Dear Friends,

Another school year is coming to an end and it has been one of many changes for the history department. Professor Bill Brennan retired in spring 2006 and we miss him as a teacher and colleague. Professor Edie Sparks has also left the department to become a university administrator and is now the Senior Associate Dean in the College and we all benefit from her organizational skills. Consequently, we have new faculty to welcome and we are delighted to be joined by Tomomi Kinukawa, (University of Wisconsin Ph.D.) who is a specialist in the history of science and technology, a new field for us. We are also pleased to welcome Jennifer Helgren (Claremont Graduate School Ph.D.) who is a visiting professor teaching U.S. and women’s history.

Our majors continue to be a dynamic bunch. They have organized a club, the Pacific Historical Society which has met regularly to organize pizza parties, quiz events and a variety of other events and have produced their own journal. With their enthusiasm, the department organized a chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, and we had the pleasure in initiating a number of students as charter members this year.

We hope that life has been equally rich for you, our alumni. We look forward to hearing from you and will be glad to post it on our new website (up and running later this summer) and in this newsletter.

Send your updates to:
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Best Wishes
Caroline Cox

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MEET PROFESSOR TOMOMI KINUkAWA

It was my great pleasure that I joined the history department last fall. I specialize in the history of science, world history, and gender studies. When I was an undergraduate student of science at the University of Tokyo, I became interested in the social and cultural history of science. Over the years, my interest in history took me to Madison, Wisconsin (where I obtained my Ph.D. and learned how to skate on frozen lakes), Leiden, London, Nurnberg, Philadelphia, and Stockton. This spring I enjoyed starting a new course on historical methods “Historical Imagination” with a group of engaged and talented history majors. This summer I am making a trip to Tokyo, conducting research for my new project on citizenship and health among Korean residents in Japan.
**Phi Alpha Theta Chapter Established**

A new chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national honor society for History was established on May 4, 2007. Our chapter joins a national organization of 839 chapters and 275,000 members. It publishes a peer-reviewed scholarly journal and convenes 35 regional meetings each year. Additionally, it awards 25 scholarships and prizes.

Northern California members of Phi Alpha Theta include Santa Clara University, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, Mills College, Sacramento State, Stanislaus State, San Jose State.

**Fulbright Down Under for Bill Swagerty**

W. Swagerty, Professor of History and Director of John Muir Center, returned on May 1 from six weeks in New Zealand and Australia where he lectured at several universities as a Fulbright Senior Specialist for the United States Department of State. Swagerty planned his trip around John Muir’s 1903-04 World Tour itinerary and followed Muir’s trail as best he could. Swagerty is completing a semester of development leave on the project, "John Muir and Native Peoples."

Bill Swagerty at Lake Tekapo, New Zealand in March 2007.

**Faculty News**

Professor Ken Albala’s book *The Banquet: Dining at the Great Courts of Late Renaissance Europe* was published in 2006 by University of Illinois Press.

Assistant Professor Greg Rohlf’s article, “Women as State-Builders in Qinghai: Evidence from the 2000 Census was published in the June 2007 issue of *The China Quarterly*. Rohlf will be promoted to Associate rank in Fall 2007.

With the 2006-2007 academic year, Associate Professor Edie Sparks became the Senior Associate Dean for the College of the Pacific. Her book *Capital Intentions: Female Proprietors in San Francisco, 1850-1920* was published in 2006 by University of North Carolina Press.


Associate Professor Gesine Gerhard received the 2007 Eberhardt Teacher/Scholar Award for exemplary teaching and scholarship. She is currently working on a biography of Nazi Minister Herbert Backe. Dr. Gerhard will be on sabbatical in Fall 2007.
State and now the University of the Pacific.

Charter members of Pacific’s chapter are, (top row, l to r): Patrick Burdick (’07), Eric Holmes (’07), John Hurley (’07), Hou-kang Lin (’07), William Reese (’07), Mark Weiner (’07), Donnie Swanson (’09), and Callyan Y (’07). (bottom row, l to r) Glenn Hill (’07), Johanna Bakmas (’09), Frankie Griffen (’08), Paul Fraidenburgh (’08), and Marath Pich (’09). (not pictured) Amy Langford (’09).

**PACIFIC STUDENTS INTERN AT HAGGIN MUSEUM**

In Spring 2007, John Hurley and Callyan Y interned at the Haggin Museum in Stockton. Their tasks spanned the range of skills essential to the mission of the Haggin, an art and history museum with superb California and local history collections. “The History Department internship program has been a tremendous help to the Haggin,” remarked curator of special Collections, Kimberly Bowden. “The projects tackled and conquered this semester were hands-on, nitty-gritty, and required great dedication. I am amazed at the level of diligence, hard work, and historical know-how demonstrated by Pacific students.”

Interns, members of the community and current faculty particularly enjoyed the “Legends of the Haggin Temple” event that the interns helped plan and run on April 20. Inspired by the 1990s game show “Legends of the Hidden Temple,” the event highlighted the culture and history of the Pre-Columbian Americas in a traveling show from the Mississippi Museum of Art.

For John Hurley, the experience provided “fantastic exposure to career opportunities in museums and helped narrow down post-graduate ambitions.”

**STUDENT AND ALUMNI NOTES**

Dan Guerra (’07) was inducted into the founding chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at University of the Pacific. Dan was also named as outstanding History major.

Kathleen Bruce (’07) was named to be College of the Pacific graduation speaker.

George Yagi (’03) was awarded a Ph.D. in History from the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom. Melissa (Cyphers) Stewart (’03) is completing her M.A. in history at the University of Denver. She is currently working as an instructor in the Nevada Job Corps.

John Hurley (’07) presented his paper “Sauntering Amongst Other Worlds; A Comprehensive Analysis of John Muir’s World Tour, 1903-1904” at Dominican University on April 12. John continues to serve as co-editor with Muir Center director, W. R. Swagerty, making available through the Center’s Newsletter, the manuscript version of "John Muir’s World Tour, 1903-1904," from original records in Pacific’s Holt Atherton Special Collections.

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**MEET PROFESSOR JENNIFER HELGREN**

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HEATHER MELLON ('06) was accepted into the M.A. in Museum Studies program at San Francisco State. She will begin work there in the fall. Heather is currently employed as a data entry specialist at the Haggin Museum, a position she has held since her internship there in spring 2006.

Mireya Sandoval ('06) will attend medical school at the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara in Jalisco, Mexico. Coursework begins in July.

Alexandra Wagner ('05) will begin doctoral work in History at Brandeis University in Boston. She was awarded a full scholarship.

Daniel Berumen ('05) is completing a Master's degree in City and Regional Planning at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Read about Daniel's project in Warm Springs, OR at http://rare.uoregon.edu

Becky (Curry) Perry ('01) works in marketing, community relations, and educational outreach at The Record in Stockton. She will begin a Master's degree in Communication at Pacific in the Fall.

Kristen (Hutmacher) Grieser ('01) has returned to Alaska, where she is working for a construction company as their Safety Coordinator. She and her husband have just welcomed their first child, Levi Joseph Grieser, born on April 12.

Eric Stockman ('02) is Assistant Principal at August and Wilson Elementary school in Stockton.

Shane Hetzler ('04) is in the second year of his Peace Corps posting in Senegal. He has been working especially on forestry.

Patrick Burdick ('07) received a $100 award from the Stockton Corral of Westerners for his paper, "Poor Fortune: Crime and Punishment During the California Gold Rush." It will also be appearing in a future issue of their magazine, "The Far Westerner."

John Hurley ('07) at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research at Dominican University in Marin county.

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