

**University of Colorado-Boulder
History Department Graduate News
Spring 2009**

Conferences and Presentations

Each year, CU-Boulder hosts the Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference (RMIHC) to provide graduate students from Colorado and across the country an opportunity to present their work to their colleagues before attending larger conferences around the country. The interdisciplinary nature of the conference allows scholars from disciplines outside of history to present their work in a unique setting. The 2008 conference was co-chaired by **Ted Rogers, Doug Snyder, and Paul Langston**. Held in September, RMIHC attracted high-quality scholars from around the country, and CU students enjoyed a day of stimulating presentations, discussions, and networking. RMIHC featured many CU students presenting and commenting, including **Ted Rogers**, who was a Panel Commentator, and **Maura De Chant**, who presented a paper titled "Bringing Light to the Dark Continent: The Experiences of an American Missionary in Madagascar." The tenth annual RMIHC will be held of September 12-13, 2009 in the ATLAS building on CU-Boulder's campus. The co-chairs of the 2009 conference are **Ted Rogers, Paul Langston, Ali Roark, and Maura De Chant**.

Lindsey Batchman attended the Twelfth Annual Brian Bertoti Innovative Perspectives in History Graduate Conference at Virginia Tech on March 20-21, 2009. Her paper was titled, "A Different Boom and Bust: The Surprising Pattern of Female Employment in the Urban West".

Ali Roark attended the Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) conference in Denver to present her paper, "A Respectable Rapist: The Case of Rev. F. A. Strale" on April 9th, 2009.

In the summer of 2008, **Ted Rogers** presented "Privateering and Early English Nationalism" at the World History Association Conference in London.

Fellowships, Awards, and Achievements

Michael Cude will spend the summer of 2009 at the University of Pittsburgh's Russian and East European Summer Language Institute studying Slovak. He will spend 6 weeks in Pittsburgh, followed by another 4 in Bratislava. A Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship (FLAS) and a language-training grant from ACLS funded his participation.

Also awarded a FLAS fellowship was **Jesus Solis**, who will attend Middlebury College Japanese School during their Summer 2009 Session. He also received a FLAS fellowship to study Japanese at CU for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Ted Rogers received a History Department Travel Grant, and was able to research for a month in London during the summer of 2008.

A travel grant from the Bean Fund was awarded to **Lindsey Batchman** to enable her to attend the Brian Bertoti Innovative Perspectives in History Graduate Conference at Virginia Tech in March of 2009.

The Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History named **Gene Tesdahl** a 2009-2010 fellow.

The Marinus Smith Teaching Award, presented by the CU Parents Association, was given to **Ted Rogers** for making a significant impact on the undergraduate student body.

Susan Guinn-Chapman received a fellowship to the Newberry Library in Chicago, where she will spend some time during the summer of 2009 working on an article.

Activities, Workshops, and Institutes

Doug Snyder will spend part of the summer of 2009 attending the Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research, held at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Doug Snyder will also spend part of the summer of 2009 attending the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Summer Institute. Located at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2009's Institute is titled "Turning Points in the Cold War."

Four years ago, **Jim Walsh** founded The Romero Theater Troupe, which brings working class history to the general public. Their play about American Labor History, *Which Side Are You On?*, has now been performed nine times for approximately 2000 people. In the summer of 2009, they will perform in Greeley for the families affected by the ICE raids two years ago, and in Pittsburgh for the Working Class Studies Conference.

Katie Friesen will spend part of the summer of 2009 attending the *Institut Francais des Alpes*, where she will further her study of French.

Publications

In "World History Connected", **Ted Rogers** published a book review of Erez Manela's book *The Wilsonian Moment: Self-Determination and the International Origins of Anticolonial Nationalism*.

Jesus Solis published a book review of *China Marches West: The Qing Conquest of Central Eurasia* by Peter C. Perdue in "World History Connected."

Alumni News

Constance Clark's (Ph.D., '02) book, *God - or Gorilla: Images of Evolution in the Jazz Age*, was reviewed in the journal Nature. Constance is an Assistant Professor at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Stanford University press just published **John Enyeart's** (Ph.D., '02) book *The Quest for "Just and Pure Law": Rocky Mountain Workers and American Social Democracy, 1870–1924*. John is an Assistant Professor at Bucknell University.

Thomas Krainz (Ph.D., '00) will be moving from his current position at Framingham State College to take up his new faculty post at DePaul University in the fall of 2009.

Jennifer McNabb (Ph.D. '03), was promoted to Associate Professor at Western Illinois University, a position which will begin in the fall of 2009.

Additionally, **Jennifer McNabb** was awarded "The College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teacher Prize" by Western Illinois University. This prestigious award is only given to one faculty member each year, and is based on teaching performance during the previous three years.

Eric Morgan (Ph.D. '09) has been offered and has accepted a visiting assistant professor position in the Department of History at the University of South Florida for AY 2009-2010.