

HISTORY DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2008

Thinking Globally, Working Locally

Junior and senior history majors should seriously consider a history internship. Register for HS 405 with **Dr. Jack Breihan**, amaze your friends by donning business attire, and get some valuable real-life experience. For example, just last fall, Victoria Grippe worked at the Maryland Office for New Americans and Dan Crifo conducted research at the B & O Railroad Museum (we don't know if they let him wear an engineer hat). In spring of last year, Jillian Malizio worked in Washington for New York Representative Caroline McCarthy and Kaitlin Macrea interned at the Baltimore City Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation. In the past, other Loyola students have actually worn Park Ranger hats while working at Fort McHenry, discovered Loyola's internal history in the College archives, or enjoyed the fruits of the industrial revolution interning at the Evergreen House next door. Internships have been known to lead to post-graduate jobs.

Dr. Breihan reminds us that there are several **paid** summer internships advertised on the Internship Bulletin Board in the sprawling history department office complex. For those who would prefer immediate benefits from their internship experience, the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis offer paid internships in Archival Management, Electronic Archives, Historical Research, Conservation and Preservation of Documents, and Information Systems. These internships pay \$10.42 per hour and run from June 4 to August 12. **Note:** Applications

THE BIG BOARD GOES DIGITAL!

Registration for Fall 2008 is upcoming in March. (Seniors have permission to feel smug for a moment.) Please make the necessary appointments with your advisers.

Running (just a little) behind the technological curve, our Big Board (listing upcoming courses and color-coded to highlight seminar and special topic offerings) has now gone digital. You can find it on the history department website. Click any course and the course description from the catalogue will pop up. Andrea Paucar, world-wide-web-wonder-worker for the history department, deserves commendation for this feat. Maybe she can now avoid hand-writing the Big Board every year.

must be filed by March 31. Dr. Breihan, who has much experience with government bureaucracies, reports that the forms are complicated. So get started – check out the web addresses on the bulletin board for forms and see Dr. Breihan for further information.

Festivus

There may not be time for the traditional “airing of the grievances,” but we do have some special accomplishments to salute. The most extraordinary among them is the award in “Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching of the Classics” earned by **Dr. Joseph Walsh**, who along with his post in Classics is a member of the history department. The National Philological Association, an organization representing some 2,000 classical scholars, dispenses this award stingily to only two or three exceptional teachers. We offer laurels to Joe for this unusually impressive honor. Also, one of our history graduates, **Joe Renouard**, has been appointed assistant professor of American history at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. With his ponytail and Quisp tee shirts, Joe did not seem destined for the spartan checkerboard of the South’s most famous military academy, but he’ll be teaching crewcut, saluting, pushup-making cadets this fall. Joe did his graduate training at Emory University.

Leave-Taking

Three history department faculty are currently on leave. **Dr. Steven Hughes**, who continues to educate us in how to live a great life, is dividing his time between Baltimore, Colorado, and Switzerland, where he is conducting research on his new project. Beyond living in close proximity to Alpine lakes and magnificent castles (see the poster on his door), riding to work in an elevator *inside* a mountain, and finding justification for carrying a Swiss Army Knife all these years, Steve is making progress on his study of an odd turn in the history of European nationalism – an Italian-speaking province that aligned itself with Switzerland.

Dr. Keith Schoppa is working, as usual, intensively and productively on a number of projects in Chinese and East Asian history. Keith has been stealthy around the department of late, which is a tip-off to the observant that he

SHAKESPEARE'S SYMPOSIUM

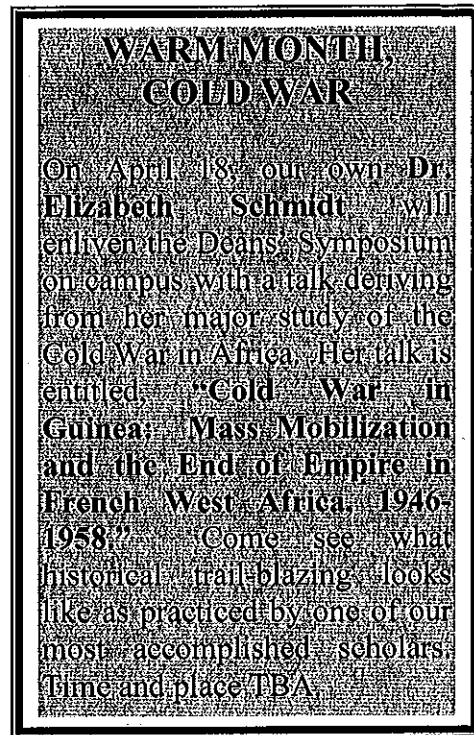
Get serious after St. Patrick's Day by hearing the history speaker for the Humanities Symposium, **Dr. Carole Levin**, Willa Cather Professor of History at the University of Nebraska, on March 18 at 5:00 in the 4th Floor Programming Room, Andrew White Student Center. Professor Levin will explore one of the social history issues at the core of Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*: the sexual regulation of women in early modern Europe. Her talk is entitled, “Murder not then the Fruit within my Womb: Women, Crime, and Pregnancy in Early Modern History and Culture.”

is accomplishing much. **Dr. Angela Leonard** is completing her year in residence at Oxford University. All three will be back teaching in the fall. Meanwhile, **Fr. Charles Borges** again led 12 students on a two-week tour of eight Indian cities over the Christmas break. The tour was profiled in *The Greyhound*. Fr. Borges also gave two talks on Indian society, culture, and its relationship to Jesuits during Jesuit Identity Week.

Doing History

As always, faculty in the history department are busy researching, writing, or presenting their historical scholarship. **Betsy Schmidt** has been tearing up the historical track of late. In addition to the Deans' Symposium mentioned above, she delivered the keynote paper at a conference on "Black Liberation and the Spirit of '57" at Binghamton University, and presented another paper at the African Studies Association annual meeting. This spring she will present a paper on World War II in Guinea at Rutgers University and her recent book, *Cold War and Decolonization in Guinea, 1946-1958*, will be the featured work in a seminar at the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars in Washington. **Matt Mulcahy** has sloughed off the paperwork demands of chairing the department enough to give a paper at MIT in March. His article, "The Port Royal Earthquake and the World of Wonders in 17th Century Jamaica" will appear this fall in *Early American Studies*. A paperback edition of his book, *Hurricanes and Society in the British Greater Caribbean, 1624-1783*, issued by the Johns Hopkins University Press, will also be out in the fall.

We make it a point of honor to recognize **Steve Hughes** for the successful completion of a long scholarly project. His *Politics of the Sword: Dueling, Masculinity, and Honor in Modern Italy* was published late in 2007 by The Ohio State University Press. A copy of the book is on display with other faculty publications in the lounge area near the department office. In addition to publishing his book, Steve has two articles out, "Swords and Daggers: Class Conceptions of Interpersonal Violence in United Italy," in Stuart Carroll, ed., *Cultures of Violence* and "Soldiers and Gentlemen: The Rise of the Duel in Renaissance Italy," appearing in *Medieval Military History*. **Dr. Bill Donovan** has an article entitled "Some Characteristics of Portuguese Migration to Brazil During the Gold Rush, (1690-1750)," forthcoming in *The Portuguese Studies Review*. Bill gave a paper on business and the Portuguese Empire in Portugal over the summer and will present another, provocatively titled "A Most Inconvenient Murder" at a conference in



Germany this May. **Dr. Kelly DeVries** had four – count ‘em four – books appear in the past two months: *Warfare in the Dark Ages*. *The International Library of Essays in Military* (co-edited with John France), *Battles that Changed Warfare: 1457 BC - AD 1991*, *Battles of the Crusades, 1097-1444: From Dorylaeum to Varna*, and *A Cumulative Bibliography of Medieval Military History and Technology Update 2003-2006*. **Dr. Thomas Pegrum** has this spring published “Hoodwinked: The Anti-Saloon League and the Ku Klux Klan in 1920s Prohibition Enforcement” in the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*. **Jack Breihan** will be delivering a paper on the 1968 riots in Baltimore this spring.

Assessment (the kind we like) – History Alumni Speak

Finally, we have been receiving many responses from alumni to the history department survey. This is what they have been saying about the major and life after Loyola. (The questionnaire is anonymous). Many thanks to all the alumni who completed the forms

I have had the fortunate experience of "climbing the corporate ladder" quickly since graduating and I truly believe that the skills developed via Loyola's History program have been instrumental in my professional growth. As a History major working with corporate finance and accounting, I am constantly explaining how my major in history helped me succeed in this setting.

I find that my knowledge of history helps me fit what I see around me when I travel--and in my every day life in New York City--into context. Learning about history is learning about our world--which is certainly useful. Studying history helped me learn how to write well.

The preparation exceeded my expectations. I still reflect on the long-standing benefits the major gave me.

Aside from awesome cocktail conversations, analytical thinking used as a history major has helped me be a better business person . . . I have been able to develop arguments, research support and present my ideas to clients, even though advertising seems the complete opposite of history.

