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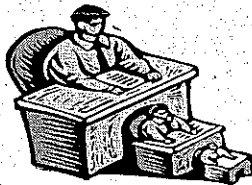
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This is the fourth volume of *History at Lehigh*, the official newsletter of the Department of History at Lehigh University. *History at Lehigh* is published twice per year in an effort to maintain contact and share information with students, alumni, and faculty. Please let us know if you have information or updates you would like to see appear in future issues of *History at Lehigh*.

## Department News and Notes



**Dr. John Savage** presented a paper at the Institute for International Integration Studies at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland this

summer. He then spent August doing research at the Centre d'Archives d'Outre Mer in Aix-en-Provence, France with funding from a Franz faculty grant and the Gipson Institute for 18<sup>th</sup> century studies.

**Dr. Michael Baylor** taught at Leuven in the Lehigh in Belgium program last May and June. This was his third year teaching in a highly popular program along with Prof. James M. Maskulka of the Management and Marketing Dept. the program had 31 students. In November 2003, Dr. Baylor gave a paper entitled "Thomas Muentzer as Peasants' War Leader" at the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference in Pittsburgh which deals with the various roles he played during the greatest insurrection in premodern Europe.

**Dr. Jean Soderlund** received the R.R. and E.C. Hillman Faculty Award from Lehigh University that is granted on the basis of excellence in teaching or research.

**Dr. Roger Simon** authored *Philadelphia: A Brief History*. In this concise yet comprehensive

account published by the Pennsylvania Historical Association, Dr. Simon captures the color, drama, and excitement of Philadelphia as it changed over 300 years from colonial port to industrial city and modern metropolis. The struggles of immigrants and African-Americans for a place in the city are recounted along with the occasional spasms of violence and modern efforts at urban renewal.

**Dr. Gail Cooper** reports back from MIT where she has a fellowship for the 2003-04 academic year at the Dibner Institute, a consortial institute of MIT, Harvard University, and Boston University. Located at MIT, the institute provides an office, a stipend, and library privileges at both MIT and Harvard. While there she is working on a manuscript focused on the history of quality control in U.S. and Japanese manufacturing. As one of 10 senior fellows at the institute, she has found the MIT/Harvard community wonderfully vibrant and exciting.

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## ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTS

The **History Club** held a faculty-student mixer in the commons room on Oct. 28. The event allowed students interested in history to get to know members of the faculty and fellow students in an easy-going and informal environment. The current officers are: **Andrew Murphy**, President; **Emily Henderson**, Vice-President; and **Erin Gorman**, Secretary/Treasurer.

The history honor society, **Phi Alpha Theta**, plans on participating in a regional Phi Alpha Theta conference next April which will be held at Kutztown University.

**Robert Armstrong** and **Erwin Pantel** are serving as Chief Representatives to the Graduate Student Council for the 2003-04 academic year. In addition, Erwin is a member of the Graduate Research Committee as a representative of the GSC and on the Petitions subcommittee. He is also a graduate student representative to the University Disciplinary Committee for graduate students. Erwin is also serving on the GSC Budget Committee and the Constitution Committee this year.

**Profs. Simon and Soderlund** attended the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association on October 23-25 in Harrisburg, PA. Prof. Simon presented a

paper entitled "Philadelphia Revisited" and Prof. Soderlund served as chair of the Program Committee. **Thomas Saxon** and **Robert Smith**, current graduate students, also presented papers entitled "In Reduced Circumstances": Aging and Impoverished Revolutionary War Veterans and their Families" and "The Politics of Manufacturing in Revolutionary America: The Story of the Washingtonburg Arsenal at Carlisle, Pennsylvania," respectively. Lehigh alumni **Craig Coenen** (PhD '01) and **Gary Jones** (PhD '98) also presented papers.

A contingent of History Department faculty and graduate students, past and present, traveled to Atlanta, Ga. in mid-October for the 2003 annual meeting of the Society for the History of Technology. **Prof. John Smith** chaired a session on industrial history museums. Among the presenters in that session was **Matt Sneddon** (MA 1999), who is currently pursuing his PhD at the University of Washington. Matt was also the recipient of the 2003 Kranzberg Dissertation Fellowship. **Prof. Gail Cooper** served as the commentator for a session on technology and the idea of civic virtue. **Prof. Steve Cutcliffe**, who this year chaired SHOT's annual Edelstein Book Prize committee, also attended. Other former graduate

students at the meeting included **Ted Cavanagh** (PhD 2002) who teaches at Dalhousie University, **Jeff Schramm** (PhD 2003), currently at the University of Missouri—Rolla; Maj. **Paul Gillespie** (PhD 2002), presently stationed at the USAF Staff College in Montgomery, Alabama; and **Chris Eldridge** (PhD 2002), who works for the National Academies' Committee on International Security and Arms Control. Chris presented a paper on Anglo-American radar development during WW II. **Erwin Pantel**, who is currently writing his PhD dissertation on Frank Sprague while teaching the introductory "Technology and Human Values" course for the Lehigh STS Program, also flew to Atlanta as part of the group.

## STUDENT NEWS

**Emily Henderson**, a senior History and Religion Studies major as well as President of Phi Alpha Theta and a College Scholar, has earned one of four monetary scholar awards from the Lehigh Women's Club. Emily is currently working on her honors thesis on Roman legal policies toward Jews and Christians during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Centuries CE. As a college scholar, Emily will continue her studies at Lehigh after graduation.



## ALUMNI UPDATES



**David P. Daniel** (M.A. '65) is currently the Head of the Department of Church History and Vice-Dean for International Relations and Research, Evangelical Theological Faculty at Comenius University. He recently co-authored a chapter on Early Modern Slovakia which was published in *A Concise History of Slovakia*.

**Steve Frieder** (M.A. '98) works as the Assistant to the President and Corporate Secretary at Marquette University. He is primarily responsible for the operation of the university's Board of Trustees, serves as ombudsperson for students, parents, and alumni and manages the day-to-day operation of the Office of the President. He has taken doctoral courses on Early Modern Europe and World War I with Lehigh alumnus and Marquette faculty member Dr. Julius Ruff.

**Barbara Ewing** (B.A. '76) serves as the Vice President for e-business Solutions Zurich North America. She is also the founder and President of Board of Directors of the Woman's Industrial Exchange of Baltimore, a nonprofit that helps those in need gain financial independence.

**Robert L. Freeman** (M.A. '84) represents the 136<sup>th</sup> District, Northampton County in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. In November 2002, he was reelected to a ninth 2-year term.

**Robert W. Nill** (M.A. '98) is the Northeast Regional investigative Researcher for the Anti-Defamation League/Domestic Extremist and Terrorist Group Specialist. Robert is currently writing a report on Pennsylvania extremist groups for use by federal and state law enforcement.

**Peter J. Antonsen** (Ph D '94) has authored *A History of the Puerto Rican Community in Bethlehem, PA: 1944-1993* and is working on his second book entitled *The Decline of the Socialist Paradigm*. Peter also is an adjunct history professor and a Writing Assistant at the Learning Center in York College.

**Jeff Tipping** (M.A. '86) was appointed Director of Coaching for the National Soccer Coaches Association of America in Mission, KS. Previously, Jeff was Head Soccer and Golf Coach at Muhlenberg College.

**David Dubosky** (B.A. '82) earned a J.D. from the George Washington University National Law Center. He is the Vice President of Games & Licensing for Hasbro, Inc. in charge of legal services for the Games Division including Milton Bradley and Parker Brothers. David still has a great interest in history and archaeology and believes he received an excellent background in these subjects from Lehigh.

**Perry J. Smith** (B.A. '87) established *Polly Esther's* a national chain of high energy restaurants/nightclub. After his tenure ended in 2001, he formed a new team to develop Matchbox, a vintage brick oven pizza/tavern concept.

**The Rt. Rev. John Palmer Croneberger** (B.A. '60) earned a Masters in Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1963 and is currently the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark.

**John J. Roman** (B.A. '65) retired as an elementary school principal. He currently works as a Sales Associate at Moravian Book Shop and is an Exploring Coordinator for Learning for Life.

Anybody can make history. Only a great man can write it.

- Oscar Wilde



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\*\*\* In Memoriam \*\*\*

Prof. Lawrence H. Leder, former professor and chair of the History Dept., passed away on September 5, 2003. Prior to coming to Lehigh in 1968, Prof. Leder taught at New York University, Hunter College, Brandeis University and Louisiana State University. He remained at Lehigh until his retirement in 1989 and served as chair of the History Dept. from 1968 through 1980. Focusing on the politics of colonial America with an emphasis on New York and the mid-Atlantic colonies, Prof. Leder wrote and edited 11 books in addition to a number of articles. His first book *Robert Livingston and the Politics of Colonial New York* received the National Manuscript Prize of the Institute of Early American History and Culture. Prof. Leder served in the Army during World War II, stationed in the Philippines. He was also an entrepreneur opening the Paws/Claws & Jaws Pet Shop at three locations in Bethlehem. In November, members of the History Dept. presented a memorial resolution for Prof. Leder at the University Faculty meeting.

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 • work in a relaxed, informal •  
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 • When: Wednesdays, 12 noon •  
 • Where: History Commons, 342 •  
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*We learn from history that we learn nothing from history.*  
--George Bernard Shaw

Thank you to Janet Walters and Rob Armstrong for help and support in the production of this issue of the newsletter. Thanks also to all alumni, students, and faculty who provided submissions for this publication. Due to constraints on space, not all submissions were able to be included. Please look for them in future editions of *History at Lehigh*.