The Department of History’s fundraising event for the 2011-2012 academic year was an outstanding success! The Octoberfest sampling provided by Christian Moerlein was the centerpiece of an evening devoted to good food, great beer, and of course, history.

Greg Hardman, president and CEO of Christian Morelein, was on hand to talk about his experiences in the industry and explain why Cincinnati’s past, and future, are so important to his company. He also stayed to talk with guests about the various beers and offer insights on tasting. Dr. David Stradling spoke about the history of beer brewing in Cincinnati and author Michael Morgan elaborated on the heritage of brewing in Over-the-Rhine and was available to sign copies of his book: *Over-the-Rhine: When Beer was King*.

The Max Kade Center was the perfect venue for the event and the Department of History wishes to extend its thanks to the Department of German Studies for its accommodation as well as all the graduate students and faculty who worked behind the scenes to make the fundraiser such a success. Special thanks to Gene and Dottie Lewis, Janet and Zane Miller, Jodie and David Stradling, and Babara Ramusack whose extra donations helped provide the food accompanying the beer. Most importantly, the Department wishes to thank everyone who came out to show their support and make the evening so enjoyable.

### Mahar-Dalit-Buddhist: The History of Naming in Maharashtra

Dr. Shailaja Paik has written an article which has recently been published with the refereed journal, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*. Paik’s article entitled “Mahar-Dalit-Buddhist: The history of naming in Maharashtra” examines the social history and politics of naming Dalits in Maharashtra (Western India). By using the

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**Awards and Accolades**

Dr. John Alexander’s *Samuel Adams: The Life of an American Revolutionary* has been selected as a *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title, 2011.

*Choice* reviews more than 7,000 titles each year and in their criteria they explain, “This prestigious list reflects the best in scholarly titles reviewed by *Choice* and brings with it the extraordinary recognition of the academic library community.”

Congratulations on a great book and receiving such an outstanding award!
process of naming, Paik analyzes the multiple, shifting, and contested meanings of “being” an Untouchable in pre-colonial, colonial, and post-colonial India. From her abstract:

“By examining practices of naming, especially the recent adoption of a ‘Buddhist’ identity by middle-class Dalits in contemporary Maharashtra, this article analyses the multiple, shifting, and contested meanings of being Dalit. Examining the politics of this plurality shows the varied concerns at work in applying and contesting different names, especially the social and psychological challenges inherent in such acts of self-identification. By investigating the ambiguities and ambivalences of being Dalit and Buddhist, the article demonstrates that the strategies of naming struggle against the burdens of a stigmatised past as well as the challenge of exclusion and inclusion vis-à-vis different Dalit castes.”

This article appears in the June issue of Contributions to Indian Sociology (June 2011 vol. 45 no. 2: 217-241).

Dr. Wendy Kline was featured in the News Record as well as in UC News for her research arguing that eugenics might have had a much more recent presence in the United States that previously known. In the News Record article, Ryan Hoffman explains, “Research conducted by Wendy Kline, a professor in UC’s history department, shows that past testing and use of the injected contraceptive Depo-Provera might have been a case of eugenics — the attempt to improve a society’s genetic makeup by controlling who is able to reproduce in the 70s.”

Dr. Kline also gave a talk on the topic in the fall in Uppsala, Sweden. Her presentation was titled “Bodies of Evidence: Activists, Patients, and the FDA Regulation of Depo-Provera.”

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Congratulations to Dr. Mark Lause for the publication of his newest book, Price’s Lost Campaign: The 1864 Invasion of Missouri (U. Missouri Press, 2011).

Dr. Chris Phillips explains, “Mark’s book makes an important contribution to Civil War scholarship generally, and to the westernmost theater especially, and is receiving early praise for deep research, sharp analysis, and efficient writing.”

This latest book is on sale now and a copy can be seen in the History Department office.

Dr. Mark Raider’s most recent article has been published in Issues in Contemporary Jewish History. His article, “Stephen S.
Wise and the Urban Frontier: American Jewish Life in New York and the Pacific Northwest at the Dawn of the 20th Century (the full article can be read here) is part of a special issue: “Modernity and the Cities of the Jews.” The abstract from the article explains, “The case of Stephen S. Wise provides a lens through which to examine American Jewry’s transformation at the dawn of the 20th century. Not only were New York City and Portland, Oregon – places Wise called home – two geographic poles of America’s urban frontier, they also highlight a spectrum of possibilities available to the New World’s fledgling Jewish community. Viewed in tandem, they illustrate American society’s raw, open, and pliable terrain as it emerged from a rural pre-industrial past. Moreover, by placing Wise in the context of the metropolitan growth that reshaped the Atlantic and Pacific frontiers in the late 19th century, we gain a better understanding of the relationship between the country’s dynamic environmental conditions and the phenomenon of Jewish immigrant absorption, acculturation, and Americanization. In withdrawing to the wilderness, Wise exposed himself to new possibilities for thinking about the place of Jews in American society and the future of American Judaism. He also honed the role of which he was to become a superlative exemplar – a 20th-century American rabbi at home in the worlds of religion and politics. Furthermore, his synthesis of liberal Judaism, American pluralism, Zionism, and Progressive-era notions of social justice anticipated the rise of a new American Jewish sensibility that would become normative in the 20th century.”

UC HISTORY ON THE ROAD

Dr. Maura O’Connor has been making sure that the UC History Department is well represented throughout the fall and winter months. From September 30th to October 2nd she traveled to Houston where the English Department at Rice University (in particular a Victorian scholar there, Helena Michie), invited her to present a work in progress to their interdisciplinary seminar on the ‘long nineteenth century’. At the seminar, she presented a draft of her forthcoming article, titled, "'Petticoat Speculators': Women and the London Stock Exchange."

In Mid-October, Dr. O’Connor traveled to UC Berkeley and participated in "Somebody's Story," a conference in honor of Catherine Gallagher and organized by Gallagher’s former students. O’Connor presented a paper titled "Practicing New Historicism Until We Could Do It" or "Reading with Cathy Gallagher."

PERSPECTIVES OF 9/11

In conjunction with the tenth anniversary of September 11, Dr. Ethan Katz was interviewed and cited by multiple news outlets regarding the effect of the events of 9/11 on American society. Stories in which his analysis appears can be found here (in English), and here (in German).

In late October, he participated in a workshop at the University of California-Los Angeles on "New Approaches to Algerian Jewish History." Workshop participants have since been asked to participate in a special issue of the Journal of North African Studies that will be devoted to the same theme. For this issue,
Dr. Katz is preparing an article analyzing Algerian Jewish commemorations.

In December, Dr. Katz took part in two panels at the annual conference of the Association for Jewish Studies (AJS), in Washington, D.C. For a panel he helped organize on "New Directions in Histories of Jewish-Muslim and Jewish-Arab Relations," he presented a paper entitled, "Listening for Colonialism, Migration, and Ethno-Religious Identities: Oral Histories as a Source for Jewish and Muslim Mutual Perceptions in France." He also was an invited discussant on the "Sephardic-Mizrahi Pedagogy Roundtable," a session devoted to how to incorporate histories of Jews from the Balkans, North Africa, and the Middle East into various kinds of courses in Jewish, European, and Middle Eastern history. The session was successful enough that participants have since been invited to publish short essays from their presentations for the teaching portion of the AJS website. Meanwhile, at the end of the conference, Dr. Katz accepted an invitation to serve as co-chair for the works-in-progress group of the AJS. This group meets annually at the AJS conference to discuss pre-distributed work from two promising young scholars.

During the past several months, Dr. Katz has also completed two invited publications. The first, entitled "Jews and Muslims in the Shadow of the Republic: A Century of Coexistence and Conflict," will appear in a forthcoming volume in French, from the French publisher Albin Michel, on the history of Jewish-Muslim relations from the Quran to the Present. The second publication, a book review of *Arabs of the Jewish Faith: The Civilizing Mission in Colonial Algeria* (New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 2010), by Joshua Schreier, will appear shortly in *H-France Review*.

SOUTHERN HISTORY, CENTER STAGE

Dr. Christopher Phillips offered three keynote addresses and lectures during the fall term. He presented “River of Destiny: The Ohio River and the Making of America” to the Ohio River Steamboat Bicentennial Symposium, sponsored jointly by the Indianapolis Historical Society and the Rivers Institute at Hanover College and held at the Indiana History Center in Indianapolis on October 21, 2011. On October 27, 2011, he offered an OAH-sponsored Distinguished Lecture to the annual history convocation at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri, entitled “From Border State to Border South: The Civil War Southernization of Missouri.” On November 12, he offered “Purely a question of power not one of law”: The Contours of Federal Occupation in Civil War Missouri, 1861-1863,” at the Border War Conference held at the Plaza Branch of the Public Library of Kansas City, Missouri, and jointly sponsored by the Center for Regional Studies, University of Missouri – Kansas City and Hall Center for the Humanities at the University of Kansas.

HISTORY ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to Geoffrey Giglierano on being named
Executive Director to the Missouri Humanities Council. As noted on their website, “Geoff Giglierano joined the staff of the Missouri Humanities Council as its Executive Director in April, 2010. He has a B.A. and M.A. in American History, with a specialization in Urban History, from the University of Cincinnati and over thirty years of experience working as an educator, curator, historian, administrator and development officer in a variety of museums and libraries, and as a nonprofit consultant.” We wish Geoff the best of luck in his new endeavor!

Dawn Spring’s first book, *Advertising in the Age of Persuasion: Building Brand America, 1941-1961* was published in November. Palgrave Macmillan describes her focus, “During the 1940s and 1950s, American advertisers made themselves vital to business, media, government, and religious institutions. They envisioned an American-led global consumer order supported by advertising based media where the brand took precedence over the corporation that owned it, and advertising, propaganda, and public relations were considered the same thing. To support these ideas and ensure that the advertising industry remained of value, they established relationships with the federal government and national security agencies, developing a network and process for disseminating persuasive information that survives into the twenty-first century.

LELAND HAWES PRIZE FOR UC HISTORY GRADUATE STUDENT

Gregory Jason Bell, a current ABD PhD student teaching at Tomas Bata University in Zlin, Czech Republic, has been awarded the 2011 Leland Hawes Prize for best graduate paper in Florida history. Jason's dissertation is on the development and 19th-century "southernization" of Tampa. Winners of the Hawes Prize have their papers published in the journal *Tampa Bay History*.

James MacGregor was offered, and subsequently accepted, a position as an assistant dean for academic affairs at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in Doha, Qatar. He and his wife Teresa have been living in the Gulf since August and report that they are enjoying it very much. We wish them both well and hope to hear more from them soon.
Relations between the religious and secular worlds have rarely been so beset by tension and misunderstanding as they are today. Yet in recent years, scholars across the humanities have begun to rethink many of their assumptions about how the "secular" world emerged, and also about its relations with the religious world. Increasingly, these scholars have come to understand that the modern world is deeply shaped by religion, and that the religious and secular can rarely be separated. This year the History Department is hosting a series of speakers whose work addresses such issues.

Our first speaker, Dr. Matt Goldish of Ohio State University, came to campus on November 4. In a seminar on Dr. Goldish's first book, participants from several departments debated questions of the relationship between science and religion in the Enlightenment; Newton the Scientist as reality and myth; and the wider intellectual and cultural environment of early modern England and Europe. Later that day, more than thirty faculty and students crowded into the Taft Center to hear Dr. Goldish speak on "The Moderate Enlightenment: Jewish and Christian Models." The talk provoked a number of thoughtful questions and exchanges.

Two additional distinguished scholars will be coming to UC this year to talk about their books that deal with this topic from various angles, and to explore a new topic of research in a public lecture. Like Dr. Goldish, they will be giving particular attention to various aspects of the Jewish experience and influence in modern European history. For the book seminars, we will make the book available to students and faculty well before they come to campus.

Next Speaker (February 13-14): David Sorkin, Distinguished Professor, CUNY Graduate Center
Book Seminar: Discussion of Sorkin, The Religious Enlightenment: Protestants, Jews, and Catholics, from London to Vienna
Lecture: The Enlightenment and Religion: Shifting Boundaries in Recent Scholarship

Final Speaker (May 9-10): Lisa Moses Leff, Associate Professor of History, American University
Book Seminar: Discussion of Leff, Sacred Bonds of Solidarity: The Rise of Jewish Internationalism in Nineteenth-Century France
Lecture: 'Sacred' Remnants for a Secular History? Zosa Szajkowski and the Creation of French Jewish History