Greetings!

There has been a burst of change in the History department this spring. Professor Caroline Cox has been appointed Interim Dean of the College of the Pacific. Professor Gesine Gerhard has been appointed Associate Dean of the College and Director of General Education. We wish them well and know that the administration of the College and General Education will be in expert hands. Our loss of these two superb colleagues will be partially made up by the return of Senior Associate Dean Edie Sparks to full time research and teaching duties in the Fall.

Congratulations to our four history majors that will be inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society. Those students are, Theresa Cortez-Guardado, Kelly Gerhold, Liz Youngberg, and Monica Cortez-Guardado.

Please plan to join us at our Graduation Party for seniors on April 27 at 5pm at Dr. Cox’s house. We’ll initiate another group of members of Phi Alpha Theta, our chapter of the national History Honor Society, and congratulate our senior class of 18 outstanding students. Two of our seniors, Monica Cortez-Guardado and Theresa Cortez-Guardado presented papers at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Utah on March 29 and 31. Five students will present their papers at the northern California regional conference of Phi Alpha Theta on April 20-21.

This spring we’ve continued our history research colloquia. Ken Albala spoke on “Adventures in Historic Cookery, or what I did on my faculty development leave” on January 31. I presented my project “The Urban Morphology of Tibetan Towns” on April 10. We plan to continue these once or twice a semester lunch gatherings in the Fall. Please let me know if you would like your name added to the email list.

Finally, we invite alums to complete our online survey as part of our program review self-study. The self-study is designed to help us analyze our current strengths and weaknesses so that we can build an even stronger program. So please do help us by providing feedback on your Pacific History degree. As always, you can send your thoughts directly to me or even better, schedule a visit back to campus so that we can reconnect and show you what we’ve been up to.

Have a terrific summer! Keep those photos, updates and address changes coming to history-news@pacific.edu

Greg Rohlf, Chair
**History Department News**

**Professor Gesine Gerhard** is going to move into a new position in the College as the Associate Dean and Director of General Education. She will oversee Pacific Seminars and the University’s General Education program. The History Department will be hiring a three-year replacement to teach classes in modern European History.

**Professor Edie Sparks** will return to the History Department after six years as the Senior Associate Dean of the College. As the Senior Associate Dean she was in charge of enrollment management, freshmen orientation and admissions work for the College. Her teaching portfolio includes classes in US history and women’s history. In the fall semester 2012 she will be teaching Women and War (HIST 65), California History (HIST 130) and US History I (HIST 20).

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**Please Join Us for A**

**Graduation Party!**

Honoring our amazing Seniors!

The year end party has become an annual tradition of great celebration. We will also initiate our new PAT members.

**Don’t Miss It!**

AT: Prof Caroline Cox’s home, 729 N. Tuxedo Avenue, Stockton

WHEN: Friday, April 27, 2012 at 5:00 PM

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**Phi Alpha Theta News**

The annual Phi Alpha Theta Northern California Regional Conference will be held at Santa Clara University on April 21, 2012. Five Pacific history majors will present their research papers. They include Kelly Gerhold, Tyler Payne, Jordan Sears-Zeve, Crystal Smith, and Brianna Valensin. The spring 2012 Phi Alpha Theta initiation is planned for April 27, 2012. This spring, Phi Alpha Theta students have also been busy collaborating with the Global Center in working on an initiative to make the university a Fair Trade University. Pacific would be the fifth Fair Trade University in the nation.

The new officers for PAT have also been selected. They will be Brianna Valensin, President/Treasurer; Ken Avila, Vice President, and Justin Hough, Secretary.
The 59th California History Institute was held this past March at University of the Pacific. This year’s theme was “Women as History-Makers in California.” The event was planned and co-organized by Edith Sparks, Senior Associate Dean of the College, Jennifer Helgren, Assistant Professor of History, Corrie Martin, Director of the Women’s Resource Center, and W. Swagerty, Director of the John Muir Center. On Friday, March 23, twenty students and faculty motored to Sacramento to tour the California Museum. Exhibits on “California’s Remarkable Women,” “Women and the Vote,” and permanent exhibits including California’s Hall of Fame provided individual biographical introductions to around 120 women in the state’s history. A moment at the “Constitutional Wall” also reminded all of the importance of California’s beginnings and its continued promise to native born and immigrants alike.

Historians, students, environmental activists, and community organizers came together in Grace Covell Hall on Saturday, March 24, to hear presentations. Edie Sparks and co-author Jessica Weiss of California State, East Bay, opened the symposium with “Placing Women in California History,” emphasizing how women have remained in the background in most texts on the state’s history, despite their achievements as shapers of social, economic, political and legal themes unique to California.

Alice Van Ommeren, a local Stockton historian, provided case studies of leaders among women during Stockton’s “Golden Age,” 1890-1940. Her case studies ranged from Lottie Grusnky, a career teacher (1853-1922), to Edna Gleason (1914-1961), the first woman to serve on the Stockton City Council and President of the California Pharmaceutical Association.

Dawn Bohulano Mabalon of San Francisco State University connected her own family’s history with Stockton’s large Filipino community, noting that within the city, “Little Manila” once housed the largest community of Filipinos outside of Manila itself.

After an Asian-theme luncheon, Professor Emerita of American Studies, Judy Yung (U.C. Santa Cruz) provided the keynote on the theme of Chinese women in the state’s history giving examples from the era of the Gold Rush to the twentieth century of Chinese women who broke the stereotype of those who came to “Gold Mountain.” These include Ah Toy, one of San Francisco’s most successful business women who owned houses of prostitution and gambling, Anna May Wong, the most famous Chinese-American actress in the state’s history; and Betty Suan Chen, who received the Presidential Citizen Medal in 2010 for her social work among the homeless.

Student papers by Pacific’s own Christiana Oatman and Devon Clayton focused on women and campus life and organizations. Clayton traced the history of women’s literary societies going back to the San Jose campus (1871-1924) and connected these with modern sororities on the Stockton campus. Michelle Khoury from Santa Clara University informed all of the struggle of Native American women after the Gold Rush as they faced discrimination, stereotyping, and graphic ridicule for traditional lifestyles and attempts to survive in the hostile environment of Anglo-California.

“Women and Environmental Justice” was the theme of the final panel, which included an overview by Professor Nancy C. Unger of Santa Clara University on women as “Nature’s Housekeepers,” and case studies by Tracy Perkins, U.C. Santa Cruz and Teresa DeAnda, Director of the Committee for Well Being of Earlimart on citizen action in policy and pesticide reform (respectively).

Jennifer Helgren closed the symposium with remarks on “what we have learned,” tying the exhibits in Sacramento at the California Museum with the papers and presentations given on campus.

W. R. Swagerty
SUPPORT HISTORY AT PACIFICA!

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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**Student and Alumni News**

**Harrison W. Inefuku** ('07) a proud Pacific alumni, was delighted to read about the History Department's new minor in public history and museum studies in the Pacific Review. He is a recent graduate of University of British Columbia's dual Master of Archival Studies and Master or Library and Information Studies program. Stockton has excellent resources, and he was lucky enough to visit the Haggin Museum and Bank of Stockton Archives during his time here, as well as work at the Holt-Atherton Department of Special Collections.

Harrison is glad to see that Pacific is continuing to develop budding archivists. This year, he is serving as chair of the Society of American Archivists' Mosaic Scholarship selection committee. Last year, he was delighted to see that one of our students, Nidya Gonzalez, won the Josephine Forman Scholarship.

**Dan Guerra** ('08) is studying literature at San Francisco State University. He is currently taking British/American Literature classes, but wants to go into the World and Comparative Literature MA program. Dan will also take a writing course with Kim Addonizio, an award winning poet and novelist who lives in Oakland. Dan is writing poetry himself but has never had any formal training in writing verse—he is anxious to start.

**Mary Creasey** ('06) after six wonderful years with the League of Cities, is leaving to pursue her MBA and do some traveling. She is grateful to Pacific and how well her education and internship here prepared her for a successful career. She is also grateful to the League, for giving her so many opportunities and meaningful assignments over the years.

**Michael Biddle** ('09) is heading off to law school in the fall.

**Faculty News**

**Ken Albala** has a couple of projects that will be coming through the pipes imminently. A new textbook called *Three World Cuisines: Italian, Mexican and Chinese*, a *Routledge International Handbook to Food Studies*, which he edited and another cookbook entitled *The Lost Arts of Hearth and Home*. Also this May his food history course is being filmed for the Great Courses company and should be for sale on DVD later in the year. (It’s an abbreviated version of his full course, in case students get the idea they can buy it instead of coming to class!)

**Gesine Gerhard** has published her article “Change in the European Countryside” in the book *War, Agriculture, and Food* edited by Paul Brassbey et al., Routledge 2012.

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**History Alums! Help the History program at Pacific plan its future!**

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Congratulations to
Theresa Cortez-Guardado
Kelly Gerhold
Liz Youngberg and
Monica Cortez-Guardado

who have been nominated to join Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest honor society!
The initiation ceremony is on Friday, May 4, 10am in Raymond Grace Hall.

STUDENT and ALUMNI NEWS

Theresa and Monica Cortez-Guardado ('12) have been accepted and will be attending the Claremont Graduate University's Masters in Applied Women's Studies program this fall! They both will be initiated into two honor societies; Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi.

Kortnee Konrath ('12) is headed to San Jose State to the MA program in Library Science.

Julia Rowe ('12) has been offered the summer internship position at the Museum of Tolerance in LA!

Jordan Sears-Zeve ('12) has been admitted to the Pratt Institute in New York to do a Masters in Library Science. She hasn’t yet decided if that is where she is going to go.

Taylor Hitt ('13) will be a summer intern at the Naval History Center in Washington DC. http://www.history.navy.mil/index.html for most of the summer.

Kelly Gerhold ('12) has been admitted to the University of Iceland to do an MA in Norse Studies and to the College of Charleston for an MA in Maritime History. She’s trying to decide between these two very different programs! Kelly will be initiated into Phi Beta Kappa.

Elizabeth Youngberg ('12) has been accepted at several places in her quest to get an MA in Higher Education Administration. She is accepting an offer from the College of William & Mary, as it comes with a free ride and guaranteed TA-ships. Liz will be initiated into Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi.