Preface: For many years Professor Richard Fried, UIC Professor Emeritus, assembled *Past Perfect* as an email newsletter to connect the faculty, students, alumni, and friends of the UIC History Department. This email newsletter was discontinued some years ago. With the blessings of the UIC History Department and Professor Fried, *Past Perfect* has returned! The purpose is the same. It is a chance to connect and reconnect with friends and colleagues and share your accomplishments! I hope you all will take part in this newsletter. I am Ben Whisenhunt. I received my Ph.D. from UIC in 1997 under the direction of Professor James Cracraft. I have been a Professor of History at College of DuPage since. Please send information for *Past Perfect* to my email address by April 15, 2021 for the May 2021 issue. benwhisenhunt@comcast.net

News:

**Annette Chapman-Adisho** (Ph.D., 2006)—Professor of History, Salem State University, Salem, MA—is happy to announce the publication of her first book, *Patriot and Priest: Jean-Baptiste Volfius and the Constitutional Church in the Côte-d’Or* (Montreal: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2019). Click link to learn more [https://www.mqup.ca/patriot-and-priest-products-9780773558700.php](https://www.mqup.ca/patriot-and-priest-products-9780773558700.php). Big shout out to Dr. David Jordan for his YEARS of support for this project!


Emeritus Professor **John D’Emilio** has just published a new book with University of Chicago Press. *Queer Legacies: Stories from Chicago’s LGBTQ Archives*, is a collection of short essays on Chicago history, each of which is based upon research in a particular collection of the Gerber/Hart Library and Archives in Chicago. The book’s goal is not only to share episodes from the past, but also to make the process of research and discovery come alive.
Julie Fountain, (Ph.D. 2014) I'm the Placement Officer at Dublin City Volunteer Centre - we're an NGO promoting volunteering and the voluntary sector as part of a national network, and my job focuses on working with individuals to find opportunities that suit them and promoting the opportunities that are available. During the pandemic our job has been largely to try and manage the expectations of the thousands of people who just want to help, while supporting charities and government bodies trying to address community needs under new circumstances. I was hired a couple of weeks into our first lockdown in the spring so it's been a wild ride but I really enjoy it. I've earned a reputation for being an outstanding communicator able to condense and present information very clearly so it's nice to know some things carry over! I definitely don't wish I were dealing with online teaching... we do presentations on zoom pretty regularly but that's about as much as I want of that...


Cheryl R. Ganz (Ph.D. 2005) - Smithsonian Curator Emerita - is chair of UIC LAS Board of Visitors and sponsor of a UIC history scholarship. If you are able to give back to UIC, please donate on Giving Tuesday, December 1, for matching fund scholarships. Her email is: cherylganz@yahoo.com.


Lynn Hudson (Associate Professor of History, UIC) -- West of Jim Crow: The Fight against California’s Color Line was published by University of Illinois Press in September 2020.

Catherine Jacquet (Ph.D. 2012) is now Associate Professor of History and WGSS at Louisiana State University after being granted tenure this past spring. She is also very pleased to announce that her book "The Injustices of Rape: How Activists Responded to Sexual Violence, 1950-1980" was published with the University of North Carolina Press in October 2019.
Robert Johnston (Professor of History, UIC) - Since the last edition of *Past Perfect*, Robert has won three awards from professional organizations. This year, he received the Eugene Asher Distinguished Teaching Award from the American Historical Association and the Society for History Education. In 2019, the Organization of American Historians named him a Distinguished Lecturer, and that same year the Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era presented him with the Roger D. Bridges Distinguished Service Award. At UIC, Robert earned the Graduate Mentoring Award from the Graduate College. Robert finished his term as co-editor of the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* while beginning his service as co-editor of the “Textbooks and Teaching” section of the *Journal of American History*. He has also remained active in professional development for K-12 teachers. He continues to serve as academic director for NEH-funded summer institutes on “Rethinking the Gilded Age and Progressivisms: Race, Capitalism, and Democracy, 1877-1920” and has facilitated workshops on the Second Gilded Age, populism, and the history of teachers’ unionization for the Newberry Teachers Consortium. He is also the co-chair of Development Committee for the Advanced Placement U.S. History exam. Having recently begun his third term as Chief Steward of UIC United Faculty, Robert has been interviewed several times, especially regarding the university’s coronavirus policies. He also co-wrote this piece in *The Nation* on the Harvard graduate student strike. That said, his proudest appearance came in a distinctive public forum: *Wikileaks*, as part of John Podesta’s staff discussing Robert’s scholarship.


Dr. Anne Parsons (Ph.D., 2013) received tenure last year at UNC Greensboro and serves as Director of Public History. She guest curated the National Library of Medicine’s traveling exhibit *Care and Custody: Past Responses to Mental Health*, which will launch in June 2021. Her final accomplishment is serving as the harried and happy parent of Sydney (1) and Etta (3).

Maria Ritzema (Ph.D., 2018) is Associate Professor of History at College of DuPage. She was awarded the AIPS-CAORC Faculty Development Seminar Award for “Religion and Culture in the Postcolonial City” in Lahore, Pakistan. Covid-19 has postponed this seminar twice. It is hoped to run in late 2021 or early 2022.

Kevin Schultz (Professor of History, UIC) who became chair in June, has been active on the zoom lecture circuit this fall, giving talks that now do not require travel. He gave a talk at the Norman Mailer Society’s annual conference, on "Left Conservatism: How to fit Norman Mailer into the American Political Spectrum" and to the Society for US Intellectual History (for which he past president) on the winding path of "liberalism" as a concept in post-World War II American political thought, especially as it pertains to John Rawls. His favorite talk, however, was to the National Conference for Community Justice, the vestige of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, which was the subject of his first book. His talk there, which was about the history of the organization, was followed by many former stakeholders in the group, sharing war stories about their efforts to make the USA a more inclusive, welcoming nation that lives up to its best ideals.


Amy C. Sullivan (Ph.D., 2013) - Visiting Assistant Professor of History at Macalester College, St. Paul, MN - has recently published, "Seen and Heard: Using DiCE to Reconnect Communities and Enrich History Pedagogy," in Digital Community Engagement: Partnering Communities with the Academy (University of Cincinnati Press, 2020, Open Access on Manifold). Next fall, the University of Minnesota Press will publish *When Rock Bottom is Death: Reckoning with Opioids in the Rehab State*, a peer-reviewed book for general readers about the opioid epidemic, based on more than sixty oral history interviews she collected and archived. You can reach Amy at asulliv2@macalester.edu.
Monica Swope (B.S., 1998, M.Ed., 2003) – From her Who’s Who biography - Monica Swope celebrates more than 20 years of expertise in education, administration and curriculum development. Raised by a family of educators, she was inspired by her mother, who had worked as a teacher, to pursue a career in public schools in order to effect social change and make a difference in the lives of underserved students. A graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago, she initially earned a Bachelor of Science in history in 1998 and a Master of Education in 2003. Ms. Swope concluded her education at Chicago State University, graduating with a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Administration in 2007. From 1998 until 2008, Ms. Swope excelled as a classroom teacher at Oak Park and River Forest High School, building a professional reputation for her outstanding rapport with her students and her creative approach to curriculum administration. She found success for the next five years as a social science specialist in Chicago Public Schools, and was additionally active on the adjunct faculty at Loyola University in 2011. Ms. Swope continues to teach at Loyola University and the University of Illinois, and serves as the coordinator of Michigan State University’s pre-service teacher internship program.

Emily E. LB. Twarog (Ph.D., 2011) is currently an Associate Professor in the School of Labor and Employment Relations at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Last year, I was the recipient of the ACLS Burkhardt Residential Fellowship and spent the year (until COVID kicked me out) at the Newberry Library where I am currently a Scholar-in-(remote) Residence. This fall I have had the pleasure of working with UIC folks a couple of times. In September, I presented at the Class and Consent: Labor, Work, Gender, and the Problems of Sexual Harassment and Violence conference held virtually from Georgetown University with Professor Emeritus Leon Fink and former UIC Prof. Katrin Schultheiss. And, last month, I was the guest lecturer in Prof. Katie Batza’s University of Kansas Intro to Women’s Studies course.

Ben Whisenhunt (Ph.D., 1997) is Professor of History at College of DuPage. He just finished a three-year term (2017-2020) as Chair of the History Department. He is co-editor of a book series, “Americans in Revolutionary Russia” with Slavica Publishers. This is a series of republications of works by Americans who witnessed the Russian Revolutionary Era (1914-1921). He edited two of the books by John Reed and Albert Rhys Williams. He is also co-managing editor of Journal of Russian American Studies (JRAS). In Spring 2020, he was pleased to teach a section of History 104 at UIC and then a pandemic hit...