

Middle East, Asia Centers Capture FLAS Funding

AN IMPORTANT NEW source of funding for graduate students in Middle Eastern and Asian history has been opened with the award of fellowships for Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) by the Department of Education.

The UCSB Center for Middle East Studies, co-directed by Prof. Stephen Humphreys, received a total of 48 fellowships. Eight academic-year and eight summer fellowships will be awarded in each of the three years of the grant.

"This is the maximum allowed for any National Resource Center," Prof. Humphreys said.

Simultaneously, the fledgling East Asia Center at UCSB received funding for 18 fellowships (four annual and two summer grants for each of three years).

"We have a great model in the UCSB Center for Middle East Studies and in time we hope to upgrade to a National Resource Center status and level of funding," said History Prof. Luke Roberts.

In addition to tuition and fees, FLAS awards provide a subsistence allowance for students to study language and related subjects both at UCSB and abroad.

"At a time of severe shortages in the state budget, news of this substantial external funding is especially welcome," said History Chair Pat Cohen.

"Women & Conflict" Set for Oct. 10-12

THE FIRST-EVER interdisciplinary graduate student conference on women or gender studies at UCSB will be held the weekend of Oct. 10-12 with a theme of "Women and Conflict: Historical Perspectives."

"Graduate students from all over the United States, Australia and Europe have submitted papers," according to Alex Epstein, one of the graduate organizers.

A keynote address will be delivered by Prof. Angela Woollacott of Case Western University, an alumna of the UCSB His-

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Dedication of the Chapel of the Holy Cross on Santa Cruz Island, 1891, from the archives of the Santa Barbara Historical Society.

Associates to Get Preview Of Local History Exhibit

HISTORY ASSOCIATES WILL get a sneak preview of the Santa Barbara Historical Society's newly redesigned museum at 136 E. De La Guerra St. on Wednesday, Oct. 8, as the UCSB History Associates kick off their 2003-04 season.

George Anderjack, executive director of the Historical Society, will give a talk on the remaking of the exhibit and then lead a tour of the facility.

Entitled "The Story of Santa Barbara," the exhibit covers 450 years of European contact, beginning with the sighting by Portuguese navigator Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in 1542.

The name "Santa Barbara," often attributed to Cabrillo, actually first was used by the Spanish explorer Sebastian Vizcaino in 1602.

Vizcaino used his prayer book to see which saint was honored on the day he arrived (Dec. 4) and learned it was Saint

Barbara, who tradition says was put to death by her own father at the beginning of the 4th century for refusing to renounce Christianity.

According to legend, her father was then struck by lightning, which is why Barbara is, among other things, the patron saint of artillery.

The exhibit also includes artifacts from Santa Barbara's years as a home for the film and aviation industries.

Following the talk and tour, Associates will be treated to a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception on the Historical Society grounds.

Admission to the event is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. All but \$5 of the fee will go directly to the History Associates Fellowship Fund, for distribution at the annual Spring awards ceremony.

Reservations can be made by phoning the UCSB Office of Community Affairs at (805) 893-4388.

New Receptionist Puts A Smile on the Department

THERE'S A NEW face in the History office—and a new voice as well.

Instead of Mike Tucker's usual "Whaddaya want? I'm busy!" callers now hear, "Good morning. History Department. May I help you?"

The voice belongs to Shylah Hamilton, who began work as History receptionist at the start of Spring quarter.

Shylah is a UCSB graduate, with a BA degree in Law and Society.

While completing her degree, Shylah worked in UCSB's Human Resources department, where she gained valuable experience with UCSB operating procedures.

Her experience is one of the things that made Shylah stand out in the selection process, according to History MSO Maria Perez.

"She impressed us as being sharp and professional, with a pleasant personality that would be a good fit in the department," Maria said.

In addition to handling telephone traffic, Shylah is also responsible for handling problems with the department's heavily used copying machines, distributing mail, copying course materials for faculty, and assisting the notorious



Shylah Hamilton

Tucker with book orders and grade processing.

It all adds up to a hectic schedule, but Shylah manages to stay calm no matter how stressful the day.

"Everyone here is very nice, very laid back, and that makes the job a lot easier," she says.

Our Grads Monopolize IGCC Bids

THE ONLY TWO UCSB awards from the University of California's Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) went to grad students in the History department.

Jessica Chapman (Logevall) and **Katie Sjurson** (Farmer) received funding for their research on "Propaganda and the Public Debate over Nationalism, Unification, and Modernization in South Vietnam, 1954-1960" and "French Noblewomen's Involvement in Medieval Warfare," respectively.

"It was a tough competition," said Prof. Toshi Hasegawa, a member of the IGCC Steering Committee. "The fact that the two successful UCSB proposals are from the History Department attest to the excellence of our department.

Grad Students Garner Research Support, Jobs

History grad students began the new academic year riding a wave of last-minute honors and awards.

Eight grad students captured awards from Graduate Division.

Tom Sizgorich (Drake) and **David Schuster** (Furner) and **Matt Sutton** (De Hart) won Graduate Research Fellowships. Matt also won a Walter Capps Award for dissertation research.

Graduate Division Humanities/Social Science Research Grants went to **Vanessa Ziegler** (Dutra), **Yuri Malikov** (Hasegawa) and **Anil Mikerjee** (Dutra). Anil also received a two-month pre-dissertation fellowship to do research in Portugal's National archives.

Other good news

Toshihiko Aono (Hasegawa) received an Associate Award from the University California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Public Policy and Nuclear Threats.

Elizabeth Pryor (De Hart) received the Paul Cuffee Fellowship for the Study of African American Maritime History.

Susan Snyder (Lansing) accepted a tenure-track position at Benedictine College in Nebraska. **Michael Proulx** (Drake) was selected for a one-year appointment at Azusa Pacific College.

Dan Shao (PhD Fogel, 2002), received a Wang Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Fairbank Center at Harvard. She will then join the faculty at Ohio University, where she was appointed last Spring.

Jessica Chapman (Logevall) won a Fulbright Fellowship to spend this year doing dissertation research in Vietnam.

Eric Fournier's (Drake) article on "Les origines d'un atelier monétaire itinérant: réflexions à partir des cas de

Trèves, Milan et Sirmium (IIIe-Ve siècles)," has been published in the current issue of *Museion*.

Eric and **Ibukun Bloom** (Drake) received intercampus fellowships from the UC Multi-Campus Research Group in Late Antiquity.

Jason Kelly (Guerrini) was appointed Teaching Assistant Development Program Fellow for 2003-04 in the Office of

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Associates Tap McGee As New Pres

HISTORY PROF. Sears McGee was elected to lead the UCSB History Associates at the Spring meeting of the Board of Directors.


He replaces Monica Orozco, who has served as president for the past two years. Monica will continue to serve as a Board member.

Prof. Barbara Lindemann of Santa Barbara City College, Dr. Beverly Schwartzberg and History Prof. Hal Drake were re-elected as vice president, treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Former Santa Barbara Mayor Sheila Lodge and emeritus History Prof. Bob Collins joined the Board as new members.

Continuing on the Board are Karen Anderson, Eric Boehm, Mary Louise Days, Maeve Devoy, Greg de Roulhac, Melanie Jacobson, Patrick O'Dowd, emeritus Prof. Richard Oglesby, Margaret Rose and Jo Beth Van Gelderen.

History Chair Pat Cohen will represent the department on the Board, and Paddy Moriarty, the director of Community Relations, will represent the Chancellor.



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Instructional Development.

Off to Central Asia

TWO OF PROF. Adrienne Edgar's students received prestigious Pre-Dissertation Training Fellowships from the Social Science Research Council. **David Reeves** and **Leslie Sargent** are spending this year conducting preliminary research in Azerbaijan.

Medievalists in Europe

IF YOU'VE NOTICED a dearth of medieval European graduate students this year, the reason is that so many have received fellowships to conduct research in Europe this year. Three Farmer students (**Tanya Stabler**, **Mark O'Tool** and **Katie Sjursen**) are in Paris, while two Lansing students (**Mary Lampe** and **Josh Birk**) are in Italy.

UCSB Asia Panel

THREE UCSB grad students will deliver papers at the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (WCAAS) in Phoenix in October. **Chip Dewell** (Fogel), **Erik Esselstrom** (Fogel) and **Stuart Richardson** (Hasegawa) will appear in a panel entitled "'Politics, Nation, and Locality in Modern Northeast Asia."

Chapter Pres Wins PAT Award



Jenna Berger



Margaret Booker (left) is congratulated by CH-SSP Director Margaret Rose.

Veteran H.S. Teacher Wins Associates Prize

Margaret Booker, a 28-year veteran of the school system, became the fourth winner of the History Associates Outstanding CH-SSP Fellow award at the department's awards ceremony last Spring.

A teacher at Santa Paula High School for the past 17 years, she previously served 11 years as an academic librarian.

The Associates award, which has quickly become the most warmly received of the day, was established to recognize achievement in the California History-Social Science Project, a professional development pro-

gram for K-12 educators based at UCSB.

"Margaret has been involved with the project since it started in 1999," said co-director Margaret Rose.

A year later, she participated in the Project's first technology program, and for the next two years served as a teacher-leader and facilitator, Rose said.

In that capacity, she created model PowerPoint lessons on "Imperialism" and "The Great War," and organized after-school programs, follow-ups and workshops.

"Her efforts, energy and enthusiasm continue to make a major contribution to the California History-Social Science Project/Santa Paula K-12 partnership," Rose said.

Previous winners were Yolanda Espinoza of Walter Stiern Middle School in Bakersfield (2000), Melanie Jacobson, San Marcos High School in Santa Barbara (2001) and Susan Shaffner of Richland Junior High in Shafter (2002).

The CH-SSP institute runs for two weeks each summer and features UCSB History faculty who lecture and give workshops to approximately 30 teachers who are selected from that year's applicant pool.

Guerrini Lands Big NEH Grant

PROF. ANITA GUERRINI of the department's program in the History of Science, Technology and Medicine has received a three-year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a collaborative research project on "Historicizing Ecological Restoration."

Like two prior awards secured from the Pearl Chase Fund and other UCSB funding sources, the NEH award will have funding for post-doctoral associates and doctoral students.

Prof. Guerrini is co-Principal Investigator (PI) on the grant with Dr. Jenny Dugan of the Marine Science Institute.

Members of the team also include Prof. Randy Bergstrom of the the program in Public Historical Studies, and two recent graduates of the department— Dr. **Bev Schwartzberg** (PhD Cohen, 2001) a public and consulting historian, and Dr. **Peter Neushul** (PhD Badash, 1993), a historian of technology and industrial ecology.

The co-PIs presented a poster session on this project on Sept 20 at the All Scientists Meeting of the National Science Foundation's Long Term Ecological Research project in Seattle.

Grad Students Promote Diversity

A GROUP OF History grad students created a Diversity Outreach Program at Lompoc High school last year. Working as mentors were **Jon Baranski** (Furner), **Sandra Dawson Rappaport**, **Jason Kelly** (Guerrini), **Tom Sizgorich** (Drake) and **John Sbardellati** (Logevall).

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President's Corner

Follow the Leader

The UCSB History Associates was established in 1988 under the splendid leadership of the late Dick Cook, and he continued to accept the Board's requests that he continue as president for many years. Even when failing health and loss of eyesight started slowing him down, he thought and talked faster than most folks and remained on the board as well. We simply got used to being careful where we put our feet at meetings so as not to disturb Laser, his seeing-eye dog. I thought about Dick's ir-



repressible style and amazing energy when I accepted nomination as president of the History Associates. I was momentarily tempted to decline, being very busy and of course daunted by the challenge of trying to do the job as well as Monica Orozco has been doing it. But when I remembered Dick, I knew I had to say yes. I have

served on the board more or less from the beginning, and one of the reasons I have done so is that I have enjoyed meeting and working with people who have so generously donated time, imagination, and of course money to keep the History Associates on its upward trajectory. In our first three years, we managed to raise enough to average \$2800 a year in fellowships and prizes for UCSB history students. The average during each of the last three years has been \$34,250. Not bad! Dick would be pleased.

I hope that this year we can raise even more money because these are tough times. Due to California's budget cuts, we are already on notice that we will have fewer teaching assistantships than last year. The TAs are our most important means of providing graduate student support, so the need will be greater than ever. Tuition has gone up steeply. Fortunately, Jo Beth and Don Van Gelderen are still offering their challenge grant, so as the academic year begins it is time to roll up our sleeves and get to work meeting it. Also fortunately, our board members came up with lots of fine ideas for programs at our summer luncheon meeting (generously hosted by Kathy and Hal Drake at their house). You have already received the flyer for the first event on October 8 at the Santa Barbara Historical Society's museum. Later this fall Jane DeHart will introduce us to her new research on Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Speakers on 2004 will include Fred Logevall on Colin Powell, Eric Boehm on "the hidden and hunted in Nazi Germany" and Dick Oglesby on the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Please join us for as many of these occasions as you can, and please help us to support our wonderful history students at UCSB.

Sears McGee

Top Faculty Boost Dept

THERE WERE SIGNS everywhere this Fall of the national prominence of UCSB's History faculty.

Two History faculty were among the 10 UC scholars named to the Distinguished Lecture Series of the Organization of American Historians (OAH).

Profs. Nelson Lichtenstein (U. S. Labor history) and Paul Spickard (Asian-American history) were each named to a three-year term.

Counting Prof. Eileen Boris, holder of the Hull Chair in Women's Studies and an affiliated member of the department, the History department holds almost one-third of all UC appointments.

The OAH program was established in 1981 to make available outstanding speakers who have made major contributions to the study of U.S. history.

Prof. Spickard is on leave this year with a residential fellowship at the Oregon State University Center for the Humanities, where he is working on a book on U.S. immigration history.

Also on leave is Prof. Alice O'Connor, who received a fellowship to the Charles Warren Center at Harvard University, and Prof. John Majewski, who received a grant from the Howard Foundation—one of only 10 awarded nationally for this year.

UCSB's African historians dominated the Aug. 8 issue of the *Times Literary Supplement*, which devoted three columns to a review of emeritus Prof. Robert Collins's new book, *The Nile* (Yale, 2002) on p. 4. On p. 7, Prof. Collins himself reviews two new books on the Sudanese civil wars, and on p. 5 favor-

able notice is given to *Flickering Shadows*, written by Collins student James Burns (see p. 2).

Another sign came from the UCSB Bookstore, which published a booklet of *Faculty Authors, 2002*. The booklet lists 72 books by 63 authors. Fifteen of the books and 11 of the authors are historians, the most of any department on campus.

Those listed are Profs. Brooks, Cline, Collins, Daniels, Drake, Elliott, Farmer, Glickstein, Lichtenstein, Moure and Spickard.

Conference

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tory department.

Another alum, Prof. Barbara Lindemann of Santa Barbara City College, has prepared a history of women's studies at UCSB for delivery at the conference.

History grad student Sandra Dawson can be contacted for further information at sdrn@uemail.ucsb.edu.

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The Best of Both Worlds

Eric Staples combines history with archaeology and a high-tech approach in his pursuit of the past

BY MATT DE FRAGA

GRADUATE STUDENT Eric Staples (Humphreys) is what one might call a Renaissance man. In addition to being an accomplished historian, he is also well-versed in archaeology, scuba diving, translation, and even a little mechanics. He might get the chance to add the mantles of ethnographer and master shipbuilder to his personal resumé as well.

Eric had ample opportunity to showcase his skills last winter in the vicinity of the Omani village of Qalhat, where he was placed in charge of an underwater diving team for an ongoing archaeological expedition exploring the ancient town.

Qalhat was a center of regional trade, imbedded within the larger Indian Ocean trade network from as early as the 1st century, C.E., until the 16th century. Although not a large city, it was important enough for contemporaries such as Ibn Battuta and Marco Polo to visit it and note its major features.

Tentative findings on land already include a pre-Islamic gravesite, a possible Turkish bathhouse and a possible mausoleum. Because Qalhat was a port town, the expedition also hopes to uncover shipwrecks, which would provide valuable information on a variety of topics, from everyday life to ancient shipbuilding techniques.

The archaeologists, including Eric's diving team, surveyed



Eric Staples (standing, right) prepares to dive.

the immediate coastline and offshore area for evidence of such wrecks, using two primary means of detection: a magnetometer and sonar. Whenever these instruments detected objects such as wood and metal imbedded in the sandy seafloor, the operators marked their locations for future investigation. After this preliminary stage, divers will check out each "contact" in person, hoping to find a "smoking gun" leading to a major find.

Although Eric's group had its share of success, identifying 34 possible relics (including stone anchors), difficulties arose which had to be overcome.

For example, because the site is so remote, with no paved roads leading to it, replacement equipment was hard to come by, and Eric and his team often had to jury-rig parts out of whatever they could procure locally. Moreover, due to unavoidable circumstances, boats which were to be used were unavailable, meaning that

smaller, less-suitable ones had to be rented from local fishermen. Despite these potential setbacks, Eric persevered with a healthy dose of ingenuity, and will receive the opportunity to return to the site next spring to continue his work. If all goes well, he also hopes, perhaps next fall, to seek out one of the half-dozen or so men in Oman who still retain the know-how of ancient shipbuilding techniques and create an ethnographic record of the process before it is lost forever to history.

The Qalhat project is sponsored by the Omani Ministry of Culture and Heritage, the Omani Royal Navy (which often provides equipment and personnel), the Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation, and regional Omani gas companies. Australian Tom Vosmer leads the multinational, multidisciplinary expedition, which includes archaeologists and historians from Australia, Italy, Ireland, Norway, Canada, Oman, France and the United States.

The Proof Is In the Grads

ONE PROOF OF a strong graduate program is how well its students do after receiving their degree. By that criterion, UCSB's program is plenty strong.

James Burns (PhD Collins, 1998) had his book, *Flickering Shadows: Cinema and Identity in Colonial Zimbabwe*, selected by *Choice* magazine as an Outstanding Academic Title for 2002, placing it in the top 10 per cent of the 6,000 books reviewed that year. James currently is teaching at Clemson University.

Justin Stephens (PhD Drake, 2001) was appointed to a one-year position at Hillsdale College in Michigan.

Vic Geraci (PhD Public History, 1997) has left his tenured position at Central Connecticut State Univ. to become food and wine specialist for UC Berkeley's Regional Oral History Office (ROHO), one of the oldest oral history programs in the nation.

Michael Adamson (PhD Brownlee, 2000) learned that his article on "The Making of a Fine Prosperity: Thomas M. Storke, the *Santa Barbara News-Press* and the Campaign to Approve the Cachuma Project" will appear in the January issue of the *Journal of Urban History*. Michael's seminar paper on this topic won the Ellison Prize in 1996.

Bob Frakes (PhD Drake, 1991) has published *Writing for College History* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2003). Bob recently returned to Clarion University in Pennsylvania, where he has taught since receiving his PhD. He spent last summer in Germany as a Fellow at the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Munich.

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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Buried with Honors



Prof. Harold Marcuse (fourth in line) accompanied the remains of his grandfather, the distinguished philosopher Herbert Marcuse, when he reinterred in an honorary grave in Berlin last summer. In a ceremony widely covered in the German press, Herbert Marcuse's ashes were put in a grave near such luminaries as Hegel, Brecht and Heinrich Mann. "In Germany, you can't handle the urn yourself, so when my father got off the plane, he had to take the box out of his backpack, on the runway, and give it to the limo driver!" Prof. Marcuse reported. The limosine was the same one used to carry the remains of Marlene Dietrich. It has now been placed in a museum. Photos and news reports of the event, as well as an illustrated reflection written by Prof. Marcuse's father, may be found on the web at <http://www.marcuse.org/berbert/ashes057/AshesArticleList057.htm>

PAT Pres Learns Value of Doing Research

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members.
"I had already applied to MA programs in public history, and was waiting for a response," Jenna said.

"When I read that the criteria for the scholarship were that applicants should be applying to an MA program in history for the first time, I decided I might as well apply."

A good decision. In May, Chapter adviser Adrienne Edgar received word from Graydon A. Tunstall Jr., executive director of the society, that Jenna was the recipient.

Jenna was subsequently accepted at the University of Houston, her first choice. She is currently enrolled in Houston's public history program.

And the rest, as they say, is history.



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