

History Matters at UIC

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Notes from the Chair

Reflecting back on an exceptionally busy spring semester, we have much to celebrate. We have successfully concluded three faculty searches--in U.S. Urban, Latin American, and Ancient Greek History (with Classics)--and also received an additional hire through LAS's search for a specialist in the Islamic World. Our faculty continue to receive national recognition for their work: most recently Jennifer Brier for her curatorial role in *Out at Chicago*, and Deirdre McCloskey who received no fewer than four honorary degrees this spring. Furthermore, Keely Stauter-Halsted and John D'Emilio each hosted successful conferences at the end of March (see p. 3). Our graduate students continue to receive awards and find employment (p. 4). In addition, we have concluded a successful inaugural year for the History Mystery lecture series open to alumni and the public alike.

Department News

***Out in Chicago* wins Allan Bérubé Prize**

The Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History has awarded the Chicago History Museum's *Out in Chicago* exhibit its Allan Bérubé Prize for outstanding work in an LGBTQ public history project. The award was announced just before the March closing of the exhibit at the Chicago Historical Society. Congratulations go out to three "generations" of UIC scholars for their central roles in the exhibit: Co-Curator Prof. **Jennie Brier** (along with co-curator Jill Thomas Austin), History Graduate Student and exhibit Research Assistant **Anne Parsons**, and undergraduate Intern **Morgan Valenzuela**.

Faculty Fellowships

Congratulations to **Leon Fink**, who has been awarded a prestigious Lloyd Lewis residential fellowship for research in the collections of the Newberry Library during 2012-13. During the fellowship year he will be working on a study entitled "The American Way of Class War: Workers, Business and State Regulation during the Long Gilded Age, 1880-1920." The study will offer five thematically-related essays on the peculiarities of American political-economic developments within a larger contemporary world context.

Jeffrey Sklansky has been awarded a 2012-2013 fellowship from the Institute for the Humanities here at UIC. He will use the year to continue work on his book entitled *The Money Question: Currency in American Political Culture, 1700-1900* (under contract with the University of Chicago Press).

Department News, cont.

New Department and Joint Hires

We have had a very busy hiring season, resulting in four new faculty hires:

Joaquín Chávez received his PhD in 2010 from New York University. He is currently teaching at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. He is revising his manuscript, "On Poets and Prophets: Popular Intellectuals and the Origins of El Salvador's Civil War," for publication.

Zinon Papakonstantinou has accepted a joint appointment in the Departments of History and Classics and Mediterranean Studies. He comes to us from the University of Athens, where he is currently serving as Lecturer in the Department of History and Archaeology. Prof. Papakonstantinou received his PhD in Ancient Greek History from the University of Washington in 2003.

Junaid Quadri will be joining us in August of 2013 after completing a post-doc in Cairo in the research wing of Dar al-Ifta, the premier institution of Islamic law research in Egypt. Prof. Quadri was trained at the Institute of Islamic Studies of McGill University, where he defended his dissertation in 2012. Quadri's research focuses on the modern practice of Islamic Law.

Elizabeth Todd-Breland earned her PhD from the University of Chicago in 2010 with a dissertation entitled "A Political Education: Race, Politics, and Education in Post-Civil Rights Chicago." She comes to us from Governors State University. Her research and teaching focus on 20th c. US urban and political history and the history of education.

Annual Osofsky Lecture

This year's Osofsky Lecture featured a talk by James C. Scott entitled "Two Cheers for Anarchy," as well as as much conviviality and fellowship.



Goodman recipient Stephanie Yau with Emeriti Faculty



Osofsky Speaker James C. Scott



Edinger recipient Jennifer Warner with current graduate students

Washington, DC, 1965
November 5, 1965

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BAYARD RUSTIN

**SOCIAL JUSTICE IN
CHANGING TIMES.**
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Friday & Saturday, March 30 & 31, 2012
BAYARD RUSTIN CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE at UIC

Friday, March 30th
6-8 p.m.

Keynote Address from Mandy Carter,
Coordinator of Bayard Rustin Centennial 2012 Project of the National Black Justice Coalition.

Performance inspired by Rustin's letters and songs: co-created by Jean Jaki, Assistant Professor of African American Studies at UIC and Nequan Carter, Director of the Gender & Sexuality Center at UIC.

Saturday, March 31st

10 – 11 a.m. – Action in the Tradition of Rustin
John O'Malley, Professor of History and of Gender and Women's Studies at UIC and Author of *Let Right Be Done: The Life and Times of Bayard Rustin*.

11 a.m. – Noon – Reading Rustin Today
Barbara Ralston, Interns View Present for Planning and Programs and Professor of Gender and Women's Studies, History and African American Studies at UIC, and Lisa Marie Ficklen Co-Founder and Current Board President of Affinity Community Services.

Noon – 1 p.m. – Free lunch with registration

1 – 3:30 p.m. – Premier of Bayard Rustin Love Let Us Lead
A new video documentary looking at man's letters of Rustin's legacy created by Patricia Lewis, MA Candidate in Digital Cinema at DePaul University and produced by Lori Balfanz Bopkins, Director of the African American Cultural Center at UIC.

1:30 – 3 p.m. – Intersectional Coalition Building.
Local community leaders and change agents identify shared priorities and mobilizing strategies for moving toward justice in Chicago today.

The Sponsors

This conference is organized by the Gender & Sexuality Center at UIC, with a sponsorship from the Institute for Academic Research on Race and Politics, the Program for African American Studies at Chicago's Southwick, the Department of Theatre and Music, the Department of African American Studies, the Chancery's Community Studies, the Institute of the DePaul, the Gender and Women's Studies Department, the African American Cultural Center, the Office of the First President at Chicago's Southwick, the African College, and Campus Planning.

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All events are located at the UIC Campus. For more information and for accommodations, please contact lbruce@uic.edu or (312) 431-2615

Graduate Student Activities and Accolades

Departmental Graduate Awards

Deena Allen: **Peter Strickland**

Bentley Brinkerhoff Gilbert: **Jochen Arndt**

Robert Remini: **Tom Alter**

John B. and Theta Wolf: **Peter Strickland**

Polish National Alliance:

Michal Kwiecien and Michal Wilczewski

History of Poland: **Michal Kwiecien**

Polish Resistance: **Michal Kwiecien**

Invited Talks

Karen Johnson gave a talk at Loyola on March 16th on "Women in Chicago's Civil Rights Movement: Doing Catholic Interracialism."

Anne Parsons gave her Institute for the Humanities Dissertation Fellow lecture entitled "Our Brothers' and Sisters' Keepers: Psychiatric Hospitals, Prisons and the Institutionalization of Twentieth Century America," on April 12.

MA's, MAT's, PhD's --2011-2012

MA

Christine Dyslin, Aaron Findley, Nathan Hare, Alison Orton, and Christopher Van Den Berge

MAT

Bryan Tyrpin, Michael Hannan and Rachael Seno

PhD

Katie Batza, Catherine Jacquet, and Emily Labarbara Twarog

Congrats to all!

External Graduate Awards

Three of our graduate students have been awarded LAS travel grants for \$500 to present their work at scholarly conferences. **Tom Dorrance** attended the 2012 Business History Conference, where he presented his research on panel titled, "Employers and State Power from the Gilded Age to the Postwar Era". **James Mestaz** attended the Southwest Council of Latin American Studies, where he gave a paper on "Utopian Resources in Uncertain Times: The Post Revolutionary Mexican Avant-Garde and the Field of Cultural Production," **Tom Alter** also attended the Southwest Council of Latin American Studies, delivering a paper entitled "From the Copper-Colored Sons of Montezuma to Comrade Poncho Villa: The Radicalizing Affect of Mexican Revolutionaries on the Texas Socialist Party, 1910-1917."

Melissa Hibbard has won a 2012-2013 Fulbright IIE Award for Poland, and an American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Research Fellowship for East European Studies.

Jochen Arndt was awarded an International Dissertation Research fellowship from the Social Sciences Research Council/American Council for Learned Societies and funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation

Christopher van den Berge has been awarded a UIC Newberry Library Graduate Research Stipend in the amount of \$1500 for "Reframing the Traveler's Narrative: The Writings of Johannes Nieuhof."

Internal Awards

Deans Award - **Jenna Nigro**

Provost Awards - **Erin Crawley and Tom Alter**

If you have news you would like us to share in *History Matters*, please send it to history.uic@gmail.com.

Undergraduates and Alumni

Undergraduate Student News

Edinger and Goodman Winners

This year's recipient of the Goodman Award is **Stephanie Yau** and the recipient of the Edinger Scholarship is **Jennifer Warner**. We salute you both! Gordon Lee Goodman was an early member of the Department of History at UIC. After his untimely death, his family endowed this prize in his memory to recognize outstanding achievement by an undergraduate history major. The recipient is chosen through a process of faculty nomination and vote. Beyond the distinction itself, the award furnishes \$800 toward the educational expenses of the recipient. The Lilian Edinger Scholarship also recognizes outstanding achievement among UIC's history majors. Selection was made through a process of faculty nomination and vote. Beyond the distinction of the award itself the award furnishes \$500 toward the educational expenses of the recipient.

The Undergraduate History Society has elected a new crop of officers for AY 2012-13. Incoming President is **Hayley Maher**; Vice President will be **Hannah Zuber**; **Lea Crowley** will serve as Treasurer.

The department wishes to thank the membership of the Undergraduate History Society for their participation and help in the History Mysteries series. Members have volunteer staffed each of the four events this year, and their commitment to being good departmental citizens is much appreciated!

Several of our undergraduate majors are recent Phi Beta Kappa awardees: **Clare Dietzen**, **Scott Drueck**, **Hilary Leathem**, **Molly Webber**, and **Matthew Zic**. Congrats to you all!

Alumni News

Katie Batza (PhD '11) has accepted a 1-year Visiting Assistant Professor position at Macalester College for the 2012-2013 academic year. She greatly looks forward to bringing the teaching skills she developed here to the undergraduate students in St. Paul, MN.

Josh Salzmänn (PhD '08) has accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professorship at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago.

Catherine Jacquet (PhD '12) has accepted the position of full-time lecturer in the department, replacing Joshua Salzmänn.

Brad Karlin, BA with honors, Fall 2008, has passed the bar exam! At John Marshall Law School, he was number 18 in his class of 140, graduating with a 3.6 GPA cum laude by the "Order of John Marshall."

Congratulations to all of you!

History Mystery Recap

The inaugural year of our History Mystery series spanned topics ranging from intrigue at the Tudor Court and Versailles to issues of import to emerge in Revolutionary Mexico and the Early American Republic. Next year we plan to focus our series on people and neighborhoods of Chicago.

We hope to see you there!

Chicago Metro History Fair

On Tuesday, April 10th, UIC was proud to host the Chicago History Fair Metro Finals at Student Center East. This academic year, as part of an independent study project, Teaching of History Graduate Program Assistant and MAT candidate **Scott Fenwick** has worked as a History Fair instructional coach at Bronzeville Scholastic Institute (BSI), a small school housed within historic DuSable High School on Chicago's south side. Following the competition, Scott hosted an afternoon reception in UH 950 to celebrate eleven BSI students' achievements as Chicago Metro Finalists. Eleven students, along with teacher Kristen Machezynski and principal Latunja Williams were guests of honor.



Over coffee and cake, professors **Laura Hostetler**, **Deirdre McCloskey**, **Robert Johnston**, **Jeff Sklansky**, and **Corey Capers**, along with graduate students **Lara Kelland** and **Caleb Hardner**, learned about the burgeoning historians' projects and their experiences as researchers and writers. All participants were especially delighted to sit at the seminar table while BSI senior Chakena Sims presented her website project on the 1960 Rainbow Beach Wade-In. And little did the attendees know that all eleven students would become Illinois State History Expo Finalists just days after the Chicago Metro competition! The reception was a great success and further demonstrates the UIC History Department's continued support for the Chicago History Fair and commitment to promoting inquiry teaching at the secondary level. To learn more about the Chicago History Fair, please contact Robert Johnston or Scott Fenwick or visit the Chicago Metro History Education Center's website at <http://www.chicagohistoryfair.org/>

Bronzeville Scholastic Institute Projects

Big Plans for Chicago, an exhibit on the Burnham Plan, Ashley Gordon, De'Andra Hodges, and Darnell McCormick.

Lynching Who? Publications and Authors, an exhibit on anti-lynching movements spearheaded by Ida B. Wells, Azurae' Coleman, David Jones, and Brittany Walker.

The Rise of Provident Hospital, an exhibit on Daniel Hale Williams's efforts to fight segregation in medicine, Charmaine Hall and Kiana Mott.

Time for a Change: Civil Rights in Chicago, an exhibit on housing segregation and how the civil rights movement ignited "White Flight", Amber Frink and Kairah Garcia.

Violent Reaction to Non-violent Protest: A Revolutionary Wade into Freedom, a website on the 1960 Rainbow Beach civil rights protest, Chakena Sims.

Other News

Congratulations to **Jonathan Daly**, who was nominated for the 2012 Honors College Fellow of the Year Award!