30 Years of Excellence

This year’s recipient of PSU’s prestigious Branford Price Millar Award for Faculty Excellence is Professor Linda A. Walton, which brings the number of History professors who have received this award to seven, more than any other department. Dr. Walton is an expert on Confucian academies in medieval China, and in 1999 published *Academies and Society in Southern Sung China*. She has also served as chair of the History Department and as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Song-Yuan Studies*. Along with her ongoing work on the history of Confucianism, she has undertaken new research on the Mongol Empire.

Thanks to her leadership, since the 1980s the History Department has moved increasingly into the growing field of world history. From 2002 to 2004 she was the lead scholar on a project to design the multimedia website “Bridging World History” (www.learner.org), produced by Oregon Public Broadcasting and funded by the Annenberg Foundation.

Oregon Encyclopedia Project Wins The Autry Public History Prize

The Oregon Encyclopedia (OE) has received the 2012 Autry Public History Prize from the Western History Association (WHA).

Founded in 1961, the WHA promotes the study of the North American West in its varied aspects and broadest sense. The Autry Public History Prize is awarded annually to media, exhibits, public programs, or written works that contribute to a broader public reflection and appreciation of the past or serve as a model of professional public history practice in the history of the North American West.

The OE was founded in 2005 to create an encyclopedia of information about Oregon’s diverse peoples, places, groups, institutions, biota, and events. Its user-friendly electronic format is used by students, teachers, researchers, and general information seekers. With more than 1,000 published entries written by more than 500 authors, the OE features photographs and historic documents, as well as lesson plans and resources for teachers and students.

The OE can be found online at www.oregonencyclopedia.org.

Segregated Life in U.S. Cities—An Era of Racial Borderlands

Widely recognized as the “Dean of Chicano Studies,” Dr. Camarillo has published seven “must-read” books and over three dozen articles and essays about Mexican Americans and other racial and immigrant populations.

Dr. Camarillo was born and raised in the South Central Los Angeles community of Compton, where he attended public school before entering UCLA in 1966. After completing his B.A. in 1970, he entered the UCLA Ph.D. program in history and received his doctorate in 1975.

Camarillo’s lecture, “Segregated Life in U.S. Cities—An Era of Racial Borderlands,” will discuss how various people—African Americans, Mexican Americans, and Chinese Americans, in particular—dealt with the increasing racial residential segregation in cities during the first half of the twentieth century. The lecture is a preview to Camarillo’s forthcoming book, *Mexican Americans and the Changing Landscapes of Cities: The Urban Borderhoods of America* (Oxford University Press, Spring 2013).

For more information on Dr. Camarillo, please visit www.pdx.edu/foh

The History Department has won more Millar Awards than any other department at PSU.
Professor Ruoff Wins Oregon Book Award

After winning the prestigious Jiro Osaragi Award in Japan for the best book in the social sciences published in Japan during 2003, Professor Ken Ruoff received the 2012 Oregon Book Award for his new work, *Imperial Japan at its Zenith* at an April 23 ceremony in Portland’s Gerding Theater.

Prize-winning Pacific Historical Review Authors

In the past three years, seven articles published in the *Pacific Historical Review* (PHR) have received awards from scholarly organizations. Most recently, Professor Hillary Hallett (Columbia University) received the Jensen Miller Award of the Western Historical Association for the best article in women’s history, for “Based on a True Story: New Western Women and the Birth of Hollywood” (May 2011).

Since the PHR’s editorial office moved to PSU in 1996, twenty-eight authors have received scholarly awards in a variety of historical fields—women’s, religious, urban, environmental, borderlands, state/regional, gilded age, federal government, and journalism history—and five have received the coveted Billington Prize from the Western Historical Association for Best Article of the Year.

Brian Turner joined the faculty in Fall 2011 as Assistant Professor of the Ancient Mediterranean World. He earned his B.A. (Honours) and M.A., both in Classics, from Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario and was awarded his Ph.D. (2010) in Ancient History at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Professor Turner’s scholarly interests focus on two often intersecting topics: warfare and worldview. He is particularly concerned with how the Romans, and other ancient societies, dealt with the losses that a near-incessant state of war created. Regarding his interest in worldview, he examines how the ancients understood and depicted the geography of their world. In this endeavor Professor Turner employs GIS technology for the production of digital maps. Along with surveys in Greek and Roman history, his first year at PSU saw him teach a seminar sequence in the early Roman Empire, and a course on the global history of warfare.

Verdell A. Burdine and Otto G. Rutherford Family Collection at PSU

Fall 2011 brought a very special gift to the PSU Library: the family papers of Verdell Burdine and Otto G. Rutherford, long-time Portland residents and leading lights in the African American community for much of the twentieth century. The papers were given to the library by Charlotte Rutherford, their youngest child and a PSU graduate. Supported by a Diversity Action Council grant from PSU and partnerships between the History Department, the Black Studies Department, and the Library, this collection has been processed and a preview exhibit was staged in March. *PSU Magazine* featured this gift in its June issue and an expanded library exhibit will open in November and December. It is free and open to the public during PSU Library hours.

The Rutherford papers are a treasure trove of materials that highlight the community-minded, activist, and cultural interests of the family. About a third of collection is correspondence dating from the 1890s that documents the family’s migration from South Carolina and Oklahoma to Oregon. Another third of the collection concerns the many community activities engaged in by Otto and Verdell, including their leadership in the Portland chapter of the NAACP. The rest of the collection can be described as the Rutherfords’ personal archive of African American history. Verdell Rutherford regularly prepared numerous articles, photographs, and displays about African American history for local audiences, including the Oregon Historical Society and Oregon Public Broadcasting. PSU public history students worked tirelessly in the Library during Winter and Spring 2012 to give shape and presence to the collection. Further questions about access can be directed to Patricia Schechter, Professor of History, at schechp@pdx.edu or Cris Paschild, University Archivist, at paschild@pdx.edu.
Phi Alpha Theta Conference

On April 12-14, with co-sponsorship from Friends of History, seven PSU History students traveled to Spokane, Washington, to present original research papers at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference. From left to right:

- **John Lowe**, graduate and chapter co-president, presented “Fulcher of Chartres: Churchman, Crusader and Historian”
- **Shayla Vondrachek**, undergraduate, presented “The Influence of the Shtetl on Yiddish Literature at the Turn of the Century”
- **Anastasia C. Baker**, graduate, presented “Anna of Denmark: Female Agency through the Roles of Wife and Mother”
- **James Louderman**, graduate and chapter co-president (did not present)
- **Anna Wilson**, graduate, presented “Power and Queenship in Medieval Northern Spain: Urraca of Leon-Castile, 1109-1126”
- **William Thompson**, graduate, presented “Local Reception of Liturgical and Doctrinal Reform under Henry VIII: Evidence from Three Suffolk Parishes”
- **Jordan Long**, undergraduate, presented “Roman (Un) Exceptionalism: Dispelling Popular Notions of Roman Belligerence”

**Thomas Luckett**, acted as faculty adviser to the chapter

Papers by Jordan Long and William Thompson were nominated for prizes, with Thompson’s winning the prize for best paper presented at the conference.

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Melissa Swank

I’m a third-year graduate student in the PSU Department of History. I am also the happy first-ever recipient of the Gordon Dodds Endowed Fellowship. I specialize in public history, more specifically oral history, with a secondary emphasis on Native American history.

I began my educational journey at PSU in Fall 2007 as an undergraduate majoring in history. Little did I know what an exciting journey this would be! For the 2011-2012 academic year, I was selected as a graduate assistant for the department and began working with the Oregon Encyclopedia Project. My experience with the Encyclopedia has been invaluable, as I have learned new skills in fact-checking and image research, as well as what it looks like to be on staff for a non-profit, history-based project.

Outside of my Oregon Encyclopedia Project position, I have conducted a Reconnaissance Level Survey of downtown Hillsboro for a historic preservation project and likewise wrote the historic context statements for Hillsboro and Orenco for the National Park Service’s National Register. I have worked on a number of other projects within my actual courses, including a web exhibit on Washington County land-use history, an oral history project focused on the technology industry in Washington County’s Silicon Forest with the Washington County History Museum, and a website that documents Lower Chinookan history.

Gratefully, my expertise as an historian has also been stretched working on a Chinook oral history project headed by Dr. Katy Barber, and this summer I became a project assistant to the Celilo Stories Website with the Confluence Project. The opportunities and experiences that I have gleaned over the past five years have not only shaped the historian that I have become; they have also helped me as a single mom to provide for and set an example for my son. Thank you for all your generosity and support!
Professor William (Bill) Lang, a historian of the Pacific Northwest and the Columbia River basin, is a national leader in two very different and increasingly important historical subfields: public history and environmental history. Having previously taught at a number of universities in Montana, Washington, and Oregon, he was hired to a senior position in the PSU History Department in 1994, and promoted to the rank of professor three years later. Among his many professional accomplishments, he is the former executive director of a major local historical journal, *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*; founder and former director of the Center for Columbia River History; and currently editor-in-chief of the Oregon Encyclopedia of History and Culture. In 1996 he published a major monograph in the history of the nineteenth-century U.S. West, *Confederacy of Ambition: William Winlock Miller and the Making of Washington Territory* (Seattle: University of Washington Press). Since coming to PSU, his leadership in the History Department has enabled our university to achieve regional and national recognition in the fields of Pacific Northwest history and public history. Just as his original research and record of publication reflects PSU’s commitment to global excellence, so his specific areas of expertise embody our dedication to community engagement and sustainability studies.

Professor Caroline Litzenberger, historian of medieval and early modern England and an internationally recognized expert on the English Reformation, completed her doctorate in history at Cambridge University in 1993 and taught at West Virginia University for five years before joining the PSU History Department in 1999. In 1997, she published a major monograph with Cambridge University Press, *The English Reformation and the Laity: Gloucestershire 1540-1580*. Through innovative analysis of archival sources, including the statistical analysis of language used in wills, she documents the spread of Protestant belief among the English laity and the persistence of Catholic loyalties among English people who had only nominally converted to the new religion. An outstanding educator, she has had a particular impact on our graduate program, advising sixteen successful M.A. theses over the past dozen years. Many of her students have gone on to study at prestigious Ph.D. programs, including Oxford, Cambridge, St Andrews, and Edinburgh, and several now hold tenure-track positions at other universities. Dr. Litzenberger is also an ordained Episcopal minister, and she will continue her work at St Matthew’s Episcopal Church in northeast Portland.

**upcoming events**

**Oct. 26:** Power, Wealth and a Confucius for Today  
Dr. Peter Bol, Harvard University  
**Lecture:** @ 6:00 p.m. - Lincoln Hall 75  
**Workshop:** Uses of GIS in Historical Analysis  
@ 12:00 - 2:00 - Cramer Hall 494

**Nov. 1:** Segregated Life in U.S. Cities—An Era of Racial Borderlands *(featured on front page)*  
Dr. Al Camarillo, Stanford University  
**Lecture:** @ 5:30 p.m. - Lincoln Hall 75

**Nov. 8:** Celebration and Forum for library collection  
*(featured on page 2)*  
@ 5:30 p.m. - PSU Library

For more events information, please visit  
www.pdx.edu/foh/foh-events
April: Bodies at Prayer in Early Modern England

*Phi Alpha Theta* invited Dr. John Craig, Professor of History and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, BC), to deliver a lecture on his research on religion in early modern England. His lecture, entitled "Bodies at Prayer in Early Modern England," explored this central characteristic of early modern English culture by tracing deeply contested aspects of its mechanics and meanings. He drew on surviving evidence of posture, gesture, and popular participation to identify some of the cultural fault lines that existed in the Elizabethan and Jacobean church.

June: Termination is Not the End

A former journalist who earned her M.A. in History from PSU, Roberta Ulrich returned in June to talk about her most recent publication, *American Indian Nations from Termination to Restoration*, her second book. Her first, *Empty Nets: Indians, Dams, and the Columbia River*, is a revision of her Master’s thesis and is in its second printing. Ulrich’s important work on the termination and restoration of Native American tribes in the twentieth century is a significant contribution to the documentation of federal Indian policy and tells an important story in the annals of Oregon’s native tribes. Ulrich drew from her decades of covering Indian issues as a journalist as well as archival research and dozens of recent interviews, for her well-attended presentation.

Awards presented at graduation ceremony

**GPA** (4.0 GPA, Spring 2011 through Winter 2012)
- Undergraduate: Kenneth Coleman
- Graduate: Melissa Swank (featured student on page 3)

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT**

William Thompson

**SEMINAR PAPER PRIZES**

- Undergraduate: Jonathan Phillips
  “The Perfidy of the Jews: Visigothic Law and the Catholic Public Sphere”
- Graduate: Makenzie Moore
  “A Tangled Web: Exploring Relationships in the 1991 Bristol Bay Fishing Strike”

Photos from this event can be found at http://www.pdx.edu/foh/links

**Friends of History Endowed Lecture with Stephanie Coontz**

Historian Stephanie Coontz, Friends of History’s 2012 Endowed Lecturer, spoke to an enthusiastic crowd of more than 200 in May. Author of such books as *The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgic Trap* and *Marriage, A History: How Love Conquered Marriage*, Professor Coontz teaches family history at The Evergreen State College and regularly contributes to the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Washington Post*.

Students, community members, and faculty packed the Smith Center Ballroom to hear about Coontz’s recent book, ‘A Strange Stirring’: *The Feminine Mystique* and *American Women at the Dawn of the 1960s*, which explores the legacy of Betty Friedan’s seminal 1963 book, *The Feminine Mystique*. The evening concluded with a discussion that historicized several contemporary family issues pertinent to her work with the Council on Contemporary Families. The superb talk was followed by a rousing question and answer session.
Laura Robson: *Colonialism and Christianity in Mandate Palestine*

In this book, I sought to do two things: first, to recover the history of Palestine’s Arab Christians, who have been largely ignored by historians of the modern Middle East, and second, to discover how Palestine came to be dominated by sectarian interests. *Colonialism and Christianity in Mandate Palestine* follows the declining political fortunes of Palestinian Arab Christians during the mandate period: from a prominent position within a broad secular nationalist movement in the early years of the mandate to a position of almost total exclusion from Muslim-dominated national politics by the late 1930s. I argue that this loss of power resulted from the British colonial administration’s early decision to promote communally organized legal and political structures in Palestine, on the model of imperial policy in India and elsewhere.

The book challenges easy assumptions about the current Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which is all too often cast as a religious struggle between Muslims and Jews. The inclusion of the Christian story in this narrative forces us to understand the conflict as an essentially political and economic struggle, into which religious interests were injected after the fact. It also contradicts our understanding of the Middle East as an essentially sectarian place, showing us that sectarianism is not something that is somehow endemic to the region, but rather something that arises out of specific—and usually modern—historical circumstances. In this case, the emergence of sectarian politics and communal self-identifications in Palestine can be specifically traced to the interventions of the British colonial state in the early 1920s. This conclusion forces us to re-evaluate the role of religion in Middle Eastern political history and think about sectarianism as a modern phenomenon rather than an essential, permanent aspect of the Arab world.
Alumni Story: Ken Honda

Portland State University is a wondrous place in its openness to individuals starting or returning to college as non-traditional students. Consider the case of Ken Honda, hardly an average exchange student from Japan.

Mr. Honda had long wanted to study in the United States, but when he graduated from college in Japan in the 1960s, that was still an unusual (and expensive) step for someone from Japan. So, Mr. Honda accepted a job and worked—as so many salarymen of his generation did—long hours for four decades until his retirement in the early twenty-first century. Yet the thought of studying in the United States still tugged at him even in retirement and in 2003 he came to Portland State University for a year to study history, mainly American history (Japanese-American history came to be one of his special interests). Mr. Honda vividly remembers courses with professors such as Barney Burke and Bill Lang. Now he is an active member of the newly formed Portland State University Alumni Club in Japan.

Thank you!

Friends of History and the PSU History Department would like to express our gratitude to everyone who has supported our program in the past. Your generous contributions help to make possible student fellowships, student and faculty research, public programming and community outreach. We couldn’t do it without you!

Please see insert for information on how you can invest in student success and support the History program. You can also scan our QR code to go directly to our “giving” page. Links to the “giving” page can also be found on our website at www.pdx.edu/foh.

-Thomas Luckett, department chair

Note From a Donor:
Robert Handy

I have given regularly to Portland State University for twenty-five years—specifically to the History Department through Friends of History and the Burke Scholarship Endowment Fund.

I continue to do so for a couple of reasons; first, because my years there as a student were life-changing. Thanks to the tutelage of numerous History professors, but especially Drs. Burke and Heath, I became a disciplined thinker, developing a broad perspective, especially on international affairs. Seldom does a week go by that I don’t still draw upon the knowledge they imparted and the discipline they conveyed. My gifts are in that sense pay-back in gratitude for what I received. Furthermore, I give specifically to the History Department to encourage and enable current students in their pursuit of historical studies in the hope that their lives might be changed as was mine. The Robert T. Handy Scholarship Fund and its successor, the Bernard Burke Endowment Fund, has given numerous scholarships to deserving History majors over the years.

I trust that others who, like me, have benefited from their PSU and History Department experiences will give and continue to give to make sure future students are drawn to and excel in their academic endeavors.

To give to the History Department
To give to Friends of History
Jim Heath was born in 1931 in the Texas panhandle and spent his early years in Clarendon and Amarillo, where he worked in his family's furniture business. He graduated from junior college in 1951, and married his high school sweetheart, Carol Wilson. They moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where Carol taught school and Jim attended the University of New Mexico, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1953. He continued at UNM for the next two years, serving in the US Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, and majoring in American economic history. He earned his M.A. degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1955.

For the next two years Jim was an Air Force budget and fiscal officer at Berlin's Templehof Air Base. It was a touchy time in Soviet-American Cold War relations, after the successful airlift and before the construction of the Berlin Wall. A daughter, Nancy, was born while the Heaths lived in Berlin.

Returning to civilian life, Jim spent seven years in Albuquerque, working in a family-owned business, welcoming a second daughter, Ann, and participating in local political, cultural, and religious life. In 1964, Jim decided to honor a long-held desire to become a college teacher by enrolling at Stanford University, where he completed a Ph.D. degree in three years; his dissertation, *John F. Kennedy and the Business Community*, gained publication at the prestigious University of Chicago Press. He was welcomed to the History Department at Portland State in Fall 1967, where he quickly became one of the most sought-after professors.

While Jim was justly proud of his research and publications—his second book, *Decade of Disillusionment: The Kennedy-Johnson Years* (University of Indiana Press, 1975), was very favorably reviewed—he was even more proud of his record as a teacher and mentor to Portland State students. His lectures were brilliant and followed a well-organized pattern. Jim would begin with his outline, saying “This is what we are going to cover.” He would then enthral his classes with a fascinating review of the period under discussion. At the close of each presentation, he would hark back to the outline saying, “This is what we covered today.” He used the same techniques when talking to community audiences or when leading his Bible study classes at Mountain Park Church in Lake Oswego.

Eleanor Ann Fulton, Assistant Professor of History at Portland State University, passed away at the age of 61 on May 15, 2011 in Portland, Oregon. Ann (as she preferred to be called) earned her B.A. degree from Portland State University in 1976, and her M.A. (1979) and Ph.D. (1991) degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Her dissertation became a book, *Apostles of Sartre: Existentialism in America, 1945-1963* (Northwestern University Press, 1999), which was recognized by a pre-eminent American intellectual historian for its contribution to understanding the influence of French existentialism in American thought. But Ann's scholarship and teaching interests ranged far beyond the field of her doctoral work in American intellectual history. She developed an extraordinary range of expertise in women's history, family history, local and community history, Asian-American history, Native-American history, and Canadian history.

Ann's true passion, though, may have been Native American history, and in 2004 she received the Castles Heritage Award of the Center for Columbia River History for the study of Columbia River peoples. In 2007 she published “The Restoration of an Ilkák'mana: A Chief Called Multnomah” in the *American Indian Quarterly*. Publication of this article marked the completion of an important first stage in a longer term project on the role of Native Americans in the history of Portland, Oregon. She was working on this project when she became ill in 2009.

Ann's devotion to her students made her a model teacher, one to whom many students—particularly women students—thronged to for help and advice, and in 2009 she was the recipient of the John Eliot Allen Award for Outstanding Teacher in History at PSU. Even as her illness made it physically impossible to be in the classroom, she mastered the technology of online teaching and was teaching an online history course at the time of her death.