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NEWSLETTER MOVES TO ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Arizona State University assumes responsibility with this issue for editing and publishing the *Newsletter* for the National Council. The Graduate Program in Public History at Arizona State is pleased to be able to support and aid the work of the Council. Students from the Public History Editing Class will help in collecting and editing material submitted for publication. Chief responsibility for editing the *Newsletter* will rest with Beth Luey, director of the editing option, and Noel J. Stowe, director of the business option. Dan Bailey, a second-year editing student, will serve as editorial assistant this academic year. John Bergez, acting director of the editing program 1982-83, is substituting for Luey this year.

We welcome the submission of newsworthy information for publication and suggestions for essays and articles. Several individuals have agreed to help in providing information in particular areas: Edward Berkowitz, George Washington University, the Washington setting; Barbara Howe, West Virginia University, curriculum development; Roberta Miller, Consortium of Social Science Associations, recent publications; and Robert Pomeroy, Inter-American Development Bank, international news.

Fifth Annual Meeting at Waterloo, Canada, May 5-7

PUBLIC HISTORY IN ACTION: INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

The Fifth Annual Public History Conference, on "Public History in Action: International Perspectives," will be held from May 5-7 at the University of Waterloo, home to Canada's first program offering a master's degree in public history. Located sixty miles southwest of Toronto International Airport, the University's park-like setting will provide an ideal atmosphere for the conference. Delegates will be offered inexpensive accommodations in the comfortable student residences, and all meetings and sessions will be held on campus. Some rooms have been reserved at a nearby motor hotel for those delegates who prefer hotel accommodations. The region surrounding Waterloo is noteworthy for several historic restorations and for its German cultural heritage, which delegates may sample during the "Oktoberfest in May" social evening.

Conference participants who specify their arrival time in advance will be met at Toronto International Airport and transported directly to the University or the motor hotel. The student residence package includes lunch on Thursday,

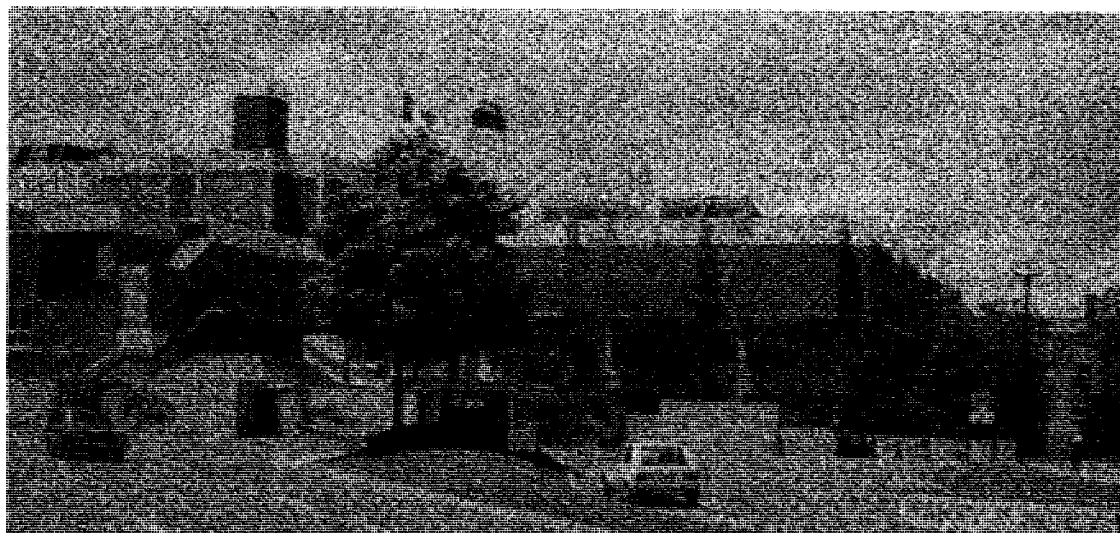
breakfast and lunch on both Friday and Saturday, and accommodations for Thursday and Friday nights. Arrangements for meals and lodging will be made for delegates who arrive on Wednesday or stay over Saturday. Downtown Toronto is less than a ninety minute drive from the University, making it convenient for delegates to extend their visit to include a weekend in Canada's largest city.

The conference begins May 5 at 10:00 a.m. and concludes May 7 at 1:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- History and Policy in Public Works
- The Post-War Settlement between Union and Management
- Historical Preservation
- Workshop on Early Career Development
- Plenary Session: The Seagram Museum
- Historical Perspectives on Business and Technology
- Public History and Politics
- The Historian and Business

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University of Waterloo,
University Avenue
campus entrance



APPROXIMATE COSTS:

Return transport from Toronto International Airport \$25.00

Student residence package (two breakfasts, three lunches)
Single \$58.85
Double \$50.45

“Oktoberfest in May” \$20.00
Conference banquet \$20.00
Registration fee \$35.00

U.S. delegates please note: These figures are quoted in Canadian dollars. At the time of printing the United States dollar enjoys a premium of about 20%. Total costs for ground transport, single accommodation, participation in both social events, and registration would be \$158.85 Canadian or about \$127.08 U.S.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

(This is not a commitment or an application. Conference registration documents and final program will be sent later).

I wish to attend the Public History Conference and am interested in the following:

- Ground transport from Toronto International Airport
- Student residence package (Thurs. & Fri. nights & 5 meals)
- Additional residence accommodation for Wed. May 4/Sat. May 7
- Accommodation at Waterloo Motor Inn (state dates) _____
- “Oktoberfest” dinner and party, Thurs. May 5
- Conference Banquet, Fri. May 6

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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Please return to:
Public History Conference
Department of History
University of Waterloo
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
N2L 3G1
(519) 885-1211, Ext. 2297

SESSIONS *Continued*

- History in Court, Community and Carrel
- Nuts and Bolts—Career Counseling
- Archives and Public Works
- The Influence of Business and Industry on the Development of Technical Education
- The Corps of Engineers and Construction in the Middle East
- Visual Presentation of the Past
- Canadian Public Works History
- The Use of Public History in the Administration of Indian Affairs
- History and National Defense
- Doing Public History: Case Studies
- Energy, Policy, and Public History
- Industrial Economic Mobilization Planning
- History and Foreign Policy
- Teaching Public History
- Historical Editing
- Public History in Europe
- Historical Consulting
- The Scope of Legislative History
- Heritage: Interpreting Historic Sites

1984 LOS ANGELES MEETING Call for Papers

Public history has an unprecedented opportunity for greater exposure in 1984, when the NCPH annual meeting will overlap that of the Organization of American Historians in Los Angeles from April 5-7. Details are now being worked out regarding joint program features, including the publication of a program booklet, registration, and other aspects of the proceedings.

Clearly, NCPH must act promptly in order to share in the main program and to have its own strong, separate, but OAH-related public history program. Proposals for sessions or papers should be sent in advance of the Waterloo meeting to NCPH Program Committee co-chairs or brought to the Waterloo conference. The co-chairs will conduct the widest possible exploration of program ideas and, with the program committee, will make as many decisions as possible at Waterloo.

Proposals must be received by July 1, 1983, and should be mailed to either (or preferably both) co-chairs. An early deadline is necessary for the important advantage of joint publication of our program with the OAH's. The NCPH Program Committee co-chairs for 1984 are Professor Barbara Howe,

Department of History, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506; John Porter Bloom, Director, Holt-Atherton Pacific Center for Western Studies, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA 95211.

SYLLABUS EXCHANGE Education and Training Committee

The Education and Training Committee of the National Council instituted a public history syllabus exchange last summer to help colleagues interested in developing or improving their public history courses. To date, the committee has received copies of about ten syllabi and requests from about thirty individuals for information. Most of the syllabi received have been for introductory courses in public history, and all seem to show a great deal of creativity, drawing on local resources for speakers and projects. In some cases, the course serves as an introduction to a full public history curriculum, while in others the course is the department's only contribution to public history. Most requests for information have come from colleagues considering the adoption of a public history course.

The committee would like to receive many more syllabi to send out on the exchange and would be glad to fill many more requests for information. The committee is particularly interested in receiving syllabi for specialized courses in historic preservation, research techniques, museology, archival management, historical editing, public policy, and so on. Please send all syllabi and requests for syllabi to Barbara Howe, Department of History, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506.

The syllabus exchange includes the courses of the following faculty and universities:

- Introduction to Applied History
Dr. W. Andrew Achenbaum
Carnegie-Mellon University
- History in Public Policy-Making
Dr. Edward D. Berkowitz
George Washington University
- Principles and Practices of Applied History
Dr. John D. Smith
Dr. William S. Price, Jr.
North Carolina State University
- Introduction to Public History
- Introduction to Museum Work
Dr. Diane Reedy
North Dakota State University

- Introduction to Public History
Dr. Patricia Mooney Melvin
University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- Introduction to Public History I
Dr. D. C. Hammack
University of Houston
- Outline for a Research Design
- Historical Methods
Dr. Mike Scardaville
University of South Carolina
- Introduction to Public History
Dr. Barbara Howe
- Historic Site Recording and Interpretation
Dr. Emory L. Kemp
- Archival Management
Dr. John Cuthberg, Dr. Harold Forbes,
Dr. Peter Gottlied,
Dr. George Parkinson
- Historical Editing
Dr. Edward Steel
West Virginia University

NCPH NEWS

The NCPH Board of Directors met in Washington in December during the American Historical Association meeting. At the meeting Arnita Jones announced her resignation from the board and Executive Committee. The committee and board members present formally extended Jones their warm appreciation for her long-standing support of and assistance to National Council work. Larry Tise has been appointed to replace Jones as vice-chair of the executive committee.

Suellen Hoy and Robert Pomeroy announced their intentions to step down as secretary and treasurer, respectively, at the completion of their current terms.

The Craft of Public History, an annotated bibliography, is in press at Greenwood Press. Publication is scheduled for this September.

The board approved the creation of an awards committee to select the best article in *The Public Historian* during 1982. The award is to be announced in May at the Waterloo meeting.

Los Angeles was selected as the 1984 annual meeting site. The meeting, with John Bloom and Barbara Howe as program committee co-chairs, will be held in conjunction with the Organization of American Historians' annual meeting at the Biltmore Hotel.

Anna Nelson presented her report on National Council activities, summarizing Council achievements and suggesting a program of strategies and activities for the future.

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INFORMATION SOUGHT FOR 1984 OAH HISTORICAL EDITING BOOKLET

At the request of the Organization of American Historians' Committee on Public History, Suellen Hoy, assistant director of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History, and Jeffrey J. Crow, editor-in-chief of the *North Carolina Historical Review* and administrator of the division's Historical Publications Section, have agreed to prepare a booklet on historical editing that will be published in 1984 as the third title in the organization's public history series. The booklet will not only review developments in the field of historical editing, recommend bibliographical materials, and list current graduate programs in historical editing, but will

also suggest ways in which writing and editing can be taught to history students at various levels and demonstrate how these skills can serve students in their careers once they have completed their formal education. Hoy and Crow are seeking materials (descriptions of historical editing programs, syllabi of courses, bibliographical information, and so on) or suggestions related to the training of historical editors for documentaries as well as journals and monographs. Address all correspondence to Suellen Hoy, North Carolina Division of Archives and History, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27611.

NEW PROGRAM—CASE WESTERN UNIVERSITY SOCIAL POLICY HISTORY

The Department of History, Case Western Reserve University, has announced the establishment of a new doctoral degree program in Social Policy History, beginning in the Fall Semester, 1983. Students with the M.A. degree in History or another appropriate field will be trained for positions in social policy administration. The program blends contemporary research methods and traditional historical skills.

Social Policy History is the study of actions taken in the past by public and private agencies concerned with issues of poverty, dependency, public education, environment, and crime. Students will be expected to master sufficient computer and statistical skills to enable them to make use of these techniques for research and career purposes. After a year of seminar work and preparation toward field examination, students will spend the second year in an internship tailored to their career and dissertation interests.

The third year will be devoted to intensive research and writing for the completion of the dissertation.

The program is limited to the five most promising and qualified full-time students applying each year. Students with the B.A. degree may wish to take one year in the Department of History Ph.D. program. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 1, 1983. All applicants who are accepted to either the M.A. or the Ph.D. program are eligible for fellowships providing tuition and stipends during the course of study. Funds will also be available for student training and research.

The program in Social Policy History is partly funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. For further information, write to Professor Bertram Wyatt-Brown, Social Policy History Coordinator, Department of History, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH 44106.

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK

Changes Eliminate Historians

The next edition of the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, published biennially by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), will not include five major social science occupations: historian, geographer, political scientist, anthropologist, and market analyst. These are among sixty occupations scheduled for elimination from the *Handbook* because of BLS budget cut-backs. The criteria for elimination from the *Handbook* included the size of the occupational group and the degree of effort required to compile current employment data.

The *Occupational Outlook Handbook* contains information on the number of practitioners, the outlook for the profession or occupation, and the required courses of study. It is used extensively by vocational counselors in high schools, community colleges, four-year colleges, and universities to advise students who are making occupational choices. Elimina-

tion of these social science occupations from the *Handbook* will diminish both recruitment to these fields and enrollments in college and university courses.

Letters requesting reinstatement of all five social science occupations should be sent to the following Labor Department officials and members of Congress: Janet Norwood, Director, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; Raymond Donovan, Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; The Honorable Philip Burton, Chairman, Subcommittee on Labor-Management Relations, 2451 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515; The Honorable Don Nickles, Chairman, Subcommittee on Labor, A609 Immigration Building, Washington, DC 20510.

CRITERIA TO EVALUATE FACULTY A Study by University of South Carolina

The Department of History at the University of South Carolina is collecting information on criteria that could be used to evaluate faculty teaching in applied/public history programs for promotion and tenure. Traditional academic criteria are not entirely adequate for promotion and tenure of faculty teaching in the new area. Applied Public History faculty certainly work as hard as their academic colleagues, but not always at the same things and often not in the same ways. How are they to be evaluated rigorously yet fairly?

Kendrick A. Clements, chairman of the Advisory Committee on Applied History at the University of South Carolina, is soliciting information. Faculty members' experience of the skills needed in their areas would be especially useful. Clements hopes to receive a number of answers and put together a reasonable composite.

Correspondence should be addressed to Kendrick A. Clements, Chair, Advisory Committee on Applied History, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208.

AASLH GRANTS

The American Association for State and Local History is offering a competitive program of small grants-in-aid for research in state, regional, local, and community history. Fifty grants of up to \$3,000 each will be available in 1983 and 1984.

The competition is open both to individuals and institutions, including historical organizations and museums as well as colleges and universities. Ineligible are students whose research is part of the requirements for a degree.

Applications and any supporting materials must be received at AASLH headquarters by July 15, 1983 in order to be eligible for the 1983 award competition. For application materials, write to James Gardner, Staff Historian, AASLH, 708 Berry Road, Nashville, TN 37204.

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Washington, DC 20015

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chicago—May 5-7

The Midwest Archives Conference will hold its Spring meeting at the Bismark Hotel, Chicago, from May 5-7, 1983.

The meeting will open with an archival automation fair. Basic sessions will focus on processing oral histories, nontextual records, and an introduction to starting archives from scratch.

For further information on the Conference, contact Tom Dorst, Northwestern University Archives, Evanston, IL 60201, (312) 492-3136.

Dearborn—May 16-20

The Society of American Archivists has scheduled a workshop for business archivists, "Business Archives: The Basics and Beyond," for May 16-20, 1983, at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Michigan.

For a complete brochure and registration form, contact Deborah Risteen, SAA, 330 S. Wells, Suite 810, Chicago, IL 60606.

Santa Barbara—Mid-May

The Southwest Oral History Association will hold a workshop and annual professional meeting at the University of California at Santa Barbara in mid-May 1983. For further information contact: Ava F. Kahn, Southwest Oral History Association, Department of History, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

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