

From the Chair

This year has been marked by continuity and change for the Department of History at CSU. We bid goodbye to departing faculty members, staff, and graduating students while welcoming new special instructors and staff members to our ranks – not to mention increased numbers of entering students!

Amid these changes, the department has worked to maintain its commitments to undergraduate and graduate programs and to faculty scholarship and development. Despite another year of budget cuts and hiring freezes, we have continued to provide high-quality instruction to CSU students and to contribute to University interdisciplinary programs. Faculty members have enhanced the department's and the University's reputation nationally and internationally through research, publications, grants, presentations, and outreach activities. We continue to recognize outstanding students with annual awards and welcome distinguished visiting scholars to campus.

Support from the University's leadership, notably in the College of Liberal Arts, and from many of you has helped to make these achievements possible. At a time of economic uncertainty, financial donations from the department's friends and alumni have sustained our educational programs, especially student scholarships and awards. Our ability to continue such programs – and to weather the changes that lie ahead – depend upon your support.

CSU's leaders continue to work to secure the University's future as a public institution of higher education in Colorado. It is encouraging to know that friends and alumni of our department share our commitment to excellence in instruction, research, and outreach, and to the value of public higher education in our society. We thank you!

– Diane C. Margolf, Chair

Harry Rosenberg (1923-2010), who served from 1965-1975 as the Department of History's first chairman, passed away on Sept. 9, 2010.

Please see Jim Hansen's moving tribute to Harry in the *Fort Collins Coloradoan* at <http://www.coloradoan.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20109120344>.

In Memoriam

Department Remembers Professor Jim Jordan, 1931-2009

From early on, Jim Jordan wanted to go into the preaching ministry. He received his B.A. from Bethel College in St. Paul, Minn., and his M.A. from the Dallas Theological Seminary. Yet at some moment, Jim determined to dig deeper into religious studies. This led him to the study of the ancient world surrounding the biblical lands.

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He received his Ph.D. in ancient history from the University of Minnesota. Along the way, Jim increased his understanding and love of languages: Greek, of course, which he mastered and often taught, and Latin, which he often used to teach to students at Colorado State University. Then came the major languages of ancient Mesopotamia, which he taught to selected students at CSU.

In his younger years, he was known on the basketball court as "the Golden Greek" due to his reputation with languages. Jim even taught classical Greek to Loren Crabtree at Minnesota. He took his first job at Bethel College before coming in 1967 to CSU, where he remained as a research scholar and teacher until his retirement in 1998. Jim never gave up his deep love of Bible study and often preached and taught



Sunday School at various sites in Fort Collins.

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welcome to all, and his door was always open to students. He received numerous awards for teaching excellence from peers and students.

He taught whenever students needed him: during the lunch hour when he held ancient Greek or Latin classes that could not find a more suitable time and to jammed classes of upper-division ancient history classes. Because Jim taught Greek and Latin for credit, Colorado State could qualify for a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

His exams had their own history and reputation: tough but fair and wide-ranging. One colleague remarked how Jim often posted the best exam results on his door for the class to see the finest – so that one could admire not only the difficulty and depth of the subject but the caliber of the students who learned so much. What an honor for one's exam to be "posted on Jim Jordan's door"!

Jim Jordan is survived by his wife, Emily; from a previous marriage, son Richard (Denise) of Texas; daughters Deborah (Charles) Palme of Denver and Terri (Steven) Plemons of Florida; seven grandchildren; brother Richard (Patricia) of Ohio; and sister Lois (Bill) Downing of Florida.

Furniss Lecture Series for 2010

The 45th Annual Norman F. Furniss Lecture Series was held March 4-5. Our guest was Dr. Ruth Mazo Karras, professor of history and director of the Center for Medieval Studies at the University of Minnesota.

A specialist in medieval European social and cultural history, Dr. Karras' research focuses on gender and sexuality. Her books include *Common Women: Prostitution and Sexuality in Medieval England* (1996); *From Boys to Men: Formations of Masculinity in Late Medieval Europe* (2003); and *Sexuality in Medieval Europe:*

Doing Unto Others (2005). She is also co-editor of the scholarly journal *Gender & History*.

Dr. Karras' presentations for the Furniss Lecture Series were as follows:

- "The Policing of Sex in Late Medieval London and Paris" (March 4)
- "Who Has the Right to Marry? Medieval Perspectives" (March 5)
- "Women, Gender, Feminism, and History" (keynote address at the department's awards banquet, March 5)

Faculty News

Jennifer Fish Kashay and **Robert Gudmestad** were awarded tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor.

Ginger Guardiola has accepted a position at the University of Utah.

Elizabeth Jones will be a Fellow at the Rachel Carson Center for International Environmental Studies in Munich during the 2010-2011 academic year. She will be working on her book manuscript, *The Settlement Imagination: German Internal Colonization and Empire, 1850-1930*, and participating in the center's workshops on environmental history.

Ann M. Little's monograph, *Abraham in Arms: War and Gender in Colonial New England* (University of Pennsylvania Press), was awarded an Honourable Mention for the 2008 Albert B. Corey Prize/Prix Corey from the Canadian Historical Association.

Michael Schaff retired in December 2009.

Gregory E. Smoak has accepted a position at the University of Utah.

Thaddeus Sunseri published *Wielding the Ax: Scientific Forestry and Social Conflict in Tanzania, c. 1850-2000* (Ohio University Press).

Deborah Yalen received an Individual Advanced Research Opportunities grant from the International Research and Exchanges Board to conduct book-related research in Belarus, Ukraine, and Russia during the 2010-2011 year.

Nancy Rehe Joins Department

Nancy Rehe joined the Department of History in July 2009, from her previous position as scholarship coordinator in the Dean's Office in the College of Natural Sciences. She now works with Lorraine Dunn in providing crucial staff support for history faculty and students and a warm welcome to visitors.

Alumni Gift to Support Research

Stephen Holden (B.S., Business Administration, Information Systems, 2004) provided a generous gift of \$10,000 to help support the Middle East history research of Professors Nathan Citino (U.S. and the Middle East) and James E. Lindsay (Ancient and Medieval Near East).

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Alumni Profile: Jon Moody (B.A., 2006)

History Gives Teacher Insight Into Other Cultures



I am currently living in Wanzhou, China, where I work as an English teacher at Chongqing Three Gorges University. My main job is to teach both oral English classes as well as classes about Western culture.

Before working in China, I lived in a small town in Kenya for several months doing volunteer work (teaching, medical help, and other activities that presented themselves).

One of the most important things I gained from my history degree is studying

Chinese. People in other countries appreciate a foreigner knowing about their history, but they become very excited when a foreigner makes an attempt to learn their language.

It should go without saying that the research, language, and critical thinking skills as well as the broad historical knowledge I acquired at Colorado State University have been extremely helpful in many situations from teaching to meeting new people. Critical thinking and language skills can be especially helpful in finding solutions to strange or abnormal situations in a foreign country with very few signs in English.

Alumni and Student News

The Gilder Lehrman Institute named **Kurt R. Knierim** (B.A. 1990) as the 2010 Teacher of the Year for Colorado. Kurt teaches social studies at Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins.

Alexandra Hernandez (B.A. 2008; M.A. 2010) works for the National Park Service, where she helps monitor the progress of the NPS's WWII Japanese American Confinement Sites grant projects and the JACS program itself. <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/JACS/index.html>

Joseph Horan (B.A. 2004) is pursuing a Ph.D. in history at the Institute on Napoleon and the French Revolution at Florida State University.

Megan (McKee) Barber (B.A. History; English 2006) is pursuing a Ph.D. in history at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Undergraduate Student Awards

Norman Furniss Award: *Jacob McMahan*

Sidney Heitman Award: *David Kelley*

Meyer Nathan Memorial Award:

Diane Sanders

Rosser Family Scholarship: *Avana Andrade*

Graduate Student Awards

Rosenberg Scholarship: *Jenika Howe,*

Alan Barkley, and Jim Bertolini

Outstanding Graduate Students:

Brandon Luedtke, Alexandra Hernandez, and Clarissa Trapp

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