

History Department
Annual Report to the Dean, AY 2006-2007

I. Staffing:

A. New Faculty Members

- a. Negin Nabavi completed her first year as a member of the History Department at the rank of Assistant Professor. She is the department's only full-time Middle Eastern specialist, filling a critical gap in the department's staffing.
- b. Shannan Clark accepted a position in the History Department at the rank of Assistant Professor, and will join the department in September. He is a 20th Century US scholar, specializing in issues related to popular culture and social class, especially during the first half of the 20th century.

B. Tenure, Promotion and Sabbaticals

- a. Dawn Hayes and Julie Landwebber were approved for tenure by the Board of Trustees, their tenure periods to commence the first day of the fall 2008 semester.
- b. No one was approved for promotion.
- c. Amy Srebnick and Ken Olenik were awarded sabbaticals for the coming year, Ken during fall 2008 and Amy during spring 2009.

C. Leaves, Retirements and Resignations

- a. Jeff Strickland spent the entire year on an academic leave at the University of Michigan, continuing his ongoing research on US urban history in the post-Civil War South. Carla Pietievich was on personal leave for the academic year.
- b. No one in the History Department retired
- c. No one in the History Department resigned.

D. Graduate Assistant: Joshua Goldfarb served as the graduate assistant for the department, working primarily with Esperanza Brizuella-Garcia and Fred Cotterell on matters related to the undergraduate and graduate social studies teacher education programs.

II. Curriculum Development:

A. Course Development: The following courses were proposed and approved by the department and all the appropriate curriculum committees:

- a. Seminar in Western History (graduate-level)
- b. Selected Topics: Race and Ethnicity in American History

B. Course Reorganization

- a. Reorganized HIST 100, The Study of History, the introductory course for all history major, making the overall objectives for the course more clearly defined
- b. Initiated an ongoing process to reorganize HIST 400, The Senior Seminar, the capstone course for all history majors, working to make the objectives for the course more explicit

C. Program Development

- a. Developed a new Masters Degree program in History to replace the old Master Degree program in Social Science with a Concentration in History. The new program will go into effect in September 2008
- b. Reorganized the History Minor which will go into effect in September 2008, increasing the number of required credits from 18 to 21, among other changes
- c. Implemented a series of strategies intended to make grading practices throughout the department more consistent and rigorous
- d. Implemented a series of Reading and Assessment Guidelines for all 200, 300 and 400 level undergraduate History courses

D. Special Events

- a. Sponsored a special Centennial Lecture on the 100-Year History of Montclair State University by Emeritus Professor Joseph Moore
- b. Sponsored a series of off-campus educational events for the members of the History Club and History Honors Society
- c. Inducted twelve new members of the National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta
- d. Distributed four History Department scholarships
- e. Developed a new History Awards program, one in which five students are honored every semester for outstanding

achievement in an individual course. The professors who nominate the five students select and present each honoree with an appropriate historical monograph

Faculty Achievements

1) George Bretherton

a) Conference Presentations

- i) The Politics of William Butler Yeats at Columbia University Seminar on Law and Politics, December 2007.
- ii) Arthur Griffith vs. J.M. Synge: In the Shadow of a Glen at the ATINER Conference in Athens, Greece, March 2008

2) Esperanzo Brizuela-Garcia

a) Publications: On-going Work

- i) Continued work on a university-level textbook reader, *African Histories*, which is under contract with Prentice-Hall
- ii) Continued work on a monographic study, *Africa's Past, History's Future; African historiography and the rewriting of world histories*, which analyzes the African historiography during the last half century and the influence of that historiography on the intellectual development of the discipline of history more generally.

b) Presentations

- i) Presented a paper entitled "Cultural Nationalism in the Gold Coast: Ghana's Intellectual Heritage." at the African Studies Association's Annual Conference in New York, October 2007.

3) Nancy Carnevale

a) Publications

- i) *Lingua/Lenga'/Language: "The Language Question" in the Life and Work of an Italian American Woman*, Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies, v.27, n. 2; Special Issue on Gender and Migration (Winter 2007).
- ii) *Le monde à l'envers : représentations des femmes dans le langage du théâtre comique italo-américain*, in Natacha Lillo, Philippe Rygiel (eds), "Images et représentations du genre en migration" (mondes atlantiques, XIX-XXE siècle), Actes de l'histoire de l'immigration, volume 7 (2007): 123-135.

b) Presentations

- i) Presented a paper entitled *Italian Americans and African Americans in Suburban New Jersey, 1900-1960s* at the Annual Conference of the Organization of American Historians in New York, March 2008
- ii) Roundtable Participant about *Creating Italian American Archives* at the American Italian Historical Association in Denver, November 2007
- iii) Presented a paper entitled *Ethnic Encounters and the Creation of Italian Americans* at CUNY Symposium about New Perspectives on Italian Americans, Queens College, September 2007
- iv) Presented a paper entitled *Language in Italian Immigrant Life* at EUSIC/Empowerment of US-Italy Community Conference, Queens College, November 2007
- v) Presentation to Italian Teachers Association of New Jersey about "Studying in Southern Italy, September 2007

c) Service

- i) As Chair of the Higher Education Committee of the New Jersey Italian and Italian American Heritage Commission, coordinated pedagogical symposium about *Teaching the Unknown Classics in Italian and Italian American Studies*
- ii) Coordinated three events as part of the *Italian Festival of the Arts and Humanities*
- iii) Member of Steering Committee for Women's Studies Program at MSU
- iv) Member of Advisory Board for Joseph and Elda Coccia Institute for the Italian Experience in America at MSU

d) Fellowship Proposal

- i) National Endowment for the Humanities -- Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche Fellowship for Research on Italian Cultural Heritage Book Project, "Approaching Whiteness: Italians in Postwar America," May 2008

4) Robert Cray

a) Publications

- i) Remembering Richard Somers: Naval martyrdom in the Tripolitan War, *The Historian* 68 (Summer 2006): 267-284.
- ii) High Style and Low Morals: John Newland Maffitt and the Methodist Church, 1794-1850, *Methodist History*, 45 (October, 2006): 31-42.

b) Presentations

- i) *Weltering in their own Blood: Puritan Casualties in King Philip's War*, New England Historical Association Conference, University of Southern New Hampshire, May, 2007.

c) Department Service

- i) Graduate Coordinator
- ii) Graduate PAC Representative
- iii) Department PAC Member

5) Dawn Hayes

a) Publications

- i) "Harnessing the Potential in Historiography and Popular Culture When Teaching the Crusades." *The History Teacher* 40 (2007): 349-61.

b) Manuscript Reviewer

- i) Book Three, *The Renaissance*, in Henry Sayre's forthcoming humanities textbook to be published by Prentice Hall, 2007.

c) Honors and Awards

- i) Teaching Fellow: Selected by Montclair's Teaching and Learning Resource Center, 2007-08.
- ii) Dean's Recognition Award: Exceptional Service to the University, 2007.

d) Program Administration: International Summer Institute in Sicily, 2007-08

e) MSU Committee Service

- i) Life Cycle Replacement Committee, 2006-07
- ii) CHSS Dean's Search Committee, 2007-08

6) Julie Landweber

a) Publications

- i) "Fashioning Nationality and Identity in the Eighteenth Century: The Comte de Bonneval in the Ottoman Empire," *The International History Review*, vol. 30, no. 1, March 2008: 1-31. [Refereed journal]
- ii) "Was Sophie Germain Revolutionary? Reexamining the Education of an Early Female Mathematician," *2007 Selected Papers of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era* [Refereed journal]. [In press for 2008].
- iii) Review of Amaury Faivre d'Arcier, *Les Oubliés de la Liberté: Négociants, consuls et missionnaires français au Levant pendant*

la Révolution (1784-1798), in the on-line forum *H-France Reviews* [Forthcoming, 2008].

- iv) Review of Barbara Ravelhofer, *The Early Stuart Masque: Dance, Costume, and Music* (Oxford, 2006), in the *Canadian Journal of History*, vol. 42, no. 3 (Winter, 2008).

b) Presentations

- i) [Forthcoming] “Reconsidering the Life of French Mathematician Sophie Germain,” to be delivered at the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis, MN, June 12-15, 2008.
- ii) “Knocking at the Gates of the Academy of Science: A Female Mathematician in Revolutionary Paris,” delivered at the annual meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies, New Brunswick, NJ, April 11-13, 2008.
- iii) “Sophie Germain’s Challenge: Acquiring a Mathematical Education in Eighteenth-Century France,” delivered at the 28th Annual Women’s Studies Conference, SUNY New Paltz, October 6, 2007.

c) Funding Applications

- i) National Science Foundation Standard Grant in the History and Philosophy of Science, Engineering and Technology. Project title: “Knocking at the Gates of Science in Napoleonic France: Rewriting the History of Sophie Germain.” Grant requested to cover summer salary, undergraduate assistant, and associated research costs, for Jan.-Dec., 2009. Application submitted Feb. 1, 2008.

d) Service

- i) History Department Taskforce on Grading Standards
- ii) Women’s Studies Department Curriculum Committee
- iii) Women’s Studies Department Steering Committee
- iv) Women’s Studies Department Advisory Board

e) Pedagogical Development

- i) Taught WMST 402: Research Seminar in Women’s Studies for the first time during the spring 2008 semester.
- ii) Students from WMST 402 presented research projects during university-wide student research fair, April 17, 2008.

7) **Ben Lapp**

a) **Publications**

- i) *Rebirth of a Culture: Jewish Writing and Identity in Germany and Austria Today*, will be published in the fall of 2008, but may be purchased now on-line (Amazon.com)
- ii) Book Review for Central European History, *Jews, Germans and Allies: Close Encounters in Occupied Germany* by Atina Grossman

b) **Service**

- i) Anonymous Reader for a Document Collection to be published by Longman on 20th century European history.
- ii) Department Representative to College Curriculum Committee

8) **Negin Nabavi**

a) **Publications:**

- i) "Readership, the Press and the Public Sphere in the First Constitutional Era," *Proceedings of the Centenary Conference on the Iranian Constitutional Revolution*. London (Forthcoming in 2009).
- ii) "Journalism in Qajar Iran," *Encyclopedia Iranica*, Fascicle 1 of vol. xv. (Forthcoming circa. December 2008).

b) **Conference Papers:**

- i) "Cartoons, Public Opinion and the Satirical Press in Constitutional Iran," Middle East Studies Association Conference, Montréal, November 2007.

c) **Other talks:**

- i) "Women's Activism in Iran," a talk given in Sally McWilliam's Seminar class on "Global Feminism," April 17, 2008.

d) **Awards:**

- i) Awarded a grant of \$800 by the Global Education Center at Montclair State to present a paper at the Seventh Biennial Iranian Studies Conference held at the University of Toronto in summer 2008.

e) **Works in Progress:**

- i) Article on "From Haji Firuz to the Black Harlequin: Slaves and Black Domestic Servants in Iran"

9) **Peter Pastor**

a) **Publications**

- i) Book review of Peter Kenez, *Hungary from the Nazis to the Soviets. The Establishment of the Communist Regime in Hungary, 1944-1948*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

b) **Presentations**

- i) Presented paper entitled "World War I Prisoners of War in Siberia" at the Western Front Association Seminar in Tampa, FL. on Feb. 15-16, 2008.
- ii) Chair and Commentator, Panel on History Education at the American Hungarian Educators Association Conference at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh.

c) **Professional Service**

- i) Editor in Chief of Series of Hungarian History publications distributed by Columbia University Press for the Center for Hungarian Studies and Publications. Four volumes in this series were published during the 2007-08 AY.

d) **Grants**

- i) Grant from Global Education at MSU to attend Conference in Budapest, presenting a paper there on "The Liquidation of Hungarian Communist in Stalin's Russia, 1925-1941."

10) **Amy Srebnick**

a) **Publications**

- i) (Review) Kali Gross. *Colored Amazons: Crime, Violence, and Black Women in the city of Brotherly Love, 1880-1910*. Durham, Duke University Press, 2006. *Crime, Histoire & Societies*, forthcoming Spring, 2008.

b) **Presentations**

- i) Respondent, Panel on Legal Discourses of Crime, Social Science History Association, Chicago, 2008.

c) **Professional Service**

- i) Reappointed to three year term on the advisory board of *Crime, Histoire & Societies*, a bilingual journal (Droz: Geneve and Paris) under the auspices of the International Association for the History of Crime and Criminal Justice.
- ii) Manuscript review for *Crime, Histoire & Societies*.

11) Jeffrey Strickland

a) Publications

- i)* "How the Germans Became White Southerners: German Immigrants and African Americans in Charleston, South Carolina, 1860–1880" *_Journal of American Ethnic History_* Volume 28 Number 1 (Fall 2008): 52-69

b) Presentations

- i)* "Mapping Poverty in the United States" to the Analyzing Poverty and Socioeconomic Trends: Using the American Community Survey Workshop, at the National Poverty Center, University of Michigan (June 25, 2008)
- ii)* "Race and Inequality in Charleston, South Carolina, 1860-1880" talk to Population Studies Center, ISR, University of Michigan (March 17, 2008)
- iii)* "How the Germans became white southerners: German immigrants and their social, economic, and political Relations with African-Americans in Charleston, South Carolina, 1860-1880" presented at the American Historical Association AHA Meeting, (January 2008)
- iv)* "Race, Ethnicity, and the Historical Geography of Business in Charleston, South Carolina, 1860-1880" presented at Social Science History Association SSHA Meeting, (November 2007)
- v)* "Author Meets Critics: Kevin J. Mullen, *Dangerous Strangers: Minority Newcomers and Criminal Violence in the Urban West, 1850-2000,*" Participant/Presenter in author-meets-critics session at SSHA Meeting (November 2007)
- vi)* "Historical & Social Constructions of Race," Discussant in Paper session at SSHA Meeting 2007

- c) Postdoctoral Fellowship:** NIH postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan Population Studies Center for the 2007-08 academic year

12) Michael Whelan

a) Professional Service:

- i)* External Evaluator for \$250,000 CUNY NEH Grant to improve history instruction throughout the university
- ii)* Appointed Department Chair, 2008-11

13) James Woodard

a) Presentations

- i)* “Advertising and the Consumerist Ethic in a Producerist Age,”
Conference of the Latin American Studies Association, Montreal,
September 8, 2007.
- ii)* “Hidden Professions, Uneasy Persuaders, and an Abundance of
Fables: Advertising and Consumer Culture in Postwar Brazil,”
University Seminar on Brazil, Columbia University, October 18,
2007.
- iii)* “The Argentine Allusion: Unhappy Comparisons, Unequal
Exchanges, and the Imagining of a Brazilian Region,” Program in
Latin American Studies Conference on “Constituting Places:
Movement and Trajectories in Latin America,” Johns Hopkins
University, April 25, 2008.
- iv)* “The Consumption of (Over?) Consumption: Development,
Modernization, and Consumer Culture in Brazil’s ‘American
Century,’” German Historical Institute Workshop on
“Modernization as a Global Project: American, Soviet, and
European Approaches,” Washington, D.C., March 29, 2008.
- v)* “Of Slaves and Citizens: The Places of Race in Republican São
Paulo, 1880s-1930s,” New York City Latin American History
Workshop, Stony Brook University-Manhattan, February 1, 2008.

b) Service

- i)* Chair, Dissertation Prize Committee, New England Council of Latin
American Studies, 2008.
- ii)* Associate Member, University Seminar on Brazil, Columbia
University, from fall 2007.
- iii)* Dissertation Prize Committee, New England Council of Latin
American Studies, 2007.