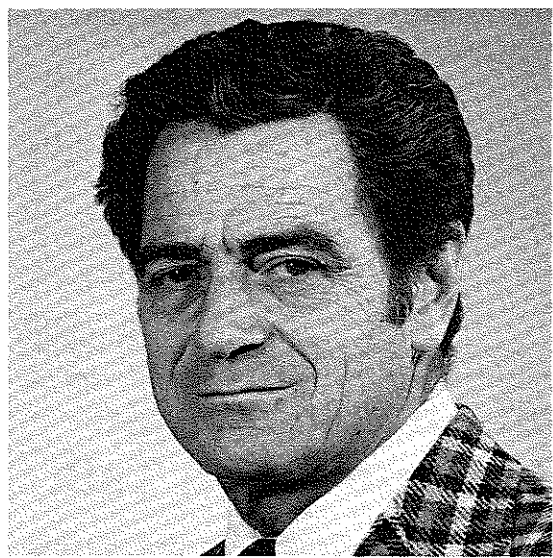


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Professor Alex DeConde

De CONDE WINS GRAEBNER PRIZE

Prof. Alex DeConde has been named to receive the 1988 Norman and Laura Graebner Lifetime Achievement Award of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR).

Distinguished Scholar

A specialist in American diplomatic history, Prof. DeConde is only the second person ever to receive the award, which was established in 1986 to recognize distinguished scholars of diplomatic and international affairs "whose achievements have contributed most significantly to the fuller understanding of U.S. diplomatic history."

The first recipient of the biennial award was Prof. Dorothy Borg of Columbia University, a pioneer in the study of American Far Eastern policy who trained an entire generation of scholars in this field.

At a ceremony in Washington, D.C., last summer, Prof. DeConde was cited for "the

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CLASS PRODUCES "PUBLIC JUSTICE"

"Public Justice," the latest monograph of UCSB's Public History Program, was formally presented to District Atty. Tom Sneddon by Chancellor Barbara Uehling earlier this month.

A history of the District Attorney's office in Santa Barbara County, "Public Justice" covers the years 1850-1985, focussing on the enormous growth that occurred in the size of the office and scope of its duties since 1945.

First Study of DA's Office

"As far as we know, this is the first study of a county district attorney's office that has ever been produced," Prof. Robert Kelley, who directed the team-research project, said. "It is becoming a model for future studies."

Produced in six months by the Department's ninth Public History class, "Public Justice" is the sixth monograph produced in the Public Historical Studies series.

Accuracy of the study

"I was extremely impressed by the accuracy of the study for the years that I knew at first-hand," said Dist. Atty. Sneddon, who has served in the local office since 1969. "I also found the earlier chapters fascinating and informative."

Revealing that his own career had been a tossup between
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All Smiles. Chancellor Uehling presents copy of "Public Justice" to Dist. Atty. Tom Sneddon as grad authors Gail Evans (top left), and Jennifer Strand and Prof. Bob Kelley look on.

Home is Where the Hearst Is...

The History Associates Visit San Simeon

Almost 50 History Associates and guests gathered in the early morning of November 5th for a very pleasant excursion to famed Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument. Boarding a luxurious bus at UCSB, the group enjoyed a very comfortable drive through the dry autumn landscape. Along the way the group enjoyed delicious and substantial snacks served by Deanna Hatch of University Support Groups with the able assistance of Professor Hal Drake's daughter Katie, and her friend, Melanie Masino.

Hearst Museum

Upon arrival, the group dispersed—some to overflowing shops and others to the historical and conservation exhibits in the recently completed interpretive center at the bottom of the hill. A special treat for some was a warm greeting and guided tour through the Hearst Museum by UCSB Public History graduate, Robert Pavlik. Pavlik now serves as San Simeon historian for the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

After visiting the Museum, the group boarded a bus for the roller-coaster ride to the Castle atop its mountain peak. Once there, the Associates separated into smaller groups for docent-led tours through the Main House and to the two ornate pools.

Cellar to Turret Tour

It was truly a top-to-bottom (or bottom to top) tour. We began in the wine cellar ("nice," but nothing extraordinary in the teetotaller Hearst Collection) and ended up in the turret guest chambers after a sometimes bewildering trek up very narrow, curving, cement stairways. According to Kate and Melanie, who counted, we trod 120 steps in all. Along the way, we visited several guest rooms, including the "dormitory" for single guests, and the library with its impressive collection of Southwestern pottery, said to be one of the finest in existence. We also visited the surprisingly small private quarters of William Randolph Hearst and of his long time paramour, Marian Davies. We heard many interesting historical tidbits, including a few of the Enquirer variety, from our guides. A shaft of sunlight falling dramatically on a Madonna and Child statue in the magnificent Gothic library lent a somewhat Orson Wellesian touch to the tour. Also enjoyed was an unusual oblique view from above of the heraldic main dining room, a highlight of the regular Castle tour.

Following the 75-minute tour, we ricocheted

down the mountain to begin the trip home. An added attraction was a slow drive through historic Cambria Pines Village, a special request good-humoredly honored by our amiable driver.

Those Associates who didn't doze on the way home enjoyed comparing notes on the plethora of interesting facts and gorgeous art which had been pointed out to us by the excellent docents. Everyone agreed that it had been a great field trip.

As the group returned to UCSB, appreciation was expressed to Associates President Dick Cook and to Deanna Hatch for providing members and guests with such a lovely Saturday. Then we all dispersed to return to abodes that seemed much humbler than they had when we left that morning.

Cathy Rudolph

Central America To Be Topic For Luncheon Talk

The spotlight will fall on Central America next month as the History Associates continue their highly successful luncheon lecture series with a talk by Prof. Hector Lindo-Fuentes.

Native of El Salvador

A native of El Salvador, Prof. Lindo will discuss the troubled politics of that region at noon on Tuesday, December 6. Prof. Lindo-Fuentes, who teaches courses in the History of Central America at UCSB, is a specialist in the 19th century economic history of

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This is a year for anniversaries.

The Public History program, which started at UCSB in 1976, is celebrating the arrival of its 13th consecutive class and the publication of the sixth monograph in its "Historical Studies" series with a combination of hoopla and reflection—both of which seem appropriate to an ancient historian like myself, since in my period 13 was the traditional age for entry into adulthood (the Jewish ceremony of Bar- and Bas-Mitzvah continues this rite).

Senior Honors Seminar

Just down the hall from the Public History office, another rite is being observed weekly by ten undergraduates who can be observed huddling nervously in the halls Thursday afternoons, waiting for a smiling, bearded ogre of a man to submit them to three straight hours of ritual degradation.

These are the students in our Senior Honors Seminar, which is now in its eighth year. Under the tutelage of Al Lindemann—who has been known to write more in criticism of one of their papers than they did on the paper—these hardy souls are spending the year sharpening their skills at research and writing, and in learning to give (and receive) reasoned critiques of each other's work.

Eight Years Ago

Seeing them in the halls makes me think of the first year's class eight years ago. We were just feeling our way then, and not at all sure how many faculty would be willing to take on these students as voluntary additions to their workload, how the students would do in our group meetings where we talked about subjects ranging from antiquity to the present, from Saints' lives to Japanese-American relations, or how diligent faculty would be reading not only their own students' papers, but all the others as well.

Faculty Response

The faculty response was tremendous, and has continued to be so. In fact, we have even had faculty in other departments volunteer to co-supervise papers, just for the chance to get in on the action—something you shouldn't forget next time you read that U.C. faculty only care about research.

What has happened to graduates of this seminar?

Well, I'm still in touch with four of the five in that first class. Laird Foshay went to work for a computer magazine in Palo Alto, and within a couple of years became its publisher—one of the youngest people in the country in that position. Miriam Raub became Dr. Miriam Raub Vivian, and Dan Lewis is about to add the title to his name, too. Roger Hohnsbeen completed law school and is now in practice.

Prestigious Fellowships

That's pretty much the pattern: graduate or professional school or a high-achieving career. Two of our veterans have received the prestigious Mellon Fellowship on graduation (only 120 of these are given nationwide each year), several have received Fulbrights and other academic honors.

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history and law, Sneddon said that he admired the resourcefulness of the Public History students, who had to reconstruct many parts of the record through alternative sources because files are only kept in his office for five years.

"Watching what they had to go through convinced me I made the right choice with law," he joked.

Chancellor Uehling praised the Public History program, which was created at UCSB by Prof. Kelley in 1976, for setting a national trend.

"Many leading universities have since created their own versions of our program," she observed. "It's an exciting thing to watch happen."

Ten graduate students collaborated in the project, which was edited by John Brownlee and Melissa McDonald. Two of these—Jennifer Strand and Gail Evans—are now working on Ph.D.s and were on hand to witness the presentation.

Collector's Item

The earlier monographs in the series have become virtual collector's items, Prof. Kelley reported. Three are out of print, including the first, "Old Town Santa Barbara," published in 1977, which became the basis for revitalizing lower State Street.

Also out of print are the monographs "Environmental Hazards and Community Response: The Santa Barbara Experience" (1979) and "A History of Environmental Review in Santa Barbara County" (1981).

Only a handful of copies remain of the other two monographs—"Santa Barbara by the Sea" (1982) and "Studies of a Growing Community: Santa Barbara, 1930-1980" (1982).

Copies for Associates

"Public Justice" can be ordered by sending a check for \$15 to Public History Program, Department of History, UCSB. By special arrangement, members of the History Associates may purchase copies at a reduced price of \$10. Associates should send their checks to the History Associates, Alumni Association, UCSB. Only a small number of copies have been set aside at this price.

De Conde

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originality and quality of his many publications, the number and success of his students in the field, and the fact that he was one of the organizers and the second president" of SHAFR.

20 Books

A member of the UCSB faculty since 1961, Prof. DeConde has written some 20 books on different aspects of U.S. foreign policy, with topics ranging in date from the beginning of the Republic to modern times. He contributed a number of articles to the Encyclopedia Britannica and has published in such prestigious journals as "The William and Mary Quarterly," "The Journal of Southern History," and "The Mississippi Valley Historical Review."

Current Projects

Prof. DeConde is currently working on a wide-ranging study of the role of ethnicity in warfare and other forms of organized violence from antiquity to the present.

He was a member of the Executive Board of the Organization of American Historians from 1973-76, and served as President of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association in 1984-85.

As Chair of the Department from 1964-67, Prof. DeConde presided over a major buildup of faculty that occurred in those years.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU!
Have you got news to relate, or things you would like to hear about? Ideas for courses or classmates you want to get in touch with? Drop a line to:

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we are well into our second year I am happy to report that the History Associates are enjoying more recognition and our membership is growing.

Our first luncheon was held at the Santa Barbara Historical Society. Professor Gallagher spoke on the Middle East in the Society's Covarrubias adobe building, which provided a great setting. The question-and-answer session after her talk was so interesting that we were a half hour late starting lunch, which was served outdoors in the Society's beautiful courtyard.

More than 50 members attended the talk. Afterwards, those who could stay got a tour of the Society's exhibits and facilities. Many thanks to Richard Esparza and his fine staff for their wonderful hospitality!

Hearst Castle Tour

On November 5 we had a field trip to the Hearst Castle in San Simeon. A special tour had been arranged, to make it possible to see some of the smaller rooms as well as the beautiful library and other special rooms, such as Mr. Hearst's study.

At the castle, we were divided into three small groups, each with its own guide. The guides were all very well informed about the history of the castle as well as the life of Mr. Hearst.

Central America

All in all, it was a great tour, and we all enjoyed it.

Our next event will be December 6 at the Sheraton Hotel. There will be a luncheon with a lecture on Central America by Prof. Hector Lindo-Fuentes, who wrote that very informative article on El Salvador in last year's newsletter. You will be receiving a flyer with details.

We have a great program lined up for the rest of the year, with Prof. Walter Capps leading off in January with a talk on Vietnam, followed by Prof. Harold Drake on The Legend of the Cross. Later, we'll hear from Prof. Harold Kirker on California architecture and Prof. Keletso Atkins on South Africa.

For those members who aren't able to attend our luncheon meetings we are planning a special evening program during Winter quarter. We plan to have a panel discussion on trouble spots in the world and ways that that the U.S. might respond. The panelists will be specialists in these areas on the History faculty.

A final note: those of you who forgot to renew your membership this year should pay attention to the notice on p. 6. After this issue, "Historia" will only be sent to current members.

Dick Cook
President

Letters

Editor:

My father had a wholesale produce business in Oakland, and the Japanese berry farmers in Santa Clara County shipped their produce to Dad to obtain the best prices available from the grocers.

I am interested in trying to understand why the Japanese migrated to California in the early part of this century. The Japanese victory over Russia in 1905 would seem to have made them extremely proud citizens.

I was with the first infantry regiment to enter the island of Shikoku after surrender. We were stationed in Kochii, where they had a naval base. Our mission was to destroy all ammunition and weapons. We were there and in Osaka for over three months, which prompts my interest in Japanese history.

I strongly believe that Gov. Warren and Pres. Roosevelt saved many nasty incidents and lives by moving Japanese-Americans away from the coast. Pearl Harbor created a hysteria on the coast that created an extremely dangerous time.

Warren Rouse

Life Member, Alumni Association
Graduated S.B. State, 1935

Your letter arrived the same day that Prof. Sucheng Chan, who joined our faculty this year but is on leave with a Guggenheim Fellowship, came to visit. She has written an award-winning book on Chinese and Japanese farmers who emigrated to California at the end of the last century, "This Bittersweet Soil" (University of California Press, 1986). Prof. Chan took a copy of your letter with her so she can send you the titles of some books that might interest you. Good to hear from you!

Honor

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Graduates of the program are now doctoral students at Michigan, Columbia, Chicago, and Harvard.

So for the 10 of you now writhing under Lindemann's lash and your faculty sponsors—Clifton Chow (Russell and Farmer); Mary Louise Days (Harris); Lisa Ericksen (Friedman); Eric Kittay (Kalman); Steve Korbin (Bergstrom); Elizabeth McCormick (McGee); Steve Nelson (DeConde); Louis Sparks (McGee); David Tipton (the poor bastard's got me); and Tom Zimmerman (Friesen)—I say, Be of good cheer. The best is, truly, yet to come.

H.A. Drake
Chair

Don Fleming Wins Medieval Socy Prize

Medieval graduate student Donald Fleming carried on a UCSB tradition this month by winning the coveted Denis Bethell Prize of the Charles Homer Haskins Society.

Fleming's paper, "From *Milites* to *Domini*: The Social Evolution of the English Knightly Class," was judged the best of 22 papers presented by faculty and students from around the country at the Society's annual meeting in Houston, Nov. 11-13.

The papers were judged by Prof. W.L. Warren of The Queen's University, Belfast.

Fleming is the third UCSB graduate student to win the Prize since it was created six years ago. Katie Mack, who is now assistant professor at Williams College, was the first recipient, in 1983. Two years ago, it was won by Mary Lou Ruud.

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El Salvador. He has been teaching at UCSB since 1985. His talk will be the second in this year's series, following Prof. Nancy Gallagher, who opened the year last month with a discussion of Arab-Israeli relations.

Arab Uprising

In her talk, Prof. Gallagher dealt with the historical factors which created the Arab-Israeli conflict. The current Arab uprising in the West Bank and Gaza has occurred because those Palestinians born since the 1967 War have known only Israeli military oppression and have no possibility of a productive future, she said.

"Life in the refugee camps is insupportable," Prof. Gallagher said. "The children are leading the revolt because with no future, they have nothing to do but resist."

The revolt has given the Palestinian people a sense of euphoria and has unified Palestinians of all classes, she reported.

Solutions

Of the probable solutions to the conflict, Professor Gallagher favors a two-state solution, with borders guaranteed by the U.N. She said that many Israelis and Palestinians support this plan.

A lively question-and-answer period followed Dr. Gallagher's address.

Already scheduled for Winter quarter is Prof. Walter Capps of the Religious Studies Department, who will talk about the effects of the Vietnam War on January 12.

KCSB Presents...

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History has taken to the airwaves this year.

Graduate student Katie Siegel and undergrad Darin Leviloff are co-hosting "History in Perspective" every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. on UCSB's radio station, KCSB (91.9 FM).

The program, which made its debut October 6, features live discussions with UCSB History professors and faculty from other disciplines.

Interdisciplinary Approach

"The approach is interdisciplinary," Siegel explained. "We have had political scientists, sociologists, linguists and economists exchanging views with historians on all sorts

of subjects."

Programs that have aired to date have dealt with the Yalta agreement, which was discussed by Prof. Tibor Frank, a visiting Fulbright lecturer from Budapest; the Middle Ages and Renaissance, with Profs. Jeffrey Russell and Sears McGee; and discussions of Israel and the Soviet Union.

In November programs, Profs. Pat Cohen and Sharon Farmer were slated to discuss the influence of the Women's movement on the study of History, and Prof. Al Lindemann was to join Political Science Prof. Peter Merkl in a comparison of the ways the two disciplines approach the past.

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