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MINUTES OF THE 1995 EDITORIAL BOARD AND BUSINESS MEETING OF THE IMMIGRATION HISTORY SOCIETY 1 APRIL 1995, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Ronald Bayor opened the meeting of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of American Ethnic History* at 4:35 p.m. Bayor distributed his editor's report and noted that there is no shortage of article submissions. The *Journal* currently has 750 subscribers: 421 institutional ; 329 individual. Bayor reported, however, that, while the number of institutional subscriptions has remained essentially constant, the number of individual subscribers has declined. After some discussion, it was decided that individual subscriptions might be boosted by returning the IHS newsletter to its previous format of including short, scholarly essays.

Elliott Barkan, Book Review Editor, reported that the *Journal* still has a problem with some person not submitting promised reviews and yet keeping their review copies. Barkan stated that, by the time he determines that a reviewer will not uphold his/her commitment, it is too late to request another review copy from the press and publish a timely review. After some discussion, it was decided that the *Journal* should publish the titles of books that were sent out for review but no review was subsequently received.

The Editorial Board Meeting adjourned and Roger Daniels opened the annual business meeting at 4:47 p.m.

The minutes of the 1994 Editorial Board and membership meeting were approved.

Alan Kraut gave a detailed treasurer's report for the period March 1, 1994 to February 28, 1995. With \$16,088.91 in the General Fund and \$2,174.80 in the Qualey Award Fund, the Society has a closing cash balance of \$18,263.61.

June Alexander reported that Thomas Dublin, Deborah Miller, and Suzanne Model had been elected to the IHS Executive Board for the term 1995-1998.

Roger Daniels gave his presidential report. During the past year, he had received a complaint about the overly "American" nature of the *Journal* and the Saloutos Prize. He reported that, after weighing this complaint, the IHS Executive Board determined that the Saloutos Prize is controlled by the provisions of the endowment and that the Society's stated purpose is to promote the study of American [United States and Canada] immigration history.

Daniels concluded his report with a summary of the actions and recommendations of the special committee on the IHS graduate student research awards. Committee members included Victor Greene and Betty Ann Bergland. After

lengthy discussion, it was decided that: 1) an annual award in the amount of \$750 would be given for dissertation research; 2) the award would be titled "The George E. Pozzetta Award"; 3) recipients would receive a one-year gratis subscription to the *Journal of American Ethnic History*; 4) the first competition would be announced and take place during the early months of 1996; 5) the selection committee would consist of three persons; 6) the first selection committee would also set guidelines for the prize. The committee's responsibilities would include setting guidelines for eligibility, establishing the format of the application form, determining what materials must accompany applications, and determining the content of the announcement publicizing the prize. The committee's guidelines would be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

There was also lengthy discussion about funding the prize. Daniels reported that the George E. Pozzetta Memorial Fund, which is being administered by the Immigration History Research Center (IHRC), already has received \$2,136.00 in donations. The fund needs \$10,000.00 to be self-sustaining. The IHS and the IHRC will make another general appeal for donations. Daniels proposed that the IHS should annually contribute \$1500.00 toward the Pozzetta Award until the fund reaches \$10,000. Of this annual \$1500 amount: \$750.00 would constitute the financial award to the prize recipient, and \$750 would go to the Pozzetta Fund. Once the fund reaches \$10,000, IHS financial obligations to the recipients and to the fund would cease. He indicated that this proposal was the result of consultations with Rudy Vecoli and that it would have the multiple effect of garnering funds for the prize, allowing the prize to be instituted immediately, and providing a clear terminus for IHS financial support. The proposal passed unanimously.

Rudy Vecoli reported on the Theodore Saloutos prize fund. As of March 29, 1995, the Fund has an operating account of \$2,109.42. Roger Daniel's proposal that the annual award be increased to \$1000.00 was approved and will be in effect for the 1995 book award. A motion also passed that all monies over \$500.00 in the Saloutos operating account should be transferred to the Saloutos investment [endowment] fund.

Rudy Vecoli announced that the IHRC is attempting to arrange a conference on Americans in World War II, and he requested that the IHS be a co-sponsor. The conference will be in George Pozzetta's memory. A "call for papers" has been drafted and will appear in the IHS May newsletter; it will also be sent out in a general mailing. Gary Mormino will coordinate the paper proposals. After proposals have been submitted, organizers will seek funding, probably from the NEH. The site of the proposed conference has not yet been determined, and several suggestions, including the University of Florida (Gainesville), were suggested. The motion that the IHS co-sponsor the conference passed unanimously.

Ron Bayor requested that institutional dues for the *Journal of American Ethnic History* be raised from \$60.00 to \$72.00, an increase of 20 percent. He noted that the institutional rate has not been increased since 1990-1991, when the *Journal* became a quarterly, and that the \$72.00 rate is still below that charged by comparable journals. The motion for an increase passed and will take effect with Volume 15, number 1 (fall 1995).

Roger Daniels announced that Joe Makarewicz, IHS Newsletter Editor, has submitted his resignation effective after the May 1995 newsletter issue. Makarewicz informed Daniels

that the Pennsylvania Ethnic Heritage Studies Center has lost its state funding and that the University of Pittsburgh has declined to assume financial support for the center which now faces being abolished. A resolution passed directing June Alexander to thank Joe Makarewicz for his service as IHS newsletter editor. Daniels reported that the Executive Board is now in the process of seeking a newsletter editor and requested suggestions or volunteers. James Bergquist indicated that he might be interested in the position but would like to see the newsletter transferred back to the Balch Institute. He will quickly investigate this possibility and contact Roger Daniels about the matter. Meanwhile, the IHS Executive Board will continue to search for a newsletter editor.

Rudy announced that funding for the construction of a bridge to Ellis Island, which would cost approximately fifteen million dollars, is currently before a Senate subcommittee chaired by Mark Hatfield (Oregon). It is possible that in the cost-conscious congress that the funding will not be granted; nevertheless, Vecoli urged that the IHS again go on record as opposing the bridge project and proposed that the IHS president write a letter conveying this opposition to Senator Hatfield. A motion affirming IHS opposition to the bridge and directing the IHS president to convey this opposition to Senator Hatfield passed unanimously.

Ron Bayor announced that he and other IHS members had been contacted by Senator Daniel K. Akaka's (Hawaii) office about the possibility of erecting a "Museum of the American People" on the Washington DC Mall. The office wants IHS input to help draft appropriate legislation. It was decided that an IHS committee consisting of the IHS president, vice-president, and other persons appointed by the IHS president should be established to serve as the IHS liaison with the Senator's office and with other congressional personnel or committees subsequently in-

involved with the proposed museum. Daniels immediately appointed David Reimers to the committee, and Alan Kraut offered to serve once he returns to Washington D.C. Roger Daniels will appoint members to the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
June Granatir Alexander
IHS Secretary.

1995 IHS ELECTION RESULTS

The following persons were elected to the Executive Board for the three-year term. 1995-1998:

Thomas Dublin (SUNY-Binghamton)
Deborah Miller (Minnesota History Society)
Suzanne Model (University of Massachusetts-Amherst).

1994 THEODORE SALOUTOUS MEMORIAL BOOK AWARD

Alan M. Kraut, *Silent Travelers: Germs, Genes, and the "Immigrant Menace."* New York: Basic Books, 1994.

1993-1994 Carlton C. Qualey Article Award

Bettye Collier-Thomas and James Turner, "Race, Class and Color: The African American Discourse on Identity," *Journal of American Ethnic History* (Fall 1994).

THE 1994 THEODORE SALOUTOS MEMORIAL BOOK AWARD

At the annual meeting of the Immigration History Society in Washington D.C. on April 1, 1995, the twelfth Theodore Saloutos Memorial Book Award was awarded to Alan M. Kraut for Silent Travelers: Germs, Genes, and the "Immigrant Menace" published by Basic Books in 1994. The following citation was read:

CITATION

Alan M. Kraut's book, *Silent Travelers: Germs, Genes and the "Immigrant Menace"*, published by Basic Books, explores and analyzes the immigrant experience from the novel vantage point of what he calls "the double helix of health and fear." Considering both the realities of public health and the often illusory nativist phobias about immigrant disease, he throws new light on the ways in which many strangers in the land were regarded. Although Kraut shows that such fears existed in the earliest days of the colonial experience, the work focuses chiefly on the era of mass immigration. From Irish, Chinese, and Jews - all of whom were cursed as bearers of cholera and other diseases - to today's Haitians uniformly categorized as carriers of AIDS, immigrant group after immigrant group has been labeled as dangerous to American health.

In addition to analyzing the nature of the nativist theories and arguments that underlay these fears, Kraut also shows how public health officials, educators, and social reformers reacted to both the real and the imaginary medical problems. In doing so he has drawn on a wide range of sources, some familiar to students of immigration, others rarely used by them. He has exploited the works of medical historians but illuminated them with insights drawn from social history and cultural anthropology, including a sympathetic examination of the medicinal lore and health practices of several immigrant groups.

In sum, Alan Kraut's *Silent Travelers*, is a major synthesis that reexamines and, in part, transforms, a fundamental aspect of immigrant scholarship. The Immigration History Society is pleased to award the Theodore Saloutos Memorial Book Award in American Immigration History to Alan M. Kraut of American University.

Jon Gjerde
Vicki Ruiz
A. William Høglund,
Chair, Saloutos Award Committee

Books, Articles and Presentations By Members

Appel, John J. & Bunker, Gary L. "Shoddy,' Anti-Semitism and the Civil War. American Jewish History, 82, No. 1-4.

Ashkenazi, Elliott, *The Civil War Diary of Clara Solomon: Growing Up in New Orleans, 1861-1862*. La. St. Univ. Press, 1995.

Brundage, David, *The Making of Western Labor Radicalism: Denver's Organized Workers, 1878-1905*. U. of Ill., 1994.

Bukowczyk, John J. and Faires, Nora, "The American Family and the Little Red Schoolhouse: Historians, Class, and the Problem of Curricular Diversity," Prospects: An Annual of American Cultural Studies 19 (1994).

D'Agostino, Peter, "Italian Ethnicity and Religious Priests in the American Church: the Servite, 1870-1940," Catholic Historical Review, vol. 70, no. 4 (Oct. 1994), 714-740.

Erdmans, Mary Patrice, "Immigrants and Ethnicity: Conflict and Identity in Polish Chicago," The Sociological Quarterly, v. 36.

Frenette, Yves, "Vie paroissiale et antagonismes culturels: les dominicains a Lewsiston (1881-1906)," in Religion catholique et appartenance franco-americaine/Franco-Americans and Religion: Impact and Influence. (Worcester, MA., Institute of francais/Assumption College, 1933).

Granquist, Mark, "Swedish- and Norwegian-American Religious Traditions, 1860-1920," Lutheran Quarterly Autumn 1994, pp. 299-320.

Hoy, Suellen, "The Journey Out: The Recruitment and Emigration of Irish Religious Women to the United States, 1812-1914," Journal of Women's History, 6, Winter/Spring 1995.

Miller, Randall M., "Ethnic Groups, U.S.," in James Churchill ed., *Americana Annual, 1995*. (Grolier 1995).

Rozek, Barbara J., "Galveston, Texas: An Immigrant Port on the Gulf Coast," Gulf Coast Historical Review, 10 (Fall 1994).

Stave, Bruce M. and Sutherland John F., From the Old Country: An Oral History of European Migration to America, (Twayne/MacMillan 1994).

Williams, Vernon J., Jr., "A History of Race Relations Social Science," The Western Journal of Black Studies, 18 (Fall 1994), pp. 143-152.

From IHNL Editor

This is my last newsletter for INS. I am unable to continue as editor because of the uncertainty of my position as Director of the Pennsylvania Ethnic Heritage Studies Center at the University of Pittsburgh. After 20 years the Governor has cut funding for the Center and the University of Pittsburgh is unable to continue the full funding of the Center.

I wish to express my appreciation to all the officers of the INS for their support and to all the members who have shared information for the newsletter.

My best wishes and thanks to you all.

1995 Theodore Saloutos Memorial Book Award In American Immigration History

Inquires and nominations for the 1995 award should be submitted to the chair of the Saloutos Prize Committee, Professor Jon Gjerde, Department of History, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

To be eligible for the prize, a book must be copyrights "1995." Copies of the books nominated must be received by the three members of the committee by December 31, 1995. Send books to Prof. Gjerde at the above address as well as to Prof. Hasia Diner, University of Maryland, American Studies, College Park, MD 207742; Prof. Thomas Dublin, Dept. Of History, SUNY-Binghamton, Binghamton, NY 13902-6000.

GEORGE E. POZZETTA DISSERTATION RESEARCH AWARD

The Immigration History Society invites application from any Ph.D. candidate who will have passed the qualifying exam by Dec. 1, 1995 and whose thesis concerns American immigration, emigration, or ethnic history. The grant is \$750 for expenses to be incurred in researching the dissertation. Applicants must submit a 3-5 page descriptive proposal in English, including the significance of the work, the methodology, sources, and collections to be consulted. Also included must be a proposed budget, a brief c.v., and a supporting letter from the major advisor. Submission deadline is Dec. 15, 1995 with the announced winner about Feb. 15, 1996. Send all materials in triplicate hardcopy to Prof. Victor R. Greene, History Dept., U. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Inquires: 414-229-3965 or vicgre@csd.uwm.edu

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Oral History Association will hold its meeting in Phila., PA Oct. 10-13, 1996. The theme for the meeting is "Oral History, Memory, and the Sense of Place." For further information contact Linda Shopes, Division of Hist. PHMC, Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108, 717-772-3257; 717-783-1073{fax}; lshopes@11pptn.11.pbs.org
Deadline: Dec. 15, 1995.

Migrants and the Homeland

Symposium at Uppsala University, Sweden, June 12-14, 1996.

Researchers interested in participating are asked to submit a 1 page abstract. Deadline is Oct. 1, 1995. Further information write: *Center for Multiethnic Research Uppsala University, Box 514, S-753 12 Uppsala. 46-18-182359; E-mail: Harald.Runblom@multietn.uu.se*

WWII AND ETHNIC AMERICA

The conference is projected for the fall of 1996. The site has yet to be determined. It is being sponsored by the Immigration History Society and the Immigrant History Research Center of the U. of Minnesota. The conference will be dedicated to the memory of George E. Pozzetta who was engaged in pioneering work on the subject at the time of his death in May 1994.

You are invited to submit a proposal and abstract [ca.200 words] along with a copy of your curriculum vitae by Sept. 1, 1995 to Prof. Gary Mormino, Dept. of History, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620-8100.

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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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