



Grad students Jason Linn, Lily Anne Welty.

# Linn, Welty Gain Teaching Prizes

HISTORY GRAD STUDENTS have walked off with two coveted teaching honors.

Jason Linn (Lee) received the Academic Senate's Outstanding Teaching Assistant award, and Lily Anne Welty (Spickard) was awarded the Dean's Prize Teaching Fellowship.

Now in his third year in the graduate program, Jason is working on a doctoral dissertation entitled, "When Darkness Came: Nighttime in Ancient Rome."

He was cited for the "creativity, humor, and energy that lie beneath his knowledge of the subject and his competence as a teacher." Jason has taught both World Civ and Western Civ, as well as Classics.

Lily won this fellowship for her proposed course on the "The Pacific War and Modern Memory," which will be offered this summer.

She is writing her dissertation on "Multiracial American Japanese in Post-World War II Japan and U.S. 1945-1972." As part of her project, Lily is compiling oral histories of mixed-race people of this generation.

History graduate students have dominated both awards in the past. The first Dean's Prize fellowship, in 2004-05, went to Maeve Devoy (Kalman), and in 2007 two History grads received Outstanding TA awards in the same year.

The honors that year went to Joe Campo (Marcuse) and Ingrid Page (Spickard).

"Our department's continuing success in winning such awards is one of many indicators that our graduate students are among the best on campus," said History Chair John Majewski.



# Two Seniors to Share Buchanan Honors At Awards Ceremony

TWO MEMBERS OF the Senior Honors seminar have been selected to receive this year's Buchanan Award, bestowed by the UCSB Alumni Association on the outstanding graduating senior in History.

Mattias Fibiger and Jonathan Bronstein will receive their awards at the department's annual Awards Ceremony, which will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, in the McCune Conference Room, HSSB 6020.

The ceremony will also honor recipients of prizes for best papers and this year's group of History Associates Fellows.

"It's the proudest day of the year for us," said HA President Mary Louise Days. "It's what makes all the months of planning and fundraising worthwhile."

A campus map is available on the web

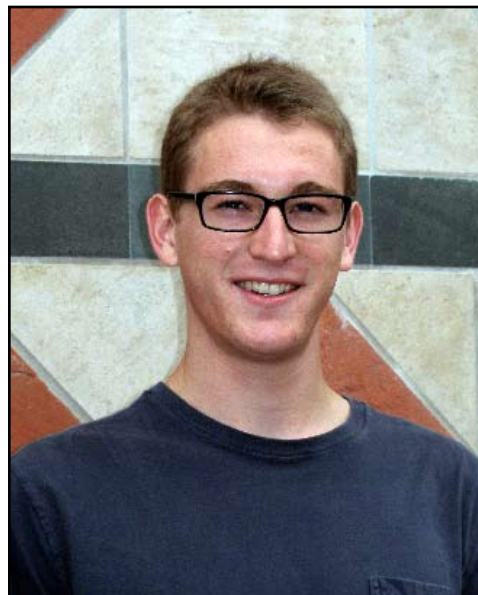
at <http://www.aw.id.ucsb.edu/maps/>. The closest parking is Lot 22, the Parking Structure just beyond the HSSB building. From the structure, walk through the courtyard to the six-story "tower" wing of the building, then take the elevator to the sixth floor (the "arcade" wing only has four floors).

This year's Buchanan award recipients have much in common.

In addition to being members of this year's Senior Honors seminar, both hail from Thousand Oaks. Both are studying aspects of 20th-century U.S. history, and both are passionate about their study.

Jonathan says his interest in history started early. He remembers constantly discussing such topics as Paul Revere's ride

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Mattias Fibiger.

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Jonathan Bronstein.

White House Photo



Celebrating their performance are, Back Row (l. to r.): Andrew Maitino, Chris Marshall, Sean Garbutt, Kristen Hayford, Regina Starkey Schmidt, Rose Khouri. Front Row (l. to r.): Allie Clement, Pam Abi Najem, Andrew Magnusson, Daniel Zorub, Emily Bangham.

# Latin America Grads Set Dept Pace

STUDENTS IN Latin American history made news in jobs and publishing this term.

Jason Dormady's (PhD 2007 Cline) book on *Primitive Revolution: Restorationist Religion and the Idea of the Mexican Revolution, 1940-1968* was published this month by University of New Mexico Press. His book studies the way Mexico's poor used religious primitivism to mediate with the state. Jason is currently service as assistant professor of History at Stephen F. Austin University.

Jill Briggs's (Osborne, Soto Laveaga) article, "'As fool-proof as possible': Overpopulation, Colonial Demography and the Jamaica Birth Control League," was published in a special issue of *The Journal of the Global South* devoted to the topic of Globalization and the Caribbean in March. Jill also recently received a research grant from the Rockefeller Archive Center.

Rafaela Acevedo-Field (Cline) has accepted a tenure-track position at Whitworth University in Spokane. Rafaela earned her M.A. in the Latin American and Iberian Studies program and will complete her doctorate in History. She is writing on crypto-Jews and the Mexican Inquisition during the 17th century.

Bianca Brigidi (Dutra) has received a Bancroft Library Study fellowship to support research for her dissertation, entitled *Being Native American:*

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## UCSB Students Excel at Model Arab League

BY CHRIS MARSHALL

UCSB STUDENT delegates had a strong showing at the West Coast Model Arab League competition in March at the University of La Verne.

UCSB delegates employed effective diplomatic and debate skills in each of the five councils: Joint Defense, Palestinian Affairs, Arab Social Affairs, Political Affairs, and Arab Environmental Affairs.

The team's efforts did not go unnoticed. UCSB produced over a third of all resolutions

*A Political Science major; Chris Marshall served as UCSB's Head Delegate to the conference.*

passed, while garnering three Honorable Mention awards and a Most Outstanding Chair award.

Furthermore, special recognition goes to Daniel Zorub as he was elected Secretary-General of next year's West Coast Model Arab League — the highest honor a student can receive.

The 10 students on the team

### Prof. Paul Spickard Receives Loving Prize for Work on Race

HISTORY PROF. Paul Spickard has been selected to receive the 2011 Loving Prize by the Mixed Roots Film and Literary Festival.

The prize was created in 2008 to recognize "outstanding artists, storytellers and community leaders for inspirational dedication to celebrating and illuminating the mixed racial and cultural experience.

Prof. Spickard was selected for writing "some of the most ground-breaking books on this topic," according to the group's website.

Special mention was made of his 1991 book, *Mixed Blood: Intermarriage and Ethnic Identity*

came from a variety of majors, including History, Political Science, Global & International Studies and Middle East Studies.

They were coached by History grad student Andrew Magnusson (Humphreys).

Representing the Republic of Sudan, UCSB competed against 12 other teams from eight universities.



Prof. Paul Spickard.

*in Twentieth Century America.*

Prof. Spickard will receive the award at a ceremony slated for June 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Japanese American National Museum in downtown Los Angeles.

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*Historia photo by Lili Petrosian*  
*Standing (l. to r.): Ian Anderson, Alexa Greco, Lindsay Gaudinier, Travis van Ligten, Cheyanne Gustason, Rebekah Dunn, Miles Freeman, Evan Sherwood, Prof. Sears McGee. Seated: Benjamin Lopez, Matt Fibiger, Christos Potamiamos.*

# Double Honors This Year!

THIS YEAR'S SENIOR Honors class was so large that Prof. Sears McGee, who ran it, had to divide the class into two groups.

The 19 students in the course spent Fall and Winter quarters writing their theses. They will present the fruits of their labors at the annual Senior Honors Colloquium, which will convene over several days because of the size of the class.

The students, with their mentors' names in parentheses, the title of their projects and the day and time of their presentations are as follows (all presentations will be in 4041 HSSB):

**Ian Anderson** (Welter), "The Architecture of Totalitarianism." May 18, 4:30 p.m.

**Emmett Bloom** (Humphreys), "Who's In Charge? Political Fragmentation in Post-Taliban Afghanistan." May 19, 3 p.m.

**Jonathan Bronstein** (Kalman), "Judging the Judges: the Politicization of Judicial Nomination from Nixon to Reagan." May 20, 2:10 p.m.

**Ariana Dumpis** (Park), "Surf and Turf: Surfing, Localism, and Everything in Between." May 20, 4:30 p.m.

**Rebekah Dunn** (Chikowero), "Africa a-liberate Zimba-

## Honors Colloquium Set For May 18-20

bwe'? Music and Pan-Africanism in Zimbabwe and South Africa, 1950-1995." May 18, 2:10 p.m.

**Matt Fibiger** (Yaqub), "Redeeming the Ship of State: the Mayaguez Incident of 1975." May 19, 4:50 p.m.

**Miles Freeman** (Bergstrom), "Heroes and Traitors: the China Hands, the China Lobby, and the War for America's China Policy." May 18, 3:50 p.m.

**Lindsay Gaudinier** (Kal-

man), "The Western Shoshone and the Nevada Test Site." May 19, 4:10 p.m.

**Alexandra Greco** (Furner), "Thorns Amongst the Tentacles: A Look into the Private and Public Depictions of the Standard Oil Company." May 18, 2:40 p.m.

**Cheyenne Gustason** (Wolfe), "Some Like It Haute: the Role of 1930s Hollywood Cinema in the Rise of the U.S. in the International Fashion Industry." May 20, 1 p.m.

**Benjamin Lopez** (Cohen), "The Sullivan Campaign of 1779 and the New York Frontier: an American General Fails to Grasp Victory." May

18, 1 p.m.

**Charles Lucero** (Dutra), "Anybody 'but not Ld. B': a Study of Lord William Carr Beresford's Intervention in 1820s Portugal." May 20, 3:50 p.m.

**Christos Potamiamos** (Thomas, DePalma Digeser), "The Function of the Roman Spectacle in Ephesos." May 18, 1:30 p.m.

**Eric Rogers** (Thomas), "A Study of Early Christianity in Relation to the Ancient Mysteries." May 20, 1:30 p.m.

**Andrew Seguin** (Bergstrom), "Forays into the 'Urban Frontier': The Beginnings of Gentrification in New York City." May 19, 2:30 p.m.

**Evan Sherwood** (Talbot), "Extending the Containment Perimeter in Korea: October 9, 1950." May 20, 2:40 p.m.

**Travis Van Ligten** (Roberts), "A Delicate Balance: Tokugawa Diplomacy between 1862 and 1864." May 19, 3:40 p.m.

**Doug Wagoner** (Kalman), "A Crossroads of Racial and Gender Preferences: Affirmative Action and the University of California's War Within." May 18, 3:20 p.m.

**Gregory Wilner** (Blumenthal), "Into the Arms of the Infidel: Christian and Muslim Mercenaries of the Reconquista." May 20, 3:20 p.m.



*Historia photo by Lili Petrosian*  
*Standing (l. to r.): Leonard Shonka, Eric Rogers, Charles Lucero, Emmett Bloom, Greg Wilner, Prof. Sears McGee. Seated: Ariana Dumpis, Andrew Seguin, Doug Wagoner*

# Buchanan Award

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and the invasion of Normandy with his parents.

Mattias wound up in Thousand Oaks, but only after living in Vancouver and Indiana. And his intention when he came to UCSB was to study physics. Once here, he developed an interest in international politics and took courses in Global Studies and Political Science before settling on History.

They appear to be heading for different careers as well.

Mattias will be applying for graduate school in History, while Jonathan recently

began a stint as a White House intern.

On one thing, however, both Mattias and Jonathan agree. That's the importance of studying history in order to understand the present.

"I've always believed that a solid background in history allows people to understand the root cause of current predicaments," Jonathan says.

And Mattias says his flirtation with other disciplines helped him appreciate how important it is to know the sources.

"Historical events are much more complicated in reality than they are in theory," he says.

## President's Corner

### A Successful Year

The History Associates is concluding a successful year of informative programs for members and dedicated fund raising for UCSB History students. We are becoming better known among students, alumni and the local community. Our support group has made efforts to help the History department weather the challenges of reduced funding. We can be proud that several of our scholarship funds have increased dramatically—a tribute to the dedication of the board and our membership.



Two excellent and entertaining lectures completed the 2010-2011 program year for the History Associates. Dan Alef told the fascinating story of Steve Jobs in February at the University Club, and in March Prof. Yunte Huang recounted the tale of Charlie Chan, detective, at a Chinese restaurant in Santa Barbara.

On May 25 the annual awards ceremony will be held in the McCune Conference Room (6020 HSSB) beginning at 4 p.m. Associates members are invited to meet the students who are award recipients, and to take pride in their accomplishments.

The board would appreciate receiving opinions from our members about your favorite forms of program settings. Do you prefer lunchtime or dinnertime programs? Or perhaps late afternoon wine and cheese events? How about a few more weekend events? Thank you for your responses. We value your suggestions. E-mail the editor: drake@history.ucsb.edu.

Mary Louise Days  
President



Visiting Prof. Hidemichi Kawanishi and his wife, Fumiko, help the History Graduate Student Association kick off sale of a new History department book bag, which goes for \$10. They are flanked by Chrissy Lau and Prof. Luke Roberts. You can buy a bag from any of the HGSA officers: Bianca Brigidi, President; Rafaela Acevedo-Field, Vice President; Lily Welty, Communications, and Nicolle Coggins, Secretary. The HGSA will also ship them for an additional \$2 for postage. Send an email to: ncoggins@umail.ucsb.edu or lywelty@umail.ucsb.edu.

## Japan Foundation Visitor Dives Into Department

SMALL INVESTMENTS pay large dividends.

Thanks to funding from a Japan Foundation Institutional Development Grant and UCSB's Division of Humanities, a major Japanese scholar has been in residence this quarter.

Prof. Hidemichi Kawanishi, a Japanese history specialist in the Department of Integrated Humanities of the Graduate School of Letters at Hiroshima University, has been teaching a graduate seminar on "Nationalisms of Japan" to students in History and East Asian Studies.

The seminar is aimed at

introducing participants to the Japanese-language historiography on nationalism, according to History Prof. Luke Roberts, who is principal investigator on the grant.

Because it is conducted entirely in Japanese, the seminar also serves as an advanced language course in academic Japanese, he said.

But Prof. Kawanishi, who has authored and edited numerous books of modern Japanese history on the subjects of regionalism, militarism and nationalism, has not limited his activities to the seminar.

At a potluck party sponsored by the History Graduate Student Association last month, Prof. Kawanishi helped HGSA officers show off the new department book bag.

The Japan Foundation gave UCSB almost \$300,000 last year for graduate student fellowships, visiting scholars and a summer institute for faculty and graduate students.

The Foundation is Japan's "leading public organization dedicated to international cultural exchange."



Prof. Kawanishi in the classroom.

# Opportunity Knocks and Grad Student Answers

*Ed. Note: Medieval history grad student Jessica Elliott attended a conference on 15th-century France in Jerusalem last February. Historia asked her to tell us what it was like.*

BY JESSICA MARIN ELLIOTT

I'VE BEEN IN Paris all year, completing the research for my dissertation on the conversion of Jews to Christianity in medieval Northern France.

So when I received an email from my advisor, Sharon Farmer, last fall, I was expecting a question about the archival sources I had been consulting, or perhaps a reminder about a seminar that I should attend or tip about a museum exhibit that I should make sure to visit.

Her question, "How would you like to go to Jerusalem in mid-February to participate in a conference on 13th-century France?" was completely unexpected.

*Thirteenth-Century France: Continuity and Change*, a Joint Research Conference of the Institute for Advanced Studies and the Israel Science Foundation, was held at the Hebrew



Jessica Elliott and Prof. Sharon Farmer in front of the Jerusalem Citadel (David's Tower).

University of Jerusalem, Feb. 14-17. The conference lasted for four days, with no competing sessions, and a roundtable discussion at the end of each day.

I had the opportunity to meet some of the most influential scholars of medieval French history and Jewish studies and to hear papers on topics as diverse as the silk industry in medieval Paris, medieval anti-Christian polemic and women and fasting in 13th-century France.

While I was there, I presented a chapter of my dissertation at the Historical Society of Israel Medieval Graduate Workshop.

The chapter, "*Iudaei devocionem simulantes*?": Representations of Converted Jews in French Chronicles before and after the Expulsion of 1306," argued that Christian concerns about the status and sincerity of converted Jews did not appear in French sources until after

the mass expulsions and forced baptisms of Jews in the early 14th century.

Graduate students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem presented papers on cross-cultural interaction in 13th-century Acre and Jewish legal texts from 13th- and 14th-century Southern France.

Later in the conference, I was also asked to read a paper on Christian biblical exegesis for a scholar who had been unable to make the trip to Jerusalem at the last minute due to illness.

Apparently, I read convincingly; at least one audience member believed that I really was Dr. Lesley Smith, professor of medieval intellectual history at Oxford. She must have missed the introductory remarks at the beginning of the session!

Fortunately, the session chair stepped in when the audience member began to direct detailed questions about bibli-

cal exegesis to me during the discussion session.

There was even a little time left over to explore the city.

The conference organizers arranged a guided walking tour of the Old City on Wednesday afternoon and hosted a wonderful dinner for conference participants at a restaurant downtown on Tuesday evening.

After the graduate workshop, Prof. Farmer and I had a few hours to visit the Israel Museum.

We spent most of our time at the Shrine of the Book, the museum's exhibit on the Dead Sea Scrolls, although we were still able to spend a few minutes in the museum's archeology wing before we were chased out by the guards for lingering too close to closing time.

When I booked my plane ticket, a week seemed like a long time to be away from Paris, but by the last day of the conference, I couldn't believe that it was already time to leave.

I'm looking forward to going back to Jerusalem someday—hopefully, after I've had a chance to brush up on my Hebrew!

## Postings

### New Books by History PhDs

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII Press has published *Waves of Resistance: Surfing and History in 20th Century Hawaii* by **Isaiah Walker** (PhD 2006 Spickard).

The book shows how Hawaiian men used their 1500-year-old sport and cultural practice to resist the inundation of European, American and other migrants in the 1900s.

Isaiah currently serves as assistant professor of history at Brigham Young University-Hawai'i, located on O'ahu's North Shore.

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# 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?

Send your letters to:

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or email:

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# 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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## Photo of The Month



YOU MIGHT THINK chairing the largest department in the College would be enough to keep Prof. John Majewski (right) busy, but in the middle of a rough season of budgets and personnel cases, he found time to join grad student Tim Daniels (McGee) in the Santa Barbara Marathon last November. It was the first marathon for both historians, both of whom finished the 26.2-mile course.

Which may be why his colleagues have stopped calling him "Excel-boy" and now refer to him as "Iron Man."

## Latin America Grads

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*Race, Ethnicity and Mission in Spanish, Mexican and U.S. California (1769-1852)*. In this project, Bianca investigates the influence of colonial legal frameworks on shaping racial categories in both colonial and post-colonial states.

Ricardo Caton (PhD 2011 Soto Laveaga) has accepted a tenure-track position at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, Mass. Ricardo's dissertation is on *Defensores de la Patria: Mexico's Army and the Nineteenth-Century Creation of the Mexican Nation*.

## Grads Land Jobs In Tough Market

KIRSTEN ZIOMEK (PhD 2011 Roberts, Fruhstuck) has been awarded a two-year postdoctoral fellowship visiting at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY. She will also serve as a visiting assistant professor. Kirsten's dissertation, titled *Subaltern Speak: Imperial Multiplicities in Japan's Empire*, focused on the experiences of four groups of Japanese colonial subjects from 1902-1913.

Sarah Griffith (PhD 2010 Spickard) has accepted a tenure-track assistant professorship at Queen's University in Charlotte, NC. Sarah has been teaching at Willamette University this year. Her dissertation was on race relations in the trans-Pacific region.

April Haynes (PhD 2009 Cohen) has been offered a tenure-track position at the University of Oregon. Since completing her dissertation on the influence of sexual ideology on the history of gender, race and sexuality in the U.S., April has held a post-doctoral fellowship at the American Antiquarian Society and a visiting assistant professorship at Case Western University.

## PhD Books

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Chris Ziegler McPherson (PhD 2000 Brownlee) has written *Immigrants in Hoboken: One Way Ticket, 1845-1985*, which will be published by The History Press in Charleston, SC.

This is the second book for Chris, who currently teaches at the Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Center for Labor Studies of SUNY's Empire State College. She is also serving as guest associate curator for a new gallery devoted to social activism at the Museum of the City of New York.

Kurt Werthmuller (PhD 2007 Humphreys) has published *Coptic Identity and Ayyubid Politics in Egypt, 1218-1250* with American University in Cairo Press. The book is based on the life and writings of Cyril III Ibn Laqlaq, the 75th patriarch of the Coptic Christian church.

Kurt currently serves as assistant professor of History at Azusa Pacific University.