



Letter
from
the
Chair

Dear Friends,

This summer I have handed over the baton to my successor Geoff Eley, an exceptional scholar and teacher who brings a wealth of experience to the office. The Karl Pohrt Distinguished University Professor of Contemporary History, Geoff has authored five books, has co-edited another ten, and has written scores of articles. The Chair of German Studies from 2004-2007, he has served on the Executive Committees of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and the Department of History. Testimonies to his teaching include the John H. D'Arms Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring in the Humanities.

Chairing History these last three years has been an honor. Individually and collectively, much has been accomplished—History at Michigan numbers eighty faculty, and in the last three years, ten of us have been promoted and eleven more have been recruited to our department. This year alone, we have made five splendid appointments. Howard Brick, an American intellectual historian, will be our first Louis Evans Professor of History. We are welcoming Sherie Randolph, a specialist in African-American women's history, who will hold a joint appointment in History and the Center for Afroamerican and African Studies. Hussein Fancy, who is currently a Fellow at the Michigan Society of Fellows, has accepted an assistant professorship in medieval history. Two historians of Africa will be joining the Department—Derek Peterson, currently at Cambridge University, and Butch Ware, who comes to us from Northwestern University.

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Will Work for Food

History senior **Jeremy Davidson** was recently recognized in the *Michigan Daily* as one of their “Best of the Leaders,” a title given to only ten UM students this year, students who have truly made a difference. The article highlighted his “Will Work for Food” charity, which couples advocacy with pledge-based volunteer work.

Volunteers get pledges from sponsors for performing one hour or more of community service. The proceeds go toward relief for the victims of violence in Darfur, Sudan. While helping those displaced by the conflict in Darfur, the volunteer work benefits the local community by providing important services here in Ann Arbor. The “Will Work for Food” organization also coordinates a campaign of letter writing to U.S. legislators urging American action in the crisis. So far, the group has raised over \$3,000 for Darfur and sent hundreds of letters of concern to Congress.



Davidson (2nd from left) with Senator Carl Levin

Jeremy thinks the model of “Will Work for Food” can be adapted to other causes as well. He attributes much of his charity's success to the fact that it both addresses social needs and undertakes political action. While focusing on the short-term goal of providing relief to victims, it also works toward the long-term objective of getting the U.S. government to intervene in the crisis. Check out the website at www.willworkforfood.org for more info.

Endowed Professorships Established by UM Alums



UM Alumni **David Evans** ('85) and wife **Joan Evans** ('87), have established the Louis

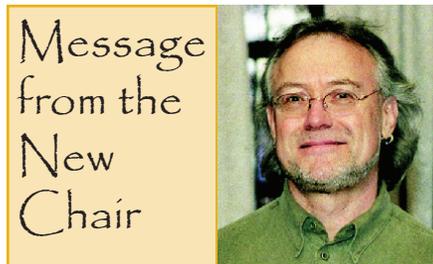
Evans Endowed Professorship in History, honoring David's grandfather, a Russian immigrant who rose from modest beginnings to become a highly respected specialist in the field of law and financial reorganization. Louis Evans had a lifelong love of history and believed that knowledge of the past could be a valuable resource in the conduct of business. His grandson David had previously chaired the successful effort to create an endowment for the Sidney Fine Excellence in Teaching Graduate Student Fellowship.

Robert Donia (PhD '76) established an endowed professorship for the study of human rights, naming it for Fred Cuny who, during the Bosnian Crisis, secured the water supply of Sarajevo when it was under siege, and who was later killed while doing humanitarian work in Chechnya. The chair is intended to promote the study of human rights and international conflict with a focus on the countries of Southeast Europe. Robert Donia is the author of several publications including a recent history of Sarajevo published by UM Press, and has also served as an expert witness in the international criminal tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.



In closing, I would like to thank my colleagues and the Department's wonderfully dedicated staff for their support, generosity, and, yes, laughter.. All good fortune to Geoff as we move forward.

Cordially,
Mary Kelley



Dear Friends,

I'm delighted to be writing to you at the outset of my period as Chair of the Department. As I move gradually into the office at the end of the corridor in Tisch, the prospect of the next few years seems both a pleasure and a challenge.

The pleasure comes from experiencing firsthand what I've already known for many years on the ground, namely, our extraordinary strengths in teaching, scholarship, and general service to the University. At a time of continuing budgetary constraints on the institution and many other extraneous pressures, the Department is a stronger, more impressive, and more exciting place than it has ever been. Remarkably, at a time when the talk is so often about retrenchment and cuts, we have grown to become probably the largest history department in the country.

The challenge, of course, will be to continue building on these attested strengths. But there is a personal dimension to this combination of pleasure and challenge too. On the one hand, it is a privilege to be following a predecessor who chaired the Department with such wisdom, grace, and success. Entering into such a strong and flourishing operation is a pleasure indeed. On the other hand, such a terrific record of accomplishment will be the hardest of acts to follow, and I could not be more grateful to Mary for leaving me with that very best kind of challenge.

Best Regards,
Geoff Eley

Gifts

We are extremely grateful to our alums and friends for their generous support over the past year. Those interested in making future contributions may be interested to learn that the Michigan Difference Campaign's Presidential Match will provide a 50% match for all gifts designated for graduate student support that are received by December 31, 2008. This also includes pledges, provided the first payment is received by this deadline.

If you would like to maximize the impact of your giving, now is this time to act. This rare opportunity to secure \$1 in matching funds for every \$2 contributed, won't last long. Your gifts, and the associated matching funds, are desperately needed. Graduate fellowships are vital to our department's ability to attract and retain the highest quality graduate students.

We hope you will consider donating to one of our graduate student fellowship endowments. Among these are the Sidney Fine Graduate Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching (honoring Professor Emeritus Sidney Fine), the Feuerwerker-Young Endowment for the Study of the History of China (established by admiring students of Professors Emeritus Albert Feuerwerker and Ernest Young), and the History Graduate Fellowship Endowment (for History graduate students in all areas of study).

If you wish to support these or other programs within the Department, please mail your gifts or pledges to:

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Transitions

NEW CHAIR IN HISTORY

After three years as Chair, Mary Kelley will be passing the torch to Geoff Eley. Geoff's fields of specialty lie in German, British, and modern European history as well as historiography and cultural studies. Mary Kelley will be on leave during the fall term, spending part of that time conducting research at the Huntington Library in California. She will return to teaching at UM in the winter term. We thank her for a successful three years and look forward to another promising three years from Geoff.

NEW DIRECTOR OF CLEMENTS LIBRARY

Beginning November 2008, J. Kevin Graffagnino will take the helm as the new Director of the Clements Library. Dr. Graffagnino has over 35 years of experience as an Americana curator, auctioneer, scholar, teacher, publisher and administrator. He started his career as an antiquarian book dealer at the age of 17. He later received a Bachelors of History and English in 1976 from the University of Vermont, a Masters of History from the University of Vermont in 1978, and a PhD in History from the University of Massachusetts in 1993. He has been the executive director of two state historical societies: the Kentucky Historical Society from 1999 to 2003 and the Vermont Historical Society from 2003 to present. Under his leadership, the Vermont Historical Society recently received a national medal for public service from the Institute for Museum and Library Services. Among his authored works are over 60 articles, chapters, and other contributions in numerous publications and newspapers across the United States, as well as 16 books including his most recent, *All the Good Books: Quotations for Bibliophiles* (2006). Best wishes to Dr. Graffagnino in his new role.

Alumni News

Edward J. Blum (BA 1999) is a Professor of History at San Diego State University. He just published a religious biography of W.E.B. Du Bois with the University of Pennsylvania Press and was named by George Mason University's History News Network as a top young historian. **Thomas W. Burkman** (PhD 1975) returned to teaching and research at the University at Buffalo after directing the UB Asian Studies Program for fourteen years. His book, *Japan and the League of Nations: Empire and World Order, 1914-1938*, was published by the University of Hawaii Press, 2008. **Lara Finkbeiner** (BA 2008) has received a 2008-09 Fulbright scholarship in law to Ecuador. Her research will evaluate the success of the "Mexico Plan of Action," which twenty Latin American countries signed in 2004 in an attempt to address the refugee issue, particularly in and around Colombia. **Ellen Herman** (BA 1979) is a historian at the University of Oregon. Her new book, *Kinship by Design: A History of Adoption in the Modern United States*, is forthcoming from the University of Chicago Press in Fall 2008. **Mark R. Jacobson** (BA 1990) completed his PhD at Ohio State University in 2005 before being recalled to active military duty where he spent a year in Kabul, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He currently works on the Senate Armed Services Committee for Chairman Carl Levin (D-MI). **Rachel Katz** (BA 2004) is currently working at C-SPAN as a Marketing Representative for Book TV and the Campaign 2008 buses. She loves Michigan football! **Ian F. McNeel's** (PhD 1998)

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The History Department is waiting to hear from you! Our next newsletter will include more news about our alumni. If you wish to provide us with information regarding your current activities, interests, and career moves, please go to our website and complete the on-line form.

new book, *Reinventing Knowledge from Alexandria to the Internet*, coauthored with Lisa Wolverton, will appear with W.W. Norton in 2008. It is a richly conceptual, globally comparative, 2300-year history of how knowledge has been produced, reproduced, and redefined in the West. **Donn C. Neal** (MA 1963, PhD 1973) was honored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, which has two dozen historical sites and museums, as its "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year" for Pennsylvania for 2008. **Denis Paz** (PhD 1974) is a Professor of History at the University of North Texas. He recently published *Dickens and Barnaby Rudge: Anti-Catholicism and Chartism* (Monmouth, UK: Merlin Press, 2006) and is currently researching the cultural career and readership of the best-selling Victorian poet Martin Tupper in Britain, Anglophone Canada, and the USA. **John A. Williams** (PhD 1996) is the author of *Turning to Nature in Germany: Hiking, Nudism, and Conservation, 1900-1940*, published by Stanford University Press, 2007. **Christopher W. Wilson** (BA 1989) was appointed Director of Public Programming for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History. He also leads its African American history program. His wife, Elizabeth Moylan Wilson (MA Public Administration 2005), manages Development Communications for the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. They live

in Maryland with their daughter, Norah. **Ronna Wineberg** (BA 1971) wrote a book of short stories, *Second Languages*, which won the New Rivers Press Many Voices Project Literary Competition and was chosen as the runner-up for the 2006 Reform Judaism Prize for Jewish Fiction. The book was published by New Rivers Press and explores how relationships change over time. She has also earned a JD from the University of Denver, and is currently the Fiction Editor of the *Bellevue Literary Review*, published by New York University. Please visit www.Ronnawineberg.com for more information. **Lei Zheng** (MA 2005) is working for the China Intercontinental Press, which is affiliated with the State Council Information Office.

Staff Award



Connie Hamlin was awarded an LSA Staff Spotlight Award for exceptional dedication and performance in her duties as Executive Secretary to the Chair and Associate Chair.

Connie has been a vital staff member in the History Department for nearly 34 years. She has risen through the ranks to her current position, where she is now a role model and resource for other staff who rely heavily on her legendary departmental and institutional memory.

Congratulations to Connie for this well-deserved honor!

In Memoriam

Three distinguished members of the History Department faculty passed away this year.



Andrew Ehrenkreutz (1921-2008) Andrew Ehrenkreutz was born in Warsaw, and after war-time service in the Polish forces during World War II, for which he was decorated, was educated at the University of London. He joined the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Literatures in 1957, and became a member of the Department of History in 1964, continuing in both departments until his retirement in 1987, after which he moved to Australia where his son lives. He was a leading expert in the monetary and economic history of the medieval Middle East, who wrote an abundance of articles and reviews, book-length collections, translations, and a biography of Saladin, the famous 12th Century king of Egypt and Syria and warrior against the Crusaders (1972).



Shaw Livermore (1926-2007) Shaw Livermore was educated at Harvard and the University of Wisconsin. He came to Michigan in 1964-one of an exodus of Princeton historians that also brought us David Bien, Raymond Grew, and John Shy-and continued here until his retirement in 1990. His book, *The Twilight of Federalism: The Disintegration of the Federalist Party 1815-1830* (1962), is considered the standard work on its topic. Shaw was an inspired teacher and mentor, continuing to teach in the Honors Program after his retirement, until a year before his death. He was an engaged citizen, family man, and maker of wood sculptures and mobiles.



Bradford Perkins (1925-2008) Bradford Perkins was educated at Harvard and taught at UCLA before coming to Michigan in 1962, where he remained until his retirement in 1997. He served in World War II and was decorated. He was a leading authority in American diplomatic history. He wrote five books, four of them forming a series on England and the United States: *The First Rapprochement, 1795-1805* (1955), *Prologue to War, 1805-1812* (1961), *Castlereagh and Adams, 1812-1823* (1964, winner of the Bancroft Prize) and *The Great Rapprochement, 1895-1914* (1968); for his fifth book he surveyed the period from independence to the Civil War: *The Creation of a Republican Empire, 1776-1865* (1993). He edited two other books and wrote numerous articles. The Department is deeply in his debt for having twice given outstanding service as its Chair. The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations elected him president in 1974, and he was the recipient of numerous prizes and fellowships, including the UM Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

Faculty Books

Published since September 2007

Juan Cole: *Napoleon's Egypt: Invading the Middle East* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007)

John Carson: *The Measure of Merit: Talent, Intelligence, and Inequality in the French and American Republics, 1750-1940* (Princeton University Press, 2007)

Chun-shu Chang: *Socio-economic Revolution and the "New Culture" in Ming-Qing China, 1550-1700* (Shanghai: Ershi-yi shiji Guji chubanshe, 2007)

Rita Chook-Kuan Chin: *The Guest Worker Question in Postwar Germany* (New York & Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2007)

Christian de Pee: *The Writing of Weddings in Middle-Period China: Text and Ritual Practices in the Eighth through Fourteenth Centuries* (State University of New York Press, 2007)

Geoff Eley with Keith Nield: *The Future of Class in History: What's Left of the Social?* (University of Michigan Press, 2007)

Dario Gaggio: *In Gold We Trust* (Princeton University Press, 2007)

Dena Goodman with Kathryn Norberg: *Furnishing the Eighteenth Century: What Furniture Can Tell Us about the European and American Past* (New York, Routledge, 2007)

Scott Kurashige: *The Shifting Ground of Race: Black and Japanese Americans in the Making of Multiethnic Los Angeles* (Princeton University Press, 2007)

Rudi Lindner: *Exploration in Ottoman Prehistory* (University of Michigan Press, 2007)

Paolo Squatriti: *Natures Past* (University of Michigan Press, 2007)

Raymond Van Dam: *The Roman Revolution of Constantine* (Cambridge University Press, 2007)

New Faculty



Howard Brick will join the Department in Winter 2009 as the Louis Evans Professor of History (see article on cover). Brick received his PhD from the University of Michigan in 1983. He

works in the fields of 20th Century U.S. history, the history of social theory and American intellectual history, as well as the history of social movements and politics in the United States since 1865. Among his publications are *Transcending Capitalism: Visions of a New Society in Modern American Thought* (2006). He received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Michigan in English and in American Culture.



Hussein Anwar Fancy received his PhD from Princeton University in 2007 and BA in English Literature from Yale University. In addition to an adaptation of his dissertation, "Mercenary Log-

ic: Muslim Soldiers in the Service of the Crown of Aragon, 1213-1327," he is also currently working on a second project, tentatively entitled "The Criminal Mediterranean." His research interests include all aspects of medieval social, cultural, and religious history as well as Latin, Arabic, Judeo-Arabic, and Aljamiado paleography. He is currently a Postdoctoral Scholar of the Michigan Society of Fellows and will join the Department of History as an Assistant Professor in Fall of 2010.

Tiya Miles is an Associate Professor in the History Department, Program in American Culture, Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, and the Native American Studies Program at the University of Michigan. Miles is a graduate of Harvard University (BA), Emory University (MA), and the University of Minnesota (PhD, 2000). Her book, *Ties That Bind: The Story of an Afro-Cherokee Family in Slavery and Freedom*, was published by the University of California Press in 2005 and



was awarded the Frederick Jackson Turner prize by the Organization of American Historians and the Lora Romero Distinguished First Book prize by the American Studies Assoc. Her new research project is a multiracial history of the Vann plantation in the Cherokee Nation.

Derek Peterson will join the Department in Fall 2009. Peterson received his PhD from the University of Minnesota in 2000. He is currently a Senior Lecturer in African History and Director of the Centre of African Studies at Cambridge University. His research concerns the intellectual history of colonial eastern Africa. His first book was *Creative Writing: Translation,*



Bookkeeping, and the Work of Imagination in Colonial Kenya (2004). His current research (supported by the Leverhulme Trust) concerns the history of patriotism and dissent in 1950s and 1960s eastern Africa.



Sherie Randolph received her PhD from New York University in 2007 in 19th and 20th Century American history with concentrations in African Diaspora and women and gender his-

tory. She has received several grants and fellowships for her work, most recently being awarded the Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the African American Studies and Research Department. Randolph is currently revising a book manuscript titled *Black Feminist in White America: Florynce "Flo" Kennedy and Black Feminist Politics in Post-World War II America*.



Butch Ware received his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in 2004. Ware researches the history of knowledge transmission in Islamic West Africa. His first book manuscript,

Knowledge, Faith, and Power: A History of Qur'an Schooling in Senegambia, grows out of his doctoral work and interrogates the role of "traditional" Islamic education in shaping Muslim identity and Islamic society. Ware has also published research on the history of slavery, race, and religion in Islamic Africa, the first fruits of which will appear soon as "Slavery in Islamic Africa, 1400-1800", in *The Cambridge World History of Slavery, Vol. III*.

Faculty Honors



Paul C. Johnson was awarded a 2008-2009 Guggenheim Fellowship for his project exploring religion in the Americas focusing specifically on the wake of the emancipation of slaves.



Dena Goodman has received a Collegiate Professorship, one of the highest honors bestowed by LSA and the University. She will be the Lila Miller Collegiate Professor of History and Women's Studies.



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Graduate Student Awards



Congratulations to two of the Department's graduate students, **Millington W. Bergeson-Lockwood** (History) and **Rebekah Pite** (History and Women's Studies), who have won the Rackham Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award for 2007-08. No more than 20 awards are made across the campus each year. Winners are selected for their exceptional ability and creativity as teachers, service as outstanding mentors and advisors to their students and colleagues, and growth as scholars in the course of their graduate programs.

Congratulations to History graduate student **Marti M. Lybeck**, on being awarded the *2007 Arthur Fondiler Dissertation Award in History*. Her dissertation is titled: "Gender, Sexuality and Belonging: Female Homosexuality in Germany, 1890-1933." Her dissertation Co-Chairs are Kathleen Canning and Geoff Eley.



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