



# *DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY*

## NEWSLETTER

FALL 2006

Dear History Student,

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Welcome to the Spring, 2007 semester. I hope you are staying warm and, by the time you receive this newsletter, the weather has moderated. At least, early February has been a good time to read history.

Late last semester the History Faculty voted to change the requirements for the major. In the past, students were required to take the American History survey (History 103 and History 104 + an upper level course in United States history. The faculty passed a motion that students can take 9 credits (3 courses) in United States history on any level. This gives you the option of taking the survey course or not taking it if you had a good background in High School.

Welcome to the 2006-2007 academic year. I have already met with many of you at the history department majors meeting on September 13. It is an exciting year for the department. Professor Michael LaCombe has received an appointment as assistant professor.

As a reminder, two years ago the faculty voted to allowed waivers to the Sophomore Seminar in Research Skills. To qualify, a student must submit a copy of at least one formal research paper which clearly manifests proper citation form, organizational structure and knowledge of primary and secondary sources. The paper will be evaluated by faculty members.

Advisement is soon with us. This semester pre-registration will begin on October 9. The history department policy is that all advisees must meet with their advisors to carefully discuss their schedule. Please make sure to know who your advisor is and check their office hours before making an appointment. You must allow sufficient time for advisement before you register. Keep in mind that only your advisor can approve your registration. Other professors cannot register you for the spring semester.

There is a new procedure for graduation application this year. In the past students had to pick up a form and bring it to me to sign. Now the form is on line and I

do not need to validate it. This means that you are responsible to complete the form yourselves. If you do not file on line I will not receive your name to clear for graduation.

The history faculty and I are available to assist you in academic matters. Faculty office hours are posted on the bulletin board inside Blodgett 200 as well as announcements of history department and history club upcoming events.

On behalf of the history faculty I wish you a successful semester.

Martin Haas  
Chair

### *A Message from the Student History Society*

The History Society continues to meet every second Wednesday at 1:00 during club hours. It is currently cooperating with the organization "Better World Books," a worldwide non-profit literacy initiative that organizes book drives on over 500 campuses throughout North America. The history society is planning exciting trips, debates, activities such as film showings and discussions, and speakers. The society needs participants and elected officials. Participation can greatly enhance students' résumés and job prospects.

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### **History Department Attendance Policy**

2 and 3 class meetings a week = 3 unexcused absences allowed

1 class meeting a week = 1 unexcused absence allowed

No unexcused absences allowed in Senior Seminar

Any additional absences will result in a reduction of grade

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### **Senior Seminar Policy**

All History majors are required to complete a research seminar in History during their senior year. Before taking the research seminar students must have completed History 201 (Sophomore Seminar) and a subject matter prerequisite. In addition, the Department has discussed and approved the following policies intended to make sure students are properly prepared for this important course:

1. Senior Seminar requirements will remain in force.
2. No student will be admitted to the senior seminar without completing History 201 (Sophomore Seminar) and the subject matter prerequisite.
3. Students must achieve a **minimum grade of B- in History 201 and B in the subject matter prerequisite.**
4. Juniors will meet as a group each year with the department chairman and their senior seminar instructors to discuss senior seminar requirements and expectations.

### **Senior Seminar Schedule**

A senior seminar is required of each major to complete the history curriculum. Each seminar has a course prerequisite. The following schedule provides senior seminar offerings through Spring 2009.

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Spring 2007	<p>His. 418: <u>Senior Research Seminar: United States History</u>            Prof. Cavallo</p> <p>--- <i>prerequisite</i> His. 290: <u>S/T: History of the American Family,</u>            Fall 2006 <u>or</u>            His. 290: <u>S/T: The Sixties, Spring 2005 or</u>            His. 329: <u>History of American Ideas I, Fall 2005 or</u>            His. 330: <u>History of American Ideas II, Spring 2006</u></p>
Fall 2007	<p>His. 443: <u>Senior Research Seminar: European History</u>            Prof. Kelly</p> <p>--- <i>prerequisite</i> His. 238: <u>Europe, 1918-1945, Spring 2007</u></p>
Spring 2008	<p>His. 418: <u>Senior Research Seminar: United States History</u>            Prof. Zaccarini</p> <p><i>prerequisite</i> His. 281: <u>History of Women in the U.S. I,</u>            Spring 2007 <u>or</u>            His. 282: <u>History of Women in the U.S. II,</u>            Fall 2007</p>

Fall 2008

His. 463: Senior Research Seminar: African History

Prof. Chande

*prerequisite* His. 261: African History I, Fall 2007 or  
His. 262: African History II, Spring 2008

Spring 2009

His. 418: Senior Research Seminar: United States History

Prof. Haas

*prerequisite* His. 230: American Diplomatic History I, Spring 2008  
or His. 231: American Diplomatic History II, Fall 2008

**Spring 2007**

**COURSES BY DAY AND HOUR**

**Monday-Wednesday-Friday**

8:00 - 8:50 am	0136-106-01	World Civilizations II	Prof. Chande
9:00 - 9:50 am	0136-104-04	American Civilization Since 1865	Prof. Zaccarini
9:00 - 9:50 am	0136-106-02	World Civilizations II	Prof. Chande
10:00 - 10:50 am	0136-104-05	American Civilization Since 1865	Prof. Zaccarini
10:00 - 10:50 am	0136-222-01	Latin America II	Prof. Hidalgo
11:00 - 11:50 am	0136-362-01	African History II	Prof. Chande
12:00 - 12:50 pm	0136-106-91	World Civilizations II (Honors)	Prof. Hidalgo
12:00 - 12:50 pm	0136-281-01	Women in the U.S. I	Prof. Zaccarini

**Monday-Wednesday**

8:00 - 9:15 am	0136-201-01	Sophomore Seminar Research Skills	Prof. Hidalgo
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**Tuesday-Thursday**

8:00 - 9:15 am	0136-102-01	Western Civilization II	Prof. Kelly
9:25 -10:40 am	0136-102-02	Western Civilization II	Prof. Kelly
9:25 -10:40 am	0136-104-02	American Civilization Since 1865	Prof. LaCombe
9:25 -10:40 am	0136-218-01	Renaissance and Reformation	Prof. Starkey
10:50 - 12:05 pm	0136-234-01	Establishing the U.S.	Prof. LaCombe
12:15 - 1:30 pm	0136-238-01	Europe, 1918-1945	Prof. Kelly
1:40 - 2:55 pm	0136-102-91	Western Civilization II (Honors)	Prof. Starkey
1:40 - 2:55 pm	0136-104-01	American Civilization Since 1865	Prof. Cavallo
1:40 - 2:55 pm	0136-205-01	Black History in America 1865 to Present ( <i>also listed as AAS 0101-205-01</i> )	Prof. Darling
1:40 - 2:55 pm	0136-231-01	American Diplomatic History II	Prof. Haas
3:05 - 4:20 pm	0136-104-03	American Civilization Since 1865	Prof. LaCombe

**Once A Week**

W 2:30 - 5:00 pm	0136-290-01	S/T: The Sixties	Prof. Cavallo
T 3:05 - 5:35 pm	0136-418-02	Senior Seminar in U. S. History <i>Departmental Approval Required to Register for Course</i>	Prof. Cavallo
		<u>Prerequisite</u> : HIS 290: History of the American Family or HIS 290: The Sixties <u>or</u> HIS 329 <u>or</u> HIS 330	
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## Faculty Profiles

**Professor Cavallo** submitted Volume One of "American History/American Families: A Reader in United States History" to Longman Publishers (Prentice-Hall History textbook division), in August. Volume Two is contracted for next summer. Dates of publication have not been announced--probably a year or so from now. The books investigate major issues in American history through the lens of the family. He recently served as peer reviewer for an article in the Journal of Urban History and for a book for Oxford University Press.

During the past year, **Professor Chande** published many encyclopedia articles including: "The First World War in Africa," and "The Second World War in Africa" in Benjamin Thomas Encyclopedia of Western Colonialism since 1950. 3 vols. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA. He also presented papers (that he hopes to publish) at the following conferences: "Migration and Transmigration in Indonesia and Kenya/East Africa" at the Thirty-Third Annual History Conference at Adelphi University, April 27; "The Interface between 'Abangan,' traditional Islam and 'Santri,' strict/orthodox Islam in Indonesia and East Africa: A Preliminary Comparative Analysis," at the international conference in UCLA on the theme of ISLAM AND HINDUISM IN THE INDIAN OCEAN WORLD—GLOBAL TRUTHS AND LOCAL PRACTICES; and "The dynamics of conversion to Islam in East Africa and Indonesia/Southeast Asia," at the Conference on CONVERSION, MODERNITY AND THE INDIVIDUAL with particular reference to Islam in Africa and Asia, November 25th to 26th, 2005, Center for Modern Oriental Studies, Berlin, Germany.

**Professor Haas** continues to write review essays for the Cinema Arts Centre Folio. He also hosts a series of films at the Westport Public Library. Continuing with the theme of history and film, he will institute a new course titled History in Film.

**Professor Hidalgo** spent most of last academic year with students' training. Both of his Sophomore and Senior Seminars yielded wonderful students' essays-some of them even won awards and are being reviewed for publication. He also experimented bringing his research material into the classroom by designing new courses in African Diaspora and Caribbean Intellectual and Political History. In addition to the classroom, Professor Hidalgo presented a paper at the first Dominican Conference at Hostos Community College in April. He also reviewed two books for publication, and continued editing H-LatAm-all of this while working on his book about 19th Century U.S. emigration to the Caribbean.

This year **Patrick Kelly** completed chs 10-13 of his 16 ch Tirpitz biography. He also spent a week in Newfoundland/Labradore last summer.

Over the summer, **Professor Michael LaCombe** completed revisions to an article, which he is now submitting for publication, and continued revising his dissertation, also for (eventual) publication. In his spare time, he is currently developing two new courses for 2007-2008: Native American History and American Religious History.

**Professor Starkey's** essay on the civilization experience during colonial warfare is now in press at Greenwood Publishers. He is also working on an essay on the *philosophes* and the Seven Years War to be published by Brill. He will be speaking on European and Native American warfare at a conference on colonial warfare sponsored by the Omohundro Institute in Knoxville, TN on October 8. His long term project continues to be a study of Thomas Jefferson and the problem of war.

The paper that **Professor Zaccarini** presented in Shanghai, People's Republic of China in August 2005, "Building a Public Health Infrastructure: Naturalist Politics and Christian Missionary Support" will be published as part of a series in the *Journal of Ritual Studies*, edited by Dr. Joseph Lee. The research examines the relationship between Christian missionaries and the Chinese nationalist government in the twentieth century. Prof. Zaccarini's chapter on a Chinese woman nurse in twentieth century China will be part of a forthcoming book (Eastbridge Publications, 2007) on Chinese women. She was invited to submit this research by the distinguished scholar Jessie Lutz (Professor Emerita, Rutgers University). Prof. Zaccarini was invited to participate and contribute a paper in the "Competing Kingdoms: American Women, Mission, Nation and Empire, 1812-1938," the first conference on women in international mission, and she attended this Oxford University Conference in England in April 2006.