We ended last semester with a great capstone conference. Well done, seniors! It was wonderful to see you all so poised and to hear your interesting projects.

Spring 2010 has been an exciting semester for the history department. We have hired a new 20th century U.S./women’s historian. We are delighted to report that, following a national search, we have secured the services of Dr. Jennifer Helgren. Dr. Helgren, who received her Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate School, has already been here for some time as a visiting faculty member and we are happy that we have been able to hire her permanently. Many of you were very generous of your time and energy throughout the search process, which we greatly appreciated. Swing by the department and congratulate Dr. Helgren!

We also have a wonderful cohort of 9 students being initiated into Phi Alpha Theta this spring! Some of them are joining existing P.A.T. members in going to the conference at San Jose State this April. We also have two enthusiastic new leaders of our P.A.T. chapter, Elena McDonald-Martyn and Catherine Collette, to take P.A.T. into next year.

And the faculty has been busy writing letters of recommendation for past and present students as many of you make plans for graduate school. That’s an exciting part of being a professor as we help launch you off into the next part of your lives. Remember to stay in touch with us. Faculty will be happy to write you letters of reference and recommendation after you graduate.

Whatever your plans, the department and its present and past history students extend all good wishes to the class of 2010!!

Pacific Makes Strong Showing at 2010 Phi Alpha Theta Conference

Six Pacific History Majors presented their research on April 23 at this year’s Northern California Phi Alpha Theta conference hosted at San Jose State University. The group included seniors Anna Accettola, Ariell Heacox and Jessica Chittaphong and sophomores Amy Delgado, Kelly Gerhold and Liz Youngberg. Gerhold won third prize for Best Undergraduate Paper for her essay “Ukraine and Russia: Context for Current Events.” All three sophomores had completed PAT papers for Professor Gerhard’s Europe Since 1945 course this semester. Professors Rohlf (chapter advisor) and Helgren came along to cheerlead and coach the group. As in years past, the road trip to the conference and the shared meals were filled with laughs and great camaraderie. It was a great success. Check out the photos on the group’s Facebook page.

More good news: Pacific was also selected by our Northern California peer institutions to host the 2011 Phi Alpha Theta conference. The chapter will be looking for new members and volunteers in the fall.

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NEW PUBLIC HISTORY CLASS

In fall 2010, Jennifer Helgren will offer a new course called Introduction to Public History and Museum Studies (HIST 193A). The course will introduce students to the field of public history and expose students to public history careers in fields such as archive management, museums, historic building and site preservation, and public policy research and consulting. Students will learn how history is preserved (from archival techniques to the politics of acquiring historic status for sites); analyze how local and national history is interpreted for the public through museums, national and state parks, film and television, and electronic media; and explore whether these forums reflect the diversity of the communities they represent. Students will have the opportunity to undertake their own public history work through projects such as curating an exhibit at the Pacific library or creating an oral history to be archived in the Holt Atherton collections. The class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00-2:50pm.

STUDENT and ALUMNI NEWS

Anna Accettola, ('10) has been admitted into the MA program for Greco Roman Studies at Brandeis University

Lloyd Barba, ('10) has been admitted into graduate programs at UC Davis and University of Michigan and has decided to go to Michigan. Lloyd is presenting his capstone paper at the NCUR this spring.

Outstanding Senior in the History Department is... Anna Accettola. Congratulations!

Josh Hammond, ('07) (Business major, History minor) has entered Pepperdine’s Master’s in Public Policy program.

Danyelle Norman, ('09) has started an MS at the Sacramento campus of Drexel University. Her graduate degree will be in Higher Education Administration. This fits perfectly with her job in Sacramento as an analyst with the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (AICCU).

Shane Hetzler ('04) (who was a History and French major and Environmental Studies minor) has been accepted to Yale University into its Forestry program. After a stint in the Peace Corps, Shane has been working at one of his favorite breweries in Oregon making sure all aspects of its business were environmentally sound.

GREETINGS FROM PHI ALPHA THETA PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow History Lovers!

We would like to give you a preview of what is in store for the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society for the remainder of this year and the upcoming year. We will be initiating nine new members at this years End of the Year History Party on April 30th. If you didn’t or couldn’t apply this semester, don’t worry! We will now be holding a second initiation in fall so that everyone can have an opportunity to join. The requirements are at least 12 units of History courses, a 3.0 Cum GPA, and 3.1 History GPA. And you don’t have to be a history major to join! We’d also like to introduce the executive board for the society this year: Elena McDonald and Catherine Collett will be co-presidents, Crystal Smith will be treasurer, and Amy Delgado will serve as secretary. On the weekend of April 23rd six of our students presented their research papers at the Phi Alpha Theta Conference at San Jose State. This is a great opportunity for students to have a professional experience in an open, academic setting. Speaking of conference, our chapter will host the Phi Alpha Theta Conference here at Pacific next year! So please come by Dr. Rohlf’s office and pick up an application to join Phi Alpha Theta so you too can join us in all the excitement next year!

Elena McDonald and Catherine Collett

Phi Alpha Theta Co-Presidents
New US History Class

This fall Professor Ramos is looking forward to teaching a new course on the history of education in the US. The course, HIST 193B: "The Color of US Education," traces the history of racial minority groups in US education and provides a comparative historical examination of their experiences. African, Latino, and Asian and Native American (ALANA) students have been forces of change in the development of US education, as evidenced by education policy, which has historically been a reaction to the presence and growth of these groups in public schools. We shall ask: how have race, culture, and language been used to segregate and disenfranchise ALANA students? How have ALANA groups been the agents of change? By including an analysis of institutions of higher learning, we will be able to look at the ways that education, or lack thereof, has affected the role of racial and linguistic minority groups as active citizens in the larger society. We will scrutinize state and national policies as well as court cases to inform our understanding of education as an institution of both stratification and social change. Topics will include segregation, bilingual education, affirmative action, and alternative institutions of higher learning such as Hispanic Serving Institutions and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). This class will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:20pm. See you there!

John Muir Symposium

Two hundred people from around the country came together to celebrate the legacy of John Muir from April 21-24. Professor Bill Swagerty, Director of the John Muir Center, put together this splendid conference that focused on Muir as a naturalist and scientist. In addition to scholarly presentations on Muir’s botanical studies in Yosemite and Big Trees Park, Muir’s glacier research and his “religion of nature,” undergraduate students from Professor Swagerty’s John Muir’s World class shared their research on Muir. The focus of the second day was on John Muir and his legacy for environmental education, here at Pacific, in the UK and on the World Wide Web. The conference was spiced up with delicious Scottish fare and enriched with plenty of photographs, personal anecdotes and art dedicated to John Muir’s world. The conference started with a toast to celebrate John Muir’s 172th birthday and Earth Day on April 21 and ended with the unveiling of a large photo by Stephen Joseph in the Library. Pacific’s Powell Scholars dedicated this piece of art to President Pamela Eibeck. The conference offered something for everybody and John Muir’s legacy lives on!

Congratulations Graduates ‘10
Anna Jean Accettola
Lloyd Daniel Barba
Justen Beffa
Ariell Stuart Heacox
Michael F. K. Mahaffey
Adreanna S. Rodriguez
Michael Anthony Uhlhorn

Support History at Pacific!

We invite you to become involved in the education of our current students. Underwriting opportunities exist for donors at all levels of support. Your gifts help support field trips, the Phi Alpha Theta chapter, and our student club, the Pacific Historical Society.

Contact Chair Caroline Cox, ccox@pacific.edu
Save the Date!
Phi Alpha Theta Nor-Cal Regional Conference
hosted at University of the Pacific

~ FACULTY NEWS ~

WELCOME!
Dr. Jennifer Helgren, Assistant Professor of
20th Century US and Women’s History!
Dr. Caroline Cox was promoted to Full Professor—
CONGRATULATIONS!
Dr. Jennifer Helgren co-edited Girlhood: A Global History
(Rutgers University Press, 2010)

FALL 2010 CLASSES
Chair’s Seminar HIST 01
Western Civilization I HIST 10
US History I HIST 20
East Asian Civilization I HIST 30
World History I HIST 50
Global History of Food HIST 61
Historical Imagination HIST 70
Europe in Turmoil 1900-1945 HIST 111
History of the American West HIST 124
History of California HIST 130
Women in US History HIST 133
“HIS-PANIC” USA HIST 137
Pacific History Seminar HIST 160
Gender in Hist., Sci/Med/Tech HIST 167
Public Hist. & Museum Studies HIST 193A
Color of US Education HIST 193B