Greetings,

Life continues to be busy in the history department. Two of our students, John Ahlers and Paul Fraidenburgh are off to Salisbury, Maryland in April to present their capstone papers at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research. Also in April, nine juniors and seniors are going to present papers at the Northern California conference of Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society. That is being held this year at Chico State. Good luck to all those students. Student research and conferences trips are generously underwritten by department alumni and friends who have made donations to us in the last year. Thank you! We are also delighted that we continue to have students doing internships at the Haggin Museum, building on the department’s relationship there. We are also pleased that the department is actively involved with hosting two conferences this spring, the Gender and Science conference on Saturday March 28, sponsored by the Gender Studies program, and the California History conference on John Sutter and His World on Saturday, April 26. We hope you will be able to join us for one of those occasions.

There has been a baby boom among historians in the department. Professors Gesine Gerhard and Greg Rohlf have welcomed their second child, Marlene, in February, and Professor Edie Sparks and her husband have also had a daughter, Ada. Marlene and Ada join Thomas, a new arrival for Professor Jennifer Helgren and her husband last summer.

Wishing you a delightful spring.

Caroline Cox, Chair.

On March 29, Pacific’s Gender Studies program hosted its first regional student research conference on Gender and Science. Thirty students from Pacific and the Bay area presented their research on topics related to questions of gender in the sciences. Topics included gender roles on MySpace, body image, medical ethics and representations of gender roles in movies. Two members of the History faculty played key roles in the conference. The conference was in the planning for over a year and it is the first of its kind, says Gender Studies director, history professor Gesine Gerhard. Professor Tomomi Kinukawa was instrumental in bringing the keynote speaker Associate Professor of Biology, Banu Subramaniam to Pacific from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. More than 100 people attended the keynote address that concluded the conference. History students had a strong presence at the conference as well. Sachi Takahashi-Rial presented a paper on Victorian rest cures, while Tasha Huff and Gerald Latasa Jr. presented on midwives in Western Civilization and Queen Elizabeth’s patronage of the sciences. All three papers were written for Dr. Shennan Hutton’s Western Civilization and World History classes.

The keynote address was given by Dr. Banu Subramaniam, a biologist who specializes in science, gender and race. Her keynote challenged conventional ideas about native versus alien species and criticized the very language
JOHN SUTTER CONFERENCE

The 57th California History Institute, the legacy of Pacific historians Rockwell Hunt and Coke Wood, will be held on campus at Pacific April 25, 26, 2008 and will focus on "John A. Sutter and His World." Award-winning author and historian, Albert L. Hurtado (Ph.D. UCSB), will keynote the luncheon on April 26 with remarks from his new book, *John A. Sutter: A Life on the North American Frontier* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2007). Other Sutter specialists including Iris Engstrand (U. San Diego), Ken Owens (CSU Sacramento), Alexander Petrov (Russian Academy of Sciences) and Roger Werner (local archaeologist) will also present papers.

A field trip to Sutter's Old Fort and to the American gold discovery site at Coloma is planned for Friday, April 25. A registration will be required.

Email wswagerty@pacific.edu if interested in the field trip, attending the sessions and luncheon, or presenting a paper at the Conference. Pacific alumni are encouraged to attend.

GENDER AND SCIENCE

Gerald Latasa Jr. and Tashs Huff preparing for their presentations

Sachi Takahashi-Rial at the conference

(Cont. from pg. 1) that is also used to describe current immigration. She had been on campus for two days visiting classes such as Introduction to Gender Studies, History of Gender and Science, Human Sexuality to talk to students interested in gender issues. For more information on the Gender Studies Program and the Gender Studies Minor, contact Professor Gesine Gerhard at ggerhard@pacific.edu.

Faculty and Alumni News

Ken Albala’s next book *Pancake* is scheduled to appear this fall from Reaktion Books. He is also just finishing a textbook for the Culinary Institute of America entitled *World Cuisines*, a comparative study of the cooking of Italy, China and Mexico.

Jennifer Helgren presented “Gender, Generation and Modernity: Camp Fire Girls’ Writings during the Interwar Years” at a symposium held at St. Mary’s College in October, 2007.

Lauren Silva (’05) entered officer training with the United States Navy.


Gesine Gerhard was invited to present her research at the UCLA Center for Society and Genetics’ colloquium “Genetics and Fascism” on May 9-10.
**SUMMER ORAL HISTORY TRAINING**

If you are doing an oral history project or are thinking about doing one, you should apply to attend this year’s Oral History Institute, June 3-5 on the beautiful campus of Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. The program trains participants in planning and conducting successful oral history projects. Emphasizing hands-on experience, topics covered in the two-and-a-half-day schedule include framing questions, interviewing techniques, transcribing and archiving, and devising public programs based on oral history. To develop these skills, participants will work on a practice project that encompasses all stages of oral history and will also have time to consult with experts about planned projects.

Sessions will also be available on videotaping interviews and on fundraising.

The faculty consists of professors from the fields of History, Sociology, Archiving, and Telecommunications who all have extensive experience with Oral History. We encourage volunteers or paid staff from local historical organizations, libraries, schools, and colleges and universities to apply. Admission to the institute is limited to thirty and is competitive. The cost of the institute is $250, which includes two nights stay, six meals, and all workshop materials. The Ohio Humanities Council is making available partial scholarships for Ohio residents to subsidize the cost of the institute. You can download an application from www.ohiohumanities.org, or contact the Ohio Humanities Council at (800) 293-9774 or frankd@ohiohumanities.org. The application deadline is May 2.

Submitted by Ken Abala

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**PHI ALPHA THETA NEWS**

Eight Pacific students will be traveling to Chico State University to present their research at this year’s Phi Alpha Theta Northern California Conference on April 11-12. They are Frankie Griffin (‘08), Nydia Gonzalez (‘08), Marath Pitch (‘09), Charles Faulkner (‘09), Andrea Lake (‘09), Jessica Chittaphong (‘10), Justin Beffa (‘10), and Anna Accettola (‘10). Chapter Advisor Professor Greg Rohlf, Professor Bill Swagerty and Reference Librarian Robin Imhof will coach and cheerlead throughout the trip. Chico-area alums and Pacific friends are welcome to attend and say hello.

Initiation of new Phi Alpha Theta members will take place at the Department Party on May 2nd.

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**MEET PROFESSOR DAN WADHWANI**

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On March 25, the Department hosted a lavish pizza luncheon for majors. Faculty were on hand to promote their classes and to make silly jokes. Front row-ish, l to r: Professor Ramos, Anna Accettola, Unidentified, Ariell Heacox, Sachi Takahashi-Rial, Silvia Guzman, Andrea Lake. Back: Justen Beffa, Lloyd Barba, Professor Helgren, Professor Swagerty, Professor Kinukawa, Professor Albala

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83731 HIST 20 US History I
85254 HIST 20 US History I
85998 HIST 40 Colonialism/Lat Amer
83732 HIST 50 World History I
86000 HIST 60 History of Medicine
86010 HIST 63 Hist/Science & Tech
86005 HIST 70 Hist Imagination
86006 HIST 102 Spanish Empire
86007 HIST 111 Europe in Turmoil
86012 HIST 120 Native Amer History
83683 HIST 130 Hist/California
86197 HIST 137 “HIS-PANIC”
86018 HIST 141 Pre-Modern China
82905 HIST 160 Pac Hist (Capstone)
85349 HIST 187 Internship
85256 HIST 191 Independent Study