors for Outstanding Teacher and Outstanding Teaching Assistant in the Humanities and Fine Arts.

Asst. Prof. Fredrik Logevall was named to receive the faculty award, and Dennis Ventry was named to receive the graduate student award.

Prof. Logevall, whose lecture courses on American foreign policy and the Vietnam war draw up to 300 students a term, was recognized for uniformly strong teaching at the graduate and undergraduate level.

"Already back in 1992 and 1993, his undergraduate courses were garnering student ratings consistently above department norms," said Prof. Tsyoshi Hasegawa, who is a co-founder with Prof. Logevall of the Cold War History Group (COWHIG). "Not a few of his colleagues have been simply astonished at his ability."

Another COWHIG member, Prof. Lawrence Badash, referred to Prof. Logevall as "a brilliant scholar" whose forthcoming book has already received "the highest praise."

Ventry, the Outstanding TA winner, was identified by his mentor, Prof. Elliot Brownlee, as "one of the two or three best PhD students I have worked with at UCSB over the last 30 years."

Both he and Prof. Laura Kalman praised Ventry's skill at asking the kind of questions that prompt student thinking and lively discussion.

"Ventry's questions about the reading were, quite simply, stunning—searching and engaging," Prof. Kalman said.

Ventry, who is currently in Washington, D.C., conducting research for his dissertation on the federal "earned income tax credit" (EITC), said that his award acknowledges "the commitment to teaching which pervades our D department."

"Any one of a dozen or so TAs could have won the award," he said. "I draw my inspiration from their creative and lively teaching methods, as well as from the example provided us by our high-ranking academic superiors."

"It is no surprise that 1997-98 saw the impressive placement of UCSB history Ph.D.s—the department breeds educators par excellence."

Prof. Brownlee said he new Ventry would be an outstanding teacher even before he served as a teaching assistant because of his ability to write and speak about fiscal policy "with force, excitement and attention to concrete social reality."

Associates Give Away Record Amount

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Grads ased this year, provides a supplement for History graduate students selected to TA in the Washington, D.C. program.

"Previously, we had to use TA resources for this purpose," D rae explained. "Now we can award more TAships on campus, and that benefits both our graduate and our undergraduate students."

This year's U of D Fellows were D ennis Ventry (Brownlee), Kathyrn Statler (Logevall) and Theresa N eumann (McGee/Guerini).

The second new award is a History Associates readership, tentatively scheduled to begin next Fall. This award, D rae said, will be targeted to MA students who have fewer opportunities for D department support, and at the same time will help faculty and undergraduates.

Heather Keaney (Humphreys) and Nancy Stovall (McCune) will receive Associates fellowship for travel to archives.

The Dick Cook Award for outstanding service will go to two students, Monica Orosco (Cline) and Victoria Linton, a graduating senior who has served this year as president of the Phi Alpha Theta honor society.

The Robert K. Elley Prize to the outstanding graduate student in U.S. Intellectual, Public Policy and Public History will be awarded to Ken Osgood (Logevall) and Bev Schwartzberg (Cohen).

Kevin Chambers (Rock) will receive the Philip W. Powell Award as the outstanding graduate student in Latin American and Iberian history.
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Alum Williams Endows Grant

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“This new fellowship meets a real need, and it could not have come at a better time,” said History Chair Hal Drake, who said it will probably be used for graduate recruitment.

“We are getting applications from top-flight students in record numbers, and we just do not have the resources to compete with Ivy League schools.”

A Senior Associate with Mississippi Valley Advisers, a major money management firm, W. Williams now makes his home in St. Louis.

COWHIG Meeting

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Kimber Quinney discussed the American involvement in efforts to combat Communist influence in Italy from 1947-1948; Jennifer See analyzed the Kennedy Administration’s actions and policies during the Berlin crisis of 1961, and Ken Osgood, in addition to his work as a conference coordinator and barbecue expert, presented an explanation of the Eisenhower Administration’s use of psychological warfare in the Cold War.

In addition, UCSB Profs. Tsuyoshi Hasegawa and Harold Marcuse commented on papers, and conference chair Fred Logevall led a faculty roundtable discussion on the relationship between foreign policy and domestic politics.

Prof. H.W. Brands (Texas A&M), one of the foremost and most prolific diplomatic historians in the country, delivered the conference’s keynote address, “A Complete History of the Cold War.”

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(Badash), Ilisa Horowitz (Cohen), Marisol Moreno (Garcia), Jennifer See (Logevall), Shannon Venable (Lansing), Ben Zuleta (Badash).

PhD: Robert Bauman (Kalman), Brad Brown (Talbott), Gaston Espinosa (Garcia), Valery Garrett (Graham), Walter Grunden (Roberts), Betty Koed (Graham), Alan Manatt (Friesen), Debbie McBride (Russell), Bill McGowan (Brownlee), Ron Morgan (Cline), Alicia Rodriguez (Arris), Brett Schmoll (Bergstrom), Lynne Stark (Badash).