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## 174 Seniors To Graduate with Degrees in History

One hundred and seventy four seniors will receive bachelor's degrees in History next month at UCSB's annual Commencement ceremony. Department Chair Sears McGee has commented that this is nearly double the size of classes just a few years ago. There are currently about 600 majors in the department, three times what it was five years ago.

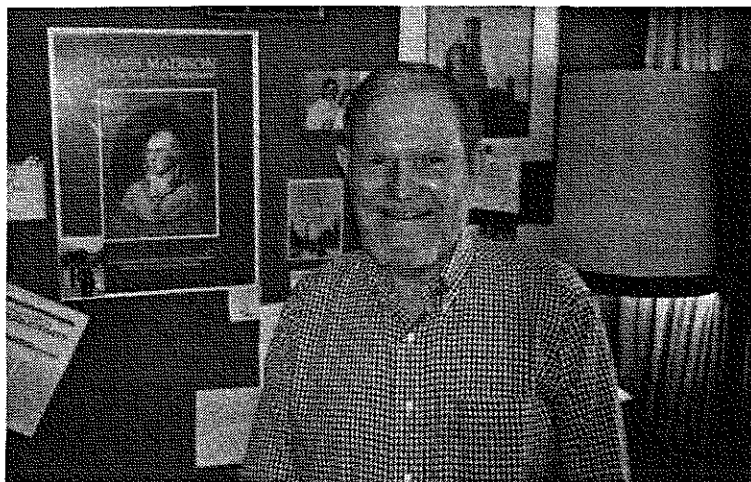
Leading this year's class is Sandra Kay Biggers, winner of the Russell Buchanan award as the outstanding graduating senior and Katie Miller winner of the Stuart Bernath Prize for the best undergraduate research paper.

Other members of the Spring graduating class are: Krista Ann Arnon, Kenneth Allen Arthur, Jr., Brian Smith Barnell, Glen Mitchell Belovsky, Barbara Jean Beltran, Donna Lee Bennett, Kim Marie Benton, Marc Oliver Berger, Andrew Maurice Bergot, Stephan Robert Bering, Annamarie Bianchini, Sandra Kay Biggers, John Henry Binder, Heather Anne Bixler, Lea Kathleen Bladon, Lisa Ligaya Bonta, Evan Dezso Borstein.

Charles Robert Bostic, Jr., Daniel Francisco Boswell, Victoria Ann Bowes, David Matthew Brown, Eric Dean Bruce, Katey Anne Brunini, Michael Edward Buchi, Terrence Darian Budd, Paul Joseph Byrne.

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Professor Robert Kelley...Roe vs. Wade

## Associates Talk

### "Harry Blackmun's Dilemma"

By Joe Finnigan

Professor Robert Kelley, whose specialties are the history of American politics and public policy, will be the featured speaker at the History Associates final lecture for the 1991-92 season on May 27.

Professor Kelley, who has been teaching at UCSB for more than 37 years, will discuss one of the most controversial issues facing the nation in his lecture, "Harry Blackmun's Dilemma: The Origins of Roe vs. Wade."

In his speech, Dr. Kelley says, "I'm trying to explain the deep history going back for many centuries of abortion in human society and the way in which it has been dealt with in earlier times. And how the Supreme Court came to see the issue against the recent changes in constitutional doctrine, particularly concerning privacy, and most of all against the powerful language of the Fourteenth Amendment which guarantees life and liberty to all persons. The dilemma, of course, was the issue of whether the fetus is a person and how the court dealt with that question. I'm not trying to advocate either side, I'm only trying to explain it in

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## President's Report

This past year has been an eventful one for the History Associates. Our new member campaign, launched in October, proved to be very successful. This year we asked members to dig deeper into their pockets by raising the basic membership cost and by asking for contributions to the Scholarship fund at the time of membership. In spite of the recession, the response from the members was very gratifying. Many took advantage of the opportunity to make a contribution to the Scholarship fund as well as avail themselves of the extra "perks" offered by the expanded levels of membership. The "Newsletter only" category was very popular with many out of town members who are unable to attend the luncheons and other events. Our membership this year has reached 210, a very respectable number for an organization of this type.

In November, the Wilson-Bodine meeting, co-hosted with the UCSB General Affiliates was a very special treat. Barbara Bodine and Joe Wilson, both UCSB Alums, held the audience spellbound with their personal accounts of the early days of the Persian Gulf conflict. Joe Wilson told of his one to one encounters with Saddam Hussein, which were both terrifying and, at times, very humorous. Barbara Bodine, one of the ten diplomats selected to stay and hold down the fort at the American Embassy in Kuwait after the Iraqi invasion, detailed the conditions in the Embassy as the siege continued and her successful efforts to ensure the evacuation of Americans and others who had suddenly become the targets of Saddam's Army.

In December the Associates and many others were saddened by the news of Dick Cook's death. Though he had been in ill health for the past year and a half, none of us were prepared for the news. We all miss his presence.

The Scholarship drive was successful beyond all of our expectations. The generosity of JoBeth and Donald Van Gelderen in contributing the \$3000 challenge grant and the response of the membership was very heartwarming indeed. Exclusive of the Dick Cook Scholarship contributions, which amounted to \$1650, the membership contributed \$3200 to match the Van Gelderen funds. I want to thank the Van Gelderens and all of the members for this exceptional generosity to UCSB history students. With these funds and additional contributions from the Graduate Division, the Associates were able to give over \$9000 in scholarship awards this

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## Continuing Education with the Japanese American National Museum

*Ed. Note: This article was recently published in the PHS NETWORK, the newsletter of the Graduate Program in Public Historical Studies.*

By Grace Murakami

"What's public history?" is the question I hear most often when I describe my graduate work. It is somewhat disappointing as a curatorial assistant for the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles to realize that public history is not a household phrase. It is, however, an indication of the opportunities we public historians have to demonstrate the usefulness of our skills and talents. I have been working for the museum since the beginning of January (after I finished my degree requirements and spent a week in Hawaii celebrating) and am now learning about the workings of a new and growing museum in the heart of Little Tokyo.

The exciting thing about working for this museum is that it's now going through the hectic few months before

its premiere opening and dedication ceremony on April 30. The inaugural exhibit, *Issei Pioneers: Hawaii and the Mainland*, tells the story of the first generation of Japanese immigrants who established the beginnings of Japanese American history from 1885 to 1924.

The museum building is described as the museum's "largest artifact." It is a recently renovated and reconverted Buddhist temple building in the heart of Little Tokyo. It was built in 1925 and served the local Japanese American community as a movie house and center for social activities in addition to a religious center. In 1937, after the Nishi Hongwanji moved to a new temple building nearby, the old building was sold to the city of Los Angeles. It served as a home for stray cats and birds until the mid-1980s, when it was chosen to be the future home of the new museum. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987; it is also a designated historic and cultural monument of the city of Los Angeles. It has recently undergone careful restoration following state and federal historic structure guidelines to balance its proposed uses with its original design.

So what exactly is this public historian doing in the middle of all this? The main

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## From The Chair

Every year at this time I am particularly aware of how much the History Associates are doing for students of history at UCSB. The relevant departmental committees and the History Associates Board have just made the last round of decisions about this year's recipients of prizes and fellowships. Two go to undergraduates, the Stuart Bernath Prize for the best undergraduate research paper (Katie Miller this year) and the A. Russell Buchanan Award to the outstanding graduating senior (Sandra Kay Biggers). The rest go to graduate students, and they include the Mayberry Award for the outstanding grad student (Heather Tanner), the Wilbur Jacobs Prize in early American history (Joe LaSala), the Phil Powell Prize in Latin American history (Karen Mead), the Re-entry Woman Fellowship (Penny Adair), the Esme Frost Fellowships (Janet Pope, N.C. Leubben), and a dozen more. About two thirds of the more than \$14,000 going to the top students of 1991-92 has been raised by the History Associates! On behalf of these students and all of us who work with them, I wish to extend our deepest thanks to all of you who support the History Associates. We are also most grateful to the UCSB Alumni Association for its support for the Buchanan Award over the years and to all the other donors.

There is a bittersweet character to our newest prize, the Dick Cook Fellowship, bitter because we have lost Dick but sweet because I'm sure he would be delighted that the first recipient is a wonderfully talented student of U.S. history, Judith Ishkanian. In July she will

be traveling to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania where the Society for the History of the Early American Republic will hold its annual meeting. Even though she is still a graduate student, the SHEAR program committee put her on a panel with the leading authority on southern honor and southern culture, Professor Bertram Wyatt-Brown. Moreover they used her paper's title as the title for the entire session: "Tensions in the Quest for Southern Manhood." Her mentor, Carl Harris, says that her dissertation "will stun southern historians and shake up the study of the culture of the Old South." One top university press is already keenly interested in the project, and, says Harris, "it will be a hot property."

An era ends on June 30 when Helen Nordhoff retires. She has been the History Department's administrative assistant for 33 years. Every chairman has hoped that Helen would not retire "on his watch," and I happen to be the victim. I hope I don't deserve such a fate. Helen has presided over the management of this enormous operation (over 12,000 students enrolled in our courses last year and, counting faculty, TAs, lecturers and associates, approximately 100 people were employed to teach them) with great distinction. She simply knows how to do everything, and she does it all steadily, quietly, tactfully and effectively. We are greatly in her debt, and we thank her for her devoted service with the greatest sincerity.

**J. Sears McGee  
Chair**

## History Associates Awards Top \$9000

Surpassing all previous years, the UCSB History Associates have awarded over \$9000 in scholarship funds this year. As a result of the generosity of the Associates Membership, the JoBeth and Donald Van Gelderen \$3000 challenge grant, and a contribution from the Graduate Division, the History Associates were able to increase both the number and dollar value of their scholarships. Rather than the five and six hundred dollar awards given in prior years, the Associates were able to give two \$1500 awards, five \$1000 awards and several \$500 awards. This is in addition to the Philip Powell and Wilbur Jacobs Prizes which are funded by endowments.

The Van Gelderen Re-Entering Woman Scholarship, which this year carries a \$1500 stipend, was given to Penny Adair. Penny is a student of Warren Hollister and is working on a dissertation combining political, social and women's history in medieval Flanders. This award will enable her to finish her dissertation during the 1992-93 academic year.

The Dick Cook Memorial Scholarship for outstanding graduate achievement, created in memory of the first President of the History Associates, was given to Judith Ishkanian. A student of Carl Harris, Judith has demonstrated exceptional ability during her graduate career at UCSB. Judith's dissertation, "Religion and Honor at Chapel Hill: The College Odyssey of William Sidney Mullins," in Harris' words "will quickly become a celebrated book." Her work fundamentally challenges the prevailing interpretations in the field. The \$1500 award will help her to finish her dissertation during the coming year.

The Associates also gave four History Associate Scholarships. Beth Digeser, a student of Hal Drake, Deborah Gentry, a student of Sears McGee, Betty Koed, an Otis Graham student, and Tom Cardoza who works under Jack Talbot, all received \$1000 each. Heather Tanner, recipient of the History Department's

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# Graduate Students Win Top Awards

The Graduate Division has recently announced the winners of Graduate Humanities Research Assistantships and of the Lancaster Prize for the best dissertation at UCSB in 1991-92. The Lancaster Prize (\$1000 plus nomination for a nationwide award) winner is Michael Burger, and Assistantships (\$10,000 plus payment of fees) for the 1992-93 go to Fiona Harris and Bob Mueller. Only six of these assistantships are awarded each year; for historians to get two of them is further evidence of the excellence of our graduate students.

Michael Burger, who completed his degree last fall under Warren Hollister's supervision, will be moving to a tenure-track assistant professorship in history at the Mississippi University for Women. After earning his BA at Michigan State, he came to UCSB as a Regent's Special Fellow. In 1989 he was awarded the Mayberry Memorial Prize as the best graduate student in the History Department. He has also received the John Pine Prize from Phi Alpha Theta (the International Honor Society in History), honoring him as the outstanding advanced history doctoral student in the U.S.

Michael's dissertation, entitled "Intimacy and Lordship: the Creation of a Bureaucracy in the Diocese of Lincoln, ca. 1186-1299," is a social and cultural history of a medieval bureaucracy, the household of the bishop of Lincoln from the mid-twelfth to the mid-thirteenth century. Michael analyzes the transformation of household governance into bureaucracy, and he does it from two perspectives that have

rarely been combined: the history of administration and of social and cultural history. He has employed all of the literature on emerging medieval bureaucracies, as well as a large body of sociological and anthropological literature on complex organizations.

Both Bob Mueller and Fiona Harris are currently doing their dissertation research. The assistantships will provide major support for that work. Fiona, a student of Sharon Farmer, came to UCSB from the University of Calgary. She is studying rites of passage (birth, marriage, death) among ordinary people in England



*Michael Burger and Fiona Harris celebrate in the company of other notable historical figures. The figure in the center is not Bob Mueller.*

in the high and late middle ages. She gave a paper on "Suffering and Survival in Medieval English Childbirth" at the 27th International Congress on Medieval Studies last month. In it she argued that medieval people did not piously accept the suffering of women in childbirth; rather they were greatly concerned about the physical and emotional comfort of the mother during the birthing process.

Bob Mueller, a UC Irvine graduate, is currently in London working in the manuscript collections of the British Library and the Public Record Office. Under Sears McGee's supervision, he is re-

searching office holding in the England of Elizabeth I, and he has given a paper at the Huntington Library on some of his findings. Previous scholarship has focused on the small number of top-level bureaucrats. Bob, however, has been gathering mountains of data on office holders at the next level down, officials whose names are known to specialists but whose actual day-to-day activities, patrons and connections remain somewhat mysterious. He has build up a computerized data base which shows time of appointment to offices, emoluments, perquisites and other details. It will benefit not only historians but literary scholars now forced to rely on inaccurate information in their efforts to track patronage patterns in Elizabethan society. ♦

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Mayberry award for the outstanding graduate student of the year, was given \$1000 to supplement the History Department award.

Two other awards were given to assist graduate student travel. Last December, Fernando Rocchi, a student of David Rock was given a grant to assist him in attending a Conference in Chicago. Vivana Marsano, who is working on the Irish Rebellion of 1917 under Alfred Gollin, received \$500 to provide for travel to the United Kingdom this summer. ♦



## President

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year. This is an accomplishment of which we all can be proud. I have just learned that the Van Gelderens have pledged \$4000 as a challenge grant for the History Associates next year. So, through the continuing and increasing generosity of the Van Gelderens, the History Associates will have their goals set even higher next year. As JoBeth wrote, "I dare you all to come up with \$4000 which we will be delighted to match. **Please make us pay. Our students face greater needs than ever.**"

This June will mark the end of my two year term as president of the History Associates. I will be passing the responsibility on to Professor Dick Olgesby whom your board has elected to be our new president. Dick gave the inaugural talk for the History Associates five years ago and has been on the Board since then. I know that he will do an exceptional job in leading the organization.

Thank you all for your support during the past two years and your continued response to my never ending requests for contributions to the Scholarship fund.

Greg de Roulhac  
President



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thing I am doing is learning (which is a great thing to be paid for) about the basic functions a museum performs to care for its collection—conservation, preservation, collecting and research. How do you balance preservation with access and dissemination? How do you define the limits of the collection and the contents of the exhibits? Most of these decisions must be made collaboratively with the museum administration, curators, designers preparators, conservators, registrars, and collection managers. All these individuals bring their own expertise to a particular project and work with others to create something unique and lasting.

While I am defining my role with the museum, I realize the usefulness of the generalist approach of the public history program at UCSB. The social science training, the studies in community history, public policy, cultural resources management, and the overall emphasis on research skills serve me well in a job which promises a wide range of opportunities to use my training.

Because I have a background in research, I can understand the concerns and needs of researchers and recognize the importance of new technology, which can make the job of a researchers easier without making the job of an archivist or collection manager harder. ♦

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Christine Margaret Gagne, Ingrid Clair Gilmartin, Michael Lloyd Glancy, Christopher Colin Gleason, William Anthony Gomez, Heather Michelle Gould, Kathleen Marie Graff, Elizabeth Macy Graham, Dana Valerie Green, Susan Diane Green, Michael Steven Gross, Royce Patrick Grubic, Beth A. Gruenberg, Sarah Stewart Gude.

Angela May Hackbarth, Christian Lawrence Hall, James Patrick Hanavan, John Paul Hanken, Peter Kern Haws, James Herold Heine, Christopher Glenn Hernadi, Jay Wilson Hester.

Craig Ernest Isaac, Celia Chieno Ishikawa, Dawn Suzanne Jackson, Karen B. Jackson, Derek Arthur Johnson, Rebecca Grace Johnson, Martin Abraham Kagan, Elizabeth Ann Kaufman, Patrick Thomas Kightlinger, Elizabeth Rae Kirschbaum, Kenneth Scott Klein, Kit Louise Kolb.

Jennifer Diane Lamb, Daniel Jacque Larson, Paul Anthony Larson, Jason A.

Losk, Sibyl Kemp Maer, Richard Anthony Marshall, Sonia Martinez, Matthew Scott McCabe, Wendy Lynn McCallum, Lisa Mejia, Joana Messick, Kathleen M. Miller, Marisa Mirano, Jose Ampil Morales, Julie A. Morgan, Katherine Louise Myers, Alan Isamu Nakasone, Ashley Scott Newsom.

Melanie Lee Ogren, Mircea Micu Oprea, Matthew Lahey Perry, Corbett C. Petteway, David Scott Poepoe, Steven Roe Potter, Karen Leigh Powers, Heather Lamar Purvis.

Ricardo Antonio Rauda, Francis Laing Reckard, Jason David Richmond, Catherine Elizabeth Riley, Seann Robinson, Nicolas Romero, Molli Ann Rudnick, Vickie Lynn Ruiz.

Norma Esther Saatjian, Carey Jonathan Sanders, Colin Phelps Sanford, Aurora Santillan, John Claudius Sayers, Brenda Ann Schreiber, Christine Kathryn Senecal, Marisa Marquez Serrano, Bradley Neil Shafer, Micheline Clare Sheaffer, Theresa Ann Sherman, Howard Phillip Skebe, Christopher Alexis Slater, Natasha Kaye Smith, Rachel Erika Snyder, Peter Gustav Songster, John Hancock Sorenson, Nancy Lynn Sovik.

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the context of how the courts work in our society said Prof. Robert Kelley.

"The court's decision and its reasoning is what I deal with, not with the politics of the contending parties and the slogans being adopted. The courts have to work in a certain way and these ways are very ancient and have been worked out over centuries of time."

Is there any way to end the debate? "The end to the debate is going to be when, or if, the Supreme Court decides more or less conclusively whether it's going to let Roe vs. Wade alone or throw it out," Professor Kelley says.

Professor Kelley received his B.A. in history from U.C. Santa Barbara in 1948, an M.A. from Stanford in 1949 and a Ph.D. in history from Stanford in 1953. He served as a

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civilian historian for the U.S. Air Force, Air Defense Command, in Colorado Springs, Colorado from 1953 to 1954 when he joined the history faculty at Santa Barbara City College. He became a member of the UCSB history department in 1955 when he was appointed an instructor. He became a full professor in 1968.

He has been a consultant and expert witness to the Office of Attorney General, State of California since 1963 specializing in the history of water resource management in the Sacramento Valley, a subject on which he has written numerous articles and papers.

Professor Kelley has been a USIA lecturer in India, a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for

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Christopher Ward Vann, Aparna Voleti, Teresa Anne Vonphul, Kristin Amanda Vopicka, Shannon Stephanie Wagoner, Kameron Clark Wash, Rachel Irene Wedaa, Jess Lawrence Weinstein, Sheryl Elizabeth West, Caroline Elizabeth Wheaton, Michael Laurence Wilson, Guy Charles Wittenburg, Brian Hermann Wolf, Blair DeWitt Woodard, Jill A. Wowak, Karyn Ruth Young, and finally, Hyun Taek Yu.



Scholars a Senior Fulbright Lecturer at the USSR's Moscow University, a Fellow of the National Endowment of the Humanities, and the Alumnus of the Year at U.C. Santa Barbara.

He has written numerous books and articles, among them, *The Shaping of the American Past, Transformations: U.C. Santa Barbara 1909-1979, The Cultural Pattern in American Politics: The First Controversy in California's Sacramento Valley, Comparing the Incomparable: Politics and Ideas in the United States and the Soviet Union, Ideology and Political Culture from Jefferson to Nixon.*

In a departure from previous meeting sites, this year-end session of the History Associates is being held at 5 p.m. at the University Club, 1332 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara. The cost is \$3.00 for Associates members, \$5.00 for non-members. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar. For information call 805 893-4388.