This Fall’s Capstone Seminar is the biggest ever: we have eighteen seniors working on original research projects they will present on November 29th, December 1 and December 6th in the Library Community Room from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. If you’re looking for a reason to come back to campus, please do join us. We’ll have light refreshments at each session and plenty of time to catch up. Let me know if you’re planning to come; it would be fun to get our current students together with alumni and friends of the department for dinner after the presentations. Read more about their Capstone projects on page two.

I would also like to invite you to participate in our departmental self-study as part of our program review. Every ten years or so, departments are asked to review themselves to identify strengths and weaknesses, and also to envision where they’d like to be in ten years. Members of the department have set a number of goals for ourselves, including being recognized for our Public History and Museum Studies minor; increasing the percentage of alumni who attend graduate school; increasing the number of History and Social Science majors; maintaining a high level of research and publication by faculty; increasing participation rates in experiential learning opportunities and internships; increasing the enrollment of diverse populations, especially Hispanic and African-American students; and strengthening our ties to area junior colleges. If you have thoughts to share about your Pacific experience, and especially on ways you think the History Department can better serve our students and our mission, send them directly to me at grohlf@pacific.edu.

We’ll gather your feedback and also send you a link to an online survey we would like you to complete.

As always, don’t forget to send your news, photos, and address changes to historynews@pacific.edu.

Greg Rohlf, Chair

Ken Albala, History Professor

Ken Albala has been keeping very busy in his new office (WPC 240) while on sabbatical this fall. His four volume Food Cultures of the World Encyclopedia came out in the summer. In the fall he finished a textbook entitled Three World Cuisines: Italy, Mexico, China, which will be published this spring in his new series, Alta Mira Studies in Food and Gastronomy. Writing, testing and photographic recipes for the textbook proved to be great fun. He has also been working on his next cookbook, The Lost Arts of Hearth and Home, which will be published by Penguin in 2012. The Routledge Handbook to Food Studies which he edited is coming together right now, and should be done soon. He has just signed a contract to do a Food History Reader and is considering doing another encyclopedia on Food Studies and the Social Sciences for Sage. His work co-editing the journal Food Culture and Society also continues apace. Eventually his study of food controversies in the Reformation era will get written, he has promised himself!
University of the Pacific’s chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society, inducted six new initiates on Nov. 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Regent’s Room. The initiates are Ken Avila, Justin Hough, Kortnee Konrath, Rudy Oliva, Tyler Payne, and Brianna Valensin. Current officers are Crystal Smith, President; Amy Delgado, Vice President; Kelly Gerhold, Secretary; Jordan Sears-Zeve, Treasurer; and Jennifer Helgren, chapter advisor.

**SENIOR CAPSTONE PRESENTATION Fall 2011**

Fall 2011 Senior Capstone Students are completing original research projects on a variety of topics such as the California state mental hospitals, the Catholic Church’s involvement in the Bracero Program, and the Spartacist uprising during the German revolution of 1918. All who are interested may come and hear seniors present their research in the Library Community Room on Tues. 11/29, 3-6:30 pm; Thur. 12/1, 3-6:30 pm; and Tues. 12/6, 3-6:30 pm.

**HISTORY DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES**

A research colloquium and lunch was held on Sept. 21st. Dr. Caroline Cox presented “Drummer Boys: War and Work in the American Revolution.”

Gesine Gerhard gave a presentation at the Social Science Research Colloquium on October 27th. Her talk was entitled “To Eat or Not to Eat: ‘Useless Eaters’ and Hungry Soldiers in the Nazi Empire.”

The History Department was delighted to welcome Regina Mason to campus in early November to speak to Dr. Cox’s U.S. Survey class. Ms. Mason is the descendant of runaway slave, William Grimes, who wrote one of the first slave narratives in the early nineteenth century. Ms. Mason not only told students about Grimes's life in slavery and freedom, but also about her own journey as a genealogist, researching her family history. The stories interconnected to become a powerful account of self-discovery and identity. The students were thrilled by her presentation and the department hopes to welcome Ms. Mason back again at a future date.

Dr. Tomomi Kinukawa presented at the Nov. 9th research colloquium and lunch on “Health Disparity and Immigration Politics in Cold War Era Japan.”

During the first week of November, students in the Capstone had guest speakers visit class and advise them on graduate school and careers. Pacific alumna Heather Mellon (2006) discussed her graduate training in museum studies at San Francisco State University and her work as assistant archivist and marketing coordinator for the Hayward Area Historical Society. UC Davis doctoral student and Visiting Assistant Professor Susan Hogue advised students on traditional graduate programs in history. Students appreciated the realistic advice they received and commented that the talks gave them fresh ideas.

Gesine Gerhard had her article “Food as a Weapon. Agricultural Sciences and the Building of a Greater German Empire” published in *Food, Culture & Society* in the September 2011 issue. Dr. Gerhard also signed a contract with Alta Mira Press to write a book on “Food During the Third Reich.”
ITALLY!!

This summer, five history majors joined other students from across the University for Pacific’s Summer Italian Language Immersion program. In that course, students go to Assisi in Umbria, Italy and learn a year of college Italian in six weeks. It was intense but great fun. Dr. Cox was the faculty escort for the trip and joined students in class and on trips around Italy to cities such as Rome and Florence. It was a great experience for everyone. This photo of all the historians was taken on the steps of the old Roman temple, now a Christian church, in the center of Assisi. Back row: Liz Youngberg, Andrew Rathkopf, Taylor Hitt. Front row: Courtney Frost, Caroline Cox, Sarah Chronister. Ciao!

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, and the Phi Alpha Theta chapter.

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Native American History Class Visits Miwok Sites

On April 19, seventeen students in Native American History, accompanied by Professor Swagerty and Dr. Michael Capurso visited Indian Grinding Rock State Park, Chaw’se Regional Indian Museum, and Jackson Rancheria. Charlotte Bertrand greeted the class at the museum with a presentation on traditional Miwok life. The group moved on to the largest acorn grinding rock terrace in North America, where multigenerations of Native women left evidence of making their daily bread. The next stop was the ceremonial roundhouse, where all smudged for purification prior to entering. Once inside, an elder sang traditional songs and explained the purpose and symbolism of the roundhouse.

After lunch Dr. Michael Capurso, an expert on the history of California Indian education, a poet, and linguist shared trickster and origin stories of the Yokut and Miwok. Capurso also explained the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act and why it is important to acknowledge the site of University of the Pacific as a sacred residential and burial ground of Native peoples prior to relocation of the University to the site in 1924 from San Jose. On two occasions in the past five years, Capurso has been the intermediary between the University and Native peoples, whose remains have been uncovered during construction projects dating back to the 1930s at Pacific.

The final stop was Jackson Rancheria Casino. Tribal Chairman Irwin Marks arranged a tour of the casino, a thriving enterprise that has brought pride and wealth to the Miwok families residing on the small Rancheria and much entertainment and pleasure to those choosing to spend money at the resort. In the end, the trip was designed to challenge each student to think of both the old and the new ways Indian peoples have survived in California and to consider reasons why Indian gaming has been both successful and controversial in the past twenty years.
Got an idea for a story in the Spring 2012 Newsletter? Send it to historynews@pacific.edu

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SPRING 2012 CLASSES

Western Civilization II         HIST 11     TBA
U.S. History II                HIST 21     J. Helgren
East Asian Civilization II    HIST 31     G. Rohlf
World History II               HIST 51     Adjunct
John Muir’s World              HIST 52     B. Swagerty
History of Warfare             HIST 62     C. Cox
The Spanish Empire             HIST 102    K. Albala
Women in Time and Place        HIST 135    J. Helgren
Southeast Asia and the West    HIST 140    G. Rohlf
People’s Hist. of Mexico       HIST 151    S. Hogue
Gender, Hist of Sci/Med/Tech   HIST 167    T. Kinukawa
Queer Asia                     HIST 193A    T. Kinukawa

Chair's Seminar Fall 2011

Front Row: Mychal Weitzman  Back Row: l-r, Benji Garcia, John Wooten, Eeva Nelson, Marissa Keisling
Not Pictured: Ashley Farley-Loduca, Shane DeRooy
Tyler H. Payne, History Mayor, Pre-Law Minor, President of the Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship.

In 2010 I called three continents home. I had addresses in Stockton, Johannesburg, and London. Having grown up in Western Massachusetts, coming to California to attend Pacific began as an adventure in itself. I was drawn to Pacific by student-oriented programs like Students of Distinction, M.O.V.E, the Legal Scholars, and the Global Center. These programs helped me to position myself for an incredible junior year abroad.

The summer of 2010, I was one of 15 Ambassador Corps Fellowship recipients selected by the Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship. I spent 21 hours flying from New York to Johannesburg, South Africa where I worked for three months. The fully paid fellowship allowed for me to teach English at a college that seeks to provide free education to impoverished students from the city’s townships. I had read about South Africa’s geography and about Apartheid, but living there I learned about its culture and the resilience of its people. One of the most memorable experiences I had was attending a World Cup game. Later I enjoyed playing in a competitive match on the school’s team. Despite my desire to stay and continue my work at the school, I moved on to England where I had an opportunity to study the History of South Africa among other subjects at the London School of Economics.

At the LSE, I was in the International History Department. I enrolled through the General Course, a year-long study abroad program. I was able to expand my understanding of history by looking through economic lenses at world issues. The backdrop for my education was the city of London, the epicenter of the Industrial Revolution and the imperial system, which spread “western” institutions around the globe to both the United States and South Africa. The style of study at the LSE is much different than Pacific, which gave me a unique perspective on the learning process. Each one of my four classes was a full year. Courses were composed of hour-long lectures with a hundred or more students, which were then broken into one-hour classes moderated by Ph.D. students. Each year-long course culminated in an exam that counted for about 80% of the grade. In my time there I was able to see Gordon Brown, Sandra Day O’Conner, and historian Niall Ferguson speak in person. Unbelievably, I saw Muammar Gaddafi speak via video link shortly before Christmas break. The revolution in Libya had yet to begin. I found the unique composition of my peers at the LSE even more rewarding than the lecture series. My education was enriched by exchanges outside of the classroom with brilliant students from around the world.

I am happy to be back at Pacific for my senior year and sharing my world experiences with peers here. Occasionally I hear from friends that I made while traveling. While it is hard not to miss the people and places I visited, I developed a new appreciation for the central valley. For all of London’s charm it has its failings. The most important thing I learned was to appreciate how circumstances influence perspectives. After having attended Gaddafi’s lecture it was eerie to see his bloodied body on the news. Spending a year traveling makes world issues seem very close to home.

Nidya G. Gonzalez Receives Inaugural Josephine Forman Scholarship

CHICAGO—Nidya G. Gonzalez is the first recipient of the Josephine Forman Scholarship, which was presented on August 26, 2011, at ARCHIVES 360°, the 75th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists in Chicago.

The scholarship is a $10,000 award and provides financial support to minority students pursuing graduate education in archival science, encourages students to pursue a career as an archivist, and promotes the diversification of the American archives profession.

Gonzalez received her undergraduate degree in history in spring 2008 from the University of the Pacific. She began studies this fall at the University of Pittsburgh where she is enrolled in the MLS program with a specialization in archives, preservation, and records management. At the University of the Pacific she was given the opportunity to intern in the library/archives at the Haggin Museum in Stockton, California. There, Gonzalez aspired to become an archivist. “She worked alongside the curator and was given projects that required serious decision making and historical sensitivities on her part,” said one of her nominators. “She accomplished these tasks with great skill and commitment.”

Gonzalez’s senior paper at the University of Pacific, “Off to Work They Go: An Analysis of Mexican Immigrant Women Laborers in Canneries,” received praise from one of her nominators, who noted that “this original research project included both archival oral histories from the 1980s and oral histories that Gonzalez herself completed with research subjects. Her expertise in this subject was recognized by the national history honor society.” Gonzalez is also cited for her unwavering drive to follow her career path with confidence.

The Josephine Forman Scholarship was established in 2010 by the General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church and named for Josephine Forman, archivist for eighteen years of the Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church and author of We Finish to Begin: A History of Travis Park United Methodist Church, 1846–1991.
Two Books Once Owned by Herbert Hoover Discovered in UOP Library Stacks!

Students in Professor Rohlf's Modern Chinese History course discovered two books in Pacific’s library that had been owned by U.S. President Herbert Hoover. During a course meeting held in the library, Bock Szymkowicz found the first presidential book while researching the Taiping Rebellion, a destructive and radical movement in China during the 1850s. The book he pulled off the shelf was published in 1891 and was inscribed by a Lou Henry Hoover at Tientsin (Tianjin, China) in 1900. When he and professor Rohlf turned to the inside cover, they saw two book plates: one with the name Herbert Clark Hoover, and another stating that the book was a gift from Stanford University in 1915. Their jaws dropped as they realized that the book’s original owner may have been the 31st president of the United States. Rohlf raced to the Holt-Atherton Archives to show university archivist Michael Wurtz their find. Wurtz did a little quick fact checking and learned that Lou Henry Hoover was Hoover’s wife. She and Hoover had both graduated from Stanford University with majors in geology. Wurtz speculated that the book had been donated to the Stanford University library and then given to Pacific, perhaps to replenish Pacific’s library after it had burned in July 1915. Wurtz added, “This book contains not only history – a history of Hoover and his wife before he became president, and the generosity of Stanford a month after Pacific lost its library to fire.” Hoover’s first position in national government was as head of the U.S. Food Administration in 1917. History major Ignacio Sanchez-Alonso found another presidential book in his research on Chinese official Li Hongzhang.

Alums!

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