AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2018

Welcome to a new academic year, students, faculty, and friends! And a special welcome to all our new graduate students and to Professor Rebecca Wingo, who has joined us as a new faculty member specializing in digital history, public history, and the history of the US West and Native American cultures. Needless to say, we’re looking forward to seeing all of you -- familiar faces and new ones! – as the fall semester begins.

We’ll be sending the Primary Source your way every month with updates on goings-on around the department. Look for our next call for news in late September and don’t leave us in the lurch. Inquiring minds want to know... Plus, no fake news here. This is the real, historical thing.

Faculty News

Isaac Campos traveled to Barcelona in May for the Latin American Studies Association meeting, where he delivered a paper and chaired a roundtable. In August, he went California to attend UC-Berkeley’s week-long Advanced Oral History Institute. While there, he had lunch with former colleague Ethan Katz who, Isaac reports, had his shirt untucked and seemed to have become remarkably “California” in just a few short weeks.

Elizabeth Frierson served as an outside reviewer for a successful tenure evaluation at M.I.T. for one of her former graduate students. She also served as an external dissertation reviewer for Ben Gurion University in Israel. She is a member of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association’s Sydney N. Fisher Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee.
Sigrun Haude’s contribution to “Forum: The Thirty Years War” in German History 36 (2018): 252-70 was published in June.

Rob Haug traveled to Seville, Spain to participate in the quadrennial World Congress of Middle East Studies. There he organized the panel "After Qadisiyya," which sought to complicate the seventh-century Battle of Qadisiyya between the early Islamic caliphate and the Sasanian Empire of Iran. In recent centuries, the battle has become a kind of short hand for conflict between Iraq and Iran. His paper, "The Hephthalite-Sasanian Frontier and the Arab Conquest," looked at the role of the Hephthalite Huns of northern Afghanistan in the Arab-Muslim conquest of Iran.

Mark Lause spoke in New York City in June on the two-party system in the U.S. His book, Long Road to Harpers Ferry, will be in print the second week of September; War and Revolution: A Peoples’ History of the Franco-Prussian War is under contract and will be in submission at the end of the year; and he is in discussion with publishers for a book on the historic emergence of "reform Democrats" and third party movements in the Gilded Age.


David Stradling’s latest book, In Service to the City: A History of the University of Cincinnati, will be out this fall with the University of Cincinnati Press. Writes one reviewer: “Focused on the complex and ever-changing relationship between the university and its host city, Stradling’s superb history demonstrates clearly that the university’s urban location and its status as a municipal institution continuously shaped its two hundred year history.”

Willard Sunderland gave four lectures as an invited professor at the École des Hautes Études in Paris in May and June, where he ate terrible food and generally had a miserable time. In July he delivered the keynote lecture at a conference on German transnational networks and cosmopolitanism in East-Central Europe and Russia in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries held at the Dresden Technische Universität in Dresden, Germany. Earlier in the summer he was appointed to the editorial board of a new book series by Bloomsbury Press called Russian Shorts, which will feature short, lively treatments on topics in Russian history, culture, and politics. He also published “The Historian and the Empress: Isabel de Madriaga’s Catherine the Great” in Hilda Smith and Melinda Zook (eds.), Generations of Women Historians: Within and Beyond the Academy.

Tracy Teslow published “Ruth Benedict: An Anthropologist’s Historical Writing,” in Hilda Smith and Melinda Zook (eds.), Generations of Women Historians: Within and Beyond the Academy. A copy of this volume is in the department office!

Rebecca Wingo moved to Cincinnati with her two beautiful cats, Odo and Tiny Grey Kitten. They are settling in quite nicely thanks to a warm welcome from the department and particularly Anne
Delano Steinert, who took Wingo on various walking tours of the city. Her book *Homesteading the Plains* is about to come out in paperback and (hilariously) also as an audiobook. Her next book about digital community engagement is under contract with UC Press, and her next-next book about adult education and housing on the Crow Reservation is still otherwise taunting her. This summer, she gave three invited talks about digital history and her research on the Crows at Colorado College, Indiana University-Bloomington, and here at UC as part of the “Native Voices” exhibit.

**Rob Haug, Brianna Leavitt-Alcántara, and Jeff Zalar** were promoted to associate professor with tenure. Congratulations, historians!

**Affiliate Faculty News**

In June, **Ari Finkelstein** (Judaic Studies) conducted research on a fourth-century Christian work, the Apostolic Constitutions, at the École Biblique in Jerusalem. He also published the article, "Fitting a Square Peg into a Round Hole: Categorizing Works of Jewish Historiography of the Second Temple Period" in the *Journal for the Study of Judaism 49* (2018): 1-27.

**Graduate Student News**


**Kristen Fleming** discussed her scholarship at the “Environmental Humanities in the Public Realm” workshop held at Memorial University of Newfoundland. She also presented a paper on the Ohio Valley musseling industry at the annual Midwestern History Association conference. She participated in a two-week NEH summer institute in Boulder City, NV, entitled, “Hoover Dam and the Shaping of the American West.” Her several endeavors enjoy support from a Taft Summer Fellowship.

**Evan Johnson** won a six-month research support grant from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). This award, along with other funding he’s received, will allow him to conduct archival work in Berlin for ten months beginning this September.

**Tyson Sadleir** published a book review in the new issue of the *American Jewish Archives Journal* and conducted research on the history of Russian and Georgian law during the era of the Russian Empire during a month-long stay in Tbilisi, Georgia, and St. Petersburg, Russia.

**Anne Delano Steinert** received the Ohio Local History Alliance’s Outstanding Achievement Award for History Outreach for an exhibit with a budget under $25,000 for her *Finding Kenyon Barr* exhibit. *Finding Kenyon Barr: Exploring Photographs of Cincinnati’s Lost Lower West End* will
be on display again in UC's Meyers Gallery in the Steger Student Life Center from September 13 to October 23 as part of the FotoFocus Biennial. Congratulations, Anne, on this well-deserved award!


**Emeriti News**

**Tom Sakmyster** delivered a paper entitled “Elopement and Marriage among the Shakers” at the annual Shaker Seminar, held this year in July in Cincinnati.

**Hilda Smith** authored the introduction, “Women’s Scholarship Within and Outside the Academy, 1870-1960,” as well as the essay, “No Leisure for Myself: C. C. Stopes and British Freewomen” in Hilda Smith and Melinda Zook, (eds.), *Generations of Women Historians: Within and Beyond the Academy*.

**Former Student News**

The Center for Civil War Research at the University of Mississippi has selected **Matthew E. Stanley**'s book, *The Loyal West: War and Reunion in Middle America* (University of Illinois Press), for the 2018 annual Wiley-Silver Prize in Civil War History. The prize is awarded to the best first book in Civil War history published in 2017, and recognizes exceptional emerging scholars in the history of the American Civil War. The prize is named for noted Civil War historians Bell Irvin Wiley and James W. Silver. Professor Stanley is assistant professor of history at Albany State University in Albany, Georgia. He received his Ph.D. from the UC History department in 2013. His dissertation adviser was Christopher Phillips. Stanley will receive an invitation to speak at the University’s annual Conference on the Civil War, held in the fall of 2018. At that meeting, the $2000 prize will be awarded to the honoree. Congratulations, Matt!

**Steven Wright** (BA ’80, MA ’88) recently published *Britain’s Battle to Go Modern: Confronting Architectural Modernisms, 1900-1925* (Brighton: Book Guilds Publishing, 2018). Steven works currently as an independent researcher in the UK.