



### A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

By Owen S. Ireland

Last week **Nicole Campanali**, president of the History Forum, asked me to talk with members. They wanted to know what they could do with a history major.

I was happy to help, and we had an interesting hour. I emphasized that, in my mind, one can do practically anything with a history major. The difficult task is deciding what to do with your life. Once you clarify that, then the communication skills and the analytical ability developed through four years of rigorous study will enable you to acquire whatever additional qualifications or credentials you need to pursue your dream. Or to put it a different way, I believe that history majors at the completion of their undergraduate program have learned how to learn. They have become intellectual problem solvers. Their ability to learn, and their ability to solve problems, these two skills, provides them with the essential tools to acquire whatever else they need to build a meaningful life for themselves.

What do you think? Does your experience at or after SUNY Brockport confirm or contradict my faith?

Drop me a line or send an e-mail and let me know how you react to all of this ([oireland@brockport.edu](mailto:oireland@brockport.edu)). Tell me a bit about your life since leaving SUNY Brockport. Give me some specific examples and illustrations of your success. Send along your business card, if you have one. Alternatively, tell me if I am wrong.

Hope to hear from many of you. And whether you find time to write or not, you are all much in our thoughts.



### REMINDER FOR STUDENTS INTENDING TO TEACH

The next application deadline for the secondary certification program is February 15. If you intend to begin your education courses fall 2002, you must apply this February. The requirements for both secondary and elementary certification (and even the names of the programs) will change, as will the content of the programs, so be sure to consult with the Department of Education and Human Development as early as possible.

### MA PROGRAM NOTES

The Master of Arts in History program currently has the largest number of full-time graduate students in recent memory. Interim Director **Bruce Leslie** reports, "It has meant graduate seminars filled to the rafters. Although crowded seminars have their problems, when faculty look at filled seminar tables, there is also satisfaction for those who recall some years in the 1980s when seminar membership could be counted on one hand."

The number of MA students awarded fellowships attests to the strength of the program. **Oral "Nick" Robertson**, who entered the program last year, and **Leigh-Anne Francis**, who began her studies this fall, both won New York State Minority Fellowships to support their graduate study. **Christine DiVeronica** received a Department Fellowship, **Robert Dunbar** holds the Graduate Alumni Fellowship, and **Gretchen Donner** was awarded the Monroe County History Fellowship. They provide a variety of support for the department, including assisting in classes, helping faculty with research and working with the Graduate Director.

The Graduate Committee continues to explore ways to strengthen the program's offerings in public history, with hopes of formalizing relationships with several museums and archives in the Greater Rochester region. The committee welcomes suggestions from alumni and current students concerning the future of public history and the MA program's commitment to it.

## DEPARTMENT WELCOMES TWO NEW FACULTY

By Robert Dunbar

The Department of History at SUNY Brockport would like to officially welcome our newest faculty members, Dr. **John Daly** and Dr. **Paul Moyer**.



Daly received both his MA and PhD from Rice University, completing study there in 1993. Prior to that, he completed two Bachelor of Arts, one in History and the other in Religious Studies, at the University of Virginia in 1986. Daly currently has several writing projects in the works, dealing with everything from antebellum evangelical proslavery to the history of Southern social realities as portrayed in film throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century. We eagerly anticipate the upcoming publication of several of Daly's works. When asked what he felt he might add to our department, he responded with, "a love of teaching, a strong commitment to history and the students, and a desire to produce excellent future historians."



Moyer joins our department from his latest teaching post at The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, where he also finished his MA in 1996 and PhD in 1999. Moyer completed his BA at Bowdoin College in Maine. He is currently revising his doctoral thesis, "Wild Yankees: Settlement, Conflict, and Localism along Pennsylvania's Northeast Frontier, 1760-1820," for publication. Moyer will be offering upper-division courses in North-American colonial history, and this coming spring he will teach a graduate-level topics course in early America. He hopes to bring an element of pre-Revolutionary American history to the department. The department wishes him well in that endeavor.

Once again, we are pleased to have John Daly and Paul Moyer among us in the Department of History at SUNY Brockport. We look forward to working with and learning from them in the years to come. The Department of History is confident that their academic contributions will serve to strengthen the already outstanding quality of teaching and scholarship exhibited every day by Brockport's history faculty!

## SYNNESTVEDT LECTURE DRAWS A CROWD

The Synnestvedt Memorial Lecture, held on November 1, drew an overflow audience to the New York Room of Cooper Hall. Undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and emeriti faculty, and community members heard Professor Douglas Egerton of Le Moyne College in Syracuse discuss "Denmark Vesey: Anti-Slavery, Rebellion and Memory." Vesey was a free black abolitionist who planned a bold and imaginative slave uprising in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1822, only to have plans thwarted by an informant.



Professor Egerton, who chairs the Department of History at Le Moyne, is the author of the first modern treatment of Vesey, *He Shall Go Out Free: The Lives of Denmark Vesey*. He also wrote *Gabriel's Rebellion: The Virginia Slave*

*Conspiracies of 1800 and 1802*, winner of the annual book prize of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic and a History Book Club selection. Egerton has appeared in the PBS series *Africans in America* (1998) and will appear again on PBS in the 2002 series *This Far by Faith*.

Also attending the lecture were **Nadine Synnestvedt**, widow of Professor **Sig Synnestvedt**, who chaired the Department of History from 1969 through 1974, and President **Paul Yu**.

The Synnestvedt Memorial Lecture honors the memory of Professor Synnestvedt, who not only created the modern Department of History at SUNY Brockport but also helped to found the Department of African and Afro-American Studies. He wrote *The White Response to Black Emancipation* (1972) and taught a course of the same name. His deep personal commitment to the struggle for civil rights in America is reflected in the subject of the annual lecture.



## Kudos to Current Undergrads!

**Amber Badore** is studying at Brunel University under the auspices of SUNY Brockport's London Social Science Program.

**Joel Davis, Chad Kithcart, and Ed Voll III** are members of the SUNY Brockport football team, which set a record in winning nine games this fall (9-1) and garnered the College's second consecutive NCAA Division III post-season bid.

**David Goodberlet** has been accepted into the McNair Program for the 2001-02 academic year.

**Michael Kiesow** submitted a short version of his History 390 final paper about Marty Glickman to a national essay competition being held in conjunction with the Nazi Olympics exhibition at Monroe Community College. Glickman participated with the American team at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin but was removed from the 4 x 100 meter relay team, along with another Jewish athlete, allegedly to avoid further embarrassment for Adolph Hitler in the politically charged games.

**Joshua R. Leathersich and Angelo Mercone** have been inducted into the New York Omicron Chapter of Alpha Chi, the all-college honor society.

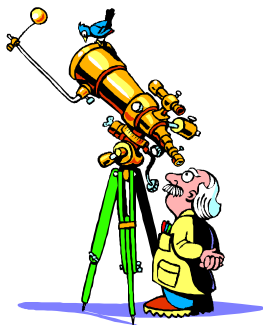
**Michael McManus** ran as a Republican for a seat on the Rochester City Council.

**Mary Maslanka** earned athletic honors as ECAC Women's Soccer Player of the Week during the fall season.

**Bryan Miller** is spending his Washington semester in Senator John Kerry's office (D-Mass).

**Jacinta Penkszyk** has been elected President of the New York Omicron Chapter of Alpha Chi Honor Society.

**Stephen Sickles**, who interned with the Rochester Amerks, has accepted a similar public relations position with the Rochester Rhinos.



## HISTORY FORUM ACTIVE ON CAMPUS

The History Forum, the department's student majors club, has launched into a busy schedule for the academic year under the leadership of president **Nicole Campanali**. **Jim Wallington** serves as vice president; **Eric Sterling** as secretary; and **Mike Moulton** as treasurer.

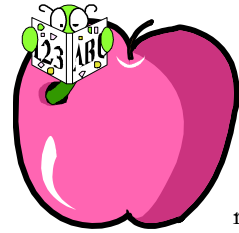
To date the Forum has sponsored a movie night with Professor **Lynn Parsons**, who showed clips from *Amistad* and discussed the film; helped with the Synnestvedt Lecture and the all-campus forum on Terrorism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; and heard Professor **Owen Ireland's** ideas on careers for history majors. Upcoming events include two more movie nights, one with Professor **Kenneth O'Brien** discussing *13 Days* and another with Professor **Thomas Crimando**. Additionally, the Forum will be sponsoring a



major lecture during the spring, as well as a historical tour of Niagara County (co-sponsored by Campus Life). Members also hope to attend this year's conference of the Organization of American Historians in Washington, DC, in April.

The Forum meets regularly at 4:30 p.m. each Thursday in 105C Faculty Office Building (better known as "the fishbowl"). All students, undergraduate and graduate, are welcome. For more information, e-mail the Forum: [hstforum@brockport.edu](mailto:hstforum@brockport.edu) or contact Department Secretary **Teri Rombaut** at (585) 395-2377.

## ADDENDUM: SCHOLARS DAY 01



As reported in the last issue of the *Newsletter*, history students gave an unusually large number of presentations at the 2001 Scholars Day – so many that the editor overlooked one. With apologies, readers should note that **Jane Oakes**, one of our history graduate students, presented a paper on the History of the Fine Arts Department at SUNY Brockport. The paper was part of a session presented by students in the HST 691 research seminar.

## WELCOME QARS

The acronym QAR probably means little to folks outside academe, but it holds great significance to colleges and universities. QAR means “qualified academic rank,” a designation for a faculty member hired full-time but temporarily. For hard-pressed departments, QARs signify welcome assistance in meeting pedagogical needs. Count the Department of History among those hard-pressed this year, with three faculty having sabbaticals and two others away on post-doctoral fellowships.

Thus, we welcome two full-time faculty who have joined us as QARs this academic year: Dr. **Thomas Crimando** and Dr. **Evelyn Jennings**.



**Crimando** received his undergraduate training at Nazareth College and his PhD at the University of Rochester. He is a specialist in modern Europe and has taught as an adjunct at SUNY Brockport and other area colleges for several years. In addition to teaching Ancient and Modern World, Crimando has also offered World War I, Modern Europe, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Europe, and the Roman Empire. An enthusiastic stamp collector, Crimando is president of the Vatican Philatelic Society.



**Jennings**, a graduate of SUNY Oswego where she majored in languages, completed work for her PhD in history at the University of Rochester this past summer and was selected to attend the prestigious International Seminar on the Atlantic World at Harvard University. The seminar is taught by the distinguished Americanist Bernard Bailyn and accepts only a select few. Jennings specializes in modern Europe and in Latin America. She is teaching Modern World and Modern Europe this fall and will add a course on Latin America in the spring term.

## FACULTY NEWS

**TONIO ANDRADE** received Yale University's Hans Gatzke Dissertation Prize in May 2001. He left for Columbus, OH, on September 7 to take up his postdoctoral fellowship at the Merston Center, where he will work on his book manuscript, tentatively titled *How Taiwan Became Chinese: Co-Colonization and Imperial Rivalry in the Seventeenth Century*. Andrade delivered a paper, “Negotiating Cultures: Europeans, Chinese, and the Austronesian Aborigines of Taiwan, 1623-1662,” at the tenth International Conference of the World History Association in Salt Lake City, UT, in June, and has three more scheduled during this academic year.

**ARDEN BUCHOLZ** has been awarded a Rodney Dennis Fellowship at the Houghton Library, Harvard College's rare book and manuscript library. His research in the Waldersee-Lee Papers will contribute to his book manuscript, “Unspoken Assumptions: Elite Women and the Circle Power in Imperial Germany.” He has also published a chapter, “Hans Delbrueck (1848-1929)” in German in Michael Froelich (ed.), *Das Kaiserreich: Portrait einer Epoche in Biographien*, Darmstadt: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, 2001. Bucholz also has reviews in *German History*, *Central European History* and *The Journal of Modern History*.

**MARY BUGGIE-HUNT** participated on a September 28 panel entitled “Continuing the Conversation: Global Perspectives on the Terror Attack” at Monroe Community College. The panel was sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and the Departments of Anthropology, History, Political Science, and Sociology.

**MARY E. COREY** presented a paper, “Matilda Joslyn Gage: Writing the History of Woman Suffrage,” at the Researching New York: Perspectives on Empire State History conference at SUNY Albany on November 16.

**THOMAS CRIMANDO** continues to write articles for *Weapons and Warfare* and for *The Encyclopedia of the Ancient World*, both of which will be published shortly by Salem Press. Crimando will be included in the 2002 edition of *Who's Who in America*.

**JOHN DALY** co-authored and directed “Incorporating the History of Science into the Science Curriculum,” a NSF/LSIP Grant Institute (\$25,000), July 10-14, at Louisiana Tech University. Daly will offer a new “swing” course for the Department, “Religion and American Civilization”, next spring (02).

**OWEN S. IRELAND** spent the summer doing research in New York City and Philadelphia for his biography of Esther DeBerdt Reed.

**EVELYN JENNINGS** received her PhD in history from the University of Rochester in October. In August she participated in the invitation-only International Seminar on the Atlantic World, 1500-1825, conducted by Professor Bernard Bailyn at Harvard University. During the seminar Jennings presented a paper entitled "In the Eye of the Storm: The Spanish Colonial State and African Enslavement in Havana, 1763-1825," part of a panel on "Resisting Revolution."

**JOHN KILLIGREW** presented a paper, "The Wei-Jin Wars of Unification," at a joint Sino-American Conference on the Three Kingdoms Period held at Chengdu, Sichuan Province. Killigrew returned to China for research during the early fall as part of his sabbatical project.

**KATHY KUTOLOWSKI** addressed the Attica, NY, Lodge of Freemasons on September 19 in commemoration of the 175th anniversary of William Morgan's disappearance and the start of the Antimasonic movement. The title of her talk was "Morgangate: Early Freemasonry and the Morgan Mystery Revisited." In June Kutowski presented "Patronage Appointments and the Making of a Local Elite" at the Conference on New York History at Wells College.

**BRUCE LESLIE** organized and participated in three sessions on Scandinavian immigration and Scandinavian-American culture for the Biennial Conference of the Nordic Association of American Studies in Copenhagen, Denmark. Leslie also completed a three-year term on the Scandinavian Selection Board for the Fulbright Commission and spoke at the centennial celebration of Princeton University's Graduate School. He provided the historical analysis for a panel discussion exploring models of graduate education. Princeton chose well; Leslie's 1992 book, *Gentlemen and Scholars*, has been included as one of the works selected for the recent publication, *100 Classic Books about Higher Education*. Finally, and perhaps most daringly, Leslie gave the address for the induction of the Class of 1951 into the College Hartwell Society—taking the dangerous tack of telling them about themselves. The move succeeded, as he portrayed the class as SUNY Brockport's first modern one and, with **Jacinta Penkszyk '01**, produced a reunion book for class members.

**SALAH MALIK** participated in a panel for the all-campus forum "America: Terrorism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" on September 19. Malik has appeared on numerous community panels since September 11 and has been serving as an expert consultant for the *Democrat & Chronicle's* coverage of the current crisis.

**JENNY LLOYD** presented "Maiden Preacher, Wife, and Mother: The Life of Mary O'Bryan" at the New York State Association of European Historians annual conference at Hartwick College in September. She also moderated the all-campus forum "America: Terrorism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," on September 19. Over the summer Lloyd continued her research on women in the Bible Christian Connexion, spending time in Cornwall, England, and at the United Church Archive of the University of Toronto. She continues to write multiple-choice questions for the new Advanced Placement World History exam and also reviewed chapter outlines for a proposed world history text. Lloyd is currently president of the Faculty Senate and as co-chair of the Middle States Study Committee.

**ANNE MACPHERSON** has been awarded a Drescher Fellowship for a year of research and writing, beginning in January 2002.

**MORAG MARTIN** is on a Leverhulme Research Fellowship at the University of Warwick, England, where she is also doing some teaching. She has completed an article entitled "Maligning Beauty: The Cultural War against Cosmetics in Eighteenth-Century France," for *Fashion Theory* and also wrote an entry on "Personal Services" for the *Oxford Economic History Encyclopedia*.

**PAUL MOYER** has signed a contract with Pennsylvania State University Press to contribute an article to a collection of essays entitled *Friends and Enemies in Penn's Woods: Indians, Colonists, and the Construction of Culture, 1680-1820*. Moyer's essay is "The Wyoming Dispute and the Transformation of the Pennsylvania Frontier." He will offer a new graduate course for the department this spring entitled "Natives and Newcomers in Early America."

**KENNETH O'BRIEN** co-authored (with Bruce Leslie) entries for "SUNY Brockport" for the *Encyclopedia of New York State* and for the *Dictionary of American History*. In spite of teaching two sections of HST 212, O'Brien continued his several administrative roles, serving as president-elect of the Faculty Senate and developing a campus policy on transfers. He now coordinates the advisement of the department's 290 majors, as well, and continues to serve on the New York State Historical Records Advisory Board. O'Brien also spoke at the all-campus forum, "America: Terrorism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," on September 19. In his spare time (!) he writes occasional film reviews for the Syndicated Review Service.

**ALISON PARKER** has completed an essay, "The Case for Reform Antecedents to the Woman Suffrage Movement," that will appear in *Votes for Women: A Concise History of the Suffrage Movement*, edited by Jean H. Baker (New York: Oxford University Press, Spring 2002). She has been invited to write an article on "Women Activists and the United States Congress, 1870s-1920s," for a history of the Congress. Parker also has completed the second chapter of her next book project and submitted it for publication as an article titled, "We Covet an Enlarged Sphere of Usefulness: Women, Politics, and Morality in the Ideas of Angelina and Sarah Grimke." Additionally, Parker wrote book reviews for the *Journal of American History* and the *Gulf South Historical Review*.

**LYNN H. PARSONS** spoke on "John Quincy Adams and the Perils of Presidential Parenting" at a lecture series on "Father & Son Presidents" sponsored by the National Park Service and held at the Adams National Historical Park in Quincy, MA, in June.

**JAMES SPILLER** delivered a paper, "Norman Corwin's *This Is War!*: A Prototype for World War II Broadcasting," at the World War II, After 60 Years Conference in May. He spent time this summer during research at the National Archives, National Science Foundation Library, and Hagley Archives and Museum. Spiller's background in environmental history and policy has led to his selection to the Board of Directors of the Genesee Land Trust.

**ROBERT STRAYER's** article, "Decolonization, Democratization, and Communist Reform: The Soviet Collapse in Comparative Perspective," appeared in the fall 2001 issue of the *Journal of World History*, the leading journal in the area of world history.

## ALUMNI NEWS



**MOHAMMED "IKRAAM" ABDU-NOOR** BA '98 passed his comprehensive examinations in the PhD program in Arabic and Islamic Studies (Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations) at Yale University on November 9, thus qualifying for candidacy in the doctoral program and receiving his MPH. The comprehensives included a week of written exams and a two-hour oral. Abdu-Noor had spent the summer doing research in Morocco.

**JAMES BELAIR** BA '99 has accepted a position as a school librarian with Rush Henrietta Central School. Belair received his MLS from the University at Buffalo and reports that demand for public school librarians is high. He had three job offers and turned down four more interviews.

**ROBERT SMITH**, professor emeritus and former chair of the department, has had his second book, *The Bouchayers of Grenoble and French Industrial Enterprise, 1850-1970*, published. The Johns Hopkins University Press publication garnered the following from one reviewer: "This is an excellent piece of historical work. It successfully combines family and economic history to demonstrate the importance of entrepreneurial decision-making and the crucial role of cultural factors in shaping these decisions."

**BARBARA THOMPSON**, BA '92 MA '95 and an adjunct faculty member of the Department of History, has been named director of CSTEP, a state-funded program that assists students in pursuing professional careers, and of the McNair Program, a federally funded program that assists students in preparing to enter doctoral programs. Together the grants bring approximately \$300,000 to campus to support programming that ensures that low-income, first generation or underrepresented students can overcome the obstacles that might otherwise keep them from reaching their highest academic and professional potential

**WANDA WAKEFIELD** served as a consultant to Ed Hinton of the Tribune Syndicate for his extended series of newspaper articles on the death of Dale Earnhardt and NASCAR's response to the death. She was quoted in an extensive article published on July 8, 2001, in the *Chicago Tribune* and other newspapers entitled "Safety Takes the Grid."

**EUGENE BENOIT** BS '70 teaches 8th grade American history at the Bay Trail Middle School in Penfield. He has taught history for 30 years "and still going strong." Benoit has four children: Jim, 25; Greg, 18; Jonathan, 15, and Colleen, 15. He says: "I enjoy the newsletter and thinking about a time that now is seeming so long ago. I am also touched that there is an interest in us 'older grads'."

**DALE BROWN** BA '68, after working for Key Bank for many years, has accepted a position as vice president for Branch Administration with City National Bank in Gloversville, NY. He and his wife moved from Plattsburgh to Gloversville in June.

**GARY F. BROWN** BA '73 is currently a senior manager of technical publications at Cisco Systems in San Jose, CA, and lives in Los Altos.

**JEFFREY S. BROWN** MA '92 has completed his PhD in history at the University of Rochester and was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship in the university's School of Medicine.

**CHRISTOPHER BROWNWELL** BA '00 entered the School of Law at Regents University in Virginia Beach, VA, after receiving a substantial scholarship. He was accepted also at Emory University.

**EUNICE CHESNUT** BA '73 MA '76 continues as the busy and productive historian of the Western Monroe Historical Society in Brockport. Chesnut is the author of six books of local history. Her most recent, "The Canal and the Castle," published by the Historical Society, can be found at the Lift Bridge Book Shop—just in time for your holiday shopping!

**GLEN CUMMINGS** MA '99 had his CD *Before the Sunrise* debut last year in a concert at the Little Theater. Cummings ended a full-time career as a professional guitarist to become a teacher, but he has continued to play part-time. The title reflects Cummings's intention that the music "be enjoyed when the listener is in a pensive mood, seeking solitude and tranquility—after the sun has fallen." Of the 15 pieces, nine are original compositions by Cummings.

**MARK DEJONG** BS '93 MA '97 is the instruction coordinator and web development coordinator at the Lewis Library of Frostburg State University, MD. Dejong wed fellow Brockport graduate **Anna Blasetti** BS '96 psychology, in August.

**JESSICA GREENBERG DENNIS** BS '80 MA '82 teaches and tutors at Temple Etz Chaim Religious School in Thousand Oaks, CA. She lives with her husband Ricky and their children, Shira, 8, and Jonah, 4. Dennis traveled last year to Poland and Belarous to trace the villages where her ancestors originated.

**GRETCHEN DONNER** BA '01 presented a paper, "Reading Fun: Exploring Fourth Graders' Participation in a Lunchtime Reading Club," at the Bloomsburg University Reading Conference last May. She was awarded a travel grant from the Office of Academic Affairs at SUNY Brockport to present the paper. Donner is now a student in the department's master's program.

**ELSIE H. EPKE** BS '42 MS '62 (in Elementary-Education) is a retired teacher and former member of the Brockport Central School Board of Education. She was honored as May Teacher of the Month this year by TV Station WROC, Channel 8, for her teaching of line dancing and AARP's Defensive Driving to senior citizens.

**PAUL FIELDS** BS '69 is superintendent of Grand Island, NY, Central School District.. Fields has taught college courses as well and plans to continue at the college level. He reports "fond memories" of the Brockport Department of History.

**SCOTT FIKE** BA '95 has taken a new position as adjunct professor of education at D'Youville College in Buffalo, NY. He and his wife are expecting a new addition to the family in March.

**MARIO GALLUCCI** BA '87 was recently named a partner in the New York law firm of Helbock, Nappa and Gallucci, LLP, where he practices both criminal and civil litigation. He is married to the former **Toni Rembas** BA '89 and they "have two future history majors." Gallucci writes that he is "an original member of the Arden Bucholz fan club."

**JENNIFER A. GORMAN** BA '97 has been promoted to associate production agent with AT&T Local Services and transferred to Phoenix, AZ. She is currently studying telecommunication engineering at Arizona State University.

**FRANCES GALLARO HANLEY** BA '71 is in her 30<sup>th</sup> year of teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade (in Auburn, NY) and will be celebrating 30 years of marriage to her husband Jim, a Massachusetts Mutual Life insurance agent. Their son, Tim, attends SUNY Geneseo.

**TERRY HOOPER** BA '72 has been named director of human resources at the College, succeeding **Richard Meade**.

**TIMOTHY JUDD** BS '99 teaches social studies in the Rochester City Schools, specifically Global History I & II, Economics, and Participation in Government.

**CHRISTOPHER A. KOETZLE** MA '00 was named legislative analyst for the NYS Assembly's Office of the Minority.

**TERESA K. LEHR** MA '95 is an instructor and coordinator of undergraduate advisement in the Department of English at SUNY Brockport. She was awarded one of fifteen Larry J. Hackman residency grants for research at the New York State Library. She has begun research on incidences of contagious diseases in state institutions (especially those for children), 1880 to 1920. Lehr's second book, *Let the Art of Medicine Flourish: A Centennial [pictorial] History of the Rochester Academy of Medicine*, came out in May 2000.

**WATSON C. (IRISH) MCCALISTER** BA '56 passed away on September 13, 1999. Watson had retired in 1995 as curriculum coordinator for Lewiston-Porter Central School. He had served the district in various capacities, mostly his first love of teaching, for 39 years. He is survived by his wife, four children and two grandchildren.

**MARTIN R. MULFORD** BA '95 MA '97 is an adjunct professor of European history at Rochester Institute of Technology and is completing his doctoral dissertation at the University of Rochester. He received the 2001 Egon Berlin Prize for Research in European History and spent six weeks this past summer doing research in Berlin, Germany.

**WILLIAM F. O'BRIEN** BS '98 now works as a research assistant for Hogan and Harston LLP in Washington, DC, after a stint as an account representative for Washington Document Service. He plans to begin a Master's in Teaching program at Union College in Schenectady in the spring.

**DENNIS O'CONNOR** BS '73 is a national account manager for Kraft Food Services in North Carolina. His son, a junior at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, has decided to major in history!

**THOMAS C. OVERMYER** BS '97 is a Sergeant and Ranger team leader with the United States Army at Fort Drum. He has been accepted to Officer Candidate School. At SUNY Brockport Overmyer completed minors in political science and in modern war.

**MARY PENNELLO PHELPS** BS '75 continues her career, now more than 25 years, as an elementary school teacher in the Gates Chili School District.

**FREDERICK PORTER** BS '75 is president of the Board of Education of the Brockport Central School District.

**LUKE RONDINARO** MA '99 taught as an adjunct instructor at SUNY Cortland in the fall term 2000. Rondinaro visited the World History Center at New England University in Boston and hopes to continue teaching at the community-college level, eventually studying for a PhD in world history.

**MICHAEL SMIELECKI** BA '00 has accepted a position teaching world history at Colonial Heights High School outside Petersburg, VA. He looks forward to touring nearby historic sites in Petersburg and Richmond, and deepening his understanding of early American history.

**KERRY SCHAMEL** MA '01 presented a paper entitled "Chambers and Cheese: Evidence of Consumer Choice at the Seymour Store in Brockport, NY," at the Conference for Northeastern Historical Archeology in Nova Scotia, CAN, in October 2000. She was awarded a \$500 travel grant from the Office of Academic Affairs, and presented her paper with Dr. **LouAnn Wurst** of the Department of Anthropology.

**DRU J. SIMMONS** MA '97 is the Midwest program representative for the Center for Education Abroad at Arcadia University. Arcadia is located in suburban Philadelphia but operates the Center, which is one of the nation's largest providers of study abroad opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. Simmons travels throughout the Midwest to work with faculty and advisers at several colleges and universities that send students on Arcadia's programs abroad.

**ANTOINE M. THOMPSON** BS '93 is executive director of the Office of Urban Initiatives, Inc., in Buffalo, a community economic development corporation that uses business development as a strategy to create jobs, produce community wealth, and stabilize neighborhoods. His office is the leading advocacy group for the growth and development of minority and women's enterprise in Buffalo and Erie County. Thompson recently received a Business Partnership Award from the local Black Chamber of Commerce and coordinated the Byron Brown for State Senate campaign.

**ALAN P. TOBER** BS '75 MA '77 is senior project manager, Community Development, for the City of Buffalo. His wife, Mary, is a PhD who teaches chemistry at Niagara University and they have two children. Tober also owns and operates a successful antiques business.

**MICHELLE M. TUYN** BS '93 MA '96 is a "frazzled stay-at-home mom." Son Ben's adoption was finalized in September 2000, and he is now two years old, having been with Tuyn and her husband Richard since he was three months old, and Tuyn describes "an amazing journey watching him change almost daily. Wouldn't trade being a mom for graduate school any day."

**MICHAEL VERCOLEN** MA '89 ran for mayor of Binghamton, NY, on the Green Party ticket this November. Vercolen, who teaches at Broome County Community College, has not reported in since election day. However, he expected not to win but rather to "make the living wage the number one election story."

**JEFFREY WEISS** BS '98 works as project manager for Traffic Technologies, Inc., a consulting firm that provides technical consulting services to toll facility agencies and operators. Weiss has been assigned to the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, working on the installation of an electronic toll-collection system. He writes that he "is enjoying the Bay area immensely"—no surprise.

**RONALD E. WILSON** BA '70 teaches at Port Byron Central School and has just completed 20 years on the Selective Service Board.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A HISTORY MAJOR? Well...

We hear the question regularly: I love history, but what can I do with a history major besides teach? College-hunting high school seniors at our open houses; freshmen and sophomores needing to sign up for their majors; nervous juniors and seniors facing the job market, even parents—they all ask THE question. One of our favorite answers is: What can't you do?!



A quick perusal of the "Alumni" News section of this newsletter provides a sense of the infinite possibilities for history majors with their skills in research, analysis, organization of data, synthesis, and communication of facts and concepts. In the Information Age, what other major better prepares students to deal with the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup>-century job market? Among the 39 random submissions from our alums are an attorney (and a law student), a banker, a manager of technical publications, two librarians (one college and one high school), a public historian, an analyst for the New York State Assembly, an associate production agent, a director of human resources, an advisement coordinator, a research assistant for a law firm, an account manager for a nation-wide business, an Army officer, a program representative for study-abroad programs, a project manager for a national consulting firm, two community development officials with the City of Buffalo and, of course, a number of teachers from all levels of education. Other history graduates not mentioned in this issue include an investment banker (and vice president of his Wall Street firm), a manager of a national historic site, park rangers, ministers, museum directors, and executives with firms specializing in international business.

**RICHARD ZUSMAN** BA '66 recently had an article published in *Time* magazine (May 21, 2001, p. 78) about a parent involvement program that he started in the Norton Public Schools, Norton, MA. Zusman also teaches at Cambridge College part time. He traveled to Beijing, China, in July to visit his son Eric, who is doing research for his PhD at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Famous history majors not from SUNY Brockport include President George W. Bush, former Buffalo Bills coach and Fox Network Analyst Marv Levy, and numerous CEOs of Fortune 500 companies. However, we like to look around the campus at Brockport and recognize our own former majors contributing to key College positions. **Terry Hooper** BA '72 joined the College this past summer as director of human resources, while **Sandra Holinbaugh-Beltz** MA '78 is Director of Delta College, where she continues to shape its unique curriculum. **Barbara Thompson** BA '92 MA '95 is the new Director of the CSTEP and McNair Programs, which together bring some \$300,000 in grant money to campus annually and which aid low-income, first-generation, or underrepresented students in reaching their academic and professional potential. Thompson also teaches in the Departments of History and African and Afro-American Studies as an adjunct. Dr. **Jennifer Lloyd** MA '87, assistant professor of History, is in the second year of her term as president of the Faculty-Staff Senate and also co-chairs the all-important Middle States Review Committee of the College. Dr. **Mary Corey** BS '81 oversees social studies education in the Department of Education and Human Development.

What can you do with a history major? What can't you do?! As Professor Owen S. Ireland stated in his opening remarks, let us know what you think.





*History Department professors Anne Macpherson and James Spiller discuss how teaching and research blend at SUNY Brockport.*

## Why the past belongs in your future.

Why do history professors Anne Macpherson and James Spiller study the past? Because they both agree, "to understand where you're going, you have to know where you've been."

She investigates issues of race, gender and politics in Latin America and the Caribbean. He examines how the United States continues to ride the technology wave that began to roll in the 1950s.

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## Alumni News

Attention history alumni! We'd like to hear from you. To make it easier, please fill out, clip and mail this form to: Newsletter, Department of History, SUNY College at Brockport, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420-2956. Or e-mail: [trombaut@brockport.edu](mailto:trombaut@brockport.edu) or fax to (585) 395-2620.

Many thanks!

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Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Any news that you'd like to share (career, hobbies, travel, family, etc.):

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