

## HOLLISTER TAKES HISTORY ASSOCIATES TO OZ

# The Wizard of Oz

On Sunday, December 8, the History Associates and their guests will be able to take a trip to Oz – and back, of course. Oz expert and history professor emeritus Warren Hollister will lead us through the imagination of L. Frank Baum, author of the 1900 book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, basis of the immensely popular 1939 movie which, among other things, brought Judy Garland to stardom.

Professor Hollister's talk will be accompanied by

brunch and followed at 2 PM by a performance of the stage musical *The Wizard of Oz* by the Santa Barbara Civic Light Opera at the Granada Theater. The brunch and talk will take place in the beautiful surroundings of the Karpeles Manuscript Library on 21 West Anapamu, only a short walk from the theater. On special exhibit will be Oz items from the Karpeles collection as well as from Professor Hollister's own extensive collection of Oz memorabilia (can we call it "Oziana"?). Professor Hollister's collection has special meaning since it survived the Painted Cave Fire, although the Hollister residence did not.

Warren Hollister is almost as well known as an Oz enthusiast as he is as a historian of medieval Europe. His several books and articles particularly explore the era surrounding the Norman conquest of England in 1066. He has also written several successful textbooks. Students know him as a witty and dynamic lecturer; who can forget his rendering of "There is nothing like a dome" in History 4B (accompanying a discussion of the Florentine Duomo)?

His talk to the Associates, "The Wizard's Wizard: L. Frank Baum and Oz," will focus on Oz before Hollywood and stage, and on Frank Baum, its creator, who remains a mysterious figure to even the most devoted Oz-o-philis. This promises to be a very special event, an appropriate prelude to the holiday season.

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### Marsano Gives Background to Irish Crisis

On November 19, Dr. Viviana Marsano discussed the Home Rule crisis of 1912-1914 in terms of its impact on the present crisis in Ireland. Dr. Marsano, a recent Ph.D. with Alfred Gollin, gave her talk to the History Associates and friends at a special luncheon meeting at Andria's Harborside Restaurant in Santa Barbara. Her talk, titled "Those Who Wish for Peace Must Prepare for War: the Home Rule Crisis of 1912-1914 and the Conflict in Ireland," explained the Home Rule crisis as a constitutional crisis which put in danger the very basis of British government. "Home Rule," that is, self-rule for an Ireland independent of Great Britain, had been proposed to the British Parliament twice before and had been defeated. The third Home Rule Bill in 1912 provoked violent emotions on both sides. It passed a bitterly divided House of

Commons and immediately led to outraged reactions by Unionists – those wishing to preserve the union of Britain and Ireland – in both countries. Reaction soon led to violence, a violence which has never since been entirely absent from Irish politics.

Dr. Marsano's talk vividly evoked those troubled times and linked them to the present. A native of Argentina, Dr. Marsano is a lecturer in the UCSB History Department, where she teaches modern British history.

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## FROM THE CHAIR

The rhythm of academic life makes Fall Quarter a busy and productive time. Many of us, after being away from teaching for the summer, enjoy the quickening pace of the new academic year. The end of Fall Quarter, corresponding with winter celebrations, is often a time of reflection for me. This is my second Fall Quarter as chair, so I'm taking the time to see what's changed since this time last year.

We moved to the Humanities and Social Sciences Building, taking up two full floors of the Arcade Wing, and setting up the main Department office in the Tower Wing. We luckily left a forwarding address in Ellison Hall—one emeritus hadn't heard we'd moved and showed up to find the fourth floor deserted!

We staved off Harvard's bid to lure Laura Kalman to one of those unpicturesque full professor's offices in Robinson Hall, and she now enjoys her view of the lagoon from the Humanities and Social Sciences building. But as chair of the newly constituted Colloquium Committee she's bringing other high flyers to Santa Barbara (Arno Mayer, Joyce Appleby, and Patricia Nelson Limerick) to sip sherry.

And Zaragoza Vargas said "Goodbye, Columbus", leaving Ohio State to return to UCSB.

Our Latin American search of last year was successful. Our new colleague, Cecilia Mendez, is taking a post-doctoral year at Yale. Cecilia aced her dissertation defense this summer at SUNY Stony Brook, and will have another year of hot summers and cold winters before she takes up her teaching duties next fall.

Cecilia follows the pattern set by newly-arrived assistant professor of U.S. Public Policy, Alice O'Connor, who took a post-doctoral fellowship at the Russell Sage Foundation before joining us this Fall Quarter. Alice, an East Coast person like myself, is puzzling out what constitutes seasons in Santa Barbara (I'm still working on that one!), but has hit the ground running teaching public policy courses.

Jonathan Glickstein is our newest associate professor, promoted to tenure last spring.

Some of our graduate students, such as Dave Schmidt (McGee) and Fernando Rocchi (Rock) are preparing to leave us for academic teaching positions. Many others already have lined up job interviews for the American Historical Association meetings in New York. The Modern Britain Search Committee prepares to trek off to the AHA as well, to interview candidates for our position. We hope next year to have a new ladder-rank faculty member on board.

Some twenty new graduate students joined the program.

We continue to have over a hundred enrolled graduate students, making us the largest graduate program in the Humanities.

Many of us are sporting our t-shirts reading:

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All lies

(and on the back) in the past

Catherine has had people offer to buy hers off her back!

The History Associates have gotten this year off to a bang, sponsoring three talks this quarter. Mary Furner's lecture on "Centennial Elections" comparing the 1896 and 1996 campaigns was held in the beautiful conference room of the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center. Viviana Marsano made history with her talk on the origins of the Troubles in Northern Ireland, becoming the first History Associates fellowship recipient to receive her Ph.D. and address the group. On Sunday, Dec. 8, Warren Hollister will take the History Associates down the yellow brick road, giving a talk on "The Wizard's Wizard: L. Frank Baum and Oz."

The History Associates has been and remains an integral part of UCSB History.

Sarah Cline, *Chair*

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## ALICE O'CONNOR JOINS DEPARTMENT



The History Department welcomed this fall the arrival of Alice O'Connor. When asked "What is your dream course?" she answered, "I'm teaching it! The 170 series in the History of Social Policy in the United States. I call it 'From Covenant to Contract' and we explore changing notions of citizenship and social obligation from the Puritans to the present. These notions play an important role in determining the content of social policy throughout U.S. history." In addition to the dream course, Alice will teach the gamut of courses in U.S. Public Policy for the department.

Alice was awarded a Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University in 1991 for her dissertation exploring the history of notions of social policy among social scientists since the 1920s in the U.S.. Currently she is

expanding this "mostly intellectual history" into a book manuscript by placing increasing emphasis on the associated institutional and policy history. Alice has published an article on the history of community development policy and is most recently studying welfare reform in the 1970s to the present. She is also a contributing editor for a large multi-city study of urban inequality in the U.S., a project for which she ("the lone historian") and a number of economists and sociologists spent the most recent year as visiting fellows at the Russell Sage Foundation in New York.

Alice's abiding historical interest in public policy is evident not only in her research but in her career path. Alice has worked for both the Ford Foundation and the Social Science Research Council on various projects. The Ford Foundation project on future social welfare policy played an important role in Alice's developing dissertation topic. After receiving her Ph.D., Alice then joined the SSRC helping to develop a program for research on the urban underclass and international migration, a topic which seems to be reflected in her recent research.

I asked Alice if there were anything she'd like me to say. The response of one who is teaching her dream course: "I like it here."

Luke Roberts

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## PAI RECEIVES THREE FELLOWSHIPS

Prof. Hyung-Il (Lee) Pai, who teaches East Asian (specifically Korean) history, was awarded three fellowships for her project entitled "The Museum in the Reconstruction of the Ancient Past: Contested Monuments, Colonial Memories and the Manipulation of National Identity in Korea and Japan." The three were the University of California President's Fellowship, the Social Science Research Council Committee on Korean Studies Advanced Research grant, and an award from UCSB's Interdisciplinary Humanities Center. This year Prof. Pai is on leave and will be doing museum and archival research in Korea and Japan.

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Prof. Jeffrey Burton Russell's new history of heaven has just appeared in an Italian translation, *Storia del paradiso* (Bari: Laterza, 1996).

## Helmerichs wins Bethell prize

Robert Helmerichs, a student of Warren Hollister, won the Dennis H. Bethell Prize under the auspices of the Charles Homer Haskins Society, a national society of medievalists. The prize is awarded to the best paper presented at the Society's annual conference by a graduate student or junior faculty member. The prize includes a cash award, and the winning paper is published in the Society's annual journal. Rob's paper was entitled "Some More Observations on the Origins of the 'Duchy' of Normandy."

Last year, the Bethell prize was won by another Hollister student, Deborah Gerish, whose paper "The True Cross and the Hand of the King," will be published next year under the title, "The True Cross and the Kings of Jerusalem." In the 14 years of the Bethell competition, six prizes have been won by UCSB graduate students, and another by a professor who had been a UCSB graduate student. Quite a record for Professor Hollister.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are off and running into the ninth year of the UCSB History Associates. Our fall kick-off event with Professor Mary Furner as speaker was enhanced by the History Department's generosity in hosting refreshments and arranging for the new IHC conference room as a venue. In addition, several graduate students who are recipients of History Associates scholarships updated us on their research projects. We plan to feature more of these fine students at future events.

The purpose of the History Associates is two-fold : to bring programs of interest to the community and to raise funds for scholarships. Our November event was tremendously gratifying as we heard Viviana Marsano, an early History Associates scholarship recipient, speak on her experiences in Ireland as well as an overview of her dissertation on "The Conflict in Northern Ireland." Viviana's charm and enthusiasm captivated the audience as she provided clarification on a very complex topic. This is a precedent we hope to continue as other students complete their graduate studies.

While our general format is to present two programs each quarter, we could not pass up the opportunity to invite Professor Emeritus Warren Hollister to share his knowledge, enthusiasm, and collection of Oz memorabilia. We hope many of you can incorporate this unique presentation into your holiday calendar.

We are continually seeking ways to increase our membership in the History Associates. This year we have extended a special invitation to the history teachers in the Santa Barbara schools. Several of our scholarship recipients received their first exposure to history in Santa Barbara public school classrooms.

Once again, Jo Beth and Donald Van Gelderen have presented us with the "Van Gelderen Challenge" of \$6000 of matching scholarship donation funds. If year end is the time of year you wish to maximize your tax-deductible donations, please consider the UCSB History Associates as a recipient.

I wish you all a happy holiday season!

Karen Anderson, *President*

## THE END AS A BEGINNING

by Kimber Quinney

The Cold War is over. Gone are the days of U.S.-Soviet nuclear rivalry, Soviet spy secrets, and the Iron Curtain sterility of the Berlin Wall. Yet, the nearly fifty-year existence of the Cold War and its stunningly swift demise present a challenge to any historian. "The passing of the Cold War presents us with a problem . . . a demand for nothing less than a redesigning of the entire great pattern of America's interaction with the rest of the world," writes George Kennan, who in 1947 sent his famous 'long telegram' from Moscow warning of the dangerous threat posed by the Soviet Union. In addition to reformulating the future, the end of the Cold War provides an opportunity to re-examine the past; new archives are open, lending to a broader and deeper analysis of the Cold War.

In 1995, professors Fred Logevall and Toshi Hasegawa created the Cold War History Group (COWHIG) in an effort to foster a forum for historians from different fields to discuss common interests vis-a-vis the Cold War. The study group tackles a myriad of questions about the Cold War that extend far beyond the U.S.-Soviet relationship and are only now open to debated scholarly inquiry.

The group, with roughly twenty members, includes faculty whose fields are not limited to the history of foreign relations or to Russian history. For example, Larry Badash, Jack Talbott, and Ken Mouré are regular attendees at our monthly evening sessions. Students also range widely in discipline and interest; although many of us are historians of foreign relations, others are Europeanists, historians of science, and of economics. Moving beyond traditional parameters of the Cold War, the group comes together with very different points of view, which makes discussion lively and of interest to all.

At its monthly meetings, COWHIG members discuss papers prepared by faculty and graduate students, including works on JFK and the Vietnam War, Russo-Japanese negotiations over the Kurile Islands, and the role of science in the making of the atomic bomb. In addition, members focus on issues quite apart from the Cold War, but of immediate interest to students, such as how to go about choosing a viable dissertation topic, how to conduct archival research both at home and abroad, and how to make the most of the search for funding—each of these has been discussed in recent months.

The group's activities are not limited to monthly study sessions. In May 1996, COWHIG organized a workshop in which students presented papers that were

later given in a larger (and more daunting) venue: the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. A similar, but much larger UC-system-wide workshop is scheduled for May 10, 1997. The group also sponsors visiting lecturers. In April 1996, Prof. Carlyle Thayer traveled from Australia to present his research on Vietnamese-Soviet relations. Most recently, Professor Robert Schulzinger of the University of Colorado, Boulder, presented a campus-wide lecture on "The Vietnam War and American Memory" and led a COWHIG-sponsored graduate student workshop. Scheduled visitors for 1997 include Professor Wilson Miscamble of Notre Dame and Professor David Holloway of Stanford.

The Cold War History Group welcomes faculty and students to join. The "Cold War," broadly conceived, allows for discussion of a variety of issues that potentially appeal to historians of all disciplines. For more information about COWHIG, please contact Fred Logevall or Toshi Hasegawa.

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## BLOOPERS

Once more, Doug Dodd wins the blooper-of-the-month award with this telling slip of the pen from a 17C paper :

"Around the time of World War I, the United States wanted to change its status from a debtor nation to a predator nation."

Valery Garrett has a close second from a midterm for a course on "Gender and the Law", which described the "desperate impact" (rather than disparate impact) of women who "bare children."

Tim Savage reports another 17C student who wrote: "Japanese-Americans were under surveillance from 1931 to the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Office of Naval Intelligence." Comments Tim: "either that's a misplaced phrase or one helluva conspiracy theory!"

Anne Rapp caught this on a 17A midterm, describing Samuel Sewall: "He had great observation powers and remarried after his wife had pasted away from a stroke. He carried deeply for his wife, but was physically attracted to Mistress Winthrop."

## New Humanities and Environment Group Convenes

by Michael A. Osborne

The Humanities and the Environment Bridge Group was formed last year. The original proposal was drafted by a team composed of Charles Bazerman (English Department), Anita Guerrini (History and Environmental Studies), Michael Osborne (History and Environmental Studies), Gregory Kelly (Education), and Mark Schlenz (Writing Program). Simon Williams (IHC) and Leonard Wallock (IHC) redrafted and broadened the interdisciplinary appeal of the final proposal sent to the University of California Humanities Research Institute at UC Irvine. Also contributing to the formation of the group was Dan Huon, Visiting Professor in the UCSB Program in Environmental Studies and Senior Lecturer in the Department of Humanities, University of Tasmania. Dr. Huon returned to his home institution just as the group formed, but his November 1995 colloquium to the UCSB History of Science Program on "A Comparison of Australian and American Environmental Studies" started us thinking in terms of the cultural dimensions of global and transnational environmental issues.

After funding was secured, Michael Osborne was selected as the first convener of the group. The group's first public meeting of was held on 1 February 1996 with a discussion of Jay Parini's essay "The Greening of the Humanities." In Winter and Spring quarters 1996 the group hosted two workshops on South Asian environmental topics. The first speaker, Dr. Mark Harrison of Sheffield-Hallam University, examined "Medicine and the Environment in British India, ca. 1760-1860." A second workshop, given by Arjuna De Zoysa of the Open University of Sri Lanka,

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Not all bloopers were from Americanists, you will be relieved to hear. A few from Lindemann's 4C midterm, contributed by Heather Keaney —

In trying to incorporate the ID "Adam Smith" into a question on the impact of industrialization a student wrote: "industrialization resulted in a return to religion, for example Adam Smith and the Mormons in America"

And, as we all knew, "Peter the Great was a cocky ruler."

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concerned the prevalence of tropical diseases and changes in animal husbandry and land tenure in Sri Lanka.

During Fall quarter 1996 we are hosting a total of three workshops, two by local speakers. On 7 October, Ted Porter of UCLA led a workshop on "Quantification and Distrust: Water Politics and the Origins of Cost-Benefit Analysis." Other speakers this quarter include Michael McGinniss, a political scientist and IHC fellow, and Greg Graves, a public historian and lecturer in history.

There will be three speakers and one additional social event in Winter quarter 1997. The majority of our funds will be used for a workshop on "environmental restoration" in Spring 1997. As the group's convener, and as part of the planning process for an HRI residential group proposal, I have attempted to make links with similar groups at other California institutions, in particular at U.C. Riverside. In May 1997 I have organized a workshop for the projected all-UC History Conference which will include environmental themes. We are still on track to craft a proposal for a residential group at HRI in Fall 1997.

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