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. This year’s conference was co-chaired by Ted Rogers, Ali Roark, Maura De Chant, 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. The eleventh annual RMIHC will be held on September 11, 2010 in the ATLAS building on CU-Boulder’s campus. The co-chairs of the upcoming 2010 conference are Ben Montoya, Rob Morrison, Ali Roark, and Maura De Chant.


In June 2010, Risako Doi attended “Japan’s Long Nineteenth Century: An Interdisciplinary Workshop and Practicum” in Michigan. She also presented at the University of Colorado at Boulder Asian Studies Graduate Association Conference.

Amy Lotman received RMIHC’s Best Paper award for her paper titled “Revisiting Voltaire: Julien Benda and the 20th Century Through an Enlightenment Lens.” Her incisive paper received the most votes from conference participants. Ted Rogers also received special mention for his paper, “The Once and Future Fascist.”

Awards and Fellowships

Robert Morrison received a Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship to study Arabic. He spent the summer of 2010 at the University of Chicago at an intensive Arabic language program.

Jesus Solis also received a Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship for Japanese language at the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies in Yokohama, Japan.
Doug Snyder received research fellowships from the John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson foundations, a Sears Grant from the University of Colorado Graduate School, a Middleton research fellowship from the College of Arts & Sciences, and a Pile research fellowship from CU’s Department of History. He spent much of summer 2010 researching for his dissertation at various presidential libraries.

Justin Burnette was awarded the Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award for the 2009-2010 school year.

The Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship was also awarded to Marshall Smith for Japanese language study.

Publications

In June 2010, Rockhurst University Press published Shirl Kasper’s "Rockhurst University: The First 100 Years," a history of Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri. This project overlapped with Shirl’s dissertation, "St. Mary's Indian Mission: A Cultural Crossroads in the Kansas River Valley, 1840-1870," which should be completed in the 2010-2011 academic year.

The University of Ireland at Limerick is publishing Ted Roger’s article "The Once and Future Fascist" in their upcoming journal History Studies.


Alumni News

Constance Clark (Ph.D., '02) was awarded tenure at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.