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NEWSLETTERS PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE By Alison Clark Efford

The newsletter has charted the development of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society since it first began publication in 1968. Nicholas Trajano Molnar, the outgoing editor, took his role as guardian of this legacy very seriously. His commitment to the newsletter went beyond typical editorial duties to include preserving its history. Nick made past issues available online (<http://iehs.org/online/iehs-newsletter/>) and planned for this issue, the first after his departure, to reprint portions of the earliest newsletters.

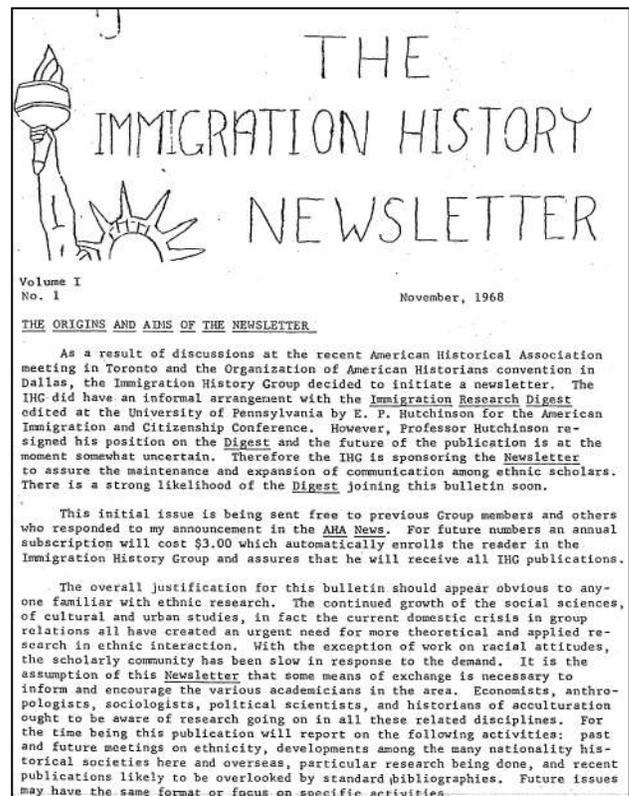
Like most historical documents, the excerpts require some introduction. They include their share of mundane procedural notes and reveal not only continuity but also change. The organization that became the IEHS was founded as the Immigration History Group (IHG) in 1965, and it initially focused on the Europeans who had made up the majority of voluntary immigrants to the United States and Canada. From the start it aimed to bring scholarship to bear on pressing public issues, but in the context of the late 1960s and early 1970s, that meant participating in the white ethnic revival. Indeed, the first issues of the newsletter might be read against Matthew Frye Jacobson's reflections on the complicated relationship between remembering European immigration and the histories of people of color in the United States.¹ As Jacobson argued, some people who identified with white ethnic groups used their experiences to argue for more inclusive national communities, while others cited stories of their ancestors to justify existing hierarchies or, more subtly, dictate the terms of inclusion.

The first editor of the newsletter, Victor R. Greene, was an historian of Slavic immigration who lobbied for the organization to include a wide array of ethnic experiences. Victor set out the newsletter's *raison d'être* in the inaugural issue:

As a result of discussions at the recent American Historical Association meetings in Toronto and the Organization of American Historians convention in Dallas, the Immigration History Group decided to initiate a newsletter. The IHG did have an informal arrange-

ment with the *Immigration Research Digest* edited at the University of Pennsylvania by E. P. Hutchinson for the American Immigration and Citizenship Conference. However, Professor Hutchinson resigned his position on the *Digest* and the future of the publication is at the moment somewhat uncertain. Therefore the IHG is sponsoring the *Newsletter* to assure the maintenance and expansion of communication among ethnic scholars. There is a strong likelihood of the *Digest* joining the bulletin soon.

This initial issue is being sent free to previous Group members and others who responded to my announcement in the *AHA News*. For future numbers an annual subscription will cost \$3.00 which automatically en-



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From the IEHS President



Every April we must say goodbye to three members of the IEHS Executive Board who have completed their three-year terms. We thank Kevin Kenny, Hidetaka Hirota, and Annie Pollard for their contributions. Each brought a unique perspective to the many board meetings we conducted over email. As the Vice-President of Programming and Education at the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, Annie Pollard encour-

aged us to reach out to non-academic audiences. As a post-doctoral fellow and now visiting professor, Hide Hirota spoke for the needs of early career scholars in our society. Under Hide's watch as chair of the Pozzetta dissertation prize committee, the committee received a record number of submissions. Kevin Kenny volunteered for just about every task, and became one of our most trusted advisors. All three were essential participants in our ongoing discussions on the society's mission and outreach.

We welcome K. Scott Wong, Marilyn Johnson, and Rosina Lozano to the Board. I am grateful for the generosity of colleagues like Scott, Lynn, and Rosina, who agree to run for office, to serve on prize and programming committees, and to review articles and books for the journal. Our professional society thrives because of this service.

One IEHS member who has played a vital role is John Bukowczyk. After thirteen years as editor of the *Journal of American Ethnic History*, John will be stepping down this August 2017. John served as editor during a difficult time in the life of our flagship publication, and oversaw the journal's transition to the University of Illinois Press, where it has done very well. Under his direction, subscriptions – and our treasury—grew, allowing the society to grant more book and dissertation prizes, and to organize more activities for intellectual exchange and networking. I hope you will join me in thanking him for his service.

A search for a new editor to succeed John is underway. The search committee consists of Vice-President Madeline Hsu (chair); Ron Baylor, past president of the IEHS (who served as the founding editor of the journal for 24 years); Alan Kraut, past president of the IEHS and the OAH; Torrie Hester, a former chair of the Pozzetta Dissertation prize committee; and myself. A review of applications will begin on May 12 and continue until the position is filled. More



IEHS banquet at the OAH in New Orleans.

information about the position can be found on our website and at <http://www.press.uillinois.edu/journals/jaeh.html>

I am pleased to report that the #ImmigrationSyllabus, our joint project with the Immigration History Research Center, has attracted a great deal of media and scholarly attention. Within two weeks of its launch, #ImmigrationSyllabus had approximately 25,000 page views from around the world. Five months later, the site had received over 41,000 page views in 81 different countries. The syllabus has been discussed in several major newspapers, as well as in the publications of the Organization of American Historians and the American Historical Association.

The IEHS Program committee—Madeline Hsu, Maddalena Marinari, Kathy López, Kevin Kenny, and Annie Pollard—is working on proposals for future workshops and professional collaborations with other historical societies. Nick Molnar and Evan Taparata, our co-Digital Humanities Officers, and Carly Goodman, our social media coordinator, also have some exciting plans for our website and outreach. You can expect to hear more from all of them in the upcoming months. Please visit our website for updates on programming and educational content.

Have a good summer,
María Cristina García



Panelists at OAH session on engaging the public (see page 3).

IEHS Award Recipients for 2017

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Alan M. Kraut, American University

George J. Sánchez, University of Southern California



Theodore Saloutos Book Award

Mireya Loza, *Defiant Braceros: How Migrant Workers Fought for Racial, Sexual, and Political Freedom* (University of North Carolina Press).

First Book Award

Lori Flores, *Grounds for Dreaming: Mexican Americans, Mexican Immigrants, and the California Farmworker Movement* (Yale University Press).

George E. Pozzetta Dissertation Award

Eladio Bobadilla, "One People without Borders': The Lost Roots of the Immigrants' Rights Movement, 1954-1994" (Duke University).

Katherine Carper, "The Business of Migration, 1830-1880" (Boston College).

Outstanding Dissertation Award

Sarah Coleman, "Redefining American: The Shifting Politics of Immigration at the End of the Twentieth Century" (Princeton University).

Carleton Qualey Memorial Award

Krystyn Moon (University of Mary Washington), "The Alexandria YWCA: Race, and Urban (and Ethnic) Revival: The Scottish Christmas Walk, 1960s-1970s."



Krystyn Moon and John Bukowycz

Graduate Student Blog Prize

Kelly Lyons (Boston College), "The Pledge of Allegiance and the Perils of Quiet Nationalism."

Reports on IEHS Sessions at the OAH

Integrating the Histories of New Americans

Report by Sergio M. González, Marquette University and University of Wisconsin-Madison

Chair: Madeline Hsu

Commentator: Ramón Gutiérrez

Panelists: Violet Johnson, Cindy I-Fen Cheng, Sam Vong

Chaired by IEHS president-elect Madeline Hsu, this panel studying emerging immigrant communities across the Americas developed from a 2015 conference commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1965 Immigration Act held at the University of Minnesota's Immigration History Research Center. Sam Vong's study of Laotian exiles resettled in 1970s Argentina explored the "geopolitics of compassion" during the country's Dirty Wars, while Cindy I-Fen Cheng discussed the legal and extra-legal means by which 1980s Salvadoran refugees worked to secure asylum despite their legal "in-betweenness" in the U.S. Violet Johnson provided an expansive historiography of African-descent immigrant experiences, illuminating new avenues for understanding diasporic and transnational communities. Commentator Ramón Gutiérrez's concluded the session by commending the panelists for employing both regional and global lens to understanding these new immigrant and exile histories.

Migration Scholars and the Public: A How-To Guide

Report by Ashley Johnson Bavery, Northwestern University

Chair: Maddalena Marinari

Panelists: Mae Ngai, Maria Cristina Garcia, Erika Lee, Paul Kramer

This panel offered ways that immigration historians, particularly women and those of color, can offer historical perspective to a media dominated by white, male voices. Much of their advice was practical. Mae Ngai suggested that hopeful op-ed contributors write research-based pieces in advance, ready to tweak for breaking news or use an anniversary of an event to pitch a topic to a newspaper. Maria Cristina Garcia suggested that those new to public scholarship try venues like the *Conversation* and the *Huffington Post*, while Erika Lee offered advice on how to negotiate negative feedback. Finally, Paul Kramer warned against making tight analogies between the past and present. A lively question and answer session followed.

New Publications Noted

Barber, Llana. *Latino City: Immigration and Urban Crisis in Lawrence, Massachusetts, 1945-2000.* Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2017.

Baynton, Douglas C. *Defectives in the Land: Disability and Immigration in the Age of Eugenics.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017.

Bergman, Klas. *Scandinavians in the State House: How Nordic Immigrants Shaped Minnesota Politics.* St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2017.

Chopas, Mary Elizabeth Basile. *Searching for Subversives: The Story of Italian Internment in Wartime America.* Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2017.

Coulson, Doug. *Race, Nation, and Refuge: The Rhetoric of Race in Asian American Citizenship Cases.* Albany: State University of New York Press, 2017.

Enciso, Fernando Saúl Alanís. *They Should Stay There: The Story of Mexican Migration and Repatriation during the Great Depression.* Translated by Russ Davidson. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2017.

Falola, Toyin, and Adebayo Oyejede, eds. *The New African Diaspora in the United States.* New York: Routledge, 2017.

Gerald R. Gems. *Sport and the American Occupation of the Philippines: Bats, Balls, and Bayonets.* Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books, an imprint of the Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., 2016.

Hester, Torrie. *Deportation: The Origins of U.S. Policy.* Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017.

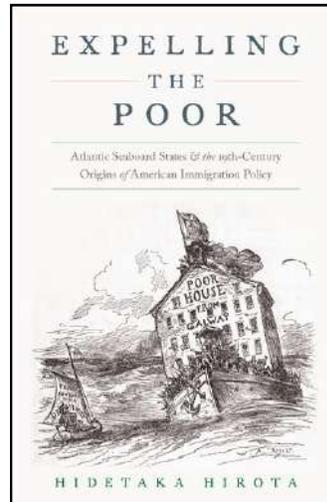
Hirota, Hidetaka. *Expelling the Poor: Atlantic Seaboard States and the Nineteenth-Century Origins of American Immigration Policy.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2017.

Hirschhorn, Sara Yael. *City on a Hilltop: American Jews and the Israeli Settler Movement.* Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2017.

Huber, Donald L. *Godly Living in the Wilderness: Religious Origins of the Society of Separatists at Zoar.* Columbus:

Ohio Historical Society, 2017.

Kang, S. Deborah. *The INS on the Line: Making Immigration Law on the US-Mexico Border, 1917-1954.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2017.



Lavsky, Hagit. *The Creation of the German-Jewish Diaspora: Interwar German-Jewish Immigration to Palestine, the USA, and England.* Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2017.

Lineteau, Paul André, Yves Frenette, and Françoise Le Jeune. *Transposer la France: L'immigration française au Canada, 1870-1914.* Montréal: Boréal, 2017.

Mackaman, Thomas. *New Immigrants and the Radicalization of American Labor, 1914-1924.* Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Company, 2017.

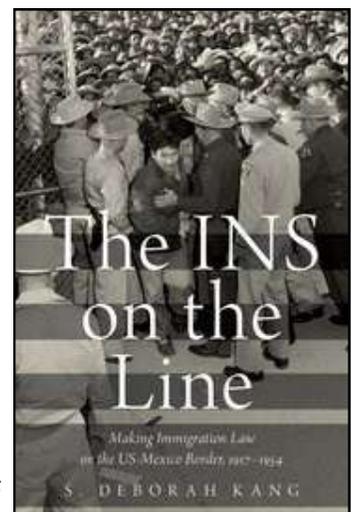
Michalikova, Nina. *New Eastern European Immigrants in the United States.* New York: Palgrave Macmillan US, 2017.

Molnar, Nicholas Trajano. *American Mestizos, the Philippines, and the Malleability of Race, 1898-1961.* Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2017.

Ruberto, Laura E, and Joseph Sciorra, eds. *New Italian Migrations to the United States.* Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2017.

Salazar-Porzio, Margaret, Joan Fragaszy Troyano, and Lauren Safranek, eds. *Many Voices, One Nation: Material Culture Reflections on Race and Migration in the United States.* Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Press, 2017.

Schmidt, Björn A. *Visualizing Orientalness: Chinese Immigration and Race in U.S. Motion Pictures, 1910s-1930s.* Cologne: Böhlau Verlag, 2017.



Sherman, William C, and Thomas D Isern. *Prairie Mosaic: An Ethnic Atlas of Rural North Dakota*. 2nd edition. Fargo: North Dakota State University Press, 2017.

Steidl, Annemarie, Wladimir Fischer-Nebmaier, and James Warren Oberly. *From a Multiethnic Empire to a Nation of Nations: Austro-Hungarian Migrants in the US, 1870-1940*. Innsbruck: StudienVerlag, 2017.

Torimoto, Ikuko, and Wayne Patterson. *Okina Kyūin and the Politics of Early Japanese Immigration to the United States, 1868-1924*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Company, 2016.

Vázquez-Hernández, Víctor. *Before the Wave: Puerto Ricans in Philadelphia, 1910-1945*. New York: Centro Press, Center for Puerto Rican Studies, 2016.

Wareing, John. *Indentured Migration and the Servant Trade from London to America, 1618-1718: "There Is Great Want of Servants."* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.

Zahra, Tara. *The Great Departure: Mass Migration from Eastern Europe and the Making of the Free World*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2017.

Ziegler-McPherson, Christina A. *Selling America: Immigration Promotion and the Settlement of the American Continent, 1607-1914*. Santa Barbara: Praeger, 2017.



#ImmigrationSyllabus

If you are on Twitter or Facebook or read *Perspectives*, you already know about #ImmigrationSyllabus. Inspired by #FergusonSyllabus and other initiatives, the online resource brings the insights of historical research to current events. Historians from IEHS and the University of Minnesota's Immigration History Research Center explain their work on the landing page:

The 2016 presidential election brought a great deal of attention to immigration and immigrants in American society. Much of this debate perpetuated harmful stereotypes, dangerously stoked fears about outsiders, and echoed a nativist rhetoric that many believed had disappeared from public discourse. The debate also ignored how current discussions are deeply rooted in

century-long conversations about who is allowed into the country and what it means to be an American. Indeed, anti-immigrant rhetoric and immigrant surveillance, detention, and deportation have been a defining feature of American politics and state and federal policy since the 19th century.

This syllabus seeks to provide historical context to current debates over immigration reform, integration, and citizenship. Many Americans have a romanticized idea of the nation's immigrant past. In fact, America's immigration history is more contested, more nuanced, and more complicated than many assume. Then, like now, many politicians, public commentators, critics, and media organizations have greatly influenced Americans' understanding of immigration and the role that immigrants play in U.S. society.

The syllabus follows a chronological overview of U.S. immigration history, but it also includes thematic weeks that cover salient issues in political discourse today such as xenophobia, deportation policy, and border policing. As there are many ways of teaching immigration history, the topics included here are not intended to be exhaustive. Rather, we have selected readings that directly offer historical context for understanding contemporary immigration politics and have proven useful in our teaching. We also include a short list of primary sources and multimedia to assist in teaching and learning. When available, we link to readings, documents, and teaching resources available online.

We hope that this syllabus will help educators, activists, and citizens in their teaching, advocacy, and public discussions about immigration in the United States historically and today. We also hope that it will assist policymakers who seek to avoid the mistakes of the past.

Since its launch in January, #ImmigrationSyllabus has reached wide audiences online. A contribution to the IEHS blog by Genevieve Carpio (University of California Los Angeles) shows how creatively it is being used in the classroom (<http://iehs.org/online/carpio-teaching-immigrationsyllabus/>) and an article in the American Historical Association's magazine, *Perspectives*, extended its visibility (see <https://www.historians.org/publications-and-directories/perspectives-on-history/march-2017/no-one-is-a-stranger-immigration-historians-mobilize-to-educate-and-advocate>).

#ImmigrationSyllabus is available at www.iehs.org.

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rolls the reader in the Immigration History Group and assures that he will receive all IHG publications.

The overall justification for this bulletin should appear obvious to anyone familiar with ethnic research. The continued growth of the social sciences, of cultural and urban studies, in fact the current domestic crisis in group relations all have created an urgent need for more theoretical and applied research in ethnic interaction. With the exception of work on racial attitudes, the scholarly community has been slow in response to the demand. It is the assumption of this *Newsletter* that some means of exchange is necessary to inform and encourage the various academicians in the area. Economists, anthropologists, sociologists, political scientists, and historians of acculturation ought to be aware of research going on in all these related disciplines. For the time being this publication will report on the following activities: past and future meetings on ethnicity, developments among the many nationality historical societies here and overseas, particular research being done, and recent publications likely to be overlooked by standard bibliographies. Future issues may have the same format or focus on specific activities.

Thus an ethnic studies news bulletin has begun and I hope that it proves helpful to those interested. To maximize its value, the publication also requires the assistance of its audience. I, therefore, urge readers to send me such information which they believe would aid teaching and research. Please do not hesitate, also, to offer suggestions and criticism.

It is not the aim of this publication to duplicate the related newsletters but rather to supplement them. The earnest hope is that this informational clearinghouse will help produce ultimately that synthesis of ethnic adjustment which presently is so desired.²

Two years later, Victor Greene provided an example of how IHG leaders acted as advocates for the research and teaching of immigration and ethnic history:

I must... bring a matter of the utmost urgency to your attention. The General House Sub-committee on Education of the House Committee on Education and Labor held hearings beginning February 16 on this legislation. The bill, HR 14910, seeks to "improve the opportunity of students in elementary and secondary schools to study cultural heritage of the major groups

of the Nation," by funding institutes and publications to the sum of \$30,000,000 through June, 1971. Several IHG members testified, myself as Executive Secretary, Rudolph Vecoli of the University of Minnesota and John Appel of Michigan State.³

By November 1970, Victor was calling on the IHG to change its name and widen its purview to include new groups.

Since the May issue, a number of developments have occurred which indicate that the Group must review its objectives. Such introspection is usually difficult but it seems to your Editor that such a re-examination is necessary to establish (the word is "establish" *not* "maintain") the academic and scholarly reputation of the IHG.

It is clear that since the organization was formed seven or eight years ago, its original purpose no longer represents adequately the interests of its entire membership. We are not what the Group once was, an informal handful of historians meeting casually at conventions as occurred in the mid '60's. The IHG now has about 300 paid adherents in all disciplines, with several score in England, Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, Italy, Israel, and Australia. Many are concerned not simply with the problem of migration but also acculturation and cultural change, the interrelationships between majority and minority. Therefore, your Editor and Executive Secretary would like to offer two changes in the by-laws of the Group. In order to add substance and prestige to the IHG we should retile the organization the Ethnic History Association; thereby amending Article I of the Constitution. If that is done, Article II would have to be altered also to read "to further the study of international migration, ethnicity, and those consequences." The word "ethnicity" is to be inserted and "those" for "its" is to be substituted. Again, your Executive Secretary feels that these changes are rather essential to the better academic standing of the organization; they will attract more distinguished scholars and more appropriately represent our objectives. Of course, these modifications would mean including the study of Blacks, Indians, and those Spanish-speaking people of the Southwest who are indigenous to the area. But, for example, students of Black history are already moving toward organizing as one of our constituent ethnic historical societies. They recently changed their name of the Society for the Study of Negro Life and Culture to the Afro-American Historical Society. Some Black historians already are mem-

bers and your Editor is writing the AAHS Executive Secretary to ask if his society would be willing to associate with our organization along with the other nationality and racial historical bodies.⁴

Victor's proposal identified issues of ongoing significance to historians of immigration: the role race plays in our work and our relationship to current events. That does not mean, however, that he could anticipate the how the organization and the historical profession would change over the decades.⁵

Meanwhile, the newsletter continues to "furnish information as to research, organizations, meetings and publications in the field of immigrant history," as the society's by-laws stipulate. Since the advent of email, H-Net, Facebook, and Twitter, it has been distinguished by its tactility and relative permanence. In contrast to the digital ephemera that constantly updates and distracts us, a print newsletter invites coffee stains and leisurely perusal. It remains a forum to share new research, to foster interactions among scholars studying different immigrant and ethnic groups, and to also consider how our scholarship informs public debate, a topic just as urgent now as it was in 1970.

As the latest editor, I end by echoing Victor Greene's call for contributions, suggestions, and criticisms. I may not have my own administrative assistant, as he did at one point, but I do have an email address: newsletter@iehs.org.

Alison Clark Efford
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Notes

1. Matthew Frye Jacobson, *Roots Too: White Ethnic Revival in Post-Civil Rights America* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2006).
2. *Immigration History Newsletter* 1, no. 1 (Nov. 1968), 1-2.
3. *Immigration History Newsletter* 2, no. 2 (May 1970), 2.
4. *Immigration History Newsletter* 3, no. 1 (Nov. 1970), 1-2.
5. For an institutional history, see June Granatir Alexander, "History Matters: the Origins and Development of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society," *Journal of American Ethnic History* 25, no. 4 (2006): 5-42.

Immigration History Blog Announcement

Several IEHS members have contributed to the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Press's first "Off the Page Roundtable" (<https://uncpressblog.com/2017/04/03/roundtable-immigration/>).

Call for Applications Editor, *Journal of American Ethnic History*

The Immigration and Ethnic History Society (IEHS) is issuing a call for proposals to edit its flagship publication, *The Journal of American Ethnic History (JAEH)*. The new editor will succeed John Bukowczyk of Wayne State University. The term of appointment will begin in Fall 2017 (subject to negotiation) will extend for five years and may be renewed. The editor is supported by a book review editor and an editorial board representing a broad range of specializations in the field of immigration and ethnic history. The position requires support from the editor's home institution, which generally includes course release time and some level of administrative assistance. IEHS may be able to provide a subvention to support editorial activities.

JAEH is a scholarly, peer-reviewed journal published quarterly by the University of Illinois Press. The journal publishes original essays, historiographic overviews, forums, and reviews of scholarly books, films, and exhibits on all aspects of immigration and ethnic history. For additional information, please see <http://www.press.uillinois.edu/journals/jaeh.html>

Applicants should submit the following to Madeline Y. Hsu at myhsu@austin.utexas.edu. Review of applications will begin May 12, 2017 and will continue until the position is filled.

1. A CV
2. A proposal (5 pp. maximum) that assesses the *JAEH* as it now stands, offers a vision for the journal as it evolves, and specifies the level of support your institution is likely to offer.
3. The names and contact information of three references.

The IEHS has established a search committee composed of Madeline Y. Hsu (chair and president-elect of the society), Ronald Baylor, Maria Cristina Garcia, Torrie Hester, and Alan Kraut. The final decision will be made with the endorsement of the committee and the IEHS executive board. The successful candidate will be required to provide a letter from the sponsoring institution on its commitment of support.

See also <http://iehs.org/online/>.

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New Publications? Awards? Conferences planned? Research projects? Email newsletter@iehs.org or mail details to the newsletter’s return address. Use the space below and attach an additional sheet if necessary.

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All rates include membership in the Immigration and Ethnic History Society, the quarterly *Journal of American Ethnic History*, and the biannual *Immigration and Ethnic History Newsletter*.

Individuals (1 Year):

Print or online: \$45; Both: \$55

Students (1 Year):

Print or online: \$25; Both: \$35

Institutions (1 Year):

Print or online: \$257; Both: \$310

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Other non-U.S. locations: + \$35

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