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UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

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Greetings,

The department is pleased to welcome our new Latin American historian, Marisela Ramos, who comes to us from Brown University and students are already excited about her spring courses in Mexican and Borderlands history.

Dr. Kinukawa is introducing her new course on Gender and Science in

the spring to coincide with a big, university wide "Gender and Science" conference, taking place in March 2008 and sponsored by the Gender Studies program. And our own Dr. Gerhard is taking over as director of Gender Studies, so the department looks forward to more dynamic connections with that program. We are also delighted to see strong

interest in history among the new exploratory majors and hope that we entice a good number of them into the history fold.

Kudos to Ken Albala on the publication of his new book, *Beans: A History*, which is attracting some rave reviews and to Greg Rohlf on the publication of his most recent article in the prestigious journal, *China Quarterly*.

Finally, I would like to also invite you to join us for our Seniors' Capstone presentations on December 4, 6, and 11 from 3-5 pm in the Taylor Conference Room in the Library. Help us acknowledge the terrific work that our seniors have completed.

Best Wishes ,
Caroline Cox

MEET PROFESSOR MARISELA RAMOS

I am originally from East Los Angeles but have lived in the east coast the past fifteen years, most recently in Vermont where I taught at Middlebury College. My educational journey took me to the University of Connecticut to get a Masters degree and to Brown University for both my Bachelors degree and Ph.D. It is great to be at Pacific! I will be teaching the Latin American and Latino history courses. I research the history of blacks in Mexico and Afro-Latino history. The funny thing is that I did not

particularly like history when I was young. When I got to college I took a course on Latino history and all of a sudden the world began to make sense. I knew I had to be a historian. My career has taken me all over Mexico and the United States. I've handled documents that are centuries old and explored cities and towns founded by run-



away slaves over four hundred years ago. History can be FUN. And if you are still skeptical, I hope you will sign up for a history class.

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We invite you to become involved in the education of our current students. Underwriting opportunities exist for donors at all levels of support. Your gifts help support field trips, the Phi Alpha Theta chapter, and our student club, the Pacific Historical Society.

Contact Chair Cox at ccox@pacific.edu

PACIFIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY, STUDENT CLUB

The Pacific Historical Society is an on campus club that is a wonderful place for anyone who is interested in history. Founded in 2005 by students at Pacific, the Pacific Historical Society is one of the best groups on campus for anyone looking to enrich their knowledge of the past and have fun. In our bi-weekly meetings, we listen to guest lecturers, re-create history with Lego's, hold "Battle of the Past" contests, and watch "historical movies," like Gladiator and

300. Our annual journal contains essays written by Pacific students covering topics ranging from American history to East Asian civilizations. Every meeting is a ton of fun, with a group of people who are talking about a subject they love. Our current executive board is made up of five individuals who are dedicated and enthusiastic. Our President is John Ahlers, Vice-President is Anna Accetola, Secretary is Anna Bernard-Hoverstad, Treasurer is

Johanna Bakmas, and the Minister of Propaganda is Paul Fraidenburgh. Our schedule for the upcoming semester is full of new ideas and innovative ways to learn and enjoy our time here at Pacific. Everyone is invited to come and visit us, whether or not you are a current student or otherwise, whether you are a history major, or just happened to watch the History channel once and found yourself captivated. Hope to see you soon.

THE MONKEY IN THE FOREST

By Shane Hetzler, '04

As I squatted in the blistering heat, the kids kept coming. Crowding around me, they held out plastic sacks filled with a sand and manure mix for planting tree seedlings. "Hey, look here, Bathie!" (my name in Senegal), they called, seeking praise for their work. Another 50 pupils were busy at a dirt pile, filling hundreds of sacks that I had supplied. Later I asked in their native Wolof, "If you see goats in the tree nursery, what do you do?" "CHASE THEM AWAY!" was the deafening response.

If these kids protect their nursery, each will have a papaya for their house, shade trees for their school, and a

field of eucalyptus for lumber to harvest and sell in Dakar. The school will buy supplies with the profits.

As an Agforestry Volunteer for the Peace Corps in Keli-mane, Senegal, I've spent the

past 18 months spreading "The Gospel According to Tree". Senegal has suffered accelerating deforestation since the 1970's, due to population growth and reliance on fuel wood. The problem is particularly acute in my region north of the Gambian border. But it's not easy to grow a tree.

I've worked with schoolchildren, individual farmers, and women's groups to disseminate the benefits of planting trees. The work is filled with ups and downs, best captured in a Wolof proverb: "Ndank ndank moi japp golo ci Nyies" or "Little by little, the monkey is trapped in the forest." In other words, it takes time and patience to facilitate change.

SHANE HETZLER,
'04, JUST COMPLETED A TWO YEAR ASSIGNMENT IN SENEGAL. SEE PHOTOS IN THE FALL 2007 EDITION OF *PACIFIC REVIEW*.

Got an idea for a story in the Spring 2008 Newsletter? Send it to Greg Rohlf at grohlf@pacific.edu

JOHN SUTTER CONFERENCE

The 57th California History Institute, the legacy of Pacific historians Rockwell Hunt and Coke Wood, will be held on campus at Pacific April 25, 26, 2008 and will focus on "John A. Sutter and His World." Award-winning author and historian, Albert L. Hurtado (B.A., M.A. Sacramento State Univ.; Ph.D. UCSB, 1980) will keynote the luncheon on April 26 with remarks from his new book, *John A. Sutter: A Life on the North American Frontier* (University of Oklahoma

Press, 2007). Other Sutter specialists will also present papers. A field trip to Sutter's Old Fort and to the American gold discovery site at Coloma is planned for Friday, April 25. A registration will be required. E mail johnmuir@pacific.edu or wswagerty@pacific.edu if interested in the field trip, attending the sessions and luncheon, or presenting a paper at the Conference. Pacific alumni are encouraged to attend.

PHI ALPHA THETA NEWS

In May, 2007, Pacific's History Department established the Alpha Mu Omega chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national honor society for History. Five current students are members of our chapter.

The chapter will initiate the second class of members in February 2008. Please see chapter advisor Greg Rohlf if you would like to join the chapter and you

meet the following requirements: 3.1 GPA in History, in 12 or more units; 3.0 GPA overall. For more information, see www.phialphatheta.org

The History Department plans to take a group of students to the PAT regional conference at Chico State on April 11-12, 2008. You need not be a chapter member to submit a paper or attend. Deadline for paper submissions will be in January.

NEW COURSE FOR MAJORS: HISTORICAL IMAGINATION

By Tomomi Kinukawa

History majors now have a sophomore-level course that introduces them to modern historical practices.

"Historical Imagination" explores some of the ways people have thought about, represented, and used the past across time and space. It introduces students to methods and debates through examination and discussion of texts

and archives that range from scholarly monographs and documents to monuments, oral traditions, and other media.

In each class session, we discuss a main historical text with special considerations of methods and theory: Students critically examine the questions historians ask; tools and

evidence that they use to answer those questions; and the form of their narratives and interpretation. Students learn basic skills in archival research at the special collection of the UOP library. Students also get practical advice for research from history professors, who guest lecture on their joy and obsession with their own research projects.

This course is required for history majors and minors and recommended at the sophomore level. It is open to others interested in the historian's craft.

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ALL WELCOME TO SENIOR CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

Five years ago, the department instituted a capstone class for seniors, the Pacific History Seminar, in which students write research papers using primary document collections from our own or neighboring libraries. The program has been a big success and students present their papers at a departmental mini-conference at the end of the fall semester. Since the

program began, seniors such as Kristen Rocha, Dan Guerra and others, have gone on to present their research at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research. Now that we have a chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, eligible seniors will have a chance to present at that society's regional and national conferences too.

This year, there are eleven students in the capstone class and they will be presenting their papers on the afternoons of December 4, 6, and 11 from 3-5pm in the Taylor Conference Room on the third floor of the Library. All history majors, minors, friends, family, and alums are welcome. Refreshments will be served. The presentation

schedule will be posted to the department's website as soon as it has been finalized.

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DEC. 4, 6 & 11:
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ALUMNI NOTES

Alexandra Wagner, '05 writes, "I am doing well, fully settled into graduate student life at Brandeis University. So far, I am very happy and enjoy the course work outlined for my first semester."

Arlene Galindo, '05, writes, "I am currently at JFK University for a Master's Degree in Museum Studies specializing in Community Education and Public Programming. I was accepted this summer on a fellowship to the Smithsonian and worked in their Latino Museum Studies Program in which I developed Latino Outreach Programming for the National Museum of Natural History."

Eric Tigri, '05, writes, "I will be attending the University of California Santa Barbara, Ger- vite Graduate School of Educa-

tion. I will be studying for a M.A. in Education Administration with an emphasis in Educational leadership and Organizations, in hopes of working in student life at the university level."

Robyn Potts, '03, writes, "I'm in my fourth year in the UC Davis history PhD program. My field is Early America, and my current project focuses on children and punishment from 1750 to 1820. I TA a variety of courses at Davis, and otherwise enjoy getting outside and away from the books as often as possible."

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FALL 2007 CAPSTONE STUDENTS



This year's Capstone students, front, l-r, Fehmida Ali, Nidya Gonzalez, Alison Youngs, Jeannette Sandoval, Cally Chhin; back l-r, Partrick Nelson, Loretto Perez, John Ahlers, Paul Fraidenbrugh, Randall Stoddard, Frankie Griffen; Fearless leader Dr. Cox