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CORPS OF DISCOVERY ENDOWED CHAIR

Gift Creates WSU History Department's First Endowed Chair

A \$3 million gift from John W. (Jack) and Janet M. Creighton, Ph.D., created the Corps of Discovery Endowed Chair in the Department of History. Interest from the gift will also fund symposia, travel, and graduate study related to the history of the American West.

"By thoughtfully establishing the Corps of Discovery Endowed Chair, the Creightons are making a major and lasting impact on an important field of study at WSU," said President V. Lane Rawlins.

"We wanted to help create something that can be easily identified with Washington State University," said Janet, "something that was uniquely 'west.'"

According to their written agreement with the University, the name "Corps of Discovery Chair" was selected by the Creightons to denote cutting-edge scholarly research, pushing forward the horizon of learning and adding to the existing body of knowledge. The agreement states: "Meriwether Lewis and William Clark did just that at the behest of Thomas Jefferson. They opened the eyes of the young republic to the resources and wonders of the American West. The name also complements the geographic location of Washington State University's campuses and the University's role as a premier research institution."

"We want to make the point to others," said Janet Creighton, "that giving can be



Pictured are left to right, Erich Lear, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Janet Creighton, and Jack Creighton

structured to fit any financial circumstance. People might look at the amount of our endowment and say, 'I could never do that,' but the point is, almost everyone is capable of doing something."

"We also want to motivate others who have a capacity similar to ours, or greater, to consider a transformational gift," said Jack Creighton.

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Svingen Invited to *Sacagawea* Launch and Watches History in the Making

Orlan Svingen received a special invitation from the Lemhi Shoshone and the Department of Defense to watch history in the making in San Diego as the United States Navy launched the USNS *Sacagawea* (T-AKE 2). The launch of the *Sacagawea*, a new dry cargo/ammunition ship, took place Saturday, June 24, with representatives of the Lemhi Shoshone tribe taking part in the ceremony. Svingen said it is significant that representatives of the tribe took part in the ceremony. "What has been lost or obscured over the years is that Sacagawea, the American Indian woman who accompanied Lewis and Clark, was a Lemhi Shoshone," said Svingen.

According to Svingen, since the Lemhi Shoshones were removed from the Salmon River country of central Idaho in 1907, they have been engaged in a prolonged effort to return to some area of their aboriginal homeland. "Although it

is not the same as winning the restoration of federal recognition, the Lemhis probably heaved a collective and appreciative sigh when the secretary of the Navy asked them to sponsor and attend the launching and christening ceremony of the *Sacagawea*. It has to feel very good compared to their treatment over the years, by Indians and non-Indians alike," Svingen observed. "This is a very humbling experience, not just for our family but for the whole tribe," said Rod Ariwite Sr. of Pocatello, Idaho, a descendant of Sacagawea and member of the Shoshone people. "This ship will be out there carrying Sacagawea's name long after I am gone."

Svingen, a long time friend of the Lemhi Shoshone tribe, was earlier invited by the tribe to participate in "Finding Sacagawea: A National Symposium on an American Phenomenon." Held in Bismarck, North Dakota, June 1-4, the event was



Sponsor bottle break: (from left to right) Ms. Amy Mossett, honorary matron of honor and a member of the Mandan-Hidatsa (Sacagawea's tribe when Lewis and Clark encountered her), Ms. Jeanette Wolfley, maid of honor to Mrs. Lucy Diaz and a great-great-great-grandniece of Sacagawea, and Ms. Rachael Ariwite, a co-sponsor of USNS Sacagawea and a great-great-great-grandniece of Sacagawea.

supported by the Bismarck-Mandan Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee. For most of the last decade Svingen has been working with the Lemhi Shoshone tribe on issues related to the restoration of federal recognition of the tribe's sovereignty.

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"Transformational gifts are those which are sizable and strategic enough to have a profound and lasting impact," said Erich Lear, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "The Corps of Discovery Chair is certainly in that category for the history department."

"The Corps of Discovery Chair should be transformational directly in the field of American West history because WSU's history department has had strengths in that area for several decades," said **John E. Kicza**, interim chair of the Department of History. "This chair will, without doubt, elevate substantially the department's reputation in the academic community and our ability to attract quality faculty and graduate students."

The Creightons had talked about creating a gift for Washington State University in their will, but a chance

conversation with a colleague gave them a new perspective. "He sold me on the benefits of 'warm-hand giving,'" said Jack Creighton, "making a donation while you are still around to see how the money is used to change lives."

Cases that aptly make this point, say the Creightons, are the recipients of the estimated \$1 million the Creightons have given to WSU to fund Native American scholarships. "We know that money is making a difference," said Janet Creighton. "We get letters from the undergraduate and graduate students who receive the scholarships, and in many cases, after graduation, they are returning to their tribes and helping others," she said. "It's a great feeling to give back. It really is very rewarding to see what is accomplished with the money you give."

"Few people have advanced our University more than Jack and Janet," said President Rawlins. "Through their unwavering commitment and generosity as donors and volunteers, they have distinguished themselves as leaders, creating a lasting legacy of excellence for the students and faculty at Washington State University."

The Creightons and their three adult children, two of whom are Washington State alumni, are a degree-oriented family. In all, the family has earned 12 degrees. Jack and Janet Creighton have six degrees between them, the most recent being Janet Creighton's doctorate in history from Washington State University in December 2005.

A search committee at WSU is already at work to fill the Corps of Discovery Endowed Chair position by the fall semester of 2007.

Faculty News

Sue Armitage's proposal "Remembering Celilo: Ancient Heart of the Pacific Northwest," which she wrote for the Center for Columbia River History, was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant funded a public conference in March at The Dalles, Oregon, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the inundation of Celilo Falls by the rising waters of The Dalles Dam on the Columbia River. Indian and non-Indian scholars and speakers will explore the historical significance of Celilo, a major regional fishery and meeting place for at least 9,000 years before European contact.

LeRoy Ashby participated on a panel concerning "The History and Legacy of the Church Committee," at the University of Idaho Law School's annual Bellwood event in October. The panel focused on America's national security issues, which in the mid-1970s investigated the abuses in gathering intelligence, especially on the part of the CIA and FBI. Others on the panel included former senators Gary Hart and Alan Simpson; the committee's chief counsel, F.A.O. Schwarz Jr.; committee staffer and intelligence expert Loch Johnson, now a political scientist at the University of Georgia; and **Kathy Aiken** ('80 Ph.D.), dean of the University of Idaho's College of Liberal Arts.

Robert Bauman was chosen by the Washington State Historical Society to receive the Charles Gates Award for the best article to appear in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* in 2005. The article, "Jim Crow in the Tri-Cities, 1943-1950," appeared in the summer 2005 issue. Bauman also gave a public lecture titled "Jim Crow in the Tri-Cities in the 1940s" based on



Robert Bauman

his research. The lecture was covered by all three local network news stations as well as the *Tri-City Herald*, which produced a front-page story about Bauman's lecture, and Northwest Public Radio aired a story on segregation in the Tri-Cities based on Bauman's research.

Roger Chan chaired the panel discussion "Nationalism and Modernism" and presented "Dutch-Chinese Aborigine Interaction during the Opening of the Taiwan Frontier, 1624-1662" at the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference in Pullman.

David Coon completed his 35th year of service to WSU.

Brigit Farley was named an Oregon Council for the Humanities Chautauqua Scholar for 2006-2007. She also created a new course on the Great War, and spent part of August walking and photographing the Ypres salient on the western front in preparation for it. In November, Farley presented a paper at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies entitled "'We're Approaching Communism and People have Nowhere to Live!' Restorers and the Contradictions of the Khrushchev Regime, 1960-1964."

Theresa Jordan attended WSU's College of Education's International Globalization, Diversity, and Education Conference, and was a member of a presentation panel titled "The World and a Very Small Place in Washington," which focused on globalization and diversity themes in the general education program.

Noriko Kawamura, WSU's director of the Peace and Security Research Partnership with International Christian University (ICU) of Japan, continues to work on the interdisciplinary project to build a theory for sustainable peace. She was invited to the international symposium on "Toward a New Understanding of Peace, Security, and Conviviality," jointly sponsored

by ICU and Sophia University in Tokyo in October, and presented a paper titled "Peace and *Kyosei*: A Historical Perspective on the Reconciliation of Pearl Harbor and Hiroshima." The papers presented at this symposium will be published as a book in spring 2007 in Japan. She organized another ICU-WSU faculty conference titled "New Pathways to Peace," which was held in Pullman, April 5-6, 2007, and chaired the panel discussion "International Peace and Justice in Asia" at the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference in Pullman.

Robert McCoy was selected as the Donald J. Sterling Jr. Senior Research Fellow for 2007. The Sterling Fellowships in Pacific Northwest History at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland have been established through an endowment, made possible by the family of Donald J. Sterling Jr. to encourage original, scholarly, interpretative research in the Oregon Historical Society Research Library.

Laurie Mercier was selected by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to participate in a Joint Meeting on Academic Futures with representatives from the American Folklore Society, Oral History Association, and Society for Ethnomusicology to plan a multiple-year effort to strengthen these humanities/ethnographic fields in various university settings. The meeting was held at the Curb Center at Vanderbilt University in May. Mercier and director of information services Leslie Wykoff received an internal WSU Vancouver grant to help fund a

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Laurie Mercier, and Earl Ford, president of the Vancouver NAACP, signed an agreement at the Clark County Historical Museum to digitize the local NAACP archives with WSU Vancouver technology and donate them to the museum.

project to archive and digitize selections of the NAACP's local historical records. In a signing ceremony at the museum, December 20, the Vancouver NAACP officially donated its archive to the Clark County Historical Society and Museum, who will in turn work with WSU Vancouver on archiving and digitizing the project. WSU's role will also include creating an online, digital archive dedicated to the collection, linked from both the museum and NAACP Web sites.

Kathy Meyer received the "Outstanding Honors Thesis Advisor" award presented by the Honors College during their graduation ceremonies in December.

Sue Peabody assumed the presidency of the French Colonial Historical Society at the annual meeting held in Dakar, Senegal, in

June. Future meetings are planned for La Rochelle, France, (2007) and Quebec (2008). She published two short essays, "Henry-Christophe" and "Savannah," in an illustrated volume, *Revolutionary Freedoms: A History of Survival, Strength, and Imagination in Haiti*, edited by Cécile Accilien with art by Haitian painter Ulrick Jean-Pierre (Caribbean Studies Press, 2006). She was also invited by the University of Nebraska Press to write the introduction to a new edition of *La Salle: A Novel* by John Vernon, and gave invited lectures at the University of Maryland and the University of Oregon. Sue was awarded the American Philosophical Society Sabbatical Fellowship for 2007–2008, which will support her book project on "free soil."

David Pietz presented two papers: "China's Energy Outlook"

during the Maritime Implications of China's Energy Security Conference at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, and "Big Dams in China: The Legacy of Twentieth-Century State Patterns" at the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast annual meeting in Pullman. He also chaired the panel discussions "Land, Tenure, and Identity" and "International Trade and Economic Development at ASPAC."

Robert Staab chaired the panel discussion "Cultures and Society in South and Southeast Asia" at the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference in Pullman.

Ray Sun received a Holocaust Education Foundation Grant that helped support WSU's activities during the "Week of Remembrance," which commemorates the liberation of Nazi death and concentration camps in Europe following World War II. With HEF support, John K. Roth, the Edward J. Sexton professor of philosophy at Claremont McKenna College and director of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights in Claremont, California, was the Week of Remembrance's featured guest speaker. Sun was also appointed to the Honors Council of the Honors College of Washington State University.

Orlan Svingen was a panel member at the Plateau Center for American Indian Studies brown bag luncheon on "The Faces of Diabetes." He briefed the audience on his experiences in how to show the severity of the disease, how to focus on preventive methods, and how to monitor and manage the disease.

Ian Wendt chaired the panel discussions "East Meets West: Antagonism and War" and "Histories Discovered and Histories Revised" as well as presented "Weaver Society and the Culture of Production in Early Modern South India" at the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference in Pullman.

Graduate Student News

Amy Canfield (doctoral candidate) presented at three different conferences this past year: "Federal Trust Fund Violations and Tribal Responses at Fort Hall Indian Reservation" at the Western Social Sciences Association Conference in Phoenix, Arizona; "Re-imagining Horror: Domestic Violence, the Feminist Backlash, and Stephen King" at the American Culture Association Conference in Atlanta, Georgia; and "'The Annoying Question of Water': Irrigating the Fort Hall Indian Reservation" at the Pacific Northwest History Conference in Portland, Oregon. Amy also continues to teach courses at Lewis and Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho.

Victoria Dehlbom (doctoral candidate) traveled to Deary, Idaho, and made a presentation to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade elementary students as part of their History Week celebration. Victoria spoke about the beginnings of the American Revolution in Massachusetts and then specifically about Deborah Sampson, a woman who disguised herself as a man so she could become a Continental soldier and managed to do very well in the Army, eventually becoming an aide to General John Paterson before her identity was discovered when she fell ill in Philadelphia and was taken to the hospital. The students had many interesting questions about how Sampson concealed the fact she was a woman.

Hilary Elmendorf (doctoral candidate) presented "'Divine' Intervention: American Religious Narratives of the Atomic Bombings, the End of the Pacific War, and the Allied Occupation" at the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference in Pullman.

Paul Fisher (doctoral candidate) taught modern Asia and both sections of World Civilization courses at Lewis and Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, during the fall 2006 and spring 2007 semesters.

Cara Kaser (master's candidate) accepted a position as a survey and registration coordinator with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office in Salem, Oregon. She will begin working in May, only two days after graduating with her master's. Congratulations to Cara!

Julie Neuffer (doctoral candidate) spent January in Rome teaching Medieval Christianity in Italy as a visiting professor for Pacific Lutheran University. This was Julie's third trip to Rome as a member of the teaching staff for PLU's History in Religion J-Term Series. This year her classes focused on medieval religious women's teaching, mystical writing, and service to the poor.

Maryanne Rhett (doctoral candidate) received the Tauber Institute Committee on Graduate Research Awards grant. The Tauber Institute is based at Brandeis University and the grant is given in support of researching the history and culture of Euro-

pean Jewry. Maryanne also presented her paper "Beyond Wahhabism: Nineteenth Century Islamic Reform in South and Southeast Asia" at the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference in Pullman.

Cynthia Ross (doctoral candidate) presented her topic "War as a Theme in World History Pedagogy: Concepts, Approaches and Challenges" at the World History Association's 15th Annual International Conference at Long Beach, California, in June. Cynthia also presented her paper "Rescuing Dignity: Motivations for Anti-Japanese Resistance in World War II Burma" at the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference in Pullman.

Birgit (Schirmer) Schneider (doctoral candidate) presented her article "Akutagawa Ryunosuke and his Perception of Modernity" at the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference in Pullman. Birgit married Christoph Schneider on September 16 in the Perkins House, Colfax, Washington. Congratulations Birgit and Christoph!

K. Caleb Sparks (doctoral candidate) presented his paper "Constituting Democracy" at the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference in Pullman.

Laurie Whitcomb (doctoral candidate) presented "No Ecstasy, No Joy: Liberation and the Displaced Person Camps in Germany, 1945-1957" during the Week of Remembrance in Pullman.

Alumni News

Jason Blazevec ('06 M.A.) presented "Oil, the United States, and China" at the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference in Pullman.

Michael Serizawa Brown's ('03 Ph.D.) book review of *Pioneer Square: Seattle's Oldest Neighborhood* (University of Washington Press, 2005) appeared in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*. He also presented "Barrinuevo v. Barrinuevo: Interstices

of Gender and Race in 1950's in Washington" at the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference in Pullman. Michael has been teaching civil rights law and federalism at Eastern Washington University's Bellevue location, along with other law and history courses at various other postsecondary institutions in the Seattle area. He and his skating partner,

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Mike Brown and his skating partner, Shelly Lane

Shelly Lane, finished third place in the USFSA Adult Sectionals Figure Skating Championships in Oakland, California, and fourth place in the USFSA Adult National Figure Skating Championships in Dallas.

Laurie Carlson ('04 Ph.D.) appeared in an episode of *On Campus @ WSU* on KWSU-TV and talked about "Sunlight and Women's Bodies," a historical look at women's health in relation to the importance of vitamin D to proper reproductive and other development. Laurie concludes that women who live in northern latitudes and who spend a lot of time indoors or in overcast weather should be especially wary of the risks of vitamin D deficiency. The program aired on June 29 and July 2. Laurie is also the author of *Sunshine Solution*.

Jerry W. Cooney ('63 B.A., '65 M.A.) wrote "Economy and Manpower: Paraguay at War, 1864-1869," which appeared in Hendrik Kraay and Thomas L. Whigham, editors, *I Die with my Country: Perspectives on the Paraguayan War* (UNEB Press, 2004), and "The Many Faces of *El Supremo*: Historians, History, and Dr. Francia," which appeared in *History Compass* (Online Publication, 2004). Cooney was also co-editor with Thomas L. Whigham for *Campo y Frontera: El Paraguay al fin de la etapa colonial* (Asuncion: Editorial Servilibro, 2005). Currently he is a contributing editor for the *Handbook of Latin American Studies*.

Bryce Court ('01 M.A.) teaches U.S. history college credit, government, economics, psychology, Civil War, U.S. history, global studies, and popular culture at St. Paul High School in St. Paul, Oregon. He says, "It is a lot of fun and...I am the entire Social Studies department, so I get to joke that I am the Department Chair." He also coaches basketball and golf at the school.

Andrew Duffin ('03 Ph.D.) has accepted a tenure-track position

at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He is a specialist in American history and environmental history.

Armand Garcia's ('06 Ph.D.) panel proposal "Gender and Cuba: New Perspectives of Republican and Revolutionary Eras" was accepted for the American Historical Association's annual meeting in January in Atlanta. In addition, he presented a paper, "Gender and Mythmaking in Late Twentieth-Century Cuba" at this panel. Garcia also received a grant of \$2,000 from the Program for Cultural Cooperation Between Spain's Ministry of Culture and United States Universities for a project titled "The Global Dimensions of Late 19th-Century Spanish Empire: The Autonomistas and Jose Marti's Spanish Encounters with the East."

Cody Grabenhorst ('02 B.A.) is a broker at Coldwell Banker Mountain West Real Estate in Salem, Oregon.

Gwen E. (Pattison) Granados ('03 M.A.) was married this past year. She is currently working as an archivist at the National Archives and Records Administration in Laguna Niguel, California.

Owen V. Johnson ('68 B.A.), currently associate professor of journalism and adjunct professor of history at Indiana University-Bloomington, will appear on the PBS show *The History Detectives* sometime in summer 2007 when he tries to determine if a certain typewriter was actually used by the Pulitzer prizewinning journalist Ernie Pyle. Johnson has spent years researching Pyle's life and works. He hopes this segment will expose younger generations to Pyle's works.

Larry Kolano ('72 B.A.) was awarded a 2005 Jacob Lerner Fellowship by the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. As a recipient of the fellowship, Kolano and 30 educators from the United States and Europe attended a week-long series

of lectures and seminars related to different aspects of the Holocaust at Columbia University in New York City. In January, he attended an advanced seminar on the Holocaust in Newark, New Jersey. The Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center sponsored Kolano's fellowship application. For the past 26 years, Kolano has taught social studies at Cascade Middle School in Longview, Washington.

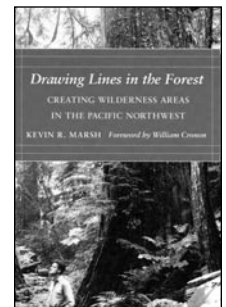
Diane Krahe ('05 Ph.D.) married Ted Catton in Missoula, Montana, in September 2005. **Suzanne Julin** ('01 Ph.D.) officiated at the wedding. Diane and Ted are writing national park histories as a team and both are teaching courses at the University of Montana.

Kevin Marsh's ('95 M.A., '02 Ph.D.) new book, *Drawing Lines In The Forest: Creating Wilderness Areas In The Pacific Northwest*, was published by the University of Washington Press in its series *Weyerhaeuser Environmental Books*, edited by William Cronon.

Marsh is co-chairing the arrangements committee for the 2008 meeting of the American Society for Environmental History, to be held in Boise in March, and continues to serve on the board of the Idaho Humanities Council. He also received a John Topham and Susan Redd Butler Faculty Fellowship from the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University, to support his research into the environmental history of the Snake River aquifer.

Gloria Brown Melton ('82 Ph.D.) is dean of students at Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Michigan.

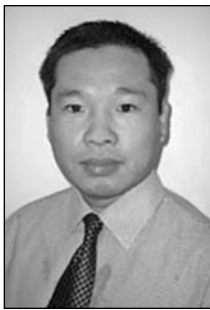
Jamie Overlin ('04 B.A.) married Andy O'Keeffe in August 2005.



New Faculty

Xiuyu (Kelly)

Wang grew up in a rather large family in rural western Shandong, traditionally a Chinese province of strong Confucian influence, where the master's birthplace and family compound are now restored into a cultural attraction. His education in China up to college, as was usual with his generation, combined a large dose of communist historiography with elements of Confucianist ethics and rigorous science classes. Xiuyu is an avid reader, especially of literature and philosophy, and going to college and majoring in British and American Literature exposed him to Western literature, religion, and history, which he says he "spent many happy afternoons" studying. Xiuyu states that he has had the



*Xiuyu (Kelly) Wang,
WSU Vancouver*

privilege of experiencing a radically different scholarly tradition in the United States in different schools and disciplines. Speech communication at Concordia University in St. Paul, journalism and mass communication at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, and history at Carnegie Mellon University—plus courses on anthropology, sociology, and religion—all supplemented his current study in modern Chinese history. He believes the one great benefit of this cross-disciplinary exposure is the set of concepts, methods, and discursive styles that he encountered, but the chore of how to synthesize and apply them to his own research is no easy task. Within the larger field of Chinese cultural-ethnic history, Xiuyu is currently researching changes in Sino-Tibetan relations during China's imperial and Republican eras, particularly social, cultural, statecraft, and religious changes. Because this project requires weighing the perspectives of the different historical

actors—Han Chinese, Manchu, Eastern Tibetan, and British—on their own terms and against historical data, he is on the lookout for whatever fruitful insights or methods that these disciplines can provide. Related to this is the need to compare different traditions of historical scholarship, such as Confucian, Marxist, and historical-critical in the West, to make his analysis sound. Xiuyu feels that his "journey has been a long one, intellectually and physically, but it has involved a set of more or less coherent dialogues between cultures, disciplines, and peoples." Since teaching China and East Asia history in fall 2006 at the Vancouver campus, he has enjoyed sharing with students such developments in the field. Xiuyu declares: "Vancouver is a welcoming place, and my wife and I have plugged into the local Chinese Christian community. With our first child due to arrive soon, life and work will become even more interesting!"

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Ian Somppi ('05 B.A.) was in attendance at the wedding.

Adam Query ('02 B.A.) and his wife, Eve, welcomed their first child, Dominic Kristos Query, on November 3, 2005. Adam is stationed in Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Katherine Johnson Ringsmuth ('05 Ph.D.) was a finalist for the National Council on Public History's outstanding book award, which recognizes significant scholarship in the theory and/or practice of public history, for her work *Snug Harbor Cannery: Beacon on the Forgotten Shore* (U.S. Department of Interior, 2005).

Jennifer Ross-Nazzal ('04 Ph.D.) presented "From Farm to Fork: How Space Food Changed Food Safety Standards" at the Societal Impact of Spaceflight Conference at the Hirshhorn Museum,

Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., in September. Ross-Nazzal is a historian for the NASA Johnson Space Center Oral History Project in Houston, Texas.

Michael Russell ('04 Ph.D.) accepted a tenure-track position at Wesleyan University, Salina, Kansas.

Carli Crozier Schiffner ('04 Ph.D.) was selected for a month-long conference at the Summer Institute, Bryn Mawr College, for Women in Higher Education Administration. She attended the conference during June and July. Carli

was also promoted to chief of staff for SUNY-Canton in September and is an assistant professor in the history department. However, she wants people to know her "love for history comes first!" Her husband, **Summer Hahn** ('02 B.A., '05 M.A.), is a visiting professor in the history department at SUNY and is in his third year as assistant coach of the baseball team.

Michelle Tabit ('00 M.A., '04 Ph.D.) accepted a tenure track position with Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio.

If you have information about your happenings that you would like included in the annual newsletter, please feel free to e-mail history@wsu.edu or ddehlbom@wsu.edu with details.

Publications

Robert Bauman's article "The Black Power and Chicano Movements and the Poverty Wars in Los Angeles" was published in the January 2007 issue of the *Journal of Urban History*. He also signed a contract with the University of Oklahoma Press for the publication of his book *From Watts to East L.A.: Race and the War on Poverty in Los Angeles*. Bauman's book will be part of the series *Race and Ethnicity in the American West*, edited by Quintard Taylor. It will be published in the summer of 2008.

Amy Canfield's (doctoral candidate) article "A Shrinking Reservation: The Pocatello Land Rush of 1902" was published in *The Mountain Light: The Newsletter of the Idaho State Historical Society* (Summer 2006). Her book review of Elizabeth Bernhardt Pinson's *Alaska's Eskimo Memoir of the Early Twentieth Century* appeared in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* (Winter 2005–2006).

Brigit Farley's portrait of King Aleksandar I of the first Yugoslav state will be published in *Balkan "Strongmen": Dictators and Authoritarian Rulers of Southeastern Europe* edited by Bernd J. Fischer. The book will be published by C. Hurst.

Jeffrey Johnson's ('00 M.A., '04 Ph.D.) article "Montana, The Gilded Age and the Frontier Military: Society and Culture at Fort Assiniboine Montana Territory, 1879–1905" was published in *Journal of the West* (Summer 2006). Jeff's review of O. Gene Clanton's book, *A Common Humanity: Kansas Populism and the Battle for Justice and Equality, 1854–1903*, appeared in *Great Plains Quarterly* (Summer 2006).

Armand Garcia's ('06 Ph.D.) article "Situating Martí in a Global Context: The Bhagavad-Gita's Wisdom in the Works of Cuba's

Preeminent Patriot and Poet" was published in *Latin American Literary Review* (July 2006).

Lydia Gerber's article "Richard Wilhelms 'Zhongyong'" was published in Michael Friedrich, Reinhard Emmerich, Hans van Ess (eds.): *Han-Zeit: Festschrift für Hans Stumpfheldt aus Anlaß seines 65. Geburtstages* (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2006).

Doug Habib's ('03 Ph.D.) article "Chastity, Masculinity, and Military Efficiency: The United States Army in Germany, 1918–1923" appeared in *International History Review* in December 2006.

Richard Hume and Jerry Gough have coauthored *Blacks, Carpetbaggers, and Scalawags: The 'Black and Tan' Conventions and the Foundations of Radical Reconstruction*, which will be published by Louisiana State University Press in spring 2008. Their work is a study of the 1,018 delegates who drafted new state constitutions (as required by Congress 1867–1869) for ten of the eleven former Confederate states to be readmitted to the Union.

Noriko Kawamura's article "Emperor Hirohito and Japan's Decision to Go to War with the United States: Reexamined" was published in *Diplomatic History* (January 2007), the journal of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. The article is part of her on-going book project on Emperor Hirohito and the Pacific War.

Stacy Kowtko's book *Nature and the Environment in Pre-Columbian American Life* was published by Greenwood Press. Stacy is assistant professor of history at Spokane Community College. She teaches interdisciplinary studies and American history. Her current research involves the history and culture of tourism by Americans.

Dwayne Mack's ('02 Ph.D.) article "Hazel Scott: A Career Curtailed" was published in the *Journal of African American History* (Spring 2006).

Laurie Mercier's book, *Mining Women: Gender in the Development of a Global Industry, 1670–2005*, was released by Palgrave/Macmillan Press.

Jon Middaugh (doctoral candidate) reviewed *Sticking to the Union: An Oral History of the Life and Times of Julia Ruuttila in Pacific Northwest Quarterly*.

E. Mark Moreno's (doctoral candidate) article "Mexican American Street Gangs, Migration, and Violence in the Yakima Valley" was published in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* (Summer 2006).

Charles Mutschler's ('99 Ph.D.) article "Population in the West: Introduction" appeared in the winter 2006 issue of *Journal of the West* where he also is the editor. Mutschler is currently a university archivist at Eastern Washington University in Cheney.

Sue Peabody's new book, *Slavery, Freedom and the Law in the Atlantic World* (Palgrave Macmillan) was released in March.

David Pietz published a chapter entitled "Controlling the Waters in Twentieth Century China: The Nationalist State and the Huai River" in Terje Tvedt and Eva Jacobson, eds., *A History of Water: Water Control and River Biographies* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2006).

Katherine Johnson Ringsmuth's ('05 Ph.D.) article "Why Preserving Historical Artifacts—AKA Junk—is Important" appeared on the front cover of the National Council of Public History's *Public History News* (Summer 2006).

Asian Studies

WSU Hosted the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference

Noriko Kawamura and **David Pietz**, Asia program director, hosted the annual conference of Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC) at the WSU Pullman campus June 16–18. ASPAC is a regional conference of the national Association for Asian Studies. Four Asia program faculty members—including **Ian Wendt** and **Roger Chan**—served on the steering committee for the conference. More than one hundred participants from thirty-four universities presented papers in the conference, including seven WSU faculty members and ten WSU graduate students in the College of Liberal Arts.

According to Pietz, academics are attracted to a conference such as this because it provides a regional opportunity to present their work in a public forum to members of the academy who share an interest in Asia studies. Kawamura be-

lieves there is special significance in hosting the regional conference. “By bringing regional conferences such as this to WSU many of the smaller Asia programs are energized.” Kawamura also believes the reputation of WSU’s Asia program is strengthened by the conference because leading scholars witness the passion and depth of WSU’s Asia-related research.

ICU-WSU Graduate Student Joint Project on Peace and Security in East Asia

Hilary Elmendorf and **K. Caleb Sparks** (both doctoral candidates) and **Jason Blazevic** (’06 M.A.) participated in the joint project with the graduate students from International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan, on the studies of “Peace and Security in East Asia.” The project consisted of three major components.

First, three ICU graduate students and four WSU graduate students participated in the four two-hour

videoconference sessions between Tokyo and Pullman from January to April 2006, discussing various peace and security issues in East Asia based on the common readings assigned to the group under the guidance of Professor Shin Chiba at ICU and Noriko Kawamura at WSU, and wrote individual research papers and critiqued one another’s papers through videoconferencing. ICU provided \$550 research aid to each participant from WSU. Second, these papers were presented at the annual conference on Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast held at WSU in Pullman, June 16–18, 2006. Finally, Hilary, Caleb, and Jason’s papers were accepted for publication in the COE special edition of the *Journal of Social Science*, which is published by the Social Science Research Institute at ICU.

Elmendorf and Sparks were also invited to ICU in Tokyo as research fellows. They will conduct research for their doctoral dissertations at ICU from January to July 2007.

Scholarship and Award Winners

Leta Olmstead Smith Award: Brooke Bemis

Pettyjohn Research Fellowship: Amy Canfield and Amanda VanLanen

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Raymond Muse Scholarship: Michael Lukens

Morris Reed Scholarship: Nathan Roberts and Michael Lukens

Wayne Stanford Scholarship: Grace Harchuck and R. Jaime Ramirez

Bernard Bobb Excellence Award: Amitava Chowdhury

Herman Deutsch Memorial Fund: Amy Canfield

Claudius O. & Mary W. Johnson Graduate Fellowship: Amy Canfield

Gillis Graduate Student Award: Amitava Chowdhury, Jon Middaugh, and Maryanne Rhett

James R. Reavis was named the College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Graduating Senior, History.

Kate Benz was named to the Pacific-10 Women’s Basketball All-Academic First Team for the third consecutive year and

Amanda DuRocher received Pacific-10 Honorable Mention All-Academic.

Brooke Bemis, soccer, was named to the CoSIDA District VIII All-Academic Third Team.

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Public History

Field School Planned

The History Department is planning a public history field school in Virginia City, Montana, the historic mining town and former capital of Montana Territory. Leading the project are **Orlan Svingen** and **Robert McCoy**.

The field school, with its first class of approximately twenty graduate students enrolled through WSU, will be a partnership between WSU and the Montana Heritage Commission. Students will receive training in various areas, including ethnography, archaeology, museum and archives, historic structures, cultural landscapes, and history. The first field school is tentatively scheduled for May 7–25, 2007.

Although its population peaked at 10,000 in 1865, Virginia City is now

home to 150 year-round residents. Throughout the summer, they and the Montana Heritage Commission sponsor living history re-enactments, a fully functioning railway linking Virginia City with nearby Nevada City, interpretive activities, and public programs.

The Heritage Commission wants to expand the Virginia City experience, and a WSU-sponsored public history field school will provide a collaborative setting that will attract graduate students and future scholarship. Commission specialists working at Virginia City will provide hands-on public history training in areas such as museum curation, historic building stabilization, historic archaeology, education curation, creation of historic interpretive exhibits, and cultural landscape assessment.



Orlan Svingen



Robert McCoy

Public History Students Win Award

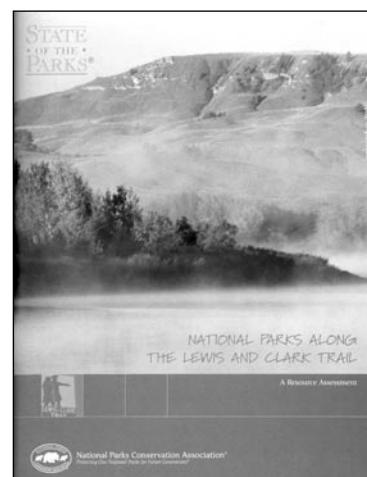
Chris Allan, Amy Canfield, and **Marc Entze** (doctoral candidates) and **Cara Kaser, Lee O'Conner, Susan Schultz,** and **George Means** (master's candidates) have been selected as the National Council on Public History Student Project Award winners for 2007 for their work on the *Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Park Assessments*. This project was part of History 528, Seminar in Public History, that was offered during the spring 2006 semester. The members of this public seminar class accessed numerous parks associated with the Lewis and Clark expedition by examining museum and archival materials, ethnographies, archaeology findings, park histories, and historical structures according to the National Park Service's own standards, then worked with the National Parks Conservation Association to produce over 80 pamphlets on six different Lewis and Clark National Parks. The NPCA, a nonprofit organization that assesses the health of

the U.S. National Park's cultural and natural resources, then used these pamphlets to lobby for Congressional funding.

The National Council on Public History committee members had the following to say about the award winning project:

The project met all of the criteria and was incorporated into a "real-world" public history agency's program. From the very beginning students worked with the National Parks Conservation Association cultural resource manager to learn how to shape their research and the NPCA "employed" the students as its primary researchers for the Lewis and Clark Trail. Students have spent a prodigious amount of time familiarizing themselves with a broad array of "gray literature" from the agencies. They have also learned how to conduct research within the requirements of the NPS Cultural Resource Manage-

ment Guidelines and their work here has been incorporated into an NPCA public report.



The award winners will each be presented with a monetary award and a certificate during the awards ceremony at the NCPH 2007 annual meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Public history students from WSU also won the NCPH Student Project Award in 2003 for their work titled "Reinterpreting the Campbell House."



Professor Emeritus News

Margaret Andrews, between her travels to Sarawak, Dharamsala, Bangladesh, the Rocky Mountains of Alberta, and England, continues to volunteer as a docent at the Vancouver Art Gallery and as a tutor at the local adult education center.

O. Gene Clanton is consulting with Public Affairs Television on a four-hour documentary that looks at Gilded Age politics, which has experienced a renaissance, and is being narrated and directed by Bill Moyers. Clanton's expertise on the Gilded Age, Populism, and Progressivism will undoubtedly contribute to the documentary. This past year, Clanton completed book reviews of the following three books: *John Brown to Bob Dole: Movers and Shakers in Kan-*

sas in the *Great Plains Quarterly*; *Up from the Mudsills of Hell: The Farmers' Alliance, Populism and Progressive Agriculture in Tennessee, 1870–1915* in *The American Historical Review*; and *The Roots of Southern Populism: Yeoman farmers and the Transformation of the Georgia Upcountry, 1850–1890* in the *Historian*.

Thomas Kennedy chaired the panel discussion "Classical Arts and Poetry in China and Japan" during the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast conference hosted by WSU in June.

David H. Stratton's book *Spokane and the Inland Empire: An Interior Pacific Northwest Anthology, revised edition* (WSU Press, 2005), was reviewed in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*.

Faculty Promotions

Susan Peabody was promoted to professor.

David Pietz was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor.

Orlan Svingen was promoted to professor.