

Annual Awards Ceremony Set For May 14

THERE WILL BE smiles all around on Wednesday, May 14 when the Department of History conducts its annual Awards Ceremony in the UCSB Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Conference Room, 6020 HSSB beginning at 4 p.m.

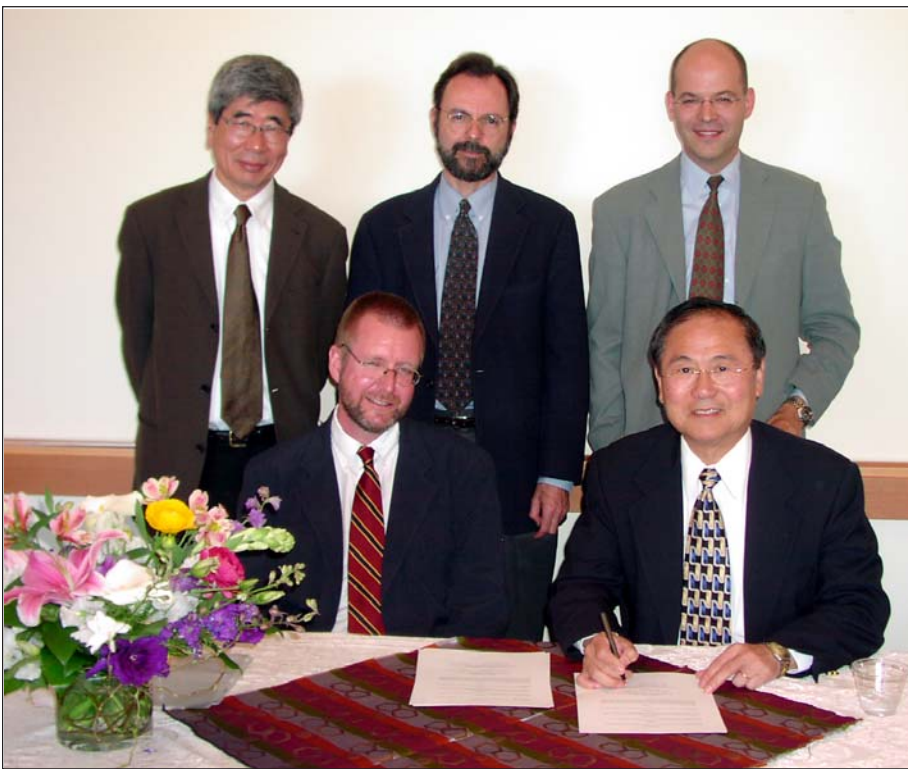
A highlight of the program will be presentation of the Buchanan Award to the outstanding graduating senior of 2002-03 and the Mayberry Award to the outstanding graduate student.

Also on tap are awards for last year's best graduate and undergraduate papers, and the Esmé Frost, Warren Hollister and Robert Kelley awards for research in pre-modern European history and US intellectual history and public policy.

The UCSB History Associates will give away more than \$30,000 in fellowships and awards, including the Van Gelderen Fellowship to an outstanding graduate student who has returned to school after a career outside academia and the Dick Cook Award for outstanding service to the History Department.

History Associates President Monica Orozco urged all members to attend.

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Prof. Odd Arne Westad and Chancellor Yang (seated); Prof. Hasegawa, Dean Marshall, Prof. Logevall (standing).

Cold War Center Links UCSB With Britain's London School

THE SOVIET UNION wasn't all that ended with the Cold War, Prof. Odd Arne Westad said at the signing of a formal Exchange Program between the UCSB History Department and the Department of International History of the London School of Economics and Political Science on April 23.

The end of the Cold War also saw an end to principle of bipolarity between the U. S. and USSR that had dominated strategic thinking for almost half a century, as well as the end of soviet-style communism and American control of the global market economy, according to Prof. Westad.

Despite dramatic changes in the past decade, he added, "more has lasted up to

the present than has not lasted."

One of the more surprising continuities, he said, was the continued alliance between the U. S., Western Europe and Japan.

"Standard wisdom is that such alliances come to an end when the threat that created them disappears," he said. "But that is not what is happening," recent discord over Iraqi policy notwithstanding.

U. S. policy in Europe after WWII deliberately encouraged diverse aims, even if that meant conflict, he said, because American policymakers realized that the broad goals for rebuilding Europe could only come from within, and that these were vital

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Medieval Conference Sparks Passion

FOUR HISTORY grad students presented papers at the annual Medieval Studies Graduate Student Conference, held in Centennial House last month.

In the morning session, **Nicole Archambeau** (Farmer), spoke on "Spiritual Consolation: Seeking External Aid for Inner Passions, and **Heidi Marx-Wolf** (Farmer) talked on "Disordered Passions: Records of Madness in Medieval Canonization Processes."

In the afternoon, **Corinne Wieben** (Lansing) delivered a paper on "Verdiana da Castelfiorentino as Civic Saint" and **Bethanie Petersen** (Farmer) spoke on "The Relics of the Passion and the Veronica in France at the Time of Louis IX."

Other speakers came from the departments of English and Art History.

Barbara Rosenwein of Loyola University, Chicago, author of pathbreaking books on the early Middle Ages and the monastery of Cluny, devoted this year's keynote address to "Passions at Court in Merovingian Gaul."

Sarah Case Joins the List Of Dissertation Prize Winners

SARAH CASE'S dissertation on "Renegotiating Race and Respectability in the Classroom: Women and Education in the New South" has won the campus Lancaster Prize for the best dissertation in the Arts and Humanities.

The victory maintains the department's dominance of the award in recent years, marking the fifth time in the past eight years that a History dissertation has won the top prize.

Sarah's dissertation uses three case studies of diverse educational institutions in post-Civil War and early 20th Century U.S. South as a prism to explore conflicts over gender, race, social reform, and citizenship.

According to mentor Jane DeHart, the dissertation combines "three specialties that are customarily studied in isolation—Gender Studies, Appalachian Studies, and African American Studies."

The product "upsets old notions of everything from respectability, to industrial edu-



Sarah Case

cation, to women's role in promulgating the myth of the old South."

Mark Hendrickson (Furner) kept another kind of streak going. The recipient of a fellowship from the Social Science Research Council this year, he has now been awarded a Non-profit Sector 2003-2004 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship by the Aspen Institute. Both awards

were for support of his dissertation-in-progress, entitled "Labor Knowledge and The Building of Modern Industrial Relations, 1918-1929."

Mark O'Tool (Farmer) has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to France for next year. He will conduct research in Paris for his dissertation on "Caring for the Blind in Medieval Paris: Life at the Quinze-Vingts, 1250-1500."

Founded by Louis IX in the 1250s, the Quinze-Vingts was the first hospital for the disabled in Western Europe.

Matt Sutton (DeHart) delivered a paper on "Poverty, Politics, and Pentecostals: The Battle over Humanitarian Relief in Depression Era California" at the Organization of American Historians annual meeting last month in Memphis.

Drew Miller (Farmer) delivered a paper on "Torturous Tonsuring: Violence, Communication and 'Anticlerical-ism?' In the Reign of Edward I" at

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Aloha, John Coleman, Good Friend

BY HAL DRAKE



In memoriam, John Coleman (1951-2005)

THE PHOTO OF John Coleman on this page is, to the best of my knowledge, the only one extant showing him in anything other than his trademark Hawaiian shirt.

It came about because three years ago John wanted to organize an "Aloha Day" in the department, where everybody would wear a Hawaiian shirt.

I told him I would only do it if he wore a suit and tie. John loved the idea. Hence the photo.


John Coleman died in March after a losing battle with cancer that had forced him to drop out of the program a year previ-

ously.

He came to college after a distinguished career in journalism, and it is no exaggeration to say he took the department by storm. When he graduated in 1998, he was selected to receive the Buchanan Award for outstanding graduating senior in History.

John entered the graduate program the next Fall. He was 49 years old at the time—not the typical age for a graduate student. But he instantly became the center of a lively group attracted to the new program in Cold War studies.

As Fred Logevall, one of his
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James Brooks Wins History's 'Triple Crown'

BORDERLANDS historian James Brooks has hit the jackpot with his new book, *Captives and Cousins: Slavery, Kinship, and Community in the Southwest Borderlands* (North Carolina, 2002).

Prof. Brooks's innovative study was announced as the winner of the Frederick Jackson Turner Award for best first book by a new author at the Organization of American Historians annual meeting in April.

This honor was followed in rapid succession by award of the Francis Parkman Prize of the Society of American Historians and and Columbia University's Bancroft Prize in American history.

"These are all big prizes, named after some of the greatest U. S. historians," said department chair Pat Cohen. "The list of winners, especially of the Bancroft, is truly distinguished."

Prof. Brooks left UCSB this year to take up the directorship of the School of American Research Press in Santa Fe, but he has maintained an affiliation with the department and continues to advise graduate students.

Also receiving an award this Spring was Prof. Fred Logevall, who won the coveted Stuart Barnath Lecture Prize from SHAFR. The prize recognizes distinguished research and teaching in American diplomatic history. Prof. Logevall will give the Barnath lecture at next year's OAH meeting.

In other faculty news:

Jane DeHart has been elected to a new term on the Board of Editors of the *Journal of Policy History*.

Sharon Farmer gave a ple-

nary address on "Saracen Paris" at the Society for French Historical Studies in Milwaukee last month.

Anita Guerrini gave a plenary lecture entitled "An Impolite Science: Public Anatomical Demonstration in the Eighteenth Century" at a conference on "Frankenstein's Science" at the Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University, Canberra last month. Her book on *Experimenting with Humans and Animals: From Galen to Animal Rights* will be published by Johns Hopkins University Press in June.

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the Medieval Academy of America.

A book by **Joseph Dorsey** (PhD Dutra, 1988), currently associate professor at Purdue University, has been nominated for Elsa Gouveia Award for Caribbean History. Entitled *Slave Traffic and the Age of Abolition: Puerto Rico, West Africa and the Non-Hispanic Caribbean, 1815-1859*, it was published by the University of Florida this year.

Alexandra Epstein (Cohen) has received a UC Faculty Fellowship in the UC Irvine History Department for 2003-04. She will be mentored at Irvine by Prof. Alice Fahs.

In what may be a record for the department, **Ben Zulueta** (Badash) has delivered four papers so far this academic year, and will deliver a fifth before it ends. His talks began last November with a paper at the History of Science Society annual meeting in Milwaukee and continued in March with a paper at the Association for Asian Ameri-

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Randy Bergstrom gets into the swing of his History Associates lecture.

Persistence Could Trump Judicial Racism—Bergstrom

DESPITE THE racial injustice portrayed in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, instances of real-life Atticus Finches show that "the courts could work," History Prof. Randy Bergstrom told the UCSB History Associates at their first-ever dinner and show fundraiser in March.

Speaking prior to a stage production of Harper Lee's popular novel, Prof. Bergstrom, who is writing a book on changing attitudes toward race in the American judicial system at the end of the 19th century, said that racism was by no means confined to the South in the century following the Civil War.

One infamous example was a three-day riot in New York City in which police arrested 480 African-Americans but no whites. The bias was so blatant that judges shut down the police courts that were processing the cases.

But even in the face of such

bigotry persistence often paid off, Prof. Bergstrom said.

"The sentiment among scholars is that African-Americans avoided using the courts in this period because they were so conservative," he said.

"My position is that the courts could be used to overturn racism. Even in a period when the odds were overwhelmingly against African-Americans, they created a record of persistence in the face of racism that was remembered in later decades."

The most famous real-life Atticus Finch discussed by Prof. Bergstrom was famed attorney Clarence Darrow, whose first case after the notorious Scopes trial was to defend a distinguished African-American doctor in Detroit.

Dr. Ossian Sweet, a former student of Marie Curie's in Paris, had bought a house with his brothers in Detroit, "a model

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President's Corner

Pride and Sorrow

Mid-May has become my favorite time of the year. It is the traditional date for the History Associates award ceremony and as president I get to introduce the students and hand them a certificate and the promise of a forthcoming check.

I get tremendous satisfaction and joy from participating in the ceremony. I see the students' smiles and hear them express their thanks for the recognition and the help toward completing their degree. I know how contributions from History Associates members and friends will help get these students to archives in France, Germany, Spain and Washington D.C.



But just as the month of May has become a time I look forward to, April has become a more difficult month to greet. It is the traditional date that History Associates Board members determine who will receive awards, with advice from the History Department Financial Aid Committee. And it is at this meeting that I see the great need for financial assistance among so many graduate students.

So while I take great pleasure and pride in being able to play a role in raising and distributing funds to deserving graduate students, I know there are many that will not receive funding who are also deserving of support.

While accruing debt is a given for graduate students, they often find themselves walking the fine line between financing their education and mortgaging their future. With budget cutbacks, highly promising students are having to ask themselves if they can even afford to stay in graduate school.

This year our fundraising efforts have once again been spurred on by the Van Gelderen Challenge Grant. Unfortunately we have not reached our goal yet, resulting in the appearance of the dreaded thermometer once again this issue. In addition to the Van Gelderen's generosity, Graduate Division at UCSB has agreed to match our fundraising dollar for dollar. So I urge you to help us meet these two challenges by making a contribution to the scholarship fund.

You will not only help us meet our fundraising goal but also play a pivotal role in the academic career of so many History graduate students. I can assure you that the students greatly appreciate your help, as do I.

Monica Orozco

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to the success of the alliance.

These continuities make Cold War Studies "one of the very few fields where historians can pretend to be useful for something more than just the study of history," he said.

This is so because to create international stability based on a very different system leaders "will need to figure out why some alliances contributed as decisively as they did to the end of the Cold War."

One important lesson that he emphasized was that the collapse of soviet communism as an international system was brought about by "challenges from below that contributed to a new international economy in which the Soviet Union could not survive," he said.

Prior to his inaugural address, Prof. Westad saluted UCSB as a site where much of the process of maturing the field" of Cold War Studies began.

"We at the London School were amazed at the speed with which this department attracted top faculty as well as graduate students who are known and respected internationally as the best in the field," he said.

The agreement, which Chancellor Yang formally signed at the start of the program, provides for the exchange of faculty and students between the two institutions.

"This is only the sixth such agreement the London School has ever made," Prof. Westad said. "It comes out of recognition by the wider community in Great Britain that UCSB is the place to come to work on Cold War history."

Prof. Tsuyoshi Hasegawa, a co-director of the new Center recalled how the UCSB program began just seven years ago in a hallway conversation with Prof. Fred Logevall, now the other co-director.

Grads Land Jobs Despite Tight Market

HISTORY PHDs have been doing well in a tight job market.

Justin Stephens (PhD Drake, 2002) has been appointing visiting assistant professor at Hillsdale College in Michigan.

Nancy McLoughlin (Farmer) has been appointed visiting assistant professor at DePauw University in Chicago.

Dan Shao (PhD Fogel, 2002), has accepted a tenure track position at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

Alistair Hatching (PhD 2002, Rock) has been appointed to a tenure track position at Muskingum College in Ohio, where he served this year on a one-year appointment.

Nicole von Germeten (Cline) has landed a tenure-track job at Oregon State. She has also been awarded a postdoctoral fellowship at Princeton University's Center for the Study of Religion.

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Real-Life Atticus Finch Tales

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of American progress in the 1920s, but also a site of extreme racism with a strong KKK contingent," Prof. Bergstrom said.

In previous weeks, three other African-Americans had been driven from their homes by mobs, but Dr. Sweet was determined to stay. He fortified his house and, with friends, faced off mobs ranging from 500-800 angry whites.

After bricks were thrown, shots rang out and the mob fled, leaving one person dead. Police arrested Dr. Sweet.

"Darrow got Sweet off with a hung jury, and the jury actually voted to acquit his brother, who was believed to be the killer," he reported.

The case, he said, proved that "lawyering can work."

Prior to the talk and performance, Associates enjoyed a special meal in Santa Barbara City College's Gourmet Dining Room.

History Associates President Monica Orozco said the first-ever event definitely will be followed by more in the future.

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can Studies Regional Conference in Pomona.

In April, Ben delivered his third paper at the Center for the Americas at Wesleyan University in Connecticut and the fourth at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

For the final paper he will travel to the Istituto di Fisica Generale Applicata in Milan in June.

All of the papers deal with aspects of his dissertation-in-progress on immigrant Asian scientists to the U. S.



The awesome Hoops Historians (l. to r.): Matt DeFraga, Joe Campo, John Sbardellati, Travis Smith, Josh Birk and Matt Aberman.

For These Historians, Grad School is Just a Slam Dunk

BY MATT DEFRAGA

IT IS A TENSE moment in UCSB's Events Center. The Hoops Historians basketball team and their opponents are locked in a titanic struggle of wills.

The game is tied with six seconds left when Hoops Historian Paul Spickard races down the court with the ball after a beautiful defensive play, only one overmatched defender between him and the basket.

Just as it appears as if the defender will step up and strip the ball from the savvy veteran, Dr. Paul dribbles the ball behind his back, spins around, (leaving the open-mouthed opponent flailing in vain) and with a booming yell of triumph and glee (reminiscent of a Viking warrior looting a defenseless French town) unleashes a monster two-handed slam

dunk to win the game!

Myth-making in action? Perhaps. But, like most myths, this one contains a grain of truth. History Prof. Paul Spickard does indeed play on a team called the Hoops Historians, and he is indeed a savvy veteran.

The dunking part is another

Coleman Farewell

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mentors, put it, "He touched so many of us during his years here with his energy and wit, his dedication, his warmth, his passion for the historian's enterprise."

Perhaps the most touching of the many tributes that flooded onto the department email came from another grad student, Mike Proulx.

"John had a unique way of reminding everyone what's important in life," Mike wrote.

"His signature Hawaiian T-

story. But the Hoops Historians are a team of History graduate students and faculty which competes on a regular basis in UCSB intramural basketball leagues.

Current players include: Matt DeFraga (Rappaport and Talbott), Travis Smith

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Shirts and shorts were a testament to his light-hearted nature and warmth.

"Always one to greet you with a big smile, he never failed to brighten our days. I will always remember his love for a friendly game of cards and a good glass of wine."

Every department needs a John Coleman in its midst to remind those around him of "what's important in life."

We're grateful for the time we had ours.

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The busy 2002-05 History Associates Board took time out recently for a group photo. Pictured are (l. to r.): Treasurer Bev Schwartzberg with junior Board member Isaac, Mary Louise Days, Vice President Barbara Lindemann, Sears McGee, Pat Coben, Patrick O'Dowd, Secretary Hal Drake, President Monica Orozco, Melanie Jacobson, Greg de Roulbac, Margaret Rose and Richard Ogleby. Not pictured: Karen Anderson, Eric Boehm, Cathy Rudolph and Jo Beth Van Gelderen.

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"This is what our efforts all year are all about," she said. "The reward comes in seeing how much good our money does."

Orozco noted that the History Associates have become an ever more important resource for the department.

"This year our awards amounted to about a third of all the money the department had available to support graduate research," she said. "With budget cuts next year, our awards will become even more critical."

A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the History Conference Room, 4020 HSSB.

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(Spickard), John Sbardellati (Logevall), Joe Campo (Marcuse), Josh Birk (Lansing), and Matt Aberman (Badash).

Others who have participated are Joe Banasch (Marcuse), Josh Ashenmiller (Furner) and Matt Sutton (DeHart).

The Hoops Historians have a lot of fun and play some exciting basketball. Although they don't win every game, they do a fine job of representing the department, and would almost certainly be undefeated if historical debate were a key component.



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