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awrence Levine, a distinguished cultural historian land former president of the Organization of American Historians, died on October 23, 2006 at the age of seventy-three. He was Professor of History and Cultural Studies at George Mason University, where he had taught since 1995 as well as Margaret Byrne Professor of History Emeritus at University of California, Berkeley, where

he had been on the faculty for the previous three decades. Larry was born February 27, 1933, in the depth of the Great Depression and less than a week before the inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt-two subjects that would later attract his interest as a historian. His father, an immigrant from Lithuania, ran a fruit and vegetable store in New York's Washington Heights, where Larry often worked. A self-described "lousy student" in high school, Larry entered City College of New York's afternoon and evening session, which offered open admissions. There, he found himself intellectually and graduated in 1955 with honors. He then received his M.A. (1957) and Ph.D. (1962) at Columbia University, where he worked with Richard Hofstadter.

Although Larry greatly admired Hofstadter, he marked out a very different intellectual path in his dissertation, which later became his first book, Defender of the Faith: William Jennings Bryan, the Last Decade (1965). Whereas Hofstadter mocked "the pathetic postwar career of Bryan" as the "perfect epitome of . . . the shabbiness of the evangelical mind," Larry depicted an optimistic defender of an enduring democratic faith. Four decades later, the student's judgment has endured while the mentor's has faded. Michael Kazin, Bryan's most recent biographer (2006), describes the Great Commoner as "a great Christian liberal" and Levine's work as the "the smartest study of W.J.B. ever written."

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A golden chariot sits atop the Minnesota state capital in St. Paul. (Photo courtesy of "Explore

The first annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association (MVHA) took place a century ago at Lake Minnetonka, outside Minneapolis. This year, OAH returns to Minneapolis to celebrate the growth of OAH into the largest learned and professional society of American historians and pay tribute to the OAH members who directed that growth. With more than 150 sessions and 700 presenters, this year's meeting will present the latest research in American history. For details about what's in store for us at the meeting and to learn more about Minneapolis, turn to the convention supplement inside.

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ichard W. Leopold, a prominent diplomatic historian whose teaching and scholarship guided students and colleagues during an illustrious career, died of natural causes Thursday, November 23, 2006, in Evanston, Illinois. He was ninety-four.

Among the hundreds of former students identifying Leopold as a mentor who profoundly affected their lives are former Sen. George McGovern (D-SD), former

Rep. Richard Gephardt (D-MO), Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-AZ), former assistant secretary of state Phyllis Elliot Oakley, historian John Morton Blum (Sterling Professor of History Emeritus at Yale University), journalist Georgie Anne Geyer, and television and motion picture producer/writer/director Garry Marshall. Kolbe wrote, "I used to say with great pride that I learned American diplomatic history at the feet of one of the greatest scholars in the United States - Dick Leopold. I knew that statement would not be challenged in or out of academic circles. . . [He] believed that being a teacher and a mentor was a lifetime commitment, and for those who responded, it became a lifetime of friendship." McGovern noted, "I believe that every thoughtful student who studied under Professor Leopold's direction would agree that this country has produced no more dedicated and competent professor. He has not only mastered his field but he has had a lifetime passion to convey his knowledge and insight to his students." Marshall recalled his difficulty answering long essay questions in final exam blue books and how Leopold "allowed me to answer with dialogue scenes rather than prose writing and graded me on content rather than style. It helped me tremendously and I think my early Bismarck dialogue aided me in writing sitcoms and movies for a living."

The second son of Harry Leopold Sr. and Ethel Kimmelstiel, Richard Leopold was born on January 6, 1912 on the upper west side of Manhattan. He attended the Franklin School before enrolling in 1926 at Phillips Exeter Academy where he graduated cum laude in 1929. He then went on to Princeton University, graduating with highest honors and Phi Beta Kappa in 1933.

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From the OAH President

A Requiem and Thanks

Richard White



White

The last week of December is between holidays, but I have made it into a private ritual of sorts. This is the week when I begin going through files for my winter quarter survey course. I have been doing this fairly regularly for twenty-five or thirty years because I have had the good fortune to teach at institutions—the University of Utah, and particularly the University of Washington and Stanford University—that take the American his-

tory survey seriously. At Washington, when I was a graduate student and later when I was a faculty member, senior faculty always taught the survey. I learned most of what I know about lecturing by watching Thomas Pressly in the small auditorium in Smith Hall. Eventually, I taught the

same survey in the same room. At Utah and Washington, I taught the survey—all of it—in ten weeks. At Stanford, the course is divided in thirds, and I teach the nineteenth-century portion. I have kept good company there. Until David Kennedy recently gave up teaching the twentieth-century part of the course, I was sandwiched in between two Pulitzer Prize winners.

I say that I am fortunate not because I think lecturing is the best way to teach students. I am quite certain it is not. Nor do I consider myself lucky because the survey is a coveted slot. Many, perhaps most, of my colleagues hate the idea of teaching a course where various requirements corral students who would so obviously rather be somewhere else. I don't mind this. The course is not going to do them any harm, and hostile audiences do me good. I do think the students hate the course, and history, less at the end of the quarter than at the beginning, but this slight achievement is not the source of my pleasure. As unlikely as it may seem, it is the intellectual pleasure of preparing

the course that makes me feel fortunate.

I am particularly aware of this eccentric pleasure this year because this fall Larry Levine, Richard Leopold, and George Tindall all died. I knew Larry Levine, but not well, and I never met either Professors Leopold or Tindall. They all had remarkable careers, and I will leave it for others who knew them to memorialize them as they deserve to be memorialized. I knew them as people whose books I sometimes read carefully but more often, particularly in my twenties and thirties, read quickly, often late at night or early in the morning when children were quiet and I had pages of my own to fill before I stood in front of a class. Sometimes, particularly with Tindall, I read them desperately, fifteen minutes before class, trusting them to explain elegantly subjects about which I knew next to nothing and yet would very soon be explaining to people who knew even less.

These first sleep deprived years of our acquaintance were not intellectually pleasurable, but they were necessary. In those early lectures my students got inferior versions of Levine, Leopold, and Tindall, and many others. Their works were recognizable, but they had lost all nuance in my versions. I was gutting books, and the whole steaming mess went into the survey pot. It is no wonder the survey has seemed to many of my colleagues over the years a rendering down of the nuanced and complex into a stew of simplicities. There are still moments when I inwardly wince as I hear what I have just said. Over the course of time, however, pleasure replaced desperation.

Historians share with physicians a tendency to award specialists and demean generalists, but to teach the survey is to be a generalist. In the survey, I am an American historian, and not a historian of the West, or Indian peoples, or the environment. I teach, or have taught, politics, economics, and foreign relations and not the social and cultural history in which I was trained. And because of this I read things I otherwise would not have read, and what I read has to be related to what I have read in the past. Many of us read widely, but only in the survey does the eclectic reading of the year crowd in on me and force me to try to stitch together frameworks, narratives, and sets of stories that become, as far as my students are concerned, American history.

This annual ritual of rearranging narratives because I know things that I did not know before and because the changing world has changed my angle of vision is a daunting challenge. It has made me realize how collective our work as historians really is. Our careers are individual; most of us claim authorship. We worry, and rightly enough, about plagiarism, but plagiarism is site specific. In the undergraduate lecture, the author died sometime ago. In the survey, we borrow freely and rarely, if ever, say where a particular interpretation or story came from. An individual lecturer speaks of course, but it is ventriloquism, and sometimes it is hard to say who is the ventriloquist and who is the dummy.

Over the years in my lectures the work of Professors Levine, Leopold, and Tindall have gotten more and more rendered down and assimilated; I have combined them with the work of other historians whom they might despise. As each year brings new books and new thoughts, the process continues. It is not an accumulation. The lectures get no longer. Instead it is a rearrangement, and some years, a radical restructuring of much of what I already have. The lectures have changed dramatically from the years when the works of professors-and I carefully choose the honorific-Levine, Leopold, and Tindall were undigested, but their influences very much remain. They are dead and their friends and families will mourn and miss them, but when I open my folders, they are still there, still challenging me, helping me, and still open to new combinations and new readings. As I say, I am not sure who is the ventriloquist and who is the dummy. May they rest in peace, but in the years I have left in the survey, they will get no rest in my class. And I thank them for that.

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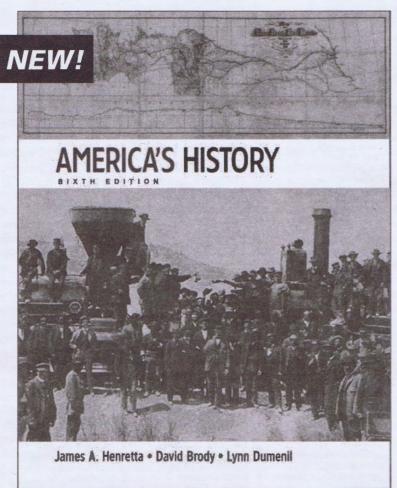
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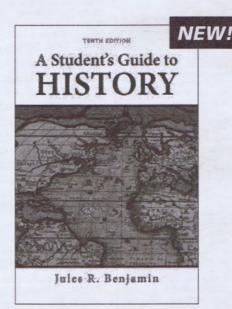
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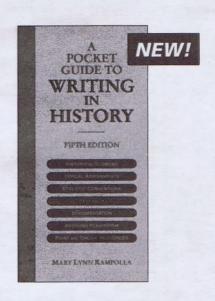
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Balancing Scholarship and Activism: An Interview with Lawrence J. Friedman

Lee W. Formwalt

Sometime before his retirement party two months ago, Indiana University History Professor Lawrence J. Friedman informed the OAH that he had made provisions to include the organization in his estate plans. Larry and I have lunch every month or so at a local Bloomington restaurant, so at our last noonday repast, I suggested that we do an interview and talk about his career as a historian, his lifetime of balancing activism and scholarship, and his feelings about the OAH.

The earliest influences in Larry's life came from two very different sources: his activist parents and his scholarly grandfather. "Both my parents were very active in the Communist Party," Larry remembers. "They were middle level party people, so it seems to me, as historiography has shown, that their intentions were fairly noble. So that's very much where I picked up the activism." This activism, however, was "balanced," he recalls, by his grandfather, "an Orthodox Jew and a Talmudic scholar, who would always be at the kitchen table going through books, the Old Testament, everything else, and it was insisted that I would study with him, that I would be clear, be logical, be precise, and I could sometimes win some arguments against my folks by doing that."

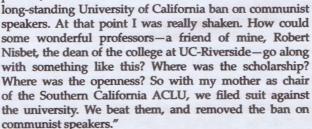
"So it was that combination, the scholarly life from my grandfather, the political activism from my folks, that was very crucial to my early life." Larry's mother "received a M.A. in chemistry and bacteriology and was pursuing a M.D. degree in the Depression and wasn't able to complete it for financial reasons and remained pretty much a lab bacteriologist much of her life, coupled with political activism." His father "worked in a family business making grave stones, sometimes he would work in auto plants, sometimes he'd work in other ventures—life insurance for awhile. The making money part was always very secondary to the activism."

In the late 1940s, Larry's family moved from Ohio to California, ostensibly for health reasons as Larry "was always getting sick. The real reason, as Dorothy Healy later explained to me, is the Party reassigned my father to California to organize." His parents' activism shifted after the Soviet invasion of Hungary in 1956 and the Khrushchev revelations of what had happened under Stalin. They "never formally quit the Communist Party, but they became considerably less enthusiastic and at the same time became more and more active in the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to the point where my father was on the national board of the ACLU and my mother was the Southern California chair of the ACLU."

"I remember once asking my father how he could reconcile basically a Marxism that never left him and a formal allegiance to Soviet Marxism to civil liberties, and his reply was that one day we academics will wake up to the fact that people are layers, and often contradictory layers, and that's what makes us human."

At this point I asked Larry how he balanced political activism with professional scholarship. With little hesitation, Larry replied, "I don't think there's a conflict or a contradiction. I don't think scholars are ever totally unbiased, and it's actually very helpful if we discover our own biases. They won't necessarily always (once we

know of them) totally control our scholarship. I think a case in point where this came together for me was as a junior at the University of California at Riverside. I was in a student group—this was sort of the beginnings of the New Left—and we sponsored a forum on American dissent, far left and far right, and found out that the university allowed the members of the John Birch Society to present but wouldn't let communists present, because there had been a



When I asked how he got into the history business, Larry observed that "it emerged during my college years. There was a group of six or seven of us at the University of California at Riverside in 1958 to 1962, and some of us were in philosophy, some in history, some in political science. We'd shift around, but whatever the classes we took together, we found all of the people, whatever their discipline, were in essence giving us history. Robert Nisbet in sociology was really giving what was my first experience in the history of ideas. David McClellan in political science was basically giving me German and French history. It didn't matter what the form of discipline, we were all history, and it sort of struck me here that history, very clearly, embraces every other discipline and is fairly welcome to it. So history was just the thing to pursue."

Larry graduated with a history degree after writing his senior thesis on the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798. His interest in civil liberties led him to enroll in the UCLA law school, which he "found easy, boring, and not very consequential. But at the time I was in law school I was clerking in an L.A. office which had civil liberties, labor law, civil rights law, and what I found there in the clerking process is that you have to spend about 90 percent of your time in business law making money to spend 10 percent of your time on the fun stuff—civil liberties, civil rights, and so forth—and I didn't want to spend only 10 percent of my life on the fun stuff, so that was clearly a sign that I needed to do what was 100 percent fun, and that was history, so I went to graduate school."

"Shortly after I began graduate school, things were happening in Mississippi that led to the Mississippi Freedom Summer project in 1964, and I was very much interested, so I went as a graduate student organizing for the undergraduate students coming in from Ohio. I was organizing a number of freedom schools in Jackson, Mississippi, under the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO).



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I knew Chaney, Schwerner, and Goodman, the three civil rights workers who had been killed that summer. After about six or seven weeks of organizing freedom schools, I too was arrested for vagrancy (when they take your wallet you're a vagrant), so a deal was cooked up. Rather than be in Mississippi jails, I would leave the state, and I went on and then spent the rest of the summer and some subsequent years with Anne and Carl Braden in Louisville, largely working on segregated housing issues."

"It was clear that after the Freedom Summer that I wanted to do my dissertation on race relations." So Larry returned to UCLA where he developed his interest in psychohistory. "I was working then with Donald Meyer, who was an American social intellectual historian. He was an important figure in my life, because he was really a public intellectual. He wrote regularly for the New Republic and the Nation, he spoke in public schools everywhere, was active in the ACLU, and he was just a brilliant interdisciplinary scholar. In 1963, my first year of graduate school, he taught one of the earliest seminars on the history of women. He was also very much interested in African American history, and with my background starting out as certainly sympathetic to Marxism, you can see that the interest in race, class, and gender of current vintage has been with me a long time. I'm very glad it has spread to the entire profession."

"In addition to the breakthroughs in race, class, gender, Don Meyer introduced me to the works on psychology and history. He told me to read Erik Erikson, of whom I've subsequently done a biography; he told me to read Freud, and Jung, the behaviorists, the cognitive sciences, and be attentive to psychology in history. By the mid-1960s, we called that psychohistory, which was very much a mix of psychology, psychological theories, and making connections with time and place. And so that added to the interest in race relations coming out of Mississippi. I wanted to do something psychological too, and Meyer let me."

The result was first a seminar paper and then his dissertation on the southern rape complex. In his dissertation, which became his first book, The White Savage: Racial Fantasies in the Postbellum South, Larry took on C. Vann Woodward's thesis that there was a late nineteenth-century lull in the racial hatred and animus that characterized the post-Reconstruction South until the turn of the century when segregation and lynching became pervasive in the Deep South. According to Larry, "there was no period in the late nineteenth century of a relaxation in southern race relations. Things had been pretty tough, pretty vicious through the nineteenth and into the twentieth century." Larry admits that he may have been intemperate in his attack on Woodward. "I guess I regret that I took him on too directly, too bluntly." It was Woodward's students rather than the master himself who attacked Friedman in the book's reviews. When I asked about Woodward, Larry replied, "He was fine. It wasn't a problem. He enjoyed the discussions, he enjoyed the disagreements. I didn't convince him, he didn't convince me.'

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In Larry's career, Ronald Takaki played an important role from graduate school to the present. Larry met Takaki, a founder of the University of California, Berkeley's Ethnic Studies Department, when they were both researching their dissertations together in Durham, North Carolina, "and scared like hell because the Ku Klux Klan was active in the area at the time. We were both doing research in the Duke archives, and there was a Klan rally in town. We were both renting a place in town, and we wondered what the hell we should do, so we started talking together, and Ron and I have in essence written and helped frame each other's books for the last forty years. He came up with the title, *The White Savage*. And with every book since we sort of re-work each other's stuff, and we still do."

Racism and sexism played important roles in Friedman's second and third books, Inventors of the Promised Land, and Gregarious Saints. Then Larry's scholarship turned in a new direction-the history of psychiatry, psychology, and mental health. "Quite by accident in 1982, on a leave at the Menninger Clinic Foundation, I bumped into the founder of the Menninger Clinic, who was about eighty-eight at the time, Karl Menninger. Karl was sort of pushed aside in the organization, and the first time we met he started pulling books off the shelves, asking 'Have you read them?' I said, 'Yeah, I've read most of them.' Then he pulled out The Brothers Karamazov and says, 'Let's both read this tonight and talk about it tomorrow,' which we did, and that is the beginning of a good ten years with Karl Menninger as I wrote a book on the Menninger Clinic and traveled the whole state of Kansas with him talking about his own life. We became very good friends, and working on this book (Menninger: The Family and the Clinic) enforced my commitment to activism because Karl Menninger was very active against capital punishment, for the banning of nuclear weapons, for civil rights. So that was, again, the activism on the one hand-admiring an activist; and the scholarship-dealing with a person who is very much a public intellectual, a scholar."

"Then the book after that, which is probably my best book, coming out in 1999 was a biography of Erik Erikson (Identity's Architect: A Biography of Erik H. Erikson). Erikson is often considered the founding figure in psychohistory, and what I found that I was attracted to in Erikson was this idea that what we are is the intersection of our inner emotions and our outer social circumstances, with a lot of factors feeding into the intermixture of the two. It's just very broadening, non-reductionist. I had been making contact with Erikson since the 1960s, and then in 1990 when I finished the Menninger book, my friend Robert Lifton said, 'Well, you've been talking to Erikson for a few decades, why don't you do his biography?' This was a wonderful period. This was in the 1990s, he was living right nearby his papers at Harvard's Houghton Library. I would simply go through the archives much of the day and in the afternoon go over and sit and talk to him based on photocopies of his letters. It was fun and it was broadening.

I asked Larry about his current work: "I'm about to finish a biography of Erich Fromm—if you want to frame someone who's an activist and a scholar, that was Fromm, the author of *Escape from Freedom*. One thing I found about Fromm, in addition to very much sharing Erikson's orientation, the intersection of outer social circumstances and inner psyche, I found out that he was able to pitch his books, which have considerable depth, to a very popular audience. He would sell anywhere from five million to thirty-seven million copies of each book. So one day I'm wondering where all this money goes, and I got hold of his tax returns, and he's giving it all away. He gives everything away to the civil rights movement, to the ACLU, to all these other groups which brought him considerable

influence, and he was just writing out large checks all the time. So with this dimension I see somebody who has been an activist, a scholar, a donor, and I'm very comfortable with him, and it's a very wonderful life he lived."

I wondered how Larry's teaching fit in with his research and writing. "I think, even in retirement I'm going to teach, because I could never continue writing effectively without teaching. I'm just always bringing my writing documents into the classroom, after the class session I'go to my notepad and jot down ideas. They're just always inseparable. My first teaching job was at Arizona State University in Tempe in the late 1960s, early 1970s. One thing I found when I got there on the teaching side is they didn't have a course in African American history, so though my basic area was American intellectual and cultural history, I taught African American history there."

"The first semester I arrived there, I agreed to join the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) executive board, and we had our first case. The university had fired Morris Starsky, who was a Trotskyite activist, for dismissing class to go to a peace rally and so all of a sudden here am I, and by my second semester I'm president of the AAUP, and we moved toward censure of the university, which is a sure ticket to academic success at Arizona. We brought censure, we got it, and Arizona State was censured for a number of years. ACLU helped. So I found myself again in the activism role not only with the AAUP, but also active in Vietnam peace efforts, active in civil rights, working in the Phoenix area ACLU, and bringing all of this into classroom stuff. I don't think we ever had a period in my forty years of academe like the late 1960s, early 1970s, where what you did in the classroom-say, read Thomas Jefferson or Emerson-are always connected to what was going on directly in the outside world."

"The next job after Arizona State was at Bowling Green State University in Ohio from 1971 to 1993. When I got there, no one did any women's history, no one wanted to, so I taught women's history. It's just something that should have been. In Bowling Green I got on right away to the Ohio ACLU board, always ACLU, and actually did seminars and classes on civil liberties in American history in the classroom, connected to the ACLU work."

"I did something else at Bowling Green. I was graduate director of the history department for a number of years, and we brought in a doctorate in policy history, which was fairly new stuff at the time. It was the application of current social, political issues, the policy dimensions, to the historic dimensions to current conditions. I did stuff on mental health policy, others did it on trade policy, etc., and then the cuts came later in the Ohio doctoral programs in history, but the policy history program is still alive and well."

I asked Larry why he left Bowling Green after twenty-two years. "I think when you're at any place for a few decades, you have the same conversations over and over, and it was very pleasant, it was a little too comfortable. I knew Dave Thelen here at the *Journal of American History* and a few people here at Indiana University. My wife loved Bloomington, so it wasn't that hard a decision. So I came and have been at Bloomington since 1993."

I asked Larry how he came to be involved with OAH. "When I came to Bloomington, Arnita Jones, who was at the time OAH executive director, was very important to me, because both of us being scholars and activists, we started talking about getting historians more active. So with her help, we created in the history department, about 1994, I think it was, a regular public advocacy committee so that we could take on issues. I wrote a piece for the OAH Newsletter on how all departments should have advocacy committees, and then with Arnita we created a statewide advocacy committee for the humanities. We went to a lot of

agencies lobbying, and it was just very comfortable. Here's a historian, she's director of the OAH, and she believes in activism and scholarship. It was just a very nice fit, and Arnita to this day has been a very good friend and really made me see how important OAH's advocacy role was."

"I had been a member of OAH, but I didn't quite realize that OAH could be a primary agency for advocacy and could do the same kinds of things as the ACLU, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), peace groups, and yet represent the other part, the scholarly side, in a nice balance."

"For me, another crucial turning point beyond Arnita's advocacy was the decision on the Adam's Mark in St. Louis. The issue of the Adam's Mark was, of course, an unabashed discrimination against African American guests, and the question was whether the OAH, after learning of this, should go ahead with its contract to meet there. For me this was sort of a litmus test. I certainly wouldn't attend a conference in a hotel that discriminated, and I probably couldn't stay a member of the OAH if it had maintained that contract. It did the right thing, and I knew about this, especially from one of my doctoral students, Damon Freeman, who was active in organizing the alternate site at Saint Louis University for the conference. It was a good conference. It was a very difficult one for the OAH financially, but I'm glad it did that. I'm glad it then basically later at San Francisco, would not cross a picket line for workers on strike in a hotel there and relocated to San José. I find it very difficult to deal with an organization dedicated to scholarship that isn't at the same time committed to principle, which now gives the OAH, in my sense, a very very good track record."

I mentioned to Larry that we appreciated his recent efforts to make sure that the OAH was included in his estate plans. "Yeah. What I've done in my estate plan, I've seen to it that the most important organizations in my life are going to get a chunk, which is not only the OAH, but the ACLU and the NAACP. They're all very important to me."

I mentioned that a lot of people say that a professor's loyalty is often to the institution where he or she taught, and that when we started getting involved in development at OAH, that was one of the things that we had to deal with. I asked him what argument he would make for why one's loyalty should also be with one's professional organization. "It seems to me," he said, "and this is my perspective and I realize it's not going to be shared by others, but American higher education, especially large institutions like Indiana University are heavily status quo institutions, they have very wealthy CEOs on their board who are dedicated to the acquisition of funds, to public relations, and so forth. So whereas one can make some changes in a university, I don't see universities today as primary institutions of social change, which is very important to me. It's much easier to render social change through the OAH, the ACLU, or activist groups dedicated to select principles for change than a university. So it really didn't enter my mind to give significant funding to the universities I was at, but it did enter my mind to fund organizations that stood for change."

Larry Friedman, a dedicated scholar, teacher, activist, and loyal supporter of the OAH is an inspiration for us. Many of us have shared our time, talent, and treasure with the Organization of American Historians. But what Larry and a few others have done is to show how we can make a final tribute or gift in our estate plans for the learned society and professional group that provides the world's leading scholarly journal in American history and an opportunity each year for thousands of us to gather, share our latest scholarship, and make the connections with old friends and new colleagues that are the glue that holds us together as a profession.

Capitol Commentary

Some Parting Thoughts and Shots from Capitol Hill

Bruce Craig



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s regular readers of this column are aware, at the end of December 2006, I departed the National Coalition for History (NCH) as the organization's Executive Director. This then will be my last regular contribution to the OAH Newsletter.

My wife Pat and I are both looking forward to our new lives on Prince Edward Island,

Canada. There, in addition to helping to run our "Harbour Lights" bed and breakfast operation (and soon to be launched artist's and writer's retreat) that overlooks Northlake harbor, I will be commuting a couple days a week to the provincial capitol, Charlottetown, where I will be teaching on a part-time basis. I also will be working with members of the University of Prince Edward Island history department in creating what may well develop into one of the few undergraduate programs in public historical studies in North America. I also hope to devote considerable time and energy to several writing projects, including a biography of accused Soviet spy Alger Hiss—a project that for far too many years has languished in the form of various piles of papers on my desk, closet, and floor.

I am very pleased that the history coalition has hired Lee White to succeed me. Lee comes to the NCH with a law degree, a recent master's degree in history from George Mason University, and considerable experience in working on Capitol Hill. During our several week transition, I have come to realize that Lee has a passion for history—perhaps the single most important qualification for the director of the National Coalition for History to possess.

With the Congress now firmly in the hands of the Democratic Party for the first time in twelve years, the history coalition has both new opportunities and new challenges in advancing the cause of history and archives. Some may think that now that the Democrats control Congress, history advocacy will all of a sudden become easier. Frankly, I doubt it. In fact, history advocacy faces considerable obstacles.

During my seven years at the helm of the NCH, the Congress and the White House have both been controlled by Republicans. The truth is, throughout these years Congress and the White House have been generally supportive of history—though clearly the Bush administration's particular interest has been in advancing what is termed "traditional" American history. To that end, Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN) was able to enact legislation creating his

presidential and congressional academies to benefit outstanding students and teachers of American history. With Bruce Cole as steward of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the endowment has been implementing its We the People initiative, which has brought renewed vitality to history as a vital segment of the broader humanities community. In the Department of Education, Senator Robert C. Byrd's Teaching American History grants initiative (in excess of a half billion dollars has been devoted to this program now) has been competently managed by administration officials, and their efforts have done much to boost the teaching of history in our elementary and secondary schools.

Of course, not everything has gone as well as I had hoped with the Republicans in power. For example, year after year the White House Office of Management and Budget has ignored the requests of the Archivist of the United States, Allen Weinstein, and zeroed out all funding for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). As a consequence, every year the NCH, the Association for Documentary Editing, a few other member organizations, and the National Humanities Alliance visit scores of congressional offices in order to convince members that some level of funding needs to go to this small but important NARA program office. Now that Byrd will once again be master of the Senate Appropriations Committee, we have a powerful friend on our side.

Another disappointment with the congressional Republican leadership is what they have done (or perhaps more properly not done) with the Higher Education Act. For several years now a proposal introduced by Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) titled Higher Education for Freedom Act (S. 1209) held the promise of generating a large pool of new funds to support the study and teaching of history at the postsecondary level. But Gregg's proposal, along with the Higher Education Act in general, was relegated to a back burner by the Republican majority. Just weeks ago, Congress passed its third extension of the act, and we have yet to see reauthorization hearings in Congress to discuss the important issues that need to be addressed.

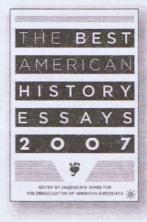
And then there is the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act—the centerpiece of the Bush administration's education program. Ever since its inception, it has been a thorn in the side of history educators. Perhaps the NCLB legislation has made some progress in improving some students' reading, math, and science skills, but it has certainly done nothing to improve (in fact, it has harmed) the teaching of history in America's public schools. But now, with Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) slotted to become chair of the Senate committee responsible for formulating the nation's

education policy, we have an opportunity to open some new doors that could ultimately lead to innovations in how history is funded and taught, from elementary school through college.

In retrospect, twenty-five years on Capitol Hill has reinforced in my mind a great truism—no matter what party is in the majority, life on Capitol Hill goes on. Arthur Schlesinger Jr. points out in his book *Cycles of American History* (1986) that power in Congress and the White House swings like a pendulum between the Republicans and Democrats. How true it is! Members come, members go, and there are always new eager young staffers waiting in the wings aching to fill in behind retiring pros.

My departure from the National Coalition for History brings this aspect of my public history career to a close. It has been a memorable and satisfying experience, but frankly I am ready to be settling into what I hope will be a less hectic but equally rewarding experience.

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From the Executive Director

Happy Centennial Birthday, OAH!

Lee W. Formwalt



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If flecting on the OAH's first century. It is a remarkable history and one that many of us do not know very well. Historians are notorious for doing everyone's history but their own. When I was working on local African American history in southwest Georgia, I had traced numerous family trees, black and white, in the course of my research. Still I have yet to do the

work on my own family history to find out how I might be related to Atlanta's first mayor Moses Formwalt.

Similarly, I would wager that most American historians know very little about our own organization's history. In fact, when the OAH executive board voted back in the fall of 2002 to hold our centennial convention in Minneapolis, none of us knew that we would be going back to the site of the very first annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. Only several years later did one of the staff members who was going through our early meeting programs discover that the MVHA first met on the shores of Lake Minnetonka.

Last year, as we reflected on our past and the upcoming centennial, we celebrated several smaller anniversaries—twenty-five years of the OAH Distinguished Lectureship Program, twenty years of the OAH Magazine of History, and five years of the weekly Talking History radio program. Unfortunately, last year was a difficult one financially, and we had to suspend Talking History. But most indications are that we have turned the corner and we are recovering. And as we do, we look ahead to our next one hundred years. What legacy are we going to leave to those behind us?

The OAH Executive Board and Leadership Advisory Council have been wrestling with that question since the turn of the century. They devised and revised a four-part strategic plan from which they have produced a four-part Second Century Initiative that will be launched with our annual spring campaign next month. We encourage members to participate in our Second Century Campaign with a generous gift and pledge this spring. Your support will ensure the future of the Journal of American History, the OAH Magazine of History, and the numerous annual prizes and awards recognizing the best American history scholarship and teaching. It will also underwrite a major new initiative for community college historians.

In the meantime, much of our attention will be focused on preparing for the Centennial Convention in Minneapolis. The annual meeting will include our usual complement of scholarly sessions, receptions, luncheons, and other social events, as well as the exhibit hall. This year, however, we have three special features that set our gathering apart as a special time to celebrate the past century.

First will be a series of Centennial Sessions assembled by a specially appointed Centennial Committee. Under the leadership of former OAH executive secretary Richard Kirkendall, the Centennial Committee created a stunning array of panels that explore the one-hundred-year history of the MVHA and OAH as well as changes in the various fields of American history. Three former OAH presidents

and two former executive secretaries will explore the institutional and political history of our association, while eight former presidents will reflect on their presidencies and their involvement in OAH. You won't want to miss this rich feast that includes not only fifteen OAH presidents (John Hope Franklin, Carl Degler, Anne Firor Scott, William E. Leuchtenburg, Leon Litwack, Stanley N. Katz, Mary Frances Berry, Eric Foner, Gary B. Nash, Michael Kammen, William Chafe, David Montgomery, Ira Berlin, Vicki Ruiz, and Richard White), four JAH editors (Lewis C. Perry, David Thelen, Joanne Meyerowitz, and Edward T. Linenthal), and three executive secretaries (Dick Kirkendall, Joan Hoff, and Arnita Jones), but many of the leading scholars in various American history fields. For more on the array of panels organized for the centennial, see Juli Jones's article on page A9.

A second way that we will honor our past one hundred years is through a special centennial issue of the OAH Magazine of History. In the April issue, we will feature articles that examine major changes in historical research, writing, and education since 1907. Guest editor James Banner has brought together a group of notable scholars, including Sean Wilentz, Diane Ravitch, Emily Rosenberg, Gary Kornblith, Carol Lasser, Julie Reuben, and David Hollinger. Jim and his contributing authors have put together an excellent issue that not only celebrates our centennial, but will undoubtedly serve as a valuable classroom resource for many years. In order to have the April issue available in time for the convention, we have moved up its print date by several weeks. For more on the centennial issue of the

OAH Magazine, see James Banner's article below.

The third way that makes this centennial convention different will be a display of OAH's past assembled by staff at the OAH executive office—Assistant Editor of the OAH Newsletter Chad Parker, Assistant Editor of the OAH Magazine of History Keith Eberly, and OAH Education Coordinator Siobhan Carter-David. Parker, Eberly, and Carter-David have scoured the OAH archives in Indianapolis and solicited photos from longtime members. Look for this display near the meeting registration area in the Minneapolis Convention Center.

The celebration of our one-hundredth birthday has been saddened somewhat by the passing of several giants in the field. In addition to George Tindall, and former OAH presidents Lawrence W. Levine and Richard Leopold, we have recently learned of Elizabeth Fox-Genovese's passing. As Richard White has noted elsewhere in this issue, historians live on long after they have departed this world. We read their books, we incorporate their ideas in our lectures, and those of us fortunate to have known them will carry our memories of them with us. But we still miss them.

In Minneapolis next month, we will have an opportunity to talk to many of the living giants still with us. We will learn much from what they have to say, whether it is on the history of the OAH or the changes in their particular field of American history over the last century. I look forward to seeing you in the Twin Cities where all of us will be able to explore, challenge, and celebrate our organization's past and the history of the profession we practice.

OAH Magazine Celebrates OAH Centennial

James M. Banner, Jr.

o mark the centennial of the OAH, the April 2007 issue of the OAH Magazine of History, of which I am the guest editor, will be devoted entirely to two sets of developments over the hundred years since 1907: changes in the historiography of major subjects of American history and alterations in the school and college history curricula. The issue engages these themes with articles by such noted scholars as Sean Wilentz, Gary Kornblith, Carol Lasser, Emily Rosenberg, David Hollinger, and Diane Ravitch.

What decades these ten have been, what changes they have seen. A gambler would be justified in laying heavy odds that, could they return to life, the historians of the United States alive and at work in 1907—some of them founders of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association (MVHA), the original name of today's OAH—would not recognize what their discipline had become one hundred years later. Some of these resurrected men (all men then, which of course is part of the story) would guess not incorrectly, as Wilentz makes clear in his essay in the issue, that the history of the national state, its politics, and its leading figures would continue to pique historians' interests. None

would be surprised to find a few of their contemporaries, like Frederick Jackson Turner and Charles A. Beard, figuring so prominently in the issue's reports on the historiography of important segments of American history. But could they have anticipated the emergence of social history to its place of prominence in historians' concerns, as Kornblith and Lasser present its development? Could they have imagined the challenges that would be thrown down to the ways they had conceived of narrating and understanding the place of the United States in the world-challenges laid out by Rosenberg? Could they easily grasp the enlargement of subjects, whose story Hollinger narrates, that have fallen under the umbrella of American intellectual history? Would they not be astonished and troubled by the changes in-or, as Ravitch implicitly sees it, the degradation of-the history curriculum and its teaching in the schools? Would they recognize in today's college curriculum, especially the rise to such prominence of American history, much of what their own institutions' curricula once presented, as Julie

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The Schlesinger Library at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, Cambridge MA, invites applications to a Summer Seminar on Gender History. This concentrated series of lectures and workshops will take place June 24–29, 2007. The seminar will include numerous plenary lectures by distinguished historians, as well as workshop groups in which seminar participants will share and discuss their own relevant research and writing. Established scholars, writers, and advanced graduate students in US history and gender studies are welcome to apply. Application deadline is March 15, 2007. More information can be found at http://www.radcliffe.edu/schles/.

The Schlesinger Library also sponsors grants for those doing research in our collections. Information is available at http://www.radcliffe.edu/schles/grants. Application deadline for grants is April 5, 2007.

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After Princeton he pursued graduate study at Harvard University under the tutelage of Arthur M. Schlesinger Sr., receiving a master's degree in 1934 and a Ph.D. in 1938. Leopold's doctoral dissertation became his first book, *Robert Dale Owen: A Biography* (1940), which won the American Historical Association's John H. Dunning Prize as the best book on any subject relating to United States history.

During World War II, he was commissioned as a naval officer and worked at the Office of Naval Records and Library in Washington, D.C. where he devised a unique system-used long thereafter-for organizing materials relating to ongoing naval operations. After the war, he returned to Harvard for two years before joining the Northwestern University faculty in 1948. Over the subsequent three decades there, Leopold was instrumental in Northwestern's successful effort to build one of the finest collections of American history scholars ever assembled at a single institution of its size. In addition to Leopold, the 1950s roster included Ray A. Billington, Arthur S. Link, and Clarence L. Ver Steeg. Leopold and Link became especially close collaborators, producing Problems in American History (1952, 1957, 1966, 1972), among many other works. In addition to hundreds of articles. Leopold also wrote Elihu Root and the Conservative Tradition (1954), and The Growth of American Foreign Policy: A History (1962), which remained a seminal treatise in United States diplomatic history for more than a decade after its first publication. He became the William Smith Mason Professor of History at Northwestern Uni-

At the height of the Vietnam war protests in 1968, Leopold led the successful effort to prevent Northwestern from dismantling its Naval ROTC program, even though virtually all other comparable academic institutions were doing so. He made a three-fold case in favor of retaining the

program. First, it benefited the nation. He was concerned about the potential need to mobilize quickly in times of war; he was also concerned about a military whose officer ranks came exclusively from the service academies and the limited perspectives they offered. Second, the program benefited the university. He noted the many noteworthy program participants who had enriched the university and who would have been unable to attend Northwestern without the NROTC's financial support. Third, he argued that NROTC helped the students who participated. He was unmoved by those who argued that the program itself somehow proved the academy's support for a controversial war or "the teaching of killing." In his faculty address that turned the tide of the debate in favor of retaining the program, he said: "We do not ban the teaching of nuclear physics because someone might make a bomb; we do not avoid the study of Marxism because the student might become a Communist; and we do not discourage the study of sexual deviants because the student himself might become one." Many of the program's graduates went on to become career officers; some rose to the rank of admiral.

In 1969, Leopold was asked to head an independent investigation into Francis L. Loewenheim's charges against the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library. Loewenheim claimed that the FDR Library staff had withheld certain documents in connection with his research and further asserted that the American Historical Association, Organization of American Historians, and National Archives had thereafter covered up his resulting charges. After a yearlong investigation, the joint AHA-OAH committee that Leopold chaired issued a 447-page report, Final Report of the Joint AHA-OAH Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate the Charges Against the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Related Matters (1970). Contrary to Loewenheim's allegations, the report

concluded that there had been no conspiracy and that the professional bodies charged with investigating the original complaint had simply been ill-equipped to deal with the vicious and unprecedented assault that Loewenheim and his lawyer had launched against a group of academics.

Leopold served on numerous governmental advisory committees, including those for the Secretary of the Navy, State Department, Army, Marine Corps, Atomic Energy Commission, CIA, and Library of Congress. He was also a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee for *The Papers of Woodrow Wilson* and of the board of directors for the Harry S. Truman Library Institute. He was president of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations in 1970 and of the Organization of American Historians in 1976.

In 1984, Leopold's former doctoral students established the OAH's Richard W. Leopold Prize, which is awarded biannually. In 1990, former students, colleagues, and friends established the annual Richard W. Leopold Lectureship at Northwestern in his honor. This year's lecturer was Samantha Power. In 1997, more than 230 former students collectively endowed the Richard W. Leopold Professorship in American history at Northwestern.

He is survived by a nephew, John P. Leopold, who lives in Centennial, Colorado. Plans for an early 2007 memorial service are underway. A former student, Steven J. Harper, has written Leopold's biography, which Northwestern University Press has tentatively scheduled for publication in the fall of 2007. □

Steven J. Harper, a former Northwestern student and the biographer of Leopold, wrote the obituary. Mr. Harper is an attorney in Chicago.

NARA Boosts Civic Education Programs Nationwide

Allen Weinstein



great historian and good friend of the National Archives, David McCullough, once briefly defined history as "who we were and why we are the way we are." Another great historian, also a friend of the Archives, Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., has observed that "history is to the nation as memory is to the individual." These distinguished scholars distilled in a few

words what we at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) have in mind and spirit as we go about our work. We are the nation's record keeper, of course, but we also bear special responsibility for ensuring that these records-some famous, others quite ordinary-have consequential meaning for the American people to whom they belong. They are records that deserve preservation not simply for reference purposes but for use by all interested Americans. If the American people do not maintain a solid and respectable measure of civic literacy, however, they will not be able to understand or use these records effectively. For that reason alone, NARA considers civic education essential and an important element of our overall mission and goals.

This year, despite the absence of increased government funding for new initiatives, NARA continues to expand and enhance the museum, education, communications, and public outreach programs aimed at increasing levels of civic literacy.

In Washington, D.C., our Learning Center serves as a central focus of NARA's efforts to help teachers make the study of history, civics, and social studies more engaging, interesting, and important for students. This summer, NARA's education specialists will offer our highly successful Primarily Teaching workshops at eight locations around the country: in Washington; at regional archives in California, Texas, and Massachusetts; and at the Eisenhower, Johnson, Ford, and Bush presidential libraries.

Taking our civic literacy efforts directly into homes, we have partnered with the Mini Page, which is syndicated in more than four hundred newspapers around the world and reaches millions of children and their families.

In NARA's downtown Washington, D.C., building, the National Archives Experience includes the popular and engaging Public Vaults permanent exhibit. And the highly-successful exhibit, Eyewitness: American Originals from the National Archives, has taken to the road for two years, starting at the Carter Library in Atlanta. Future stops include the Ford and Nixon libraries as well as institutions in Pennsylvania, Texas, and Nebraska. A new exhibit, School House to White House-examining the early education of modern Presidents-will open in the Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery in March and run through the end of the year. In 2008, it will show at several of the presidential libraries.

At Federal Hall National Memorial in New York City, NARA and its partner, the National Park Service, are developing a permanent exhibit that will feature historic documents related to New York City as the nation's first capital under the U.S. Constitution.

This fall, C-SPAN will examine each of our presidential libraries in a dozen two-hour specials in prime time. On the Internet, you'll find a new interactive Presidential Timeline, where you can learn what an American president was doing on any particular day from 1929 to the present.

NARA also continues its longstanding education activities, such as its involvement in National History Dayat the local, state, and national levels-and in Teaching American History grants, in which staff in Washington, at many of the libraries, and at regional facilities around the country all participate.

The records NARA holds at thirty-four locations around the country chronicle not only the landmark decisions and historic statements of important figures, but also the records of actions involving the federal government taken by or for American citizens. Indeed, there are many extraordinary but as yet undiscovered stories still to be found in our billions of documents. As President Harry S. Truman, a shrewd, self-educated student of history, once noted, "The only thing new in the world is the history you don't know." At all our facilities, staff and volunteers stand ready to assist visitors in finding the records they seek and in helping them assess the information, meaning, and historical context of those records. Our hope is that by the time you leave, you not only have the records you need but have also expanded your civic education usefully. "When the past no longer illuminates the future," Alexis de Tocqueville wrote in Democracy in America, "the spirit walks in darkness." At the National Archives, we promise to continue working diligently to light the path for that walk into the future.

OAH Distinguished Lecturer's Point of View

Gregory H. Nobles



There's one sure thing I've learned from going on the road for the OAH Distinguished Lectureship Program: Jefferson gets people jumping.

Last fall, I drove over to Savannah, one of my favorite southern cities, to give a talk on "The Contradiction of Slavery in the Era of the American Revolution." It's a standard lecture I give in my undergraduate survey course, but when freed from

the shackles of curricular requirements, it's also something that I've found very accessible and engaging to other (and older) audiences-including, this time, the hundred or so people who took their seats in an aging but very comfortable theater for this session sponsored by the Coastal Heritage Society.

These days, Savannah is probably best known as the setting for John Berendt's 1994 noir narrative, Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil. But last fall, the Coastal Heritage Society organized a very lively series of public lectures and performances to highlight Savannah's significant place in the American Revolution, and my talk came about midway on the menu. Since I always think it wise to connect the lecture to the locality, I opened by noting the remarkable mix of people in Revolutionary-era Savannah - certainly as diverse as the crowd I was addressing that night.

As is always the case, though, the talk soon turned to Thomas Jefferson, the man who best embodied the contradiction of slavery-that is, the revolutionary movement's fine language about the rights of liberty and equality, but also the founders' failure, even outright refusal, to extend those rights to slaves. By the time we got to the question and answer part of the proceedings, Jefferson had become the main topic of everyone's attention. "That man was a pedophile!" exclaimed one woman, pressing her point about Jefferson's salacious relationship with Sally Hemings. "Sure, slavery was a problem," a man said a little later, "but on the whole you have to admit that Jefferson was a pretty remarkable guy-and that the United States turned out to

be a pretty remarkable nation." And so it went for over a half-hour, lots of comments, lots of questions, and certainly lots of controversy, all of which continued informally once the scheduled session came to a close.

Looking back, the thing I liked best about this lecture experience was the energetic, occasionally even passionate, reaction of the audience. These were mostly grownups, people who came to learn something, but also people who brought some learning with them to the lecture. They graciously accepted me as an academic authority, but they also asserted their own authority as citizen-students with positions and opinions. It was quite a satisfying situation for a visiting scholar: no tests to give, no grades to negotiate, no sleepers to wake, nothing but people listening and then talking—and talking not just to me, but to each other. I like to think that some of them kept talking to each other long after the lecture ended.

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Treasurer's Report: 2006 Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

Robert W. Cherny

'n my fourth report as treasurer, the news is once again mixed-we ended Fiscal Year 2006 (FY06) with an unanticipated deficit, but the finance committee and the board has worked with the executive director and staff to identify the sources of the problem and develop appropriate remedies.

It may be helpful to understand OAH's budget process. The first draft of the annual budget is prepared by the executive director and staff. During my tenure, the treasurer has visited Bloomington to review that draft with the executive director, assistant director (and previously deputy

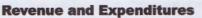
director), IAH editor, and business managers for the OAH and JAH offices. The draft, with whatever revisions came during that review, goes to the finance committee, which includes the president, past president, and president-elect as voting members, and the executive director, JAH editor, treasurer, and a cochair of the Leadership Advisory Council as nonvoting members. The version approved by the finance committee then goes to the board for action during the annual meeting.

The budget is for the fiscal year that begins July 1. After the beginning of each new fiscal year, an accounting

> firm, recently the CPA firm of BKD LLP (http:// www.bkd.com/), reviews our books and procedures and prepares a report usually referred to as the audit. The board reviews the audit during its fall meeting in October, reviews a report from the treasurer, and approves any necessary revisions in the budget.

> My report is drawn in part from the annual accountants' report and in part from summaries of revenue and expenditures prepared by the executive office.

> The accountants' report indicates total assets at the end of the FY06 of \$2,390,198, as compared to \$2,227,457 the year before.



Total revenue was up from \$2,818,037 to \$3,415,488. Figure 1 indicates revenue by type.

Our largest source of income continues to be dues, which totaled \$1,008,187, up from \$978,690 last year; as a proportion of the total, however, dues have fallen from 35 percent to 30 percent. The next largest continues to be contributions, grants, and contracts, which in-

creased from \$576,002 to \$957,841, and from 20 percent to 28 percent of the total; much of that increase was in restricted contributions and grants that cannot be applied directly or immediately to on-going operations. All other sources of revenue have changed very little proportionately since last year. In-kind revenue consists of support provided by Indiana University (IU), which does not charge for two of the three houses used by OAH as its offices and which provides some salaries and administrative services for the Journal of American History.

Total expenditures were down from \$3,289,888 in FY05 to \$3,210,178 in FY06. The major categories of expenditures are shown in Figure 2 (facing page).

The biggest proportional changes in expenditures are a reduction in the cost of meetings, reflecting primarily the unusual costs associated with moving the annual meeting in FY05, and increases in IAH expenditures and collaborative projects (the latter of which is related directly to increased revenue for collaborative projects).

The Bottom Line

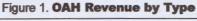
The accountants' reports show the following revenue and expenses for the past four fiscal years (Table 1).

The FY05 deficit of nearly \$472,000 resulted primarily from unanticipated expenses involved in moving the annual meeting from San Francisco to San José, unanticipated office operations, and failure to realize projected revenues. The "surplus" of \$205,310 noted above for FY06 includes more than that amount of temporary restricted revenues, i.e., funds not available for on-going operations. Thus, at the end of FY06, we faced an unanticipated debt of about \$179,000 owed to IU, something not reflected in the accountants' summary of revenue and expenses, but noted in the report itself.

Investments

OAH assets consist primarily of investments. In general, our investments have done better this past year, partly as a result of moving them to the IU Foundation and partly because of a favorable stock market. The accountants' report shows net assets for the Endowment Fund, the Fund for American History, the Prize Fund, and the new Second Century Initiative (Table 2).

Revenue from the Fund for American History is earmarked for particular projects within the overall OAH budget, while revenue from the Prize Fund is used solely for prizes and awards. The Second Century Initiative Fund is also restricted; it was created initially in the hopes of securing an NEH matching grant for community college outreach, but we did not receive the grant. The Endowment Fund is not restricted in this way, and the decline in the value of that fund in FY05 came from using it to pay off most of the FY05 deficit. The decline in the Endowment Fund in FY06 resulted from using that fund to pay off the final costs of moving the annual meeting in FY05.



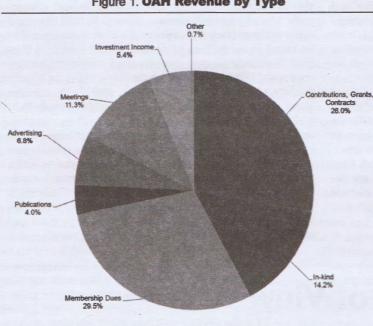
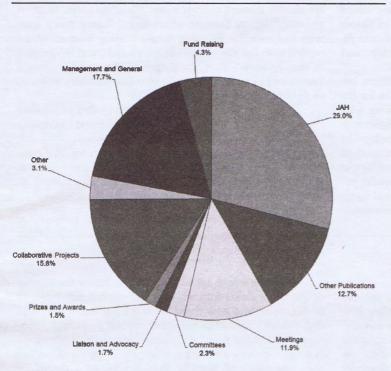


Table 1. OAH Revenues and Expenses, 2003-2006				
FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	
\$2,704,881	\$2,782,468	\$2,818,037	\$3,415,488	
2,617,140	2,739,818	3,289,888	3,210,178	
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Table 2. OAH Net Assets	Value as of June 30, 2003	Value as of June 30, 2004	Value as of June 30, 2005	Value as of June 30, 2006
Endowment Fund	\$922,855	\$1,011,754	\$754,056	\$658,520
Fund for American History	595,518	692,849	666,172	688,238
Prize Fund	311,363	313,297	339,376	348,053
Second Century Initiative Fund	<u> </u>	_	<u> </u>	58,925
TOTAL	\$ 1,829,736	\$ 2,017,900	\$ 1,759,604	\$ 1,753,736





Audit Recommendations

Previous accountants' reports have recommended changes in procedures for bookkeeping and handling cash, all of which have been implemented. Of these, one of the most significant was conversion to the accrual approach to bookkeeping. Last year's accountants' report recommended that all bookkeeping be converted to the accrual approach and that there be monthly reports to the Finance Committee and quarterly comparisons of budgeted expenditures and actual expenditures. This has been done—members of the finance committee can now view monthly summaries online. With this year's accountants' report, we have also implemented a change in the way that in-kind support from IU appears in our bookkeeping; previously in-kind support appeared only in the annual accountants' reports, but now it appears in all our summaries.

Postmortem on Fiscal Year 2006

Last year I suggested that there was reason for guarded optimism in FY06 because we had recently moved our investments to IU Foundation, advertising revenues are up, membership was up, development efforts enjoyed increasing contributions, and we anticipated no more unusual expenses like those in 2005. In retrospect, I was too optimistic. To be certain, our investments have done much better this past year and membership has continued to increase. Yet we ended FY06 with a debt of \$179,259 owed to IU. The services provided by IU take place throughout our fiscal year, but OAH's income is concentrated at certain times of the year. As a consequence, it has long been the practice to run a debt with IU that has usually been extinguished by the end of the fiscal year. In both FY05 and FY06, however, we ended the year with a debt. In FY05, the debt was paid by dipping into FY06 revenues. In FY06, the debt was too large to deal with in that way, but IU has been willing to carry us in the expectation that we shall balance our account during FY07.

We began FY06 by reducing our revenues by about \$30,000 to pay the debt to IU from FY05. We overestimated FY06 revenues by

\$142,213, of which \$139,127 can be attributed to our failure to realize projected membership revenue. We exceeded our budgeted expenditures by \$8,429. These three items total \$180,642—slightly more than the year-end debt to IU.

In both recent fiscal years, actual revenues fell short of projected revenues. In FY05, we reduced expenditures significantly, but not enough to avoid a deficit. In FY06, expenditures slightly exceeded projections, and, combined with the shortfall in projected revenues, produced a deficit of \$117,413. This does not appear in the accountants' summary of revenue and expenditures primarily because that summary of revenue includes contributions and grants that cannot be used to meet ongoing expenditures.

One source of the deficit in both fiscal years was a shortfall in projected revenues from individual and institutional memberships (Table 3).

The Outlook for Fiscal Year 2007

The finance committee and the board have been deep-

ly concerned by this financial situation, and have worked with the executive director and staff to remedy it. At the annual spring meeting, the board adopted a budget for FY07 that reduces several expenditures. Among other savings, the FY07 budget:

- eliminates funding for the Talking History radio program;
- returns the OAH Magazine of History to its quarterly publication schedule and reduces the editor's position to parttime; and
- reduces the fulltime deputy director position to a halftime assistant to the director.

It was the intention of the board that these reductions in expenditures would permit OAH to begin to repay the endowment fund for the funds taken from it to cover the FY05 shortfall; the intent was to repay those funds over five years.

In June, when we learned that OAH had not received the NEH grant for the Second Century fundraising initiative, we reduced the number of community college workshops in FY07 from two to one. When the finance committee and board learned of the end-of-FY06 debt to IU, they approved an increase in institutional membership fees, to take effect in January 2007. At its annual fall meeting, the board discussed the finances of the organization in depth and at length. As a result, the board approved several additional measures intended to put the organization on a more solid financial footing:

- approved a revised budget that further cuts expenditures, including a one-year deferral of the repayment of the endowment fund; the revised budget is intended to pay off the current debt to IU by the end of the fiscal year;
- urged the executive director to reduce expenses further wherever possible;
- directed the finance committee to bring a recommendation to the membership for a change in membership dues;
- directed the finance committee to reconceptualize the OAH Endowment Fund and to bring a proposal to the board at the spring meeting;
- decided not to reapply to NEH for a 2-1 match grant that would have expected that OAH would raise an additional \$1.2 million for the Second Century Initiative; and
- directed that the finance committee work with the Leadership Advisory Council to develop a revised approach to the Second Century Initiative.

Since the fall board meeting, the finance committee has met via a conference call to approve a proposal for a new dues structure, to be presented to the membership in the spring. The finance committee also approved a plan to rotate accounting firms periodically and began discussing the endowment fund.

We are, frankly, uncertain that these measures will balance our books by the end of FY07. If not, we shall need to go into the endowment fund once again at the end of the fiscal year to balance our account with IU. We all recognize that this situation cannot continue. However, there are hopeful signs six months into the fiscal year—contributions are up, our investments continue to perform well (thanks to the bullish stock market and to the IU fund managers), and membership is stable. □

Table 3. OAH Membership and Subscription Revenues, Fiscal Years 2005, 2006

Fiscal Years 2005, 2006				
	Projected	Actual	Difference	
Fiscal Year 2005	\$ 1,096,983	\$ 975,680	\$ 121,303	
Fiscal Year 2006	1,162,574	1,023,447	139,127	

Even more important, as Jean-Christophe Agnew has observed, *Defender of the Faith* set the tone for Levine's subsequent work: "Everything he has written since 1965 may be said to reenact the democratic opening that his first book had identified with Bryan's abiding democratic faith." His Bryan book, despite its focus on a major political figure, also pushed him in the direction of cultural history, a field just emerging in the 1960s and of which Larry himself would prove to be the most influential American practitioner. He realized that if he was going to "be open to [Bryan's] voice" and not just "be his judge," he had "to understand the culture from which he came." "This," he later explained to Ann Lage in an oral history interview, "was the evolution of me into a cultural historian."

Influenced in part by his own activism in the Free Speech Movement at Berkeley and the civil rights movement-in 1965, for example, he would join Hofstadter and thousands of others in the March from Selma to Montgomery-Larry turned next to the study of African American history and an examination of black protest thought in the twentieth century. But in the middle of his first year working on that book, as he later told Lage, "I suddenly realized that I was writing the Bryan book all over again, in this sense. I was writing from the perspective of the leaders." He felt that he needed to know whether black leaders and intellectuals were "expressing the feelings of the black people" or just themselves. This quest to "open up" his study led him much more deeply into cultural history and to a range of sources-songs, folk tales, jokes-that professional historians had previously ignored. The result was a pathbreaking book, Black Culture, Black Consciousness-Afro-American Folk Thought from Slavery to Freedom (1977), Larry's most influential and best-known work. Having started out writing a conventional intellectual history, Larry produced what he described (in a phrase from historian Joseph Levenson) as a "history not of thought, but of men thinking"-a phrase that described equally well the new cultural history that he championed.

Black Culture, Black Consciousness eventually won wide acclaim and was one of the reasons why Larry became one of the very first historians to be awarded a MacArthur "genius" grant in 1983. In the meantime, Larry had begun work on a massive study that brought his cultural history approach to the examination of the Great Depression—a book that would look at radio, film, comics, music, and other popular forms of the 1930s. Over the next two decades, he published a number of influential essays on 1930s culture (some of them later collected in a 1993 anthology, The Unpredictable Past: Explorations in American Cultural History), but the full study was uncompleted at the time of his death, in part because he took time out to write three other major books.

In the early 1980s, he began investigating a question that had intrigued him while writing Black Culture, Black Consciousness. Why, he wondered, were Shakespearean parodies ubiquitous in white blackface minstrel shows? Why was something conventionally seen as "high culture" so widespread (and so obviously familiar) in a "low" cultural form like minstrelsy? The answer, he realized, was that "Shakespeare must have been well known throughout the society since people cannot parody what is not familiar." Gradually, he expanded his investigation to other traditional arenas of high culture such as symphonic music, opera, and fine arts and into a much broader argument about how "the perimeters of our cultural divisions have been permeable and shifting rather than fixed and immutable." Larry himself described the resulting book, Highbrow/Lowbrow: The Emergence of Cultural Hierarchy in

America (1988)—along with Black Culture, Black Consciousness—as his "best work" and it had a profound influence on "opening up" the subject matter and approaches of cultural history.

Larry's next book, The Opening of the American Mind: Canons, Culture, and History (1996), he later observed, "came out of the present in a way that I don't think any of the others did." Conservatives like Allan Bloom were attacking historians and universities in the 1980s and 1990s because they believed contemporary popular culture and multiculturalism had led to a decline of standards and a neglect of the traditional western canon. Larry's book began as a well-received presidential address at the 1993 meeting of the Organization of American Historians and then evolved into a vigorous, book-length critique of the ideas of Bloom and his compatriots and an optimistic defense of new directions in higher education, historical scholarship, and American culture.

Larry then returned to his interest in 1930s culture, but not yet to the long awaited monograph. Instead, he for the first time undertook a collaborative project working with wife Cornelia Levine, who he had met decades before when she was a German history graduate student at Berkeley. The compilation of primary documents they produced marked Larry's return to a problem that had first interested him in his dissertation on Bryan—the relationship of a popular political figure to his followers. Together, Cornelia and Larry produced *The People and the President: America's Conversation*

with FDR (2002), a collection of more than five hundred letters written to Roosevelt after his Fireside Chats.

Larry was a historian of unusual warmth, widely known for his sense of humor, and beloved by fellow historians and his students. Some evidence of this can be found in the dozens of reminiscences of Larry that are being collected at a website http://chnm.gmu.edu/levine organized in his honor. Numerous historians testify to what Shane White calls his "aggressive egalitarianism," his distrust of conventional markers of scholarly status. They also describe how he generously offered his friendship to much less established scholars, routinely inviting junior colleagues to join him for lunch, and encouraging them with his sincere interest in their work. "In some sense, deep in his soul," Jeffrey Stewart writes there, "Larry was a man who had seen the little guy take a beating from all of the people with the megaphone in their hands, and he decided to answer back." That is a judgment that nicely captures Larry not just as a practitioner of cultural history but also as a teacher, colleague, and friend.

> -Roy Rosenzweig George Mason University

The OAH has voted to create an annual Lawrence W. Levine Prize for the best book in cultural history. You can contribute to the \$50,000 endowment that will make the prize possible at: https://www.oah.org/giving/levineprize.html.

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Reuben relates that particular story? I doubt it.

For the plain fact of the matter is that the century since the founding in 1907 of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association has been one of extraordinary advances in historical knowledge, fresh ways of evaluating the past, altered curricular arrangements, and, of course, new media for the presentation of knowledge. These advances may not have been greater than those that preceded them in the previous century, but they have been broader and entirely different.

During the ten decades before 1907 (starting, that is, when Thomas Jefferson was president) the study of the past had slowly distinguished itself from moral philosophy, organized itself into a discipline as a distinct branch of knowledge with its own institutions, and begun to develop its enduring protocols of research, scholarship, teaching, and professional practice. By 1907, an increasing proportion of those who called themselves historians were being trained in university graduate schools, organizing themselves into learned societies and professional associations like the MVHA, creating the archival collections from which so much history has been written, interpreting documents in new ways, and setting out in pursuit of careers as professional historians in schools and colleges.

But in retrospect, as critical to the discipline as these developments were, they have been surpassed by what has occurred since then. Intellectually, history has become thick with distinct, often warring, interpretive themes and schools. As the authors of the articles in this issue make clear, the older, standard narratives of the major branches of historical knowledge have been built upon, supplemented, and challenged—where they have not simply been pushed aside. Broad new fields of inquiry, like the *omnium gatherum* that is now social history, have shouldered their way to great significance. In schools and colleges, the curriculum has splintered.

Why, one might ask, do we need to know the history of the major fields into which the discipline has come to be organized and how those fields are presented in school and college courses? Of what benefit is it to us and to our students? For one thing, such knowledge tells us where we entered the story and helps locate us in time and within the community of thought that constitutes a discipline and its constituent parts-knowing historiography locates us historically. In addition, having that knowledge helps us understand our own thinking-how we came to have the views about the past that we do and how, were we to choose to do so, we might alter or escape from those views. For our students, it is essential that they see historical knowledge and understanding not as something fixed but as information given meaning by human beings located in time and culture. Understanding is additive and, like geological strata, is tossed upon and mixed up with earlier sedimentary knowledge. As we help our students view the past-and the present, too-in new ways, they come to see that there exist various ways, many of them complementary and mutually enriching, to understand their own lives and that of their forebears.

Allotted more space, I would have sought coverage by additional authors of additional subjects. Whatever the necessary limitations of the April issue of the Magazine of History, all of its elements stand on their own as penetrating overviews of their particular subjects. I have every confidence that readers will find them of use to themselves and to their students.

James M. Banner, Jr., a Washington, D.C. historian, is a founder of the National History Center, codirector of the History News Service, and, most recently, coauthor, with Harold C. Cannon, of The Elements of Teaching (1997) and The Elements of Learning (1999). This article is adapted from the Foreword to the April 2007 issue of the OAH Magazine of History.

History Education in Our Centennial Year

Siobhan Carter-David



Carter-David

s we begin our year-long centennial celebration, I'd like to take this opportunity to update OAH members on the history educator programs currently in place and which we hope to strengthen in coming

The OAH Magazine of History is probably the most salient means by which we continue to meet the

needs of precollegiate educators. In this respect, our mission is two-fold. First, it is to provide articles and teaching strategies that focus on traditional subjects and themes in United States history, such as those that can be found in our 2005 issues on the American West and the Market Revolution. Second, we work to keep history educators abreast of new developments in the scholarship of United States history, as evidenced through our issues on the history of sexuality, American identity, and our upcoming issue on the history of disability. Blending both the novel and traditional, we have devoted three issues to celebrating the

bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln: one dealing with the Constitution, another focusing on race during his presidency, and the last exploring Lincoln's legacy.

Another way we demonstrate our pledge to support secondary educators is through our work with the Teaching American History (TAH) grant program. In partnership with TAH administrators and program directors, we currently offer a myriad of support services including reduced rate history educator memberships, sponsorship of joint seminars at the annual meeting, providing speakers from the OAH Distinguished Lectureship Program, and consultation regarding content and materials for TAH program workshops. In the future, we hope to expand our assistance to include help with grant proposal preparation for school systems and technical support for web-based manifestations of TAH projects.

Additionally, our partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History has enabled us to provided fifty precollegiate educators with travel grants to attend the annual meeting each year since 2004. This program has enjoyed much success, drawing dozens of applications from teachers across the country seeking professional development opportunities in keeping up with the latest scholarship and teaching methods in American history. Through the use of GLI travel grants, we have been able to offer over one hundred teachers from rural and urban districts the chance to expand their knowledge base and fellowship with peers when their school systems were often unable to provide funding for such opportunities.

Finally, the OAH has confirmed its dedication to providing support for community college instructors through the organization of several community college workshops, the first of which will take place in June 2007 at El Camino College in Torrance, California.

The OAH continues to explore new and exciting ways to broaden and extend its support for the teaching of American history. With the commemoration of one hundred years of service this year, we hope that you will also join us in celebrating our renewed commitment to exploring and enriching the craft of teaching American history.

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Our thanks go to the following OAH Distinguished Lecturers who have spoken or agreed to speak during the period of July 1, 2006, through February 28, 2007, as well as to their host institutions. (Asterisks indicate federally funded Teaching American History programs.)

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Burrows Historical Society

Jon Butler Park University

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Brian Ward Spring Hill College

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At Deadline ...

We became aware of the passing of Elizabeth Fox-Genovese and J. Merton England at press time. Look for complete obituaries in the May 2007 issue.

Thomas B. Alexander

Thomas B. Alexander died in Columbia, Missouri, on July 3, 2005 at age eighty-six and was buried at his home town of Nashville, Tennessee. Alexander took all three of his degrees at Vanderbilt University, earning his B.A. in 1939, his M.A. in 1940, and his Ph.D. in 1947, and he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He served as a supply officer in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 in England, in France on the heels of the Normandy Invasion, and after active duty in the Navy Reserves as lieutenant commander.

In the course of his career, Alexander taught at Clemcon College (from 1946 to 1949), as professor and chairman of the division of social sciences at Georgia Southern College (from 1949 to 1957), at the University of Alabama (from 1957 to 1969), and from 1969 until his retirement in 1988 at the University of Missouri, where he was named the Middlebush Professor in History from 1979 to 1982 and received the Tyler Distinguished Professor Award in 1985.

A student of Frank Owsley, Alexander took his mentor's empirical approaches and ran with them. He was one of the pioneers of quantitative political history and a leader in the founding of the Social Science History Association, which elected him as its president in 1986. He successfully bridged various approaches to history, as is attested by his election to the presidency of the Southern Historical Association in 1979. Along with some twenty-five scholarly articles and book chapters, he published three single-authored books, Political Reconstruction in Tennessee (1950; 1968); Thomas A.R. Nelson of East Tennessee (1956); and Sectional Stress and Party Strength: A Study of Roll-Call Patterns in the United States House of Representatives, 1836-1860 (1967).

Alexander's character and generosity were exemplified when he and a recently minted Ph.D., Richard Berringer, discovered that they were at work on essentially the same project, a legislative analysis of the Confederate Congress. As Berringer relates their first contact: "He replied that he had heard of my dissertation... and very graciously asked if I would like to join him in a coauthored book. You can imagine my surprise and gratitude when an established member of the profession asked a newcomer like me to join him in a book. But that was the kind of man Tom was." The result was *The Anatomy of the Confederate Congress* (1972), which won both the Jefferson Davis Award of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society and the Charles S. Sydnor Award of the Southern Historical Association.

Tom's generosity extended to graduate students as well. Those in his seminars could always count on an invitation to the Alexander home for a delicious steak dinner, complemented by Jack Daniels and Budweiser, to round but the semester. Tom advised an even dozen Ph.D.s at Alabama and at least a half-dozen, officially and unofficially, in the leaner job market of the 1970s at Missouri. It was a point of pride with him that of all his advisees who had passed their comprehensives, all but two successfully competed their dissertations. His support often went far beyond the call of duty, as I can attest, having defended my

dissertation with one foot on the plane to a job in Germany, half a chapter still in Tom's rough typescript, and the bibliography still to be extracted from the footnotes by him and the typist. My bad conscience was only assuaged from having assisted him while he shepherded several Alabama stragglers across the finish line.

Tom was survived by his wife of sixty-four years, Elise Alexander, a classmate and fellow math tutor at Vanderbilt; three daughters, Wynne Guy, Elaine Gates, and Carol Gajek; and three grandchildren. □

Walter D. Kamphoefner
 Texas A&M University

Sylvia Freeman Wallace McGrath

Sylvia Freeman Wallace McGrath, Regents Professor in the Department of History at Stephen F. Austin State University, died September 1, 2006. She was born in Montpelier, Vermont, on February 27, 1937, but was raised in East Lansing, Michigan. Her parents, George and Martha Wallace, both taught at Michigan State University where George became a world renowned ornithologist.

She received her M.A. from Radcliffe College in 1960 and her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1966, the year in which she married William Thomas McGrath. Their two children, Sandra Jean, born in 1968, and Charles George, born in 1971, were the center of the McGrath family life personally and professionally. They moved to Nacogdoches, Texas, in 1966 when William accepted a position in the Department of Forestry.

Two years later, after teaching parttime, McGrath joined the Department of History as an assistant professor where she taught for the next thirty-eight years. The university named her a Regents Professor in 1994. During the last six years of her life, she served as chair of the department. In 2004-2005, she was elected Chair of the University Chairs Forum.

Sylvia's two major fields of interest were the history of women and the history of science which, in her decades of research and writing, she was often able to combine in innovative teaching and scholarship. The University of Wisconsin Press published her dissertation, Charles Kenneth Leith, Scientific Advisor, in 1971. She provided a chapter, "Scientific Foundations, Societies, and Museums," for 100 Years of Science and Technology in Texas published by Rice University Press in 1986. "Unusually Close Companions: Frieda Cobb Blanchard and Frank Nelson Blanchard" appeared in Creative Couples in the Sciences, in 1996. She also contributed articles to the Encyclopedia USA and to The Biographical Dictionary of Women in Science: Pioneering Lives from Ancient Times to the Mid-Twentieth Century and published numerous book and media reviews. She continued preliminary research for a biography of Frieda Cobb Blanchard, the well known plant geneticist and zoologist, at the time of her death.

Throughout her life, Sylvia McGrath exemplified the best standards of sound scholarship and professional teaching. Her integrity, insistence on ethical values, and faith in others provided a caliber of service to her department, students, university and community that was truly exceptional and profoundly influential upon all who worked with her. She lived her life with a grace, dignity, and innate kindness that commanded great affection from those who loved her and enormous respect from all who knew her.

-Elizabeth Deane Malpass Stephen F. Austin State University

John A. Munroe

John Andrew Munroe died on September 6, 2006, at the age of ninety-two. Munroe was born in Wilmington, Delaware and received his B.A. at the University of Delaware and his Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1942 he accepted a position in the Department of History at the University of Delaware where he taught until his retirement in 1982.

A prolific writer and popular speaker, John Munroe published more than eighty professional articles and many shorter pieces. He spoke frequently to fellow scholars and community groups and also developed two sets of televised lectures on Delaware history. For many years, he taught most of the students at the University of Delaware, where students were required to take a course on the history of the state. Munroe published numerous books including Federalist Delaware, 1775-1815 (1954), Louis McLane: Federalist and Jacksonian (1973), Colonial Delaware: A History (1978), and The University of Delaware: A History (1986). At the age of ninety he published his last book, The Philadelawareans and Other Essays Relating to Delaware (2004).

Munroe's first book, Federalist Delaware, challenged Charles A. Beard's then regnant thesis that clear and sharp economic interests separated mercantile-minded Federalists from Republican agrarians. The opposite was true in Delaware, where Republicans were dominant in the bustling city of Wilmington while Federalists held sway in rural Kent and Sussex counties. Writing in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, Manning Dauer praised the book as "well-rounded, ably written, and balanced."

Munroe's greatest contribution to scholarship may have been his biography of the nineteenth-century politician and businessman Louis McLane. McLane was a congressman, senator, secretary of the treasury, ambassador to England, and president of two of the nation's largest business enterprises, the Morris Canal and Banking Company and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. In 1951-1952, Munroe discovered caches of family correspondence that were still in the hands of McLane's descendants in Colorado. Writing in the American Historical Review, Charles M. Wiltse described the resulting biography as "an immensely readable book" that "add[ed] measurably to our understanding of the Jackson period."

John Munroe is survived by his wife, Dorothy, three children, and seven grandchildren. In the words of University of Delaware President David P. Roselle, "John A. Munroe was the perfect embodiment of the gentleman scholar. He was revered as an accomplished historian, a learned professor, a caring mentor, and a delightful friend. He helped shape the history department here at the university, a department now housed in a building that appropriately bears his name."

-Raymond Wolters
University of Delaware

David L. Smiley

Historian of the South, extraordinary teacher, memorable personality, David L. Smiley died on December 27, 2004, at the age of eighty-three. Born on St. Patrick's Day in 1921, in Clarksdale, Mississippi, David attended Mississippi College before serving in World War II. After the war he earned his A.B. and M.A. at Baylor University before completing his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin in 1953.

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Smiley retired from Wake Forest University in 1991, after forty-one years of teaching-in fact, mesmerizingsuccessive generations of students. He commanded a huge following, which was due, according to one of his colleagues, to "his keen sense of history, humor, fondness of telling anecdotes, and the way he combined the light touch and serious discussion in the same lecture." He also loved to provoke his students with seemingly outrageous statements about history, to the end that many were moved to race to the library in an effort to prove him wrong. Usually they found that Smiley's "wild" claims were solidly based in fact, but in the meantime, as numerous alumni testify, the students discovered how much they could learn for themselves. "My true education began in Dr. Smiley's class" and "He made me think" are comments one still hears often today. Though his most popular course was that on the history of the South, he took no less pleasure in courses on ancient history, the American West, and women in American history.

As a scholar, David Smiley was best known for collaborating with William B. Hesseltine on *The South in American History* (second edition, 1960). He also published *The Lion of Whitehall: The Life of Cassius Marcellus Clay* (1962) along with numerous articles and papers. One of his favorite topics was "The Quest for the Central Theme in Southern History," about which he spoke to a wide range of historical gatherings. His article on this subject appeared in the *South Atlantic Quarterly* in the summer of 1972.

Legendary professors not only give themselves with passion and dedication to teaching and scholarship; they also seek to improve the society into which they were born. David Smiley, profoundly opposed to segregation, worked hard with a small number of colleagues to bring the first black student into the Wake Forest student body. That student, Edward Reynolds, became a protégé and close friend of Smiley and is now a respected professor of African history at the University of California, San Diego. In short, David Smiley's life exemplified his beliefs, whether as professor at Wake Forest or as a Sunday school teacher in the community.

A southerner living in the South and teaching southern history, David Smiley was anything but provincial. One day in 1968 he was called to the telephone. An instant later a voice was speaking to him in French from Washington, D.C. Despite his astonishment David replied quickly in his own French, whereupon he was informed that he was to be a Fulbright lecturer at the University of Strasbourg for 1968-1969. Upon returning from Strasbourg, David was seldom seen without his favorite beret as he bicycled back and forth from home to campus. On other occasions he delighted in carrying on conversations with visitors from Germany, even though the German he picked up during his service in World War II could hardly be called flawless.

Upon his retirement in 1991, in a letter of response to a former student, Smiley wrote that he could "look back upon a most rewarding life. A Mississippi boyhood with parents who encouraged and abetted my bookishness; a beach crossing into Normandy in 1944 that forced me to face the reality of mortality and the precious gift that is life; marriage to a caring woman who never once asked me to be anything other than what God made me to be, a talker and a reader; the very finest professional training in history at Wisconsin; and forty-one years of enjoying students in this charmed spot."

His passing was mourned by his wife and daughter, and no less by a world of colleagues, former students, and friends. He was one of the most colorful, eccentric, and unforgettable characters to grace any college. \Box

-Thomas E. Mullen Wake Forest University

George Brown Tindall

Southern historian George Brown Tindall, Kenan Professor Emeritus at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who is remembered as an early advocate of equality for black Americans, died Dec. 2, 2006 in Chapel Hill. He was eighty-five.

On the UNC history faculty from 1958 until he retired in 1990, Tindall pioneered the discussion of southern myths, which he said white southerners developed after the Civil War to explain how what they saw as a just and noble cause could have been lost. A native of Greenville, South Carolina, Tindall was president of the Southern Historical Association in 1973. His first book, South Carolina Negroes, 1877-1900, was published by the University of South Carolina Press in 1952. In it, he converted his exhaustive research of primary sources into a readable account of segregation and the methodical disfranchisement of blacks into a state of economic dependency. His other books include America: A Narrative History (1984, 1988) and Emergence of the New South, 1913-1945 (1967).

Tindall was a major editor and contributor to the Encyclopedia of Southern Culture (1989), an eight-pound, 1,656-page tome by 800 experts on the region that was recently updated. The volume's coeditor, William Ferris, is a former chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, a UNC history professor, and senior associate director of the university's Center for the Study of the American South. He called Tindall a giant among southern scholars. "He was a great teacher and a great scholar, and his legacy as a southern historian is outstanding," Ferris said. "His scholarship was extraordinary, but his personal warmth and generosity also were beyond measure." Tindall also pioneered the study of diversity in the South beyond black and white, to the recognition of Irish, Jewish, Scottish and other heritages represented in the region, he said.

Tindall's son, Bruce Tindall, a lecturer at the University of California, San Diego, said his parents sent him to what likely was the first integrated day-care center in Chapel Hill, and that his father stood fast for human rights and civil rights through his academic career. He remembered his father organizing a meeting of historians in the 1950s for which he struggled with hotels to find a place that both black and white could sit down to dinner together.

George Tindall began his academic life with a bachelor's degree in English from Furman University in his hometown of Greenville. He fought in the Pacific theater of World War II with the U.S. Army Air Force and rose from the rank of private to second lieutenant from 1942-46. He completed a master's and doctoral degree in history at UNC, then taught at several other universities before returning to North Carolina in 1958.

Tindall advised twenty-six doctoral candidates and other students at UNC, many of whom now are history teachers and professors across the country. In 1991, some of his former students wrote essays in his honor, which was published as *The Adaptable South*. "In the fall of 1966, I walked into George Tindall's seminar and my life changed," wrote Elizabeth Jacoway. "Within a matter of weeks, the elegant gentleman with the wry wit and the bow ties had led me into a world of new concerns, deeper meanings and higher callings, and in his gentle way, he encouraged me to see that this could be my world, too."

In recent years, Tindall attended weekly luncheon discussions on the UNC campus by southern studies experts, where "George was sort of the chairman of the board," Ferris said. And until recently, Tindall could be seen riding his bicycle to class.

Tindall is survived by his wife, Blossom McGarrity Tindall of Chapel Hill; son, Bruce Tindall of San Diego; daughter, Blair Tindall of Santa Monica, Calif., and one grandson.

-University of North Carolina News Services

Professional Opportunities

Carnegie Mellon University

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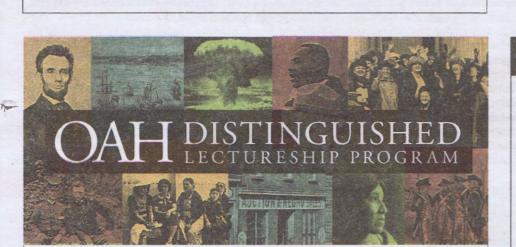




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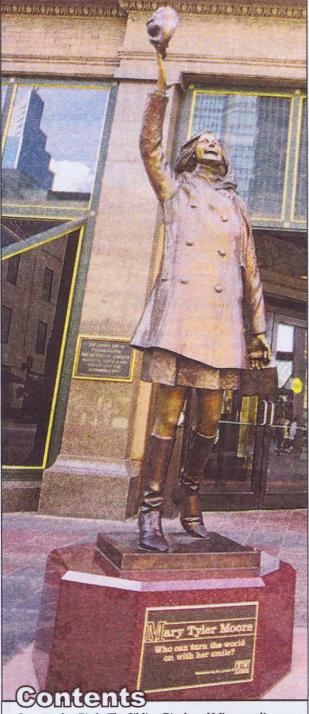


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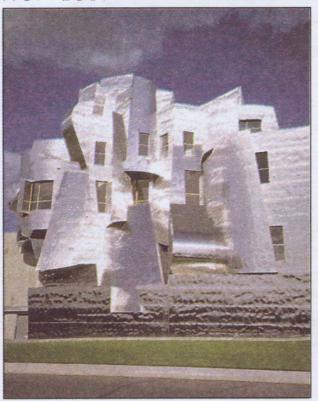
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Concrete reminders of each city's past: the Weisman in Minneapolis (left) provides a sharp contrast to the Landmark Center (right) in St. Paul. (Photos courtesy of MeetMinneapolis.com and the Landmark Center.)

Separated at Birth: The Sibling Rivalry of Minneapolis and St. Paul

Mary Lethert Wingerd

re the Twin Cities really so different? As any native will tell you, "Minneapolis is a champagne town, St. Paul a shot and a beer." Or "Minneapolis is the first city of the West and St. Paul is the last city of the East." Despite the fact that the rest of the country tends to perceive them as a single, frigid, Scandinavian outpost, and even the surrounding hinterland lumps them together as "the Cities," Minneapolis and St. Paul are as different as, say, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Though separated only by the Mississippi River, the cities are definitely not identical twins.

The skylines and built environment are tangible manifestations of their distinct histories. Even the topography differs, though both cities owe their existence to the Mississippi. Steamboats could go no farther upriver than the site

(**Top left:** The *Mary Tyler Moore Show* gave many Americans their first impression of Minneapolis during the 1970s. TVLand network paid tribute to Moore with this statue, near the comer of Nicollet Mall and 7th Street in downtown Minneapolis. Many of the landmarks of Mary's fictional life still exist downtown, including her table at Basil's Restaurant in the Marquette Hotel. Photo courtesy of MeetMinneapolis.com.)

of St. Paul. Consequently, traders, merchants, and speculators congregated there, eventually carving out a city from the adjacent bluffs and valleys. St. Paul hugged the river and made its fortune as a transportation and mercantile hub. Canny politicians and Catholic immigrants secured its place as the state capital. Today the illuminated domes of the capitol and the mammoth St. Paul Cathedral stand out on the hills above the skyline, tangible reminders of the city's history.

The terrain changes just across the river, the hills smoothing out into the beginning of the western plains. The skyscrapers of Minneapolis rise out of the flatland, visible for miles, glittering like the towers of Oz. Nineteenth-century boosters liked to claim that Minneapolis was the "first city of the West." Progress and profit were always the name of the game. Established at the site of St.

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Welcome Back, OAH Historians

Nina Archabal

Director, Minnesota Historical Society

Pelcome to Minnesota! All of us at the Minnesota Historical Society are delighted that you are here and hope that you will take advantage of the opportunity to visit both our headquarters at the Minnesota History Center located near the State Capitol in St. Paul and Mill City Museum located on the Minneapolis Riverfront under the Gold Medal Flour sign. We are pleased to host several OAH panels at the Minnesota History Center on Friday afternoon and the OAH Centennial Celebration that evening.

The Minnesota Historical Society was established in 1849—nine years before Minnesota achieved statehood. You may know us as one of the largest and most dynamic state historical organizations in the nation. We benefit from generous public and private funding with support from over eighteen thousand members. I invite you to join the millions of people whom we serve each year both in person and online at http://www.mnhs.org.

Whatever your role—professor, K-12 teacher, student, archivist, public historian, or history lover of any stripe—the Society has something for you. Our program includes: the Minnesota History Center, our headquarters and location of the state History Museum and Library; Mill City Museum; the Mille Lacs Indian Museum; twenty-two historic sites (eight in the Twin Cities area); Minnesota's History Day program; the Minnesota Historical Society Press; Northern Lights, a curriculum used by teachers statewide; public programs and much more.

Minnesota was privileged to host the first meeting of the OAH one hundred years ago. It is great to have you back to celebrate one hundred years of service to history. □

Law and Order in Mayor Charles Stenvig's Minneapolis

Jeff Manuel and Andy Urban

In 1969, just months after Hubert H. Humphrey narrow-ly lost the presidential election to Richard Nixon, the city where he began his political career, Minneapolis, elected a mayor with no previous political experience, no party affiliation, and no platform aside from his pledge to "take the handcuffs off the police." Labeled the "George Wallace of the North" by his opponents, Charles Stenvig's 1969 mayoral victory marked a decisive shift in Minneapolis's political landscape. Minnesota had long been a stronghold of New Deal liberalism and progressive politics, as illustrated by the careers of Humphrey, Eugene McCarthy, and Walter Mondale. Campaigning on the themes of "law and order," resentment against student and black "militants," Christian values, and fiscal conservatism, Stenvig was elected for three separate terms as mayor.

"Law and Order: The Career and Legacy of Minneapolis Mayor Charles Stenvig," an exhibit on display at the University of Minnesota's Andersen Library Gallery, explores not only Stenvig's local impact but also his connection to a burgeoning national movement. Jeff Manuel and Andy Urban, Ph.D. candidates in history at the University of Minnesota and the exhibit's curators, began looking at Stenvig's career during a graduate seminar in public history that encouraged students to research topics of local interest. Using video footage, historical photographs, campaign memorabilia, audio clips, and oral histories, the exhibit examines Stenvig's relationship to the antiwar movement, affirmative action and busing, crime, moral values, and masculinity. The exhibit also allows visitors to explore Stenvig's legacy in the context of governmental expertise. Stenvig clashed repeatedly with university administrators over their claims that they knew best how to manage campus dissent, and dismissed the technocrats and social scientists who had previously administered the city's programs. The exhibit posits important questions that still resonate today: why did Stenvig appeal to voters and why did they trust him to manage the city's affairs?

"Law and Order: The Career and Legacy of Minneapolis Mayor Charles Stenvig" will be open to the public in the Andersen Library Gallery from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. The exhibit will also be open during the OAH's Thursday evening reception at the library, 5:30-7:00 p.m., and Manuel and Urban will be on hand to answer questions. □

Jeff Manuel and Andy Urban are the curators of the exhibit and Ph.D. candidates in history at the University of Minnesota.

Minnesota Historical Society Sites in the Twin Cities

- Mill City Museum, 704 S. Second St., Minneapolis, 612-347-7555. Built within the limestone ruins of the Washburn A Mill, the national Historic Landmark that was once the centerpiece of the world's flour-milling industry, the museum tells the story of a mighty river, a young city, and how flour fueled the growth of Minnesota.
- Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, 651-296-6126. A modern architectural masterpiece in a beautiful metropolitan setting, the History Center features hands-on exhibits, interactive school programs, comprehensive research library and state history archives, and vibrant public events.
- Minnesota State Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, 651-296-2881. There's always something to see at the State Capitol, from its grand stairs to its historic Senate, House, and Court chambers. Designed by renowned architect Cass Gilbert, the capitol has held a special place in Minnesota history since it opened in 1905.
- Historic Fort Snelling, 200 Tower Ave., St. Paul, 612-726-1171. Once the northernmost outpost of the U.S. Army, this restored fortress invites you to the world of 1827. Costumed guides lead tours, demonstrate crafts, and practice authentic military drills.
- James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave., St. Paul, 651-297-2555. The rugged stone, massive scale, fine detail, and ingenious mechanical systems of this magnificent Gilded Age mansion recall the powerful presence of James J. Hill, builder of the Great Northern Railway.
- Alexander Ramsey House, 265 South Exchange St., St. Paul, 651-296-8760. One of the best-preserved Victorian houses in the country, the home of Minnesota's first territorial governor is still filled with the original furniture and artwork.
- Sibley House Historic Site, 1357 Sibley Memorial Hwy., Mendota, 651-452-1596. Four limestone buildings stand testament to the Dakota trade managed by the American Fur Company between 1825 and 1853. □

Second Annual TAH Symposium

Kelly A. Woestman

Stanford University, will be the keynote speaker at the 2nd Annual Teaching American History (TAH) Grant Symposium to be held March 28 and 29 and cosponsored by H-Net http://www.h-net.org and OAH. Wineburg, a leading researcher in the growing field of historical cognition and the scholarship of teaching and learning history, will offer his insight and critical analysis of the larger impact of the TAH grant program. For more information about Wineburg and his work in the field, please consult http://ed.stanford.edu/suse/faculty/displayRecord.php?suid=wineburg.

Last April, more than 140 participants of the first TAH Symposium laid the groundwork for networking among the various constituent groups involved in the writing, implementation, and evaluation of TAH grants and provided a critical evaluation of the larger impact of the TAH program on the teaching and learning of history across the nation and the historical profession. This year's registration will begin at noon on Wednesday with the introduction and overview

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Twin Cities Dining

Jennifer Goloboy

You're in luck! Thanks to fresh local produce, thriving immigrant communities, and relatively low rents, Minneapolis and St. Paul are great restaurant towns. This list is divided into three categories: restaurants close to the OAH conference location in downtown Minneapolis, restaurants close to the Minnesota History Center in downtown St. Paul, and restaurants worth a special trip. If something you are looking for is not on this list, I suggest checking out the recommendations of three local restaurant critics: Dara Moskowitz of City Pages, Jeremy Iggers of the Star-Tribune, and Andrew Zimmern of Mpls-St. Paul Magazine.

Close to the OAH Meeting

The Hilton, Millennium, and Convention Center are midway between the downtown restaurants, which cater to business diners, and "Eat Street," a stretch of Nicollet Avenue populated mainly by restaurants serving ethnic food that reflects Minneapolis's growing immigrant community. A trolley makes it easy to get from the Convention Center to Eat Street. The Convention Center is also close to Loring Park's restaurants, which are known for their artistic sensibility.

"Eat Street" (Nicollet Avenue)

In this neighborhood, the streets are lined with good restaurants. Here is just a small sample.

 Azia and Anemoni. These are owned by the same entrepreneur, who has received national attention for the Asian fusion cuisine offered at Azia. Anemoni is an accomplished sushi restaurant with a hipsterish vibe. It's said to have some of the freshest and rarest fish in town. \$\$\$ for Azia, less expensive for Anemoni.http://www.citypages.com/restaurants/summary.asp?SCID=665>. 2550 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis; 612-813-1200.

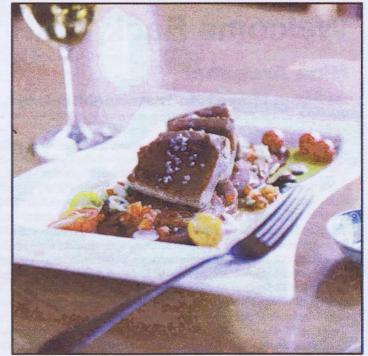
Black Forest Inn. A beloved, old-school German restaurant, with interesting gnome-centric decor. The bullet hole in the bar is real, but it's been there a while. \$\$. 1 E. 26th St., Minneapolis; 612-872-0812

• Christos. Sunny and welcoming Greek restaurant that offers options not seen on your average Greek menu. There is an additional location in St. Paul. \$\$. 2632 Nicollet Ave. S., Minneapolis; 612-871-2111.

• New Delhi Bar and Restaurant. Perhaps the best Indian food in town. The fork out front is a leftover from an earlier pasta restaurant. \$\$. 1400 Nicollet Ave. S., Minneapolis; 612-813-0000.

• Taco Morelos. A local Mexican restaurant with several branches, serving reliable home cooking. \$. 14 W. 26th St., Minneapolis; 612-870-0053.

• Yummy and Rainbow Chinese. These offer some of the best Chinese food in town. During the day, Yummy also serves dim sum. \$\$ for Yummy, \$ to \$\$ for Rainbow Chinese. 2450 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis; 612-870-8000; 2739 Nicollet Ave. S., Minneapolis; 612-870-7084.



A sumptuous dish prepared by the chef at jP American Bistro, 2937 Lyndale Ave. (Photo courses IP American Ristro.)

let Mall (in the Hyatt Regency Hotel), Minneapolis; 612-

Solera. A nationally acclaimed tapas restaurant, with a wonderfully over-the-top decor. \$\$. 900 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis; 612-338-0062.

• Vincent. Serves some of the most reliably delicious French-inspired food in town. This is a very popular spot for business lunches. Try the madeleines for dessert. \$\$\$-\$\$\$. 1100 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis; 612-630-1189.

Zelo. Loud, fun, and accommodates groups well. \$\$\$-\$\$\$. 831 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis; 612-333-7000.

Downtown Minneapolis

• Chambers Kitchen. As of November 2006, the hippest restaurant in Minneapolis. The menu was designed by Jean-Georges Vongerichten. Reportedly, the food is erratic, but the scene is wonderful. There are also very trendy bars, one of which is members-only. \$\$\$\$. 901 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis; 612-767-6999.

• Cosmos at Graves 601

Hotel. Excellent modern food from a chef who has won awards from Food & Wine magazine. A genuinely stunning futuristic dining room.

\$\$\$. 601 First Ave. North Minneapolis; 612-312-1168.

• The Local. More of a bar with food than a restaurant. A beautiful Irish pubthemed decor offers large gathering areas as well as private spaces. \$\$.931 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis; 612-904-1000.

Oceanaire. Very close to the convention center, offers fresh fish with steakhouse-classic sides. A little unimaginative but very consistent. \$\$\$\$. 1300 Nicol-

Loring Park Neighborhood

This area, overlooking Loring Park, has long attracted some of the quirkiest, most artistic restaurants in the city.

■ Café Lurcat. Part of the locally respected D'Amico's family of restaurants, Café Lurcat offers bistro-style food in an attractive setting. Bar Lurcat is right next door. \$\$\$. 1624 Harmon Place, Minneapolis; 612-486-5900.

• Joe's Garage. If it's warm (it could happen), try to get seated in the rooftop garden. Joe's Garage is best known for its burgers, made from pork, lamb, tuna, or turkey, as well as beef. They occasionally host site-specific plays, drawing on some of the best local theatrical talent. \$\$. 1610 Harmon Place, Minneapolis; 612-904-1163.

• La Belle Vie. The most elegant restaurant in the Twin Cities, serving some of the best food in town. \$\$\$\$. 510 Groveland Ave., Minneapolis; 612-874-6440.

• 20.21. Located in the Walker Art Center, with an amazing view of the city. Wolfgang Puck is executive chef, and the restaurant reflects his take on California cuisine. \$\$-\$\$\$\$. Walker Art Center (1750 Hennepin Ave.), Minneapolis; 612-253-3410.

Near the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul

• Babani's Kurdish Restaurant. Kurdish food is a wonderful mixture of Mediterranean favorites. Be certain to read the menu to learn the romantic story of how this restaurant came to exist. \$. 544 St. Peter St., St. Paul; 651-602-9964.

Key to prices: \$—up to \$15; \$\$—\$15 to \$25; \$\$\$—\$25 to \$35; \$\$\$\$—\$35 and up.

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TITLE: America on the World
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- Mickey's Diner. Tiny and beautiful classic boxcar diner, which is actually listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It recently appeared in the *Prairie Home Companion* movie. Serves well-executed diner food. \$. 36 Seventh St. W., St. Paul; 651-222-5633.
- **Ruam Mit.** A longtime source of great Thai food. \$. 475 St. Peter St., St. Paul; 651-290-0067.
- Zander Café. A beloved, chef-driven landmark.
 Expect cozy, heartwarming bistro food. \$\$-\$\$\$. 525 Selby Ave., St. Paul; 651-222-5224.
- Matt's Bar. Home of the Juicy Lucy; it looks like a regular hamburger, but there is a delicious glob of melted cheese trapped inside. I recommend getting it with onions. \$.3500 Cedar Ave. S., Minneapolis; 612-722-7072.
- Midtown Market Exchange. Like Pike Place Market in Seattle, or Reading Terminal Market in Philadelphia, this new marketplace combines many small, individually-owned restaurant stalls under one roof. The Mexican food is generally outstanding, but you can also find Middle Eastern food, African food, Tibetan food, and Thai food, from vendors who are often recent immigrants. Save room for a treat from the Starlight Bakery; their cakes are unassuming looking, but incredibly delicious. Free music most weekends. A great place to pick up presents for your friends at home. A visit here will cure any visitor of the belief that Minneapolis is a big Lake Wobegon. \$-\$\$. Corner of Chicago and Lake Street, Minneapolis.

- Nye's Polonaise Room. Esquire recently named this the best bar in North America. A local restaurant reviewer, Dara Moskowitz, says that it looks like a place that Captain Kirk would go to meet women. But it's not just a great place to go for a drink. The Polish food is excellent, though you'll probably need a nap afterwards. \$\$\$. 112 Hennepin Ave. E., Minneapolis; 612-379-2021.
- Town Talk Diner. Answers the question of what diner food would taste like if the chef had trained at the French Laundry. Offers elegant takes on Minnesota favorites (best cheese curds ever). I recommend paying close attention to the specials, which are always fantastic. \$-\$\$. 2707 1/2 E. Lake St., Minneapolis; 612-722-1312.

For fine dining

- 112 Eatery. Probably my favorite restaurant at the moment, serves comfort food perfectly prepared. Try the stringozzi pasta with lamb sauce. Due to the size of the restaurant, it may be more appropriate for a small group than a large one. \$\$-\$\$\$. 112 N. 3rd St., Minneapolis; 612-343-7696.
- A Rebours. I haven't eaten here myself, but many people think this is the best restaurant in St. Paul. \$\$-\$\$\$. 410 St. Peter St., St. Paul; 651-665-0656.
- Auriga. Quirky, innovative food that relies on the best of local ingredients. Consistently good and surprising, and often brilliant. \$\$\$. 1930 Hennepin Ave. S., Minneapolis; 612-871-0777.
- Fugaise. Wonderful French cuisine served in a very modern-looking setting. \$\$-\$\$\$. 308 E. Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis; 612-436-0777.
- Heartland. Fine food characterized by a rigorous use of local ingredients, in a room William Morris would have

loved. When I was last there, I had one of the best desserts I've ever eaten in the Twin Cities. There is an attached wine bar, which is more casual, and doesn't take reservations. \$\$\$. 1806 St. Clair Ave., St. Paul; 651-699-3536.

- jP American Bistro. Relaxed but refined, and particularly good with pasta and risotto. Local wine lovers enjoy this place for its great wine list and wine-friendly cuisine. \$\$-\$\$\$. 2937 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis; 612-824-9300.
- Loring Pasta Bar. Has a reputation for being both inexpensive and beautiful. You're likely to hear live music from an interesting local band. I recommend the Artichoke Ramekin appetizer—a reminder of the original and long-closed Loring near Loring Park. \$\$. 327 14th Ave. SE, Minneapolis; 612-378-4849.
- Origami. Great sushi in a downtown setting. Your sushi will be so attractive that you'll almost wish you didn't have to eat it. \$\$-\$\$\$. 30 1st St. N., Minneapolis; 612-333-8430.
- Restaurant Alma. A chef-driven favorite, Alma is particularly good with Mediterranean-inspired dishes and shellfish. \$\$-\$\$\$. 528 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis; 612-379-4909.
- Sakura. Offers excellent Japanese food of all kinds, from sushi to shabu-shabu, in a charming room. It's very close to the Xcel Center, which explains why all the sushi is named for hockey players. \$\$-\$\$\$. 350 St. Peter St., St. Paul; 651-224-0185. □

Jennifer Goloboy, an independent historian living in Minneapolis, is a member of the 2007 OAH Annual Meeting Local Resource Committee. (Most prices, addresses, and phone numbers came from City Pages online Dish Guide, written by Dara Moskowitz and others, and available at: http://citypages.com/dish/summary.asp.)

▼ Wingerd / From A1

Anthony Falls, Minneapolis was the child of enterprising Yankee capitalists who harnessed the waterpower to create an industrial dynamo. Feeding on the northern forests and western wheat fields, by the 1880s, Minneapolis produced more lumber than any other city in the country; a decade later it had become the flour milling capital of the world.

The two cities are different in a hundred ways that stem back to their origins. St. Paul began as a fur trade post that provided whiskey to soldiers at nearby Fort Snelling. Originally known as Pig's Eye, it took its name from its most notorious whiskey trader, Pig's Eye Parrant. French Canadians, Anglo traders, Indians, and soldiers from the fort comfortably mingled at the multicultural watering hole. But as a town haphazardly began to develop, residents (many of them French-Canadian Catholics) took the advice of the local priest to rechristen the settlement with a more respectable name.

Minneapolis, on the other hand, was a planned community from the outset. The west side of the river was closed to settlement until 1854—thirteen years after the citizens of Pig's Eye changed its name to St. Paul. But well-heeled, politically connected Yankee capitalists were poised to take control of the falls long before the land became officially available. Even the city's name was chosen in advance. They considered Lowell since they intended to emulate that New England industrial center. They settled on Minneapolis, a combination of the Dakota word for water and the Greek word for city that advertised both local identity and cosmopolitan ambition. Unlike St. Paul's somewhat

chaotic multicultural character, Minneapolis originated as a well-ordered, homogeneous, New England Protestant enclave, fixed firmly on industrial development.

The cities were rivals from their infancy, each one opposing anything that might advantage the other. The rivalry only grew more intense by the turn of the century as Minneapolis, with its industrial base, grew steadily more powerful, while St. Paul's heyday as a transportation entrepot was clearly on the wane. Increasingly overshadowed by their upstart neighbor, St. Paulites remade their image of themselves into the "last city of the East"-gracious rather than grasping, neighborly rather than competitive, defining themselves fundamentally as "not Minneapolis." In short, they turned economic stagnation into a cultural virtue-at least in their own minds. Minneapolitans, for their part, sneered at St. Paul (when they thought of it at all) as a hidebound backwater. By the 1930s Fortune magazine declared that the most important fact to know about the Twin Cities was that "they hate each other."

Minneapolis embraced progress with enthusiasm, a project that often pitted business against labor; whereas, in St. Paul, a culture of compromise grew out of necessity, as city residents worked across class, religious, and ethnic differences, to sustain the struggling economy and defend embattled St. Paul against outsiders. The first commandment children learned at their parent's knee was never to spend their money in Minneapolis!

Today, of course, the world has changed and most of the economic circumstances that fed the rivalry are no lon-

ger relevant. St. Paulites and Minneapolitans happily partake in the amenities and jobs on both sides of the river. Most often, the cities also find themselves on the same side of political issues that pit urban priorities against suburban ones. Even so, the cultural distinctiveness persists. Minneapolis seems to embody progress, everything shiny and new, from trendy loft apartments to the mirror-like steel explosion of Frank Gehry's Weisman Museum, to the new Guthrie Theater, which opened in September to widespread architectural acclaim. St. Paul has a different style, a slower pace. Prosperous at last, it has reclaimed its historic buildings and emanates an undeniable charm, from the mansions of beautiful Summit Avenue to the leafy neighborhoods that have always been the city's centerpiece; from the lovingly restored, nineteenth-century federal courthouse, home to many of the city's arts organizations, to the fabulous Minnesota History Center.

Together, the cities offer the best of the old and the new. Still, most Minneapolitans would never consider relocating to St. Paul, and most St. Paulites would move to the moon before they would put down roots in Minneapolis. Fortunately, as visitors to the Twin Cities, you can enjoy them both. □

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The Sesquicentennial of Indian Survivance in Minnesota

Brenda J. Child

jibwe writer Gerald Vizenor, born in Minneapolis, frequently invokes the word "survivance" to describe the unique history of survival and resistance

that sustained indigenous creativity within American Indian communities, despite conditions of domination and colonialism. Next year, Minnesota will celebrate its sesquicentennial, and American Indian citizens will enter yet another era of relations with the state and federal governments, one in which the ongoing struggle for sovereignty positions tribes in a much different place than in the statehood and treaty year of 1858.

In the year of statehood, Dakota people ceded some of their last remaining lands in

Minnesota. Place names in the southern part of the state reflect the Dakota presence, including Shakopee, Minnetonka, Winona, and even the state's name, taken from Dakota words for the Minnesota River. In 1862, a short-lived war resulted from the land loss and accompanying deprivation Dakota people experienced in their homeland. In the af-

termath, Dakota men were incarcerated at Fort Snelling, their families in nearby concentration camps. On December 26, 1862, thirty-eight Dakota men were hanged in Mankato in the largest mass execution in American history. Many Dakota people, permanently exiled from their Minnesota homeland, went to the Crow Creek Reservation in South Dakota or fled to Canada. Four Dakota communities thrive in Minnesota today and work to preserve their unique cultural heritage.

Minnesota is also the homeland of Ojibwe people, the Anishinaabe, located in the lakes and forests of central and northern Minnesota, with many communities near the headwaters of the Mississippi, which takes its name "great river" from the Ojibwe language. Ojibwes participated in a number of treaties at mid-century, and frequently reserved rights to hunt, fish, and gather wild rice over lands ceded to the federal government, as was the case in an 1837 treaty negotiated with Lake Superior bands. The allotment of tribal lands and political corruption within the state created circumstances that resulted in dispossession, with reservations such as White Earth, where many Ojibwe had been removed, retaining a mere 8 percent of their tribal lands. Red Lake was the only reservation within Minnesota to avoid allotment and predatory timber companies, and its 800,000 acres of timber, land, and water remain communally owned today. Seven separate Ojibwe nations, with strong ties of language, culture, and history, are political partners in the protection of sovereignty.

Dispossession led to an early twentieth-century migration of American Indians to cities carved from the Dakota homeland, Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Tribal people formed organizations as soon as they arrived in the city. One of the first "urban Indians," the Dakota physician and writer Charles Eastman, helped form a significant national organization comprised of professional, educated Indians,

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The Mother's Day Parade and gathering at Fair Oaks Park, early 1980s. (Randy Croce photo, courtesy Minnesota Historical Society.)

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The Mall of America

James J. Farrell

1992 on the site of the old Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington, Minnesota. It is the biggest shopping center in the United States (although others have more stores), attracting more visitors annually than Disney-

The Mall of America in

is located on grounds

Stadium once stood. Former home to the

where the Metropolitan

Minnesota Vikings and

seat from Met Stadium

was placed in the Mall

of America, at the exact

location (including

the Minnesota Twins.

a plaque in the mall (inset) commemorate

land and Disney World, more than all the national parks and monuments combined (a French visitor once said he thought it was a national monument, and, in a perverse way, of course, it is).

A good place for shopping, the Mall of America is an even better place for thinking about consumer culture and the history of shopping. At its four corners, for example, it is anchored by department stores, the nineteenth-century invention that made shopping into a spectacle

and created what William Leach calls "a land of desire." In Southdale Center, which turned fifty years old in Novemits hallways and central court, the Mall of America echoes the history of the galleria, a collection of shops covered by a single roof (often of glass). The Galleria Vittorio Emman-

The Mall of America opened with great fanfare in uele in Milan was the prototype, but American gallerias such as the immense Cleveland Galleria-proliferated in the late nineteenth century.

> The Mall of America reflects the inspiration of early shopping centers-like Country Club Plaza in Kansas

City-with its size, central management, and themed architecture. Country Club Plaza added Mediterranean notes to Kansas, but the Mall of America has four different themed shopping "streets," including the European references of West Market and the American urban expressions of East Broadway. The center also echoes the pattern of Victor Gruen's

ber. Like Southdale, the Mall of America is a suburban spectacle crafted for a culture of cars. It shares Southdale's introverted architecture, with its fully-enclosed, climatecontrolled spaces. With its 12,000 parking spaces located on all levels, and its batteries of escalators, it also capitalizes on Southdale's solution to the problem of circulation in a multi-tiered mall. Like more recent malls, the Mall of America offers not just shopping but "shoppertainment." Its centrally located amusement park echoes Coney Island and Disneyland. With its movie theaters and bars and restaurants, it continues long-standing traditions of cinema and commercial sociability.

The mall also pays homage to its site. On the ground floor, you can find the location of home plate in the old Metropolitan Stadium (the first home of the Twins and Vikings), and 520 feet away, a lone bleacher seat commemorates Harmon Killebrew's longest home run. In between is the amusement park, which is themed to suggest the boreal forests and logging history of Minnesota's North Woods. Some of the papier-mâché cliffs were even molded from real rocks on the upper St. Croix River.

In all of this, the Mall of America is also an expression of commercial postmodernism, a pastiche of spectacle and hyperreality that keeps visitors in the building long enough to spend the money that makes this world go round.

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elevation) it occupied in the stadium, to commemorate a 520 ft. home run hit by baseball hall-of-famer Harmon Killebrew on June 3, 1967.

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A History of Our Own: Celebrating the OAH Centennial

Juli A. Jones

The OAH Centennial Committee invites you to attend our special series of sessions celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of the MVHA and OAH. Please take this occasion to recognize our contributions, struggles, goals, and ongoing discussions about history and historians. Whether you are a longtime OAH member or a scholar beginning your career, the centennial offers all a unique opportunity to make meaning of our profession and our place in it. We hope that you will join in our conversations and add to the perspectives of past presidents, leading scholars, teachers, and public historians.

In creating these sessions, the committee has sought to acknowledge the contributions of historians to our discipline and profession, to recognize changes and challenges in the fields of history, teaching, and the profession, and to encourage historians to consider how our history can inform our future. We were particularly interested in examining diversity in fields, teaching, and our profession. In three sessions leading scholars will explore changes in American history fields: military, political, diplomatic, and economic history; social, intellectual, immigration and ethnicity, and African American history; and sexuality, women's, Native American, and environmental history. Other sessions will examine our support of teaching and public education. The Teaching of History panel will discuss our long history in promoting teaching at all levels, K-12 through university, while the Public History session will focus on our support for public history in the National Park Service, historical societies, the National Archives, and other parts of the federal government.

Our institutional history will be addressed in exhibits and three sessions that include four JAH editors, seventeen OAH presidents, and three executive secretaries. A look at changes in the JAH will be offered by three past editors and the current editor, and the institutional and political history of the MVHA/OAH will be explored by three former presidents and two former executive secretaries. Finally, a special plenary session on Saturday evening will feature eight former presidents who will reflect on their presidencies and their involvement in OAH. Other centennial-related activities include a session sponsored by the OAH Community College Committee in honor of Nadine Ishitani Hata: The OAH & Community Colleges: History and Opportunity. And don't miss the Friday evening Centennial Celebration reception at the Minnesota History Center. We hope to see you there!

Thursday Sessions

- The MVHA, the OAH, and Public History
 Spencer Crew, Heather Huyck, David McMillen, Donald A.
 Ritchie, Otis L. Graham, Jr., and Marla R. Miller.
- The MVHA-OAH and the Fields of History, Part I
 William E. Leuchtenburg; James T. Patterson, Political History; Robert H. Ferrell, Diplomatic History; Gavin Wright,
 Economic History; Edward M. Coffman, Military History;
 and Joan Hoff.

Friday Sessions

The MVHA-OAH and the Fields of History, Part II
 Juli A. Jones; Stephanie Shaw, Social History; David A. Hol



Five OAH presidents who have served or will serve as presidents of the Southern Historical Association met at the OAH reception at last November's SHA annual meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. From left to right: Pete Daniel, Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, Darlene Clark Hine, Leon F. Litwack, and Anne Firor Scott (seated). (Photo by David Dennard.)

linger, Intellectual History; John Bodnar, History of Immigration and Ethnicity; Arvarh Strickland, African American History; and Ira Berlin.

- Editing the Journal of American History
 Edward T. Linenthal, Lewis C. Perry, David Thelen, and
 Joanne Meyerowitz.
- The MVHA-OAH and the Fields of History, Part III Suzanne Lebsock; Alice Kessler-Harris, Women's History; Frederick E. Hoxie, Native American History; Karl Brooks, Environmental History; Kathy Peiss, History of Sexuality; and Thomas Bender.
- A Centennial Session in Honor of Nadine Ishitani Hata: The OAH & Community Colleges: History and Opportunity (sponsored by the OAH Committee on Community Colleges)

Doris Dwyer, David Trask, Gloria Miranda, and Juli A. Jones.

• Friday Evening Centennial Celebration Reception at the Minnesota History Center

Saturday Sessions

• The MVHA, the OAH, and the Teaching of History in the Schools and Colleges

Gary B. Nash; Ron Briley, MVHA and History Teaching; Marjorie Bingham and Howard Shorr, Focus on Teaching Day; Charles Zappia, History in the Community Colleges; Timothy Thurber, The Recent Years; and Leon Litwack.

- The Institutional and Political History of the MVHA-OAH Stanley N. Katz; Michael Kammen, MHVA, 1907-1952; Richard S. Kirkendall, From MVHA to OAH, 1951-1981; Arnita Jones, Recent Years; and William Chafe
- Presidential Memories

Mary Frances Berry; David Montgomery; Carl Degler; Vicki Ruiz; Eric Foner; Anne Firor Scott; John Hope Franklin; Richard White; and Richard Leopold, represented by his biographer, Steven J. Harper.

Springtime in Minneapolis

Dana Carmichael

Then coming to Minnesota always check the weather forecast. Minnesota's weather is a bit like a fickle friend, with highs and lows in deep opposition to each other. When the OAH conference begins, the high temperature might be a balmy 47 degrees, which is just about the same as it was on March 29 a hundred years ago. [Or it could be 89 degrees as it was on the first day of the annual meeting when OAH last met in Minneapolis, April 18-21, 1985. —Eds.] In that case, you might see Minneapolitans in shorts at sidewalk cafes. Alternatively, it might be bitter, as it was in 1969 when we had the lowest "high" ever recorded for that date: —1 degree. In 1958 it snowed 14.7 inches on the last day in March, totaling over 40 inches that month.

Here's the good news: you don't really need to go outside at all. There is always a choice. Our forward thinking architects took weather in hand and made skyways (enclosed second-story walkways) through nearly all of downtown. For those more adventuresome types in the crowd who would like to brave the climate, we natives recommend layers of clothing. This allows one to

Average Twin Cities Temperature, March 29-April 1

- high: 47°
- low: 29°

(Source: Midwest Climate Center, Champaign, Illinois. Temperature and precipitation data are for 1891-2002.)

be drawn into the midafternoon sunshine for a walk in the park, while still benefiting from the modern comforts of indoor heating and plumbing. We highly recommend waterproof shoes, a hat, gloves, a decent jacket, and a scarf for fresh air jaunts, just in case.

A local favorite website for weather forecasts is http://www.kare11.com/weather/. You can find up-to-date forecasts and also a historical look at Minnesota's fickle friend, the weather. \Box

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The Minnesota Chorale

Annette Atkins



Hubert Horatio Humphrey, Jr., mayor of Minneapolis (1945-1948), two-term Minnesota senator (1948-1964), and 38th Vice President of the United States, serving under President Lyndon Johnson.

ubert Humphrey talking, talking, talking(atorrential talker, Time Magazine once called him) and Garrison Keillor talking so mellifluously every Saturday night from Woebegone (makes even those of us who never did listen to the old radio programs believe, somehow, that we did). Without ever actually saying anything, Betty Crocker has instructed generations of cooks how to make a perfect baking powder biscuit, yes the same kind that Keillor's

Powdermilk Biscuit Band calls "tasty and expeditious."

Sinclair Lewis's words earned him the Nobel Prize in literature in 1926, but Ole Rolvaag's account of Scandinavian pioneer farmers, Giants in the Earth (1927) didn't. Prince maybe can't decide what he wants to be called, but like Bob Dylan and Judy Garland—other Minnesotans who dropped their Minnesota identities—makes fine music.

Minnesota Woman's skeleton speaks of life 10,000 years or more ago; her conch shell necklace of continental

trade networks. Little Crow didn't want to speak at all, but the war cries of the 1862 Dakota War and the grief and anger of the dispossessed Dakota echo still.

Director Tyrone Guthrie arrived in Minnesota in 1963 to give voice to Hamlet and Willy Lohman in the middle of farm fields, and the Coen Brothers in 1996 put the bite in cold farm fields, appointed a pregnant woman sheriff, and called it Fargo (didn't they know that Fargo is in North Dakota?) Besides, we don't really sound like that, do we? Artist Hazel Belvo doesn't need words. Her painting of Lake Superior's sacred Witch Tree speaks of nature's wonders, the same ones that naturalist Sigurd Olson's books whisper about.

Nineteenth-century Populist Ignatius Donnelly had a tongue of silver, dreams of gold, and a vision of Atlantis. A different kind of populist, a century later, Tammy Faye Baker, with her husband Jim, preached her way onto Christian television, and Mr. Sears, carnival barker of another sort, talked people into buying everything from shoes to houses through the mail. Robert Bly's Iron John and his band of men drum their inner selves into sound, and Congresswoman Coya Gjesdal Knutson (and don't call us the Democratic Party, we're the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party) was singing her way to another election (she really did campaign by singing) when in 1958 her political opponents goaded her husband to whine "Coya, Come Home." Meanwhile, the Republican Boy Governor Harold

Stassen trumpeted his talents and ran for president, then again, and then some more times, and Eugenie Anderson talked her way into Danish affections as the first woman ambassador from the United States

NeeGawNwayWeeDun (Clyde Bellecourt) and other Native Americans of many bands, drummed and sang their anger and their community into the American Indian Movement in the 1970s. The Frs. Phillip and Daniel Berrigan from Duluth, too, spoke justice to power. Minnesota Attorney General Walter Mondale spoke up for indigent defendants in Gideon v. Wainwright (1963), and Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun in 1973 wrote the majority decision in Roe v. Wade (though his grade school classmate and eventual nemesis, Chief Justice Warren Berger concurred). We cheered Alan Page as Minnesota Viking who now referees cases as an Associate Justice of the state Supreme Court.

If you stand in just the right spot on the Mississippi or the Minnesota Rivers, on the Lake of the Isles, on the continental divide outside Ely up north, in the middle of a field of sunflowers or Norway pines or lilac bushes, at Fort Snelling or the Hockey Hall of Fame, you'll hear this chorus's song. Not in harmony, not even in the same time signature, but recognizably the chorus of this place.

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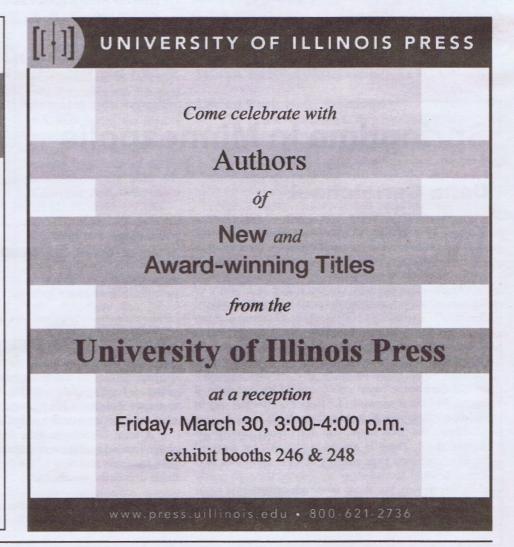
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Walker Art Center Opens Retrospective

Sarah Peters

nown as one of the most complex and prolific American artists of her generation, Kara Walker has gained national and international recognition for her roomsize tableaux depicting historical narratives haunted by sexuality, violence, and subjugation. "Kara Walker: My Complement, My Enemy, My Oppressor, My Love," opening at the Walker Art Center on February 17, 2007 and showing through May 13, 2007, brings these themes together in the first full-scale American museum survey of Walker's work. Organized in close collaboration with the artist, the exhibition features works ranging from her signature black-paper silhouettes to film animations to more than one hundred works on paper.

Over the years Walker has used drawing, painting, colored-light projections, writing, shadow puppetry, and, most recently, film animation to narrate her tales of romance, sadism, oppression, and liberation. Set in the American South before the Civil War, Walker's compositions play off stereotypes to portray, often grotesquely, life on the plantation, where masters and mistresses, slave men, women, and chil-

dren enact a subverted version of the past in an attempt to reconfigure their status and representation. These scenarios thwart conventional readings of a cohesive national history and expose the collective, and ongoing, psychological injury caused by the tragic legacy of slavery.

Walker's visual epics systematically and critically walk a line—the "color line," to quote W.E.B. Du Bois—that moves us from the antebellum South to an analysis of the sustaining economic, social, and individual power structures still in place today. Deploying an acidic sense of humor, she examines the dialectic of pleasure and danger, guilt and fulfillment, desire and fear, race and class. She has said, "The black subject in the present tense is the container for specific pathologies from the past and it is continuously growing and feeding off those maladies." Organized deliberately as a narrative, this exhibition articulates the parallel shifts in Walker's visual language and subject matter: from a critical analysis of the history of slavery as a microcosm of American history through the structure of romantic literature and Hollywood film to a revised

history of western modernity and its relationship to the notion of "Primitivism."

A series of lectures, gallery dialogues, and interactive, art-making activities will accompany the exhibition to give visitors an opportunity to respond to the work. On Thursday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Walker Cinema, historian Kevin Gaines will present a lecture on U.S. history and its relationship to stereotypes and blackness. Gaines is a professor of history and the director of the Center for Afroamerican and African Studies at the University of Michigan with research interests that include minstrelsy, postwar U.S. history, transnational black radicalism, and jazz. This event is free and open to the public. Free tickets are available at the Walker's Bazinet Garden Lobby desk starting at 6:00 p.m. that evening; a block of tickets has been reserved for OAH attendees. For more information call 612-375-7600 or visit http://walkerart.org/karawalker. \square

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the Society of American Indians (1911). Census figures may not be reliable for the Indian population in the early years, but some estimates suggest that in the 1920s, fewer than a thousand Indian people lived in the Twin Cities. All the same, George Peake, an Ojibwe, and Warren Cash, a Dakota, organized an "American Indian Day" in the Twin Cities, becoming a regional affiliate of the American Indian Association and Tepee Order. During World War II, thousands more American Indians came to the Twin Cities to find jobs, even though they faced discrimination and housing shortages in the urban area. Nonetheless, tribal people forged a new community in the cities. Ignatia Broker, an Ojibwe who came to the Twin Cities during World War II, described hardship but also fortitude, generosity, and a new kinship that crossed tribal lines, resulting in the distinctive urban Indian community that emerged in the Twin Cities:

Maybe it was a good thing, the migration of our people to the urban areas during the war years, because there, amongst the millions of people, we were brought to a brotherhood. We Indian people who worked in the war plants started a social group not only for the Ojibwe but for the Dakota, the Arikara, the Menominee, the Gros Ventres, the Cree, the Oneida, and all those from other tribes and other states who had made the trek to something new. And because we, all, were isolated in this dominant society, we became an island from which a revival of spirit began.

Pan-Indian organizations multiplied in the postwar and relocation years. The Ojibwe-Dakota Research Society formed out of concern for cultural preservation and tribal languages. In 1952, the Division of Indian Work began to advocate for the Indian population in Minneapolis. This social service organization still thrives a half-century later, now under the leadership of Noya Woodrich, an Athabascan social worker and Native Alaskan. Minneapolis was the center of national Indian activism in the late 1960s, when the American Indian Movement formed to combat police brutality and discrimination. In 1975, the Minneapolis American Indian Center opened on Franklin Avenue in the heart of the urban community. An extraordinary wood collage designed by one of Minnesota's premier artists, George Morrison of the Grand Portage Ojibwe Band,



The American Indian Center and Morrison's wood collage on the wall, 1009 Franklin Avenue East, Minneapolis. (Courtesy Minnesota Historical Society)

adorns one exterior wall that faces Franklin Avenue, and the Indian Center remains a distinctive hub of urban Indian life and social services. Morrison's wood collages, modern totems, and landscapes of Lake Superior are also located in the collections of national and regional museums, including the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. The Circle, the main newspaper of the urban Indian community, also dates from the 1970s and is published and edited on Franklin Avenue by Lakota journalist Catherine Whipple. The civil rights movement and Indian activism also gave rise to the Department of American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota, one of the first departments of its kind established at a university in the United States. In 1969, an ad hoc committee of faculty, students, and members of the Indian community presented a report to the university's central administration to establish the need for the department, a unique academic program that would also have ties to the state's eleven tribes. Since its inception in 1969, one of the department's strengths is its commitment to teaching and studying the Dakota and Ojibwe languages.

The urban community plays a dynamic role in Indian life in Minnesota, yet most tribal people remain fully engaged with family, politics, culture, and issues on reservations and communities outside of the city. In fact, the growth of Indian gaming with its employment oppor-

tunities on the reservation has led to a new migration of urban people back home. On the political front, concern for issues such as treaty rights or opposition to the University of Minnesota's controversial research on the wild rice genome, appear to transcend urban/reservation boundaries, as do cultural issues such as language preservation. For example, representatives from urban and reservation Dakota and Ojibwe communities recently testified before the Minnesota legislature on the importance of language preservation and revitalization. In 1999, most American Indians in Minnesota and many in Wisconsin were well aware of the stakes surrounding the case that ended at the U.S. Supreme Court in Minnesota v. Mille Lacs Band of Chip pewa Indians. The court ruled with the Ojibwes rather than Minnesota, and upheld the Indian right to hunt, fish, and gather on lands that had been ceded in an 1837 treaty.

Indians within Minnesota have greater access to higher education than ever before, though drop-out rates and low test scores remain a problem in public urban schools and on reservations. A few tribal colleges have emerged in Ojibwe Country, including institutions at White Earth, Red Lake, Leech Lake, and Fond du Lac. Indian education has come full circle from the old days of assimilation and boarding schools. Indian magnet schools that attract Indian and non-Indian students, the tribal college at the Foredu Lac Ojibwe community with an enrollment that is 65 percent non-Indian, and a culturally diverse student population in American Indian Studies courses at the University of Minnesota all attest to the energy and importance of Indian culture and issues statewide.

It is difficult to imagine that Indians in Minnesota in 1858 were expecting a bright future. One hundred and fifty years later, thirty thousand Indian people from more than forty tribal nations live in the seven-county metropolitan region. Thirty-one thousand Indians reside within the eleven tribal nations, and still others live in the smaller towns and cities of greater Minnesota. Indians live on ancestral lands and in suburbs. Indian life in Minnesota is rich, diverse, and a testimony to 150 years of "survivance."

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Theater in the Twin Cities

Jennifer Goloboy

It is said that the Twin Cities have more theater seats per capita than any other American metropolitan area besides New York. Long-lived and influential local theaters include the Brave New Workshop, the Guthrie Theater, and the Penumbra Theater. Founded in 1958 (a year earlier than Second City in Chicago), the Brave New Workshop has nurtured talents such as Al Franken and Mo Collins of *MADtv*. Pioneering the regional theater movement, Sir Tyrone Guthrie created the Guthrie Theater in 1963 because he was concerned about the commercialism of Broadway. The Penumbra Theater, which is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary this season, was a product of the Black Arts Movement. This theater is known for its early support of August Wilson's career.

Unfortunately, some of Minneapolis's best theaters (such as the Penumbra and the Jungle) will be closed during the OAH, and *A Prairie Home Companion* will be broadcasting from New York City. What follows is a short list of my recommendations of productions available during the OAH conference. I recommend visiting City Pages at http://www.citypages.com in order to get a full picture of what will be showing.

• The Guthrie Theater. This theater has recently moved from the beloved Ralph Rapson building next to the Walker Art Institute to a new site on the Mississippi River. Reviewers have remarked how well the Jean Nouvel building integrates with its setting, offering amazing views of the river. During the OAH, the Guthrie will be showing The Merchant of Venice. 818 South 2nd St., Minneapolis; 612-377-2224.

• The Jeune Lune. Inspired by mime and opera, this troupe writes new productions through improvisation. During the OAH, they will be showing Don Juan Giovanni. As their website describes the production, "Actors and singers join together in a cross-country road

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trip that brilliantly skewers notions of love, sex, and hypocrisy." 105 North 1st Street, Minneapolis; 612-333-6200.

Brave New Workshop. After the scripted show on weekends, they offer one of the best bargains in town—a \$1.00 improv session. Late Night Improv starts on Friday at 10:00 p.m. and Saturday at midnight. 2605 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis; 612-332-6620.

Bryant-Lake Bowl. A theater used by many small theater companies, such as the Hardcover Theater, which turns written fiction into plays. The only place I've ever been that combines a bar, a restaurant, a bowling alley, and a dinner theater. I can't imagine not having a good time here. 810 W. Lake St., Minneapolis; 612-825-3737. □

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sessions scheduled for 2:00 p.m. OAH Executive Director Lee Formwalt will open the symposium. Peter Kupfer, H-Net executive director and associate professor at Michigan State University, and Kelly Woestman, H-TAH coeditor and professor of history at Pittsburg (KS) State University, will introduce and discuss the symposium's panels.

"Tenure, Promotion, and Departmental Mission Statements: What Impact are TAH Grants Having on the Profession at the 'Local Level'?" will be the subject of the second session that begins at 2:30 p.m. Scheduled panelists include Kriste Lindemeyer, Timothy D. Hall, Laura Westhoff, and Ed Crowther. They will examine how the involvement of individual faculty members in TAH grants affects their goals of tenure and promotion.

After a short break, the third panel will focus on "Enhancing Collaboration: Historians, Teachers, and Education Experts Learning From One Another." H-TAH coeditor Thomas Thurston will chair this session. Tim Hoogland of the Minnesota State Historical Society will begin the discussion and Dennis Lubeck of the Cooperating School Districts (St. Louis, MO) will describe his work with several TAH grants. Robert D. Vicario of the University of California, Irvine, and the Santa Ana School District will describe his view of collaboration in TAH grants. The panel will explore the impact of the grants on historical thinking and other pedagogical skills of all TAH cohorts.

Small group interaction will be the focus of the optional Wednesday night activity at restaurants near the hotel. We will continue the theme of small group interaction Thursday morning over breakfast. Note: H-TAH is open to anyone interested in Teaching American History grants and is not restricted to project directors.

During the fifth session beginning at 9:20 a.m. Thursday, we will continue the evaluation discussion we started last year with "What is Research and Evaluation Telling Us About the Impact of TAH Grants?" Alex Stein will discuss his views and be joined by Elizabeth Ashburn and Carol Lasser. Randal Ernst will round out this session as panel members discuss the larger impact TAH grants are having on the profession and the teaching of history. Rachel Ragland will chair this session.

Knupfer will chair the wrap-up session with the H-TAH coeditors and will summarize and analyze some of the larger issues brought forward during the symposium. They will also discuss possible panel topics for the 3rd Annual TAH Symposium to be held in New York City in 2008. Weinburg's keynote address will begin at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday and will conclude the 2007 TAH Symposium.

Registration for the TAH Symposium is separate from the OAH Annual Meeting and combined registered is offered at a reduced rate. We invite anyone interested in the future of TAH grants and their impact on our profession to join us. For more information on registration, please visit: http://www.oah.org/2007/.

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