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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. Michael Baylor became chair of the History Department in January 2005. As he ascends the steep learning curve, he looks forward to working with the department's faculty in advancing the mission of the department and with both graduate students and undergraduates in developing their respective programs. Administrations, in Dr. Baylor's view, like governments, function best when they are most supportive and least intrusive.

Dr. Jean Soderlund, who ended her six year term as department chair in December 2004, has been appointed deputy provost for faculty affairs. The new post is one of two deputy provost positions created by Mohamed El-Aasser. In her new role, Dr. Soderlund will work in close partnership with the deans, vice provosts, and other university leadership, and will serve as a liaison to ensure effective two-way communications between the provost's office and Lehigh's faculty and academic committees.

Dr. James Saeger presented a paper, "Franciscans and Jesuits on the Chaco Frontier," at the annual meeting of the conference on Latin American History held in conjunction with the American Historical Association meeting in Seattle in January 2005. Dr. Saeger also traveled to Madrid, Spain three times to

make local arrangements for the research trip of the Martindale Scholars, a group of twelve undergraduates chosen in open competition. Their purpose was to study selected aspects of the Spanish economy, and the results of their efforts will be published in *Perspectives in Business and Economics*, an annual journal issued by the Martindale Center for the Study of Private Enterprise.

In April, *Dr. John Savage* attended the annual Workshop of Atlantic History Seminar at Harvard University on the topic of "Atlantic Legalities, 1500-1825." His paper "Black Magic and White Terror: Slave Poisoning and the Provostial Court in Restoration Era Martinique" has been selected as one of seven papers that will be the focus of the fourth annual meeting of the Law & Humanities Junior Scholar workshop at Georgetown University in June 2005. In September, Dr. Savage's paper "Unwanted Slaves: Mobility, Marronage, and the Punishment of Transportation in Early 19th Century Martinique" will appear in a special issue of *Citizenship Studies* on the theme of "Freedom in the Margins."

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DEPARTMENT NEWS AND NOTES, CONT.

The Department is pleased to announce the establishment of the *Joan and Michael Hoben '01 Teaching Fellowship*. This endowed fellowship will be awarded annually to a highly qualified, advanced graduate student who has nearly or recently completed the doctoral dissertation. The fellowship will support the student, either for a semester or for an academic year, by providing a stipend for teaching in the department. This year's recipients are *Robert Armstrong* and *Michael Gunther*, who will each teach a course in the spring semester of 2006. The Department extends its heartfelt thanks to Joan and Michael Hoben for their extraordinarily generous endowment of this fellowship.

In 2004, *Save Our Steel* ("SOS"), a local grassroots organization that has been advocating an historically sensitive redevelopment of the former Bethlehem Steel home plant since 2003,

helped form a collaborative umbrella organization called "Friends of the Steel," to link all the interested parties and foster cooperation between the developers, public officials, and other interested groups and individuals. Friends of the Steel hosted a series of six input forums to document the community vision for the redevelopment, during which citizens discussed their ideas, thoughts, and concerns regarding the future of the Steel site and its impact on their community. SOS continues to work with the public, developers, and elected officials to help ensure that the Bethlehem Steel site returns to its role as an active and productive member of the community. If you or your organization would like to become a Friend of the Steel please visit www.saveoursteel.org or contact M.A. student *Amey Senape* at info@saveoursteel.org.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Paul DeJesse (B.A. '91)

received his J.D. from Jacob Fuchsburg Lew Center in 1995. Mr. DeJesse is a partner with the law firm Tabat, Cohen, and Blum, LLP, and was recently named to the Top 10 Leaders Under 45 of Matrimonial and Divorce Law of Long Island for 2004-2005, based on more than 165 interviews and referrals over a three month period. The Long Island Ten Leaders Under 45 was announced in *The New York Times*.

Sean M. Hart (B.A. '90)

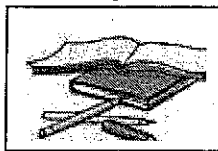
has recently become a partner in the law firm of Heimbach, Spitko, and Heckman in Allentown, P.A. The law firm focuses on the representation of management and employers in labor and employment matters.

Joseph G. Henrich (M.A. '66)

received his PhD from Duke University in 1971, and had a 24 year career working as a government interviewer in Pennsylvania. Mr. Henrich was also involved in the production of Volumes 22-24 of the *Papers of Alexander Hamilton*.

ORGANIZATIONS, EVENTS, AND STUDENT NEWS

Bruce Bomberger is currently teaching an evening seminar on the



American Revolution and Early Republic at Penn State's

Harrisburg Campus within the university's American Studies curriculum.

Christopher Dougherty published "Scrap Reclamation at the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Scranton Shops" in the Volume 3, Issue 1, Winter 2005 edition of *The Steamtown Timetable*, an internal Park Service newsletter.

Jim Follweiller, LTC (USAR), Assistant Professor in the Department of Military Science and Leadership, has been called to active duty working for the Defense Logistics Agency. Mr. Follweiller worked at the Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia prior to his deployment to Kuwait in March 2005. He will return to Lehigh for the fall 2005 semester.

This year's recipient of the Harmon Prize, awarded each year to the undergraduate with the highest G.P.A. in the History Department, is *Charles Madeira*.

Mark Nicholas recently received a Student Travel Grant from the American Society for Ethnohistory. He has also recently authored book

reviews for *Ethnohistory* and *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*. Mr. Nicholas is completing a chapter for the forthcoming *Occasional Papers of the Mashantucket Pequot Museum* edited by Jack Campisi, entitled "New Maritime History and Southern New England Indians." He is also working on his dissertation "The Invention of the Seneca Nation, 1783-1855," which he will submit for consideration to the University of Oklahoma Press as part of their Graduate Student 2000 Program.

At Temple University's James A. Barnes Club Conference in February



2005, PhD candidate *Courtney Smith* presented her paper "A Faded

Memory: The Philadelphia Stars, 1933-1952," *Mark Nicholas* prepared comments for a panel entitled *Pennsylvania in Times of War and Celebration*, and M.A. student *Holly Kent* presented " 'A Question of Right or Wrong': Gendered Conceptions of Activism in *The Liberty Bell*." Ms. Kent also gave papers at the Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association Joint Conference in San Diego, CA in March 2005, and the Warren I. Susman Graduate History Conference at Rutgers University in April 2005.



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