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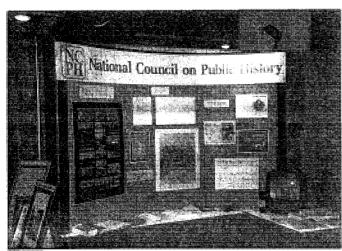
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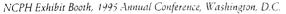
ANNUAL REPORT 1994-1995

The National Council on Public History experienced another very good year. Building on the initiatives begun under past president Philip Scarpino, NCPH has increased its membership, prepared a long range plan, continued its advocacy activities, and reinvigorated its publication schedule. In addition, NCPH has launched two new campaigns: to bring NCPH into the world of primary and secondary education <u>and</u> to work with the National Park Service on a number of demonstration projects.

As always, the National Council has benefitted from the tireless efforts of its board of directors and members. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you. My NCPH colleagues have rallied in support of my requests, served the organization faithfully and prudently, and provided good companionship. I appreciate all the time and effort devoted to NCPH during 1994-1995.

I also want to thank NCPH committee chairs: Executive Director, David G. Vanderstel; Administrative Assistant, Joyce Haibe; and IUPUI graduate assistant. Kathy Nichols. In addition, I want to take this opportunity to thank Wanda Sala. the Loyola History Department secretary, who handled much NCPH business these past two years. Loyola University Chicago, the Department of History, and my colleague, Ted Karamanski. facilitated my presidency in a variety of ways and I appreciate the support that enabled me to serve NCPH to the best of my ability. And finally, Rebecca Conard, Alan Newell, and Phil Scarpino deserve a big "thank you" for all their help this past year.





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Jeffrey P. Brown, President Diane Britton, Vice-president Patricia Mooney-Melvin, Past-president Marianne Babal, Secretary-treasurer David G. Vanderstel, Executive Director Annual Meetings NCPH and the

Organization of American Historians meet jointly every few years. This spring, they joined forces again to bring the historical community an exciting conference experience in Washington, D.C. and the most successful one to date. Conference participants had the opportunity to hear about a variety of topics and approaches to studying the past,

discuss numerous issues of concern to conference goers both as historians and as citizens, partake of interesting tours, and enjoy good conversation with old and new friends. I want to thank OAH staff members for all their assistance; OAH Executive Director, Arnita Jones, for her cooperation and good advice; and outgoing OAH president, Gary Nash, for his goodwill. After settling with the OAH for our share of the conference costs, I am happy to report that NCPH received a check from the OAH for \$10.994.53.

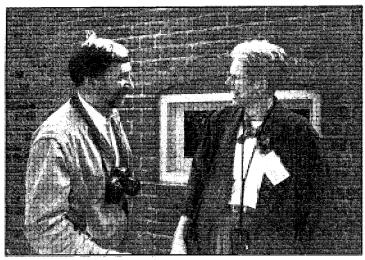
About Our Members

• Volume 17, No. 2 (1995) of *The Public Historian* marked **Lindsey E. Reed's** 15th anniversary with the journal. Beginning as an assistant editor in the spring of 1980, she was appointed managing editor in 1991. NCPH recognizes her many years of excellent editorial work and her strong dedication to the public history profession. Congratulations, thank you, and best wishes for many more years, Lindsey!

• President Clinton has named Hester A. Davis of Fayetteville, Arkansas, to the Cultural Property Advisory Committee. Davis, the State Archaeologist for the Arkansas Archaeology Survey, was sworn in on January 30. Established by the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act of 1983 (which allows the US to ban the importation of certain artifacts to assist a country in protecting its cultural patrimony for scientific, cultural, and educational purposes), the eleven-member committee reviews requests for aid from countries whose cultural treasures are being illegally removed and peddled in the illegal art market. Law requires that two members represent the interests of museums, three in archaeology, anthropology, ethnology, or related disciplines, three in the international sale of cultural property, and three representing the general public.

• President Clinton has appointed **Jim Huhta**, director of the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University, to a four-year term on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The council, consisting of the secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, four federal agency heads, and 11 presidentially-appointed, non-federal members, seeks to protect historic properties, promotes federal preservation planning, and advises the President and Congress on preservation issues. "For a person like myself, this is the highest honor you can get in my field," Huhta stated.

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Past-Presidents Philip Scarpino and Patricia Moonev-Melvin exchange ideas about NCPH while on the Mount Vernon tour.

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contributed specific programs and opportunities for those attending the conference. NCPH representatives on the Program Committee—Barbara Howe, Patrick O'Bannon, and Dwight Pitcaithleyworked with OAH committee members to pull together an interesting program and experiment with different ways to exchange information. The NCPH Tour Committee, under the able direction of Wendy Wolff. developed three excellent tours: the National Air and Space Museum's Garber Facility in Suitland, Maryland; Cedar Hill, Frederick Douglass's Anacostia home: and George Washington's Mount Vernon. Once again, NCPH offered



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outside the university in government, business, historical societies, preservation organizations, archives, libraries, professional associations, and public interest groups

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Submissions to *Public History News* should be sent to David G. Vanderstel, Editor, at the address above. the popular workshop on contracting and Rebecca Conard organized an excellent workshop on the world of public history opportunities for graduate students.

This conference also saw our organization move in two new directions. For the first time NCPH operated a booth in the conference exhibit hall. The

Executive Offices and Historical Research Associates, Inc., created our booth infrastructure and NCPH offered members a place to meet and non-members the opportunity to learn more about public history and the National Council. A big "thank you" to all board members and graduate students who helped the NCPH staff keep the booth open for business. Second, the Curriculum and Training Committee set up a mentoring program for graduate students. The program matched graduate students with public history practitioners and encouraged the interchange of information, advice, and collegiality. Your board has encouraged this Committee to work with those organizing the 1996 program in order to further develop this initiative.

Next year's NCPH conference, cosponsored by the Pacific Northwest Historians Guild, will be in Seattle, Washington, from April 10-14. The Program Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee are hard at work. The 1997 meeting will bring NCPH back to the east coast and provide the opportunity for NCPH members to enjoy the many historical treasures of Albany: New York,

The Public Historian

Otis Graham, Jr. and Lindsey Reed have guided TPH through another successful year. Our contract with the University of California Press has facilitated the smooth operation of the journal and subscription levels have grown despite the economic constraints facing many institutions as well as individuals. Rebecca Simon of the Press reported that income was higher and expenses less than expected and that NCPH will be able to take advantage of the profit sharing provisions of the new contract. Simon also announced that TPH has been selected as one of the UC journals involved in "SCAN," a two-year trial project which will make the journal available to UC libraries in an on-line format. The G.

Wesley Johnson Prize for the best article published in the 1994 volume of *The Public Historian* was awarded to Nigel Worden for his article, "Unwrapping History at the Cape Town Waterfront," which appeared in the Spring 1994 issue of *TPH*. Congratulations Nigel!

Membership

Membership remains a high priority and, under the able nurturing of the Membership Committee, continued its steady growth. As of volume 16:4, NCPH membership had reached a total of 1,368 individual and institutional members. The UC Press has facilitated our membership campaign and we look forward to another year of growth. Nonetheless, NCPH must remain vigilant in this area and all of us need to work on increasing both the number and diversity of our members.

Plan 2000: 1995-2000

NCPH has a new long-range plan, "Plan 2000: 1995-2000," which builds on the excellent work of the last two Long Range Planning committees and charts a bold course for NCPH in the years ahead. The plan provides NCPH with five major goals: (1) Attract and retain a large, more diverse, and loyal membership base - 2.000 by 2000; (2) Establish a stronger, more visible advocacy role; (3) Foster an identity that reflects the vibrancy of the organization - a "Neon Identity;" (4) Maintain and enhance an efficient, effective organization apparatus; and (5) Create an expanded, stronger, well-conceptualized financial base, including defining the purpose of the endowment. If NCPH is to move into the next century as an active player on the national scene as well as support the varied needs of its members, we must work together and meet the challenges set forth in "Plan 2000."

The Executive Director's Office

IUPUI will remain the home of NCPH's Executive Directorate for another three years. This spring your board successfully negotiated an extension of the contract that brought NCPH to IUPUI five years ago. In addition, our financial situation allows us to contribute \$3,000 toward the salary of the Executive Director this summer, thus further enhancing the office's ability to serve the membership. David Vanderstel will continue to serve as Executive Director and Joyce Haibe as Administrative Assistant.

Advocacy

The National Council has worked hard to tackle the variety of challenges facing

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by Jeffrey P. Brown

Many of our members attended the joint National Council on Public History/Organization of American Historians conference in Washington this spring. I am sure that you will agree that it was an excellent meeting, with first-rate programs, workshops, and tours. I want to express

my appreciation for the fine work done by our members in slating sessions, arranging tours and workshops, and taking part in many aspects of the conference. At the meeting, our Board of Directors discussed and adopted an ambitious long range plan. "Plan 2000." which calls for NCPH to increase both membership and endowment bases substantially and to utilize its strength and stability to advocate professional standards in public history employment and research. You will be hearing more about the plan's implementation throughout the year. Fromg the Markington meeting, I had the pleasure of attending a number of our committee meetings. NCPH is blessed with many able members who give their time and energy to promoting the needs of public historians through service on our committees. Since committees address many significant issues, I hope that our members will express their preferences for committee service in the future. NCPH thrives because its members play an active role in the committee structure. Future issues of Public Histery News will keep you apprised of committee activities.

Last year, as President-Elect. I learned that we are blessed with superb Executive Offices. Our new Executive Director, David G. Vanderstel, is doing a fine job. So are his administrative/editorial assistant. Joyce Haibe, and graduate assistant, Kathy Nichols. They have provided much assistance as I moved into my role as President. Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis will continue to host the Executive Offices through 1999, barring unexpected circumstances. The university recognizes NCPH's importance and the prestige that we bring to their campus: in turn, we very much appreciate the university's support, which helps give us organizational stability. We also continue to maintain a solid relationship with the University of California at Santa Barbara and the University of California Press.

I look forward to the April 1996 NCPH conference in Seattle. The Program and Local Arrangements Committees, chaired by Robert Weible and Lisa Mighetto respectively, are developing sessions, discussions, tours, workshops, and other experiences for our members that should prove very rewarding. NCPH is co-sponsoring the conference with the Pacific Northwest Historians Guild, and I believe that our interaction will be very fruitful. While the 1997 NCPH meeting will be held in Albany, New York. Diane Britton is currently soliciting proposals for annual meetings in 1998, 1999, and 2000. I encourage you to call her or correspond electronically with her to discuss site proposals.

The new year should bring many challenges. We are all too aware that sharp cutbacks in funding and the relaxation of professional standards may threaten the quality and scope of our work. The Executive Director, Executive Committee, Board and I will be vigorous advocates for public history. It is very important that you let us know your concerns!

Over the next five years, NCPH plans to triple its membership and use its greater strength for increasingly powerful advocacy. I urge our members to help recruit and retain members for NCPH. If each individual member introduced one new public historian to NCPH this year, we could immediately double in size and strength. All or us know historians who should belong to NCTH, but who are not aware of its benefits. Many of us know current and former graduate students who would also benefit from NCPH membership. The Executive Offices and Membership Committee will be happy to send membership brochures to you if you wish to distribute them to potential members.

NCPH has inaugurated an Endowment Committee to recommend means of sharply increasing our financial base. In coming months, the newsletter will discuss ways in which you can help build the endowment. Please keep the NCPH endowment in mind. Our individual contributions can strengthen NCPH and make it a more powerful force for public history.

One of our most important and ongoing concerns is training new public historians since today's students will become our colleagues and co-workers. If you plan to offer internships during the coming year, please send notices about them to the Executive Director for posting in *PHN*. Both employers and students will benefit if we can place able, hard-working people in rewarding internships that fulfill agency missions and meet the needs of our clients.

I have been a member of NCPH since 1984. During the past decade, I have always found the National Council to be a warm and collegial organization. Our members frequently contact each other, and help their friends and colleagues to succeed. In many ways, this philosophy is the most important aspect about NCPH. I am confident that we will continue to maintain our collegiality as we grow and take on larger roles. I look forward to the coming year.

MENTORING PROGRAM AT D.C. MEETING A SUCCESS

by William Bryans

During the recent annual meeting, the Curriculum and Training Committee inaugurated a program to bring together public history students and practitioners. The new mentoring program sought to provide student attendees with a point of contact—someone who could answer questions both about the profession and the sometimes bewildering intricacies of the conference, as well as provide introductions and generally be a friendly face. By all accounts, the experiment was an unqualified success. At least nine public history students were taken under the wing by a variety of NCPH members. Several impromptu pairings even occurred at the graduate student reception Thursday evening. All participants agreed that it was a worthwhile and enjoyable exchange.

The mentoring program will be offered again at the 1996 meeting in Seattle. All NCPH members, and students especially, should be on the lookout for more information in *Public History News* and conference materials as the annual meeting approaches. Any member who can not wait to be a mentor, any student particularly anxious to participate, or anyone wanting more information can contact: Bill Bryans, Department of History, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078-0611; e-mail: william.bryans@okway.okstate.edu.

NCPH ELECTS NEW VICE-PRESIDENT

During our last election, Diane F. Britton, Associate Professor of History at the University of Toledo, was elected Vice-President of the NCPH for 1995-96. She will succeed Jeffrey P. Brown as President after the 1996 annual meeting in Seattle. Britton has been active in NCPH since 1986 in several ways, including secretary/treasurer, board member, chair of the finance, awards and program committees, member of the membership committee, conference organizer and participant.

Britton earned the Ph.D in American and public history from Washington State University and currently coordinates public history at the University of Toledo. Her research interest in community and industry building resulted in the publication of The Iron and Steel Industry in the Far West: Irondale, Washington (Colorado, 1991) and several articles. A second book, History Outreach: Programs for Museums. Historical Organizations and Academic History Departments (1994), co-edited with J.D. Britton, is part of Krieger Publishing Company's Public History Series. Britton continues her investigation of the relationship between economics and community development in the West.

Britton's interest in local history serves the outreach aspect of public history at Toledo. Her public history courses stress the importance of developing a sense of professional responsibility beyond institutional walls. University of Toledo public history students have produced popular books, exhibits, oral history projects and public presentations. *Birmingham: Reflections on Community* (1992) and *A History of the Columbian House* [Waterville, Ohio] (1993); each received local history publication awards. For a recent oral history project, students interviewed World War IJ-era Jeep workers about their shop floor experiences. These projects encourage students to connect the past with everyday life and people. This active approach to learning history helps students develop a sensitivity to the importance of continuous reflection on the past and also makes a valuable contribution to the local community.

Britton believes that in order for NCPH

to move forward, it must continue to emphasize its service responsibilities within the history profession. As vicepresident she plans to work toward widening the membership base of NCPH as outlined in "Plan 2000." NCPH addresses the professional needs of its many constituencies while promoting the significance of history in the public realm. She also hopes to foster links between various public history groups and encourage communication with non-affiliated individuals and organizations. NCPH's long-range plan also calls for further development of the organization's important advocacy role. Britton agrees that role should be expanded to give

historians a stronger voice in public issues that concern the profession. She brings a variety of experiences to NCPH—teaching and research, work in historic preservation and museums, editing, publishing and community outreach and a commitment to carry out the organization's mission and goals.



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• Patrick O'Bannon of Kise Franks & Straw in Philadelphia, PA. and NCPH board member, has been elected Vice President for Public Policy of the newly formed American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA). ACRA's mission is to promote the professional, ethical, and business practices of the cultural resources industry. including all of its affiliated disciplines, for the benefit of the resources, the public, and the members of the association. Its board and membership represent the business interests of cultural resources companies from all disciplines across the country archaeology, architectural history, historical architecture, history, landscape architecture, planning and public policy. **Shelley Bookspan** with PHR Environmental Consultants, Inc., in Santa Barbara, CA. also is a board member. • Gerald George was appointed Executive Director of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) at its June 22 meeting. George had served as Executive Director of NHPRC for four years prior to his resignation in October 1994. The Commission voted to reappoint "its immediate past Executive Director to this position and asks that he resume his duties at the earliest possible date."

"ENOLA GAY" UPDATE

by Patricia Mooney-Melvin

During early 1995. NCPH. along with other historical organizations, registered its concern over the intrusion of public officials into the "Enola Gay" exhibit controversy at the Smithsonian as well as issues related to the place of historical interpretation in the exhibition process. The Council endorsed the resolution issued by the Organization of American Historians, which stated: "The Organization of American Historians condemns threats by members of Congress to penalize the Smithsonian Institution because of the controversial exhibition on World War II and the dropping of the atomic bomb The OAH further deplores the removal of historical documents and revisions of interpretations of history for reasons outside the professional procedures and criteria by which museums are created."

NCPH expressed its concern to the Smithsonian Institution's Secretary, I. Michael Heyman, who responded with a copy of his January 30th statement released following his meeting with the Smithsonian's Board of Regents. Since

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history during this past year. NCPH has supported the advocacy efforts of the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History and the National History Education Network (NHEN). The Council has participated in ongoing discussions with other professional organizations-including OAH, AHA, AAM. AASLH, and SHFG-on issues relating to the relationship among historians, museums, educational programs, and the public. NCPH, through its CRM Committee, has commented on several proposed changes and revisions to federal regulation affecting history and historic preservation, continued to monitor the NPS effort to revise the "Historic Preservation Qualification Standards," and submitted a position paper on heritage areas for the hearing on heritage areas in the House of Representatives this past March. The establishment of an historical advocacy standing committee should further facilitate the Council's efforts in this area.

Heyman expressed an interest in keeping the lines of communication open with NCPH, I encourage you to share your thoughts on this issue with Secretary Heyman.

Finally, I am serving as the Council's representative in discussions about historians and historical interpretation in museums. Arnita Jones. NCPH member and Executive Director of OAH, invited several individuals to begin this discussion at the meeting of the American Historical Association last January. An enlarged version of this group, including representatives from AAM. AHA. AASLH. NCC. a number of historical societies and muscum-, CAH, and NCPH, met again at the NCFH OAH joint meeting in Washington, D.C. After a wideranging three hour discussion, the group decided to continue its exploration of these issues in a more formal, ad hoc committee structure. We will keep you informed.

Editor's Note: On May 2, 1995, Dr. Martin Harwit stepped down as Director of the National Air and Space Museum, a position he had held since 1987. During his tenure, Harwit led the Museum's successful efforts in "collecting, preserving, restoring and displaying aeronautic and space flight equipment of historical interest." He also increased research and publication programs and led the effort to secure passage of legislation authorizing the National Air and Space Extension at Washington Dulles International Airport to house the Museum's growing collection of airplanes and spacecraft.

In mid May, the Senate Rules Committee held hearings to consider the Smithsonian Institution's Future Management Practices and its plans for avoiding another "Enola Gav" controversy. Edward Linenthal, professor of religion and American culture at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh and member of the Advisory Committee on the "Enola Gay" exhibit, testified before the committee regarding the tension between commemorative and historical voices, the scholar's obligations to provide comprehensive and balanced interpretations of the past, and the "distressingly irresponsible" media coverage of the issue.

On June 28, the "Enola Gay" exhibit opened to the public and has since been met by protests from assorted groups.

Upcoming Publications

Three new publications will be available soon. The CRM Committee has completed a CRM bibliography, thanks to the efforts of committee members Lisa Mighetto and Bill Willingham. The updated NCPH Guide to Graduate Programs in Public History should be ready by late 1995. The Syllabus Exchange is being updated and significantly revised in order to enhance its effectiveness. Look for it later in 1996.

New Initiatives

NCPH adopted two new initiatives this year. The first is in the area of precollegiate education. In addition to financial contributions to the National History Education Network and National History Day, NCPH now holds a position on the board of directors of National History Day and the policy board of NHEN. The Pre-Collegiate Education Committee, under the able leadership of Gordon Olson, developed a list of recommendations that the board has accepted to give NCPH greater visibility in this area. The History and National Parks Collaboration Committee has proposed a pilot In Process Peer Review project as well as a number of NCPH demonstration projects with the National Park Service.

The Future

As we move closer to the 21st century, we have the opportunity to build on our past successes, learn from our mistakes, and help shape the understanding as well as practice of history in society. If NCPH is to do that effectively, however, it needs to continue to grow and diversify. The challenge is ours and all of your officers, board members, committee members, and support staff look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

> Patricia Mooney-Melvin, Past President

Committee Reports

Cultural Resources Management by Patrick O'Bannon, chair

NCPH president Patricia Mooney-Melvin gave the CRM Committee four charges for the 1994-1995 year. The committee acted on all of them as well as upon some issues that arose during the year.

We were charged to keep tabs on the process to implement the professional standards section of the 1992 National Historic Preservation Act amendments. The amendments state in Section 112(1)(B) that:

Agency personnel or contractors responsible for historic resources shall meet qualification standards established by the Office of Personnel Management in consultation with the Secretary and appropriate professional societies of the disciplines involved. The Office of Personnel Management shall revise qualification standards within 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act for the disciplines involved, specifically archaeology, architecture, conservation, curation, history, landscape architecture, and planning. Such standards shall consider the particular skills and expertise needed for the preservation of historic resources and shall be equivalent requirements for the disciplines involved.

The old standards called for a graduate degree in history, architectural history, art history, historic preservation, or a closely related field; or a bachelor's degree and either at least two year full-time experience or substantial contribution through research and publication. Archaeologists had to possess a graduate degree, a year of full-time experience, four months field and analytic experience. and demonstrated ability to carry research to completion.

The draft professional standards were issued in late June, with comments received in July. A revised draft, issued in December 1994, clearly represented a step backwards from previous drafts. The December revisions made no effort to bring the minimum qualifications for historians in line with those for archaeologists and other professionals. The committee issued comments to the National Park Service, noting that the draft revisions did not comply with the 1992 National Historic Preservation Act amendments, which called for "equivalent requirements." Committee member Bruce Noble arranged for Park Service representatives to meet with the CRM Committee at the annual

meeting in Washington to discuss this issue. The committee continues to monitor this process and will continue to press for equivalency among the various professional disciplines.

The committee developed a position paper on the growing phenomenon of heritage areas that outlines NCPH's support for these efforts. The position paper, approved by the board at the annual meeting, urges that qualified historians be included in the planning process from the earliest stages and calls for coordination with state historic preservation offices. The board approved NCPH membership in the National Coalition for Heritage Areas, so that the committee and the organization may keep abreast of developments in this area.

Lisa Mighetto and Bill Willingham completed work on a draft CRM bibliography, which was distributed to the full committee for review and comment at the annual meeting in Washington. The final version of the bibliography will be presented to the board in September. Pat also asked us to monitor the status of the National Park Service's proposed revisions to the Service's thematic framework. These revisions had been completed by the time the committee received its charge. Committee members talked to several individuals involved in crafting the revisions and determined that the historical community is largely pleased with the changes.

In October 1994 the Advisory Council in Historic Preservation issued draft regulations for implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act that accommodated the 1992 amendments to the act. Our committee commented on the proposed regulations in December. It appears that a revised set of draft regulations will be issued for comment during the summer of 1995. and the committee will review and comment upon them.

In recent weeks both the House and Senate appropriations committees called for abolishing the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. During a hectic period in mid-June various committee members actively lobbied representatives and senators in an effort to secure continued funding for the Council. The committee will continue to monitor this situation and encourages all public historians and cultural resources professional to contact their representatives and senators on this matter. It is crucial that we make our voices heard.

Curriculum and Training by William Bryans, chair

The Curriculum and Training Committee faces a busy year ahead, and will need the input of all NCPH constituencies to meet its charges.

The committee has been asked to continue the mentoring program for students attending the annual meeting, as successfully inaugurated at the recent Washington, D.C. meeting (see separate article). A reception for those participating is also planned.

The development of two surveys will also garner the committee's attention. The first will be directed at public history students, seeking their input on curricular needs and career goals. The second survey will compliment the first by asking employers of public historians about their particular needs and how they think students should be trained.

Two ongoing projects will continue through the coming year also. Training standards and guidelines within the various specialties of public history will be monitored. It is hoped that discussion of this critical issue can be generated through articles in Public History News and The Public Historian. The unique circumstances of public historians in the academy will remain a concern of the committee as well. This effort will include drafting potential guidelines to assure that public history programs receive due attention when their academic department undergoes review and evaluation. Some guidance on the promotion and tenure of academic public historians will also be considered.

Finally, the committee has been asked to develop a column describing a model introductory public history seminar for placement in the AHA and OAH newsletters. Many gradute history programs can potentially offer one such seminar to expose students to public history and its methods, and we want to encourage that it be done well. Moreover, such a course can awaken these students to history as a public enterprise, something that can not help but better the entire historical profession.

Whew! Obviously, a busy year lies ahead. Together, these tasks involve at least one area of interest to every NCPH member. Therefore, the committee seeks the ideas and suggestions on any and all of these from the entire membership. Anyone with input to share should feel free to contact the committee chair: Bill Bryans, Department of History. Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078-0611; email william.bryans@okway.okstate.edu

Finance by David G. Vanderstel, Executive Director

I am pleased to report that NCPH is financially healthy and stable. This can be attributed to the sound fiscal management of the board, increased membership and sponsorships, improved revenues from UC Press, and the continued underwriting of the Executive Offices by the host institution.

At its spring meeting, the board approved the '95-'96 budget of more than \$35,000, which recognized several positive developments in our income. The new UC Press contract. effective January 1. 1995, provides NCPH with 50 percent of the gross income from The Public Historian instead of the set per-subscriber amount in the previous contract. Consequently, as membership increases and press costs are maintained, we should realize some nice returns from the Press. The board also set a goal for expected profits from each annual meeting, which will be achieved by increasing underwriting and sponsorships, developing strong programs that draw larger attendance, and providing revenue-producing workshops and tours. The board also expects our forthcoming updated publications to generate additional revenues.

In order to guarantee the best returns on our investments, the board established an Endowment Committee to develop short- and long-term investment plans for NCPH. In the interim, I moved our savings into a higher interest-bearing savings account and invested some \$18,000 of endowment funds into a high interest CD.

Regarding expenditures, the board has made some new and expanded commitments in order to improve NCPH's position in the profession, thereby fulfilling some of the goals established by the long range plan. First, given the extensive amount of in-kind support received from

IUPUI for maintaining the Executive Offices. NCPH has made a commitment to provide a gradually increasing portion of the Executive Director's salary. Second. the board charged the Executive Director with securing liability insurance for the organization to cover its operations and property. Third, the board boosted the amounts appropriated to certain NCPH committees that will increase our membership base, public visibility, and professional presence. Fourth, the board reaffirmed its financial commitment to organizations such as NHEN and National History Day where NCPH holds board positions. Fifth. the board agreed to consider boosting the amount of travel funds to support increased advocacy and speaking activities of the President and Executive Director.

One item that the board will address at its fall meeting will be methods to increase the visibility of NCPH at other professional meetings. In Washington, D.C., NCPH operated a booth in the exhibition hall where NCPH members gathered and others could learn more about public history. Historical Research Associates, Inc., donated its staff time and equipment to prepare a very attractive booth. If, however, NCPH expects to heighten its profile at professional meetings, we will have to acquire our own exhibit equipment that can be shipped to conference sites.

The future of our sound financial condition is dependent upon a variety of factors: (1) new investment policies recommended by the Endowment and Finance committees; (2) our success in increasing individual and institutional members and sponsorships: (3) the continued sound management of UC Press; (4) developing a series of revenue-producing workshops and programs; and (5) retaining the continued support of our host institution.

Membership by Jeffrey Brown, chair

Membership activities-the recruiting of new members and retention of current ones-are vital to NCPH's continued success. I am pleased to report that we have had a successful year. Our work combined the efforts of committee members, the Executive Offices, and the University of California Press. All of these people worked together very well, and this made my own role as chair quite comfortable. During the past two years. the Membership Committee has generated eleven targeted mailing lists for prospective members who have been contacted by UC fress or by NCPH. The mailings have included, among others, public history faculty. Canadian public historians, individuals at historical agencies and preservation officers. consultants and National History Day coordinators. The Press reports that a good percentage of new memberships have been returned as a result of these mailings, which have been sent to more than 5.000 individuals and institutions.

Committee members have been very active in developing mailing lists and in carrying out a host of individual contacts. In addition to all of their fine work, Elizabeth Monroe, Joyce Haibe, and David Vanderstel supported all of our membership efforts, and much of this year's progress has included continued work by Patricia Mooney-Melvin, who completed several mailing lists begun last year.

This year's membership campaign has been a very positive experience. NCPH had 1,368 paying members at the end of the 1994-1995 journal year, including 726 individual and 642 institutional members. I very much appreciate the cooperation and hard work that many people have given to the project, and I know that the Committee will continue its excellent work next year.

The National Council on Public History would like to welcome the Arts and Entertainment Network and The History Channel as a patron of NCPH.



1995 OAH-NCPH Program Committee by Barb Howe

NCPH and the Organization of American Historians met over 2,800 strong at the Washington Hilton and Towers from March 30-April 2, 1995. The 102 NCPH members and 120 joint OAH-NCPH members were among the thousands of visitors to Washington, D.C. during the annual cherry blossom festival.

The '95 conference theme was "American History as Public Discourse," at least until the program appeared. Then, the committee learned that the theme OAH president Gary Nash had chosen was "Widening the Circle of History." Either way, it was a great theme for public historians, and public history played a prominent role in the meeting.

Planning for the program began two years ago when Pat Mooney-Melvin appointed Barb Howe, Patrick O'Bannon, and Dwight Pitcaithley to represent NCPH on the program committee, chaired by OAH representative Michael Frisch. Since the OAH meeting required more advanced planning than our smaller NCPH meetings, there were not many "NCPH stalwarts" on the final program. For future joint meetings, NCPH members will need to remember the early deadlines for proposals to ensure their place on the program.

The program committee experimented with the traditional "three talking heads and a comment" format by successfully introducing several different presentation styles. Roundtables addressed current controversial issues in American history; however, those examining the "Enola Gay" exhibit and "Disney's America" were cancelled prior to the meeting.

Six 2- .- hour "cluster sessions" combined poster and conventional sessions by allowing groups of presenters to display their work and discuss their findings informally with the audience. These sessions worked quite well once people became accustomed to the open and more informal format. There were several rooms of "posters" where individuals or groups displayed their work in a "poster format," commonly used in other disciplines. Public historians participating in these groups seemed most comfortable with this approach because they were accustomed to presenting their research in these varied formats.

Saturday's sessions also included special topic "mini-conferences," which convened at Archives II and the Smithsonian. A major plenary session featured Roger Kennedy (National Park Service), Trudy Peterson (National Archives), Sheldon Hackney (National Endowment for the Humanities), and Spencer Crew (National Museum of American History) who discussed current issues affecting history, historical agencies, and the history profession. Little did the committee know, when it scheduled the session last spring, that this would be such a timely discussion.

Between the sessions were the numerous opportunities that really attract us to conferences—the chances to see old friends and meet new ones, the offerings of an interesting city, receptions, book exhibits, the NCPH presidential address and business meeting, and all those meetings of NCPH committees and the board!

Tours to the Frederick Douglass House, Mount Vernon, and the Garber Facility were quite successful. Thanks to Wendy Wolff and her committee for arranging such excellent tours. NCPH members Patrick O'Bannon and Michael Schene offered their popular "Historians in Contracting" workshop, and Rebecca Conard and Bill Bryans sponsored a "Careers in Public History" workshop to help graduate students consider the many opportunities that public history provides and to help students meet practicing historians. The afternoon concluded with a great reception for workshop participants and NCPH board members hosted by History Associates, Inc., Historical Research Associates, Inc. and the Society for History in the Federal Government.

Pre-Collegiate Education by Gordon Olson, chair

As part of their public history class students at a school near Washington, D.C., recently completed internships at several area historical agencies. They processed archival collections, excavated archaeological sites, laid out interpretive trails, and prepared exhibits. In short, like students in similar programs around the country, they got a close look at a variety of public history activities, and gained an appreciation for the objectivity and thoroughness that are its most essential ingredients. There was, however, one important difference for these interns. They were all between 16 and 18 years old, 11th and 12th graders in James Percoco's applied history class at West Springfield High School in Springfield, Virginia.

For several years teachers like Percoco have been proving that public history activities are an outstanding way to get students interested in their history classes and to keep them involved after their formal study has ended. Instead of passive field trips to historical sites and agencies, these students spend time as workers, getting a feel for the profession, its source material and processes.

The idea of student historians is not new; many state and local organizations have decades-old programs. Until recently, however, pre-collegiate student activities were not usually reported to members of NCPH. Individual members supported public history activities by teachers in their communities, and occasionally sessions appeared on the annual meeting program, but until president Patricia Mooney-Melvin appointed a Pre-Collegiate Education Committee in 1994, there was no defined organizational interest or commitment.

The committee's report, adopted at the April board meeting in Washington, D.C., lays out several steps in a plan to make pre-collegiate education a part of the NCPH mission. Specifically, it calls for:

- making the Pre-Collegiate Education Committee a standing committee;
- establishing history education sessions as a regular part of NCPH annual meetings;
- publishing a regular column and occasional feature stories in *Public History News*;
- designating an NCPH representative to serve on the National History Day board of directors;
- actively participating in the National History Education Network;
- providing membership incentives for pre-collegiate teachers:
- establishing an award for teachers who best incorporate public history into their classrooms; and
- encouraging NCPH members to become better informed of pre-collegiate history education issues.

Future *PHN* columns will describe James Percoco's public history class more fully, highlight pre-collegiate education activities of individual and institutional NCPH members, and address issues related to pre-collegiate history education. Members are encouraged to submit information about other examples of public history in elementary and secondary classrooms. If

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PUBLIC HISTORY PROGRAMS PLAN MERGER

by Kenneth N. Owens

California's two leading public history graduate training programs, the Capital Campus Public History Program at CSU, Sacramento, and the Public History Studies Program at UC, Santa Barbara, are announcing a plan to merge into a single joint MA/PhD program. The first of its kind in the nation, the joint program will provide unexcelled opportunities for students to pursue advanced degrees in a wide range of public history specializations, while strengthening the core course components that have been essential to the success of both existing programs.

This merger will unite two programs with complementary faculty resources while reinforcing a joint commitment to a research- based, workplace-oriented, highachieving educational experience. The combined program will train students in the central fields of public history, particularly cultural resources management, business history, public policy, archives and information management, history museum studies, and community history. The combination opens to students an unrivalled slate of public history methods courses, including oral history, cultural institutions management, material culture, history presentation (media, memory,

visual, and spatial aspects), editing, and quantitative sources and analysis. With cooperating faculty drawn from both campuses, the new program will provide increased access to other fields in history including regional specializations in California, the Southwest, and the West, women's history, ethnic cultural history (Native American, Hispanic American, African American, and Asian American in particular), and environmental history. The united program will also draw upon such related disciplines as archaeology, architecture. broadcast and computer media production, and geography to name a few

Equally striking are the advantages from combining the community and adjunct faculty resources of the two existing programs. The location of the two campuses and auxiliary facilities, including the state capital and the University of California's Washington. D.C.. Center will be important training assets. Students in the program will have unprecedented access to the offices of state and national government, the California State Library, the California State Archives and Museum, the State Governmental Oral History Project, the State Office for History Preservation, the CSU Center for California Studies, the Wilson Center, Santa Barbara's California Mission Archives, the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, Sacramento's complex of state, special interest, and local history museums, and a large array of private consulting firms and other public history enterprises. The presence at UC Santa Barbara of The Public Historian, public history's leading academic journal, will provide as well substantial opportunities for editorial experience, reviewing, and publishing for students in the joint program.

Dr. Randolph Bergstrom, director of Public History Studies at UC Santa Barbara, and Dr. Kenneth Owens, director of the CSUS Capital Campus Public History Program, anticipate that the necessary administrative steps may be advanced far enough so students entering for the fall of 1996 can be enrolled in this new joint venture. Inquiries may be directed either to Dr. Bergstrom at the History Department, UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA 93106; e-mail: Bergstro@humanitas.ucsb.edu or Dr. Owens at the History Department, CSU Sacramento, Sacramento, CA 95819; e-mail: owensk@saclink1.csus.edu

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the recent debate about national standards for history education are indicative, there will be no shortage of topics to discuss.

Publications by D. Lorne McWatters, chair

In accordance with the short and longterm goals of "Plan 2000" and with the charges of our new President, Jeff Brown, the Publications Committee has a number of important goals on its agenda, all of which are designed to provide services and deliverables to our current and new members in the years ahead. The committee relies heavily on Executive Director David Vanderstel and his staff, as much of our work will be coordinated through his office. The first goal of the committee will be to complete or revise four publications: the *Syllabus Exchange* project, a collection of syllabi from all areas of public history; an updated *Guide to Graduate Programs in History;* a revised consultants directory; and, an updated membership directory. Second, the committee will review a timetable for publishing these and other NCPH publications, including grey literature.

Third, we will review a revised or supplemented *Careers for Students of History* in coordination with the American Historical Association and the appropriate NCPH committees. Fourth, we will continue efforts to publish a guide to *Audio-Visual Materials in Public History* under the direction of Gerald Herman, who is a member of the Publications Committee. Fifth, we will seek to market our publications more directly to departments of history and to university career placement offices as part of the "Plan 2000" goal of expanding our membership and increasing the awareness of history faculty, university officials, and students of the value and career potential of public history.

If you have not yet submitted your public history syllabi or your updated entry for the Guide to Graduate Programs in Public History, please do so immediately. For information on these and any other activities of the Publications Committee, contact David Vanderstel at the Executive Offices, or me at (615)898-5805 (office), (615)895-8916 (home) or e-mail: damcwatters@mtsu.edu

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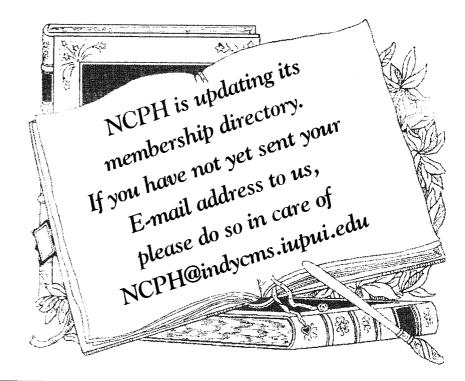
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Announcements



The Museum of the City of New York is preparing an international directory of museums that collect, preserve and interpret the history of cities. The directory, being developed for the International Forum of City Museums which recently met in Barcelona and which will next meet in Budapest in 1997, seeks the names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of such museums, and the names/titles of the principal contact people. For the purposes of the directory, museums of cities include history museums; historical societies; historic houses; history centers; museums of archaeology, architecture, ethnology, neighborhoods, politics and geography; and functions such as police, fire and transit museums, in cities with populations greater than 150,000 people. E-mail Peter Simmons at: mcny@pipeline.com

The Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum opened its new Research Center in May, 1995. The center collects materials that document the history of the American West. Items that add to an understanding of the role that myth and legend have played in creating popular images of the West are of particular interest. Holdings currently comprise some 35,000 book and serials titles; 2,000 linear feet of non-book materials, including manuscripts. photographs, sound recordings. motion pictures, and visual ephemera: and 100 linear feet of institutional archives. The center is a member of the Research Libraries Group and catalogs all of its holding into the international database, RLIN. Innopac serves as its online public access catalog. The center will be open to the research community at large. Access will be by application only. Contact: Director of the Research Center, c/o Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum, 4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027-1462; phone (213)667-2000.

Awards and Fellowships The Society of

Architectural Historians invites

graduate students in architectural history to apply for its 1995 Architectural Tour Scholarship. The recipient of this scholarship will participate in the



Society's September, 1995, five-day architectural study tour of Southern Minnesota and northern Iowa, led by Professor David Gebhard. All tour expenses for the scholarship will be paid by the Society. Depending upon the final tour costs, this may include travel to the point of tour departure. However, candidates should not assume that pre- and post-tour travel will be covered. The Architectural Tour Scholarship, awarded each year, enables an outstanding student to participate in the annual SAH domestic architectural study tour. To be eligible, a student must be engaged in graduate work in architecture or architectural history, city planning or urban history, landscape or the history of landscape design. Applicants must be members of SAH. Applications are due September 1, 1995. To apply, contact the Society of Architectural Historians, 1232 Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. After August 1, the Society's new address will be 1365 Astor Street, Chicago, IL 60610-2144.

The Organization of American Historians has established an annual award to recognize the contributions made by pre-collegiate teachers to improve history education. The award, to be given for activities which enhance the intellectual development of other history teachers and/or students, memorialized the career of the late Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau, University of Louisville, for her path-breaking efforts to build bridges between university and pre-collegiate history teachers. Nominations for the 1996 award are due December 1, 1995. The successful candidate will receive a certificate, a cash award of \$750, a one-year OAH membership, and a oneyear subscription to the OAH Magazine of History. For information, contact Kara Hamm, OAH Award and Prize Committee Coordinator, 112 North Bryan Street, Bloomington, IN 47408-4199; phone (812)855-9852.

The New England Historical Association (NEHA) is pleased to announce the 1995 NEHA Museum Exhibit Award has been presented to the Boston College Museum of Art for its outstanding historical exhibition, "Memory and the Middle Ages." Nominations for the 1996 award may be submitted until January 1, 1996, to Professor James P. Hanlan, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA 01609. Send complete details, names, addresses and supporting materials. Any museum exhibit in the New England states (on any historical topic or time) is eligible.

The American Antiquarian Society is accepting applications for fellowships for historical research by creative and performing artists, writers, film makers and journalists. The program, funded by a grant from the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, is designed to enhance the ways in which history is communicated to the American people. Deadline for submitting applications is **October 2, 1995.** For more information, contact: John B. Hench, Director of Research and Publication, American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609-1634; phone: (508)752-5813.

The Coordinating Committee on Women in the Historical Profession, the Conference Group on Women's History, and the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians announce the annual competition for a \$500 Graduate Student Award to assist in dissertation work. Applicants must be women graduate students in history departments in the U.S., but may be in any field of history. For applications, write: Professor Shirley J. Yee, Award Committee, Women Studies Program, Box 354345, University of Washington. Seattle, WA 98195.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission invites applications for its 1996-1997 Scholars in Residence Program. The program provides support for full-time research and study at any Commission facility, including the State Archives, the State Museum, and 26 historical sites. Residencies are available for four to twelve consecutive weeks between May 1, 1996, and April 30, 1997, at the rate of \$1,200 per month. The program is open to all who are conducting research on Pennsylvania history, including academic scholars, public sector professionals, independent scholars, graduate students, writers, filmmakers, and others. Contact: Division of History, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Box 1026,

Harrisburg, PA 17108; (717)787-3034. Deadline is **January 12, 1996**.

Scholarship funds are available for students and community leaders from culturally diverse backgrounds to attend the National Trust for Historic Preservation's upcoming 49th National Preservation Conference and Communities for the Future, a conference exploring the preservation of African American Heritage in the United States. The scholarship fund is supported by the Getty Grant Program, one of eight programs operated by the J. Paul Getty Trust. The theme of the conference, to be held in Fort Worth. TX, October 11-15, 1995, is "Strategies and Partnerships For A New Era." Nearly 2.000 preservationists from around the country are expected to explore the theme through plenary and educational sessions, discussion groups, and mobile workshops and tours in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Individuals interested in applying for financial assistance to help cover travel. accommodations and other related expenses should contact: Scholarships/Preservation Conferences, National Trust for Historic Preservation. 1785 Massachusetts Avenue. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036; (202)673-4079 or (800) 944-6847

The John W. Hartman Center for Sales, Advertising, and Marketing History, Special Collections Library, Duke University announces a travel-to-collections grant program. Awards of up to \$750 are available to graduate students, faculty members, or independent scholars and may be used to help defray costs of travel to Durham and local accommodations. In addition, the Hartman Center will fund three J. Walter Thompson Research Fellows. Each fellow will receive a stipend of \$1,000 during their stay in Durham. The major collections available at the Hartman Center are the archives of the J. Walter Thompson Company—the oldest advertising agency in the U.S. and a major international agency since the 1920s-and the advertisements (1932+) and a moderate amount of agency documentation from D'Arcy, Masius, Benton & Bowles. The Center holds several other smaller collections relating to 19th and 20th century advertising and marketing. Awards may be used between December 1, 1995 and December 31, 1996. Address questions and requests for application forms to: Marion Hirsch, John W. Hartman Center for Sales, Advertising, and Marketing History. Special Collections, Duke University, Box 90185, Durham, NC 27709-0185; phone: (919)660-5827; Fax: (919)684-2855; e-mail: mph@mail.lib.duke.edu Applications must be received or postmarked by October 15, 1995.

Calls for Papers

A conference on Long Island Women: Activists and Innovators will be held at Hofstra University, March 22-23, 1996. Papers are invited about women from Brooklyn to Montauk, from the 17th to 20th century, who have contributed in diverse fields and "ordinary" women in different



contexts of class, race, and ethnicity. Selected papers will be published. Two copies of paper proposals,

accompanied by a resume, are due by August 30, 1995 (final papers, 20 minutes presentation time, due November 30, 1995). Contact: Athlene Collins, Conference Coordinator, Cultural Center, 109 Hofstra University. Hempstead. NY 11550; (516)463-5669; Fax (516)463-4793 or Conference Co-director, Natalie A. Naylor, New College. (516)563-5846.

The Women's Studies Program and Graduate Program in Public History at Arizona State University and the National Park Service invite submissions for paper presentations, workshops, panels, and other media of expression to be considered for the Second National Women in Historic Preservation Conference to be held in Tempe, AZ May 15-18, 1996. The deadline for proposals is October 1, 1995. Please send a one-page description and a short vita to Mary Logan Rothschild or Jann Warren Findley at Arizona State University, Department of History, Box 872501, Tempe, AZ 85287-2501. Faxes and e-mail submissions will not be accepted.

The National Archives Regional Archives in Atlanta, Chicago, Kansas City, and Fort Worth, in collaboration with The University of Memphis. are sponsoring a symposium on "The Mississippi River and Her People," in Memphis. Tennessee. in March 1996, to explore the impact of the Mississippi River. Proposals for panels, papers. or other presentations on aspects of the Mississippi River and the people who live, or lived, along its banks are welcomed. Especially encouraged are submissions that focus on the impact of Federal government involvement in the area or that make use of Federal records. The program will be broadly interdisciplinary, including topics in historical perspective as well as those of contemporary

interest. Suggested topics include (but are not limited to): floods and flood control; history of the river and areas along the river; transportation and recreation; fine arts or folklore; subjects in the areas of anthropology, geology, geography, ethnography, demography, sociology, or economics; legal matters of admiralty or riparian rights; environmental concerns; regional planning; and resources for researching topics relating to the river or the people. Deadline for proposals is September 1, 1995. Submit an abstract of your paper or session, along with a curriculum vita for each participant, to the appropriate program co-chair: The Human Landscape (history, anthropology, demography, etc.); Dr. Philip Scarpino. IUFUI, 425 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46202; The Physical Landscape: Dr. Arch Johnston, CERI, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN 38152; Art/Music/Folklore: Dr. Bill Malone, Department of History, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118; Technology and the River: Dr. Clayton Brown, Department of History, Texas Christian University, 2800 S. University Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76129. For more information contact: Dr. Beverly Watkins, National Archives-Great Lakes Region, 7358 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60629, phone: (312)581-7816; Fax: (312)353-1294; e-mail: beverly.watkins@chicago.nara.gov

The 36th Annual Conference of the Western History Association will be held October 9-12, 1996 in Lincoln, Nebraska. The theme will be "Grasslands and Heartlands: Remembering and Representing the Great Plains in History and Literature". Proposals for papers and sessions on all aspects of Western and frontier history are requested as well as inter-regional and international proposals for comparative assessments of the biotic and human communities of woodlands and grasslands, of prairies and deserts, of plains and swamps. Especially welcomed are panels and papers that explore the history of the grasslands and its peoples. This will be a joint meeting of the Western History Association and the Western Literature Association, so proposals that reflect on the interplay of imagination and experience, of myth and memory. in reconstructions and representations of the Great Plains are encouraged. Proposals should be sent by September 1, 1995 to: John Mack Faragher, committee chair, Department of History, Yale University, Box 1504A Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520-7425; phone: (203)432-0727; Fax: (203)432-7587.

Proposals and abstracts for the workshop on "Memory and Historical Method," to be held in conjunction with the Fifth Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI), August 19-24, 1996, in Utrecht, The Netherlands are now being solicited. The conference's general theme is "Memory and History: European Identity at the Millennium." Abstracts of 150-200 words should reach the workshop chair and the co-chairs of the conference by October 31, 1995. The workshop chair is responsible for selecting papers to be presented. Send proposals and abstracts to: Workshop Chair: Prof. Harry Ritter, Department of History, Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington 98225, USA; phone: (206) 650-3053; Fax: (206)650-4837; e-mail:

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The Central Intelligence Agency will host the Society for Military History's 63rd Annual Meeting, April 18-21, 1996, in Rosslyn, VA. The theme will be "Intelligence and National Security in Peace, Crisis, and War." Prospective papers may address the meeting's theme in any historical period or area and include such topics as the tactical and strategic uses of intelligence; intelligence in defense policy and politics; comparative studies of intelligence services; counterintelligence operations and spy scandals; controversies between civilian and military intelligence establishments; the military's role in covert action operations; and the variety of intelligence collection methods. In addition to topics focusing on the meeting's theme, papers and panels on other military history subjects in any period or place are also welcome. To propose either a complete session or individual paper, submit a one-page abstract for each paper, a one-page statement of session purpose for a panel and a brief vita for each presenter to: Dr. Kevin C. Ruffner, SMH 1996 Program Coordinator, History Staff, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C. 20505; phone (703)351-2621; Fax: (703)522-9280. Proposals should be postmarked no later than NOVEMBER 1, 1995.

The Oral History Association invites proposals for papers and presentations for its annual meeting, to be held October 10-13, 1996, in Philadelphia, PA. The theme of the meeting is "Oral History, Memory, and the Sense of Place." Proposals that relate oral history to popular and professional notions of history; the construction of local memories; the relationship between vernacular, covert, or suppressed histories and official history; the importance of locale in shaping community identity; the nature and role of nostalgia in local memories; the uses of memory in heritage based tourism; and related topics are especially encouraged. Proposals on other subjects are also welcome. Sessions may address oral history as it is used in a variety of media, including radio, film, video, exhibitions, and drama. Roundtables, workshops, media and performance-oriented sessions, and sessions that invite audience involvement are encouraged. Graduate student proposals and proposals related to undergraduate and precollegiate use of oral history are also encouraged. Proposals for entire sessions should include a title and one-page description of the issues and questions the session will address; the title, name of presenter, and one-page abstract of each presentation in the session; the name of the convener; a suggested commentator: and short vitae. including affiliation, mailing address and phone numbers, for each presenter. Individual paper or other proposals should include a title and one-page abstract of the presentation and a short vitae of the presenter. For further information or to submit proposals, contact: Howard L. Green, New Jersey Historical Commission, CN 305, Trenton, NJ 08625; phone: (609)984-3460; Fax: (609)633-8168; e-mail: hlgreen@pilot.njin.net OR Linda Shopes, Division of History, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108; phone: (717)772-3257; Fax: (717)783-1073; e-mail: Lshopes@LLpptn.LL.pbs.org (queries only). Deadline is December 15, 1995.

The Journal of Material Culture is a new interdisciplinary journal concerned with the relationship between artifacts and social relations irrespective of time and place. It aims to systematically explore the linkage between the construction of social identities and the production and use of material culture. The editors are Daniel Miller and Christopher Tilley, London, James Clifford, USA, and Nicholas Thomas, Australia. The first issue is due to be published March, 1996. Manuscripts should be submitted in triplicate, typed (or word processed) in double-spacing on one side of paper only. Their length should not normally exceed 8,000 words. Each submission will be refereed anonymously by at least two referees. For a detailed "Notes for Contributors," contact: Dr Christopher Tilley, Department of Anthropology, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT, UK; Fax: 0171 380 7728. For subscription information, send your snail-mail address to Jonathan Carter <carter@sageltd.co.uk> at Sage Publications. **For a limited period, charter subscriptions are available at a 25% discount.**

Conferences and Seminars



The Seventeenth Mid-America Conference on History will be held September 14-16, 1995 in Springfield, Missouri. There will be a special World War II track at the convention. Featured speakers on World War II subjects will be Lloyd Gardner (Rutgers), Jurgen Forster (MFGA Potsdam), Susan M. Hartmann (Ohio State), Charles P. Roland (Kentucky), and Theodore A. Wilson (Kansas). Mark E. Neely and Bill C. Malone will also be featured speakers on separate subjects. Contact: Worth Robert Miller, Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri 65804.

The Washington Seminar on American History and Culture, an affiliated, self-supporting, post-doctoral seminar, meets monthly from October through May to discuss works-in-progress and completed scholarship. Papers are circulated in advance. \$15 contributions are required for membership. Historians residing in and visiting the Washington area in 1995-1996 are encouraged to join and to notify the seminar director of their interest in presenting papers. Contact: James M. Banner, Jr., James Madison Memortal Fellowship Foundation, Suite 303, 2000 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006-1809.

The North East Popular Culture Association (NEPCA) annual meeting will be held on October 6-7, 1995 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA. Contact: (508) 831-5438.

The 35th annual Western History Association conference will be held October 11-14, 1995 in Denver, CO. The theme of the conference is "The North American West: New Boundaries." Conference programs and registration materials are available by contacting: Western History Association, University of New Mexico, 1080 Mesa Vista Hall, Albuquerque, NM 87131-1181; phone: (505)277-5234; Fax: (505)277-6023. The National Trust for Historic Preservation announces its 49th annual National Preservation Conference which will be held in Fort Worth. Texas, October 11-15, 1995. For information, contact: Preservation Conferences, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, (800)944-6847; Fax: (202)673-4223.

The semiannual meeting of New England Archivists will be held October 20-21, 1995, at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts. The theme of the meeting will be preservation planning for archival collections. The keynote speaker will be Christine Ward. Chief Archivist at the New York State Archives. who will discuss the difficulties in setting priorities and developing effective preservation strategies. Sessions will address preservation issues, new technologies, and educational curricula. Contact: Lora Brueck, NEA Fall Meeting Registrar, Gordon Library, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609; phone: (508)831-5413; e-mail: lbrueck@wpi.edu

The Oral History Association will hold its 1995 annual meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 19-22, 1995. The theme for the meeting is "Reflections on Relationships in Oral History Research." Studs Terkel will be the featured speaker at the Friday luncheon. For program and registration information, contact: Tim Ericson, Chair, Local Arrangements, Milwaukee Urban Archives, Golda Meir Library. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0604; phone: (414)229-6980; Fax: (414)229-6766; e-mail: tle@gml.lib.uwm.edu

Australian Society for Historical Archaeology and Australian Institute for Maritime Archaeology combined Annual Conference will be held October 22-25, 1995 at the CSIRO Complex, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. The committee wishes to orient the conference towards critical reflection of maritime archaeology, historical archaeology and cultural resource management, incorporating a wide range of thematic issues and theoretical approaches. For information. contact: Paris Kostoglou or Mike Nash, Cultural Heritage Section, Parks and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 44A, Hobart, Tasmania, 7001; phone 002-33-2387; Fax 002-24-0884; or Angie McGowan. Cultural Heritage Section, Parks and Wildlife Service, Tasmania Australia; international phone: +61-02-336596; domestic phone (002) 336596, e-mail: angiem@delm.tas.gov.au

The California Council for the Promotion of History will hold its annual meeting **October 26-29, 1995** in Redding, CA. For information. contact: Program Chair Sherry Hatch at (916)264-7072 or Local Arrangements Chair George Petershagen at (916)628-5346.

The American Society for Ethnohistory announces "The Contribution of Archeology and Material Culture Studies to Ethnohistory: Their Complimentary, Contradictory, and Interrogatory Roles in Understanding Native North America," a symposium to be held November 2-5, 1995 in Kalamazoo. Michigan. For information, contact: Michael S. Nassaney. Department of Anthropology. Western Michigan State University. Kalamazoo. MI 49008-5032: phone: (616.587-6961: Cosal michael.nassaney(a wmich.edu: or contact Eric Johnson, UMASS Archaeological Services. University of Massachusetts. Amherst. MA 01003; phone: (413)545-1552; e-mail: ritaeric@anthro.umass.edu

The Department of Archaeology at the University of Calgary. Alberta, Canada is holding its 28th annual Chacmool Conference November 9-12, **1995.** The theme of the conference, "Archaeology into the New Millennium: Public or Perish," will provide a forum to discuss what public archaeology is, what the function of public archaeology is, and how to successfully balance research goals with the public. Contact: 1995 Conference Committee. Department of Archaeology, University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive N.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2N 1N4, Canada: phone: (403)220-7120: Fax: (403)282-9567; e-mail:

13042@UCDASVM1.ADMIN.UCALGARY.CA For anyone dealing with **Native**

American Graves Protection and Repa**triation Act** matters the following are the NAGPRA course dates and locations being offered through the University of Nevada at Reno. This course is offered through a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service. Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act: Implications and Practical Application, Historic Preservation 699 (1 credit). Dates: October 26-28, 1995, San Diego, CA; November 12-14, 1995, Washington. D.C.; April 14-16, 1996, New Orleans, LA; May 2-4, 1996, Minneapolis, MN. Registration deadline is one month before the start of each course. Contact: Division of Continuing Education at UN-Reno for registering at (800)233-8928; or call (702)784-4046. The fee is \$375. Instructors include The Honorable Sherry Hutt, former Assistant U.S. Attorney prosecuting ARPA violations and author of Archeological Resource Protection (1992): C. Timothy McKeown. NAGPRA Program Leader at the National

Park Service. Any questions, contact: Mandy Murphy, National Park Service, Archeological Assistance Div., Washington, DC; e-mail: mandy murphy@nps.gov

The 1996 Society for Historical Archaeology Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 2-7, 1996. The theme is "Bridging Distances: Recent Approaches to Immigration, Migration, and Ethnic Identity; and Forging Partnerships in Outreach and Education." Contact: Marcy Gray, Conference Chair, Gray and Pape, Inc., 1318 Main Street, Cincinnati, OH 45210; phone: (513)665-6707; e-mail: 76554.3313@compuserve.com or contact Kim A. McBride, Program Coordinator. Department of Anthology, 211 Lafferty Hall, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0024; phone: (606) 257-1944; email: kamcbroo@ukcc.uky.edu

Exhibits "World War II and The American Dream: How Wartime Building Changed A Nation" is now on view at the National Building Museum Washington, D.C., through December 31, 1995. The exhibition presents the products of



the war building program-from the Quonset hut to plexiglass to standardized housing in suburban Levittown-and explores the effects of war on the material dreams and aspirations of Americans. The exhibit grew out of interest by the Department of Defense in studying and documenting the historical significance of troop barracks and other structures located on military reservations throughout the country. As the project developed, the exhibition was widened to encompass the entire wartime building program in order to explore the largest American construction effort on the occasion of the war's 50th anniversary.

Reservations for the Library of Congress's WWII traveling exhibit, **"Women Come to the Front: Female Journalists, Photographers and Broadcasters in World War II,"** can still be made for selected portions of 1996, 1997 and 1998. The exhibit, which is available to museums, libraries, schools, other public venues and corporate galleries, highlights the struggles of female journalists of WWII to overcome the objections of male bosses, colleagues and military officials in order to contribute their talents to the task of recording one of the world's most devastating wars. It draws on unpublished writings, photographs, diaries, and broadcasts to tell the personal stories of eight female war correspondents who covered the front lines overseas and the factory lines at home during WWII, winning by-lines, military decorations and public fame along the way. For booking information, contact: Jennifer Bride, (202)707-1993, or Kathi Brown at KathiBrown@aol.com as soon as possible.

"Back of the Big House: The Cultural Landscape of the Plantation," a Library of Congress traveling exhibition, began touring the U.S. in February. It will be at the McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina at Columbia from August 11 to September 25. The exhibition offers an uncommon perspective on plantation life, one from the point of view of the slaves. The images depict the contributions that slaves made to their communities and the ways in which they were able to make personal gains despite living under the most adverse conditions. The contributions of African Americans to the creation and maintenance of plantations is a significant. vet overlooked. facet of architectural, cultural and social history. Visitors are presented with a tour of the "business end" of the antebellum plantation. Along with the images, the exhibition contains quotes from slaves whose recollections of life on plantations provide insight into an important aspect of the American past. The quotations are drawn from the Library's collection of ex-slave narratives, which includes hundreds of oral interviews conducted by workers in the WPA's Federal Writers Project during the 1930s. Also included in the exhibition are photographs and architectural drawings from the Historic American Buildings Survey collection in the Library of Congress. Other venues for the exhibition include: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, October 14-November 26, 1995; Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., December 16, 1995-January 28, 1996; Tolbert County Historical Museum, Easton, MD, February 17-March 31, 1996.

The Missouri Historical Society has mounted a major exhibition in the History Museum in Forest Park, St. Louis, Missouri. **"St. Louis in the Gilded Age"** will be in place through 1998. A companion book *St. Louis in the Gilded Age* by Katherine T. Corbett and Howard S. Miller is also available. For information, call: (314)746-4599.

Internet News



H-Net announces 67 scholarly lists for humanists and social scientists. H-Net is an international initiative to assist scholars to go on-line, using their personal computers. It operates daily newsletters edited by some 130 scholars in North America. Europe, and the Pacific. H-Net is hosted by Michigan State University, the University of Illinois-Chicago, and several other schools. The lists are email newsletters that are published daily. Each list is edited by one or more scholars and has a board of editors; most of the lists are cosponsored by one or more professional societies. The editors control the flow of messages and reject flames and items unsuitable for a scholarly discussion group. For detailed information on H-Net, send this message to: Listserv@uicvm.uic.edu get H-NET WHATIS or write: H-Net@uicvm.uic.edu

The Indiana Historical Society has established a home page on the World Wide Web. The IHS home page offers information on the Society's collections, exhibitions, publications and other activities. Those with access to the WWW can schedule different IHS traveling exhibitions, read samples from the current issue of the Society's popular history magazine, Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History, or learn more about the various collections in the institution's William Henry Smith Memorial Library. The URL for the IHS home page is: http://www.spcc.com/ ihsw/ihs.html. The Society's home page is a cooperative venture between the IHS and Shepard Poorman Communications Corporation of Indianapolis. Contact: Ray Boomhower, IHS public relations coordinator; phone: (317)232-1877; Fax: (317)233-3109; e-mail: reboomer@indy.net

The **9th Revision Directory of Scholarly Electronic Conferences on History**, completed in February 1995, is now available. This directory offers descriptions of lists and their contact persons, including many H-Net lists. It is available by gophering to: una.hh.lib.umich.edu and following the path: inetdirs/Guides on the Social Sciences/History

The **Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies** at the University of Arkansas has announced a new WWW site. It provides access to information on GIS and digital mapping. Of particular interest are the links (through the National Archaeological Database) to databases and resources for archaeology, Native Americans, and historic preservation. The URL address is: http://www.cast.uark.edu

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) is now online. The Center's gopher can be reached at gopher:// gopher.ncptt.nps.gov The gopher provides centralized access to preservation-related Internet resources such as databases, gophers, libraries, archives and museums. Job openings, grant announcements, and conference announcements also will be posted. The NCPTT newsletter (Notes From the Center). Preservation Briefs, and general information about navigating the Internet also can be found. In addition, searchable archives of several listserv discussion lists are being created. These are still under construction but should be available soon. If you wish to submit material for posting to the gopher (job, conference, grant, training announcements, etc.) or if you have any comments, contact Mary S. Carroll, Information Management Specialist, National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, NSU Box 5682, Natchitoches, LA 71497; phone: (318) 357-6464; Fax: (318)357-6421; e-mail: mcarroll@alpha.nsula.edu or gopher:// gopher.ncptt.nps.gov

The University of California-Santa Cruz Regional Oral History Project is now available through the Internet. Gopher to gopher.ucsc.edu. From the menu, choose #10, "The Researcher," then #6, "Social Sciences," the #10, "UC Santa Cruz Regional Oral History Project." The Regional History Project is an oral history and research office concentrating on the history of Santa Cruz and Central California, and the history of the campus. Other functions of the Project are to help acquire published and unpublished source materials for the Santa Cruz County Collection; to assist both researchers and students working on local history topics; to give instruction in oral history methodology; and generally to help in developing and augmenting local history sources.

Publications

National Register Bulletin 21: Defining Boundaries for National Register Properties has been revised and is



now available from the National Register of Historic Places, Interagency Resources Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Suite 250, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127; phone: (202)343-8012. The guidelines and case studies presented in this bulletin will help readers select, define, and document boundaries for properties nominated to, or determined eligible for, the National Register.

The Library of Congress Cataloging Distribution Service has released a new, seventh edition of **Free-floating Subdivisions**, listing all subdivisions designated as "free-floating". The Guide, published annually, costs \$25 North American. \$30 outside North America. Order from Library of Congress, Customer Services Section-FSUB, Cataloging Distribution Service, P.O. Box 75720, Washington, D.C. 20541-5017; phone: (800)255-3666 (U.S. only) or (202)707-6100; TDD: (202)707-0012; Fax: (202)707-1334;

e-mail: cdsinfo@mail.loc.gov **The Public Trust and the First Americans,** edited by Ruthann Knudson

Americans, edited by Ruthann Knudson and Bennie C. Keel, is a joint publication of the Oregon State University Press and the Center for the Study of the First Americans. The book includes discussions of the Public Trust Doctrine in U.S. law: responsibility for First Americans materials: relationships among researchers working on First Americans resources that are often publicly managed, and the managers of these resources; the legal basis for protecting First Americans resources in the Americas and related materials in Asia: opportunities for educating the public about the First Americans; and how to pay for First Americans research and protection of these resources. The Public Trust and the First Americans is available from Oregon State University Press, Waldo Hall 101. Corvallis. OR 97331-6407; phone: (505)737-3166. Price: \$24.95 paperback. mail orders must include \$3.50 for postage for the first book, \$.75 for each additional. International orders must include \$4.00 and \$.75 for each additional book.

A new DOS only CD-ROM of Civil War newspapers has been released, entitled **"The Civil War: A Newspaper Perspective".** It was published in 1995 by Jack Nagy at Accessible Archives; phone: (610)296-7441; e-mail: 73551.450@compuserve.com. The complete text of 11,000 articles and editorials from the New York Herald. Charleston Mercury, and Richmond Enquirer was retyped and 700 maps and illustrations were scanned. Each of the 12 million words of text is easily searchable. All of the material is public domain. Cost is \$500.

Rice and the Making of South Carolina, the newest book from the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. traces the impact rice has had on the state. Based on a state History Day lecture by Professor Daniel C. Littlefield of the University of Illinois at Urbana, the book focuses on the crop's role in the development of race relations in the Palmetto State and follows the growth of rice and slavery as both industries impacted the course of South Carolina's development. Littlefield asserts that white planters learned much of their trade from their slaves who were already skilled rice growers from Africa's Grain Coast. Rice and the Making of South Carolina, a 38-page, illustrated volume, is available for \$6.75 post paid. To order, call Carrie Bassett, S.C. Department of Archives and History. (803)734-8590. Mail requests to "Rice Book". SCDAH, P.O. Box 11669, Columbia, SC 29211.

COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION ART

by Margaret S Wherry

Readers of *Public History News* might be interested to know of a small exhibit of what appears to be the only extant decorative art from the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. Six large murals (16' x 11') were found in the Columbian Theatre in Wamego, Kansas, restored, and properly displayed in the theatre building, which has been renovated to serve as a community arts center. Renovation of the theatre and restoration of the paintings cost nearly \$2 million, roughly half of it raised locally; other funding came from the Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Oklahoma, the Kansas Arts Commission, and the Kansas Department of Tourism.

The murals, created for the U. S. Govemment building at the Exposition, were purchased along with other memorabilia by Wamego banker J. C. Rogers and brought to Kansas City and Wamego to decorate buildings Rogers was interested in. The six murals remain from a set of eight: four representing the prosperity of the North, South, East and West, and four depicting trades and industries (two of the latter set were taken to a building in Kansas City that has since been destroyed). During restoration of the theatre, a box containing 14 additional smaller paintings was discovered under the stage. These paintings—including six 9' x 19' scenes of America (Niagara, Yosemite, etc.) and four 8 1/2' x 4' "individual female figures of allegorical representation" (according to the guidebook) have not yet been restored.

The local press has been covering the whole restoration process for a couple of years, creating many sets of good intentions to drive over to Wamego to inspect the work. I never made it a very high priority, but am glad I finally did. Voluptuous figures, 16 by 11 feet in size and painted in brilliant colors make quite an impact, not to mention "allegorical representation." (Evidently the bare breasts became the stuff of local schoolyard legend.)

If your travels take you through Kansas, the murals are worth a visit. The Columbian Theatre, Museum, and Art Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Wamego is about 40 miles west of Topeka on U. S. 24 (also 9 miles north of 1-70 on K-99). The Columbian is at 521 Lincoln Avenue (also K-99): P.O. Box 72, Wamego, KS, 66547, 913-456-2029. (And if you are travelling with small children, it may be useful to know that this summer's exhibit in the gallery features L. Frank Baum and The Wizard of Oz. both book and film.)

Museum director is Terry Thibodeau (previously at the St. Louis Art Museum); she and her staff will welcome inquiries from historians. Even though Wamego is a small town (population under 4000), the Columbian is no small-time local museum staffed by volunteer antiquarians. The commemorative guide booklet prepared for the grand opening last fall provides pretty good detailed information on the murals and how they got to Wamego and what happened to the works that no longer survive. I'm sure donations continue to be welcome.

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NCC WASHINGTON UPDATE



by Page Putnam Miller, Director, National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History <pagem@CapAccess.org>

Editor's Note: Given the extent and nature of recent Congressional activity, the status of many issues covered by NCC fluctuates almost daily. PHN provides edited versions of the most current information as

of press time. If you wish to follow the proceedings more closely, we encourage you to contact NCC at the e-mail address indicated above.

• News on NEH — Over the past several months, NCC has reported on several legislative activities of Congressional committees and subcommittees on reauthorization of and funding for NEH and NEA. Although earlier discussions had indicated support for continued though reduced funding of NEH, House Republicans on July 13 pushed to cut off all federal funding to NEA by 1997, but did not agree on the future of NEH.

• Hearing on Extension of Copyright — On July 13 the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, chaired by Representative Carlos Moorhead (R-CA), held a hearing on H.R. 989, a bill to extend copyright for 20 years. Amid the debate over the commercial ramifications of the bill, there was a brief discussion of the section dealing with unpublished material and its impact on scholarly research. Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyright, who supported much of the bill, stated that the Copyright Office does not endorse the proposed extension for unpublished materials, noting the negative impact of the legislation on the Library of Congress and its efforts to make its collections accessible to the public through its digital library. Michael Les Benedict, professor of history at Ohio State University, prepared on behalf of NCC a written statement, urging the subcommittee to reject a portion of H.R. 989 that replaces the expiration date of December 31, 2002 with that of December 31, 2012, for copyright works created but not published or copyrighted before January 1, 1978. Benedict argued that the canons of scholarly research require responsible biographers, historians, and others engaged in historical research to draw upon and quote from unpublished primary source materials.

• NHPRC and National Archives' Budgets — The House Appropriations Committee met July 11 to consider the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government. There were no indications that the full committee's numbers would differ from the recommendations of the subcommittee, which called for \$4 million in FY'96 for the grants program of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission and only a slight reduction of approximately 1% from the President's request of \$195.291 million for the National Archives.

• National Archives Responds to Researchers' Frustrations - Almost two years ago President Clinton issued an Executive Order on "Setting Customer Service Standards" that started a process at the National Archives that is bearing fruit for researchers. Through focus groups, interviews and suggestion boxes, the National Archives staff have sought to figure out how best, with limited resources and staff, to respond to the needs of users and are experimenting with various means of facilitating research. Researchers have been frustrated with a system that restricts the pulling of requested material to four times a day. Individuals who have not been able to navigate the complex finding aids fast enough to get their request in by 9:15 am have been required to wait until 11:15 am for the next opportunity to request records. Beginning August 1, however, the Archives will add a 10:15 am time to the schedule of pulling textual records at Archives I; records at the Suitland Research Room are now pulled on demand.

• Peterson's Final Day at National Archives — Trudy Huskamp Peterson, who worked for over 24 years at the National Archives and served as Acting Archivist for 26 months, left her post on July 3 after indicating her intention to take advantage of the government's early retirement opportunity. In a statement announcing her departure, Peterson said, "I have been fortunate to be associated with the wonderful people of the National Archives, and of the national and international archives community. My enduring faith in archives and archivists burns brightly."

 State Department Historical Advisory Committee — On July 7-8 the State Department Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation met to consider the content and progress of the Foreign Relations volumes and the status of the State Department's declassification efforts. During the meeting, the department announced the posting of the position of Deputy Historian and General Editor. The closing date for applications will be early August. Those interested in the position should contact Bill Slany, Chief Historian, at (202)663-1122. Committee chair Warren Kimball also announced that although there had been no formal notification, the committee expects a negative response from the appeals panel to their request for the declassification of CIA documents from the Kennedy Administration pertaining to covert CIA operations to support conservative politicians in Japan in the 1950s and 1960s. The Advisory Committee plans to take a strong stand indicating that publication of a volume on Japan which omits these documents would result in distorted and inaccurate history.

• New U.S. Archivist — John Carlin, former governor of Kansas and director of the Kansas campaign for President Clinton, was confirmed by the Senate on May 25 as the new U.S. Archivist, despite the opposition of numerous professional organizations. During his confirmation hearings, Carlin assured NCC and OAH representatives that he wished to work with his critics. He noted that one of his initial priorities would be to improve the declassification system of the Archives.

• House Historian's Office — In May, the House Oversight Committee approved a plan to fold the House Historian's office into a new Legislative Resources Center, which will include the former Office of Records and Registration, the Document Room, and the House Library. The new director of this office is John Kornacki, former executive director of the Dirksen Congressional Center in Pekin, Illinois.

• Declassification — On April 17, President Clinton signed Executive Order 12958, establishing new guidelines on declassifying government records. The order states that "within 5 years from the date of this Order, all classified information contained in records that (1) are more than 25 years old, and (2) have been determined to have permanent historical value under title 44 United States Code, shall be automatically declassified whether or not it has been reviewed." On July 12, however, the House Appropriations Committee voted to eliminate funding for the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), which oversees classification and declassification policies and the implementation of the President's Executive Order. The committee also recommended that the National Archives assume the functions of the terminated ISOO.

• National History Standards — The Council for Basic Education has announced the creation of two independent panels to review the national history standards released in late 1994. The Pew, MacArthur, and Ford foundations have provided funding for the project. Christopher Cross, president of the Council, noted that the task of the panels "will be to review the standards, to evaluate their scholarly merit, balance, and feasibility for practitio-See Washington Update. page 23



by David G. Vanderstel

The "Enola Gay" exhibit. National History Standards. "Disney's America." CBS News' report on historians in the federal government. Threatened budget cutbacks for NEH and the National Parks. The National Trust's 10 most endangered sites. And the list continues.

If you haven't noticed, history has been highly visible in recent months and the subject of very vocal and sometimes angry and emotional debates. But amidst this furor emerges the question raised by Otis L. Graham, Jr., in the spring 1995 issue of *The Public Historian*—"who owns American history?" It seems that suddenly everyone wants to get into the act. Legislators, the American Legion, representatives of ethnic groups, among others, all want to ensure that their own particular "spin" is represented in the presentation of the past. How odd that history. often considered boring and inclevant and usually taken for granted by the general public, is now the subject of popular inquiry and debate, at least among certain segments of society.

So, does this flurry of activity mean that we as historians are indeed doing our job better? That our scholarship is stimulating the public debate and inquiry that we desire? Or, does it represent an unwillingness of the American public and their spokesmen to allow their own understandings of the past to be revised or altered by the latest scholarship? Is the past, as ensconced in the public's memory, some sacred icon that can not be touched, amended or enhanced?

We can gain some insight into the problem, I think, by looking at the comments of students in my American history survey classes. "History is simply a list of names, dates, and places." "History never changes." If we accept these statements as reflecting the public's understanding of the past, then, despite the fact that Americans in large numbers frequent historic houses and museums, visit battlefields, and join the History Book Club, they see history as an unchanging list of things. They do not understand that history is a process of interpretation and re-interpretation as new sources are uncovered and provide new insights into the mysteries of the past. Nor do they comprehend what historians really do!

I think the problem that we are witnessing today, if I may be so bold, represents the repercussions of years of our profession's intellectual and academic arrogance. Except for those few pioneers who carried history into museums and historic sites, we have not made history very "public" but have rather confined it to the classroom, academic press, and professional conferences. Consequently, the public can not be blamed totally for its historical illiteracy and misunderstanding.

What I find particularly disturbing about these recent debates which, by the way, I believe are healthy for the discipline—is the attempt of legislators and other special interest groups to "revise" history according to their own perceptions—not according to historical documentation—AND to impose their own standards on the historical profession. But, have they been equally as insistent on imposing standards on other professional organizations such as the AMA, ABA, UAW, or even Congress itself. I think not.

This is where NCPH has a responsibility and unique opportunity to fulfill its obligation of doing public history. We must seize the initiative to inform the public about the role of history in our daily lives, using our diverse resources to demonstrate "the value, uses, and pleasures of history." But, to accomplish this, we must be more vocal and visible advocates for our profession— writing and lobbying legislators on issues affecting the field of history, serving as consultants and contacts to whom the media and others can turn, and participating in public discourse. While this might be a frightening change for those who are accustomed to spending time away from the public doing research and writing, it is a necessity, given the current climate of the times, in order to preserve our profession and the discipline itself.

We have a definite challenge before us, one that we as historians should welcome wholeheartedly. We need to share the excitement of doing history, of demonstrating its relevance and usefulness to contemporary society and issues. By doing so, I am confident that we will become better public historians and the public will become, as Michael Wallace once wrote, more "historically informed makers of history."

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ners, and recommend the types of changes they agree should be incorporated in revised editions of the standards." Each panel includes respected public figures, teachers, and academic historians.

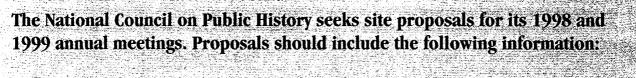
The panel on U.S. History, chaired by Albert H. Quie, former governor of Minnesota and the former ranking Republican on the Committee on Education and Labor of the U.S. House of Representatives, will include Cary Carson, Vice President for Research at Colonial Williamsburg; Evelyn Brooks Higginbothan of Harvard University; David Hollinger of the University of California at Berkeley; Jeanette LaFors. a Social Studies teacher at Carlmont High School in Belmont, California; Diane Ravitch of New York University; Rex Shepard, a supervisor for curriculum development in Catonsville, Maryland; Stephan Thernstrom, Harvard University; Reed Ueda of Tufts University; and Maris Vinovskis of the University of Michigan. The World History standards panel will be chaired by Dr. Steven Muller, president emeritus of The Johns Hopkins University, and includes Hilary Ainger, U.N. International School in New York City: Robert Bain, Beachwood High School in Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Allison Blakely, Howard University; A. Lee Blitch, AT&T; Philip Curtin, Johns Hopkins University; Prasenjit Duara, University of Chicago; Michael Francis

Jimenez, University of Pittsburgh; Ramsay MacMullen, Yale University; Marjorie Malley, Rogers State College; Joan Scott, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton; and John Voll, University of New Hampshire.

The establishment of these prestigious panels holds the promise of a thoughtful and constructive review of the national history teaching standards which have been the focus of sharp attacks, especially from former chair of NEH, Lynne Cheney. The panels expect to issue final reports by mid-fall 1995.

• Agencies Threatened with Budget Cuts — Besides the much-publicized targeting of NEH and NEA for reduced or zero funding, there have been other Congressional efforts to cut or eliminate funding for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the American Folklife Center, and the National Park Service. We encourage you to follow the daily debates on these issues and to contact members of the appropriate Congressional subcommittees and committees regarding your views and concerns.

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