

Collins Writes Sudan 'Requiem'

IT'S A RARE OCCASION when a historian can write the history of his subject from beginning to end, and one that Prof. Robert O. Collins would just as soon not have enjoyed.

The African historian, who has been writing the history of the Sudan since the country established its independence from Britain in 1956, has now written *Requiem for the Sudan: War, Drought and Disaster Relief, 1983-1993*.

Published this month by Westfield Press, the book documents a decade of "incompetence, corruption and indifference" on the part of American relief agencies and embassy officials, Prof. Collins said.

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Humphreys Lands Mideast Journal

THE PRESTIGIOUS *International Journal of Middle East Studies* is now being produced at UCSB, thanks to the efforts of Prof. R. Stephen Humphreys, who has taken over as editor.

Published by Cambridge University Press, IJMES is the official publication of the Middle East Studies Association, the largest professional organization in the field.

"Having the Journal here definitely puts UCSB on the map of Middle East Studies," Prof. Humphreys said. "In a way, it is recognition of the strong infrastructure we have built here for a program in Islamic studies."

Editorship of IJMES is a rotating position that is awarded for five-year periods on the basis of the credentials of both institution and editor. In its 25-year history, the journal has been housed at

Dept. Welcomes Ann Plane; Associates Put Her to Work

THANKSGIVING WILL BE the topic as the History Department's newest member kicks off a new year of UCSB History Associates luncheon lectures on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

The Thanksgiving holiday, established by President Abraham Lincoln, commemorates the peaceful sharing of each other's traditions by English Pilgrims and the New England Indians who saved them from starvation.

But according to Prof. Ann Plane, a specialist in both Native American and Colonial history, there was a good deal more tension in that first Thanksgiving than tradition remembers. Native Americans had a different understanding of the ritual meaning of the event than did the colonists.

Her talk will explore the holiday from the perspectives of Native Americans as well as the English settlers. Hence its title, "Rethinking Thanksgiving: Puritans, Native Peoples and Colonialism in Early New England."

"My goal is to provide a deeper historical context for our Thanksgiving celebration by bringing out the tensions inherent in the old tradition," Prof.



Prof. Ann Plane

Plane said.

Indeed, this has been the thrust of Prof. Plane's scholarly work. Her Brandeis dissertation, "Colonizing the Family: Marriage, Household, and Racial Boundaries in Southeastern New England to 1730," combines Native American, family and women's history.

She has recently finished an article entitled "Putting a Face on Colonization: Factionalism and Gender Politics in the Life History of Awashunkes, the 'Squaw Sachem' of Sacontet," which will be published in *Northeastern Indian Lives, 1600-1800*, edited by Robert Grumet. Another article on "Gender and the Native Peoples of New England, 1789-1830," will appear in a special issue of the *Journal of the Early Republic*.

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Lindemann Lectures On Anti-Semitism

PROF. ALBERT LINDEMANN delivered a series of lectures and seminars at the University of Wisconsin last month as a "Senior Distinguished Lecturer."

His talks included a public lecture on "Your Suffering, My Suffering: Reflections on Teaching About Anti-Semitism" that was delivered as part of the Fall 1994 Jewish Heritage Lecture Series.

For the lecture, Prof. Lindemann drew on experiences in teaching his popular "History of Anti-Semitism" course at UCSB.

The course gained national recognition following publication of an article in the American Historical Association's Perspectives in January. It was cited by the Academic Senate, which selected Prof. Lindemann to receive its Distinguished Teaching in the Humanities award last Spring, and led to an invitation to contribute an "op-ed" piece to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Later this month, Prof.

Lindemann will speak on "The Dreyfus Affair, Myth and Reality" at the Lipinsky Center for Judaic Studies at San Diego State.

Author of *The Jew Accused: Three Anti-Semitic Affairs* (Cambridge, 1993), Prof. Lindemann is completing a more wide-ranging study entitled *Through Esau's Eyes: Jews and Non-Jews in Modern History*.

Jacobs Writes Turner Study

PROF. EMERITUS Wilbur Jacobs has published a biographical study of Frederick Jackson Turner in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of that historian's seminal essay on "The Significance of the Frontier in American History."

Entitled *On the Trail of Turner: 100 Years of Writing Western History*, the book traces Turner's career as he moved from frontier studies to analysis of world population issues.

Comparing Turner to the "New Western Historians" who have focused on negative effects of the frontier on American life, Prof. Jacobs points to the optimism that led Turner to see the frontier as the formative experience in the American character.

Prof. Jacobs retired in 1991 from UCSB, where he spent more than 35 years teaching American Colonial and Native American history. He is currently a research scholar at the Huntington Library in Pasadena.

From the Chair

A New Year, A New Ball Game

RECENTLY I ATTENDED the "briefing" that Executive Chancellor Don Crawford holds for all department and program chairs on the campus. I have never quite understood why something that lasts all morning can have the word "brief" in its title.

There is much talk of the budget and related issues. The hot question was whether "the trigger" will be pulled, meaning will state revenues fall below the threshold that will mandate yet another budget cut during this fiscal year. We are told we will find out on November 15 and that's a long time that we have to hold our breaths.

The meeting, however, was by no means a doleful event. Chancellor Yang gave a lively speech at the outset that lifted our spirits and demonstrated how hard he has worked to meet the faculty in the few months he has been here. He certainly gets an A for learning names rapidly.

One bit of good news was that escrow had closed on UCSB's purchase of property near the campus that may help us solve the terrible problem of providing affordable housing for the new faculty we will be hiring to replace the many who have retired.

And I was pleased to hear that, amid public criticism of universities and colleges for the large number of students who don't graduate in four years, students who declare the History major at UCSB graduate in one quarter less than four years! We must be doing something right.

There's also good news here in the department. We welcome two new faculty members, Mary Furner and Ann Plane (more on them elsewhere). Our advertising for three positions has been out for months and applications are flowing in for the history of medieval Europe, U.S. sectionalism and civil war and U.S. public policy in the twentieth century. And soon flyers will go out advertising a November 18 symposium in honor of the late Bob Kelley.

Three distinguished scholars (Arnita Jones, John Higham and Kevin Starr) will be on campus that afternoon and give talks about aspects of the Kelley legacy. Fundraising for the Kelley Fellowship is going well (over \$20,000 toward our \$50,000 goal has been raised so far, and a mailing to 3000 alumni will go out soon).

1994-95 is off to an exciting start.

J. Sears McGee
Chair

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Ching, Benes Receive Fulbright Fellowships

TWO HISTORY graduate students have been awarded Fulbright fellowships for 1994-95.

Jan Benes, who is writing a dissertation on "Czech Commercial Contacts with other Slavs, 1863-1914" under the direction of emeritus Prof. Dimitrije Djordjevic, will spend the year in Prague working with Prof. Zdenek Jindra from the Department of Economic and Social History of Charles University.

Erik Ching, who is working with Prof. David Rock, will conduct research in El Salvador on "The Social Origins of Power" in that country's Departments between 1920-1935. A recipient of a History Associates Fellowship last Spring, Ching also was one of only 17 students nationwide to receive one of the American Historical Association's prestigious Beveridge grants for his research.

Benes is studying the operation of the two leading and oldest Czech financial institutions, the insurance company Slavia (founded in 1869), and the Zivnostenska bank (founded in 1863) to determine the degree to which the feeling of Slavic unity affected economic cooperation between the Czechs and other Slavic peoples.

"Current scholarship approaches inter-Slavic relations from ideological platforms, dividing these relations into Slavophilism, Pan-Slavism, Pan-Russism and Neo-Slavism," he said. "Only a few studies analyze inter-Slavic relations from the per-

spective of economic and financial cooperation."

Grad Program Keeps Growing

BY SARAH CLINE

TWENTY-ONE NEW graduate students have joined the Department this Fall. Another 10 students have deferred their admission until 1995.

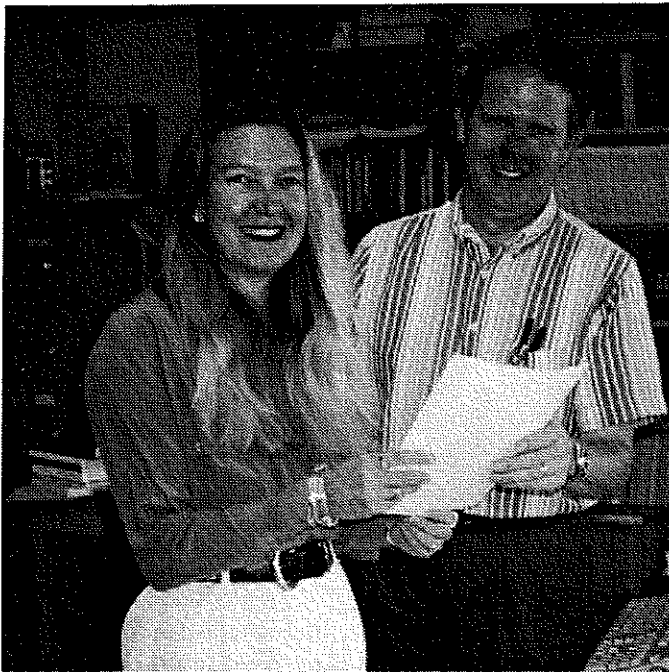
Of those enrolling, there are seven Americanists: Michael Adamson and Dennis Ventry (working with Brownlee), Jane DeRosa and Laura Ereshan (DeHart), Tom Guglielmo and Betsy Homsher (Glickstein), and Gaston Espinosa (Garcia).

Incoming Europeanists include Rob Bromley, Traci Heitschmidt and Marla Kranick (Lindemann), Janet McFall (McGee), and Matthew Racine (Dutra).

Ancient Mediterranean has four newcomers: James Emmons, Justin Stephens, Christine Zgradic (Drake) and Ken Tuite (Kallet-Marx).

Rounding out this year's class are Rachael Howes in Middle East (Humphreys), Kathleen Hasselblad in African (Collins), Becky Schneider in History of Science (Osborne), Ellen Suter-Foreman in Latin American and Susan Snyder who received a prestigious Regents' Special Fellowship to work in medieval Europe (Farmer).

Prof. Sarah Cline is the Department's Director of Graduate Studies.



Prof. Humphreys confers with Gunilla Rhodin-Bibby

Mid-East Journal

CONTINUED FROM P. 1 full-time lecturers in disciplines across the campus undoubtedly helped us win the bid."

Aiding Prof. Humphreys in the task of publishing the journal, which appears twice a year, is Gunilla Rhodin-Bibby, who as Editorial Assistant manages the journal's voluminous correspondence, keeps track of referee reports and production schedules, and supervises the business side of the journal.

"Gunilla is absolutely indispensable," Prof. Humphreys said. "As anybody who has had anything to do with publishing knows, without people like her nothing would ever get done."

Prof. Humphreys is certainly someone who knows publishing. In addition to holding the King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud Chair in Islamic Studies, to which he was appointed in 1990 after a search that was both nationwide and interdisciplinary, he currently is serving as Southern co-chair of the Editorial Com-

mittee of the University of California Press.

A specialist in the history of medieval Damascus, Prof. Humphreys is the author of *From Saladin to the Mongols: the Ayyubids of Damascus, 1193-1260* (1977) and *Islamic History: A Framework for Inquiry* (1988). His translation of the medieval chronicler al-Tabari's account of the Caliphate of Uthman recently appeared as vol. 15 of a complete edition of the famous Arab scholar's work being published by SUNY Press.

Say What?

"A student of mine once answered an ID — Margaret Sanger — with: "Margaret Sanger invented the Singer Sewing Machine. She changed the 'a' in her name to an 'i' for professional purposes."

— Elizabeth Koed

President's Corner

Many Changes Ahead

A HEARTY WELCOME to all new UCSB History Associates members, and an equally hearty welcome back to all returning Associates.

The other Board members and I are pleased to have you with us for what we hope will be a year of memorable and provocative programs as we explore the past to understand the present and, perhaps, even illuminate the future.

And a hearty thank you to outgoing President Richard Oglesby for two years of dedicated leadership. Under Dick's guidance, the amount of Associates fellowship money awarded to UCSB graduate students increased handsomely, and members enjoyed an innovative schedule of events.

We will miss Dick's special brand of repartee at the microphone, but we will continue to benefit from his many talents as a member of the Board.

We are enthused about continuing the innovative programming established by Dick. In addition to luncheon meetings, we will be holding early evening and Sunday afternoon programs in a variety of locales, including local historic sites.

Plans for this year include an informed view of the problems and pleasures in historic preservation by George Anderjack, former director of The Hermitage (Pres. Andrew Jackson's estate), a Springtime gathering in the Presidio Chapel for a history of Christianity in Latin America with Sarah Cline, and a chance to talk over American foreign policy with Fred Logevall (Alex de Conde's replacement).

We are also enthused about continuing to increase the level of financial support we offer UCSB history students during these very trying times in higher education. In future issues of *Historia* we will be discussing the various scholarship funds administered by the History Associates and providing opportunities for augmenting them.

As we begin our eighth year, we look forward to seeing each of you at Associates events and we welcome your comments on our programs and suggestions for future events.

Let us hear from you!

Cathy Rudolph
President

History Undergrads Get New Secretary



Christian Villasenor

THERE'S A NEW face in the History Office this year.

Christian Villasenor has taken over as Undergraduate Secretary, replacing Amy Stever, who took the horse she rode in on and went to work for a booking agent in Hollywood.

Christian became the new Undergraduate Adviser in September. He graduated from UCSB last spring with double major in Psychology and Law and Society.

"We feel very fortunate to have found Christian," said Maria Perez, the Department's MSO. "He learns extremely fast, and he has been very effective working with students."

As Undergraduate Secretary, Christian is usually the first person students see when they have questions about anything ranging from classroom location to requirements for the major.

When not answering student questions or handling the endless stream of makeup

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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?

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Alumni Notes

Jack Bermingham (PhD 1978, Collins), formerly dean of social sciences at Pacific Lutheran College, has been named Vice President of Academic Affairs at Highline College in Federal Way, Washington.

Rachel Waltner Goossen (MA 1984) received honors at the University of Kansas for her 1993 dissertation, "Conscientious Objection and Gender: Women in Civilian Public Service During the Second World War." She has been appointed assistant professor of history at Goshen College, Indiana. At UCSB she studied with Profs. Harris and Friesen.

Jay Blossom (BA, 1990) has completed an MA in American history at the College of William and Mary and entered the PhD program in religious studies at Duke University, where he will study American religious history.

Well, Hello Mary!

SHE WOWED THE GRADUATE students and bowled over the faculty as a one-year replacement in 1992-93, and now she's here to stay.

Dr. Mary Furner, a specialist in the history of American public policy.

"We moved heaven and earth to get Mary here," Department Chair Sears McGee said. "She is a tremendous asset.

"With the loss of Bob Kelley and Otis Graham's decision to take the early retirement offer, Mary will be the anchor of the program they built."

The author of books and articles that explore the intersection of social science and government policy, Dr. Furner currently is working on a book entitled "Government and the Social Question" that will deal with the development of public policy in response to the multifaceted "social question" of the late 19th and 20th Century.

"The 'social question' is the broad label that was applied to the range of issues that resulted from the growth of cities during this period," Prof. Furner explained. "It includes such issues as class relations, trusts, and immigration."

Also in the works is a book on "The New Liberalism" that will cover the two types of Liberalism competing for power after 1870.

"The old notion of Liberalism placed responsibility on individuals," she said. "Following the Civil War, two forms of collective Liberalism developed, one of which held that the leadership role belonged to the government, while the other felt that private corporations should lead the way."

"Mary is an extremely professional and versatile historian who will be able to offer an array of courses on American economic and social history of the 19th and 20th centuries," said Prof. Elliot Brownlee, an American economic historian. "She meets a real need."

In addition to her research and teaching, Dr. Furner will also chair the search for a new historian of 20th century U. S. public policy. Next year, she will become director of UCSB's UC-DC center in Washington, DC.



Prof. Mary Furner

Larry Badash Eats Grass

WELL, SEAWEED, ACTUALLY. It was all part of a three-week fact-finding trip that the distinguished historian of science took in September with two of his postdocs, Peter Neushul (PhD 1993) and Zuoyue Wange (PhD 1994) to China, the Philippines and Japan.

On a grant from the UC Pacific Rim Program, their goal was to learn how these nations developed their thriving seaweed-farming industries.

Whereas the plant is harvested "wild" off the California coast, in Asia such crops are planted annually. The products have a wide variety of uses, and farming the oceans is regarded as a major future source of food as land-based agriculture falls behind population growth.

"As historians of science, we are interested in the history of seaweed cultivation as a way of learning about the connections between science, government and industry," Prof. Badash said.

The UCSB trio sampled seaweed dishes as the guest of China's two leading phycologists.

"Not half as bad as some of the things I've eaten," Prof. Badash, ever the philosopher, commented.

Phi Alpha Theta Gets Ready For Minors Program

BY JOHN RENEHAN

PHI ALPHA THETA has elected officers and mapped out a schedule of activities that includes regular meetings, peer advising and recruiting new members.

This year's officers will be: Radha Patel, president; Christopher Sleeper, vice president; John Renehan, secretary; Rachael Houghton, treasurer, and Eric Nicholson, promotions director.

The aim of UCSB's chapter is to provide outstanding undergraduate history majors with the opportunity to exchange information with fellow students regarding current historical research, lectures and seminars, graduate school, career opportunities, and various other topics to motivated young historians.

Phi Alpha Theta will meet on the first and third Mondays of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the History Department conference room, 4824 Ellison Hall. All interested students are welcome.

One important item of conversation has been the department's new program for academic minors in history that began this Fall. Students in other majors who have completed an approved selection of 12 lower-division and 20 upper-division units in History with a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all upper-division history courses taken, are eligible to have an academic minor in history noted on their official transcript at the time of graduation.

Partly because of an anticipated higher demand for advising due to the minors program, there has been a change in department advising this year. In the past, friendly and patient history professors have served as undergraduate advisors for the department. This year, however, a friendly and patient history student will serve as one of the two advisors, providing 'peer' consultation to fellow undergrads. History senior Radha Patel (also president of UCSB's Phi Alpha Theta chapter) will be counseling students, along with Prof. Harold Marcuse, who is the faculty adviser.

Dont Miss Out

YOU'LL WANT TO KEEP informed as the UCSB History Associates begin a new year. To renew your membership or to join for the first time, just fill out this form and mail it with your check or money order (payable to UCSB History Associates) to: UCSB History Associates, Office of Community Relations, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

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Sudan 'Requiem'

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"I am talking about \$1 billion in American money that has been wasted since the drought and civil war began," Prof. Collins said recently. "I am talking about 800 tons of sorghum that can disappear without a trace."

Requiem for the Sudan is co-authored by Millard Burr, a career Agency for International Development (AID) officer who, Prof. Collins said, was appalled by what he regarded as needless suffering and death during his assignment in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum.

"While everybody else went out nights to drink or gossip, Burr stayed behind to photocopy documents," Prof. Collins said. "He came back with ten boxes of documentation."

Thanksgiving

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Prof. Plane is also new Book Review Editor, for *The Public Historian*, 1994-1995.

Breaking new ground of its own, the Associates will hold this first luncheon of the 1994-95 season in the Carriage Room at Earl Warren Showgrounds (Las Positas Road and Highway 101).

Reservations (\$13 members, \$15 non-members, \$10 students) may be made by phoning the UCSB Office of Community Relations at (805) 893-4388.



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Working from agency files and State Department cables, Prof. Collins draws a picture of agencies too busy warring with each other to care about supplies that did not reach their destination or money that was being siphoned off by corrupt officials.

"One million people have either died or been dislocated in the Sudan during this period, and we have all the documentation to show how it could have been avoided," Prof. Collins said. "There are some very prominent citizens who don't come out of this looking very good."

Is it really the end of the Sudan?

"The Sudanese will always survive," said Prof. Collins, the author of eighteen books on African history, including such classics as *Shadows in the Grass: Britain in the Southern Sudan* (1983) and *The Waters of the Nile* (1990), which has recently been reissued in paperback.

A member of the UCSB faculty since 1965, Prof. Collins took early retirement last year.

Secretary

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examinations, Christian is in charge of setting up the quarterly class schedule and arranging rooms. He also orders textbooks and films and handles all student petitions.

"The first couple of weeks were really hectic," said Christian. "But I have really enjoyed working with the students and becoming acquainted with the faculty and staff."

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