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A Note From the Chair

For the past five years, since fall 2005, the Department of History has maintained a steady course, even in the face of the serious financial difficulties confronting the university. In large measure, the credit for this must go to Jonathan Sperber. Among other things, under Jonathan's leadership as chair, the department was able to persuade the dean of the college to approve our search for an African historian, even though the campus is officially under a hiring freeze. For this, and his other endeavors on behalf of the department, Jonathan deserves our collective gratitude. He has more than earned the yearlong research leave he is currently enjoying.

The 2010–11 academic year began literally on a high note, with a record MU enrollment of 32,415 undergraduate and graduate students. Those of us who have been at the university for a few dozen years remember reaching the magic number of 20,000, which we did in 1967, then deemed a significant milestone. Of course, these enrollment figures are a mixed blessing, and they do not tell the whole story. With a substantial increase in enrollments and a simultaneous hiring freeze on faculty and staff, the department has had to be creative in meeting its teaching responsibilities. The Arts and Science dean's office has been able to ease the crunch somewhat, particularly in the large

survey courses, by providing enrollment "surge" money to targeted departments, among them our own, to create additional sections and to engage our most advanced graduate students to help staff these sections. Clearly, this is but a stopgap measure and does not address our basic need to have additional full-time faculty to replace those we have lost in recent years to retirement and other reasons. While the campus wide enrollment surge has put a strain on our survey courses, our upper division undergraduate courses and our graduate offerings are, for the most part, meeting the needs of our students. Our majors currently number somewhere between 360 and 370; our graduate enrollment stands at 52.

Our newest colleague, Jerry Frank, whose brief profile appears in this issue of the newsletter, has resumed the department's popular offerings in environmental history. Also, during the week of October 11, the biannual Fordyce Mitchel Memorial Lecture was held. Our speaker was a distinguished classicist from Colby College, Professor Joseph (Yossi) Roisman.

Much in the news lately, locally and statewide (and even in a brief item in the October 15, 2010, issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*), has been the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) mandated review of all of Missouri public institutions to identify "under-producing degree programs." The latter being defined as those graduating fewer than 10 bachelors, five masters, or three doctoral students, on average, over a three-year period. The history department is not on the list of programs targeted for review. We are concerned, however, that among the programs which are targeted for review, there are some with strong ties to history. Should any of them be restructured, or in the worse case, eliminated, our own programs would be affected.

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There is one sad bit of news to report since the last appearance of the newsletter. In June, our longtime colleague, professor Emeritus Gerald (Jerry) Barrier, passed away. Jerry was a distinguished member of the department who, during his tenure from 1967 to 2003, not only taught and published widely in South Asian history, chaired our department from 1983 to 1986, but also single-handedly built up our library collection in that area. He will be missed.

As yet another academic year unfolds, we see a noticeable change in the landscape around us. If one looks in the direction of what was once Brady Commons, one sees a mammoth, new, white limestone Student Center — five times the size of old Brady! See the photos taken from Rollins Avenue (below) and from the grassy area behind the library (right). Tate Hall, flanking Ellis Library on the west is the home of the English department. It is thoroughly gutted and undergoing restoration and remodelling as is Switzler Hall (communication). And, of course, the leaves are beginning to turn, transforming the campus and invigorating us all.

— Russ Zguta, Chair

A THOUGHTFUL GIFT COMES OUR WAY

This past summer, the department received a call from the daughter-in-law of an MU alumnus offering us travel photos and other related materials that had been collected over his lifetime. The department was pleased to be the recipient of slides, photos, slide projectors, and screens from the estate of Harry Hall Trice. We have made these materials available to our faculty to use as they see fit, and we thank the Trice family for this kind gift.

Harry Hall Trice was born in St. Joseph, Mo. and graduated from MU with a major in business in 1934. Mr. Trice was a longtime member of The Jefferson Club and served for years on the Trulaske College of Business Development Committee. Trice established the Harry Hall Trice Jr. Scholarship Fund in the School of Business in 1970; it is still in existence today. He owned and operated The Conley-Myers Insurance Agency in Columbia for over 50 years, was an active Rotarian and, when he retired, he and his wife, Helen Conley Trice, traveled extensively around the world from 1970 through the late 1980s.



The new Brady Commons building, front and back.



Our Undergraduates are Going to Work!

In the March issue, the chair shared the accomplishments of our undergraduate scholars. Thanks to the generosity of you, alumni and friends, the department was able to award a number of scholarships to support some of the brightest and best history majors. — Ed.

In addition to our scholarships, we have a number of internships that provide our students with hands-on experience in various capacities in agencies throughout mid-Missouri.

Undergraduate students in the history department are going to work!! As of this fall, the history department has 10 different internship sites where undergraduate majors can gain valuable work experience in and around the field. Students earn credit toward graduation and get to see what it would be like to work in a museum, an archive, or at the Missouri Supreme Court!

The following sites are currently available: University of Missouri Archives, National History Day, State Historical Society of Missouri, Missouri State Archives, Boone County Historical Society, Missouri State Museum, Western Historical Manuscript Collection (a general internship and an oral history internship), Supreme Court of Missouri, and The Museum of Missouri Military History. One student wrote, "The program overall was a wonderful academic experience. The program prepares students well for post-undergraduate endeavors, whether employment or graduate school." Another student wrote, "This program was beyond helpful to me in gaining firsthand knowledge of the field of archiving. The experience in my brief time at the Missouri Archives was tremendous."

In each of the next several issues of the newsletter, we will share with you information about these internships that illustrate just some of the ways in which our students can put to practical use, what they learn.

— Jenny Morton
director of undergraduate
curriculum and advising

Graduate Program News

Associate Professor Lois Huneycutt serves the department as director of graduate studies. Although new to the post this year, Lois has put together an impressive list of talking points about our graduate program, many of which I would like to share with you throughout the year. — Ed.

We strive to maintain an outstanding record in the management and maximization of scarce resources: these accomplishments have been achieved despite chronic underfunding of the department and the loss of some faculty positions during the last decade and a half. This experience of making the best out of less-than-ideal support suggests the department will be able to serve incoming students better than many peer departments during the challenging economic times ahead.

Over the last 15 years, 65 percent of all MU doctorates have been appointed to tenure-track teaching positions, three times the placement rate of peer institutions according to American Historical Association figures. During 2008–09, all three of the department's doctoral candidates found tenure-track positions, as have two of our three 2009–10 graduates. Mark Geiger, PhD '06, was a postdoctoral fellow at the Minnesota Population Center for three years before receiving a UCLA Center for Economic History postdoctoral fellowship for 2008–09 (they only give one). He is now a postdoctoral fellow at the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, Australia.

— Lois Huneycutt
director of graduate studies



New Graduate Students 2010-11

Master's students

(with field of study and adviser)

Henry T. Atkinson; recent U.S.
BA, University of Missouri
Professor Robert Collins

Samuel S. Blanchard; medieval
BA, Truman State University
Associate Professor Lois Huneycutt

Brittany M. Cofell-Dwyer; British empire
BA, Notre Dame University
Associate Professor Theodore Koditschek

Margaret J. Haden; British imperial/urbanization
BA, University of Missouri
Associate Professor Theodore Koditschek

Cody L. Heslep; ancient Greece
BA, University of Arizona
Professor Ian Worthington

Sarah E. Lirley McCune; U.S. 19th-century women's
BA Northwest Missouri State University
Professor LeeAnn Whites

Jesca A. Scaevola; South Asia
BA, University of Missouri
Assistant Professor Michael Bednar

Ryan T. Stander; early U.S. political
BA, Truman State University
Associate Professor Jeffrey Pasley

The following master's
candidates have successfully
defended their theses:

*James Hamilton, Daniel Menold,
Todd Morman, and Katherine Sheffield.*

Doctoral Students

(with field of study and adviser)

Lucas G. Endicott; American religious
BA, Missouri State University
MA, Princeton Theological Seminary
Professor John Wigger

R. Seth Torpin; 19th century Ireland
BA, Hastings College
MA, Queen's University, Belfast, Ireland
Professor Kerby Miller

Darin A. Tuck; American religious
BA, Washburn University
MA, Kansas State University
Professor John Wigger

The following successfully
defended their dissertations
during the 2009-10
academic year.

Hearty Congratulations!

Russell L. Goodrich - Teaching at
Moberly Area Community College in
Moberly, Missouri

Joshua J. McMullen - Tenure-track posi-
tion as an assistant professor at Regent
University in Virginia Beach, Virginia

Tiffany A. Ziegler
Tenure-track assistant professor at
Minot State University in Minot, North
Dakota



Pictured are Rebecca Jacobs Pollez, Leroy Rowe,
Mark Singer, and Mike Snodgrass.

2010-11 Graduate Instructors

Every semester, the Department of History appoints a limited number of graduate students nearing the end of their doctoral studies to serve as graduate instructors. This fall, we are pleased to have Rebecca Jacobs Pollez (Huneycutt), Leroy Rowe (Weems/Whites), Mark Singer (Huneycutt), and Mike Snodgrass (Whites) serving in our American history, Western civilization, and English history survey courses. Not pictured, but also teaching this fall, is Kris Maulden (Pasley).

Notes

In our May 2010 newsletter, we mentioned the faculty who had been recognized for their teaching and scholarly excellence. At that time, we failed to mention one faculty member who was awarded a prestigious campus award. We apologize for the oversight.

Ian Worthington

Professor [Ian Worthington](#) was chosen for the William H. Byler Distinguished Professor Award for 2009-10. This title is conferred upon a full-time Columbia campus faculty member for recognition of outstanding abilities, performance, and character.

Faculty Directory

For the first time, you will find (on the last two pages) a directory that includes contact information for current faculty. If you want/need to contact any emeritus faculty (Bienvenu, Flader, Ibrahim, Nauert or Strickland), please drop Melinda Lockwood an e-mail (melinda@missouri.edu). She can provide you with the information you need to touch base.

New Faculty Welcome

Jerry Frank



The department is pleased to welcome [Jerry Frank](#) as our newest colleague. Frank joins the history faculty after teaching at Western State College of Colorado, where he also served as director of the Colorado Water Workshop. Over the past two years, Professor Frank raised nearly \$100,000 in grants, donations, and registrations for the program and has been credited with saving the 34-year-old institution from collapse. While at Western, Frank also partnered with WSC students to form Healthy Homelands, which harnesses the talents and passions of students to address environmental and social needs of under served communities in the region. Frank also served as the coordinator of water studies at WSC.

Frank specializes in U.S. environmental history, with special attention paid to the development of consumer culture in the 20th century. His interests also include indigenous peoples, the American West, and global comparative studies.

Frank earned the distinction of honors for his dissertation, which he completed under the supervision of Donald Worster, who holds the Hall Chair in American History at the University of Kansas

and is preeminent in the field of environmental history. He has received a number of fellowships and scholarships, including a Baily Dissertation Fellowship from the Rocky Mountain Nature Association in partnership with the National Parks Service; he has given several guest lectures on a range of topics and has presented his work at regional and national conferences.

Currently, Frank is revising his manuscript, "Marketing the Mountains: An Environmental History of Tourism in the Rocky Mountain West" for the University of Kansas Press, and he hopes to submit an article titled "Re-Writing Wrongs: Returning Indians to our National Narratives" to *Ethnohistory* in the near future. Frank has taught a range of courses including introductory U.S. history, environmental history, Native American history, U.S. and Western environmental politics, global environmental policy, U.S. and Western water policy and politics, research seminars, and senior capstones.

Read Hall Reflections - tidbits from our past

To present-day (1950) Missouri students and recent graduates, Read Hall is synonymous with bustling activity and fun, but pre-1940 alumni may remember it as a women's dormitory. It was in January of that year that Read Hall was transformed into M's student union.

In the ten years since 1940, Read Hall has become the center of campus extra-curricular activities. It serves as headquarters for 11 student groups and houses the Dean of Students' office. In addition, it provides meeting rooms for countless campus organizations. Requests for meeting places have increased to the point where its bulging walls can no longer meet the demand. Two temporary buildings now take care of the overflow.

In spite of the cramped quarters, Read hall compares very favorably with larger student unions in activities such as art and music which require little space, according to Miss Louise Robertson, resident director. In one way, this lack of space is an asset. It gives Read hall an intimate informal and friendly air that makes students feel at home.

Lile, Paul '51. *Missouri Alumnus* [Columbia] Vol. XXXIX, no. 5



We Want to Hear What's Going on With You!

Our newsletter is one way we can stay connected with you. We enjoy letting you in on what's been happening in the department throughout the year. In return, won't you let us know what you have been up to?

We'd love to hear your news! — Include your name and your degree information (degree and year received). Be sure to let us know if we may include your news here and/or on our alumni page.

Drop us a line at: News, Dept. of History, 101 Read Hall, Columbia, MO 65211 or e-mail a message to melinda@missouri.edu. Either way, we look forward to hearing from you!

The Department of History is committed to providing outstanding educational opportunities for our students. To help us continue to make a difference, simply fill out the form and mail it to Elizabeth Schulte, Alumni Relations, 110 Lowry Hall, Columbia, MO 65211. If you prefer, you can donate over the phone at 1-800-430-2966 and speak with Elizabeth or donate online at <https://donatetomu.missouri.edu/>

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