HISTORY GOES HI TECH

Dramatic changes are underway in the electronic communications infrastructure worldwide, especially the Internet and Bitnet systems that link academic computers together. H-Net is an initiative of the History Department at the University of Illinois, Chicago, to assist historians to go on-line, using their personal computers.

H-Net sponsors 21 electronic discussion groups or "lists." Subscribers automatically receive messages in their computer mailboxes. These messages can be replied to, saved, discarded, downloaded to a PC, copied, printed out, or relayed to someone else. The lists are free newsletters that are published daily. Currently our lists have 4,000+ subscribers (2,800+ separate people) in 38 countries. They receive an average of 15-40 messages a week. Membership is open to any scholar or graduate student, and is free. (We especially welcome librarians and archivists.) Each list is moderated by a historian and has a board of editors. The moderators control the flow of messages and reject those unsuitable for a scholarly discussion group. The primary purpose of each list is to enable scholars to easily communicate current research and teaching interests; to discuss new approaches, methods and tools of analysis; to share information on electronic databases; and to test new ideas and share comments on current historiography. Each list is especially interested in methods of teaching history in diverse settings. The lists feature dialogues in the discipline. They publish book reviews, job announcements, syllabi, course outlines, class handouts, bibliographies, listings of new sources, guides to online library catalogs and archives, and reports on new software, datasets and cd-roms. Subscribers write in with questions, comments, and reports, and sometimes with mini-essays of a page or two. Most of the lists have no chronological or geographical limits. We need editors for new lists; if you are interested, send a vita to Richard Jensen at H-Net@UICVM.UIC.EDU (Internet) or H-Net@UICVM (Bitnet).

To subscribe to this service, send this message to LISTSERV@UICVM.UIC.EDU. If your computer center only has "Bitnet" service, send the message to LISTSERV@UICVM. If you cannot get a college account, we recommend DELPHI commercial service: 1-800-695-4005.

Item submitted by Donna Gabaccia
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Call for Nominations

Please send nominations for IHS Vice-President, President Elect and three memberships on the Executive Board to the chair of the Nominations Committee, Peter Kivisto, Department of Sociology, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL 61201. Other members of the committee include: Arnold Hirsch (University of New Orleans, Joy Lintelman (Concordia College), Delores Liptak (Silver Spring, MD), Odd Lovoll (St. Olaf College). The deadline for nominations is January 31, 1994.

Publications


Italian American Education Series (Center for Migration Studies): From Italian Villages to Greenwich Village Our Lady of Pompei, 1892-1992, by Mary Elizabeth Brown, No. 1; Mother Cabrini: Italian Immigrant of the Century, by Mary Louise Sullivan, MSC, No. 2; Italian Americans and Religion: An Annotated Bibliography, by Silvano M. Tomasi and Edward C. Stibill, No. 3; Four Centuries of Italian-American History, by Giovanni Schiavo, No. 4; Struggle and Success: An Anthology of the Italian Immigrant Experience in California, edited by Paola A. Sensi Isolani and Phylis C. Martinelli, No. 5; Inventory of the Italian Immigrants Found in the Archives of the Apostolic Delegation of the United States, by Claudio DeDominicis, No. 6; The Columbus People: 500 Years of Italian Immigration to the Americas and Australia, proceedings of the international conference held during the 1992 Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee.


Rusyn Easter Eggs from Eastern Slovakia, by Pavlo Markovyc, Wilhelm Braumuller Verlegsuzugundlung, 1987 (To obtain copy write to: Carpatho-Rusyn Center, Inc., 355 Delano Place, Fairview, NJ 07022).


Crimes of Hate, documentary video produced by the Anti-Defamation League. To order call the ADL Film Library (201) 652-1989 or fax (201)652-1973.

Breaking Barriers ... Building Trust/ A 3 Part Video Series: Operation Understanding, produced by WCAU-TV in Philadelphia; Names Can Really Hurt Us, produced by WCBS-TV in New York; Rapmatazz: A Notebook Against Prejudice, produced by WCVB-TV in Boston. These videos are accompanied by study guides. To order call the ADL Film Library (201) 652-1989 or fax (201)652-1973.

AWARDS/PROMOTIONS

Andrew R. Heinze, Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley, received the Loewenstein-Wiener Fellowship, American Jewish Archives, 1992; and, the Lucius N. Littauer Foundation Grant, 1992.

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Hasia R. Diner, of the University of Maryland, College Park, received a Distinguished Faculty Research Fellowship for a book on transformation of immigrant foodways.

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Julia Niebuhr Eulenberg, graduate student at the Department of History, University of Washington, was named 1991 Starkoff Fellow in American Jewish Studies at the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio; and was the recipient of two awards from the Cohn Fellowship Fund in Jewish Studies, University of Washington, Seattle.

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Adam Walaaszek, elected Director of the Polonia Institute, Jagiellonia University, Poland.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The American Catholic Historical Association meets at the College of the Holy Cross on 8-9 April. Proposals may be sent by 15 January to James T. Flynn, College of the Holy Cross, History Department, Worcester, MA 01610; (508) 793-2465.

The 30th annual conference of the Canadian Association of American Studies meets in Ottawa on 3-5 November 1994. The theme is "Race, Ethnicity, and 'Otherness' in America." Individual abstracts or complete sessions may be submitted by 15 February. Contact Priscilla Walton, Department of English, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario K1S5B6; (613) 788-2800 ext. 2322.

Proposals, papers, media presentations and sessions for the 1994 Oral History Association conference in Albuquerque on 27-30 October may be submitted to Rose Diaz, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131 by 17 December.

"Scotland and the Americas, 1600-1800," a conference sponsored by the 18th Century Scottish Studies Society at the John Carter Brown Library, meets in Providence on 8-11 June. Contact Ned Landsman, History Department, SUNY, Stony Brook, NY 11794.

The New England American Studies Association (NEASA) annual conference on "American Popular Cultures: At Home and Abroad" at Brown University on May 7-9, 1994. Contact Fritz Fleischmann, Babson College, Babson Park, MA 02157-0310; (617) 239-4400; FAX (617) 239-4312, by February 15.

The Norwegian Emigrant Museum, in cooperation with Cunard Line and the Immigration Museum at Ellis Island in New York, is arranging an international conference concerning The European Migration to the United States and Canada, 1783-1983, to be held aboard the ocean liner Queen Elizabeth 2, during her passage from Southampton to New York, 1-6 August, 1994. Scholars whose fields of interest touch on the migration are cordially invited to attend and to give papers. For more information contact: The Norwegian Emigrant Museum, Strandgdt. 33, 2300 HAMAR, NORWAY. +47 62 52 13 04;

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS


Dublin, Thomas (State University of New York at Binghamton), with Walter Licht: A study of economic development and decline in the Anthracite Region of Pennsylvania. The study will explore deindustrialization in the region, 1920-1970 and the interaction of economic change and ethnicity during this broader process.


Gabaccia, Donna (University of North Carolina at Charlotte): Italians and Chinese contract laborers in the Nineteenth Century.


AFRICAN IMMIGRANT PROJECT UPDATE

After a hiatus during which staff were organizing the 1992 Maroon program and the 1993 Kids’ Stuff program, the Center is resuming its multiyear research, training, and presentation project to document the folklife and expressive culture of recent African immigrant communities in the United States. During 1993, the project will work closely with U.S. residents from the Horn of Africa (Ethiopia) and Senegal. Funding for the training aspect of the project has been provided through a grant to the Center from the Smithsonian’s Educational Outreach Fund.

Central to the project are collaborations with community scholars and cultural workers who are interested in learning ways to present and record the traditions of their communities. Community associates in partnership with formally trained cultural specialists will gather documentation through interviews with tradition bearers as well as through audio, video, and still photography of community social and cultural events. This will become the basis for public presentation projects developed by the same team.

We would like to hear about traditional artists and cultural and social activities of African immigrant communities throughout the United States. Please contact Diana Biard N’Diaye at (202) 287-3284.

CALL FOR HELP

A student finishing studies at the Faculty of Journalism, Ljubljana University, has written to ask for help with his research on the “double identity problem of Slovene (and other) emigrants.” To help, send a short life history (including name, age, place of birth, profession, spouse’s ethnicity, and feelings about your or your parents’ homeland and current home; divided loyalties, if any; intention of returning to Slovenia, and if so, why; reactions to Slovenian independence; etc., to Zvone Zigon, Stjenkova 8, 66230 Postojna, Slovenia. Contact IHRC for the full text of his letter.

If you teach the history of the whole world in nine short months, you know the challenge of planning and organizing a meaningful course in world history. Faced with the same dilemma, members of the World History Association have pioneered the field of world history and provided a much needed network of support for those struggling to design courses which offer more than regional studies. The WHA encourages new scholarship and good teaching through biannual publications of both a bulletin and a journal. In 1990 The Journal of World History received academic recognition from the Council of Editors of Learned Journals for best new journal. With a membership of 1,500 scholars and teachers of world history and with six affiliate organizations, the WHA sponsors regional and national conferences yearly in addition to annual meetings with the American Historical Association. Please send $25.00 for an individual one year membership to: Richard Rosen, Executive Director; World History Association; Dept. of History and Politics, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

The UCLA Asian American Studies Center announces the publication of its Volume 18:3 issue, which focuses on the Asian American communities in transition through its annual bibliography of Asian American materials. This year’s bibliography was done on an electronic data base format which will enable
researchers to search all entries not only by author and subject matter but also by twenty Asian Pacific ethnic groups. This issue also includes new short stories by Korean American authors. Amerasia Journal is available for $7.00 per issue plus $2.00 handling, or a subscription for $18.00 annually. Mailing address: Amerasia Journal, 3230 Campbell Hall, Asian American Studies Center, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1546.

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The Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE), an affiliated member of the American Historical Association, fosters and advances the study and understanding of the history of the United States during the period 1865-1917. SHGAPE actively encourages graduate students to join the Society at reduced membership rates of five dollars per year. For an additional twenty dollars per year, new members will receive the Hayes Historical Journal, published quarterly by the Hayes Presidential Center. Graduate students are invited to participate in the biennial SHGAPE Best Article Competition, which carries a $500 prize. The award honors the best article treating any aspect of United States history during the period 1865-1917 published by a graduate student or recent doctorate. SHGAPE sponsors sessions during the American Historical Association's annual meeting, to which graduate student members of the AHA may submit paper proposals. In addition, graduate students are welcome to attend the Society's Council meeting and reception, also held during the AHA meeting. Graduate student concerns are addressed directly by an elected graduate student representative on the Society's governing Council. SHGAPE welcomes and promotes graduate student participation in the Society. For further information on graduate activities, please contact Stacy A. Cordery, Department of History, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858-4853. To become a member of SHGAPE, please contact Roger D. Bridges, Hayes Presidential Center, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, OH 43420-2796.

AMERICA'S INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE PROJECT

The Folklife Division of the America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP) was developed by the Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission in cooperation with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission and local cultural organizations. It is one of three teams of research specialists documenting and interpreting various aspects of the industrial heritage of the Allegheny Highlands; the others focus on historic sites and archeology. The AIHP region includes Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fayette, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Somerset, and Westmoreland counties. The Folklife Division's goal is to provide first-person accounts on this history, examining such issues as the role of social class and ethnicity in shaping the region.

The purpose and goals of the Folklife Division are: 1) to research occupational, ethnic, gender and class experience in the AIHP region; 2) to advise individuals and community groups on cultural planning and grant writing; 3) to create institutional networks for exploring diverse cultural perspectives; 4) to develop educational policy and programs for use in schools and other settings; 5) to maintain an archive and resource center for the storage, protection, and use of research materials; and 6) to establish contacts with people who are working to comprehend the relationship between reindustrialization and industrial heritage policy. For more information, contact: Allegheny Highlands Heritage Center, 319 Washington St., Suite 370, Johnston, PA 15901. (814) 539-2016.
ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE IMMIGRATION HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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The Immigration History Newsletter

November, 1993

IMMIGRATION HISTORY SOCIETY

PURPOSE: The Immigration History Society was founded in 1965 to promote the study of the history of immigration to the United States and Canada from all parts of the world, including studies of the background of emigration in the countries of origin; to promote the study of ethnic groups in the United States, including regional groups; Native Americans, and forced immigrants; to promote understanding of the processes of acculturation and of conflict; to furnish through the "Immigration History Newsletter" information as to research, organizations, meetings, and publications in the field of immigrant history; to help organize sessions on immigration and ethnicity at meetings of learned societies; and generally to serve the field of immigration-ethnic history with special reference to professional scholarship.

DUES: Membership in the Immigration History Society includes subscriptions to the Journal of American Ethnic History and "The Immigration History Newsletter". Dues are: individuals: 1 year, $30; 2 years, $55; 3 years, $75. Institutions: 1 year, $60; 2 years, $108; 3 years, $145. Students: 1 year, $15; Patrons: 1 year, $100 (individuals or institutions who wish to provide more substantial financial support to the Society will have their names listed on the inside cover of the Journal). For domestic first-class mail add $20 per year for surface mail or $35 per year for airmail. Dues should be sent to: Journal of American Ethnic History, Department 8010, Transaction Periodicals Consortium, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903.

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