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## GEORGE ENRICO POZZETTA, 1942-1994

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George Pozetta died on Thursday, May 19, in Gainesville, Florida, due to post-operative strokes following relatively minor surgery on his arm. We have lost a brilliant historian, a good man, and a very dear friend.

George was born on October 29, 1942 in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. His family originated in the Alpine region of Piedmont; his father, Attilio, was from the village of Seppiana; his mother, Mary Ciolina, was born in the United States, but her parents came from the nearby village of Toceno. His maternal grandparents were part of the migration of woodcutters who came to work in the forests of western Massachusetts. His paternal grandfather traveled back and forth several times, working on railroads, before settling in the United States. George's father worked in the paper mill and was a member and officer of the United Papermakers and Paperworkers local. Growing up in an Italian immigrant working class family powerfully influenced George's life and his scholarship.

After receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees in history from Providence College in Rhode Island and service in Vietnam as a U.S. Army officer (for which he received the Bronze

Star Medal), George pursued graduate studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Writing his dissertation on "The Italians of New York City, 1890-1914," he received the doctorate in 1971. He joined the Department of History of the University of Florida, where he since remained. His enthusiasm and accessibility made him a popular and effective instructor; he was the recipient of the Teacher of the Year award in 1978. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to teaching and research, he was promoted to the rank of professor in 1987.

George's publications constitute an extensive and enduring body of literature relating to American social history. In over fifty pieces (chapters in books, journal articles, and encyclopedia entries), as well as in several edited volumes, George ranged widely over the terrain of 20th century America, including Progressive reform, the South, politics, and immigration historiography. In addition to his own writings, George has placed future generations of students in his debt through the compilation of twenty volumes of judiciously selected journal articles (American Immigration and Ethnicity, 1991). His strong interest in the history of the South and Florida is reflected in a number of publications, including the ground breaking Shades of

*George Enrico Pozzetta - (continued)*

the Sunbelt: Essays on Ethnicity, Race, and the Urban South (co-edited with Randall Miller) (1988), as well as by his editorship of the Florida Historical Quarterly.

George's abiding commitment, however, has been to immigration and working class history--and in particular to the history of Italian immigrants. In the forefront of those who over the past two decades have been rewriting our history from a pluralist perspective, his scholarship is distinguished by respect for and empathy with his subjects, scrupulous and thorough research in Italian as well as American sources, a full appreciation of the transatlantic dimension of migration studies, and a capacity to view the particular in a broad interpretive perspective.

Although his researches on Italian Americans span a variety of topics, George's twin interests in working class and immigrant history realized their highest expression in The Immigrant World of Ybor City: Italians and their Latin Neighbors in Tampa, 1885-1985 (1987), co-authored with Gary R. Mormino. D deservedly included in the University of Illinois's Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Centennial Series and awarded the Theodore Saloutos Prize for the Best Book in Immigration History (1987) by the Immigration History Society, this monograph serves as a model for future studies. It incorporates a sophisticated treatment of class consciousness and conflict, including the role of radical ideologies and ideologues, with an appreciation of ethnic culture as a basis for group solidarity. Women and gender differences receive sensitive consideration as well as do the continuing relationships between the immigrants and their places of origin. Most

distinctively, The Immigrant World of Ybor City is an exemplar of an inter-ethnic approach since the relationships among Sicilian, Cuban, and Spanish cigar workers (as well as their Anglo antagonists) is a central theme of the work.

As due recognition of his accomplishments, George was the recipient of many honors and awards, including the decoration by the Italian Republic of Cavaliere nell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana. He also served as president of the Florida College Teachers of History (1976-77) and of the American Italian Historical Association (1978-1980).

Having said all of this about George the scholar, we have yet to speak of him as Giorgio, as he liked to be known, the human being. It can be said that he was the most amiable and affable of men; but the Italian simpatico, for which there is no precise English equivalent, expresses this quality best. Generous and kind, he gave freely of help and assistance to colleagues and students alike. He was good-humored, always ready with a joke and a laugh. He enjoyed life, relishing a good meal, good wine, and good company. His visits to Italy, most recently in the fall of 1993 when he taught in the FSU-Florence program, were a source of great joy to him. George was a devoted husband and father. His wife and former highschool classmate, Sandy (Sandra Magdalenski) and children, James and Adrienne, were at the center of his life. George's capacity for ready and warm friendship won him a wide circle of amici here and in Italy who feel and mourn his loss deeply.

Rudolph J. Vecoli  
University of Minnesota-  
Twin Cities

## GEORGE E. POZZETTA MEMORIAL AWARD

Roger Daniels, professor of history at the University of Cincinnati and president of the Immigration History Society, has announced the establishment of The George E. Pozzetta Memorial Award which will provide grants to graduate students for dissertation research in immigration history. The Award will be jointly administered by the Society and the Immigration History Research Center. Contributions to the Fund should be sent to the IHRC, University of Minnesota, 826 Berry Street, St. Paul, MN 55114.

### Conferences

#### **Images of America: Through the European Looking-Glass**

The Belgian Luxembourg American Studies Association in cooperation with Versalius College (V.U.B.) will hold its bi-annual conference, "Images of America: Through the European Looking-Glass" on Friday 5 - Sunday 7 May, 1995 in Brussels at the Royal Crown Hotel.

Through an interdisciplinary approach, the conference aims at gaining fresh perspectives on European perceptions of America and the Americans from the colonial period to the post-World War II era. Eighteen international scholars from Europe and the United States will draw upon literary, historical, cinematographic, oral, and musical sources of argue their particular images of American society and culture.

For general information contact:  
William Chew, conference organizer and  
Associate Professor at Vesalius College,  
Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Pleinlaan 2,  
B-1050 Brussels, BELGIUM  
(FAX 32+2+641.36.37)

#### **18th Annual National Legal Conference on Immigration and Refugee Policy, March 30-31, 1995, Washington, DC**

Sponsored by the Center for Migration Studies, 209 Flagg Place, Staten Island, NY 10304-1199. Tel.: 718/351-8800; FAX 718/667-4598. Following a 16-year policy, each session will include international and national experts.

#### **Günter Moltmann**

Professor Moltmann of the University of Hamburg, a distinguished historian of immigration to America and a long-time member of the Immigration History Society died in Hamburg on October 25 "nach schwerer Krankheit." He was 67 years of age. An obituary will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

**Brigham Young University - Hawai'i.**  
**May 10-13, 1995.** The Division of Social Sciences and the Institute of Polynesian Studies will hold a conference on Ethnicity and Multiethnicity. We invite proposals for individual papers and panel sessions. Our goal is to examine the nature of ethnicity from both theoretical and experiential perspectives; the possibility of multiple ethnicities held by individuals and groups; and the implications of multiethnicity for ethnic theory.

Mail proposals to: Paul Spickard, Division of Social Science BYU - Hawai'i, Lai'e, Hawai'i 96762.

**The Conference on the History of Women Religious** is sponsoring a Conference called "Beyond Convent Walls: Religious Women in Historical Context," at Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee, WI, June 18-21, 1995. For information write to History Department, 53217-3985.

**Oral History Association Conference, October 19-22, 1995, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.** Conference theme: "Reflections on Relationships in Oral History Research." Contact Dr. Michael A. Gordon, Dept. of History, Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, P.O. Box 413, 53201. FAX 414-229-6827.

**The Mid-Atlantic Archives Conference and the Oral History In the Mid-Atlantic Region** to host an annual conference, "It's About Time: Archivists and Oral Historians," in Baltimore, April 20-22, 1995. For more information call 410-539-0872 x 345 or MARAC, P.O. Box 2351, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C. 20002.

## WANTED

### Manuscripts by immigrant women

Professors Maxine S. Seller & Rudolph Vecoli are co-editing a new series of volumes, *Voices of Immigrant Women*.

If you know of manuscripts suitable for publication in this series contact Prof. Seller, Dept. of EOAP, 468 Baldy Hall, SUNY at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y. 14260.

## GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

### AIHA SCHOLARSHIP

The American Italian Historical Association offers a scholarship of \$500 to a graduate student, in any discipline, whose work focuses on the Italian American experience. For information write to Donna Gabaccia, Dept. of History, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC 28223.

Next deadline is September 1, 1995.

**JOHN CARTER BROWN LIBRARY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP.** Fifteen short- and long-term Research Fellowships will be awarded for the year June 1, 1995-May 31, 1996. For application write to Director of Library, Box 1894, Providence, RI 02912. Tel.: 401-863-2725.

**THE TOURO NATIONAL HERITAGE TRUST** will offer one three-month fellowship in 1995-96 for research on some aspect of *the Jewish experience in the Western Hemisphere prior to ca. 1860*. The fellowship is open to scholars from any country, and candidates may be engaged in pre- or post-doctoral, or independent research. The fellowship carries a stipend of \$1,000 per month, plus travel reimbursement allowance of up to \$300.

For information write to Director of John Carter Brown Library, address as above.

**GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP IN ITALIAN AMERICAN STUDIES** offered by the Immigration History Research Center of the University of Minnesota for the academic year 1995-1996. Write to Rudolph J. Vecoli, Director of the IHRC, 826 Berry St. St. Paul, MN 55114-1076, 612-627-4208.

**ROCKEFELLER FELLOWSHIPS IN THE HUMANITIES** at the Centro de Estudios Puertorriquenos, Hunter College, CUNY. 1995-96 Theme: *The Cultural Politics of Education*. Scholars who are exploring issues of race, class, ethnicity and gender in education from the perspectives of excluded communities in the U.S., L.A., Caribbean, and Africa are invited to apply. For information write to Centro, 695 Park Ave., Box 548, N.Y., N.Y. 10021. tel: 212-772-5687 fax: 212-650-3673.

**BOOKS, ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS**

**ALEXANDER, JUNE G.** "Ethnic Fraternalism and Working-Class Activism: The Expanding Role of Slovak Fraternal Organizations in the United States During the Interwar Years." Paper at the International Symposium on the Development and Significance of the Fraternal Movement and Fraternal Organizations Among Immigrants in North and South America, Europe, and Australia. May 18-21, 1994 Maribor, Slovenia.

**BAUMAN, MARK K.** (Atlanta Metropolitan College), *Harry H. Epstein and the Rabbinate as Conduit for Change*. Fairleigh Dickinson U. Press, 1984.

**CORTES, CARLOS E.** (University of California, Riverside), "Power, Passivity, and Pluralism: Mass Media in the Development of Latino Culture and Identity," *Latino Studies Journal* (Winter, 1993).

\_\_\_\_\_, "Them and Us: Immigration as Societal Barometer and Social Educator In American Film," in Robert Brent Toplin, (ed.), *Hollywood as Mirror: Changing View of "Outsiders" and "Enemies" in American Movies*. Greenwood Press, 1993.

\_\_\_\_\_, "International Borders in American Films: Penetration, Protection, and Perspective," in Paul Loukides and Linda Fuller (eds.), *Locales in American Popular Film*. Bowling Green University Popular Press, 1993.

\_\_\_\_\_, "The Latino Press in American Journalism History," in Carolyn Martindale (ed.), *Pluralizing Journalism Education*. Greenwood Press, 1993.

**DANIELS, ROGER** (University of Cincinnati), ed. *The Asian American Experience* open-ended interdisciplinary series of monographs published by University of Illinois Press. First two volumes:  
**Linda Tamura**, *The Hood River Issei: An Oral history of Japanese Settlers in Oregon's Hood River Valley* and Eileen Tamura, *Americanization, Acculturation and Ethnic Identity: The Nisei Generation in Hawaii*.

**GALEMA, ANNEMIEKE** (University of Groningen, The Netherlands), "A New Start, A New World. Dutch Migrants and the image of the United States, 1880-1914," in *On Distant Shores*, ed. by Birgit Flemming Larsen et.al., Danes Worldwide Archives, Denmark, 1993.

**GREEN, NANCY L.** (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales), "The Making of the Modern Jewish Women," in Genevieve Fraisse and Michelle Perrot (eds.), *A History of Women*, vol. 4. Harvard University Press, 1993.

\_\_\_\_\_, and Laura Levine Frader, Pierre Milza, "Paris: City of Light and Shadow," in Dirk Hoerder and Horst Rossler (eds.), *Distant Magnets: Expectations and Realities in the Immigrant Experience, 1840-1930*. Holmes and Meier, 1993.

\_\_\_\_\_, "To Give and to Receive: Philanthropy and Collective Responsibility among Jews in Paris, 1880-1914," in Peter Mandler (ed.), *The Uses of Charity: The Poor on Relief in the Nineteenth-Century Metropolis*. University of Pennsylvania Press, 1990.

\_\_\_\_\_, "L'histoire comparative et le champ des etudes migratoires," *Annals, E.S.C.*, no.6 (Nov-Dec, 1990), pp.1335-1350.

\_\_\_\_\_, "L'immigration en France et aux Etats-Unis, Historiographie comparee," *Vingtieme Siecle*, no. 29 (Jan-Mar, 1991), pp.67-82.

**KIRISTO, PETER** (Augustana College), *Americans All: Race and Ethnic Relations in Historical, Structural, and Comparative Perspectives*. Wadsworth, 1995.

**KULCZYCKI, JOHN J.** (University of Illinois at Chicago), *The Foreign Worker and the German Labor Movement: Xenophobia and Solidarity in the Coal Fields of the Ruhr, 1871-1914*. Berg Publishers, 1994.

\_\_\_\_\_, *Strajki szkolne w zaborze pruskim, 1901-1907: Walka o dwujezyczna oswiate (School Strikes in Prussian Poland, 1901-1907: The Struggle over Bilingual Education)*. Biblioteka Kroniki Wielkopolski, 1993.

**MACKINTOSH, JETTE** (University of Copenhagen, Denmark), "The lure of Prosperity: Economic Development among Danish Immigrants to Iowa," in Birgit Flemming Larsen, et.al. (eds.), *On Distant Shores*. Danes Worldwide Archives, Denmark, 1993.

\_\_\_\_\_, "The Influence of the Church on the Assimilation of Danish Americans," at the Norwegian-American Seminar/Sogndal, Norway, June, 1994.

**McCLYMER, JOHN F.** (Assumption College), "Lay-Clerical Conflict in Worcester: Notre-Dame-Des-Canadiens and St. Joseph's Parishes, 1869-1900," at Tenth Annual French Institute Conference, Assumption College, Spring, 1994.

**MILLER, RANDALL M.** (St. Joseph's University) with John R. McKivigan, *The Moment of Decision: Biographical Essays on American Character and Regional Identity*. Greenwood Press, 1994.

\_\_\_\_\_, "Remembering Dennis Clark: Historian and Activist," *Pennsylvania History*, 61 (July 1994).

**MILLER, SALLY M.** (University of the Pacific), "Ethnic Journalism" in *The Encyclopedia of Multiculturalism*. Salen Pressm 1994.

**MOORE, DEBORAH DASH** (Vassar College), wrote new Forward for paperback edition of *Greenwich Village, 1920-1930*. University of California Press, 1994.

**MORMIÑO, GARY R.** (University of South Florida), "The Reader Lights the Candle: Cuban and Florida Cigar Workers' Oral Tradition," *Labor's Heritage*, V (Spring 1993), 4-28.

\_\_\_\_\_, "G I Joe Meets Jim Crow: Racial Violence and Reform in World War II Florida," *Florida Historical Quarterly*, 73 (July 1994).

**RIPPLEY, LA VERN J.** (St. Olaf College), "The Ethnic Frontier: Rural Germans and the Settlement of America in Immigrant America," in *European Ethnicity in the United States*. Garland, 1994.

\_\_\_\_\_, "Imperial German Socialism in the Life and Work of UAW President Walter Philip Reuther," in *The Journal of German-American History*, 42, 1993, pp.43-58.

**SARNA, JONATHAN D.** (Brandeis University), "The Jewish Legacy of Louis Brandeis," *American Jewish History*, 81:3-4 (spring/Summer, 1994).

**SELLER, MAXINE SCHWARTZ** (University of Buffalo), *Immigrant Women*, 2nd ed. State Univ. of New York, 1994 and *Women Educators in the U.S., 1820-1993: A Bio-Bibliographic Sourcebook*. Greenwood Press, 1994.

**SINKE, SUZANNE M** (Clemson University), "Give Us This Day: Dutch immigrant Women in two Protestant Denominations," *Amerikastudien* (38/3).

\_\_\_\_\_, "I Don't Do Windows: Gender Roles in International Perspective, A Turn of the Century Dutch Example." Paper at Third Social History Conference; "International Marriage and Migration: A Dutch-American Case Study." Paper at National Women's Studies Association; "Marriage Between the Lines: Nineteenth Century German Immigrant Letters." OAH Convention, Atlanta, 1994.

**SWIERENGA, ROBERT P.** (Kent State University), *The Forerunners: Dutch Jewry in the North American Dispora*. Wayne State University Press, 1994.

\_\_\_\_\_, "Samuel Myer Isaacs: The Dutch Rabbi of New York City," *American Jewish Archives* 44, 1992; "The Delayed Transition from Folk to Labor Migration; The Netherlands, 1880-1920," *International Migration Review*, 27 Summer, 1993; "The Voyage of the Immigrant Ship *April* from Amsterdam to New Castle, 1817-1818," *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, October, 1994.

"The Journey Across: Dutch Transatlantic Emigrant Passage to the United States, 1820-1880," in Rosemarijn Hoeft and Johanna C. Kardux, eds., *Connecting Cultures: The Netherlands in Five Centuries Transatlantic Exchange*, Amsterdam, Free University Press, 1994.

**WOLKOVICH-VALKAVICIUS, WILLIAM**, "Cracks in the Walls of New England Catholicism: Separatism Among Poles," American Catholic Historical Association spring meeting, Holy Cross College.

#### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS BY MEMBERS

Suzanne M. Sinke, Clemson University, is interested in immigrant women, especially welfare policies and marriage.

Barry R. Chiswick, University of Illinois at Chicago is collecting times series data on the occupational distribution of American Jews compared to non-Jews, 1890-1990.

Jette MacKintosh, University of Copenhagen is studying the assimilation and entrepreneurial activities among Danish immigrants in Iowa.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, in conjunction with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, will offer an intensive training program in applied field research techniques for advanced undergraduates and recent graduates in history or related fields June 7-August 11, 1995. The program focuses on research in social, economic, and cultural aspects of life in a single, active community between 1850 and the present. The research site for 1995 will be a coal company town adjacent to the historic Cambria Iron Works in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Scholarship assistance available. For information contact: James R. Alexander, Director, History Research Training Institute, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Johnstown, PA 15904 Phone: 814-269-2983.

**PUBLICATIONS**

The following publications from Transactions publishers, Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, may be of interest:

Andrew M. Greeley, Catholic High Schools and Minority Students. ISBN: 0-87855-452-1.

Edward Alexander, The Holocaust and the War of Ideas. ISBN: 1-56000-122-4.

Michael Novak, Unmeltable Ethnics: Politics and Culture in American Life, re-issue. ISBN: 1-56000-773-7

David P. Willis, ed., Health Policies and Black Americans, ISBN:0-88738-249-5.

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Cristina Igoa, The Inner World of the Immigrant Child. St. Martin's Press. ISBN:0-312-10801-x.

Jan Rogozinski, A Brief History of the Caribbean: From the Arawak and the Carib to the Present, Penguin. ISBN: 0-452-01134-5.

Jill Nelson, Volunteer Slavery: My Authentic Negro Experience, Penguin. ISBN:0-14--23716-X.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO  
IHS EXECUTIVE BOARD**

In 1995, the IHS will fill three positions on the Executive Board for the three-year term, 1995-1998. Please send nominations for these positions to the Nominations Committee chair, Peter Kivisto, Sociology Department, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL 61201. Other members are: Selma Berrol (Baruch College, CUNY); Joy Lintelman (Concordia College); Nina Mjagkij (Ball State University); Robert P. Swierenga (Kent State University). The deadline for nominations is **JANUARY 31, 1995**.



*Newsletters are important and useful ways of keeping up with one's area of interest and letting others know what we are doing. The information which we obtain from such publications can help us in our own research and teaching. To have a useful newsletter, however, depends upon the members for news. I encourage all members to send me something for the next issue. The sooner I get the information the more useful it will be and be published and sent in timely fashion. I thank all those who sent information for this issue and hope to hear from others.*

Joe /

## 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.

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