



The Historian



(Editors' Note: Our last Newsletter was May 2007 and much has transpired during that time. We hope this edition will catch all of you up on various events and changes in the History Department.)

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

The past three years were a time of critical transitions in the History Department. We congratulate **Fabio López Lázaro**, who is now a tenured Associate Professor!



The Department was honored to welcome as one of our own **SCU President Michael Engh, SJ**. Father Engh, a University of Wisconsin PhD, is a highly regarded historian of the American West.

We also welcomed to the Department three new Assistant Professors, **Paul Mariani, SJ**, and **Matthew Newsom Kerr in 2009** and **Naomi Andrews in 2010**, and one new Inclusive Excellence Post-Doc, **Anthony Hazard in 2010**. Father Mariani came to us from the University of Chicago, where his PhD dissertation focused on the interaction of Catholics with the Chinese communist state in the 1950s. Harvard University Press will be publishing his revised dissertation as *Resistance: The Secret History of Bishop Ignatius Kung, the Jesuits, and Catholic Militants in Communist Shanghai, 1949-1960* in 2011. Father Mariani teaches courses in Chinese and East Asian history. Professor Newsom-Kerr is our STS (Science, Technology and Society) professor, offering courses in the history of medicine as well as British history. He earned his PhD from the University of Southern California, where his dissertation analyzed disease in Victorian England. The prestigious *Journal of British Studies* published his article, "'Perambulating Fever Nests of our London Streets': Cabs, Omnibuses, Ambulances, and Other 'Pest-Vehicles' of the Victorian Metropolis," last year.

Professor Naomi Andrews became our newest Assistant Professor in the fall of 2010. No stranger to the department—Professor Andrews served for several years as an Academic Year Lecturer—she pioneered courses for the new Core in areas as diverse as Civic Engagement and Cultures and Ideas. Her guidance of senior research projects both in this department and in the Honors Program has been extraordinary. Her publications include a well reviewed book—*Socialism's Muse: Gender in the Intellectual Landscape of French Romantic Socialism*—and numerous articles. Two articles in leading scholarly journals and a book analyzing various aspects of the intersection of slavery, empire, and romantic socialism are in progress.

Professor Anthony Hazard comes to us from Northwestern University and earned his PhD at Temple University. He has been producing exciting work in the areas of

race studies, the history of anthropology, and the development of UNESCO. He is teaching courses on modern US history, race and World War II, and a variety of other areas while developing his book manuscript.

To round out this exciting group of new faculty, we'll be welcoming **Dr. Harry Odamttten** as a new professor in Africa and the Atlantic World in the fall of 2011. Following an exhaustive search that brought candidates from both sides of the Atlantic, we hired Professor Odamttten, whose PhD is from Michigan State University and whose work is on the "reverse diaspora" of African-Caribbeans to Africa.

While we gain new faculty members, we have bittersweet feelings about the retirements of others. In the spring of 2009, **Professors Steven Gelber** and **Joby Margadant** taught their last classes at SCU. Both were extraordinary scholars and teaching colleagues. Between them, they published about 10 major books and countless articles, and Professor Margadant served as the editor of an important scholarly journal, *French Historical Studies*. Both continue a lively academic trajectory. Their awards and accolades brought national recognition to our department and challenged all of us to perform at a higher level. We miss them!

Professors Timothy O'Keefe and **George Giacomini** retired in 2010. It's virtually impossible to imagine the History Department without these two pillars. Professor Giacomini was a member of the faculty since 1962 and Professor O'Keefe since 1965. They were part of the transition of the department from a more generalist approach to a more specialized one. They pioneered diplomatic history (Giacomini) and Irish and British history (O'Keefe). Although Professor Giacomini also served the University as the Assistant to the President for a number of years, and Professor O'Keefe was Acting Dean of the College during the late 1980s, throughout those years both continued to teach their wildly popular courses. Professor Giacomini collaborated with **Father Gerald McKeivitt, SJ**, on the beautiful history of SCU, *Serving the Intellect, Touching the Heart*. Professor O'Keefe published works on Irish history early in his career, and expanded his scholarly reach to Irish-American history in the last two decades, editing an important work on Irish American history in California. He has also been a key player in San Jose's sister-city relationship with Dublin, Ireland as well.

As we enter the second decade of the millennium, Santa Clara's History Department continues to be at the forefront of change. Our faculty are playing a leading role in the implementation of the University's new Core curriculum.

Professors Robert Senkewicz, Arthur Liebscher, Fabio López-Lázaro, Thomas Turley, Naomi Andrews, and Brigitte Charaus taught pilot sections of the Cultures and Ideas 1 & 2 sequence for the new Core in 2008-09, and they were joined by **Amy Randall** and **David Skinner** in 2008-09 and by me this year. History Department offers almost one quarter of those

foundational courses for the new Core. Professors Senkewicz, Andrews, Turley, and **Nancy Unger** have created new courses for Civic Engagement; Professors Unger, McKeivitt, and Hazard have developed new courses for the new Diversity requirement; and Professors Turley, Mariani, and McKeivitt have fashioned new offerings in Religion, Culture and Theology. As I mentioned above, Professor Newsom Kerr is teaching our STS courses, and other faculty should be able to join him in the future. Professors Randall, Skinner, Mariani, Liebscher, López-Lázaro, **Ramón Chacón**, and I have together developed more Cultures and Ideas 3 courses than any other department. This is a dizzying list of contributions to the new Core.

Our students have also continued to make us proud! The History Department's successful writing and research focus has earned the praise of history departments at other universities for our consistent production of work of the highest standards. Santa Clara students have won top prizes at the annual Northern California meetings of **Phi Alpha Theta (national history honor society)** for many years, and these past three years were no exception. We were delighted that **Jonathan McDonald and Ruth Caswell** won first and second prizes, respectively, in 2008. In 2009, **Anthony Walsh** took home the gold. Tony's capstone thesis also won him Santa Clara's 2009 McPhee Prize for the best presentation of original historical research. In January, 2010, papers by Tony Walsh, Deepti Shenoy, and Alexandra Bisio were presented at the National Phi Alpha Theta Conference in San Diego. And in April, 2010, David Urbach and Michael O'Sullivan won first and second prizes at the Northern California Phi Alpha Theta Conference.

Our undergraduate history journal is now a **national prize winner!** The June 2009 edition of *Historical Perspectives* earned second place, at the national level, among all student-edited journals. Congratulations to the student editors, Alexandra Bisio and Ruth Caswell, advised by Naomi Andrews and Fabio López-Lázaro.

We are thrilled that our students have won prizes both in the department and in other departments in the university. In 2008, **Ricardo Estrada** won the McPhee Prize, **Dan Szajngarten** won the Redwood Prize for the best history essay, and **Matthew Rinegar** won the Mehl Prize for the best senior thesis. Outside the Department, **Renee Lucas's** capstone thesis earned her the Leibman Prize awarded by the Women's and Gender Studies Program. In 2009, the Leibman Prize went to another History senior, **Alexandra Bisio**. **Deepti Shenoy's** thesis earned her both the History Department's Mehl Prize and the Mary Gordon Prize for the best paper by a Women's and Gender Studies student. **Carolyn Linck** rounds out this group of excellent students with her Redwood Prize in 2009. **Justin Hannigan** won both the Mehl prize and the McPhee prize in 2010, and **Michael O'Sullivan** won the Redwood prize last spring. My sincere congratulations to these students and to the professors who mentored them!

Last but not least, the History Department is expanding its national profile for hosting successful conferences. In spring 2009, the Fortieth Anniversary Meeting of the **Western Association of Women Historians** was held at Santa Clara. Almost every member of the department faculty either gave a paper or served as a commentator. **Amy Randall** did a wonderful job as Local Arrangements Chair, and **Senior Administrative Assistant Judy Gillette** deftly coordinated rooms and schedules. In August, 2010, we hosted the annual meeting of the **Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association**, a major regional association encompassing the 22

US states and four Canadian provinces west of the Mississippi. I was honored to be President of the AHA-PCB in 2009-2010. Professor Turley, as co-chair of the Program Committee, put together an exciting and diverse program with participants from many states and provinces as well as Europe, South America, and New Zealand. Most of our department members either gave a paper or chaired a session. And again, **Judy Gillette** handled the difficult task of coordinating rooms, meals, and other critical arrangements.

FACULTY NEWS

Naomi Andrews began work in 2008 on a new book on French romantic socialists and the global politics of their era, especially in regard to the French empire and the abolition of slavery. The Global Frontiers of Utopia: Socialists Imagine Utopia, as the book is provisionally titled, examines the way the earliest critics of industrial capitalism developed their ideas in the context of postrevolutionary France's "mission" in the world. The first published part of this book, "The universal alliance of all peoples': Romantic socialists, the human family, and the defense of empire during the July Monarchy, 1830-1848," will appear in *French Historical Studies* in a special issue on French Universalism and Humanitarianism in the summer of 2011. In addition, she presented two papers related to the book project this past year, at the French Colonial History Society meeting in May 2009 in San Francisco, entitled "French socialists and the *mission civilisatrice*" and the other at the Western Society for French History in Boulder, CO in October 2009 "Boundaries internal, external, and unseen: romantic socialists on race and gender." In addition, in Fall 2009, she was hired by Santa Clara as an Assistant Professor in France and the World.

Ramon Chacon became a grandfather for the fourth time. He has two new grandchildren, one is seventeen months and the other is twenty months. He now has four male grandchildren. In 2009, he was very busy helping Dr. James Lai, the Director of Ethnic Studies, in planning and hosting the 40th year anniversary of Ethnic Studies at Santa Clara University.

Brigitte Charaus has been kept busy teaching both the US Environmental History class as well as the American Historical Geography course, both of which have been approved as part of the Civic Engagement portion of the new core. In addition to these new courses she has been excited to be once again teaching one of the new C&I courses which were piloted in 2009, her Civilization and the City course. In August 2010 at the PCB conference here at Santa Clara, she presented a paper on changing women's health issues at the turn of the 20th Century. On top of all of that, she successfully defended her dissertation in August 2010 and is a newly minted Doctor in History. She has now started work at the San Francisco Office of Vital Statistics on one of her favorite topics of research: the 1918 Spanish Influenza Pandemic.

Professor emeritus, **Steven Gelber** married Angela Bonin (mother of History professor Amy Randall) on February 14, 2010, in a private ceremony at Congregation Shomrei Torah in Santa Rosa, California. Steven and Angela moved into their remodeled Santa Rosa house in April. Steven is looking forward to doing history in his home office, doing woodwork in his home shop, and sitting on his patio under the oak trees and continuing to learn about wines that do not come in a box.

George Giacomini, as you probably know by now, retired at the end of the 2009-10 academic year. He thought it would

mean baby-sitting grandkids and dozing in the afternoon. It does. However, SCU's president, Father Michael Engh, S.J., asked him if he would write up his recollections of 48 years of teaching and administration at SCU. He agreed to do so for archival [not publication] purposes and thus come into the office a few days a week and is getting started on his task. He very consciously tries not to disturb the productive members of the department.

Arthur Liebscher, S.J. continues to labor in the South American area. During the summer of 2009 he traveled to Argentina and Uruguay. It was his second trip to develop the budding relationship between Santa Clara and the California Jesuits, on one hand, and the Jesuit-run Catholic University of Uruguay, in Montevideo, and Catholic University of Córdoba, Argentina, on the other. He continues to live on the fifth floor of Dunne Hall, now a mixed-gender freshmen-sophomore residential unit. Together with Robert Senkewicz, he shares responsibility for two classes in the "Culture and Ideas" segment of the new core curriculum. Their joint course is called "Peoples of the Americas" and explores the original peoples, European origins, and settlement of North America and the Latin American region.

Fabio Lopez-Lazaro was quite busy in the past three years. In addition to his first scholarly book in the field of history, *Crime in Early Bourbon Madrid (1700-1808): An Analysis of the Royal Judicial Court's Casebook* (Lewiston, N.Y. and Lampeter, Wales: The Edwin Mellen Press, 2008), his second book, *The Misfortunes of Alonso Ramirez: The Remarkable Adventures of a Spanish American with 17th Century Pirates* was accepted in 2009 by University of Texas Press (scheduled publication, 2011). In the spring of 2008, he delivered a conference presentation at the *New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies* in Sarasota, Florida, entitled "Royal Tombstones, Political Utterance and State Territoriality: Comparative Insights from Late Medieval Spain and Morocco." Later that year, in the summer, he presented another paper at the International Maritime Economic History Association conference held at Greenwich University, London, entitled "'As Good Pyrates at Land as He was at Sea:' New Spanish Evidence for the Causes of Captain Avery's 1694 Pirate Mutiny." The subsequent article he wrote based on this presentation has been accepted by the *International Journal of Maritime History* and should appear in the December 2010 volume. At the invitation of the editor of the *Bulletin of the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies* he wrote another piece on pirate history which was published in 2008, "Pirates of the Caribbean: Early Modern Spain and Latin America as Part of the Atlantic World." His research and teaching interests in Middle Eastern and Islamic history continues. A historiographical analysis of three key works studying early modern Muslims in Spain (before their expulsion in the early 1600s) appeared in the *Catholic Historical Review* in mid-2008, "Recent Works on the Early Modern History of Spanish Muslims." He was pleased to offer a new upper division course in the Fall of 2009 ("HIST 107: Spain and Morocco from 700 to 1700") which examined the complex history of how Jews, Christians and Muslims interacted in the Western Mediterranean, a process historians call *convivencia* or coexistence that had both deeply moving highs and tragic lows. His ongoing research into late seventeenth-century Spanish imperial history culminated in two conference papers in early 2009: "The Widow Ruler: Queen Mariana's Baroque Governance of Spain, 1679-1696" presented at the *Renaissance Society of America* in Los Angeles, and "Siamese Treasure,

Mexican Merchants, and Castilian Aristocrats: A Case Study of Seventeenth-century Imperial Legal Entanglement," delivered at the sponsored Panel organized by the *Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction* at the annual *American Historical Association* meeting in New York in January 2009. The latter paper forms part of the larger work which the University of Texas Press will publish in book form in 2011.

He revised the Texas book for publication and spent part of his sabbatical at Maritime Historical Studies Centre in the United Kingdom at the invitation of the director, returning to Santa Clara in September 2010.

Paul Mariani, S.J. joined the faculty in Fall 2008 and has greatly enjoyed his first year and a half at Santa Clara University. His colleagues have been immensely helpful, the students have been a great deal of fun, and the Jesuit community has been kind and supportive.

His biggest scholarly endeavor this year has been polishing his book for publication. It is entitled *Resistance: The Secret History of Bishop Ignatius Kung Pinmei, the Jesuits, and Catholic Militants in Communist Shanghai, 1949-1960*. He is excited about the unique contribution this book will make. It is one of very few books on Christianity in China in the Maoist period. It is also the only one that he is aware of which uses recently declassified Chinese Communist Party sources. He looks forward to its eventual publication. This year he also submitted several articles and a book review to various venues as well.

In addition, he has been able to present papers at several scholarly symposiums and conferences. These include the annual gathering of the Association of Asian Studies where he was on a panel which discussed the experience of the Christian churches in the early years of the People's Republic of China. He presented on the experience of the Shanghai Catholic community in the 1950s. He also presented a talk at a symposium in Spokane which was organized to commemorate the 400th anniversary year of Matteo Ricci (1552-1610), the Jesuit priest and China missionary. Finally, he also gave the talk to the History alumni during the annual dinner. It was great for him to meet some of the alumni and see how committed they are to the school and to the department.

This past summer he also made a fruitful research trip to China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. He continued to collect more material for future works on Christianity in China. He is convinced that there is a great deal more worth writing about. Let him give just one example of how much material literally lies unexcavated, just below the surface. During the trip, he visited an old Franciscan monastery in Shanxi Province with a friend. They walked into one of the buildings. His friend then asked if he noticed anything about the stone steps that they had just walked on. The friend then swept away the dirt and grit. They noticed an inscription in both Latin and classical Chinese. What emerged was a gravestone of one of the Franciscans!

Some of his greatest moments have been in the classroom. He has really enjoyed the students here at Santa Clara. His introductory level courses tend to attract a wide range of students from accounting and business majors, to engineers, to history majors. His upper level courses tend to attract more history majors. This year he also developed courses such as Premodern China, Modern China, and a new course on Christianity in China. Lastly, he has also enjoyed his ministries on campus as a Jesuit priest and has been able to hear confessions and say mass at the Mission Church on a regular basis.

Much of **Gerald McKeivitt, S.J.**'s research activity of late has centered around *Brokers of Culture: Italian Jesuits in the American West, 1848-1919*, published by Stanford University Press and winner of the Howard R. Marraro Prize for the best book in Italian history in 2008. It was also runner-up for the Presidential Book Award of the American Association for Italian Studies. During the past two years, Fr. McKeivitt has been engaged in giving talks about the book to various groups. He also traveled to Notre Dame University to participate in a seminar on the volume that was held by the University's Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism. This past spring, Stanford University Press issued a paperback edition of the book.

Other activities include serving on the Presidential Search Committee that was created by the SCU Board of Trustees. The outcome was the Board's appointment of Michael Engh, S.J. as president. Last summer Father McKeivitt directed a spiritual retreat for about one hundred Jesuits of the California Jesuit Province as part of their centennial celebration. The event was held at the Jesuit Retreat House, Los Altos, California.

Father McKeivitt's current research examines the ways governance of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in the U.S. has changed over the past sixty years since the Second Vatican Council. He is also studying how Jesuits deal with old age and retirement. Both projects required extensive oral interviews.

Barbara Molony is honored to have been named Walter E. Schmidt, S.J. Professor in Fall 2010.

During the past three years, Barbara enjoyed trips to Melbourne, Australia; Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan; London, England; and Dunedin, New Zealand, as well as several North American conferences where she presented her work. New works published between 2008 and 2011 include two books—*Asia's New Mothers: Crafting Gender Roles and Childcare Networks in East and Southeast Asian Societies*, co-edited with Emiko Ochiai (Folkestone, UK: Global Oriental Press), and *Civilizations Past and Present*, 12th edition, co-authored with Edgar, Gordon, Hackett, and Jewsbury (New York: Pearson); three articles—"Crossing Boundaries: Transnational Feminisms in Japan, 1900-2008," in *Women's Movements in Asia: Feminisms and Transnational Activisms* (London: Routledge), "Gender, Citizenship, and Dress in Modernizing Japan," in *The Politics of Dress in Asia and the Americas* (London: Sussex Academic Press), and "From 'Mothers of Humanity' to 'Assisting the Emperor': Gendered Belonging in the Wartime Rhetoric of Japanese Feminist Ichikawa Fusae," *Pacific Historical Review* 80.1; a brief article, "Modernity, Gender, and the Empire," in *International Institute for Asian Studies Newsletter* (Leiden, Netherlands); and book reviews in *American Historical Review*, *Journal of World History*, and *Contemporary Sociology*. She continues to serve as Associate Editor of *U.S.-Japan Women's Journal*.

In the last three years, several of her previously published works were either anthologized or republished in revised editions: *Gendering Modern Japanese History*, co-edited with Kathleen Uno (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, Harvard University Press); "Citizenship and Suffrage in Interwar Japan," in *Women in Asia: Critical Concepts in Asian Studies* (London: Routledge); and "Women's Rights, Feminism, and Suffragism in Japan, 1870-1925," in *Globalizing Feminisms before 1945* (London: Routledge).

On the teaching level, Barbara has served on the Core Curriculum Implementation Team, helping to mold new courses for a wide variety of disciplines. President of the American

Historical Association's Pacific Coast Branch from 2009 to 2010, Barbara was delighted to bring the AHA PCB conference to Santa Clara in August 2010.

Matthew Newsom Kerr joined the department as Assistant Professor in September 2009 and is currently working on transforming his dissertation into a manuscript. Part of this project was presented at a conference in Cork, Ireland in November 2008, and another will be presented in Birmingham, England in October 2009. He has an upcoming publication: "'Perambulating fever nests of our London streets': Cabs, Omnibuses, Ambulances, and Other 'Pest Vehicles' in the Victorian Metropolis," *Journal of British Studies* v. 49 n. 2 (April 2010). 2009 saw him roll out two new courses: "Plagues, Epidemics and Infections" and "History of the Senses." He introduced "Great Britain and the Great War" during Summer Session I 2009 as an independent study class, and looked forward to offering an upper-level Britain course in the 2009-2010 academic year. Meanwhile, my wife and I are settling in to Santa Clara quite comfortably, and enjoying tremendously our baby boy, Gwydion, who will turn two years old in June.

In 2008 **Amy Randall** completed two major projects: Daughter Zaria Jordan Randall-Reed was born. And, Amy's first monograph, *The Soviet Dream World of Retail Trade and Consumption in the 1930s*, was published by Palgrave Macmillan. Amy is delighted with the results: a loving, inquisitive, and opinionated young daughter who brings much joy to her life; and a book that has been well received by academic peers. During the last two years, Amy has also developed several new courses: *The History of Sexuality*; *Ethnic Cleansing and Genocide in the Twentieth Century*; and *Identity and the "Other" in the Shaping of the Modern World* (a two-quarter course for the new Core curriculum). She has also continued to serve (happily) as a member of the governing body of the Women's and Gender Studies Program.

Currently Amy is working on women, gender, and sexuality in the post-Stalin era. Her recent research on Soviet abortion and reproductive politics, one piece of this larger project, has resulted in two public presentations: one at the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (CREES) at Stanford University (co-sponsored by the Clayman Institute for Gender Research and the Program in Feminist Studies) in February 2010; and one at the European Social Science History Conference in Ghent, Belgium, April 2010. This work has also resulted in two publications. One essay, "Repealing the Ban on Abortion," was published in July 2010 on *Seventeen Moments in History* (<http://www.soviethistory.org>), an award winning web-based collection of primary source materials and writings on Soviet history edited by James von Geldern and Lewis Siegelbaum. Amy also translated two primary documents ("Repeal of the Ban on Abortion" and "For you, Comrade Men"), selected and abridged a relevant excerpt on abortion from *All Quiet on the Don* (an extremely popular Soviet novel and movie), and selected and translated three Soviet public health posters for this academic website, all linked to the original essay. The second publication, "Abortion Will Deprive You of Happiness!": Soviet Reproductive Politics in the Post-Stalin Era," is forthcoming in *The Journal of Women's History*. Most recently Amy has been researching the question of Soviet masculinities in the post-Stalin era. In August 2010 she presented a paper on one aspect of this topic at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association conference.

Robert Senkewicz has been named the Faculty Director of the Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning at Santa Clara. The

Institute offers classes and other events on and off campus for lifelong learners. Dorothea French, a former member of our department, has been serving as chair of the Osher Institute's curriculum committee for the past number of years, and was very helpful in assisting Bob to become familiar with the activities of the Institute and the responsibilities of his new position.

Bob and Rose Marie Beebe are currently editors for two series of books that will be published by the Arthur Clark Co., an imprint of the University of Oklahoma Press. One series, entitled "Early California Commentaries," will be devoted to the translation and publication of primary sources. The second series, entitled "Before Gold: California under Spain and Mexico," will be devoted to scholarly monographs on California before the gold rush.

Over the past year, Bob has also served as commentator at two sessions at professional conferences. One was at a session devoted to "Mission Music" at the Western History Association meeting in October in Denver. The other was on a session devoted to missionary evangelization in Mexico and California at the American Catholic Historical Association meeting in San Diego in January 2009.

Kathleen Simonton taught History 112 (Connected Histories/Globalism) in Spring Quarter 2009. Using the commodities approach to World History the class examined connections between producers and consumers and how those connections allowed for an emerging world market. Several graduate students from the UCSC Center for World History "Commodities in World History, 1450-1950" Project guest-spoke on subjects ranging from fur hats in the 17th century to European coffeehouse culture. Katie went to Ireland and England for three weeks in September 2009 to continue her research on 19th century British immigration and settlement projects in Quebec, Canada.

David Skinner and his family spent 14 months in Edinburgh during 2007-2008 when he was a visiting fellow at the Centre of African Studies (CAS). His spouse, Penelope Pahl ('84 History, '87 Law) taught a course on mediation at the Law School and participated in several legal seminars, and his kids, Nick and Alex, attended high school (Nick is now a first year student at SCU and Alex is a wonderful artist and photographer). He did lots of stuff in and around Edinburgh, in addition to tasting many varieties of single malt whisky. There were conferences in Leiden, Lisbon, Edinburgh and Hull at which he presented papers; he participated in the CAS seminars and taught an eleven week course on Islam in Africa; and he did research on contemporary Islam in the UK national archives and in Tunisia. In between travel and other enjoyable activities (festivals, concerts, plays, and the great Edinburgh New Year celebrations) he managed to write chapters for three books and to have an article published in *The Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*.

Since returning to SCU he has become immersed in the new core curriculum and have developed a two-term course on Cultures of Islam for first year students. The new core is very exciting (and a great deal of work for students and faculty), and the History Department is a major contributor to it. He continues to work on his book about Islamic NGOs and politics in West Africa and am involved with the Africa Borderlands Network (ABORNE) which he helped inaugurate in 2007 in Edinburgh. During the past year he has heard from (and even seen) several alumni and hope to hear from more of you in the next year.

Thomas Turley participated in several professional

conferences during the past two years. In May 2008 he presented "Papal Deposition in Early Fourteenth-Century Discourse on Papal Authority" at the 35th International Congress on Medieval Studies held at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. In September 2008 he spoke on "Teaching the Medieval Church" at the annual meeting of the Committee on Centers and Regional Associations of the Medieval Academy of America (CARA) at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. In July 2009 he offered "The Making of a Heresiarch: Guido Terreni's Campaign against Joachim of Fiore" at the annual International Medieval Congress held at the University of Leeds in England. And in August 2010 he presented "The Papalism of John of Naples" at the 103rd annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association at Santa Clara University. He also co-chaired the Program Committee of that meeting. In the area of teaching, he has developed several pilot courses for the new core curriculum—HIST 11A, "Civilization and the City" (with Brigitte Charaus), and HIST 118, "Representation, Rights, and Democracy, 1050-1792"—and a Pathway (a cluster of courses related to a common theme), "Politics and Religion."

Nancy C. Unger is relieved to report that, at long last, she has a contract for that book on American women in environmental history that she's been talking about forever. A paperback, revised edition of Nancy's *Fighting Bob La Follette: The Righteous Reformer* was published in 2008 by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press. Her world book tour (of Wisconsin and California) was a lot of fun and generated TV and radio coverage as well as a number of bookstore talks and events. Her article "Teaching 'Straight' Gay and Lesbian History," appeared in the *Journal of American History*, (March 2007), and has been anthologized in *Teaching American History*, Bedford/St. Martins Press, 2009. Other recent publications are two articles ("The Role of Gender in Environmental History," *Environmental Justice*, September 2008, and "Women for a Peaceful Christmas," *Wisconsin Magazine of History*, Winter 2009-2010) and two essays ("The Role of Nature in Lesbian Alternative Environments in the United States: From Jook Joints to Sisterspace," in *Queer Ecologies: Sex, Nature, Biopolitics, and Desire* (2010), and, with Marie Bolton, "Rivers of Republic, Rivers of Empire: The Transformation of a Young Soldier, 1892-1893," in *Waterways and Colonies. France and its Empires* (2010). She is happy to report that an earlier article, "The 'We Say What We Think' Club," *Wisconsin Magazine of History* (Autumn, 2006), won Honorable Mention for the Alice Hamilton Article Prize of the American Society for Environmental History in 2007.

Her conference papers were presented at UC Riverside, Portland (at the American Society for Environmental History), Temple University, Toronto, Washington DC (at the Organization of American Historians), and in France at both the University of Provence, and in La Rochelle. Nancy continues to speak each September at the Fighting Bob Fest in Baraboo, Wisconsin and spoke at the 100th anniversary celebration of *The Progressive* magazine in May, 2009. (She foolishly tried to impress her teenaged daughter by mentioning that a fellow speaker was Robert Redford—her daughter replied, "Who's he?") A special talk was her participation in the "Last Lecture" series at SCU in November 2009.

Nancy's son, a 2009 graduate of UC Santa Cruz, is getting his teaching credential at SCU and her daughter (the traitor!) is a freshman at Loyola Marymount University.



GUTENBERG'S PICKS

Faculty Book Recommendations

George Giacomini has two suggestions for reading about history. The first is what Dickens has Uriah Heep reading: "a great fat book." It is *Postwar: a History of Europe since 1945* by Tony Judt. Judt is an Englishman teaching at NYU with a subtle wit and no hesitation about expressing his own views on a topic. The book covers a period of history that all of us have lived through [some living through more of it than others]. So what's new especially since over 800 pages seems a daunting undertaking? George was surprised by how much he thought he knew and had forgotten (that's the charitable interpretation) or perhaps never really did know even though it was happening right under his nose. Americans forget how long it took Europe to recover from the Second War; how the welfare state developed throughout Europe and the present challenges it faces; the slow disintegration of the Soviet Union and Gorbachev's role in the Revolutions of 1989. All of these topics and many more are laid out in Judt's book. As to its length, he found it to be the kind of book one can put down for some weeks, pick up again, and, almost without missing a beat, get back into its flow. He thinks it's worth looking at.

The second book is one that he acknowledges he should have read ten years ago but only recently got around to. *Confederates in the Attic* by Tony Horwitz was published in 1998 and was a best-seller then. George thought it was simply another Civil War novel. He had just finished *Cold Mountain* and was bored by it, so he ignored *Confederates*. His mistake. It is an engaging excursion into the South of the 1990s that discovers that the Civil War or at least its vivid memory is alive and well there today. It deals with, among other things, re-enactors (hardcore and otherwise) battlefield visits, a rich cast of disparate characters, and the haunting continuing relevance of "the lost cause" to a significant segment of American society. Written with verve and humor, it can be succinctly described as "a good read."

Fabio Lopez-Lazaro has two completely opposing perspectives on the history of the Islamic-"Western" relationship which readers can explore with gusto: Richard Bulliet's *The Case for Islamo-Christian Civilization* and Antony Black's *The West and Islam: Religion and Political Thought in World History*.

A third book which reads quite well alongside Black and Bulliet is Mercedes Garcia-Arenal and Gerard Wiegers, *A Man of Three Worlds: Samuel Pallache, a Moroccan Jew in Catholic and Protestant Europe*.

Gerald McKeivitt, S.J. asks: Can anything new be written about Abraham Lincoln? In his new book, Ronald C. White, Jr. of UCLA, proves that it can. White's excellent biography of America's most likeable president, "A. Lincoln: A Biography," shows how Lincoln developed both as a political leader and as a

human being in response to rapidly changing circumstances in the nation and in his own life. Of several studies that appeared during the recent Lincoln bicentennial, this book is clearly one of the very best.

David Skinner recommends anything by Chris Hedges (former military correspondent for the *NY Times*); *Jihad From Qur'an to bin Laden* by Richard Bonney (Palgrave); and the recently published *Field Notes on Democracy: Listening to the Grasshoppers* by Arundhati Roy (Haymarket Books).

Nancy Unger gave a talk on "Julia Child, America's French Chef: A Life in Food," for SCU's Literary Cuisine luncheon series in 2010. She recommends Noel Riley Fitch's *Appetite for Life: The Biography of Julia Child* and Child's own *My Life in France* for their insights into this fascinating and delightful American icon. In fiction, she recommends Barbara Kingsolver's *The Lacuna* for its lively portraits of Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo, Leon Trotsky in Mexico, and its depiction of the nightmare years of post-war anti-communist hysteria in the United States.

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