

History Still Dominates Teaching



Biologist Thomas Even (center) of the Academic Senate's Council on Effective Teaching congratulates History TAs Ingrid Page and Joe Campo on their awards, which were announced at a History department faculty meeting.

Joe Campo and Ingrid Page Win TA Honors; Hal Drake Garners Graduate Mentor Nod

TWO HISTORY GRAD students have won this year's Outstanding Teaching Assistant awards, and Prof. Hal Drake was honored with a new Outstanding Graduate Mentor prize.

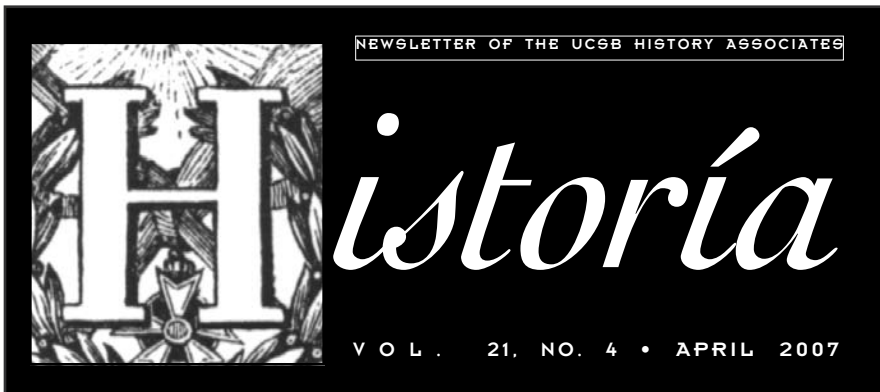
Ingrid Page (Spickard) and Joe Campo (Marcuse) were announced as winners of the TA prize at a department meeting last month. They bring to 10 the number of History grad students since 1998 who have captured this prize, which is given by the Academic Senate's Committee on Effective Teaching.

In presenting the awards, Dr Thomas Even praised both grad students for their teaching accomplishments.

"The consensus is that Ingrid is well-organized, energetic, and sympathetic to students without being a pushover," he said. "Her teaching evaluations are both exemplary and consistent in both small and large courses.

"Many students count the time spent with her among the most meaningful of their experience at UCSB."

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FORGET 300; THINK 10,000!

THE 300 SPARTANS whose exploits at Thermopylae currently are fascinating movie goers have nothing on the 10,000 Greeks who fought their way home from the heart of the Persian empire a century later.

Except that most of those Greeks lived.

How they did it—foraging for food, finding shelter and maintaining morale while also fighting the Persian army over a year-long, thousand-mile trek—will be the subject of Prof. John Lee's luncheon lecture to the UCSB History Associates on Thursday, April 19.

The meeting will be held at Zaffiro Restaurant in the Camino Real Marketplace, Goleta.

The march of the 10,000, chronicled by the Athenian Xenophon who was one of their number, is the subject of Prof. Lee's

book, *A Greek Army on the March: Soldiers and Survival in Xenophon's Anabasis*, which is being published by Cambridge University Press.

Although this 4th century BC war has fascinated scholars for millennia, Prof. Lee is the first to try to reconstruct the life of the common soldier.

Using archaeological and ethnographic material to supplement Xenophon's account, Prof. Lee has uncovered important roles played by slaves and women as the army fought its way home.

Recently tenured, Prof. Lee has won major teaching awards since coming to UCSB in 1999.

Reservations for the event, at \$20 for members and \$22 for non-members, can be made through the UCSB Office of Community Affairs at (805) 893-4388.



Statue of a Spartan hoplite soldier

Profs Call For Policy On Pension Reforms

PROBLEMS WITH Social Security are real, but there is no "crisis," two UCSB historians agreed last month.

Speaking at a forum co-sponsored by the UCSB Affiliates and the History Associates, Profs. Nelson Lichtenstein and Alice O'Connor agreed that the idea Social Security was in crisis was primarily a product of political and ideological currents of the past two decades.

"The dynamic of Social Security reform from the 1930s to the 1980s was to expand the system, bring more people in, and provide better benefits," Prof. O'Connor said.

Since the 1980s, however, the whole concept of public assistance has been under attack, and alarmism based on the argument that "reform" must take place immediately has frequently distorted the picture.

Both professors also agreed that genuine reform will have to involve private as well as public pension systems.

More than 700 private pension funds have collapsed in the

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History Holds On To Teaching Crown

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Turning to Campo, Dr. Even said, "Joe runs well thought out and planned discussion sections but is not afraid to improvise when the situation warrants it.

"His teaching evaluations were absolutely stellar. Students praised his teaching prowess and it was clear that he enjoyed his interactions with students and truly cared about their success.

"One student stated, 'I wouldn't be surprised if he got the TA of the year award.' Well guess what Joe—you did!"

In addition to her mentor, Page thanked the other members of her doctoral committee--Profs. Sarah Cline, John Majewski and Mario Garcia.

Campo, who is serving as one of the department's lead TA's this year, said that he has always "made it a point to make the classroom experience memorable as opposed to routine."

The new Outstanding Graduate Mentor award was created by the Academic Senate's Graduate Council last year "to encourage and reward excel-

lence in mentoring graduate students."

Nominees are judged, among other things, by their the extent to which they promote "a climate that stimulates intellectual growth and critical thinking."

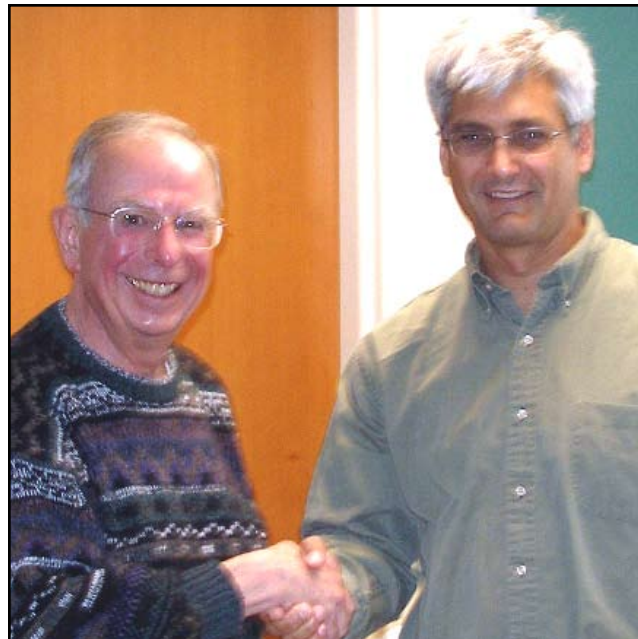
Prof. Stuart Sweeney of the department of Geography, who presented the award to Prof. Drake, praised the History department's graduate program for its overall excellence.

"On Grad Council, we refer to this department as 'the award-winning History department,'" he said.

The letters submitted for this award, he said, "were so good I flirted with the idea of resigning my appointment in Geography to become a grad student in History."

In accepting the award, Prof. Drake said, "I regard this award as coming to the whole department," he said. "Anyone here could win this award. But I'm still glad it was me."

He said that the prize money "is going straight into the new History Graduate Student Endowment."



Geography Prof. Stuart Sweeney (r.) congratulates Prof. Hal Drake.

Chapman Urges Flexibility On Nukes

NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION has already happened and there is no way to stop the trend, Dr. Jessica Chapman told the UCSB History Associates at a joint meeting with the UCSB Affiliates in February.

Her pessimistic assessment followed a review of efforts at nuclear arms control dating back to the 1960s, when successful nuclear tests by France and China led to the Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1968.

Subsequently, both India and Pakistan gained nuclear technology, and it has been an open secret that the Israelis also possess nuclear weapons, she said.

Still, the nuclear programs of Iran and North Korea pose special problems, Dr. Chapman said.

North Korea's missile test last July has destabilized East Asian security, she said, and started Japanese talking about the need to re-militarize.

Iran's threat grows out of its ideological goal of spreading Islamic revolution, and the prestige it has gained in the Muslim world for refusing to back down on nuclear development.

Dr. Chapman, who did her PhD on South Vietnam and currently serves as executive director of UCSB's Cold War Studies Center, said that diplomacy holds the best prospect for peaceful resolution of the conflict with both countries.

"We need to ask what is motivating North Korea and Iran," she said. "From their point of view, a nuclear program gives them a very good bargaining chip."

Pointing out that President

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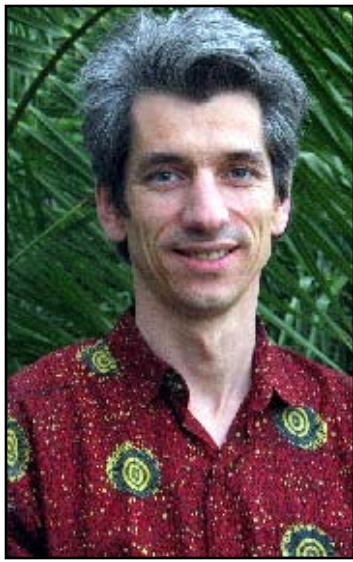
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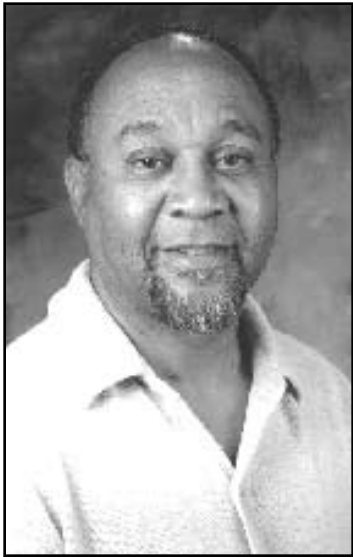
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Prof. Stephan Miescher



Prof. Anita Guerrini



Prof. Douglas Daniels



Prof. Salim Yaqub

Historians Win Grants

FOUR HISTORY faculty have won prestigious extra-mural grants for 2007-08.

Profs. Anita Guerrini and Stephan Miescher have been awarded prized UC President's Fellowships in the Humanities for 1007-08.

Prof. Salim Yaqub received a fellowship to the Wilson Center in Washington, DC, for his project on "Imperfect Strangers: Americans and Arabs in the 1970s."

And Prof. Douglas Daniels has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to Japan.

Prof. Daniels' fellowship is for Fall 2007, during which time he will conduct research on the history of jazz and Black

music culture in Japan. He will also deliver lectures on the same subject at Yokohama City University

Prof. Guerrini's project is titled "The Courtiers' Anatomists: Animals and Humans in Louis XIV's Paris."

Prof. Miescher will study "Akosombo Stories: The Volta River Project, Modernity, and Nationhood in Ghana." His project also will be supported by a fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS).

Prof. Guerrini has also received additional funding—a Franklin Grant from the American Philosophical Society to conduct research in Paris.

Late Ancient Historians Set the Pace at Conference

UCSB WAS WELL-represented at the seventh biennial meeting of the Society for Late Antiquity in Boulder, March 22-25, with five papers by current and former faculty and grad students.

This amounted to more than 10 per cent of the papers presented during the four-day meeting.

Prof. Beth Digeser spoke on "Ritual, Philosophical Religion and Power," and Prof. Hal Drake on "Solar Power in Late Antiquity."

Heidi Marx-Wolf (Drake) gave a paper on "The Power of Demons in Intellectual Discourse and Social Practice," and Jacob Latham (Religious Studies) spoke on "Inventing

Christian Rome: Ritual under Gregory I."

Justin Stephens (PhD 2001 Drake) spoke on "Religion and Power in the Early Thought of John Chrysostom." He is currently assistant professor of History at the University of West Georgia.

Meanwhile, Michael Blodgett (Drake) showed UCSB's colors at the Southwestern Social Sciences Association conference in Albuquerque, where he spoke on "Attila and the Gallic Campaign of 450."

Blodgett also gave a paper on "Heraclius, Nomadic-Urban Interactions and the Roman Abandonment of Syria" at the second UCLA Conference on Late Antiquity on March 28.

Faculty Present Papers On Castes, Jewish Lawyers

PROF. SARAH CLINE presented a paper on "Guadalupe and the Castes: Painting Race and Identity in Colonial Mexico" at the January meeting of the Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies (RMCLAS) in Santa Fe.

Meanwhile, Prof. Jane DeHart and her student Leandra Zarnow presented papers on Jewish women lawyers at a

conference on Jewish Women in Postwar America at NYU in February.

Prof. DeHart spoke on Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Zarnow spoke on Bella Abzug. The title of their session was "Courting Change."

Grad Wins Best Article Prize

JOSH ASHENMILLER (PhD 2004 Furner) has won the annual James Madison prize awarded by the Society for History of the Federal Government for his article on the Alaska Pipeline Controversy, published in the *Pacific Historical Review*.

The prize is awarded for an outstanding contribution to the history of the federal government.

Winner of the Academic Senate's Outstanding TA award while here, Josh currently teaches at Fullerton College.

Lansing Named President-Elect

PROF. CAROL LANSING has been named President-Elect of the Society for Italian Historical Studies, which meets annually with the AHA and awards prizes for books on Italian history.

As part of her busy schedule, she will read papers at St. Andrews in Scotland in June and at Oxford in September.

From January to July 2008 she will be a visiting professor at Villa I Tatti in Florence.

President's Corner

Wonderful Gifts

History Associates' fund raising this year has been particularly successful, with many contributors and a wonderful boost from long time supporter Jo Beth Van Gelderen, who seeded a special Graduate Endowment fund with \$10,000. When an alumnus generously pledged \$20,000 to the fund, she immediately added another \$10,000 to match it. Others also contributed, bringing the total to over \$41,000.

Contributions to other funds added up to \$22,300, and the Graduate Division supplied a match of \$20,000.



History Department professors are essential to the success of the History Associates, serving on the Board, donating money, and giving public lectures without pay.

Hal Drake and Sears McGee have provided essential leadership for many years. John Majewski is currently serving on the Board beside emeritus Profs. Robert Collins and Richard Oglesby, both long-time Board members.

Lecturers this year, as readers of *Historia* will know, included Profs. Erika Rappaport, Alice O'Connor, Nelson Lichtenstein and (this month) John Lee.

Thanks to the generosity in time and money of those mentioned and many more not mentioned, the History Associates will be able to give financial support to many fortunate and deserving students at the May 16 awards ceremony.

Please join us and share in the pleasure of donor and recipient at 3:30 in the McCune Conference Room, HSSB 6020, with reception to follow in HSSB 4020.

Barbara Lindemann
President

PBS' "American Experience"

Focuses on UCSB Study

A PBS PROGRAM based on the book of a recent UCSB History grad was scheduled to air early this month.

"Sister Aimee," an episode on PBS's "American Experience" program, was based on *Aimee Semple McPherson and the Resurrection of Christian America*, by Matt Sutton (PhD 2005 DeHart).

It was set to air at 9 p.m. on

April 2. Matt, who currently teaches at Oakland University in Rochester, NY, was due to be interviewed the same day on NPR's Morning Edition.

The book, released this month by Harvard University Press, is based on Matt's doctoral dissertation, a study of the role this evangelical leader of the 1920s played in revitalizing conservative Protestantism.

Job Market Heats Up For History Grads

JOB OFFERS HAVE started coming in for History PhD students, with five new positions accepted last term.

Jason Dormady (Cline) took a tenure-track job at Stephen F. Austin University, part of the Texas state university system.

Tryntje Helfferich (PhD Sonnino 2003) accepted a tenure-track position in early modern European history at Ohio State University, Lima.

Sauna Huffaker (Hum-

phreys) was chosen for a tenure-track position in Middle Eastern history at the University of Windsor (Canada).

Mar Logrono (Gallagher) accepted a position at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, part of the North Carolina State University system.

Yuriy Malikov (Hasegawa) took a tenure-track position in Russian and Central Asian history at the State University of New York, Oneonta.

Internship Leads to ABC-Klio Post

A PUBLIC HISTORY internship has turned into an editorial position at ABC-Klio for James Sherman (Lichtenstein).

James was recently appointed Manager of Editorial Development for American History by the Goleta-based

firm, which publishes several bibliographic databases. In his new position, James will be in charge of the American history content for their social studies website that is subscribed to by over 1700 schools across the country, as well as developing reference books in American history.

He began working at ABC-Klio 1-1/2 years ago on an internship arranged by Prof. Randy Bergstrom, who directs the Public History program.

Pensions

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past five years, Prof. Lichtenstein said, and many more have been frozen.

This process has allowed companies to shift their pension obligations to the Federal Pension Guarantee Fund, which is now \$25 billion in deficit.

"This has been great for those businesses," he said. "But it amounts to an indirect public subsidy of private plans."

If bankruptcy laws were changed so that companies would be forced to honor their obligations to their employees, this "dumping of obligations" would end, he predicted.

This change, he said, would also lead to a broader approach to pension policy that would wind up strengthening Social Security.

In a relatively short while, he predicted, "private pensions would disappear."

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

If you are a grad trying to get in touch with an old classmate, or a community member or alum with an article or story, why not drop us a line?

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Grads Rack Up Awards

THREE HISTORY grad students have landed extra-mural grants and positions for 2007-08.

Rudy Guevarra (Vargas) was awarded a two-year UC Berkeley Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship to revise his dissertation on "Mexipino: A History of Multiethnic Identity and the Formation of the Mexican and Filipino Communities of San Diego, 1900-1965." Rudi will take up residence at Berkeley after filing his dissertation at the end of this quarter.

Sarah Griffith (Spickard) has been awarded the Donald J. Sterling, Jr., Graduate Fellowship by the Oregon Historical Society for 2007. Awarded through national competition, the fellowship provides four weeks of residency in the Oregon Historical Society Research Library, which she will use to explore the Chinese community in Portland. Sarah previously received a grant from the UC Labor and Employment Research Fund for other aspects of her dissertation project on 19th century Chinese immigrants.

Travis Moger (Friesen, McGee), currently instructor of history at Patrick Henry College in Virginia, has been awarded a summer research fellowship from the Institute of European History in Mainz.

Nuclear Club

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Bush's famous "axis of evil" speech and recent belligerent actions have given both regimes reason to feel insecure, Dr. Chapman said that diplomacy provided more options than "brinkmanship."

They're History!



The 'We're History' players: standing, l. to r., Nathan Perry, Kari Mansager, Colleen Ho, Amy Keller, Matt Logsdon, Joe Campo, Tunji Onikoyi, Ben Wong, Ramzy Shayib; kneeling: Bethanie Petersen, Beth Tompkins and Sarah Griffith. Not pictured: Tim Daniels and Angie Leyva.

History Grad Students Apply Their Rigorous Training to Team Sport

BY NATHAN PERRY

YOU MAY HAVE asked yourself at some point why there is seldom a sports section to be found in the pages of *Historia*.

An answer to this question was probably not hard to find, since those in the History department are often busy performing feats of academic excellence rather than athletic ones.

It is in this assumption, however, where you would be wrong.

Many of the same academicians who tread the halls of HSSB can also be found weekly on the soccer fields, keeping pace with the same students who attend their classes.

Bearing the ominous (and slightly ironic) name "We're History," a coed intramural soccer team was started last Fall among several graduate students in the department, with the aim of fun, exercise, and collegialism.

In the spirit of interdisciplinarianism, they were joined

by some graduate students from Chemical Engineering, UCSB staff, as well as some from outside academia, to form a team whose average age is considerably higher than their undergraduate opponents.

Among the more familiar names, at Right Back, we have Bethanie Petersen (Farmer), whose sprinting ability is a constant source of consternation to the other teams.

Tim Daniels (McGee) alternates in the Stopper position.

Colleen Ho (Lansing) moves easily from Left Back to mid-field.

Sarah Griffith (Spickard), our rookie of the year, swiftly darts past opposing players to somehow always be in the correct position.

Joe "the Berlin Wall" Campo (Marcuse), dominates as goalkeeper, striking fear into the hearts of those who dare

When not fouling out on the soccer field, Nathan 'The Penalty King' Perry studies early modern British history with Prof. Sears McGee.

enter the goal box.

And Nathan Perry (McGee), who somehow manages to get at least two penalties called against him every game at midfield.

If you are interested in watching some of your colleagues prove their worth in a non-academic environment, or if you're interested in playing yourself, feel free to talk to one of the above-mentioned players.

Other players include Ben Wong, Ramzy Shayib, Adetunji Onikoyi (Chem-E), Kari Mansager (Women's Center), Angie Leyva (Financial Aid), Amy Keller, Matt Logsdon, and Beth Tompkins.

Although our record lags somewhat behind the level of achievement set by the department, we have pulled out some victories, which is quite an accomplishment considering some of our players have never played before.

Having become known as "that team of TAs," we enjoy showing those undergrads that we are not all about books.

Most importantly, we always manage to have a good time.

Ready to Join?

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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Prof. Paul Sonnino gives bedside interview at Cottage Hospital.

Sonnino Death Plot?

NO NEED TO ASK where Paul Sonnino was this time. *Historia's* intrepid traveller was brought down by a perforated ulcer after watching UCLA's basketball victory over USC on Feb. 7. After viewing CAT scans, doctors gave Prof. Sonnino about two hours to live and rushed him into surgery.

Prof. Sonnino, of course, had a slightly different version of the story.

He insists that the brush with death was the latest attempt of his nemesis, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Historiography — the same group that kidnapped him in 2005 (see *Historia*, March, 2005).

An agent of the Popular Front poisoned him at a sushi bar in Goleta, he claimed, as he was having dinner with a sleezy Italian informer who had promised him secret

information on the plans of the Popular Front to require all students to swear allegiance to Foucault in order to pass their courses.

"It was quite an experience," Prof. Sonnino said. "Kind of like passing the midterm in Dying 4B. I behaved like I was facing death with equanimity, just as I normally do whenever I go to department meetings.

"I hope I do as well on the final," Prof. Sonnino said.

"But it doesn't matter, because if I die, my latest student, the brilliant Jay P(******) will carry on the good fight and the Popular Front will not get him, because they will never figure out how to spell his last name."



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