

Cohen, Lee Grab Top Honors

HISTORY KEPT UP its winning pace this term, with top Academic Senate honors going to Profs. John Lee and Pat Cohen.

Prof. Lee received the Harold J. Plous Memorial Award as the outstanding assistant professor at UCSB, and Prof. Cohen received the Distinguished Teaching nod.

The Plous Award recognized Prof. Lee's outstanding scholarship, excellent teaching and important contributions to the intellectual life of the academic community.

Hailing him as an "innovative, brilliant scholar in the early stages of his career," the citation praised his forthcoming book on the Greek army that marched into Persia in the 4th century B.C.

"In John's book, we learn where these soldiers came from (not all of them, it turns out, were Greeks), how they adjusted to each other's different customs and habits, and yes, how 10,000 of them found enough food for breakfast," the citation reads in part.

Calling attention to Prof. Lee's outstanding student evaluations in the lower-division Western Civ survey, the citation observed that he is also "working on 10,000 UCSB students without knowledge of the ancient world."

Prof. Cohen, who stepped down as His-

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Profs. John W. I. Lee (L) and Patricia Cohen



Mid-East Powder Keg?

THE ROOTS OF TODAY'S deteriorating stability in the Middle East will be the subject of the next UCSB History Associates meeting, as Prof. Salim Yaqub speaks on "The United States and the Middle East: Sources of Antagonism, Prospects for Reconciliation."

The talk, co-sponsored by UCSB Affiliates, will be given in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, 21 E. Constance Ave., at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 20.

A specialist in the history of U.S. foreign relations, Prof. Yaqub will focus on changes in American foreign policy that, along with the rise of political Islam in recent decades, have contributed to the antagonism that now characterizes attitudes in both regions.

Nation states built on the Western secular model have come to be seen as failures, Prof. Yaqub says, and this has fueled the movement for a return to pan-Islamic states based on principles of Muslim theology.



Prof. Salim Yaqub

To Western democracies, based on separation of Church and State, such states are suspect.

But the U.S. has, in turn, fueled Muslim suspicions by its willingness to intervene in Middle East affairs, often acting unilaterally.

Prof. Yaqub, whose research has focused on these developments, does not think this trend is irreversible.

Prof. Yaqub joined the UCSB History department this year from the University of Chicago, where he has taught since receiving his PhD from Yale in 1999.

He is the author of *Containing Arab Nationalism: The Eisenhower Doctrine and the Middle East* (University of North Carolina Press, 2004).

Reservations may be made by phoning the UCSB Office of Community Relations, (805) 893-4388. Tickets are \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Militant Islamic Movements Waning, Collins Tells UCSB History Associates

BY BARBARA LINDEMANN

JIHADIST MILITANTS may have peaked in strength and will wear out over time, in the optimistic assessment of Prof. Robert Collins.

Speaking at the December meeting of the UCSB History Associates, Prof. Collins traced the current funding for terrorism back to Saudi efforts to help refugees and resistance fighters in Afghanistan after the 1979 invasion by the Soviet Union.

Training camps in Afghanistan, funded by both the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, attracted young men from all over the Muslim world.

When the Soviet Union pulled out of Afghanistan in 1989, 10,000 well-trained mujahadeen in their late twenties and early thirties who had known only war were left unemployed, he said.

Dedicated to Wahabism, an extremist brand of Islam, they were considered threats in their home countries of Egypt, Algeria, Iraq or Jordan, and thus forbidden to return.

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Instead, Prof. Collins explained, these fighters found a home in the Sudan, and from there continued their efforts to expand Islamic states.

In the 1990s, they were active in Bosnia and other parts of Europe, the former Soviet republics, the Philippines, Palestine and the U.S.

Money was readily available for these activities due to the Muslim obligation to donate to the poor, an obligation that has been an essential part of Islam from the religion's earliest beginnings.

Every Muslim is expected to donate about 2.5 per cent of his assets every year to the religious leaders for the poor.

Additionally, wealthy men are expected to donate to their favorite charity, or to establish an endowment for a mosque, school, park, or services for the poor, Prof. Collins said.

An expert on the Sudan, Prof. Collins said that abundant money from charitable giving in Saudi Arabia went to

Miescher Book Unravels Gender Issues in Africa

ASSOCIATE PROF. Stephan Miescher's *Making Men in Ghana* has been published by Indiana University Press.

Built around the life histo-



Prof. Stephan Miescher

very comfortable mujahadeen camps outside of Khartoum.

Moujehadeen became directors and officers of Islamic charities devoted to the expansion of Islamic states, he said. Some of the wealthy donors were themselves committed to the expansion of Wahabism, while many probably did not know where their money was going.

Prof. Collins was reassuring about Islamist activity in the U.S.

The 8-10 million Muslims in the U.S. are still a small minority and mostly middle class.

Although 320 mosques are under the control of Wahabists and supported by Saudi money, there is a lively debate among international Muslims, including in the U.S., between the Wahabists and their opponents.

Since it is contrary to U.S. law to jail Wahabist militants (as those other "Great Satans," secular Muslim states, have done), Prof. Collins recommended that the U.S. do what it can to support mainstream Mus-

ries of eight Ghanaians who lived through the transition of their state to nationhood in the 1950s, the book analyzes changes in ideals of male behavior as reflected in these men's lives.

Hailed as a groundbreaking study, *Making Men* demonstrates that leadership roles associated with the passage to manhood required changes that were neither welcome nor easy. In this way, the book supplements studies of the roles of women and femininity in Africa.

Prof. Miescher came to UCSB in 1998 from Bryn Mawr College. A Swiss native, he received his PhD from Northwestern University.

lims.

Current U.S. efforts are also important: to shut down charities that fund militant activity and to trace the flow of Islamic money through the banking system and through private channels.

Tracking the funding stream has proven hard to do and has had debatable success, but Prof. Collins nevertheless concluded that the effort is working, and Islamicist strength is on the decline.

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The Pfeil Files

Ed. Note: Since your humble editor was the one who named Carol Pfeil "The Attack Secretary," he expected to write the story of her retirement himself. But Carol, as those who know her can vouch, does not leave such important matters in the hands of lesser mortals. She surprised everyone at her surprise party by reading a six-page history of her time in the department.

"Retiring after 40 years—did I think maybe there'd be a party for me?," she purred. "Hello!" (Now do you know why she's called "The Attack Secretary"?) As Ken Mouré writes elsewhere in this issue, Carol has been the department's memory since, well, since anyone can remember.

A plaque presented her by the department reads, "The UCSB Department of History gratefully acknowledges Carol Pfeil for 40 years of keeping our books honest, our spirits high and our noses clean. She has been the heart and soul of the department, our one and only 'Attack Secretary.'"

Here follow excerpts from her talk.

'Things I Remember'

By Carol Pfeil

I REMEMBER MY first day at work in North Hall—March 3, 1966. Helen Nordhoff interviewed me alone, but on that first day she took me into Chairman Alex DeConde's office so he could talk to me.

He as much as asked me if I had plans to get married soon! I think it was his way of asking me if I planned to stay in the job for a while.

Well, I'm guessing he didn't expect I'd stay 40 years!

I remember moving in 1969 from North Hall into Ellison Hall.

I remember when Helen, Linda Huey and I toured the new building before it was finished. It was called "Classroom and Office Building #4" before we named it Ellison Hall.

In the early days we had quite a few faculty offices in the old army barracks over by Phelps Hall. Some of you remember your office in Toyon Hall. We had "growing pains" when the department doubled in size one year.

I remember Hal Drake coming into the office after the birth of his daughter, Susan, and handing out little rubber ducky pins for us to wear. He had the silliest grin on his face. It was the look of pure joy.

I remember Ed Chmielewski waltzing into the office to tell us some far-fetched story and then bursting into his wild, infectious laugh. Otey Scruggs also had a laugh that when you heard it, it made you smile and love the world.

I remember Robert Zaller (a faculty member who wasn't with us very long) walking so quickly down the halls in Ellison that we were sure he would slip and fall. Someone with long hair hanging down over his eyes should not walk that fast.

I remember Phil Powell coming into the office in North Hall and entertaining Helen Nordhoff, Linda Huey and me with "almost clean" limericks. I still remember a few of the little things he told us. One I especially liked was: "Marriage is like a very long banquet with the dessert served first."

I remember back in the '70s when the students rioted over the Vietnam War and other causes. They ran down the halls of Ellison trying to steal our wastebaskets.

We watched from our locked office on the 4th floor as students down below filled those wastebaskets with water and drenched innocent passersby. They screamed, "War doesn't discriminate. It affects every-



Carol Pfeil in 1966 (L.), in attack mode (1996) and at retirement party (2006).

one." The woman I saw wasn't happy that her suede jacket was ruined.

I remember seven wonderful years with my sweet Joe Remak as Chairman. He was my favorite Chairman; he made it look so effortless. I know being chair is not easy.

We had nicknames for some of the Chairs. Linda Huey and I joked with Joe when he first started as Chair. We all agreed that "Your Majesty" was a little too over the top, so we decided "Splendissime" was perfect. He used to sign little notes to me with that name.

Dick Oglesby will always be "The Chief."

I remember earning extra money by typing books at home long before we all had computers. I typed books for Joe Remak, Dimitrije Djordjevic, Arthur Marder, and others.

Most manuscripts I typed were handwritten. Those of you who remember Joe's handwriting can imagine how challenging that was. But in the end I got quite good at it and served thereafter as the Remak handwriting expert.

I remember Wilbur Jacobs writing "He's a fine figure of a man" in every letter of recommendation he wrote. I remember arguing with him over how many supplies he could take at one time.

I remember him telling me what a "fine" secretary I was as a prelude to asking me to perform some impossible task.

It's hard for me to believe I am really leaving. It'll be three days short of 40 years that I've worked in this same depart-

ment. I can't say I'll miss doing the work I've done all these years.

You know, Helen hired me to help her type letters and bibliographies, to order desk copies from publishers to pay back the bookstore for all the desk copies we owed them, to run errands, and to be her Girl Friday. As her job grew, she started handing more and more things over to me because she just couldn't do everything.

I never intended to become a Financial Assistant. I was a TYPIST CLERK—I was hired to do clerical duties.

Somehow I have managed over the years to keep things somewhat in order. I apologize for those things that went wrong.

There were quite a few years I wanted to quit because I was asked to do way more than I was physically able to, but I stayed because I needed the job. Plus I loved the people and didn't want to leave the department.

I always did the best I could. I was happy when L&S finally gave us a half-time FTE several years ago to get someone to help me. Things are much better now. Now that I'm leaving!

I want to thank each of you for the kindnesses you have shown me over the years. I consider many of you friends, not just the people I work with. I have enjoyed being a part of the team that allows this department to run smoothly. I'm proud to have known all of you and to have worked with you for so many, many years.

From The Chair

History and Memory

As a department of history, we rarely pay much attention to our own department's history. Carol Pfeil, our longest-serving staff member, retired at the end of February after almost exactly forty years of service in the department. Ever-prepared, Carol has put together a remarkable four-part photo history of the department since she joined it in March 1966.

Carol's photo history is a history of the people in the department, not the department, which might prompt us to think about who we are as people, rather than as historians. Carol's favorite moments with us are those in which we show our personal sides, without pretensions or self-importance.



One of her favorites is the times when faculty members have come to the office to announce the births of their children: the sincerity and unselfconscious delight showed a

side of us we seldom display in department life. She recalls many times when staff cheerfully bailed out faculty in difficulty with highly technical matters like changing a typewriter ribbon, wondering why their unplugged electric typewriter didn't work, and retrieving keys locked in offices.

She also really appreciated the visits of former graduate students who returned years later with spouses, children, and news of their lives since leaving our department. Carol often maintains contact with and knowledge of faculty, grad students, and their families long after they leave the department, keeping us in touch with members of our extended community.

Carol also has fond memories of our previous department location in Ellison Hall. The wider halls there are missed by many of us for the social interaction they allowed. For the office staff, the large single office with windows looking into the faculty mailroom gave a much more central view of the department's collective life. The office served as a locus not just for administration, but for sharing news, observing changes, and celebrating the achievements of grad students, faculty and staff.

The office in Ellison really was the heart of the department, and Carol's desk was at its center. Carol delighted in providing cookies for staff on their birthdays (with the admonition "You don't have to share them with anybody!"), and posters and balloons on the doors of faculty celebrating the births of children. In losing her, we lose a part of that heart of the department. As well as financial secretary, she was our archivist and social historian. We all owe her thanks, wish her an active and happy retirement, and welcome her promise that she will return often.

Ken Mouré
Chair

Grad Students Get Jobs, Articles

ALTHOUGH IT IS still early in the placement season, History grad students have already begun to receive job offers.

Chris Wright (Humphreys) has accepted a tenure-track position in Middle Eastern history at the Citadel in Charleston, SC. He will begin at the joint rank of assistant professor and captain in the SC militia.

David Schuster (Furner) has accepted a tenure-track position in U.S. history at Indiana University-Fort Wayne.

Two of Paul Spickard's students have had articles published in *The Pacific Historical Review*.

Isaiah Walker published "Terrorism or Native Protest? The Hui O He'e Nalu and Hawaiian Resistance to Colonialism" in the November 1005 issue.

David Torres Rouff's article on "Water Use, Ethnic Conflict, and Infrastructure in Nineteenth-Century Los An-

geles" appeared in the February, 2006 issue.

Other grad students also were active in research and publication.

Yuriy Malikov (Hasegawa) published "The Kenesary Kasymov Rebellion (1837-1847): A National Liberation Movement or a Protest of Restoration?" in *Nationalities Papers*, vol. 33 (2005).

Fernando Rocchi (PhD Rock, 1997), whose dissertation won the campus Lancaster Prize, has published *Chimneys in the Desert: Industrialization in Argentina During the Export Boom Years, 1870-1930* with Stanford University Press (2006).

Michael Blodgett (Drake) has had a paper on Attila the Hun accepted for presentation at the International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences to be held on the island of Rhodes in July.

And Vanessa Crispin-Peralta (Plane) and Heidi Marx-Wolf (Drake) are serving as the History department's Lead TAs for 2005-2006.

Long Time, No Bloops

NOT MUCH SPACE for publishing bloopers lately. But never fear, student pens are slipping just as regularly as ever.

Take, for example, this comment from Xiao-bin Ji's World History class last term: "The ancient Chinese civilization flourished in the Yangtze and Yucatan river valleys."

"That would have been quite an empire," Xiao-bin mused.

Then there's Jason Dormady's discovery in History 2C that "Johannes Kepler was a Christian Scientist who lived during the Scientific Revolution," which puts the origins of that sect back a few hundred years.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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History PhD (and Associates Fellow) Matt Sutton Inks Contract for 'American Experience' Program

MANY HISTORIANS WILL tell you that their choice of a dissertation topic began with a childhood interest.

In the case of Matt Sutton, that interest also led to a book and, now, a TV production.

"I began life as a holy roller in the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel," Matt recalls.

That's the movement started in the 1920s by the charismatic Aimee Semple McPherson, who built her church, the Angelus Temple, in Echo Park in 1923.

"The farther away I got from the movement, the more curious I became about it," Matt continues. "So this project may well be as much about understanding myself and my family as it is about understanding McPherson."

Matt's dissertation on McPherson, completed just last year for Prof. Jane DeHart, is now under contract with Harvard University Press. And, before the book has even appeared, it has been grabbed by PBS for an installment of its long-running "American Experience" series.

The show is being written, directed and produced by the Emmy-winning Linda Garmon, with Matt serving as the principal historical consultant.

"I have been involved on a daily basis with the development of the treatment," Matt reports. "I am working on the script, locations to shoot, archival materials and interview topics."

All of this comes on top of his teaching duties at Oakland University in Michigan, where he is in his first year as an assistant professor of American political, cultural and religious history.

McPherson has always been



Aimee Semple McPherson

a subject of local interest, not only for the church she founded but also for her mysterious disappearance from Venice Beach in 1926. She showed up a month later in a Mexican desert town across from the Arizona border. The disappearance was never explained.

McPherson died in 1944.

Matt attributes current interest in McPherson to the growing role of evangelical religions in American public life.

"One thing I do with McPherson that no previous historian has done is emphasize the political dimensions of her work," Matt relates.

"I document her efforts to outlaw the teaching of evolution in California, and the way her opponents used her gender and sexuality to discredit her political agenda."

Matt also thinks he has found a link in McPherson to the belief of modern pentecostals such as Oliver North, Pat Robertson and John Ashcroft.

"I asked the question, how did pentecostals come to believe that God wanted them involved in politics?" he explains.



Matt Sutton in 2005

"The answer to every question I ask is Aimee Semple McPherson. She moved pentecostals from their 'otherworldly' focus to political engagement, setting precedents for the modern religious right."

McPherson was the first woman to preach sermons on the radio and in 1924 became the first woman to be granted a broadcast license for her Four-

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tory chair this year, was surprised with the award while teaching her class on American Women's History.

"It is her ability to push students to develop their own merits that sets her apart as a truly outstanding teacher," the Senate citation reads in part.

She was also praised for her ability to "urge students to use their specific talents to write excellent history."

Prof. Cohen is the sixth historian in the past eight years to win this award. It went to Fred Logevall in 1998, Randy Bergstrom (1999), Mario Garcia (2002), John Majewski (2003) and John Lee (2004).

History has also had more Plous winners (8) than any

square Gospel radio station, KFSG.

Matt credits his graduate committee, especially mentor DeHart, with helping him focus and carry out his research.

Prof. DeHart "spent hundreds of hours with me shaping my project, my research and helping me build a network of connections," he says.

Matt also emphasizes his gratitude to the History Associates for supporting his research with fellowships at critical junctures.

"I cannot say enough about how happy I was with my experience at UCSB," he says.

Filming on the McPherson program began last month, but the episode will not air until Fall 2007, when Matt's book appears.

"It doesn't even have a title yet!" he says.

In the meantime, Matt and wife Kristen are being kept occupied by son Jackson Avery Sutton, born on Jan. 14.

other department.

Five years after it was created in 1958, the award went to Bob Kelly (1962-3). He was followed by Bill Bonadio (1967-8), Hal Drake (1976-7), Pat Cohen (1981-2), Sarah Cline (1986-7), Randy Bergstrom (1992-3) and Alice O'Connor (2000-01).

"These awards are well-deserved," History Chair Ken Mouré said. "Pat Cohen has been an exceptional teacher and graduate mentor for whom this recognition is overdue, and John Lee clearly does not rest on his laurels."

"The department takes pride in their awards as continuing campus recognition of our commitment to offering excellence as our standard for teaching."

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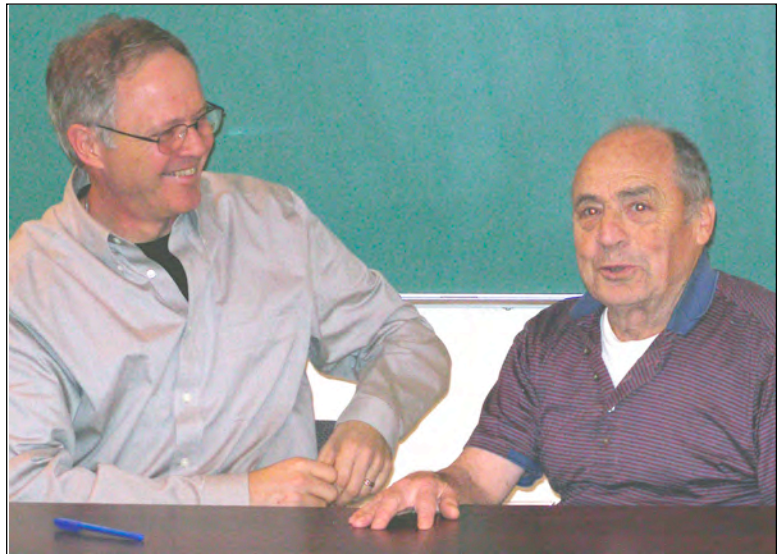
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A Chair's Fantasy



History Chair Ken Mouré recently welcomed Prof. Paul Sonnino—who manages to go anywhere else in the world with ease—to his first appearance at a department meeting in more than six years. Mouré sat smiling (above) as Sonnino held forth on his latest plan for returning the department to the Stone Age, but Historia's special mental imaging equipment managed to capture his real thoughts (below).



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