A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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As the new editor of the Ohio Academy of History's newsletter I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I am Martha I. Pallante of Youngstown State University. While I have only been at YSU for nine years my tenure in Ohio is much longer. Before moving to Youngstown in the fall of 1991 I had taught at Hiram college for seven years from 1984 through 1991. I am currently an associate professor and serving my first year as chair of my department.

I look forward to serving as the editor of the OAH Newsletter at what I perceive to be a critical period in the life of the Academy. For a variety of reasons the profession faces important changes over the next few years. As historians, we confront some particular challenges: The need to prepare better and more innovative teachers, broader outreach beyond the wall of the university setting into the communities that surround us, and the adaptation to new and rapidly altering technologies. I would like the OAH Newsletter to be a forum for discussion on these challenges and others. I solicit from all of you comments and ideas for discussion. I would also like to invite anyone with a special project or program to submit information so that we might include it.

I also hope to make some changes that will usher the OAH Newsletter into the twenty-first century. This edition of the newsletter will also be found on the Internet linked to my home page on the YSU internet site (http://www.ysu.edu). We will continue to function in the historian's traditional medium--print--but I would hope that this new forum might broaden our audience accessibility and serve as a new resource for members of the Academy. This site will be available in between volumes for the posting of conferences, calls for papers, employment opportunities and other notices. I will attempt to update the Internet version of the newsletter's "coming attractions" on a regular basis between publication dates.

Any information for the future editions of the OAH Newsletter should be mailed to me at:

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My assistant and I would much prefer that all materials be submitted in hard copy and on disk in any version of Microsoft Word or WordPerfect. This enables us to produce the OAH Newsletter in a more expedient manner. In addition, please submit publishing information as compliant with the Chicago Manual of Style. Send all materials for the upcoming newsletter by 29 February 2000.

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ACADEMY BUSINESS

Minutes
Executive Council Meeting
OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY
9 April 1999

CALL TO ORDER

President R. Vladimir Steffel (Ohio State, Marion) called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm.

OFFICERS PRESENT: R. Vladimir Steffel, President; James O'Donnell, III (Marietta College), Vice President/President Elect; Ronald Lora (Toledo), Immediate Past President; Richard F. Spall, Jr. (Ohio Wesleyan), Secretary-Treasurer; Phillip Nash (Ramond Walters College, University of Cincinnati), Editor Designate, The OAH Newsletter. Not Present: Donna Van Raaphorst (Cuyahoga Community), Editor of The OAH Newsletter (owing to illness).

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESENT: Lowell Sattr (Youngstown), Elizabeth MacLean (Otterbein), Donna DeBlasio (Cincinnati Museum), John Oliver (Malone), and Judith Sealander (Bowling Green State). Not Present: Shelly Baranowski (Akron).

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT: Nominating - James O'Donnell; Standards - Elizabeth MacLean; Local Arrangements - Erving Beauregard (Dayton); Public History Award - Stuart Hobbs (Ohio Historical Society); Teaching Award - Marcella Barton (Rio Grande University). Not Present: Distinguished Service Award - Albert A. Hayden (Wittenberg) (owing to illness); Public History Committee - Jonathan Dembo (Cincinnati Museum); Dissertation - Glenn Shafman (Hiram); Outstanding Publication - Christine Worobec (Kent State); and Program - Jane Hathaway (Ohio State).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lowell Sattr moved acceptance of the minutes of the fall meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Donna DeBlasio and unanimously adopted.

Report of the Local Arrangements Committee:

Erving Beauregard, Chair, reported in detail on the preparations for the annual meeting, including room reservations, catering arrangements, provision of nametags, and the Provost's reception. He acknowledged the support of the Department Chair, Dean, Provost, and President at the University of Dayton. Beauregard pointed out the difficulty of planning the additional morning sessions on this year's program, which required room reservations at a relatively late date beyond that for which he had originally been able to make arrangements. He also expressed concern that so many last-minute requests for audio-visual facilities had been made, suggesting that such requests be made plain earlier on in the program development process. President Steffel thanked Prof. Beauregard for his considerable efforts to arrange the Spring Meeting and the officers, council members, and committee chairs joined in applause of appreciation and congratulation.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report:

R. Vladimir Steffel announced revival of a long lapsed Academy publication, PROCEEDINGS OF THE OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY, and his agreement to assume the editorship of the annual journal. Initial plans are to publish one paper on United States history, one on European history, and one on the history of the developing world, as well as the Presidential Address, in the first issue. An editorial board representing a wide variety of fields had been appointed including Dwight Smith (Miami), U.S. history; Stuart Givens (Bowling Green State), European history; and Erving Beauregard (Dayton), world history. Session chairs will be asked to nominate outstanding papers presented at this year's meeting for consideration.

Steffel reported the suggestion that the Academy publish a committees handbook to make the responsibilities and practices of the various committees more plainly evident to committee chairs and members. Much of this information was sent out this year in the form of letters at the time of Presidential appointments, and the bulk of the information for a handbook could be drawn, he suggested, from those letters. There was general consensus that this would be a good idea.

Steffel pointed out the considerable extent to which the responsibilities of the office of the Secretary-Treasurer's had grown over the years. A discussion of some length ensued. A simple division of the office in to Secretary and Treasurer did not seem practical as too much membership information would have to be shared on a regular basis. It was suggested that it might be better for the Secretary-Treasurer to send labels for Newsletter mailings to the Editor of the Newsletter rather than to ship all the newsletters to the Secretary-Treasurer for bulk mailing. Having-off some of the recording secretarial duties was also suggested. Richard Spall said that from his perspective it was the Spring Program responsibilities that put the greatest burden on the office, forcing the Secretary-Treasurer to handle some local arrangements, program production and printing, mailings, registration, coordinating awards and plaques, securing and supervising student staff, obtaining books for the booksale and transporting them, the sale itself, as well as two sets of minutes, and general coordination of the meeting. Spall expressed the strong desire not to serve another term and suggested that it would be much easier to find persons willing to serve if the burdens were divided up. It was agreed that the matters would be discussed at the fall meeting of the Executive Council.

Finally, Steffel announced Lowell Sattr's intended resignation from the Council. Sattr has been awarded a research fellowship and will be in the United Kingdom during much of the coming year. The President stated that he had contacted a colleague inviting him to accept the appointment to fill the unexpired term of Lowell Sattr, but did not yet have an acceptance. (Note: A few days after the meeting, Prof. A. Martin Wainwright [Akron] accepted appointment.)
**Vice-President’s Report:**
As President-Elect, James O’Donnell announced the following committee appointments for 1999-2000:

**Dissertation Committee:**
- Glenn Sharman (Hiram), Chair
- Maryann Janosik (Lake Erie)
- Allan Peskin (Cleveland State)

**Distinguished Service Committee:**
- Larry Wilcox (Toledo), Chair
- Larry Gara (Wilmington)
- Jacob Dorn (Wilmington)

**Nominating Committee:**
- Daniel Nelson (Akron), Chair
- Carol Lasser (Ohio Wesleyan)
- Phyllis Field (Ohio)
- Jim Cebula (Raymond Walters-UC)

**Outstanding Publication Committee:**
- Diane Britton (Toledo)
- Leila Rupp (OSU)
- Jon Wakeley (Kent)
- Charles Keller (Marietta)
- Richard Spall (Ohio Wesleyan), ex-officio

**Program Committee:**
- Julieanne Phillips (Baldwin-Wallace), Chair
- George Vascik (Miami)
- David Staley (Heidelberg)
- Janet Bednarek (Dayton)
- Others TBA

**Public History Committee:**
- Johnathan Dembo (Cincinnati Museum Ctr), Chair
- Steve George (Ohio Bicentennial Commission)
- Thomas Hanchett (Youngstown)
- Leslie Heaphy (Kent-Stark)
- Others TBA

**Public History Awards:**
- Stuart Hobbs (Ohio Historical Society), Chair
- Joyce Alig (Mercer County Historical Society)
- Nancy Garner (Wright State)
- John Jameson (Kent)
- John Briley (Campus Martius)

**Standards Committee:**
- Elizabeth MacLean (Otterbein), Chair 2000
- Erving Beauregard (Dayton) 2000
- Bill Ross (Sydney HS) 2001
- Thomas Sosnowsky (Kent-Stark) 2001
- Vivien Sunderland (Hiram) 2000
- William Jenkins (Youngstown) 2001

**Teaching Award Committee:**
- Shelley Baranowski (Akron), Chair
- Norman Murdoch (University College, UC)
- Others TBA

**Immediate Past President’s Report:**
Ron Lora indicated that he had no formal report. Vladimir Steffel thanked Lora for his recent service as Vice-President, President, and Immediate Past President of the Academy and the Council expressed its agreement.

**Secretary-Treasurer’s Report:**
Richard Spall indicated that the Academy has 591 Active Members in good standing with an additional 70 persons in recent arrears. This number is down slightly from a year ago, but it reflects a more accurate definition of active members than had been the case previously: counting those less than one year in arrears. About 700 additional names remain on the Academy’s master database, which exceeds a total of 1300, including those who have attended OAH meetings in recent years.

The Secretary-Treasurer distributed the most recent quarterly financial report, which is appended to these minutes. He indicated that dues receipts are up, reflecting the fact that many Academy members took advantage of the two-year renewal opportunity at the old rate. The Academy could expect, therefore, to receive fewer one-year renewals next year. Renewals since the new dues went into effect have not been adversely affected, Spall reported.

Spall reported that nearly 700 programs had been mailed to members and conference participants together with sample ballots for proposed amendments. Donna DeBlasio pointed out an error on the sample ballot in Section 6, where the old term, Joint Committee on Historical Societies and Archives, had been used instead of Public History Committee. The original draft of these amendments had been completed prior to the adoption of the name change last year, said Steffel. Steffel indicated that he would make sure the new name was clear when balloting took place at the general business meeting the next day.

**Editor’s Report:**
Vladimir Steffel explained that Donna Van Raaphorst was unable to attend the meeting owing to a fall that had left her recovering from two broken wrists. Nonetheless, Donna had been working on the two final issues of *The OAH Newsletter*. Steffel praised Van Raaphorst’s service as editor over the past several years and indicated that it would be recognized at the general business meeting the next day as well. A special plaque honoring Van Raaphorst would be presented at that time.

Steffel also introduced Phillip Nash (Raymond Walters-UC), who had agreed to be nominated for a term as Editor of *The OAH Newsletter*, whom he had invited to attend the meeting in anticipation of his election to that office. Members of the council expressed their appreciation to Nash for his willingness to take on this large obligation, and Nash said he looked forward to working with the officers, council, and committees.
Standing Committee Reports:

**Dissertation Award** - In the absence of Glenn Sharfman, Richard Spall reported that an award selection had been made by the committee and would be presented the next day.

**Distinguished Service Award** - Vladimir Steffel reported that he had talked with Albert A. Hayden, Chair, by phone earlier in the day and that the committee had selected two recipients. Larry Wilcox would make the presentations at the general business meeting on behalf of the committee.

**Nominating Committee** - James O’Donnell, III, who also served as Chair of the Nominating Committee this year, distributed the following slate of candidates to be presented to the full membership at the general business meeting:

- For Vice-President/President-Elect: David Fahey (Miami)
- For Secretary-Treasurer: Richard Spall, Jr. (Ohio Wesleyan)
- For Editor of The OAH Newsletter: Phillip Nash (Raymond Walters-UC)
- For Executive Council Vacancy One: Ken Bindas (Kent State-Trumbull), Michael Kline (Ohio-Zanesville)
- For Executive Council Vacancy Two: John Oliver (Malone), Glenn Sharfman (Hiram)

**Public History Committee** - No report.

**Program** (Spring Meeting) - In the absence of the committee chair, V. Steffel, R. Spall, and E. Beauregard reported on the program that had been developed for the conference. A discussion ensued with various members of the Executive Council asking questions and contributing comments and suggestions. Lowell Satre reminded the Council of the recommendations that he had made concerning the program a year ago, and several Council members recollected advice the Council had made to future Program Committees. At the conclusion of all this discussion, it was determined to instruct the Program Committee for the April 2000 meeting to:

1. Plan a program that conforms to the 7-7-4 session format previously adopted by the Council.
2. Consider planning a Friday-evening event or plenary session if space, time, and funds allow.
3. Instruct session chairpersons to report back to the Program Committee, and thereby to the Executive Council: a.) the number of persons who participated (and who failed to show up); b.) overall attendance at the session; c.) information on the quality of the papers presented at the session; and d.) an indication of the reception and participation of those amongst the audience.

**Publication Award** - Steffel reported that a selection had been made and would be presented the next day. He also reported that Christine Worobec had accepted an appointment as Professor of History at Northern Illinois University and would be ending her involvement with the Academy as she was departing the state over the summer.

Teaching Award - Marcella Barton, who accepted appointment as Chair following the resignation of two of its original members, reported that several nominations had been received and that a selection had been made, which would be announced the following day.

Public History Award - Stuart Hobbs, Chair, reported that an awardee had been selected and would be present to receive the presentation the next day.

**Standards** - Elizabeth MacLean, Chair, reported that the committee had organized a session for which secondary teachers could receive in-service credit, however pre-registration for the session had been disappointing. Nonetheless, the presenters were ready for the session, and it was hoped that there would be a good attendance. The committee was also planning, it was reported, to conduct a brief survey of those in attendance at the luncheon.

**Announcements:**

- Vladimir Steffel reported that Wally Chessman (Denison) continues to serve as historian.

OLD BUSINESS

Vladimir Steffel indicated that he had made a number of inquiries concerning future meeting venues and reported the following institutions had agreed, at least tentatively, to host future meetings:

- Fall 1999 (8 October) Muskingum College (Local Arr. Chair TBA)
- Spring 2000 (April 28-29) Otterbein College (Local Arr. Chair TBA)
- Fall 2000 (TBA) University of Toledo
- Spring 2001 (TBA) Capital University
- Fall 2001 (TBA) Kenyon College
- Spring 2002 (tentative only) Cincinnati Museum Center

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought before the Council.

**Adjournment:**

Outgoing President Steffel thanked the members of the Council, Committee Chairs, and other Officers for their service during the year and called for adjournment. There was no dissent, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard E. Spall, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer
Minutes
Annual Business Meeting
OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY
10 April 1999

Ballroom, John F. Kennedy Center, University of Dayton

CALL TO ORDER

President R. Vladimir Steffel (Ohio State, Marion) opened the program at 12:30 pm by introducing the President of the University of Dayton, Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., Ph.D., who welcomed the Academy to the campus. Steffel then introduced the Officers, Executive Council Members, and Committee Chairpersons on the dais. He offered special thanks to Prof. Erving Beauregard of the University of Dayton for all his hard work planning and preparing for the visit of the Ohio Academy of History. The appreciation of the Academy was shown by a warm round of applause. Steffel then recessed the meeting for the buffet luncheon.

President’s Report:

V. Steffel called the Annual Business Meeting back into session at 1:37 pm, offering a brief report. He introduced the nominee for Editor of The OAH Newsletter, Phillip Nash (Raymond Walters-UC) and made a few announcements concerning the afternoon sessions. He then called upon the Secretary-Treasurer to make his report and thanked him for his service during the past year, especially in preparation for the Spring Meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer’s Report:

Richard F. Spall, Jr. (Ohio Wesleyan), Secretary-Treasurer, offered a summary of the membership report that he had made to the Executive Council the previous afternoon. The Academy has 591 Active (paid-up) members. More than 1300 persons are listed on the Academy’s database, which is comprised of life members, active OAH members, joint OHS members, student members, first-year faculty members, and persons who have presented papers and/or attended meetings of the Academy in the last three years.

Spall stated that a financial report had been submitted to the Executive Council at their meeting the previous afternoon and would be published in the next issue of The OAH Newsletter. He said that he was pleased to report that the Academy was in an improved financial position as a result of the recent dues increase and the number of persons who had taken advantage of the opportunity to renew their memberships for two years at the old rate. While the Academy might anticipate fewer one-year renewals next winter, owing to the record number of recent two-year renewals, it was unlikely that it would become necessary to dip into Reserve Funds in the near future. He cautioned that the funds on hand at the moment might give an exaggerated view of the Academy’s financial health inasmuch as they included registration receipts and luncheon fees against which bills would later be presented. Nonetheless, said Spall, the Academy was solvent, in improved financial health and capable of sustaining its present programming and publications without too much difficulty. Spall also indicated that it had been determined that the Academy would revive its journal, Proceedings of the Ohio Academy of History, under the editorship of long-time officer Vladimir Steffel. He thanked Steffel for his willingness to undertake the re-launching of this important project.

Spall concluded by thanking several students who had given up Friday and Saturday to assist with organizing the meeting. He said that it had not been an easy year to serve the Academy and that he was grateful to Vladimir Steffel, the Officers, the Editor, and committee members for their assistance during the past year. While it is not always fun to serve in his office, he said, he never lost sight of the fact that it was a great honor to be asked to do so, and he thanked the Academy for that privilege.

Constitutional Amendments:

President Steffel spoke briefly about the need to amend the Academy’s constitution in order to bring the reporting procedures of the various committees, some of them reformed during the last two years by amendment, into general conformity with each other. He also explained, based on his long experience in that office, the need to have each committee report in a timely fashion to the Secretary-Treasurer so that preparations for the Academy’s annual awards can be presented without difficulty at the annual meeting and to facilitate the business of the Academy generally. Various committees reported in different ways at differing times; the proposed amendments were intended to standardize reporting procedures while still maintaining a degree of flexibility. During the previous year, President Ron Lora had appointed an ad hoc committee to draft such amendments. The draft amendments were considered and adopted by the Executive Council last fall. Draft copies of the ballot were mailed to all paid-up members of the Academy with their programs for the Spring Meeting. Yesterday, at the Executive Council meeting it was discovered, said Steffel, that the name of the Joint Committee on Historical Societies and Archives had been renamed the Public History Committee by recent amendment and that the revised text concerning the Committee on Outstanding Contributions to Public History should have been included. The proposed changes on the ballot remained correct, however. Steffel hoped that it would not be necessary to reprint the ballots, and asked unanimous consent to proceed. Hearing no objection, he asked if the Academy was ready to vote upon the amendments, reminding those present that they were offered by the Executive Council as a block. Ballots were distributed and counted by the Nominating Committee. Article VI of the OAH Constitution was amended as follows without a single dissenting vote. (Additions in bold.)

Article VI

Section 1. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee. The Committee shall be composed of at least three members, and shall prepare a slate of candidates for the annual election of officers. The committee shall report in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer by a date determined by the Secretary-Treasurer who will convey the report to the Officers, Executive Council, and Academy.

Section 2. The President shall appoint a Program Committee. The Committee shall be composed of at least three members, and shall prepare a program for the annual meeting. The committee shall
report in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer by a date determined by the Secretary-Treasurer who will convey the report to the Officers, Executive Council, and Academy.

**Section 3.** The President shall appoint a Committee on Awards for Outstanding Historical Publication. The Committee shall be composed of at least three members, and shall select the winner of the Academy’s annual award for outstanding publication in the field of history. The committee shall report in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer by a date determined by the Secretary-Treasurer who will convey the report to the Officers, Executive Council, and Academy.

**Section 4.** The President shall appoint a Committee on Awards for Distinguished Service to the historical profession. The Committee shall be composed of at least three members, and shall select the winners of the Academy’s award for Distinguished Service. The committee shall report in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer by a date determined by the Secretary-Treasurer who will convey the report to the Officers, Executive Council, and Academy.

**Section 5.** The President shall appoint a Committee on Standards. The Committee shall be composed of at least three members of the Academy, each member being appointed for a three-year term. It shall be the duty and responsibility of this committee to consider, observe, receive reports or complaints on and investigate the standards of the history profession and history teaching in this state, with particular regard for methods and procedures, qualifications, working conditions, and salaries. The committee shall report in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer by a date determined by the Secretary-Treasurer who will convey the report to the Officers, Executive Council, and Academy.

**Section 6.** The President shall appoint a Committee on Public History. The committee shall be composed of five Academy members, each for a three-year term, and three of these members should be public historians not principally employed as faculty members. It shall be the duty and responsibility of this committee to consider, observe, receive reports on and investigate the standards of historical societies, history museums, historic preservation agencies, archives, historic sites, historic research consultants, archaeological agencies, and historians in government and business throughout the state with particular regard for programs, methods and procedures, qualifications, working conditions, and salaries. The committee shall report in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer by a date determined by the Secretary-Treasurer who will convey the report to the Officers, Executive Council, and Academy.

**Section 8.** The President shall appoint a Committee on Awards for Outstanding Dissertation. The Committee shall be composed of at least three members, and shall select the winner of the Academy’s award for outstanding doctoral dissertation in the field of history. The committee shall report in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer by a date determined by the Secretary-Treasurer who will convey the report to the Officers, Executive Council, and Academy.

**Section 9.** The President shall appoint a Committee on Awards for Outstanding Contributions to Public History. The committee shall be composed of five members, three public historians not principally employed as faculty members and two academic historians, and shall select the winning project of the Academy’s annual award for outstanding contribution to public history. The committee shall report in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer by a date determined by the Secretary-Treasurer who will convey the report to the Officers, Executive Council, and Academy.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

James O'Donnell, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates on behalf of the committee:

For Vice-President/President-Elect: David Fahey (Miami)

For Secretary-Treasurer: Richard Spall, Jr. (Ohio Wesleyan)

For Editor of The OAH Newsletter: Phillip Nash (Raymond Walters-UC)

For Executive Council Vacancy One: Ken Bindas (Kent State-Trumbull), Michael Kline (Ohio-Zanesville)

For Executive Council Vacancy Two: John Oliver (Malone), Glenn Sharman (Hiram)

O'Donnell then called for nominations from the floor; none were forthcoming. Ballots were distributed to the members present and the Nominating Committee withdrew to count ballots. The results were:

Vice-President/President-Elect: David Fahey (Miami)

Secretary-Treasurer: Richard Spall, Jr. (Ohio Wesleyan)

Editor of The OAH Newsletter: Phillip Nash (Raymond Walters-UC)

Executive Council Vacancy One: Michael Kline (Ohio-Zanesville)

Executive Council Vacancy Two: Glenn Sharman (Hiram)

**REPORTS OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEES**

**Dissertation Award:**

Glenn Sharman (Hiram), Chair of the committee, presented the annual Dissertation Award. The committee unanimously concluded that Philip Catton's "Parallel Agendas: The Ngo Dong Diem Regime, the United States, and the Strategic Hamlet Program, 1961-1963" was the most outstanding dissertation completed during 1998-1999. Catton's work was completed at Ohio University under the supervision of Charles Pach, Jr. Catton was able to blend an impressive number of primary sources, many in Vietnamese, with a myriad of secondary works to examine the origins, evolution, and failure of the strategic hamlet program, offering a fresh interpretation on the era. Unfortunately, Dr. Catton was not present to receive the award.

**Distinguished Service Award:**

Larry Wilcox (Toledo) presented the annual Distinguished Ser-
vice Award on behalf of the committee owing to the illness of Albert Hayden (Wittenberg). Wilcox said that all members of the Academy wish AI a speedy recovery from his recent medical problems, and he thanked Larry Gara for his valuable help as the other member of the committee. The committee, said Wilcox, had received numerous nominations and determined to make two awards this year.

The first recipient was Warren Van Tine (Ohio State). Van Tine was honored for his many professional accomplishments but especially for his service to the Academy. First appearing on the OAH program in 1970, he has made numerous presentations during his nearly three decades of membership. He has also steadfastly encouraged graduate students and colleagues to submit proposals. Over the years Van Tine has served on most of the Academy’s major committees. One nominator commented that Van Tine had been one of the “most consistent supporters of the Academy, continuing a tradition...first observed in such role models as Harold Grimm, Francis Weisenberger, and Andreas Dorpalen...” encouraging colleagues, “to take the Academy seriously as a significant professional society for people in all fields of specialization.” One of his department colleagues noted, “I can think of few historians who have been dedicated in so many ways to service to the university, the community of historians in Ohio, and the wider public.”

The second recipient of the 1999 Distinguished Service Award was Donald Schilling (Denison), a colleague well known to all the members of the Academy for his many contributions to the organization since he joined the organization in 1972. Schilling was praised for the admirable balance in his academic career among teaching, research, and service. He regularly attends and contributes to numerous professional conferences and has published important research in several fields of history. Over the years he has given generously of his time by serving on committees of a variety of national professional organizations and served in several important administrative positions at his own institution, without losing his essential ties to his teaching or scholarly research. Schilling’s work for the Academy has been extraordinary, serving on most of our committees and appearing regularly on the spring program for more than a quarter century. On several occasions he has offered his own institution as the host for OAH meeting serving as local arrangements chair on most of these occasions. Most recently Don served as Vice-President, President, and Immediate Past President of the Academy, and he continues to work tirelessly on behalf of the historical profession in Ohio thus making the OAH a stronger and more vital organization.

Both Van Tine and Schilling were present and received the sustained applause of their Academy colleagues, extending thanks to the organization for the opportunities that it afforded to serve the profession and present research.

Outstanding Publication Award:

In the absence of the chairperson of the committee, Christine Wrobel (Kent State), the annual award for the outstanding publication was presented by another member of the committee, Don Nieman (Bowling Green State). The committee received eighteen nominations this year, probably a record number of submissions. This year’s award was presented to Jeffrey P. Kimball (Miami) for Nixon’s Vietnam War, published by the University Press of Kansas. Kimball’s book is an impressive and elegantly written synthesis that focuses on Richard Nixon’s critical role in making and implementing U.S. policy toward Vietnam from 1953 to 1973. Drawing on recently declassified documents, including the NSC files of the White House, the recently-opened Nixon tapes, interviews, as well as Soviet, East German, and Vietnamese documents, the study offers a powerful and original interpretation of the strategic vision of Nixon and Kissinger as well as tactical implementation of that vision. The committee believes that the book will serve as the standard for understanding Nixon and Vietnam for some time to come. Unfortunately, Prof. Kimball departed the conference only moments before the presentation of the award; it was accepted on his behalf by his department colleague, Allen Winkler (Miami).

Teaching Award:

The Academy’s annual award for excellence in teaching was presented by the new chair of the committee, Marcella B. Barton (Rio Grande). Prof. Barton thanked the other members of the committee, James Cebula (Cincinnati, Blue Ash), and Lorele Porter (Mansfield) for their work. The OAH Outstanding Teaching Award was presented to Alan Duane Beyerchen (Ohio State). Beyerchen was praised as a teacher who excels in the classroom, the research library, the committee room, and his office and who guides and inspires both undergraduate and graduate students. Prof. Beyerchen was unable to attend the conference owing to a previous professional obligation.

Public History Award:

Stuart Hobbs (Ohio Historical Society), chair of the committee presented the Public History Award to the Department of History of Youngstown State University for their project, "My Brother and I: Brickyard Laborers, Immigration, and Ethnicity." The award was accepted by Martha Pallante (Youngstown State), project coordinator. Hobbs called the project “multifaceted,” integrating the history of the community with the broader themes of industrialism, urbanization, and immigration. The committee characterized the project as a model for public history in a variety of ways. It bridged the academic, public school and humanities communities. It used the example of local history to introduce students to historical methods and important themes in local, state, and national history. It illustrated an approach that could be adapted by local history societies to integrate community history into the secondary school curriculum.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Vladimir Steffel introduced the new President of the Academy, Prof. James O'Donnell III (Marietta) who thanked Steffel for his years of service to the Academy. O'Donnell's Presidential Address was entitled, “Straw from Haystack: Israel Ward Andrews, the Western College Society, and Education in the West, 1840-1875.” The paper explored some of the methods and motivations in college founding, funding, and purposes in nineteenth-century Ohio. The full address is to be published in Proceedings of the Ohio Academy of History.

The meeting adjourned promptly at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard E. Spall, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer
## OAH Secretary-Treasurer’s Financial Report, 1999

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dissertation was entitled "Foreigners, Families and Citizens: Contradictions of National Citizenship in France, 1789-1830."

STEVE WAKSMAN is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the American Studies Program. He was awarded a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota in 1998. His dissertation, "Instruments of Desire: The Electric Guitar and the Shaping of Musical Experience," will be published by Harvard University Press.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

LESLIE ALEXANDER was appointed Assistant Professor of African American Studies.

MATTHEW GOLDSH, Assistant Professor of Jewish and European History, was appointed Melton Chair in Jewish History.

ROBIN JUDD was appointed Assistant Professor of Jewish History.

LUCY MURPHY was appointed Assistant Professor at the Newark Campus.

CHRISTOPHER PHELPS was appointed Assistant Professor.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

MICHAEL BAILEY was appointed Visiting Assistant Professor in Medieval European history.

CHRISTOPHER PHILLIPS, whose areas of specialization are the Civil War, Reconstruction and the U.S. South in the nineteenth century, was appointed Assistant Professor effective 1 September 1999.

YAELE FLETCHER (Ph.D. Emory, 1999) was appointed Taft Post-Doctoral Fellow and is working on her project "City, Nation, and Empire in Marseilles, 1919-1939."

JOAN MARIE JOHNSON was appointed Visiting Assistant Professor in U.S. women's history.

MAN BUN KWAN, specialist in Chinese history, was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure effective 1 September 1999.

JAMES M. MURRAY, specialist in medieval European history, was promoted to Professor effective 1 September 1999.

LINDA PRZYBYLSZEWSKI, specialist in U.S. intellectual, cultural and legal history, was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure effective 1 September 1999.

JUDITH SPRAGU-SCHMIDT was reappointed Visiting Assistant Professor in U.S. urban history.

HILDA L. SMITH, specialist in European women's and British history, was promoted to Professor effective 1 September 1999.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

DONNA DEBLASIO was appointed Assistant Professor and Director of the Center for Historic Preservation. She was previously Senior Historian for the Cincinnati Museum Center.

SAUL FRIEDEMAN was appointed Director of the newly-created Judaic/Holocaust Studies Program. He coordinated the first Jewish Studies Conference at Youngstown State University in May 1999.

WILLIAM JENKINS was appointed Coordinator of General Education.

THOMAS LEARY was appointed Assistant Professor of history and will be teaching courses in history and historic preservation.

JULIAN MADISON, Assistant Professor of history, was appointed coordinator of the Black Studies Program.

MARTHA I. PALLANTE, Associate Professor of history, was elected chair of the history department. She replaced Lowell J. Satre, who served as acting chair during the 1998-1999 academic year.

ANNE YORK was appointed Master Teacher for the History Department.

RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY

JOSEPH D. LEWIS, Professor Emeritus, continues as Adjunct Professor of history and as Director of the Wilberforce Oral History Project. More than 2,000 interviews have been completed.


HIRAM COLLEGE

LARRY GOLDSMITH, Assistant Professor, resigned in May. He will be pursuing other career options in San Francisco, California.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

JANIS APPIAR, Assistant Professor at the Newark Campus, resigned.

JOHN REED, Assistant Professor at the Lima Campus, resigned.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

ZANE MILLER, specialist in U.S. urban history, retired as of 1 September 1999.

OTIS MITCHELL, specialist in modern German history, will retire on 2 January 2000.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

BETSY HUNTER BRADLEY resigned to complete her doctorate at Case Western Reserve University.

JEFFREY A. DROBEY resigned to accept a position at Kennesaw State University in Georgia.

AWARDS, GRANTS, HONORS AND LEAVES

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

MOLLY BERGER has been named Chair of the Travel Grant Committee for the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT). She also serves as Co-chair for SHOT's committee on Women in Technological History.

JOHN J. GRABOWSKI was named Interim Director of the History Museum at the Western Reserve Historical Society.


ELISABETH KOLL was appointed extraordinary research fellow by the Zhang Jian Research Center in Nantong City, PRC in July 1998. She also received the WP Jones Presidential Faculty Developmental Grant as well as a grant from the Research Foundation of Japanese Banks.
KENNETH LEDFORD spent the spring of 1999 on leave with a German Marshall Fund of the United States Research Fellowship. On behalf of the Department of History, Prof. Ledford received a Nord Grant from UCITE to restructure the department's introduction to American and World History courses.

CARROLL PURSELL continues as the Department Chair as well as the president of the International Committee for the History of Technology (ICOHTEC).

ALAN ROCKE spent the spring of 1999 as a Visiting Scholar at the Max Planck Institute for History of Science in Berlin. Prof. Rocke has also been named Associate Editor for ISIS.

JOHNATHAN SADOWSKY received the John S. Dietzoff Award for Distinguished Graduate Teaching, Case Western Reserve School of Graduate Studies.

RHONDA Y. WILLIAMS was a fellow at the W.E.B. DuBois Institute at Harvard University in the summer of 1998. She is a recipient of the Glenn Teaching Fellowship from UCITE at CWRU.

ANGELA WOLLACOTT will serve as the Program Chair for the annual meeting of the North American Conference on British Studies 2000-2002.

JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY

DAN KILBRIDE served as member of the Membership Committee for the Southern Historical Association, 3-6 November 1999, at Fort Worth, Texas.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

DAVID M. FAHEY was elected Vice President and President Elect of the Ohio Academy of History at the annual meeting in April 1999.


JUDITH ZINSSER received the Fall Fellowship in Korean Studies for travel and study in Korea from the Korea Society of New York City, October 1999

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAN BEYERCHEN was awarded the Ohio Academy of History 1999 Outstanding Teacher Award and the College of Humanities first Rodica Botoman Award for Distinguished Teaching (Formerly the Ben Jones III award).

NICHOLAS BREYFOGLE received an IREX travel grant for research in Georgia and Azerbaijan. He also received a grant from the Advanced Study Center at the University of Michigan as part of their year-long seminar, "Empire, States, and Political Imagination." Prof. Breyfogle received a National Research Fellowship from the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research and a Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant to support archival research in Russia, Georgia, and Azerbaijan.

TIMOTHY GREGORY received a grant from the Institute for Aegean Prehistory for his project, "Eastern Korinthia Archaeological Survey."

MARK GRIMSLEY was awarded the OSU 1999 Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award.

SUSAN HARTMANN received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to direct an institute for high school teachers on "Women's Rights and Citizenship in American Thought, Culture, and Practice."

JANE HATHAWAY was awarded a fellowship to the Princeton Institute for Advanced Studies.

MICHAEL HOGAN was appointed to a three-year term on the Editorial Board of the American Historical Review. Prof. Hogan was also appointed by the Secretary of State to a second term on the Department of State's Advisory Committee on Diplomatic Documentation, which oversees the declassification and publication of national security documents of historical importance.

CHRISTOPHER REED was awarded a Taiwan Fulbright-Hays fellowship for archival research in Taiwan.

NATHAN ROSENSTEIN was awarded an American Council for Learned Societies for the academic year 1999-2000.

LEILA RUPP was awarded, with Verta Taylor, a Coca Cola Grant for Research on Women.

STEPHANIE SHAW was elected to the Organization of American Historians Nominating Committee and received a grant from the American Philosophical Society.

AHMAD SIKAINIA received a University of Durham, England, College Fellowship.

BIRGITTE SOLAND was awarded a Coca Cola Grant for Research on Women.

DALE VAN KLEY received a fellowship from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales for Winter 1999.

WARREN VAN TINE was awarded the Ohio Academy of History 1999 Distinguished Service Award.

JUDY WU was awarded an Elizabeth D. Gee grant.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

JOHN K. ALEXANDER has been appointed the George Washington Distinguished Professor for 1999-2001 by the Tri-State Association (Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky) of the Society of the Cincinnati.

DANIEL BEAVER, WAYNE DURRILL, MAURA O'CONNOR, and LINDA PRZYBYSZEWSKI are on academic leave for two quarters each during the 1999-2000 academic year.

JAMES M. MURRAY has a fellowship to participate in the Medieval Institute's seminar on Urban Space, Urban Culture at the University of Notre Dame during the 1999-2000 academic year where he is working on his book on medieval Bruges.

LINDA PRZYBYSZEWSKI has a fellowship for the fall semester of 1999 at the Virginia Center for the Humanities in Charlottesville, Virginia where she is researching "The Role of Religious Faith in American Legal Thought."

MONA SIEGEL has a Spencer Foundation Fellowship to conduct research during the fall quarter of 1999-2000 on school teachers and pacifism in France during the interwar period.

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

ERVING BEAUREGARD was bestowed with a fifty-two year membership in national AAUP at the meeting of the Ohio Conference AAUP at Ohio State University on 9 October 1998.
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

MARTIN BERGER received a Distinguished Professorship Award for Teaching from Youngstown State University.

BETSY HUNTER BRADLEY is president of the Western Reserve Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians.

L.S. DOMONKOS serves on the National Selection Committee for Fulbright Scholars to Central and East-central Europe.

SAUL FRIEDMAN was awarded the Bjornson Award for lifetime achievements and service to the humanities by the Ohio Humanities Council, and was also honored with the Triumphant Spirit Award for contributions to the study of the Holocaust.

WILLIAM JENKINS was elected to the Executive Board of the Council for the Administration of General and Liberal Studies.

MARTHA PALLANTE received the Ohio Academy of History's Public History Award for 1999 for her project "My Brother and I: Brickyard Laborers, Immigration, and Ethnicity." She was on sabbatical for the 1998-1999 academic year.

LOWELL J. SATRE and FRED BLUE received sabbaticals for the 1999-2000 academic year.

LOWELL J. SATRE and L.S. DOMONKOS received Distinguished Professorship Awards for Scholarship from Youngstown State University.

ACADEMY PUBLICATIONS

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

John J. Grabowski is under contract with Heritage Media to co-author with Diane Grabowski Cleveland: A History in Motion.


Living at the Brink: Louis P. Lochner in Berlin, 1924-1941, (completed and in search of a publisher).


Book reviews in the American Journal of Comparative Law, the American Journal of Sociology, and Central European History.


Alan Rocke. The "French Science." Adolphe Wurtz and Chemistry in the Nineteenth Century (accepted for publication by Cambridge University Press).


Hiram College


John Carroll University


Miami University


Ohio State University


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-. "Oliver Perry Kinsky and the 'Poor Man's Harvard.'" Journal of Unconventional History, volume 10, number 2.

UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE


WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY


YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY


TAFT MEMORIAL FUND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES at the UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

GRADUATE STUDY

Programs: Applications are invited for the Charles Phelps Taft Fellowships to support graduate study in any of several designated departments of the University of Cincinnati. The Taft departments are Anthropology, Economics, English and Comparative Literature, German Languages and Literature, History, Mathematical Sciences, Philosophy, Political Science, Romance Languages and Literature, and Sociology. Each department offers programs of study leading to the appropriate Masters, and all except Anthropology grant the Ph.D.

Awards: For the three-quarter academic year, the Taft Fellowships include a cash stipend of $12,000. In addition, the Taft Fellowship includes a scholarship that defrays all instructional fees for full-time enrollment (and non-resident surcharge, where applicable). The total value of the award ranges from $17,700 to $22,887, depending upon the value of the associated scholarship. In addition, the Taft Advanced Departmental Competitive Fellowships include a summer stipend of $3,000 beginning 1 July. Such fellows are not permitted to hold other fellowships or to have any paid employment during the summer or the academic year.

Selection: Evaluation and selection is based upon the applicant's academic record, the recommendations of former teachers, and a statement of professional intentions by the applicant.

Status: Taft Fellows are among the most prestigious awards offered by the University of Cincinnati. They recognize past academic excellence and potential for significant scholarly contributions. A Taft Fellow is expected to devote full time and effort to study and research. The award requires no collateral duties and no instructional responsibility. Taft fellows may not engage in any form of paid employment during their fellowship period.
Application: Applications for a Taft Fellowship should be made at the time the application for admission to a graduate program in a Taft department is submitted. Questions may be directed to:

Taft Faculty Executive Board
Mail Location 0037
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, OH 45221-0037
(513) 556-0675

Deadline: Taft Fellowships are commonly awarded in March; therefore, application for admission must be complete and on file by 1 February in order to ensure consideration.

POSTDOCTORAL STUDY

Anthropology  Mathematics
Economics  Philosophy
English and Comparative Literature  Political Science
Germanic Languages and Literature  Romance Languages and Literature
History  Sociology

Applications are invited for CHARLES PHELPS TAFT POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS intended to afford scholars who have demonstrated unusual ability for creative research the opportunity to enhance their education through additional study and research.

Each applicant must have been awarded the Ph.D. in the past five years, i.e. for a 2000-2001 Fellowship, not before 1 May 1995, or have completed all the requirements for the degree by 1 September of the year in which the fellowship begins.

The application must include a carefully developed plan of research at the postdoctoral level, a complete, up-to-date vita, three letters of reference, and the name of a faculty member, if known, at the University of Cincinnati with whom the applicant would like to study.

Each application will be judged on the basis of ability as evidenced by demonstrated scholarship and letters of reference and on the compatibility of research interest with Graduate Faculty members on the University of Cincinnati campus. Applicants from all ten Taft departments will compete equally for the fellowships. The letters of reference should address the merits of the proposed plan of research, its significance to the field, and its prospects for publication/performance upon completion.

Each CHARLES PHELPS TAFT POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW will be expected to devote full time to research during the tenure of the fellowship. The award carries an annual stipend of $30,000. Additional benefits include $500 to defray moving expenses, $1000 for research-related expenses, and health insurance coverage for the Fellow and dependent(s). Subject to Departmental instruc-

tion needs, the Fellow may be appointed to teach one course for one quarter only in his/her Department. Teaching assignments and compensation with a minimum of $3000 are to be negotiated between the Fellow and the host Department, subject to the approval of the Taft Postdoctoral Fellowship Committee.

The recipient may not accept other compensation or supplementation from employment or from another scholarship or fellowship during the tenure of the Fellowship. Reimbursement of documented research expenses from a grant or other source may be permitted if approved by the Taft Committee.

Each applicant for the CHARLES PHELPS TAFT POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP must send the above information to Taft Postdoctoral Fellowships, University of Cincinnati, PO. Box 210037, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0037, before 15 January 2000. It is the responsibility of the candidates to ensure that their files are completed, including the letters of recommendation, by this deadline. Incomplete applications or applications postmarked after 15 January will not be considered for the Fellowship.

PAST CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITS

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
GLADYS HADDAD, a regional historian and Case Western Reserve University’s American Studies Adjunct Professor, organized “The Promise of the Land,” the 14th annual Western Reserve Studies Symposium. The presentation, sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, took place on 1-2 October at CWRU’s Squire Valleeue Farm, 37125 Fairmount Boulevard in Hunting Valley. This year’s focus was on the land’s “promises” represented in its geography, politics, and healing powers. The symposium began with an eighteenth century geographical perspective of the Western Reserve. Invited speakers included George Knepper, the author of Ohio and Its People, William C. Barrow from the special collections at Cleveland State University, and a panel of SCU students who used their creation, the Cleveland Digital Library, to illustrate their presentation, “Cleveland’s First Infrastructure: The Ohio Erie Canal from George Washington to Alfred Kelley.” Robert E. Dalzell and Lee Baldwin Dalzell from Williams College drew upon their critically acclaimed George Washington’s Mount Vernon at Home in Revolutionary America to discuss George Washington’s life.

The Dittrick Museum of Medical History, 1100 Euclid Avenue, sponsors annually the Rose and Anton Zverina Lecture which this year was held on 2 November. Keith Wailoo of the University of North Carolina presented his lecture, “Dying in the City of the Blues: The Politics of Race and Disease in the 20th Century South.”

HIRAM COLLEGE
JANET POPE, Assistant Professor of European History, presented a paper entitled “Integrating Women’s History into Western Civilization Courses” as part of a roundtable on Teaching Medieval Women in Introductory Courses at the 33rd International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo on 7-10 May
1998. Prof. Pope also presented a paper entitled "Teaching Medieval Women and the Family in the Late Twentieth Century" as part of a roundtable on Teaching Medieval Women in the Late Twentieth Century at the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women at the University of Rochester on 4-6 June 1999.

VIVIEN SANDLUND, Assistant Professor of U.S. History, presented "To Arouse and Awaken the American People: The Impact of Benjamin Lundy on the Rise of Immediate Abolitionism" at the spring meeting of the Ohio Academy of History.

GLENN SHARMFAN, Associate Professor of European History, presented "Have We Learned Anything from the Holocaust: Genocide in the Late 20th Century" at the spring meeting of the Ohio Academy of History.

JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY

MATTHEW PAUL BERG served as moderator and provided comments for a panel entitled "Victims of the Nazi Economy: Three Austrian Case Studies" at the 1999 Annual Conference of the Social Science History Association on 11-14 in Fort Worth, Texas.

JAMES H. DRUKONES presented a paper entitled "Surveying the Soviet Past on Film" at the conference "Teaching with Film: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Cinema" on 16 October 1999 at Daemen College in Amherst, New York.


ROGER W. PURDY presented a paper entitled "Projecting Daitoa: Myth, Memory, and Japanese Wartime Newsreel Coverage of East Asia" at the Midwest Japan Seminar, held in conjunction with the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs on 25 September 1999 at Michigan State University. He also presented "Projecting the Pacific War: Using Japan's Wartime Newsreels in the Classroom" at the conference "Teaching with Film: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Cinema" on 16 October 1999 at Daemen College in Amherst, New York.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

The university played host to the annual Fall meeting of the Ohio World History Association in October. Organized by Judith P. Zinsser and David M. Fahey, the conference dealt with "Films Around the World and the Teaching of History" and featured a presentation by Patricia Aufderheide of the School of Communications at American University.

OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Archives/Library Division of the Ohio Historical Society recently mounted a major research collection on the World Wide Web. The collection, descriptively titled "The African-American Experience in Ohio 1850-1920," includes serials, pamphlets, photographs, newspaper articles, and manuscript collections, together forming a corpus of source materials that are fundamental to the study and understanding of the state's African-American community. The collection, the digitizing and mounting of which was supported by an award from the Library of Congress/Ameritech National Digital Library Competition, can be found at www.ohiohistory.org/africanam/.

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

ERVING BEAUREGARD, Emeritus Professor of History, delivered "Fifty Years of the Ohio Conference AAUP" at the meeting of the Ohio Conference AAUP at Ohio State University on 9 October 1999.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITS

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

The Dittrick Museum of Medical History is currently mounting an exhibition in the Cushing Reading Room on smallpox in Cleveland. The exhibit supplements the Museum's permanent exhibits tracing the development of medicine in the Western Reserve area of Ohio in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Open Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

The Ohio Academy of History Spring Meeting will be held on 28-29 April at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI/MIAMi UNIVERSITY

Hilda Smith at Cincinnati and Judith Zinsser at Miami University have organized an international conference on "Metaphysics into Science: Gender and Knowledge in Early Modern Europe." The conference will convene at the Kingsgate Conference Center at the University of Cincinnati on 6-7 April 2000 and then move to the Miami University campus on 7-8 April. The conference is a meeting of scholars from North America and Europe to investigate the creation of our modern concept of "science," the loss of its philosophical bases, and the gendering of its institutions and practitioners. For information, contact Hilda L. Smith, University of Cincinnati (smithh@email.uc.edu) or Judith P. Zinsser, Miami University (zinsejp@muohio.edu).

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE PROFESSION

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

The Dittrick Medical History Center, which includes the Dittrick Museum of Medical History and is part of the Cleveland Medical Library Association, has extensive collections in medical history (books, rare books, archives, and artifacts) that are available for all researchers. The professional staff will be happy to arrange specialized tours of the museum for classes or in-depth classroom sessions on special topics represented by the collections.
CALL FOR PAPERS

WELSH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN THE NEW MILLENIUM

The Conference is sponsored by the North American Association for the Study of Welsh Culture and History (NAASWCH).

June 22-24, 2000
Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

The conference seeks multiple perspectives on Wales as well as on the Welsh in North America from those in any discipline including, but not limited to, history, literature, language, art, sociology, anthropology, economics, political science, philosophy, music, and religion.

The conference invites participation from both sides of the Atlantic, in Canada and the United States, across many different academic disciplines, and from among independent scholars, teachers, and researchers in different types of educational organizations as well as those with an interest in and commitment to the study of Welsh history, culture and language.

Those wishing to present papers suitable for a 20-minute reading may submit either the completed paper or an abstract. Proposals for sessions, panel presentations or other formats are also welcome. Please include a brief vitae with submission. Abstract deadline is Friday, 31 December 1999.

NAASWCH works to promote scholarship on all aspects of Welsh culture and history; to develop connections between teachers and scholars in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom who are committed to the study of Welsh culture, history, languages, and literature; to provide an intellectual forum in which scholars and teachers of Welsh culture may share their research and teaching experience, and to provide support for the study of Welsh-North American history and culture.

Please submit abstracts or session proposals by Friday, 31 December 1999 to:

Roderic Owen
Program Committee Chair
Philosophy and Religion Department
Mary Baldwin College
Staunton, Virginia 24401
rowen@cit.mbc.edu
Phone: (540) 887-7309
Fax: (540) 887-7137

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM AESCHBACHER

Professor William Aeschbacher, department head at the University of Cincinnati from 1968 to 1976, passed away on 23 October 1998, in Seattle while visiting his son and family. A prize fund to support graduate student research has been created in his honor.

GEORGE ENGBERG

Professor George Engberg, specialist in U.S. economic history at the University of Cincinnati, died on 11 April 1999, in Rochester, New York. A prize fund for the best undergraduate seminar papers has been created in his honor.

HERBERT L. OERTER (1917-1999)

Herbert L. Oertter, Emeritus Professor of History at Miami University, died in Austin, Texas, on 28 May 1999. During his nearly 82 years, Herb (he hated the name Herbert) lived a rich and diverse life that he shared with his wife Franca Franchi for nearly 52 years and their son Chuck. In 1936, in the depths of the Depression, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, in which he served for twenty years. He was an officer in the First and Third Ranger Battalions (Darby's Rangers) in the North African, Sicilian, and Italian campaigns. He met his future wife in Italy in 1944; Herb and Franca married in 1946. After Herb retired from military service, he worked as a commercial artist and a newspaper editor and publisher, while earning his undergraduate degree (Colorado College, 1960) and his graduate degrees (University of Colorado, M.A., 1962, and Ph.D., 1965). He specialized in the history of Italy during the thirteenth and fourteenth century, the Renaissance, and modern Italy. After two years on the faculty of the University of South Dakota, he joined Miami's history department, first at what then was the Wright State campus and then at the Oxford campus. He also taught at Miami's Luxembourg campus. Herb was a master teacher, a vivid lecturer who rarely referred to notes. Without letting it control him, he also loved technology. He pioneered the use of simulations, slides, and films and was the first member of his department to own a computer. Herb and Franca gave new meaning to the term "collegiality," with frequent gatherings at their home in which historians and others shared ideas and the warmth and beauty of friendship. They especially enjoyed hosting foreign students and providing them with a home away from home. After Herb's retirement in 1984, the Oertters remained in Oxford until 1997, when they moved to Austin to be near their son. Herb's many friends fondly remember this unforgettable, many-sided man who combined "down east" stubbornness and contrariness with a larger-than-life romanticism. Perhaps the tribute to him which he would have most appreciated came when many of his former students at short notice returned to Oxford for his funeral mass and lingered to exchange stories about him. Herb Oertter is not easily forgotten.
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