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New Year Begins with Welcome and Loss

As the Fall 2012 semester gets underway, the History Department welcomes a new cohort of graduate students and notes the passing of our colleague Philip West. This issue includes more on West's life and accomplishments; news of our faculty, students, and alums; and reports from faculty and students both near and far. As always, we invite news from you, our supporters and alumni. We anticipate hearing from you.



Philip West (photo from West family, used with permission).

In Memoriam: Philip West (1938-2012)

The History Department lost a cherished colleague with the passing of Philip West on June 21, 2012. Following early experience in international development with Heifer International, a world-wide relief organization founded by his father Dan West, Phil studied at International Christian University in Tokyo and then returned to the U.S. to graduate from Manchester College in 1960 with a premed/peace studies major. He then spent time teaching English in Warsaw, Poland, as a conscientious objector with Brethren Voluntary Service. By 1971 he had earned his doctorate from Harvard University in modern Chinese history and East Asian languages.

He first taught at Indiana University for eighteen years and then came to the University of Montana in 1988 to serve as the Mansfield Professor of Modern Asian Affairs, a position he held until his death. Prior to his relocation to Missoula, he met and married Young-ee Cho, a partnership that would blossom for the next 28 years.

During his 24 years at the University of Montana, he worked abroad serving as the co-director for the Center for Chinese and American Studies at Johns Hopkins University in Nanjing, China. He also spent a semester as a Fulbright professor returning to the International Christian

University in Tokyo in 2007.

His book, *Yenching University and Sino-Western Relations, 1916-1952* (Harvard University Press: 1976), was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and was recently translated into Chinese. Other scholarly contributions include numerous articles, anthologies, conference presentations and grants, including the creation of a digital teaching library.

His family reports that he found daily joy in the wonders of nature, enjoying storms from the deck of his beautiful Missoula home. He loved songbirds and often expressed his early desires to be an ornithologist. The mountains, rivers, and cool air of western Montana made him truly happy.

He is survived by his wife Young-ee Cho; son Daniel; daughters June, Jennifer (Emeryville, CA) and Barbara (Davis, CA); grandchildren Isaiah, Clara and Fiona; brothers Larry (Olympia, WA) and Steve (Richmond, CA); sister Jan Schrock (Westbrook, ME); and numerous nephews and nieces.

(Condensed with permission from the West family obituary that appeared in *The Missoulian* on June 28, 2012.)

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Welcome to Incoming First Year History Students by Department Chair John Eglin

I write to welcome you to the History Department of the University of Montana as incoming members of the UM class of 2016. We are very excited about the new academic year.

The History Department is growing and changing, along with the University itself. It is an exciting time to be coming into the department. We are a young faculty, and like you, we are full of energy, enthusiasm, and initiative. Much of our thought these days is focused on you and the next four years of your life with us. New students who choose history are a special breed, and that creates a special responsibility on our part to engender understanding of history and impart the skills needed to create it.

This knowledge and these skills in their turn will serve you in any number of future occupations. History graduates are entrepreneurs, attorneys, realtors, sales representatives, journalists, museum curators, librarians, editors, teachers, administrators, public servants, insurance executives, and marketing consultants. Because history encompasses every aspect of human endeavor and achievement, its students gain valuable perspective on a broad range of issues.

As you plan for the beginning of the new year, if you or anyone around you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We will be happy to speak with you. Again, congratulations and welcome.

History Students Intern for the National Museum of Forest Service History

Senior History and Philosophy major, Ross Peterson, 24, of Missoula moved one step closer to achieving his goal of becoming an archivist and curator after completing a summer internship for the National Museum of Forest Service History. Peterson gained experience cataloging books, documents, photographs, and material objects but felt the most valuable skill he acquired during his time there was the ability to provide concise summaries of each item's significance. "You are forced to determine the most defining features of any item," says Peterson. "Learning how to make these determinations in the first place was incredibly useful." The most exciting thing he catalogued was a box of civil defense artifacts from the 1960s, which included radiation detection devices, manuals for the construction of fall-out shelters, and in what Peterson described as

an accession with a "Montana spin," a manual titled, "How to Protect Livestock From a Nuclear Attack."

During the 2012-2013 academic year, senior History major Matthew O'Neill of Scituate, MA, will serve as the museum's intern.



Ross Peterson

A Year at the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society

By

Chris Pastore

During the 2012-2013 academic year I will be a Fellow at the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society in Munich, Germany. Named after the American biologist and nature writer whose elegant prose made some of the most pressing environmental issues of the twentieth century available to a wide audience, the Rachel Carson Center is the world's largest center for advanced study in the environmental humanities.

Organized and funded through a collaboration between Ludwig-Maximilians University and the Deutsches Museum, the world's largest science and technology museum, the Rachel Carson Center sponsors over twenty conferences and workshops each year, publishes environmental books and documentary films, and brings academics, conservationists, activists, policymakers, and other public figures from around the globe to Munich to examine and discuss the relationship between human society and the natural world. The Center also administers a Ph.D. program and has recently launched its "Environment and Society" digital portal, which makes a wide range of multimedia materials available to environmental researchers and the public. In conjunction

with the European Society for Environmental History, the Center also sponsors the Turku Book Prize, awarded to the most innovative and well-written manuscript in

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environmental history. But at the core of its mission is an academic fellowship program, which invites humanities scholars from around the world to complete book-length projects examining the intersection of nature and culture.

I am one of about 25 fellows currently working at the Center and will be completing a book that examines environmental change on and around Narragansett Bay (Rhode Island) from first European settlement in 1636 to the dissolution of the Blackstone Canal Company in 1849, which completely reconfigured the greater watershed. Titled *Between Land and Sea: The Atlantic Coast and the Transformation of New England*, this study uses one of the largest estuaries on the East Coast and one situated at the heart of early English settlement in New England as a means to write estuaries into Atlantic history. By returning to some of the places where the English hit the beach in America, and rewriting that interaction from the ground up, I explore the entangled

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Chris Pastore in Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island.

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processes of environmental and cultural change along the watery margins of the Atlantic world, where “improvable” terrestrial space was periodically inundated by what has long been considered an “eternal” or unchanging sea.

For scholars like myself who look for comparative perspectives and patterns of movement and exchange across oceans and between continents, the fellowship program provides an interdisciplinary space for a truly global exchange of ideas. I currently share my workspace with scholars from Germany, Austria, Italy, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, India, Australia, Nigeria, Mongolia, Canada, and the United States who are writing books on such topics as human rights and the environment in Latin America, civil engineering and the culture of car crashes in Europe and America, farming in India, sustainable agriculture in Japan, urbanization and earthquakes in Italy, arctic whaling, Mongolian environmental folk knowledge, and Nigerian green movements. Through weekly lunch meetings, a rotating schedule of more formal presentations, and numerous exchanges around the coffee machine, we are working together to hone our individual projects and to advance the field of environmental studies more broadly. One particularly

rewarding aspect of the fellowship will be the numerous doors it opens to scholarly collaboration for myself and UM History Department students. One of my goals here in Munich is to forge relationships that will open opportunities for environmental history students to study, conduct research, and present conference papers overseas.

I also hope to invite some of world’s leading environmental historians to share their insights and expertise with us in Montana. Ultimately, I am look forward to a productive year here in Munich and am excited to bring the fruits of this experience back to Missoula next fall.

Phi Alpha Theta Seeks Members

Phi Alpha Theta is active and flourishing at the University of Montana. The Beta Psi Chapter, of the honors history society, is proud to be a part of the Missoula campus and community. Our members have traveled to numerous conferences over the past few years, including Seattle (Spring 2011) and Spokane (Spring 2012), and several U of M papers have been nominated for awards at these events. We are committed to helping one another become stronger researchers through a friendly peer-review environment; in the spring of 2013, we hope to take an even larger group to the Phi Alpha Theta conference in Portland.

This year Phi Alpha Theta will be hosting study tables on campus (location to be announced), and every third Thursday of the month we will also host a movie and discussion night facilitated by faculty members. In addition, members hope to establish volunteer projects and attend some of the numerous history

related workshops and lectures offered around camps.

We hope to find friends among our colleagues and foster intellectual discussion outside of the classroom. For more information, please contact either of the student co-presidents or the faculty advisor.

Along with the Phi Alpha Theta chapter at Carroll College, we will be hosting the 2014 conference in Coeur d’Alene, ID.

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Question: What Are You Most Looking Forward to This Fall?



Jeff Meyer (first year masters student) – Getting a solid base of American History in a graduate environment with students and professors ready to engage in an in-depth intellectual dialogue.



Eva Cloud (undergraduate senior) – Cultivating Phi Alpha Theta in order to create cohesive community in the history department and a challenging academic semester in a graduate class.



Dylan Huisken (second year masters student) – Diving into my thesis and finding a place to work when I'm finished. I'd like to teach at a school where native languages are still on the curriculum.



Paul Thompson (first year masters student) – Having my ideas beaten into the ground and entering the crucible of small group discussions where people have actually done the reading.



Pat O'Connor (first year doctoral student) - Reading books and discussing them at a time in my life when all I have to do is read.



Michael Dax (second year masters student) – Attending the Northern Great Plains and the Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History conferences.

Introducing Our New Graduate Students

Kayla Blackman finished her B.A. at the University of Montana last spring. Her interest in women's history and early modern American history inspired her to continue studying in Missoula. Along with the Masters program in History, she will pursue the Graduate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies. She enjoys bookstores, spending time on the river, and old movies.

Sorn Jessen grew up in eastern Montana where he graduated from Hardin High School in 2001. From 2001 until 2006, he served as an electronics intelligence analyst in the U.S. Army with the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Gordon, GA. He attended Carroll College, Helena, MT, from the fall of 2006 until the spring of 2011, graduating magna cum laude with a degree in History and Classical Studies. Ultimately, the decision to apply to the M.A. program at the University of Montana was based on the advice of the faculty at Carroll, all of whom spoke very highly of the History department here, and he hopes that he will be able to perform to the best of his ability.

Clinton Lawson comes to the University of Montana from Missouri where he studied gender and US urban environmental history at the University of Missouri-Kansas City from 2006-2008. Dabbling in recession-proof jobs from

butchery to flower delivery thereafter, Lawson navigated his way back to academia and looks forward to evolving his work in Montana.

Jeff Meyer is a first year Masters student and Teaching Assistant who just moved to Missoula in August. His focus is on the history of the American West and its National Parks. His interest in these topics sprung out of his close relationship with Yellowstone where he worked on and off for twelve years. Prior to that time, he worked teaching Social Studies in the U.S. and English abroad in Japan and Chile. He is looking forward to returning to life as a student and a teacher here at UM.

Pat O'Connor is a first-year graduate student from Massachusetts. As an undergraduate, he spent the majority of his time studying 20th U.S. History. After graduating, he worked as a middle school English teacher for several years and followed a number of different intellectual pursuits (while

amassing a small debt) at his local library. While these pursuits have not lead to any tangible conclusions, he did come to UM to focus on the Early Republic and the 19th Century. Pat looks forward to studying a number of different topics within those periods, including intellectual, religious, and legal history.

Paul Thompson is a product of California's Bay Area, where he soaked up a thoroughly liberal outlook and a community college career padded with theater credits. From there, he drove a teal Ford Festiva to sunny Riverside California to get a degree from UCR in Non-Hollywood Film and Visual Culture. Now he's here in Montana earning a Master's Degree in U.S. History, hoping to parlay it into a teaching career that will allow him to experiment with a curriculum that features role-playing as a tool for helping kids understand the past.



Clinton Lawson, Sorn Jessen, Paul Thompson, Pat O'Connor, Kayla Blackman (Missing, Jeff Meyer).

Faculty News

David Emmons was an invited participant in "The Irish in Western America: Beyond the Pale?" a panel convened by the San Francisco Irish Roundtable on March 25, 2012. On April 10, 2012, he also gave the invited Lawrence McCaffrey Lecture at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA, entitled, "The Power to Exclude: Irish and Chinese in the Western Labor Market." Dr. Emmons also was featured in a radio interview on BBC Northern Ireland that aired August 29 under the title, "The Irish in the West."

Bill Farr's article "The End of Freedom: The Military Removal of the Blackfeet and Reservation Confinement, 1880," appeared in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*, Vol. 62, # 2 (Summer 2012), 3-23 as the lead article. He also presented, "The 1855 Hellgate and Judith River Indian Treaties," in a lecture series, *After Lewis and Clark: How Western Montana Changed Following the Corps of Discovery*, on Sunday, July 1, 2012, at Traveler's Rest State Park, Lolo, MT.

Linda Frey presented two recent papers: "That 'Ghostly Perpetuum Mobile:' Diplomatic Ceremonial in the Court Society," with Marsha Frey, at the University of Stirling, Scotland, on August 20, 2012; and "Those Miserable Quarrels of Etiquette: The French Revolutionaries Abroad," with

Marsha Frey, at the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, Tallahassee, FL, March 4, 2011. In addition Dr. Frey was a participant in, "Political Philosophy, Political Economy and Liberty in the Thought of Alexis de Tocqueville," July 16-22, Seattle Washington; served as a reviewer with the Earhart Foundation during summer 2012 and as a reviewer with Marsha Frey of an Oxford University Press bibliography on the War of the Spanish Succession. In addition, Professor Frey served as chair and commentator at the "Education in the Atlantic World," Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 24, 2012.

Robert H. Greene's article, "Bodies in Motion: Steam-Powered Pilgrimages in Late Imperial Russia," appeared in



Robert Greene at commencement, spring 2012.

Russian History 39 (2012): 247-68.

Anya Jabour was featured in a February 10, 2011, article in the *Atlantic Monthly* entitled "Reading Women" by Ta-Nehisi Coates, a senior editor. Coates wrote of Dr. Jabour's work, "A quick shout-out to historian Anya Jabour. It's not like I know her or anything, but yesterday's post on abortion was heavily influenced by her 1999 article, 'Albums Of Affection.' The piece looks at the autograph albums of young, privileged white women who were moving out of southern seminaries and off into plantation life. The albums are filled with premonitions of doom, and plaints of dread over being forced out of their sanctuary." To read the entire article, point your browser to: <http://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2011/02/reading-women/71053/>

Bradley Naranch gave an invited talk at Vanderbilt University on April 13, 2012, entitled, "Global Expansion and the Making of Modern Germany." His talk was sponsored by the Max Kade Center for European Studies and afforded him the opportunity to discuss ideas from his current book project. He has been invited by the Helena Education Foundation to host a discussion table on WWI as a part of their "Great Conversations" program, scheduled for November 14, 2012. (continued)

Serdar Poyraz presented a paper titled "Turkish History, from the Ottoman Empire to Modern Turkey" as the main lecture at the Discover Turkey Workshop at the World Affairs Council of Montana in Missoula, Montana, on March 24, 2012. He has also been invited by the Helena Education Foundation to give a lecture exploring the current political situation in

Syria as a part of their "Great Conversations" program, scheduled for November 14, 2012.

Tobin Miller Shearer was elected to serve on the board of Humanities Montana where he will help give oversight to the organization's mission of enriching "the lives of all Montanans by fostering inquiry and stimulating civil

and informed conversations about the human experience." He also won a National Endowment for the Humanities-sponsored Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History grant to bring the "Civil War 150" traveling exhibition to UM in collaboration with Political Science Associate Professor Rob Saldin.

Kyle Volk spent two weeks, from July 16 through 27, in Chicago at a summer institute for historians and political theorists organized by the Jack Miller Center for Teaching America's Founding Principles and History.



Friends, family, and members of the History Department enjoy a Labor Day picnic on the grounds of Fort Missoula's Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History.

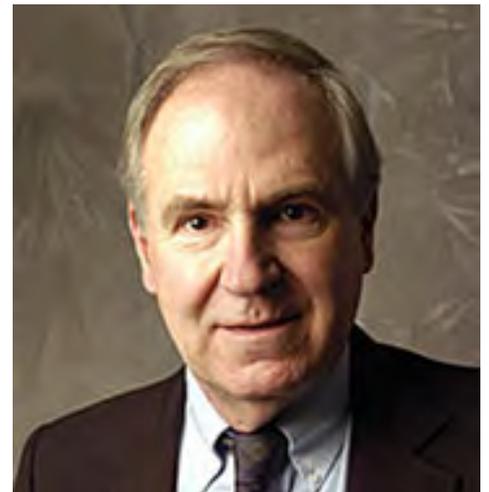
Fritz Undergraduate Excellence Fund Established

The History Department is proud to establish the Harry Fritz Undergraduate Excellence Fund. At the heart of the department and the state for nearly 40 years, Harry retired in 2007 though he has continued teaching undergraduates in courses on the American Civil War and American Military History.

The History Department is creating a fund in Harry's name to support two of his pedagogical passions: undergraduate research

and UM's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honor Society. The department is actively seeking donors for this fund and plans to hold an event in spring 2013 to celebrate the distinguished career of Professor Fritz.

For more information on how you can contribute to the Fritz Excellence Fund, contact Professor Kyle Volk: kyle.volk@umontana.edu.



Professor Emeritus Harry Fritz.

Graduate Student News

Happy Avery received a Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies (NCAIS) Graduate Student Fellowship for the 2012-2013 academic year. The award includes a \$2,500-stipend to support one month's research at the Newberry or other locations pertinent to her research. Also, she was selected as UM's participant at the NCAIS 2012 Summer Institute for Graduate Students, a four-week long intensive seminar at the Newberry with leading faculty and doctoral students in the field of American Indian and indigenous studies from throughout the US and Canada. While there, she presented at the NCAIS Graduate Student Conference (August 3 and 4) "Coming to Terms with Slavery and Captivity in the Rocky Mountain West, 1694-1877."

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Jon Hall, in May of this year, won the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship at the Library Company of Philadelphia and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to further his doctoral research.

Rosalyn LaPier has garnered a tenure-track position in UM's Environmental Studies Program that began this fall. She will be completing her dissertation this academic year.

Craig Rigdon won three recent awards: UM's Richard Drake Writing Award, UM's

Matthew Hansen Endowment Award, and Brigham Young University's Charles Redd Center for Western Studies Summer Research Award. In addition to garnering these accolades, Craig is teaching HSTA 391: Environmental History of the American West fall semester 2012.

For a complete list of our graduate students' accomplishments from 2012-12, see:
http://www.cas.umt.edu/history/graduates/honor_roll.cfm

Alumni News

Greg Gordon wrote a review: "The Character of Meriwether Lewis: Explorer in the Wilderness" by Clay S. Jenkinson in *We Proceeded On, the magazine of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation* (Aug. 2012): 28-29 and also saw a new article published: "Progress at a Price: A. B. Hammond,

Montana's Gilded Age Lumber Baron," *Big Sky Journal*, Summer 2012: 54-62.

Molly Varley, a former student of Professor Dan Flores, signed a contract with University of Oklahoma Press for her manuscript *Strange Vicissitudes: Indian Captivity Narratives in the Progressive Era*.

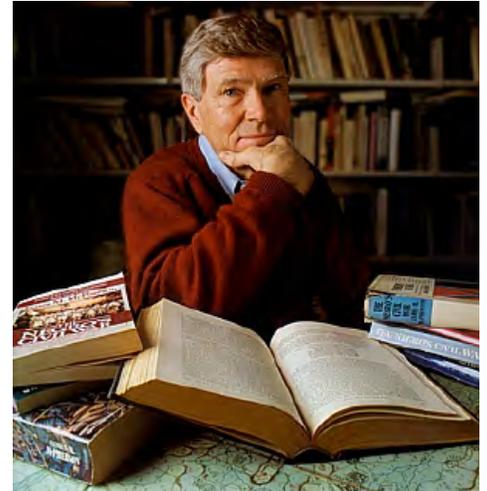


Undergraduates await the ceremonies at the department's 2012 commencement exercises.

McPherson Inaugurates Military History Series

Professor Richard Drake announced the inaugural Swanberg Lecture on Military History by Civil War historian James McPherson to be held at the Dennison Theatre, on Monday, October 15. He will also hold a seminar the same

day at 3:10 in the Gallagher Business Building 123 entitled, "Why Military History? Antietam as a Case Study." His 8:00 P.M. lecture will be "Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief."



James McPherson

Hampton Lecture To Focus on "Disease, Identity, and War"

The History Department's annual Hampton Lecture will occur Thursday, November 1, at 7:00 pm in Gallagher 106. This year's speaker is Nancy Bristow, who is a professor of history at the University of Puget Sound and author of *American Pandemic: The Lost Worlds of the 1918 Influenza*

Epidemic. Her talk, titled "Disease, Identity, and War: Americans and the Influenza Pandemic of 1918," will explore the public and private dimensions of this public health crisis.

The Hampton Lecture, named in honor of retired faculty member H. Duane

Hampton, brings to campus leading scholars and non-academic experts to speak on topics in public history, the history of the American West, and environmental history.

Lockridge History Workshop

Fall Semester 2012

9/14 - Anya Jabour, Professor of History, UM "Patriotism and Pacifism: Sophonisba Preston Breckinridge and Foreign Policy Feminism, 1915-1945"

9/28 - Sydney Gwynn, MA Student, UM "'Intoxicating Air': Tuberculosis and Western Climatic Cures, 1830-1910"

10/12 - Clinton Lawson, PhD Student, UM "Suburban Cowboy: Masculinity and Memory in the Shaping of an American Suburb, 1880-1930"

11/2 - Nancy Bristow, Professor of History, University of Puget Sound Title forthcoming

11/16 - Jeff Wiltse, Associate Professor of History, UM "German-American Saengerfest: Public Music and Ethnic Citizenship in Antebellum America"

11/30 - Craig Rigdon, PhD Candidate, UM "A Realtor Ran Through It: Consuming Nature in the Northern Rockies"

Spring Semester 2013

2/8 - Dylan Huisken, MA Student, UM

2/22 - Michael Dax, MA Student, UM

3/8 - Shawn Bailey, PhD Candidate, UM

3/22 - Happy Avery, PhD Student, UM

4/19 - Steve Porter, Assistant Professor of History, University of Cincinnati

All sessions held in LA 250 at 4:00 p.m.



Commencement 2012 brought out our students' supporters in beautiful weather to mark this glad occasion.

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