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Some of the faculty and staff of the History Department. —Photo by Neil Andersen, University Photographer

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Letter from the Chair

Welcome to the History Department Newsletter for academic year 2006/07. I am grateful to Ms. Janice Schlangen (Department Office Manager), Dr. Jason Eden (newsletter editor), and the entire department whose coordinated efforts made it possible to produce this newsletter. As chair, it is both my duty and great pleasure that I share with you the department's accomplishments.

To date, our overall main achievement is rebuilding the department. This process has involved hiring new faculty, creating a decent work environment, and mentoring the hires with the objective of helping their retention. The

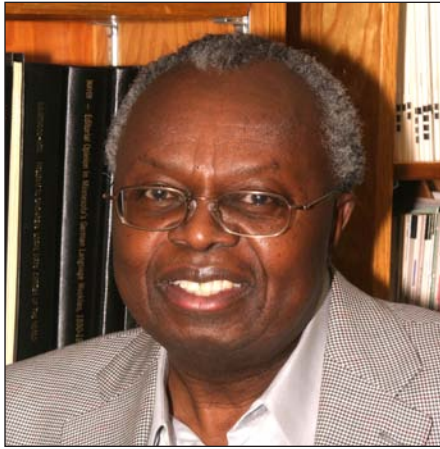
most recent example of faculty retention is the approval of Dr. Mark Jaede's application for tenure. I congratulate and commend Dr. Jaede for this well-deserved achievement.

I thank the St. Cloud State University (SCSU) administration, and Dr. Sharon Cogdill (Interim Dean, College of Social Sciences, COSS) in particular, for their recognition that rebuilding a department means much more than hiring new faculty. The SCSU administration has, for example, permitted History faculty to explore other academic opportunities outside the department. For example, Dr. Betsy Glade was per-

mitted to take up a position as Interim Director of Social Studies Education and Social Sciences during academic year 2006/07. To ensure the smooth running of the department, we were authorized to search for a fixed-term replacement for Dr. Glade. Dr. Joe Bonica was offered this position and we heartily welcome him to the department. The administration also granted sabbatical leaves to Dr. Marie Kim and Dr. Jeff Mullins and, at the same time, authorized the department to search for two fixed-term positions to replace them. I am appreciative that the SCSU administration was able to balance the

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Peter Nayenga, History Department Chair

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need for sabbatical leaves and recognized the necessity to ensure that a “young department” such as ours continues to function properly by granting us replacement positions.

I am glad to report that the History Department currently has 15 full-time faculty broken down as follows: 7 tenured; 1 tenured on administrative leave; 6 on tenure track; and 1 on fixed-term appointment. This indeed is a remarkable improvement, given that in academic year 2002/03 the department had 5 1/2 full-time faculty!

One effect of improved faculty staffing has been the department’s ability to contribute significantly to the university general education offerings as well as its ability to regularly offer a variety of courses in such areas as: African, American, Asian, European, and Latin American history. Additionally, faculty have participated in the teaching of university-wide courses in Honors and First Year Experience (FYE) programs.

With the objective of attracting young people to the discipline of history, the department participates in the SCSU Senior to Sophomore Program which enables highly talented students to take university courses at their high schools under the guidance of SCSU faculty.

Currently, the department has programs with Delano, Milaca, Rockford, and St. Francis High Schools. Another example of the department’s efforts to connect with another program outside SCSU was the signing of an Articulation Agreement with North Hennepin Community College on February 2, 2007. The purpose of this agreement is to “facilitate credit transfers and provide a smooth transition from one related degree to another.”

Faculty involvement in activities cited above has helped the department to excel in teaching. It is, therefore, not surprising that in Fall 2006 the department was placed third in the total student seats generated in the College of Social Sciences.

Efforts are also being made to improve graduate education in the department. Various faculty members have made a conscious effort to recruit students into the graduate program. To improve the quality of the program, curriculum changes have been initiated. The success in our graduate education was reflected on two fronts: during academic year 2006/07 the department recruited 17 new students (the largest ever group to be admitted) and two of our students (Mr. Matt Bahar and Mr. Mike Westrate) were admitted into Ph.D. programs at Oklahoma University and Notre Dame University, respectively.

The department has made great strides in promoting international education. It houses the African Studies, East Asian Studies, and the Latin American Studies Programs. As pieces (authored by Dr. Mark Jaede, Dr. John Ness, and myself) in the newsletter below will show, these programs offer university-wide courses, offer a major or a minor, have study-abroad programs (Chile, China, and South Africa), have been instrumental in attracting students to SCSU, and have over the years brought prominent speakers to SCSU campus. A case in point of internationally-known speakers brought to SCSU cam-

pus either directly or indirectly by the African Studies Program include: a visit in 1993 by Professor Wole Soyinka (winner of the 1986 Nobel Literature Prize); Professor Ali Mazrui’s (presenter of the famous PBS 1980’s series titled “The Africans”) 2001 visit; and the 2007 visit by Professor Wangari Maathai (winner of the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize). In addition to the unique educational experience students received, these events catapulted the department, and indeed SCSU, to national and international prominence.

The foregoing achievements would not have been realized without the concerted efforts of various units at SCSU. I earlier noted the supportive role by the SCSU administration in the rebuilding of the department. Ultimately, though, not much would have been achieved without faculty support. I am, therefore, deeply thankful to my colleagues for their: civility, collegiality, professionalism, and for their willingness to go beyond the call of duty in order to help in the rebuilding of the department.

Work by the regular faculty is further strengthened by adjunct instructors and teaching assistants who faithfully served the department last year. I thank them for their services and commend efforts by graduate students who have greatly contributed to increasing the department’s visibility by reviving the Phi Alpha Theta Chapter at SCSU and by presenting first-class papers at conferences.

I applaud and commend our financial donors, friends, and faculty emeriti for their continued support of our department in general and students’ professional development in particular. The department appreciates their attendance at the end-of-year get-together. Informal as this event is, it nonetheless gives a forum whereby students, faculty, emeriti, and others exchange ideas that are helpful in the rebuilding of the department.

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The day-to-day and general functioning of the department is excellently coordinated by Ms. Janice Schlangen, the Department's Office Manager since 1992. Over the past year, Ms. Schlangen has been assisted by an efficient group of work-study students in the history office—Ms. Jenna Obrycki; Ms. Jennifer Thomas; and Mr. Jason Karels. The department deeply appreciates their dedicated services and wishes all the best to Ms. Obrycki and Ms. Thomas as they start their new careers after graduating from SCSU.

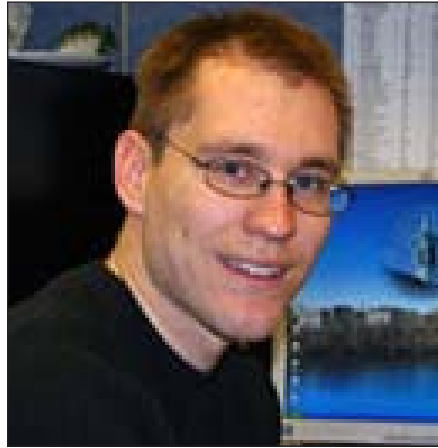
Despite the challenges (revision of our curriculum to reflect the changes in the field, further improvement in our graduate program, continued mentoring of “new faculty,” helping with faculty retention, and acquiring new positions) that are still pending, I am glad to report that the department is on its way to recovery. Since this situation can only be sustainable through financial and moral help, we appeal to all our supporters to continue rendering the help they have given us in the past.

Faculty News

Joseph Bonica

Joseph Bonica was hired in 2006 as a fixed-term replacement for Betsy Glade who took up the position as Interim Social Studies Director in the College of Social Sciences. He works on culture and politics after the American Revolution and his upcoming publications include a piece on secrecy and manhood in *Commonplace*, while an article on administrative reform in the antebellum US is under consideration. He received his Ph.D. from Rutgers in 2005 and is an Aries.

Jason Eden



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Jason Eden joined the department in 2006. He has taught *Race in America*, *Craft of the Historian*, *Atlantic World Encounters*, and the Senior Thesis course. In April of 2007, he and his wife, Naomi Eden (a graduate student in SCSU's Gerontology program) traveled to Seattle for an interdisciplinary conference titled “Intersections of Race and Gender: (Re)Imagining the Family.” At the conference, Jason and Naomi presented a paper titled “English Views of Aging in Seventeenth and Early Eighteenth-Century New England Indian Communities.” In addition to these activities, Jason serves the department by advising students, updating the website, and helping edit this newsletter.

Robert Galler

Robert Galler has completed his fourth year of teaching at SCSU. This year he taught *American Indian history*, *Concepts and Theories in History* (a required course for students in the Social Studies teaching licensure program), and *Race in America*. He also taught a new course entitled “Teaching American History” designed for current secondary school teachers enrolled in our graduate program. Galler worked with area teachers and historians to submit a federal grant to the Department of Education's Teaching American History grant program, that seeks to support collaborative efforts to improve the quality of teaching and learning of American history in

the region's primary and secondary schools. He also co-wrote a grant application with the Director of the Multicultural Resource Center to bring the exhibit “Lewis and Clark and the Indian Countries” to SCSU. Galler's long-term research project continues to address intercultural relations on the northern plains. He presented “Cultural Mediators and Representatives of the Sioux Confederation: Yanktonai Initiatives and Influences on the Northern Plains, 1680-1880” at the Dakota Conference in Sioux Falls in April 2007. Assisted by a SCSU faculty research grant, he also continues to work on revising his manuscript on the history of Crow Creek Tribal School.

Betsy Glade

In academic year 2006-2007, Betsy Glade took an appointment as Interim Director of Social Studies Education and Social Sciences. In that capacity she taught courses in Social Studies Methods for Middle and High School, as well as the introductory course in Social Studies and Portfolio Development. To address a particular need of Elementary Education majors with a Social Studies cognate, Betsy organized an all-day social science content workshop in October. Twenty-two students attended in preparation for the Praxis licensure exam. She served on the search committee for the permanent Director of Social Studies Education and Social Science and is glad to report that Kyle Ward has accepted the offer to become the Director. Glade took over the chair of the College of Social Science Curriculum Committee in January and is learning much about the curriculum process at St. Cloud State University. She will teach summer courses in Democratic Citizenship and Elements of Social Science.

John Harvey

In the last academic year John Harvey continued to prepare his dissertation “The Common Adventure of Mankind” for publication by the University of Michigan Press. He presented research papers at the annual conferences of the AHA and the Society for French Historical Studies in 2007, as well as serving as the Ameri-

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can national representative for the European Science Foundation's Representations of the Past: National Histories in Europe, held at Manchester England in Oct. 2006. Four articles were completed for appearance from the summer 2007/early 2008. This past academic year appeared his chapter "Henri Hauser et les historiens américains pendant les entre-deux-guerres" in *Henri Hauser (1866-1946). Humaniste-Historien-Républicain* (Presses de l'Université Sorbonne, 2006) and "Hans Rothfels: Issues and Paradoxes of an International Debate" in *Sozial.Geschichte* 22 (2007).

Don Hofsommer

Don Hofsommer has continued to excel in the publication area. For example, his *Steel Trails of Hawkeyeland: Iowa's Railroad Experience* won an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History and was a finalist in the competition for the State Historical Society of Iowa's Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award. His *Tootin' Louie: a History of the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway, Steel Trails of Hawkeyeland, and Minneapolis and the Age of Railways* books were the subject of a Review Essay in *Enterprise & Society: The International Journal of Business History* (September 2006). Hofsommer was the plenary session speaker at the recent Dakota History Conference.

Mark Jaede



Mark Jaede and Professor Omar Salazar of the Universidad de Concepción confer over dinner in Concepción, Chile.

Mark has just completed his fifth year in the Department and his third as Director of Latin American Studies. He is gratified to have received tenure effective July 1.

One of Mark's most satisfying experiences of the year was his participation in a delegation of faculty and administrators who traveled to Concepción, Chile in January 2007 to discuss ways to expand exchange programs with the Universidad de Concepción. He also helped to host and serve as a translator for a reciprocal visit from Concepción faculty in May. The two universities are exploring ways to expand our existing exchanges and develop new ones, both in person and via electronic communication.

Mark continues to teach Race in America and Latin American History and has begun to offer new courses in Latin American Studies and Mexican American History. He is active in the First Year Experience (FYE) program, participating in two FYE cohorts in the past year and co-leading two seminars to help other faculty members design their own cohorts.

Mark has had eight entries published this year in the *Encyclopedia of Slave Resistance and Rebellions* from Greenwood Press. He also published a book review in the *Journal of the Early Republic*.

Mark has been honored to be asked to address students and the public in three university events this year. He was the faculty speaker to incoming students at fall convocation, where he offered four keys to student success: show up, ask, work and learn. He gave a talk in September on the topic "The Americas in the Age of Elizabeth," as part of the visit of the "Elizabeth I" exhibit to the SCSU campus. In October, he gave a humorous but historically-grounded talk on "Columbus the Menace" as part of a forum on immigration policy and Latino immigrant lives.

Mark continues to be an active member of the Department and College. He chaired a search committee for a fixed-

term Assistant professor and represents the Department in the Faculty Senate. Along with Dr. John Harvey, Mark represented the Department on the COSS Curriculum Committee, where he played a key role in negotiating the approval of a new Global Studies curriculum.

At the University level, Mark serves on the Racial Issues Colloquium and the Global Studies Committee. He served on the University search committee for the Director of the Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. He co-chairs the University committee searching for an Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies. He works on Advising and Registration for incoming students and is a member of the task force on new student orientation. Mark contributed several suggestions to the design of a new General Education curriculum, and will serve as COSS representative to the Gen Ed Committee beginning in September.

Marie Seong-Hak Kim

Marie continues to conduct research in legal history. Her article, "Custom, Community, and the Crown: Lawyers and the Reordering of French Customary Law," was published in *Between the Middle Ages and Modernity: Individual and Community in the Early Modern World*, ed. C. Parker (Rowman & Littlefield, 2007), pp. 169-86, and her review article, "Murders for Love: Imperial Japan Meets Bourbon France," was published in *H-Net Book Review*, in July 2006. Another article in French legal history, "Michel de L'Hospital et les essais d'unification du droit civil," will appear in *Revue d'Auvergne (France)* in spring 2007. In the East Asian legal history area, her article, "Law and Custom under the Chosŏn Dynasty and Colonial Korea: A Comparative Perspective," will be published in *The Journal of Asian Studies* in November 2007. In September 2006, Marie was invited to speak at the international conference held in Clermont-Ferrand, France, celebrating the 500th anniversary of the birth of Michel de L'Hospital, chancellor of France in the sixteenth century. In February 2007, she gave a paper,

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"Ume Kenjiry, Colonial Jurisprudence, and the Construction of Customary Law in Korea," at the Midwest Japan Seminar in Memphis. Putting on her lawyer's hat, Marie continues busily accumulating CLE (continuing legal education) credits in areas ranging from estate planning to DWI. During her sabbatical 2007-2008, Marie plans to conduct research in Europe. She will serve as Visiting Professor at the Institut d'Asie Orientale at École Normale Supérieure (l'Université de Lyon-2) in Lyon, France, and also Fellow at the International Institute for Asian Studies in Leiden, the Netherlands.

Richard Lewis

Dick Lewis continues to develop a teaching expertise in national security history. He teaches Cold War history, intelligence history and now modern diplomatic history. He is continuing his research and writing on Polish historians in the twentieth century. Currently he is working on the last major chapter of the first volume, a chapter on Polish historians in the Second World War, entitled, "the Death of History."

Jeff Mullins

Jeffrey Mullins earned his Ph.D. in 1998 (Johns Hopkins University) and joined the History Department in 1999. His focus is on 18th and 19th-century American history, with a special interest in race and social reform. In the past academic year, his article "'Fitted to Receive the Word of God': Emotions and Scientific Naturalism in the Religious Revivals of the 1830s," appeared in the *International Social Science Review*. Additionally, his essay on "Free Blacks in Post-Emancipation Society" was published in the *Encyclopedia of Antislavery and Abolition*.

For the 2007-2008 academic year Prof. Mullins will be on sabbatical, working on his book manuscript A 'Monster in Human Shape': Race, Reason, and Responsibility in American Culture.

Peter Nayenga

Peter Nayenga enters his 30th year of teaching at SCSU. During academic year 2006/07, Nayenga was involved in the following related activities: teaching African history courses; directing the African Studies Program; preparing students who go to study at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU, South Africa); and being Chair of the History Department.

One of his central focus last academic year was working with the Center for International Studies (CIS), Ethnic Studies Department, and Multicultural Student Services (MSS) in preparing students who went to study at NMMU (South Africa). Three sets of students went to study at NMMU. There are those who went on a regular semester-long program, there were students who under the auspices of the FYE Program went for a semester-long program, and there were students who went to South Africa on a "Two Weeks Study Program." In each of these cases, students have to be prepared by taking a course on South African history and getting general orientation.

Another highlight for Nayenga last year was bringing Professor Sulayman Nyang (Howard University, Washington D.C.) on February 28, 2007, to campus to make a presentation titled "Africa: Five Decades of Post-Independence....Where Do We Go Now?" This event was sponsored by the African Studies Committee with the support of a grant Professor Dele Gazal (Biology) and Nayenga received from MnSCU PIF-II (SCSU). This was a well-attended event, which together with the January 31, 2007, presentation by Professor Wangari Maathai (2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner) gave a lot of visibility to African Studies at SCSU. He is deeply grateful to SCSU administration for funding both of these important African-related events.

To keep abreast with recent scholarship in his field, Nayenga made a number of trips to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, one of the leading

schools in the United States in research on African studies. In addition to conducting research for his ongoing and long-range projects ("The Transformation of Busoga, Uganda, 1800—1939" and "The Immigrant Experience"), he attended a number of seminars and workshops. The most memorable symposium he attended was titled, "Disaster in Darfur: Sudan's Defiance of International Human Rights—an International Symposium," Pyle Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 27-28, 2007. This symposium was an eye-opener to Nayenga, not so much about the genocide being committed, but the lack of concern by organizations and governments about what is going on.

John Philip Ness

In addition to his assignments teaching Asian history and coordinating the department's graduate student program, John Ness is the director of the East Asian Studies (EAST) program at SCSU. Housed in the History Department in the College of Social Sciences, EAST is a university-wide program sponsoring speakers, workshops, and study abroad programs as well as offering students a multi-disciplinary minor in East Asian Studies. This year, EAST partnered with the university-wide China Task force in the production of a three day forum held on the campus of St. Cloud State, March 27-29. Featured speakers included Zhao Suisheng and Edward Farmer. Suisheng is a professor and executive director of the Center for China-U.S. Cooperation at the Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver, and editor of the *Journal of Contemporary China*. His most recent book is *A Nation-State by Construction: Dynamics of Modern Chinese Nationalism*. Edward L. Farmer is a professor of History at the University of Minnesota and editor of *Ming Studies*. Farmer's most recent work is *The Hierarchy of Ming City Walls*. At the conference Dr. Ness delivered a talk on the "History of the East Asian Studies Program at St. Cloud State University."

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Dr. Ness' areas of research interest continue to be early modern China, specifically the role of the southwestern frontier region (modern Yunnan and Guizhou provinces) during the Ming period (1368-1644).

Maureen O'Brien



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Maureen O'Brien completed her Ph.D. in August of 2006 from Western Michigan University and has joined the SCSU history department as a tenure-track member. Maureen's research focuses on medieval monastic history. She delivered a paper for the American Benedictine Academy at the 42nd International Congress in Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, MI, in May 2007, entitled: "Because an Angel Said So: Robert of La Chaise-Dieu's Choice of the Rule of St. Benedict." Maureen has three primary teaching fields (ancient, medieval, and Middle East) and has dedicated the year to introducing new courses to SCSU. Currently, her favorite course is "Jupiter to Jesus: The History of Roman Religions and Politics." Out of this course, Maureen developed an Honor's First Year Experience cohort for the 2007-2008 academic year, entitled: "From Jupiter to Jesus: The Greek Legacy." This cohort will give students an interdisciplinary introduction to the ancient Greeks' influences on philosophy, literature, religion, and history. In June 2007 Maureen will be presenting a day-long workshop on the

role of Jerusalem in the current conflict in the Middle East for secondary-education teachers at the Pine City Social Studies Conference. Maureen is also very excited about her new Short-Term Study Abroad program in France planned for July 2008. She will be teaching students about medieval history while they excavate a 12th century priory.

Mary Wingerd

Mary Wingerd is currently completing a new history of Minnesota, which will be published in 2008 by the University of Minnesota Press. In 2006 her substantive entry on Minneapolis and St. Paul was published in the Encyclopedia of American Urban History and she also wrote the lead article on the Twin Cities for the Organization of American Historians newsletter. During the past year, Dr. Wingerd traveled to Washington to serve as a grant reviewer for the National Endowment for the Humanities and also conducted workshops on immigration and urban history for two Teaching American History projects, sponsored by Carleton and St. Olaf Colleges and the University of Minnesota. She also participated in a panel on public history at the OAH annual meeting and was a panel member at the Labor and Working Class History Association conference in Durham, North Carolina.

News from Emeriti Faculty

Ed Pluth

Ed is enjoying retirement and keeps busy through a variety of activities, including reading, genealogy, collecting postcards, and some traveling. He also has breakfast once a month with other retired History faculty. Ed has continued his research and has attended the Northern Great Plains History Conference and commented on three papers dealing with the World War II home front at the Missouri Valley History Conference.

Cal Gower

Cal Gower, who taught history at St. Cloud State from 1957 to 1989, will have been retired for 18 years at the end of May 2007. He was chairperson of the history department from 1962 to 1970. In retirement, he has worked on his family history, but rather than tracing his family tree, he has concentrated on preparing biographies of certain members of his family. He has completed a work on his brother Jack who died in action in Italy in July 1944. Also, in his retirement, Gower has written a number of book reviews, several in Journal of the West. He also has been engaged in volunteer activities such as being a judge at History Day and serving as a tutor in the District 742 Adult Basic Education Program.

William Morgan

Bill Morgan, who taught American Studies at SCSU from 1978-2000, has taught Minnesota History as an adjunct in the department since 2001. This spring he taught CMTY200, following the death of Kent Robertson in February. Bill is trying to find a publisher for a collection of his articles on history, landmarks, and architecture that have appeared in the "St. Cloud Times." He is also working on a memoir of his life in Minnesota. Bill stays active with the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, giving talks on architectural styles to realtors, and serving on St. Cloud's Heritage Preservation Commission. Bill, his wife Judy, and their Yorkie, Stuart, live in Sartell.

Alumni News

Kyle Coppes (B.S. 2002)

Kyle has been employed in Cairo, Egypt, for the past two years. He is presently working full time as a high school teacher and is pursuing a Master's degree in Sociology in Cairo. He plans to return to the United States to continue teaching and is learning Arabic while in Egypt.

Roxanne Chambliss (B.S. 2003)

Roxanne is a graduate student at Saint

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Cloud State University pursuing an advanced degree in the Educational Media program. She currently works as a media specialist for two elementary schools in the Anoka-Hennepin district. In the past, she worked as a Social Studies teacher at Champlin Park High School, teaching American History and Economics.

Phi Alpha Theta

(by Anthony Romaine)

To say that Alpha Epsilon Omega has risen from the ashes like a phoenix may be a hyperbolism, but the Alpha Epsilon Omega chapter of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society experienced another year of immense growth and opportunity for its members. With a dual purpose of attracting new members and engaging current members, the chapter participated in several campus events, as well as originating opportunities of participation for students.

Phi Alpha Theta was established in 1921 at the University of Arkansas. Officially, the mission of the organization "is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. We seek to bring students, teachers and writers of history together for intellectual and social exchanges, which promote and assist historical research and publication by our members in a variety of ways." Phi Alpha Theta national is an exclusive honor society that exists in part to honor top students in the field of history. To be eligible for membership, undergraduate students must have completed at least 12 semester hours (4 courses) in history with a GPA of at least 3.1 in history, have a GPA of 3.0 or better overall, and be in the top 35% of their class. Graduate students should have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours towards their master's degree in history, have a GPA of better than 3.5, and have completed approximately 30% of the residence requirements for

the master's degree. St. Cloud's Phi Alpha Theta chapter (Alpha Epsilon Omega) wanted it to be more inclusive and more involved in recruitment. That is why Alpha Epsilon Omega has two components: Phi Alpha Theta and History Club. The honor of Phi Alpha Theta membership is still available to qualifying members—but membership in the History Club is open to anyone who is interested in history, regardless of GPA or class ranking. History Club members are invited to all events and are able to serve as officers on the executive committee (in the positions of Treasurer, Event Director, or Historian).

The fall semester induction ceremony and social for new members took place on November 28, 2006, with inductees Luke Hofstad, Matthew G. Lambaere, Ry Marcattilio-McCracken, Erin A. Olson, and Ashley M. Toenjes. New officers installed for spring 2007 were: President - Ashley Toenjes, Vice President - Erin Olson, Secretary - Mike Westrate, Treasurer - Tony Romaine, Historian - Jason Karels, Event Director - Bev Knudsen.

The spring semester induction ceremony and social for new members took place on April 25, 2007 with inductee Jeffrey Engelen. New officers installed for fall 2007 were: President - Tony Romaine, Vice President - John Terry, Secretary - Jason Karels, Treasurer - Tony Romaine, Historian

- Jason Karels, Event Director - Erin Olson. Both induction ceremonies acknowledged special guests, including former history department faculty. Advisor for fall semester was Dr. Mary Wingerd, and a co-advisor position was shared by Dr. Mary Wingerd and Dr. Maureen O'Brien during Spring Semester 2007.

At the beginning of fall and spring semesters, the chapter participated in the campus-wide welcome events called Mainstreet and Sidestreet respectively. These events serve as new member recruitment opportunities.

The chapter also hosted several Movie Nights on campus, and invited professors to provide critical analysis of the movies being viewed. A special thanks to the following for their presentations:

Dr. Joseph Bonica for "Matewan"
 Dr. Mark Jaede for "Death and the Maiden"
 Dr. Maureen O'Brien for "The Thirteenth Warrior"
 Dr. Paul Vaughter for "Cromwell," and "Hadrian's Wall"
 Mr. Sam Nelson (Ridgewater College) for "Hollywood History"
 Dr. John Ness "The Last Samurai"

In addition, the chapter volunteered as guest judges for the annual History Day at St. Cloud State University. Tony Romaine and Ashley Toenjes volunteered as judges for the event,



Some of the Phi Alpha Theta inductees and faculty at this spring's induction ceremony

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which allows students from local area high schools to present historical topics of their interest in either audio or visual format. The day was a success as hundreds of students participated and the presentations were varied and magnificent.

The officers and members of Alpha Epsilon Omega and the History Club are excited about this new year ahead of us. Event planning includes more movie nights, community events, and interaction between members of Phi Alpha Theta and the History Department at St Cloud State, as we all move toward a promising future for the University and Phi Alpha Theta.

Graduate Student News

Several graduate students in the History Department completed notable professional goals this year. Indeed, there is not enough space in this newsletter to highlight each and every graduate student's accomplishments. Nonetheless, the department wanted to provide a glimpse of some of the graduate students' successes.

Jesse Godzala continues to work as head of the history department at Foley High School. He also is the founder of the Minnesota Council for History Education and a consultant for the National Council for History Education. Among his numerous accomplishments are being recognized as the 2005 Minnesota History Teacher of the Year and receiving a US Bank Teacher Scholarship.

Mike Westrate will graduate in 2007 with a Master of Arts degree in History. In addition to presenting at the Phi Alpha Theta Midwest Biennial Conference (see article below), Mike has guest lectured at Anoka-Ramsey Community College and presented at the Northern Great Plains History Conference during the past academic year. He has also submitted two book reviews for publication and his article titled "The 'Norman Problem' in His-

toriography: Nationalism and the Origins of Russia," was accepted by *Vestnik, The Journal of Russian and Asian Studies* for Spring of 2007. Mike looks forward to pursuing a Ph.D. in history at Notre Dame University.

Beverly Knudsen currently works for the Central Minnesota History Center and as an announcer and creative producer for Lakeland Broadcasting. In 2006, she was awarded a Mary Jane Young Scholarship, a James A. and Muriel Grunerud Scholarship in History, and a Ray Pederson Memorial Scholarship for Communication Studies. She has also served as Vice President of the Alpha Omega Epsilon Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta and currently serves as Event Director for the organization.

Matthew Ottinger (M.A. Public History) moved out to Boston for a graduate internship at the Bostonian Society and Old State House Museum. He has worked on several important projects, mainly being part of a new Hands-on-History Exhibit about the Old State House. The Bostonian society went through some restructuring and a new position became available and they approached Matt and asked if he would want to be a part-time Facilities Manager. This work involved research about the Old State House, care for a 200 plus year-old building, and being a part of the long-term preservation discussions and goals. The job is still in its trial period, but it will be evaluated after June and then it could turn into a full-time position that would involve a lot more work with preservation. He is also working on his thesis and hopes to finish this summer.

SCSU Department of History students attend paper conference

(by Beverly Knudsen)

Four St. Cloud State University graduate students attended the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society's Mid-

west Regional Conference at Park University on March 15 and 16, 2007. Park University is located in Parkville, Missouri near Kansas City. The attendees, Beverly Knudsen, Tony Romaine, Kimberley Schmidt, and Mike Westrate represented the Alpha Epsilon Omega chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. Both Knudsen and Westrate were chosen to present papers during the conference.



-Photo by Beverly Knudsen, Graduate Student

Knudsen's paper, "Displeasing to God: The Religious Intolerance of Nineteenth Century Swedes in their Homeland and in America," along with Westrate's paper "Historical Nationalism; Nationalist Histories: The Intersection of Nationalism(s) and Written History," were well-received at the conference. Presenters were judged on their level of research, writing ability, analysis of thesis, and oral presentation. Westrate received a certificate for the best graduate paper presentation.

There were twelve Midwest colleges and universities represented at the conference, with a total of thirty individual student presentations, along with a student panel discussion.

Knudsen remarked, "Since this was the first paper conference I have attended, I found it particularly helpful. There was ample time within the session for feedback and further discussion. If I choose to expand my paper, or make improvements to it, I

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have some great ideas to build upon that came from the session participants and judges. Being able to attend with other officers and members of our own chapter was also invaluable, because of the implicit support and encouragement they offered through their attendance.”

Westrate remarked, “Our attendance at this conference accomplished two of the goals the ‘founding members’ set when we restarted Phi Alpha Theta. First, we got to know each other better, and solidified friendships I think will last quite awhile. Second, whether we participated as audience members or presenters, we were exposed to a vital aspect of the profession of history—most of us for the first time.”

Romaine remarked, "The conference in Kansas City was an exciting opportunity to see the process of historical conferencing at work, while also sharing a delightful trip with new found friends."

The conference included a welcome reception at the Liberty Memorial Museum in Kansas City. The keynote speaker for the conference was Dr. Leon Litwack, from the University of California, Berkley. Dr. Litwack is the current president of the Southern Historical Association, and the recipient of the 1980 Pulitzer Prize in History.

The biennial conference of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico in January of 2008. At least two members of the SCSU chapter are hoping to present papers and attend the conference.

Reflections on the Graduate Program



(by Ron Woolery)

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I was recently asked to write a piece for the History Department Newsletter. I decided to address my time here at St. Cloud State University. I started at St. Cloud State during inter-session of 2003. I have been going to school year round since that time.

When I began in 2003, I had a few transfer credits from my time in the military, but not many. I had not attended school full time since 1977. Yes, that makes me older than many of the professors I have had. To say I was apprehensive would be an understatement. I was scared to death. That soon passed as the excitement of learning took control. I was able to finish my B.A. in December of 2005, and was given the opportunity to continue my education. In the fall of 2006, I completed the course work for a M.A. in Public History and am diligently attempting to complete my thesis at this time.

My experience at St. Cloud State has been wonderful. I can honestly say I have not had a bad professor. There have been some tough classes and anyone who listened to me about the

difficulty I had with Dr. Mullins' class last semester knows that. It has all been worth it.

Above all, the faculty of the History Department has been stellar. Each and every one of the professors I have had contact with was sincere and patient. The entire department always seemed willing to go the extra mile, while at the same time challenging me at every turn.

While the entire faculty has been wonderful, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to Dr. Robert Galler. His guidance and leadership has made the process through both degrees attainable. His patience with my many unannounced visits and multitude of questions is truly appreciated.

Dr. William Morgan also provided the push I often needed. In addition to his wise council, he provided a kindred spirit with which to share my thoughts.

As my time here at St. Cloud State ends, I can honestly say it has been one of the most memorable periods of my life.

Scholarship Awards

The faculty and staff of the History Department take special delight in congratulating the following recipients of the History Department scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year:

Calvin, Elio, and Alma Gower Scholarship

William Floersheim

James A. and Muriel Grunerud Scholarship in History

Timothy James

Andrew Ries

Edward Solberg/The Prudential Foundation Scholarship

Diana Emery

Erin Olson

Tyler Rothstein

Alton C. and Haidako H. Wolfer Scholarship in History

Beverly Knudsen

Drew Roser Memorial Scholarship

Ry Marcattilio-McCracken

College of Social Sciences Dean's List 2006

Congratulations to the History majors who made the Dean's List in 2006:

SPRING 2006

Tyler Adams

Christopher Bolliger

Diana Emery

Timothy James

Jessica Kampa

Beverly Knudsen

Robert Kurz

Thomas Lies

Timothy Martin

Heidi Nelson

Allison Peipus

Tyler Rothstein

Matthew Ryman

Brendan Scharber

William Shelton

John Terry

Ashley Toenjes

Andrew Zieba

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Tyler Adams

Diana Emery

Kristie Hauger

Timothy James

Beverly Knudsen

Tyler Rothstein

Brendan Scharber

William Shelton

Ashley Toenjes

Jordon Whitney



History Graduates 2006

The History Department extends its best wishes for a bright and prosperous future to the graduates of 2006:

SPRING 2006

Bachelor of Arts

- Jonathan J. Anderson
- Marie K. Ethen
- Kevin A. Haegele
- Michael A. Heinis
- Cindi S. Hoskins
- Jessica M. Kampa
- Travis M. Keil
- Thomas M. Lies
- Rory J. McCabe
- Michael T. Moe
- Jacob J. Nauman
- Christopher L. Paye
- Allison M. Peipus
- Lisa K. Schauer
- John R. Terry
- Gregory J. Trunk
- Rae L. Wehr
- Kerry N. Wood

Bachelor of Elective Studies

- Nicholas R. Hahnke
- Dana L. Thompson

Bachelor of Science

- Elizabeth A. Benson
- Christopher A. Bingham
- Nathaniel A. Binsfeld
- Brent A. Gilles
- Brian D. Heying
- Kyle A. Knudtson
- Kent R. Miller
- Matthew B. Riesgraf
- Hana M. Ryman
- Christopher E. Schmitz
- Tracy M. Torson
- Blair M. Tosh
- Aimee M. Welsand

SUMMER 2006

East Asian Studies

- Alicia A. Ohmann

Master of Arts

- Matthew R. Bahar

FALL 2006

Bachelor of Arts

- Ryan H. Buckmiller
- Kimberly A. Finn
- Beverly L. Knudsen
- Matthew J. Ryman
- Andrew J. Zieba

Bachelor of Science

- Christa L. Deragisch
- Charles M. Lonergan
- Brett G. Phillips
- Scott R. Zins

Master of Arts

- Jason B. Haug
- Kyle L. Kohl
- Christina T. Markwood-Rod



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