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The Immigration and Ethnic History Newsletter

History from the Mouths of Immigrants and Their Kin

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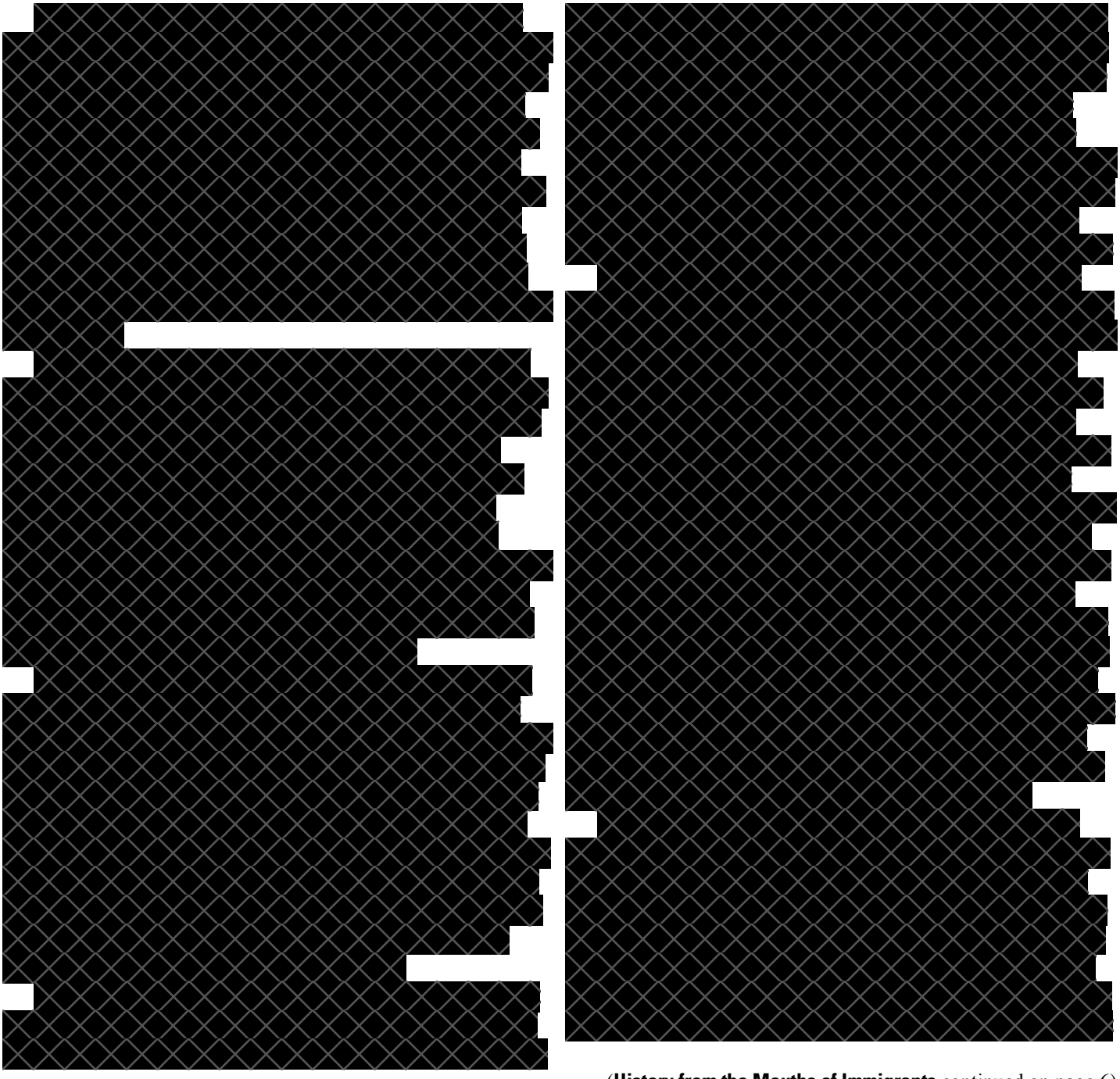

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Upcoming Conferences and Meetings

The **Immigration and Ethnic History Society** and the **Immigration History Research Center** are sponsoring Immigrant America: New Immigration and Immigration Histories from 1965 to 2015, an interdisciplinary conference marking the 50th anniversary of the 1965 Immigration Act. The conference will be held on **October 23 to October 24, 2015** at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. Both organizations will be celebrating their 50th anniversaries in 2015. This conference uses the anniversary of the 1965 Immigration Act to explore the connections between contemporary and historical migrations and communities in the U.S. The organizers invite faculty, graduate students, independent scholars, artists, community advocates, and public history professionals from a wide range of disciplines to join us in examining all aspects of post-1965 immigration, including the ways in which it has affected the study of immigration before 1965. In examining how immigration has transformed the United States in the past fifty years, the organizers hope to contribute to the development of migration studies across disciplines and to identify key directions for future scholarship. For complete information, conference themes, and submission guidelines, please email **ihrc@umn.edu**.

The 129th annual meeting of the **American Historical Association** will be held on **January 2–5, 2015**, in New York City. The theme for the meeting is "History and the Other Disciplines," which will explore the "different issues that arise when public historians grapple with narratives that necessarily rely on engagements with other disciplines but aim at wider publics." The conference seeks to address the question, "Where does history stand today in its relationship with other disciplines-whether humanistic, social scientific, or scientific?" The 2015 annual meeting will continue the discussions, launched at the 2012 meeting in Chicago, of the ways that historical practice is changing as a result of the ongoing digital revolution. The **Immigration and Ethnic History Society** will be co-sponsoring three sessions at the upcoming AHA meeting, including, "Migration History: A Dialogue among the Disciplines," "The Atlantic, Pacific, and In-Between: Bringing Transnational History to the United States Survey Course through the Study of Immigration," and "Negotiating Immigration Reform in an Age of Restriction." More substantial information regarding dates, times, and participants of the sponsored meetings will appear later in this issue. For the most up to date information, visit **www.historians.org/annual-meeting**.

The annual meeting of the **Organization of American Historians** will be held on **April 16-April 19, 2015**, in St. Louis, MO. The theme for the meeting is "Taboos," which will explore "what historians miss when we avoid topics that have come to be regarded as taboo." The conference seeks to address the question, "How are familiar histories complicated, enriched, or transformed when we address issues that have been silenced or avoided in the past?" The **Immigration and Ethnic History Society** will be co-sponsoring its annual **"Dessert Before Dinner"** reception at the upcoming OAH meeting. More substantial information regarding the exact date and time will appear on IEHS.org. For the most up to date information, visit **www.oah.org/meetings-events/2015/**.

The Southern Jewish Historical Society is holding its fortieth annual conference, "Jews in the Urban South," in Nashville, TN, on **October 30, 2015 to November 1, 2015**. Proposals outside of this theme will also be welcomed. Possible topics include Jews as mayors of southern cities; Jewish interaction with other immigrant/ethnic minorities in the cities including black-Jewish relations; ethnic politics and civic activities; Jews and urban education, arts and culture; Jews and urban business; Jews and mobility; and Jewish religion and religious practices. Proposals comparing and contrasting the Jewish experience in southern cities with those in cities elsewhere in the country or in other countries are also welcome. For complete information and submission guidelines, please email Mark K. Bauman, Chair, Program Committee at **markkbauman@aol.com** or visit **www.jewishsouth.org**. Complete proposals are due by March 15, 2015.

From the IEHS President

This will be my penultimate presidential greeting in the *Newsletter* of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society. I will be then pleased to pass the baton on to my successor Maria Cristina Garcia who I have no doubt will do a wonderful job in leading this now half-century old scholarly association.

I want to use my column to accomplish two goals. First I want to welcome Nicholas Trajano Molnar in his new role as editor of the *Newsletter*. A committee chose Nicholas out of a robust pool of candidates for a number of reasons. He has had newsletter experience and we were sure that he could, as they say, hit the ground running. He had a more than passing familiarity with the electronic technology which is now a necessary asset in all forms of communication and he articulated tremendous enthusiasm for IEHS and for the position. For all of those reasons we named him the new *Newsletter* editor. Nicholas, our new editor, is an Assistant Professor History at the Community College of Philadelphia.

This then brings me to the main business of my column in this number. Rather than run through the various new projects, new committee members, and officers and to thank the many people who need to be thanked, I wanted to limit myself to one matter alone because it is so important. I will save those details of the life of the Society for my next column. Rather, I want my words to you to be a tribute to Jim Bergquist who announced a year ago that he intended to step down from his position as editor of the *Newsletter*.

When I first became president of the IEHS my predecessor Barbara Posadas told me that the task would not be onerous, the work not overly burdensome but —and it was a major concern—it would be terrible if Jim Bergquist decided to end his almost twenty year editorship of the *Newsletter*. She warned me that replacing him would be nearly impossible. He had rendered such remarkable service to the Society and its members that was hard to imagine someone stepping into his shoes.

James Bergquist, Professor Emeritus of History at Villanova University took over as editor of this *Newsletter* in 1995. Every issue contained scintillating articles which he solicited, pieces that represented both the state-of-the field *vis-à-vis* emerging issues of concern for scholars of the history of immigration and ethnicity, but also articles which helped us learn about emerging methodologies and new sources of primary material. I marveled at the number of publications he uncovered for us and how many conferences he informed us about, making the *Newsletter* an invaluable source as we went about our own scholarship and course planning. He is a master of detail, a careful chronicler of the activities and events of the profession of history in America, and we all benefitted from his meticulous culling of various sources which provided the copy matter for his *Newsletters*. It is particularly notable that he started doing this before the internet made access to information so much more effortless. But I hazard to say that even with today's greater access, our new editor will still find this a monumental chore.

Let me therefore lay out some aspects of Jim's impressive career as way to show how lucky we were to have him among our members and our leaders. After all, Jim Bergquist, who received his doctorate from Northwestern University, not only served the IEHS but he was an active member of American Association of University Professors, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and in its day, the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies in Philadelphia. He chaired its Library Committee, sat on its Board of Trustees and actively participated in its many programs. In a way we competed with those other scholarly and civic bodies and I like to think he favored us.

Jim's scholarship focused heavily on German immigrants, the era surrounding the Civil War, and urban history. Seeing the list of his publications drives home how much more there still is to research about European immigration and the earlier part of the nineteenth century, proving in fact that scholarship should not be seen as a zero-sum game. Our Society should, and indeed is, a home for scholars of immigration and ethnicity that spans the entirety of American history. We learn much from each other regardless of time period or the place of origin of our subjects. Jim's work on the political behavior of German immigrants in the nineteenth century has much to teach someone studying the experiences the most recent immigrants, those learning to negotiate a very different American society in the twenty-first.

So I will draw this to a close by thanking Jim for his years of service. Throughout my years of membership in the IEHS I personally looked forward to my *Newsletter,* reading it cover to cover. In my brief tenure as President I relied on Jim and while I am sure Nicholas Molnar will ably rise to the occasion, he will always be measured in comparison to Jim Bergquist who deserves our accolades.

Hasia R. Diner
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New Publications Noted

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Cavioli, Frank J. "ACIM, Italian Americans, and Immigration Reform." *Italian Americana* 32 (2014): 6-27.

Chen, Michelle. "A Cultural Crossroads at the "Bloody Angle": The Chinatown Tongs and the Development of New York City's Chinese American Community." *Journal of Urban History* 40 (2014): 357-379.

Cinotto, Simone. *Making Italian America: Consumer Culture and the Production of Ethnic Identities.* Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 2014.

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Cossen, William S. "Monk in the Middle: The Awful Disclosures of the Hotel Dieu Nunnery and the Making of Catholic Identity." *American Catholic Studies* 125 (2014): 25-45.

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Dublin, Thomas, ed. *Immigrant Voices: New Lives in America, 1773-2000,* 2nd ed. Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 2014.

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Flores, Ruben. *Backroads Pragmatists: Mexico's Melting Pot and Civil Rights in the United States.* Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014.

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Garcia, Mario. *The Latino Generation: Voices of the New America.* Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2014.

Garland, Libby. *After They Closed the Gates: Jewish Illegal Immigration in the United States, 1928-1965.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2014.

Grant, Julia. *The Boy Problem: Educating Boys in Urban America, 1870-1970.* Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014.

Grewal, Zareena. *Islam is a Foreign Country: American Muslims and the Global Crisis of Authority*. New York: NYU Press, 2014.

Grinberg, Ronnie A. "Neither `Sissy' Boy Nor Patrician Man: New York Intellectuals and the Construction of American Jewish Masculinity." *American Jewish History* 98, 127-51.

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Hollowak, Thomas L. "God Directs-We Follow Divine Guidance: The First Polish Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Christ the Lord, Dundalk, Maryland," *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly* 87, 21-61.

Huff, Stephen. "The Impresarios of Beale Street: African American and Italian American Theatre Managers in Memphis, 1900-1915." *Theatre Survey* 55, 22-47.

Hum, Tarry. *Making a Global Immigrant Neighborhood: Brooklyn's Sunset Park*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2014.

Johnston, Andrew M. "The Disappearance of Emily G. Balch, Social Scientist." *Journal of the Gilded Age & Progressive Era*. 13 (2014): 166-199.

Kargon, Jeremy. "A Symbolic Landscape for Suburbia: Baltimore Chizuk Amuno's `Hebrew Culture Garden.'" *Journal of Urban History* 40, 762-791.

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Lew-Williams, Beth. "Before Restriction Became Exclusion: America's Experiment in Diplomatic Immigration Control." *Pacific Historical Review* 83 (2014): 24-56.

Márquez, Benjamin. *Democratizing Texas Politics: Race, Identity, and Mexican American Empowerment, 1945–2002.* Austin: University of Texas Press, 2014.

McCarthy, Tara. "Woman Suffrage and Irish Nationalism: ethnic appeals and alliances in America." *Women's History Review* 23 (2014): 188-203.

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Minoff, Elisa. "The Rise of the Toxic Politics of Migration: The United States at the Dawn of the 1960s." *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* 54, 91-108.

Molina, Natalia. *How Race is Made in America: Immigration, Citizenship, and the Historical Power of Racial Scripts.* Berkeley: University of California Press, 2014.

N., José Ángel. *Illegal: Reflections of an Undocumented Immigrant.* Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 2014.

Noel, Linda C. *Debating American Identity: Southwestern Statehood and Mexican Immigration.* Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2014.

Nishime, Leilani. *Undercover Asian: Multiracial Asian Americans in Visual Culture.* Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 2014.

Oda, Meredith. "Rebuilding Japantown: Japanese Americans in Transpacific San Francisco during the Cold War." *Pacific Historical Review* 83 (2014): 57-91.

Olson, Daron W. "We Are All Scandinavians: Norwegian-American Press Reaction to the 1938 Swedish Tercentenary." *Swedish-American Historical Quarterly* 65 (2014): 3-30.

Poblete, Joanna. *Islanders in the Empire: Filipino and Puerto Rican Laborers in Hawai`i*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2014.

Reinhart, Joseph. *Yankee Dutchmen under Fire: Civil War Letters from the 82nd Illinois Infantry.* Kent, Ohio: Kent State University Press, 2014.

Rinaldetti, Thierry. "Italian Migrants in the Atlantic Economies: From the Circular Migrations of Birds of Passage to the Rise of a Dispersed Community." *Journal of American Ethnic History* 34 (2014): 5-30.

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Vargas-Ramos, Carlos. "Migrating Race: Migration and Racial Identification among Puerto Ricans." *Ethnic & Racial Studies* 37 (2014): 383-404.

Yousefian, Sevan N. "Picnics for Patriots: The Transnational Activism of an Armenian Hometown Association." *Journal of American Ethnic History* 34 (2014): 31-52.

Weinfeld, Daniel R. "A Certain Ambivalence: Florida's Jews and the Civil War." *Southern Jewish History* 17 (2014): 91-129.

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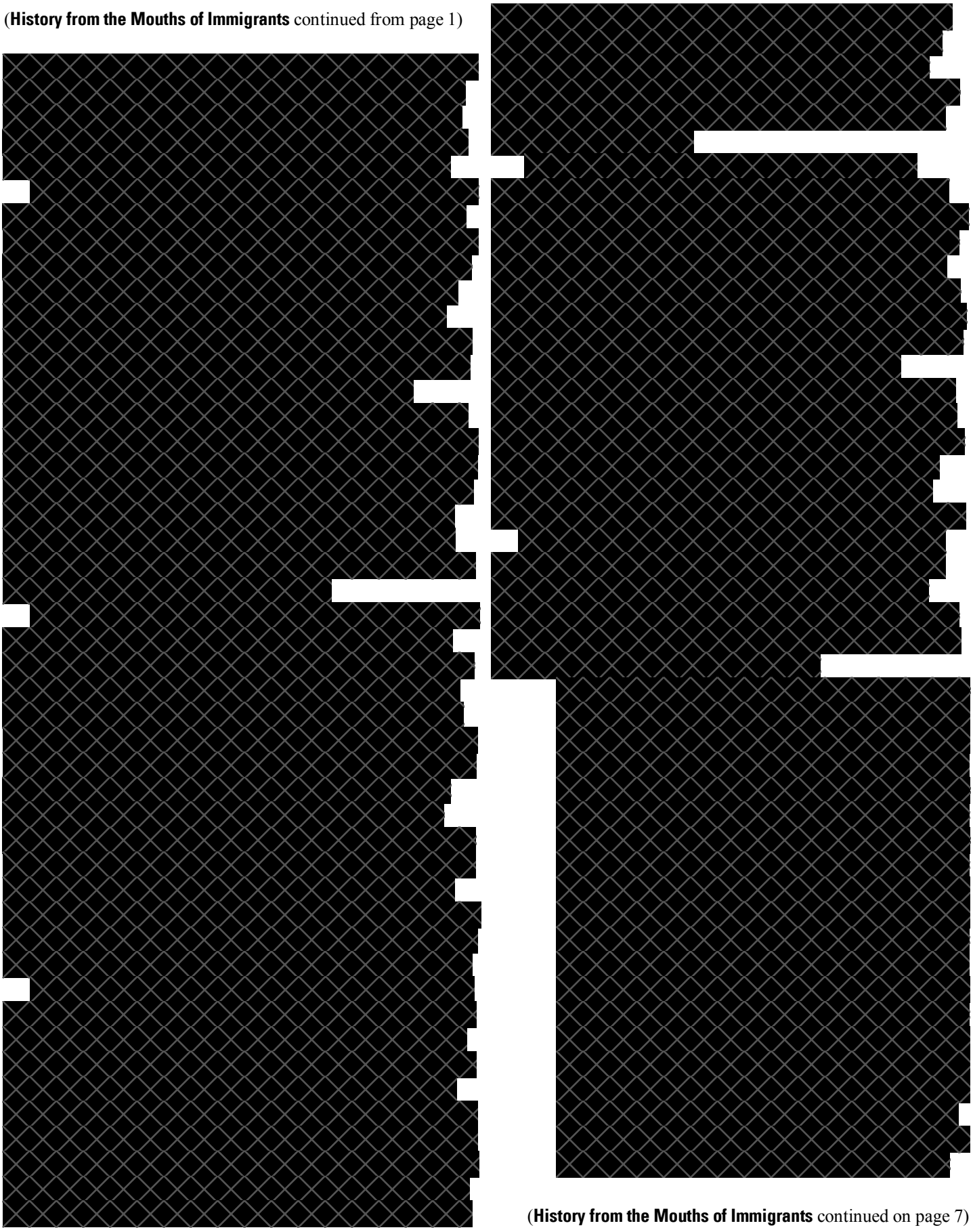

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IEHS Sponsored Sessions at the AHA Annual Meeting, January 2-5, 2015, New York City

AHA Session 52/IEHS Session 1
Friday, January 2, 2015: 3:30 PM-5:30 PM
Nassau Suite B (New York Hilton, Second Floor)

Chair:
Nancy L. Green, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales

Topics:
Migration: An Interdisciplinary Natural?
Nancy L. Green, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales

History and the Social Sciences: Interdisciplinary Exchange in Migration Studies
Donna R. Gabaccia, University of Toronto Scarborough

Historical Approach in Sociology of Immigration: Some Lessons Sinking In?
Ewa Morawska, University of Essex

Law and the Study of Migration
David Abraham, University of Miami

The Politics of International Migration: How Can We "Bring the State Back In"?
James F. Hollifield, Southern Methodist University

Session Abstract:

The field of migration studies has prospered over the last several decades within numerous departments. Sociologists, historians, anthropologists, political scientists, and lawyers have all brought their expertise and their questions to understanding the structures and agency of mobilities past and present, not to mention economists trying to quantify the push, the pull, and the transfer payments. While many scholars have often worked across disciplines and borrowed concepts from one another, this roundtable seeks to engage in a frank interdisciplinary discussion around a series of questions. How have migration studies developed within each discipline and what does each discipline do best? What are the methodological or epistemological problems or imperatives of engaging in interdisciplinary research? What are the best (or worst) practices of interdisciplinary endeavors for migration studies?

AHA Session 145/IEHS Session 2
Saturday, January 3, 2015: 2:30 PM-4:30 PM
Concourse A (New York Hilton, Concourse Level)

Chair:
Hasia R. Diner, New York University

Topics:
Domesticating the International: Los Angeles as Case Study
Suzanne Borghei, Santa Monica College

Bringing Global History to the American History Survey: Rock Springs, 1885, the Meeting of Pacific and Atlantic Worlds in the Wyoming Desert
Timothy Dean Draper, Waubonsee Community College

East Meets West and West Meets East: Immigrant and Ethnic History in the U.S. Survey
Lesley A. Kawaguchi, Santa Monica College

Session Abstract:

The United States survey course is the bread-and-butter of most community college history departments; however, due to heavy teaching loads, multiple course preparations, subject generalization over specialization, and institutional inflexibility in curriculum development, professors teaching these courses often are unable to incorporate readily new scholarship in the classroom. This proposed panel suggests that there may be traditional subjects already taught in the survey, which may be utilized to emphasize the increasingly transnational perspective of the American experience. One of these subjects is that of immigrant experience, which serves to connect the contemporary to the historic, the local to the global, and the national to the transnational. Originally conceived from the work of the American Historical Association's Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges project focusing on the Atlantic and Pacific Worlds (2012-2015), this pro-

posed project discusses how topics already covered in the U.S. history survey may be visualized differently by instructors to explain global processes to undergraduate students.

AHA Session 168/IEHS Session 3
Sunday, January 4, 2015: 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
Conference Room B (Sheraton New York, Lower Level)

Chair:
Madeline Hsu, University of Texas at Austin

Topics:
The Ambivalent Geopolitics of Inclusion: The Case of Colonial Asian American Groups
Jane Hong, Occidental College

Immigration Reform Advocates and the Passage of the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act
Maddalena Marinari, Saint Bonaventure University

Transnational Fight for the Rights of Undocumented Migrants, 1965–86
Ana Minian, Stanford University

Comment:
Lon Kurashige, University of Southern California

Session Abstract:

As political scientist Aristide Zolberg reminds us, the U.S. is "a nation of immigrants, to be sure, but not just any immigrants." Since the foundation of the United States, Americans have carefully selected who might join them, and they remain selective to this day. Yet, while the history of American immigration laws and the motives underlying them has been richly documented, our knowledge of the impact and the responses of the restricted to these laws remains limited. This panel seeks to shift our lens on American immigration laws away from the restrictionists to the restricted to provide a more nuanced perspective on the passage of American immigration laws.

While WWII and the new geopolitical landscape that emerged at the end of the war provided restricted groups with an opportunity to challenge the existing immigration system, their mobilization did not always pay off. After the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion laws in 1943, Indian and Korean Americans mobilized to win naturalization and immigration rights for their groups. Yet, as Hong's presentation demonstrates, the success of an Indian immigration bill in 1946 and the failure of a concurrent Korean measure reflect how the intersection between Asian independence and American interests in Asia proved a tenuous basis for the repeal of Asian exclusion. More broadly, the Indian and Korean American campaigns suggest how repeal legislation for Asian colonial groups became embedded in longer-standing transnational anti-colonial struggles for homeland independence.

In 1952, when Congress embarked on an overhaul of the American immigration system for the first time since 1924, immigration reform advocates had a new opportunity to fight for less restrictive immigration laws. Concerned about the restrictionist tone of the omnibus bill, Senator Herbert Lehman of New York worked to create a broad coalition that included Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant agencies dealing with immigration as well as Asian American, Eastern European American, and Southern European American organizations. As Marinari's paper shows, conflicts of interest, the tension between Truman's internationalism and McCarran's isolationism, and a smear campaign against critics of restriction divided the alliance and proved how difficult it was to create a united front for liberal immigration reform.

Focusing on Chicano and Mexican transnational mobilization for the rights of undocumented migrants starting in the 1970s, Minian's presentation traces the history of their battle with nativists to guarantee basic rights to undocumented migrants. As her paper demonstrates, Chicano and Mexican organizations carried on their fight on both sides of the border, securing rights in court and raising awareness among migrants about their rights in both countries. While the Latino community and the nativists fought to a more or less even standoff for about a decade, the tide shifted in favor of restrictionists by 1986.

Taken together, the three presenters examine the challenges that immigration reformers faced in challenging restriction, the compromises they reached, and the pragmatic decisions they made to achieve their goals. Like immigration reform advocates today, they took advantage of any opportunity for reform, but their accomplishments were often ambivalent and inconsistent.

Personals

Victor R. Greene, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Emeritus Professor of History, died on September 5, 2014 at the age of 80. One of the earliest members of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society, Victor served terms as the organization's President and Executive Secretary. In 2009, he was a recipient of the Society's Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of the formative role he played in the creation of the organization. Greene was a noted scholar and teacher in the fields of American immigration, labor, and popular culture. At UW-Milwaukee, Greene served on a number of important campus committees and was a generous donor to programs that benefit students. He established a fund in honor of his own hero, former Milwaukee mayor Frank P. Zeidler, which presents an annual award to a history master's student interested in American history. The UW-Milwaukee History Department recognized Professor Greene's long dedication to undergraduate learning, naming its award for the best paper written in a History capstone course in his honor. Victor was married to Laura Greene. They have two children, Geoff and Jessica, and three grandchildren.

Vicki Ruiz, Professor of History at the University of California-Irvine and a member of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society, has been elected president of the American Historical Association. Her one -year term is to begin January 2015.

Ellen Engseth is the new Curator of the Immigration History Research Center Archives, University of Minnesota Libraries. Her position also includes responsibilities for three additional archival units in the Department of Archives and Special Collections. Engseth will serve as Head of the newly created Migration and Social Services Collections, which includes the IHRC Archives, Social Welfare History Archives, Upper Midwest Jewish Archives, and the YMCA Archives. Ellen Engseth comes to Minnesota from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where she was Senior Academic Librarian and Archivist in the UW-Milwaukee Libraries' Archives Department. She holds a B.A. and M.A. in History, and an Masters in Library and Information Science, all from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Announcements

The Program Committee for the 2016 **Organization of American Historians** Annual Meeting invites submitted proposals on the topic of leadership for its four-day 2016 program, which will be held April 7-10 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence. Proposals are welcome from all historians, including those who work in arts and cultural institutions, museums, nonprofit organizations, state and federal government, higher education, and other public-private settings. Proposals are due January 23, 2015. For more information, please visit **http://www.oah.org/meetings-events/meetings-events/call-for-proposals/**.

The **Southern Jewish Historical Society** announces a prize for the book that has made the most significant contribution to the field of southern Jewish history published during the last four years. This round of submissions is for books published between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2014. The winner will receive $500. In case of a tie, the prize will be divided. Books must focus on Jewish history within the southern United States, defined for this competition as the former Confederate states as well as the border-states. Works examining the history of Southern Jews within the broader history of the South, or within American Jewish history in general will also be considered. All submissions must be non-fiction, standard monographs and biographies. All submissions must be received by **March 31, 2015**. The winner will be announced in advance of the SJHS's annual conference to be held in Nashville TN, November 2015. For more information, or to offer nominations, contact Dr. Ronald Bayor at **ronald.bayor@hts.gatech.edu**.

The **Missouri History Museum** in St. Louis is hosting "Utopia-Revisiting a German State in America," an exhibition that originally opened in Giessen, Germany to rave reviews. IEHS members attending the OAH Annual Meeting will have until **April 19, 2015** to visit. Many exciting programs, lectures, tours, films and books are planned as a wonderful addition to this exhibit by the Missouri History Museum and The Traveling Summer Republic.

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About the Immigration and Ethnic History Society

The Immigration and Ethnic History Society was founded in 1965 as the Immigration History Group. It was chartered in 1972 as the Immigration History Society. In 1998 the Society, which had traditionally dealt with ethnicity as well as immigration, changed its name to the Immigration and Ethnic History Society.

The purpose of the Society is 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 understanding of the processes of acculturation and of conflict; to furnish through the *Immigration and Ethnic 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.

Membership

All rates include membership in the Immigration & 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
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