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This is the fifth 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. Gail Cooper gave a conference paper at the annual meeting of the Society for the History of Technology in Amsterdam, the Netherlands in October 2004. Dr. Cooper's paper, entitled "Statistical Quality Control, Consumer Goods, and Global Markets: The Founding of the Commission on Product Quality," was an outgrowth of her research on the history of quality manufacturing.

Last summer *Dr. Roger Simon* again participated in the Lehigh in New York summer program, co-sponsored by the History Department and the American Studies Program. He taught a course entitled "History of the Built Environment of New York," which focused on the physical development of the city from 1625 to 2001. Dr. Simon combined readings and lectures with eight field trips so that students could see first-hand the buildings, streets, and neighborhoods about which they were learning. Trips included the financial district, the Lower East Side, Greenwich Village, Central Park, the Upper West Side, Midtown, and the World Trade Center site. Dr. Simon finds the opportunity to teach urban history "on the street" to be an exceptional educational experience.

The Pennsylvania Historical Association holds its 73rd annual meeting in Bethlehem on October 21-23, 2004. Several members of the department, including department

chair *Dr. Jean Soderlund* and M.A. student *Amey Senape*, serve as members of the local

arrangements committee. Dr. Simon is commenting on a session on deindustrialization in Pennsylvania and PhD candidate *Robert Armstrong* is participating in a panel entitled "Graduate Study in History: From the Major through Apprenticeship."

Mr. Armstrong also attended a conference in Cambridge, England in July 2004 entitled "Imagining the City," about European and American city planning. In addition, he is currently working part-time at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania as an archival assistant, helping to evaluate the society's ethnic history collection.

Dr. Soderlund became editor last May of the Pennsylvania Historical Association's quarterly journal, *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies*. Our PHA participation follows in the tradition of Lehigh involvement, as Professor Lawrence Henry Gipson was one of the founders of the PHA and hosted its first annual meeting in April 1933. Professor emeritus William Shade served as editor of the journal during the late 1960s and early 1970s.

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ORGANIZATIONS, EVENTS, AND STUDENT NEWS



The Joseph A. Dowling Awards are given in honor of Lehigh professor emeritus *Joseph A. Dowling*. Dr.

Dowling twice served as department chair during his 35 years (1958-1993) teaching in the department. The funds for these awards are provided by Dr. Dowling's former students.

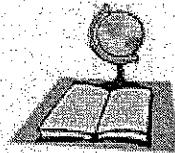
The Joseph A. Dowling Teaching Assistant Award is given annually at the end of the spring semester to a teaching assistant who has demonstrated outstanding achievement over several years of service. The recipient of the 2003-2004 award is *Michael Gunther*. Michael is a fourth-year doctoral student at Lehigh, having previously received his M.A. from the University of Scranton. His present status is A.B.D., having begun work on a dissertation tentatively entitled *Watershed, Bloodshed: War, Identity, and the Social Construction of Landscape in the Upper Hudson-Champlain Borderlands, 1745-1825*. In part to facilitate research for this project, Mr. Gunther temporarily resides in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., with his wife Lori, and 2-year old son, Ethan.

The Joseph A. Dowling Dissertation Award is given annually at the end of the spring semester for an outstanding PhD dissertation completed during the two previous academic years. The recipient of the 2003 award is *Thomas Agostini*, for his dissertation '*Cousins in Arms: Experience and the Formation of British-American Identity Among Regular and Provincial Soldiers During the Seven Years' War*'. Dr. Agostini is currently an Assistant Professor in the History Department at Middle Tennessee State

University. The recipient of the 2004 award is *Paul Gillespie*, for his dissertation *Precision Guided Munitions: Constructing a Bomb More Potent than the A-Bomb*. Dr. Gillespie is currently teaching at the Air Force Academy, where he serves as deputy department head for cadet development.

Emily Shutt, a senior double-majoring in History and Art History, received a \$400 Williams Prize for her paper, "Harry Callahan, American Photographer: Reflections of Reality." The Williams Prizes were established in 1908 by Edward H. Williams, professor of geology and mechanical engineering, in order to recognize outstanding work in writing and performance.

Oscar Guerrero, a History major who graduated in May 2004, received a Student Life Leadership Award and was the recipient of the 2004 Ralph Albert Thomas '76 Leadership Award.



PhD candidate *Mark Nicholas* presented papers at the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR)

Conference and the Conference on Iroquois Research. Mr. Nicholas has also put together his own panel for the American Society for Ethnohistory Conference, and received an invitation to present a brown bag lecture at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies. In addition, he has been awarded a Phillips Fund Grant for Native American Research from the American Philosophical Society.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Ted Cavanagh (PhD '03) was a keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the French Colonial Society, and will be chair and peer-reviewer for a session of the Society of Architectural Historians' Annual Meeting in April 2005. He has published an article on the theory of technology and place in coastal environments in the March 2004 edition of *AD Architectural Design*, will contribute a chapter on the history of wood production and the certification of forests to the upcoming book *Sustainable Architectures*, and is the author of a forthcoming volume, for the Library of Congress, about the history of wood construction in the United States.

John J. Fox (M.A. '64) retired as a full professor from Salem State College in 1998. He has served on the executive board of the Oral History Association and was the founder of the first state and regional oral history association, the New England Association of Oral History. Mr. Fox has also served as a peer reviewer for the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Harvard Business School Press.

John David Hoptak (M.A. '03) has published his first book, *First in Defense of the Union: The Civil War History of the First Defenders*. The book tells the story of the first five companies of Northern volunteers to arrive in Washington after Lincoln's 1861 call-to-arms, describing their enlistment into service, their harrowing march through Baltimore, their arrival in the nation's capital, and their three month term of service with the Federal forces.

Ralph Kidder (B.A. '68) has held senior management positions in higher education since 1989. He is currently the vice president of finance at Newbury College.

Thomas R. Kline (M.A., '71), a founding partner in the law firm of Kline & Specter, is a nationally recognized trial lawyer who concentrates his law practice on representing catastrophically injured people and their families. Mr. Kline is chairman of the Federal Judicial Nominating Commission for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and has been actively involved in the selection of federal judges in Pennsylvania since 1989. An adjunct professor at Temple University School of Law, Mr. Kline also frequently lectures at medical schools and continuing legal education programs. He is the author of "Robert C. Grier: Jacksonian Unionist" and numerous other published articles, and is also the writer, director, producer, and performer of an acclaimed one-man show, "Trial as Theatre."

Howard Mackey (M.A. '52, PhD '55) retired from teaching in 1993, having taught at Virginia Tech, Winthrop College in South Carolina, and Lamar University. Since retirement, Dr. Mackey has served as the co-editor and transcriber of numerous seventeenth and eighteenth century public records from Northampton County, Virginia, which have been published by Picton Press.

Karyn Richman (B.A. '98) is a program examiner for the Office of Management and Budget, Office of the President, The White House, Washington, D.C.

Perry J. Smith (B.A. '87) is the co-owner of matchbox, an American pizza bistro in Washington, D.C. matchbox was named the Best New DC Restaurant of 2004 and has been featured in the *Washington Post*.





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Brown Bag Lecture Series

Listen to history scholars present papers and join in discussion of their work in a relaxed, informal atmosphere.

When: Wednesdays, 12 noon
Where: History Commons, 342
Maginnes Hall (unless otherwise
noted)

For presentation ideas and series
schedules, contact Dr. Kimberley
Carrell-Smith or Dr. John Smith.

Coffee and Cookies Provided



Thank you to Janet Walters and Joshua McCoy 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 could be included. Please look for them in future editions of *History at Lehigh*.