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Department of History Newsletter

Fall 2017



On behalf of the History Department at CSUN, Welcome Back! This year promises to be another great year in the Department. We are sponsoring a number of events, listed below. But as historians, we also want to take a moment to reflect on some of the great accomplishments of our students, faculty and staff over the past year. So please read on, and have a great year!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ *Saturday, February 24, 11:00, Whitsett Room:* Screening of "East LA Interchange," and discussion with Director, Besty Kaling.
- ◆ *Summer 2018: CSUN Summer 2018 Student Trip.* Drs. Donal O'Sullivan and Jody Meyers, Heritage Tour of Poland, Czech Republic, and The Netherlands. Scholarships are available. For more information, email donal.osullivan@csun.edu and visit

FRONT OFFICE CHANGES:

Sue Mueller retired after serving in the History Department for more than twenty years. "Northridge students have had no greater supporter," outgoing Chair Richard Horowitz wrote of the news. "Sue put the human face on a large university, made it a better place to be a student, a teacher and an administrator." Sad as the History Department was, it was also delighted to welcome Pepper Starobin. Pepper has already made a mark on the Department through her vision and dedication. If you have not met Pepper yet, do so! She is a delight to work with!



**Michael Anderson, President,
History Club**

History Club Revived

Thanks to students Michael Anderson (President), Jordan Brooks (Vice President), Vahe Oksazian (Secretary), Daisuke Honda (Treasurer), Louis Alvarez (Officer) and Jessica Craft (Officer), the History Club has been revived. Recently the Club had its first meeting – very well at-

tended. The Club also hosted a screening and discussion of the documentary film “What Happened to Ms. Simone”?

For information on the History Club, please email Michael Anderson at: michael.anderson.902@my.csun.edu

RECENT DEPARTMENT EVENTS:

March 30, 2017: Dr. Yolanda Chavez Leyva, “El Segundo Barrio Reziste” to “No Nos Moveran”: A Decade of Applied History in Defense of Barrios under Siege”

April 8, 2017: Phi Alpha Theta Southern California Regional Conference.

April 13, 2017: Whitsett Seminar and Lecture

April 26, 2017: Bishop Edward Mackenzie, “Apartheid Then and Now.”

August 3-5, 2017: Annual Conference, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association.

September 28, 2017: History Department alumna Julia Bricklin, *America’s Best Female Sharpshooter: The Rise and Fall of Lillian Frances Smith.*

October 6, 2017: Q & A about Secondary Education & Social Science Teaching Credential Program.



CSUN Hosts the 2017 Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference.

From Left to Right: Marc Rodriguez, Editor of *Pacific Historical Review*; James Grossman, President, American Historical Association; Anne Hyde, Editor of *Western Historical Quarterly*; Jessica Kim, History Department, CSUN.

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our graduates are succeeding admirably: Yadira Becerra was admitted to the Law School at the University of Southern California; Leo Belleville is an archivist at the National Archives and Records Administration, Chicago; Sarah Brewer, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation; Carlos Dimas, who finished his Ph.D at University of California, Riverside, is currently Assistant Professor at Albright College; Courtney Dyer was admitted to Pepperdine Law School; Lori Injekian was admitted to the MA Program in History at McGill University; Christine Khrlobian, admitted UCSB, MA Latin American and Iberian Studies; Darlene Lopez gained a position in the History and Events Division at El Pueblo Historical Monument; Daniel Lynn is entering his second year of the MA at Georgetown in Middle Eastern Studies; Stephanie Narrow was admitted to UCI's Ph.D. program in history.; Kathryn Noonan turned her CSUN internship into a full-time position at KCET as Digital Editor; Matthew Palmer started his Ph.D program at University of North Texas and has an article published in the Journal of Slavic Military Studies; Darren Raspa finished his Ph.D. at UNM and now serves as historian for the Air Force Research Laboratory; Brett Robert was admitted to the Ph.D program at the University of Pennsylvania; Esperanza Sanchez accepted a full-time position at *LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes*; Rebecca Simon received her PhD from Kings College, University of London and now is teaching at the Wildwood School in Los Angeles; Brandon Tachco is defending his dissertation at University of Hawaii in November.

The following excellent students won History Student Scholarships/Awards this year: Kathleen Barr, Alyse Beale, Dennis Hernandez, Rebecca MacMeekin, Armen Manuk-Khaloyan, Jessica Marino, Haig Messerlian, Stephanie Narrow, Deanna Nazlikhan, Vahe Oksazian, Cole Puente, Lisa Ramirez, and John Russo.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our faculty members continue to make important contributions to their respective fields of study. Dr. Kaja, 2017 Distinguished Teaching, Counseling, or Librarianship Award; Dr. Broussard published *Stepping Lively in Place: The Not-Married, Free Women of Civil-War-Era Natchez, Mississippi* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2017); Dr. Fitzpatrick-Behrens published "The Association of Communitarian Health Services and the Role of Religion and Health in Central America" in *Latin American History: The Oxford Research Encyclopedias* (online, 2017), pp. 1-24; Dr. Goldner published "The Intriguing Madam de Rosemain and the Economy of Deal Making in Louis XIV's Versailles," in *French Historical Studies* 40:1 (February 2017): 33-70; Clementine Oliver has a forthcoming article, "'It is much myche lesse harme to bylle thane to kyllle:' Bill-posting and the Destruction of the Duke of Suffolk in 1450" in *Studies in Medieval and Renaissance History*



**Dr. Jeffrey Kaja,
recipient of
2017
Distinguished
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Librarianship
Award**

WRITING HELP

The History Department's deep commitment to writing education continues. The Michael Patterson History Writing Center continues to provide support for students in history classes who want to improve their writing. The Writing Center offers one-on-one sessions with History tutors. If you are enrolled in a History class and have a writing assignment, you can make an appointment to meet with a tutor. In these sessions, a tutor will help you revise your paper, and teach you writing strategies that are appropriate to your needs and abilities. If you wish to schedule a session with a tutor, call the History Department at (818)677-3566. You will need to send a draft of your paper to the tutor 24 hours before the meeting.

Additionally, Dr. Neirick hosts ongoing meetings of the Social Science Writing Project. The SSWP is an initiative to teach, encourage, inspire, and support student writing in the social sciences. For the schedule, visit the [Social Science Writing Project Website](http://www.csun.edu/sswp) at www.csun.edu/sswp.



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Stacey Smith, Associate Professor, Oregon State University, and 2017 Whitsett Lecturer.