



Prof. Ken Mouré

## Ken Mouré Becomes 16th History Chair

PROF. KEN MOURÉ took over as chair of the History department on July 1, becoming the 16th person to hold that position since the department was formed in 1959.

He takes over from Prof. Pat Cohen, who stepped down after completing a three-year term.

A specialist in modern European economic history, Prof. Mouré has written extensively on monetary policy in the 1920s and 1930s.

His book on France's adherence to the gold standard, *Managing the Franc Poincaré: Economic Understanding and Political Constraint in French Monetary Policy, 1928-1956* was published by Cambridge University Press in 1991 and quickly became the standard work on the subject.

It was translated into French in 1998, and a Japanese edition is currently in press. A paperback edition appeared in 2002.

Also appearing in 2002 was *The Gold Standard Illusion: France, The Bank of France and the International Gold Standard, 1914-1959*, published by Oxford University Press.

Prof. Mouré came to UCSB in 1989 after serving as an instructor at the University of Calgary while completing his dissertation at the University of Toronto.

He has had extensive experience with departmental administration, having served

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Prof. Mario Garcia (l.) and Fr. Virgil Cordano

## Man With a Mission

THE UCSB HISTORY ASSOCIATES begin their series of programs for the 2005-06 academic year on Sunday, Oct. 2, with a special meeting at the Santa Barbara Mission to hear the life story of longtime pastor Fr. Virgil Cordano.

The occasion is publication of *Padre: The Spiritual Journey of Father Virgil Cordano*, an oral history prepared by History Prof. Mario Garcia in collaboration with Fr. Virgil.

"At a time in the history of the Catholic Church, especially in the United States, when suspicion, anger, and resentment are being expressed toward the Church by some, it is important to remember honest, charitable, and moral priests such as Fr. Virgil," Prof. Garcia writes.

Prof. Garcia has previously published an oral history of labor leader Bert Corona and is currently working on a collective biography of the Chicano movement in Los Angeles.

Fr. Virgil's association with Santa Barbara dates from 1934, when he entered St. Anthony's Seminary at the age of 15.

Now 86 years old, Fr. Virgil retired as pastor of Santa Barbara Mission in 1994, but he maintains an active life as its Director of Public Relations.

His oral history reflects on all the changes that have occurred from the time of his birth in Sacramento into a large family of Genoese immigrants, his decision to enter the priesthood, the changes prompted by

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# Collins Named 'SuperProf'

EMERITUS PROF. Bob Collins, who has mesmerized Associates audiences over the years with lectures on aspects of African history, has been appointed Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professor at UCSB for 2005-06.

The position, which is equivalent to a U.C. Presidential Chair, goes to a retired faculty member who has achieved international distinction both before and after retirement. It is named for former U. C. Regent Edward Dickson, who was instrumental in developing the U.C. system during his record 33-year tenure on the Board (1913-1946).

Before retiring in 1994, Prof. Collins authored seven historical monographs on his special field of the Sudan and East Africa, as well as four books for classroom use. Since retiring, he has published seven additional books and an edited collection of 20 essays, some never before published.

Calling his productivity "nothing short of incredible," outgoing History Chair Pat Cohen pointed out that in 2004-05 alone Prof. Collins had nine new publications, including *Alms for Jihad: Charities and Terrorism in the Islamic World*, which was published by Cambridge last March.

"Bob Collins's devoted daily



Prof. Robert O. Collins

efforts contribute to our understanding of some of the most pressing and important political questions of our day—terrorism, Islamicism, genocide, and African/Middle East politics," Prof. Cohen said.

Prof. Collins will use re-

search funds provided by the professorship to visit the Sudan Archive at Durham University in England to conduct research for a new book on *A Modern History of the Sudan* that he is writing for Cambridge.

Prof. Cohen said that Prof. Collins' course on "The Nile Quest," which he still teaches, gets some of the highest student ratings in the department.

During his 40-year career at UCSB, Prof. Collins served as dean of the Graduate Division for 10 years and director of the UCDC internship program in Washington, D.C. for two years.

He is the second UCSB professor named to the chair. The first was anthropologist Barbara Voorhies in 2004-05.

## Department Passes 400 Mark With New PhDs

THIRTEEN HISTORY graduate students were awarded the highest degree of PhD in 2004-05, bringing the total to more than 400 since the first was awarded in 1963.

The new PhDs, with their mentors and dissertation titles are:

Joshua Ashenmiller (Furner), "The National Environmental Policy Act and the Green Decade, 1969-1981."

Rhimou Bernikho (Gallagher), "Saints, Sufis, and Sultans: the Zawiya of Wazzan, a Moroccan Sufi Order, 1792-1892."

## Mouré

CONTINUED FROM P. 1 as vice chair from 1995-97 and 2003-04. He has also served as chair of the Academic Planning committee and as a member of the Personnel and Budget committees.

## Ann Plane Talks Turkey About Natives, Marriage

PROF. ANN PLANE was faculty this summer in an NEH College Teachers summer seminar entitled "British and Indigenous Cultural Encounters in Native North America, 1580-1785."

The seminar, which included archaeologists, art historians and English literature scholars as well as historians, was held at Brown University in Providence, RI.

"There was more integrated discussion between Native and Non-Native scholars than I have ever experienced in my professional life," Prof. Plane reported.

No sooner was she back in Santa Barbara than Prof. Plane was put in the middle of the gay marriage controversy.

Interviewed on KCLU public radio about the bill passed by the state legislature, Prof. Plane explained that stereotypes about marriage in earlier eras can be misleading.

"I pointed out that one of the reasons the Puritans left England was because they thought marriage was a civil, not a religious institution," the colonial historian said.

"Connecticut had the most liberal divorce policy anywhere

## Mission

CONTINUED FROM P. 1 Vatican II in the 1960s and the challenges posed by current scandals in the Church.

Fr. Virgil will read selections from the book at the meeting, which will be held in the Friars' Lounge at the Mission from 3 to 5 p.m. Reservations, at \$7 for Associates and \$10 for non-members, may be made through the UCSB Office of Community Relations, (805) 893-4388.



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# San Marcos Teacher Wins Associates Prize

SAN MARCOS HIGH School teacher Lara Willbanks won the UCSB History Associates Board Prize for the Outstanding K-12 Teacher at the department's annual awards ceremony last Spring.

The award was created in 2000 to honor public school teachers who participated in UCSB's California History-Social Science Project (CH-SSP) summer institutes. It instantly became one of the Associates' most popular awards.

Dr. Margaret Rose, who was co-director of the three-week institute, said Willbanks was chosen for her outstanding work in the 1998 institute on "Heretics and Rebels: Opposition Movements in History" and the 2004 institute on "Personal Remembrance and History: Stories of Individual and Community Survival."

She also was recognized for her work as a teacher leader in one-week technology institutes from 2000-2002.

In the summer institutes, Willbanks demonstrated outstanding research and teaching skills, Rose said.

"Lara researched an innovative lesson on African Ameri-

can publisher and anti-lynching advocate Ida B. Wells," in the 1998 institute, Rose said.

For the 2004 institute, she used biographies of the more than 25 Holocaust survivors and refugees living in the Santa Barbara area to create "an innovative and moving lesson" for her World War II American history class.

Willbanks was invited to serve as a teacher-facilitator for the first one-week institute on technology in the classroom in 2000, then brought back in subsequent years. Willbanks was selected for the institutes, which focus on history and social science courses, because of her expertise, Rose said.

"Lara is one of the few level three technology mentors for Santa Barbara County," she explained.

"With the help of the History department, this program has given classroom teachers the opportunity to be historians," Willbanks said. "It ignited my love for history."

She praised the program for the "fantastic professional development and intellectual opportunities" that it offers K-12 teachers.



*Pam Gebhardt (L.) and Deanne Day*

## New Department Staffers Brighten History Office

RETURNING FACULTY and students were greeted by a bright, new face this Fall: Deanne Day, who took over as receptionist June 15.

Deanne replaces Pam Gebhardt, who moved into the financial assistant position vacated by Rosa Arlington when she got married last Spring.

A 15-year veteran at UCSB, Deanne has worked previously in such venues as the Faculty Club, Housing, and Personnel.

She has also taken writing courses and worked as a reporter for the *Lompoc Record*.

"Deanne was working in the Development Office when we hired her," History Office Manager Maria Perez said. "We feel fortunate to have gotten such an experienced replacement."

Pam had been receptionist

since last November. A Santa Barbara native, she returned here from Cal State Bakersfield, where she gained experience dealing with financial records in the Judicial Affairs Office, which handles disciplinary cases.

"Fortunately for us, she was willing to take over the financial assistant position," Maria said. "It's been a smooth transition and we're hoping she will be here for a long, long time."

Of course, this means Pam has to work in close proximity to Carol Pfeil, AS.\*

"She's really nice," the poor girl said.

Asked what it was like working so close to Mike Tucker, ASIT,\*\* Deanne looked both ways, then whispered, "Scary!"

\* Attack Secretary  
\*\* Attack Secretary in Training



*Lara Willbanks (L.) and Margaret Rose*

# President's Corner

## Prizing Our Treasures

The devastation wrought by Katrina is much in our minds as we prepare for the coming academic year. The human and economic losses are huge, the grief and suffering almost unbearable for us all, and especially for those of us with families and connections to the region. My wife's grandfather was an obstetrician who founded a hospital in New Orleans. During the Depression, he delivered babies whose parents had no money to pay him and for years afterward brought him chickens and produce by way of thanks.



Her grandparents rented houses for the summer in beach towns like Biloxi and Pass Christian (pronounced "kristy anne" in the Louisiana French manner). Marni remembers visiting there as a child and napping in the afternoon on

wide porches under ceiling fans. Cajun expressions still turn up in her mother's speech. I grew up in Houston, a city with similar weather and exposure to hurricanes coming through the Gulf of Mexico. Our favorite summer destination was Galveston, another city pummeled by a famous hurricane on September 8, 1900 that took more than 6000 lives.

One of the losses we are not yet as aware of as we will be once the water has been pumped out of New Orleans is the extent of the destruction of its historic architecture. One of our country's oldest cities and until the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 a French colonial outpost, its houses and commercial buildings were a treasure trove of architectural styles. We do not yet know how many of them have been so badly damaged that they cannot be rebuilt at all, but the number is likely to a big one. Something will replace them in time, but it will not be the same and, in an important sense, the cultural loss is forever irreplaceable. This should remind us to take greater care to know and treasure our own cultural environment and history.

We will have one opportunity to do so on October 2 at Mission Santa Barbara when Mario Garcia will talk about his book about Father Virgil Cordano. Father Virgil himself, at 86, is one of our treasures, just as is the Mission itself, and he will be present at the event and read some excerpts from the book.

Later this year, we will hear from Anita Guerrini, who has been researching the property that now forms our West Campus. From 1919-1945, the "Campbell Ranch" at Coal Oil Point was owned by a rich and

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Amy Caldwell (L) and Tryntje Helfferich

## History Grads Launch New Holy Roman Empire Website

KNOW WHAT IT'S like to wake up at 2 in the morning with a burning question about the Hapsburg dynasty that you just can't get out of your head?

Take heart! Thanks to the efforts of two UCSB grad students, you can now log in on H-HRE (for Holy Roman Empire, of course), a subset of the H-Net Humanities and Social Sciences online website.

The site is the brainchild of Tryntje Helfferich (PhD Sonnino, 2003) and Amy Caldwell (Friesen).

"It's a David and Goliath, good vs. evil story," Amy says.

The problem wasn't that the subject was too small. Just the opposite—it was too big.

"The HRE is vast, covering many different peoples with different laws, customs, and languages, and each entity within the empire had its own unique relationship with the empire," Amy explained.

Trying to understand this empire as one body that operated differently in each location across time was complicated by the fact that few scholars have ever tried to do so, she said.

H-Net was created precisely to bridge such professional divides, but as late as 2004 the only sites available were confined to particular countries or chronological periods.

In the Spring of 2004, Amy

and Tryntje decided it was time to do something. They put together a board of directors and applied to H-Net for a new discussion group.

"Nothing happened," Amy recalls. "Time passed, and still more nothing happened. We tracked down the H-Net director at the AHA in Seattle, and he encouraged us to be patient. And nothing continued to happen."

Finally, after adding international scholars to the board at H-Net's suggestion, the site was approved. It went live last May.

"We currently have slightly

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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:

drake@history.ucsb.edu

# Grad Students Bring Home Research Grants and Jobs

HISTORY GRAD students kept up last Spring's torrid pace of extramural grants and jobs over the summer.

Justin Bengry (Rappaport) has received three years of graduate support from Canada's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

Michael Blodgett (Drake) is teaching at Cal State Camarillo this Fall. He joins Amy Caldwell (Friesen), who is also teaching there.

David Burden (Cline) was appointed visiting instructor at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

Brian Carniello (Lansing) was appointed to a History position at the University of Tennessee.

Matt DeFraga (Rappaport) is teaching at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo this Fall.

Andrea Gill (O'Connor) was awarded a doctoral fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

Rudy Guevarra (Vargas), who received funding from the Ford Foundation last Spring, received a major dissertation research grant from the Labor and Employment Research Fund.

Drew Miller (PhD Farmer, 2003) is teaching at DePaul University in Chicago.

## H-HRE

CONTINUED FROM P. 4 more than 100 members," Amy reports. "About half the members are in North America, the rest are found throughout the world, especially Germany, but also Belgium, Italy, Australia, England, Argentina, and Brazil."

To visit the site and find the answer to those burning questions, go to: <http://www.h-net.org/~hre/>.

Isaiah Walker (Spickard), has begun a two-year job at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo while he revises his book for publication by the University of Hawai'i Press.

Kurt Werthmuller (Humphreys) has accepted a tenure-track position at Geneva College in Pennsylvania.

## 'Plane Talk'

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In the 19th century, Prof. Plane told KCLU, "there were a bunch of marriage experiments from Mormon polygyny to Shaker celibacy.

"I think that very few people, even among opponents of Gay marriage, today would endorse earlier legal prohibitions, including the ban on interracial marriage that existed in many states, including California, well into the 20th century," she added.

## New PhDs

CONTINUED FROM P. 2 Ann Rapp (DeHart), "A Marginalized Voice for Racial Justice: Charlotta Bass and Oppositional Politics, 1914-1960."

Jennifer See (Logevall), "The Interregnum: Great Power Relations Between World War and Cold War, 1945-1947."

Thomas Sizgorich (Drake), "Monks, Martyrs and Mujahidun: Militant Piety in Late Antiquity and Early Islam."

Matthew Sutton (DeHart), "Aimee Semple McPherson, Pentecostalism, and Politics."

Evan Widders (Osborne), "Healing Medicine: Medical Reform in the Spanish Enlightenment, 1767-1788."

## And All That Jazz



Students always ask what they can do with a History degree. Well, if you're Jim Williams (PhD Purcell, 1984), you can form a jazz combo. Williams is making the most of semi-retirement, still teaching history part-time at De Anza College in Cupertino and wielding power as vice president of the International Committee for the History of Technology. In which capacity he and some colleagues who call themselves The Email Special jazz group performed at a Beijing nightclub during a break while attending an international conference there recently. That's Jim sitting at the keyboard.

## Revenge of the Bloopers

HISTORIA HAS HAD great fun over the years reprinting bloopers from student exams. Now it's time for a little payback.

Following are some of the 20 "funniest ratings" compiled by the online faculty rating service RateMyProfessors.com, which claims to have more than 4 million ratings of 620,346 faculty at 5,124 schools nationwide:

"You can't cheat in her class because no one knows the answers."

"His class was like milk, it was good for 2 weeks."

"I would have been better off using the tuition money to

### Oops!

IF YOU THOUGHT our story last May about all of the History grad students who have won the campus Lancaster Prize for best dissertation couldn't be true, you were right!

We forgot to include Sarah Case (DeHart), who won in 2003. That means History has won six of the triennial prizes,

5 not five as reported.

heat my apartment last winter."

"Three of my friends got As in his class and my friends are dumb."

"Evil computer science teaching robot who crushes humans for pleasure."

"Instant amnesia walking into this class. I swear he breathes sleeping gas."

"BORING! But I learned there are 137 tiles on the ceiling."

"Not only is the book a better teacher, it also has a better personality."

"Teaches well, invites questions and then insults you for 20 minutes."

"This teacher was a firecracker in a pond of slithery tadpoles."

"I learned how to hate a language I already know."

"He will destroy you like an academic ninja."

"Your pillow will need a pillow."

The "funniest ratings" are not identified by school or professor.

# 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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# Where in the World Is Paul Sonnino?



*Historia* photo montage by Margaret Cathcart

WHEN LAST ENCOUNTERED, our intrepid historian was making his escape from the PFLH (Popular Front for the Liberation of Historiography). As Fall quarter begins, we see him posing at another historical site and challenging *Historia* readers with a bag of Sonnino avocados to come up with its identity. Asked for a clue, Prof. Sonnino said, "I'm standing on the very spot where a famous historical event occurred 673 years ago." Well, a dead giveaway like that should cost him a treeful of avocados. Send your answer to Editor, *Historia*, Department of History, UCSB, Santa Barbara, CA 93105-9410.

## President's Corner

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colorful family that included Mrs. Colin Campbell (née Nancy Leiter, whose father was Marshall Field's original partner and the owner of one third of all of the commercial real estate in Chicago) and her sister (who was the wife of Britain's Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon). Nancy's brother Joe, who managed the property, turned out to be better at enjoying horses and yachts than handling money, and that eventually led to a lawsuit filed by another sister (who happened to be the Dowager Countess of Suffolk). Please join us for these and other intriguing events which will enrich our understanding of our own local history and the wider world as well.

*J. Sears McGee, President*



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