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A Message from the Chair

As another year begins, let me take the opportunity to wish you all health and happiness. For the History Department, the New Year again marks important changes as we bid farewell to established colleagues and look forward to new arrivals.

As many of you know, **James Curtis** has announced his retirement, and will officially be leaving us at the end of the summer. It is hard to summarize all that Prof. Curtis has done for the Department, University, and community. The Director of the Winterthur Program in Early American Culture for nearly twenty years, Prof. Curtis has steered the program into national and international recognition. In addition, he was a founding member of the Center for American Material Culture Studies and an inspiration to all the undergraduate and graduates who began their careers under his guidance. Prof. Curtis is also an outstanding scholar who has written or edited four books as well as numerous articles. Although he will officially be 'retired' at the end of the academic year, he plans to continue his scholarly endeavors, completing a book tentatively entitled, "Discriminating Views: Race and Ethnicity in FSA Photography. I know you all join me in wishing Jim the best. He certainly will be missed.

This year we also said farewell to **Gerald Figal** who decided to take a new job at Vanderbilt where he and his wife, Ruth Rogaski, formerly of Princeton University, were offered dual positions. For those of you lucky enough to study with Prof. Figal, I know that you will long remember his courses on Japanese history, the atomic bomb, and Japanese popular culture. His web sites allowed students to "see" Japan, as they explored a Japanese temple or read the latest Japanese cartoon. Although Prof. Figal is happy that he no longer has to make the long ride down the highway from Princeton everyday, I am sure he misses Delaware and all the students and colleagues he came to know.

As many of you know, last year, **Marie Perrone**, the long-time assistant to the chair has also retired, although we will never really let her leave. Throughout the year, we have repeatedly called her back into the office, to share her knowledge and expertise. Fortunately, we have a new assistant to the chair, **Karen Cline**, who comes to the Department from the housing office. Equipped with an M.B.A. in international business, she is quickly learning the enormous number of tasks before her.

This year **Meri Clark**, who recently received her Ph.D. from Princeton University, joined us to teach Latin American history while **Suzanne Austin Alchon** is on leave. An expert on Columbian history, Prof. Clark has taught a wide array of courses on Latin American and World History. Her students were delighted with her courses, all praising her enthusiasm and knowledge. Next year, Prof. Austin Alchon will return full-time to the Department after several years in administration. We are thrilled to have Prof. Austin Alchon back, but are sorry to see Prof. Clark leave. We wish her best in her academic pursuits. Presently, we are searching for two new assistant professors, one in twentieth-century American history and the other in Japanese history.

In the following pages, you will read of many of the publications of our faculty. I would also like to mention several notable awards. Last year, **Barry Joyce** and **Ray Wolters** joined forces with the School of Education and were awarded a Teaching American History Grant directed at the region's secondary schools. A three-year program, it provides funds for summer seminars and in-service workshops. This

year, **Barry Joyce** along with School of Education has received another federal grant, focusing upon improving the teaching of history at the elementary level. Again, members of the History faculty will participate in grant sponsored workshops and seminars. **Cathy Matson** received an NEH grant for a "Summer Seminar for Teachers," June/July 2004, to lead a seminar entitled: "Causes and Consequences of the American Revolution: Philadelphia and the Atlantic World." In addition, she was awarded a Fidelity Foundation Grant to support the Program in Early American Economy and Society at the Library Company of Philadelphia.

As you will find on our web pages, the Tuesday History Workshop in Technology, Society, and Culture continues to bring interesting fascinating scholars into the Department to discuss their latest research. We have also supported a number of major lectures this year. On May 1st, the Alumni Lecture Series hosted Joseph E. Inikori, the Director of the Frederick Douglas Institute, Graduate Studies Program and Professor of History at the University of Rochester. Speaking on "The Atlantic World Slave Economy and the Development Process in England, 1650-1850," he addressed a large audience composed of faculty, students and the community. The following day, he led a colloquium on "Women and the Transatlantic Slave Trade in Southeastern Nigeria." On October 16th, Joseph C. Miller, the T. Cary Johnson, Jr. Professor of History at the University of Virginia gave the Alumni Global Lecture on "The Problem of Slavery as History," and a colloquium on October 17th, on "Africa's Place in the World." We hope you will check our web page for these events and attend when you are able.

Obviously, as the Department evolves it continues to maintain its scholarly reputation and its dedication to the University and the community. Once again, let me note what a pleasure it is to be and have the pleasure to work with such outstanding faculty and students.

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History Named Professors Appointed

Two members of the University History faculty, Carole Haber and Howard Johnson, were appointed named professors, effective Sept. 1, in recognition of their service and contributions to the University and the scholarly community at large.

Carole Haber has been named Richards Chair in History. In a letter to Haber, President David P. Roselle wrote, "Your scholarly research has brought international recognition as a founder of a new and important field of historical study, aging and gerontology. Your colleagues view you as a dedicated and successful teacher, and you are widely appreciated for your service to the University."

Haber, who has written many articles and made presentations on aging, is the author of "Beyond 65: The Dilemma of Old Age in America's Past" and coauthor of "Old Age and the Search for Security: An American Social History" and "Key Words in Sociocultural Gerontology." Haber is a fellow and has served on the board of the Gerontology Society of America and is an associate fellow of the Institute on Aging at the University of Pennsylvania. She has been selected by "Profiles in Gerontology" as one of 300 past and present scholars who have shaped the field of gerontology.

A graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, Haber received her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Pennsylvania.



Richards Chair Haber

The Richards Professorship memorializes Lydia H. Richards (1872-1959), Robert H. Richards Sr. (1873-1951) and H. Richards Jr. (1905-1977). Lydia Richards served on the Women's College advisory committee to the Board of Trustees.

Robert H. Richards Sr. was a leader of the Delaware bar and member of the UD Board of Trustees, and Robert H. Richards Jr., who graduated from UD in 1928, succeeded his father as head of the Wilmington law firm of Richards, Layton & Finger.

Howard Johnson has been appointed Alumni Distinguished Professor of History and Black American Studies. He also is acting director of the Black American Studies Program.

In a letter to Johnson, Roselle wrote, "Your research and publications on immigration and political economy in the Caribbean have established you as an internationally respected scholar and a leader in your field. You have a strong record as a teacher and mentor, and your service to the University of Delaware has been exemplary."

Johnson's research focuses on Caribbean history, and he has published extensively in his field, including the books "The White Minority in the Caribbean," "The Bahamas from Slavery to Servitude, 1783-1933," "The Bahamas in Slavery and Freedom" and "After the Crossing: Immigrants and Minorities in Caribbean Creole Society." He currently is working on an historiography of Jamaica and a study of Chinese and Lebanese minority traders in Jamaica and their relationship for the past two centuries with the Creole population.

Johnson has given several presentations and guest lectures, including the prestigious Elsa V. Goveia Memorial Lecture at the University of West Indies in April. Joining the UD faculty in 1990, Johnson is a graduate of the University of the West Indies and received his doctorate from the University of Oxford.

Article by Sue Moncur
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Alumni Distinguished Professor Johnson

Phi Alpha Theta News

The Omega Epsilon Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta is a proud part of the history department at the University of Delaware. The mission of Phi Alpha Theta is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. At the University of Delaware, Phi Alpha Theta provides students and faculty members with opportunities to come together and exchange ideas through lectures and discussion. These functions also serve to enhance the relationship between history majors and their professors. Members of Phi Alpha Theta also enjoy the rare chance to meet other students who share their love of history.

Recently, the Omega Epsilon chapter held several exciting events and programs. The chapter not only co-sponsored a lecture by Robert Dallek, author of *An Unfinished Life: John F. Kennedy, 1917-1963*, but it also organized trips to Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Salem, Boston, and Washington, D.C. The chapter also regularly assists in introducing prospective students to the history department at the during the University's *Delaware Decision Days*.

This year's officers are co-presidents, Holly Franklin and Jessica Lee; corresponding secretary, Megan Crossan; recording secretary, Amy Collier; treasurer, Colin Worrall; historian, Kristen Gray; and Public Relations Officer, Allison Jones.

In Memoriam Eugene Ferguson

Eugene Shallcross Ferguson, Professor Emeritus at the University of Delaware, died Sunday evening, March 21, 2004, at the Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community in Quarryville, PA.

Professor Ferguson was born in Wilmington, DE in 1916 and was raised in Ridley Park, PA. He received a degree in mechanical engineering from the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh in 1937 and worked in the manufacture of high explosives for several years in NJ before volunteering for naval service at the outbreak of the Second World War. He served as a lieutenant in the South Pacific.

After the war, he taught engineering at Iowa State University and developed an interest in the history of technology, a field of which he was an early pioneer.

From 1958-1961, he was curator of mechanical and civil engineering at the Smithsonian Institution's new National Museum of History and Technology before returning to Iowa State to teach the history of technology.

In 1969, he moved to Newark, DE to accept a joint appointment as professor of history at the University of Delaware and curator of technology at the Hagley Museum and Library in Greenville. Following

History Department Sponsors Summer History Institute

Two week-long summer institutes, with stipends for teachers of American history, government and social studies, are the second series in a three-year, \$947,000 grant sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education's Teaching American History Grant Program. Various Delaware museums and historical societies, including the Delaware State Archives, Hagley Museum and the Historical Society of Delaware, also are involved in the grant.

Under the grant, the Department of History and Delaware Center for Teaching Education at UD will plan and coordinate 16 in-service workshops, as well as six week-long seminars for middle and secondary school teachers at UD campuses in Newark and Lewes. All workshops address topics included in Delaware and high school curricula.

The first summer institute, "Abraham Lincoln, the Problem of Slavery and the Crisis of the Union," will be held from Sunday-

Ferguson's retirement In 1979, the University of Delaware awarded him an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

Carnegie Mellon University named Ferguson a distinguished alumnus in 1996 for his pathbreaking work in the history of engineering and the visual representation of engineering ideas and design.

Ferguson was elected president of the Society for the History of Technology and was later awarded the organization's highest honor, the Leonardo da Vinci Medal.

His books include *Truxtun of the Constellation* (1956); *Bibliography of the History of Technology* (1968); *The Various and Ingenious Machines of Captain Agostino Ramelli* (1588) (annotations and editing, 1976); and *Engineering and the Mind's Eye* (1993).

He is survived by Josephine Mobley Ferguson, his wife of 56 years; his brother, Bassett Ferguson and his wife, Elizabeth, of Wilmington, NC; and children, Daniel Ferguson of Babb, MT, David Ferguson of Sheldrake, NY and Judith Williams and her husband, John, and their children, Gabriel and Amy of Tucson, AZ.

Contributions may be made, in lieu of flowers, to The Friends of Old Drawyers, c/o Robert J. Warner, Jr., 1813 Belfield Ave., Wilmington, DE 19804.

Friday, July 18-23. The professor in charge is **Peter Kolchin**, Henry Clay Reed Professor of History at UD.

The session will deal with Abraham Lincoln and his efforts to grapple with some of the major problems of his era, including economic development, individual rights, slavery, sectionalism and the disruption of the Union.

The second session, "Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Great Depression and the Coming of the Second World War," will be held from Sunday-Friday, Aug. 1-8. Professor in charge is **Raymond Wolters**, Thomas Muncy Keith Professor of History at UD.

The focus will be on the life and times of Franklin D. Roosevelt and will deal especially with the causes of the Great Depression, the programs and personnel of the New Deal, the gathering storm in Europe and the road to Pearl Harbor.

Article by Jerry Rhodes
UDaily Jan. 26, 2004

UD-Hagley Program Celebrates 50 years

2004 marks the 50th Anniversary of the University of Delaware-Hagley Program. We're celebrating with a get-together of former and current fellows, faculty and staff during the weekend of May 7-9, 2004. On Friday, May 7th a welcoming reception will be held at the Hagley Director's house from 5:30-7:30

Saturday's activities will take place at the Hagley Soda House where attendees will be able to mix and mingle over coffee from 8:30-9:30. At 9:30 **Arwen Mohun** and Roger Horowitz will welcome everyone and introduce the speakers for the morning program. Featured speakers, all UD-Hagley Program Alumni, will be Bruce Sinclair, David Hounshell, Jim Edmundson, Carolyn Goldstein, and Frank McElvey. Susan Strasser will introduce the Current Fellows followed by a luncheon from 12:00 to 1:00.

George Vogt is the afternoon program's featured speaker. Guided tours of the Museum will be available from 2:00-4:30 followed by refreshments.

Saturday evening activities will include cocktails from 7:00-7:30 followed by dinner in Bayard-Sharp Hall at the University of Delaware campus. **Carol Hoffecker** will be the featured speaker.

A University of Delaware campus tour will conclude the reunion weekend from 10:00-12:00 on Sunday morning. Also on Sunday, registered reunion attendees can enjoy free admission to Hagley Museum for self-guided tours.

For information about the reunion weekend and to access an online registration form please visit the UD History web page at www.udel.edu/History/hist. Additional questions can be directed to the program coordinator, Arwen Mohun at mohun@udel.edu or (302) 831-3047.

For more information, visit www.udel.edu/teachushistory

Hagley Grads Featured in History Workshop

The History Workshop in Technology and Culture presents a special **Hagley Program Alumni Season**. The Workshop meets in 203 Munroe Hall at 12:15 on Tuesdays. Presentations begin at 12:30 and are followed by discussion, ending at 1:45 sharp. Bring a brown bag lunch. All are welcome! For further information, call 831-2371.

February 17: Kevin Borg (James Madison University) Turning Tinkering into Tampering: Monitoring Behavior in Late-20th Century Garages

February 24: Angela Lakwete (Auburn University) Manufacturing Modernity: Machine Makers in Early National Alabama

March 2: Jessica I. Elfenbein (University of Baltimore) The Fresh Air Program and the Church of the Brethren in Baltimore, 1954-1971

March 9: David Hounshell (Carnegie Mellon University) Industrial Research and Development as a Problem in the U.S. History of Science, Technology, and Business, 1875-2000

March 16: Stuart W. Leslie (Johns Hopkins University) Heart of Glass: Toledo's Corporate Architecture and the Politics of Urban Renewal

March 23: SPRING BREAK, No Workshop

March 30: Carolyn M. Goldstein (Lowell National Historic Park) Industrial History and the Post-Industrial Public: Lowell National Historical Park at a Crossroads

April 6: John Carter (Independence Seaport Museum) a) A Day in the Life of ... b) All This and More c) Tales from the CEO's Office d) Whatever...

April 13: Carroll Pursell (Case Western Reserve University) When Small Was Beautiful: The Rise and Fall of the Appropriate Technology Movement in America

April 20: Carlene Stephens and Maggie Dennis (Smithsonian Institution) Reinventing Accuracy: The Case of the Electronic Wristwatch

April 27: Steve Usselman (Georgia Institute of Technology) Antitrust and Technology Policy in Cold War America

Colonial Delaware Reissued

John A. Munroe's book, "Colonial Delaware," was recently reprinted by the Delaware Heritage Commission.

Originally published in 1976, the 298-page book is one in a series chronicling the 13 original colonies. Now reprinted with more than 200 endnotes not prepared for the first edition, Munroe's book also includes several black-and-white plates depicting people and places described in the text.



John Munroe

Munroe, who taught at UD for more than 35 years, is H. Rodney Sharp Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Delaware. In addition to serving as chair of the history department for 17 years, he has received many recognitions and honors, including UD's Francis Alison Award. Besides "Colonial Delaware," Munroe authored "Federalist Delaware, 1775-1815" and "Louis McLane, Federalist and Jacksonian."

"Colonial Delaware" is available in hardcover for \$15 and softcover for \$10. Copies can be ordered by calling (302) 577-5044.

Article by Becca Hutchinson
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David Hounshell

David Hounshell is David M. Roderick Professor of Technology and Social Change at Carnegie Mellon University, where he is a member of the Department of History, the Department of Social and Decision Sciences, and the Department of Engineering and Public Policy. David graduated from the University of Delaware-Hagley Program in 1978 and was a member of the History Department faculty from 1979-1990. He is presently working on a sequel to his first book, *From the American System to Mass Production, 1800-1932* (1984). In 2004 he is completing his second year as President of the Society for the History of Technology.

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Following the Faculty

Anne Boylan's book, *The Origins of Women's Activism: New York and Boston, 1797-1840*, was published by the University of North Carolina Press. In November 2003, she served as a commentator at the Hagley Conference on "The Ambiguities of Work."

James Brophy this past summer received a fellowship to attend the Summer Institute of the Holocaust Education Foundation held at Northwestern University in June. In July he served on the fellowship committee for European history for NEH. In the past year he also presented two papers: "Joining the Political Nation: Popular Politics and the Public Sphere in the Rhineland, 1800-1850" to the Philadelphia Conference on Modern European History held at Rosemount College and "Popular Music and the Political Public Sphere in Nineteenth-Century Germany" at the German Studies Association's annual conference in New Orleans. Brophy is currently President of the College Faculty Senate and director of the Continental European Studies program.

Dan Callahan published "The Cult of St. Michael the Archangel and the Terrors of the Year 1000," in *The Apocalyptic Year 1000*, eds. R. Landes, A. Gow and D. C. Van Meter (Oxford University Press, 2003), pp. 181-204. Prof. Callahan also delivered a paper entitled "The Western Reaction to the Destruction of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem in 1009" at the International Meeting of the Haskins Society at Cornell University, Nov. 2, 2003.

Peter Kolchin published two books in 2003: *A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective* (Louisiana State University Press), and a revised, 10th-anniversary edition of *American Slavery, 1619-1877* (Hill & Wang). He gave a number of talks on his ongoing research on slave emancipation in comparative perspective, including a presentation to the Southern Intellectual History Circle conference (February), the inaugural University of Delaware Alison Lecture (May), and the Thomas S. Berry Lecture at the University of Richmond (October). Professor Kolchin also chaired panel sessions at the Organization of American Historians' convention (April) and the Southern Historical Association convention (November), and ran a workshop in Lewes, DE on Reconstruction for high school teachers (March), as part of the

initiative. He continues to serve as the Southern Historical Association's representative on the policy board of the National Coalition for History.

Rudi Matthee served his first year of a three-year term as President of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies. In October he traveled to Iran to attend the opening of a local branch of the Association in Shiraz. At the seminar organized for the occasion he spoke on "The Safavid-Ottoman Frontier: Iraq-i `Arab as Seen by the Safavids." In January he gave two talks at the University of California, Los Angeles, "Wine in Early Modern Iran: Between Excess and Abstinence"; and "Sympathy and Enmity: Iranian Views of Great Britain and Russia in the Qajar Period." In April he presented his talk on wine in the Safavid period at the Iran Seminar, Columbia University. In December he participated in a panel discussion on "Minorities in Iran" at the Asia Society, New York City.

He published "Anti-Ottoman Concerns and Caucasian Interests: Diplomatic Relations between Iran and Russia under Shah `Abbas I (1587-1629)," Michael Mazzaoui, ed., *Safavid Iran and the World* (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2003), pp. 101-128; "The Safavid Mint of Huwayza; The Numismatic Evidence," in Andrew Newman, ed., *Society and Culture in the Early Modern Middle East* (Leiden: E.J Brill, 2003), pp. 265-291; and "The Safavid-Ottoman Frontier: Iraq-i `Arab as Seen by the Safavids," *International Journal of Turkish Studies* 9:1-2 (2003), pp. 157-173. His "Transforming Dangerous Nomads into Useful Artisans, Technicians, Agriculturists: Education in the Reza Shah Period," originally published in 1993, was reprinted in Stephanie Cronin, ed., *The Making of Modern Iran: State and Society under Riza Shah, 1921-1941* (London: Routledge, 2003), pp. 123-145. His entry on the "Hajeb" (chamberlain), Safavid period, appeared in *Encyclopaedia Iranica* xi, pp. 545-548. He published book reviews in the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, *The Canadian Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, and *Middle East Journal*.

During Homecoming weekend at the University of Delaware in fall 2003 he gave a lecture entitled "Iran's Revolution after 25 Years: Time for a new One?"

David Pong in the past year was made Honorary Research Fellow at the Modern History Research Centre, The Hong Kong Baptist University, and delivered a paper, "The Economic Recovery of the Liang Jiang provinces in the early Guangxu era, 1875-1880," on the occasion of the award. Early this year, he won the University of Delaware College of Arts and Science Outstanding Service Award and a University of Delaware International Research Award (\$10,000) for research in London, Oxford, Cambridge, Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai, Wuhan, etc., in the year 2003-2004.

Prof. Pong's recent publications include the following: the paperback edition of *Shen Baochen and China's Modernization in the Nineteenth Century* (Cambridge University Press); and five encyclopaedia entries on "Zhang Zhidong", "Hu Linyi", "Liu Kunyi", "Shen Baozhen", and "Ding Richang" in *Political Leaders of Modern China A Biographical Dictionary*, Edwin Pak-wah Leung, ed. (Greenwood Press, 2002), pp. 31-34, 55-57, 107-110, 135-138, 206-209. He also published a short review article on Mark W. Frazier's *The Making of the Chinese Industrial Workplace: State, Revolution, and Labor Management* (Cambridge University Press, 2002), in *Chinese Business History*, vol. 13, no. 1 (Spring, 2003), pp. 3-4, 7.

Prof. Pong also delivered papers and served on conference panels. These included "China's First Telegraph Lines and the Defence of Taiwan Against the Japanese in 1874-1875," presented at The Second International Symposium on Maritime Defence of China, sponsored by the Hong Kong Museum of History and the Modern History Society of Hong Kong, 6-8 June 2002. He was a discussant at the panel on "Regional Defence [*diqu fangwei*]" at The Second International Symposium on Maritime Defence of China, sponsored by the Hong Kong Museum of History and the Modern History Society of Hong Kong, 6-8 June 2002. He chaired a panel on "The Genesis of Modern Management in China", The Business History Conference and the European Business History Association, Joint Annual Meeting in Lowell, MA, June 26-28, 2003.

Prof. Pong also delivered five lectures and made one TV appearance. These included "Rethinking and Researching Asia" and "Rethinking and Researching China," two

Following the Faculty Graduate Student and Alumni Activities

In the profession, Prof. Pong continued to serve on the Editorial Boards of both the *Occasional Papers on Chinese Business History* and the *Asian Business History Series*, Center for Asian Business History, Queensland University, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He also refereed for the *Pacific Historical Review*.

Stuart Semmel gave a talk on "Mass Observation and the Solo Artist" at the Penn Humanities Forum in September 2003. The occasion was the opening of an Institute of Contemporary Art exhibition, entitled "Mass Observation," by the British video artist and Turner prizewinner Gillian Wearing (whom he met for one fleeting moment). He also reviewed two films on Napoleon for the AHR, and has sent off the manuscript for Napoleon in the British Imagination to be copy-edited.

Susan Strasser is back from leave, which she spent gathering material for her project on herbal medicine at the Library of Congress, the North Carolina State Archives, the University of North Carolina library, Dumbarton Oaks, and the Lloyd Library in Cincinnati, the repository of records from the institutions of the Eclectic school of botanical physicians. In the late spring, she did a lot of traveling, giving a talk at the 2003 Humanities Festival at Casper College in Wyoming, and six presentations of her work in Europe, at the following institutions: Research Centre for Environmental History, Universities of Stirling and St. Andrews, Scotland; the Lancaster University (UK) Department of Sociology; the North America Program, University of Bonn, and Anglo-American Department of the History Seminar, University of Cologne; the Max-Planck-Institut für Geschichte and Department of History, Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen; the John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Free University of Berlin; and the Historisches Seminar, University of Hamburg. Her book *Commodifying Everything: Relationships of the Market* (Routledge, 2003) was released just in time to take with her.

Bryant Tolles recently published *Resort Hotels of the Adirondacks: The Architecture of a Summer Paradise, 1850-1950* (Hanover and London: University Press of New England, 2003).

Graduate Students

Daniel Claro has issued a call for papers. The Center for American Material Culture Studies at the University of Delaware presents the second annual "Material Culture Symposium for Emerging Scholars." This will be held on Saturday April 17, 2004 at the Winterthur Museum. The purpose of the symposium is to provide emerging scholars with a venue for interdisciplinary dialogue centering on material culture. Proposals should not exceed one single-spaced page, should clearly indicate both the subject matter of the paper and the interpretative or methodological problems to be addressed. Preference will be given to papers that promise to generate provocative, productive discussion about issues central to material culture scholarship. Send proposal plus current two-page CV to: Elise Ciregna at eciregna@udel.edu. Deadline: Proposals must be received by November 7. Speakers will be notified of the committee's decision by November 24. Upon notification speakers will be encouraged to provide conference organizers with images (digital or electronic preferred) by December 12, 2003.

Kenneth Cohen was awarded the North American Society for Sport History's Graduate Student Prize for best article-length essay in spring 2003. As a result, he presented the graduate student address at the Society's annual meeting in May. The article, currently in revision, is based on his 2002 Winterthur thesis, but also includes some new arguments, which he hopes to explore further in his dissertation. A popular history version of the article is forthcoming in *The Catalogue of Art and Antiques* in January 2004. He also finalized articles for Scribner's *Encyclopedia of Leisure and Recreation in America*, to be published in summer 2004.

Rick Demirjian was editor for Mr. G.S.W. DeLillio's (an independent military historian) initial manuscript draft in June-July 2003. He also edited the revised manuscript of Mr. DeLillio's book on the U.S. Army at the Battle of Normandy, forthcoming from Schiffer Press, June 2004.

Mr. Demirjian presented several papers. These included "Merchants, Mechanics, and Mollusks: The Cultural Significance of Oysters in Early America" at the "Roots and Routes in Early America" Conference hosted

By the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, PA, on October 4, 2003. He delivered "'Dambargo!': Commercial Interruption and Local Initiative in Atlantic Seaboard Cities, 1807-1811" at the 25th Annual Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Conference, Ohio State University, Columbus OH, on July 19, 2003 and he read a third one, "'To Sacrifice One Part of the Union': Responding to Embargo and War in the Early Republic" presented at the 8th Annual James A. Barnes Club Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia PA, on February 22, 2003.

Mr. Demirjian also received the Program in Early American Economy and Society Fellowship, Library Company of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, fall 2003.

John D. Hosler was awarded a University of Delaware Competitive Fellowship for 2003-2004. He published "Henry II's Military Campaigns in Wales, 1157-1165," in *Journal of Medieval Military History* 2 (2003). He delivered three papers. These included "The Brief Military Career of Thomas Becket," International Conference of the Charles Homer Haskins Society, Cornell University, November 2-4, 2003; "Beyond Sieges: the Minor Military Encounters of Henry II of England," International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 8-11, 2003 and "Anglo-Saxon Crusades? Aethelstan's Tenth-Century Scottish Campaigns," Vagantes Graduate Student Conference, University of Toronto, Mar. 21-23, 2003.

Christian J. Koot, PhD candidate, presented two versions of a paper, "In Pursuit of Profit: Inter-Imperial Trade of New York and the Lesser Antilles, 1621-1689," at the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture annual conference in June and at the International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World at Harvard University in August. This fall and spring he will fulfill research grants from the PEAES Program at the Library Company in Philadelphia, from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, from the New-York Historical Society, and from the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, OH. He also received the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America's Delaware Award in American History.

Jeffrey May, an M.A. Candidate, presented his Senior Honors Thesis, "JFK: The Education President, 1961-1963," at "The Kennedy Legacy Conference" at Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, PA on November 21.

Michelle Mormul presented a paper entitled "Revolutions, Merchants, and Goods in the Atlantic World: The Partnership of Dutilh and Wachsmuth, Philadelphia Merchants" at the Pennsylvania History Association's 72nd annual meeting in Harrisburg.

Nancy Packer's review of *Histories of Leisure* (Rudy Koshar, ed.) will appear in the Dec. 2003 issue of *Enterprise & Society: The International Journal of Business History*. She recently organized the exhibit "Short Stories: Tales Textiles Tell" (Sept. 2-Oct. 31) for The Design Center at Philadelphia University, where she is curator of the collections.

David J. Ulbrich, adjunct instructor in history at UD and doctoral candidate in history at Temple University, was awarded the 2003-2004 Lemuel C. Shepherd Dissertation Fellowship from the U.S. Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. This fellowship will support Ulbrich's work on his dissertation titled "Managing Marine Mobilization: Thomas Holcomb and the U.S. Marine Corps, 1936-1943" and directed by Professors Gregory Urwin and Russell Weigley at Temple.

Alumni News 2003

We are delighted that some of you have written to keep us informed on your activities and achievements. **Janet F. Davidson** (Ph.D., 2000) is an Historian at the Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History. She helped plan, design, and write materials for a major new exhibit, *America on the Move*, which opened in November 2003. **Anne Krulikowski** (Ph.D., 2002) is teaching this year at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. **Donald A. Grinde** (Ph.D., 1973) has left the University of Vermont to become a Professor of American Studies and History at the State University of New York at Buffalo. **Michael C. Kane** (B.A., 1978), after graduating in June 2003 with a Masters of Strategic Studies from the U.S. War College at Maxwell, Air Force Base, Alabama, has been named Commander of the 96th Mission Support Group at Eglin AFB Florida. Having previously served in Texas, Ohio, Virginia, Florida, Maryland, as well as the Pentagon and Germany, Col. Kane's decorations include the bronze star for meritorious service in the 1st

Gulf War, the Southwest Asia Service Medal and the Liberation of Kuwait Medals from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Kuwait. **Jim Jones** (B.A., 1976) received tenure and promotion from West Chester University and published his first book, *Industrial Labor in the Colonial World: the African Works of the Chemin De Fer Dakar-Niger* with Heinemann in 2002. He is currently working on a history of industrialization in West Chester. **Angela Lakwete** (Ph.D., 1997), who teaches at Auburn University, has a new book with Johns Hopkins University Press, *Inventing the Cotton Gin: Machine and Myth in Antebellum America*. **Alecia P. Long** (Ph.D., 2001), a historian at the Louisiana State Museum, has published an article, "A Notorious Attraction: Sex and Tourism in New Orleans, 1897-1917" in a collection edited by Richard D. Starnes, *Southern Journeys: Tourism, History and Culture in the Modern South* (University of Alabama Press). **John McLarnon** (Ph.D., 1997), who teaches at Millersville University, is the author of *Ruling Suburbia: John J. McClure and the Republican Machine in Delaware County, Pennsylvania* (University of Delaware Press, 2003). **Rhonda Newton** (M.A., 1994) has just started as Project Coordinator at The State Museum of Pennsylvania where she is coordinating the State Museum's part of a Teaching American History grant. Previously she spent seven years on the staff of the Pennsylvania Federation Museums and Historian Organization. She notes that she is reporting to a Delaware graduate **William Sisson** (Ph.D., 1985), who serves as Chief Curator. Rhonda also generously shares news of her fellow graduates: **Sara Phinney Kelley** (M.A., 1991) is Director of the Packwood House in Lewisburg, PA., and **Sarah Nelson** (M.A., 1987) is the Curator of Education at the Lehigh County Historical Society in Allentown, PA. **George Poole** (B.A., 1995) received his Ed.D. from Wilmington College and is currently with the Office of Student Services in Cecil County (MD) Public Schools after serving as a high school counselor and teacher of history in Delaware and Maryland. For thirty years, **H. Jerald Quigg** (B.A., 1959) served as Vice President for Development at the University of Richmond and was responsible for creating the development operation at UR. Upon his retirement, a donor established a \$1,000,000 endowment in his name. Until recently, he also ran his own consulting business. Currently he is writing a history of Philanthropy at the University of Richmond, 1830-2000 as well as teaching a course UR in Arts Management and in nonprofit management. **Nancy Travis (Keen) Wolfe** Recently retired from the University of South

Carolina and is a Distinguished Professor Emerita from the College of Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina. She has moved back to Wilmington and is thinking of returning to her research on German prisoners of war in Delaware. We are all delighted when we receive news from our alumni and take pride in their extraordinary achievements. We hope others of you will write and let us know what you are doing. I can be reached at chaber@udel.edu.

Meet the New Assistant to the Chair



Karen Cline

I am happy to have joined the History department. I have enjoyed everyone affiliated with the department and am constantly amazed at the diverse breadth of knowledge that is encompassed within the faculty (both past and present), the students, and the staff.

Prior to joining the History department, I worked within the Housing Assignment Services office here at the University for several years. While working with Housing, I attended classes part-time in the University's Alfred Lerner College of Business & Economics. I earned my Master of Business Administration with a concentration in International Business in 2002. I graduated summa cum laude from Salisbury University, Salisbury, Maryland in 1994 with a B.S. in Business Administration with concentrations in Management and Marketing.

On a more personal note, I like to explore my family genealogy, collect old cookbooks (they contain so much history about a time period), and antique glassware. In high school, I considered majoring in history, but my guidance counselor advised against it. The only thing you can do, he said, was teach. I've found that, much to my enjoyment since joining the department, it can be so much more!