Historians study change over time, and it has been a year of changes for the History department. Not all of the tumult can be blamed on the new chair, though I thank those colleagues, friends, and comrades who have been so quick and generous in pointing out the irony of having someone who writes about anarchism serve as chair. And thanks too to all those who are fond of citing Mussolini’s observation that an anarchist is a fascist who hasn’t discovered how to take power.

Some of the changes in the department are immediately apparent. Heather Skibenecky, the Department Manager since 1999, retired in March 2009. Sheilagh MacDonald, the Chair’s Secretary, moved to the Dean of Graduate Studies office. Marion Walter and Lesley Adams, the Graduate and Undergraduate Secretaries, have also taken up new positions at SFU. Tessa Wright, our Undergraduate Advisor, remains at her post and is joined by our new staff members: Judi Fraser, Department Manager; Ruth Anderson, Chair’s and Graduate Chair’s Secretary; Julie Sloan, Communications and Recruitment Officer; and Anne Klein, Budget Clerk. Together they are maintaining our long tradition of efficient, effective, and gracious staff, and have kept the department running smoothly, even as they adapt to new challenges and new responsibilities.

Among these challenges and responsibilities has been the preparation for the department’s external review, which took place in March 2010. This gave us an opportunity to see just how dramatically the department has changed since the last review in 2002. Of the thirty members on hand then, only eleven remain. We are a younger, newer department, with fourteen of the faculty assistant professors, ten associate professors, and six full professors.

What we do has changed too; new people bring new strengths and new interests. From a department that had a longstanding strength in political and diplomatic history, we have shifted to one in which our strengths are social and cultural history, broadly defined. Five History faculty members (Felicitas Becker, Jeremy Brown, Elise Chenier, Mary-Ellen Kelm, and Willeen Keough) have formed a working group to facilitate teaching and research in oral history, utilizing our new oral history lab, and developing archival holdings. Our graduate and undergraduate programs too have changed to reflect people and focus.

We will continue to change. In July, Lesley Cormack and Andrew Ede leave our Department for the University of Alberta; in September, Felicitas Becker leaves for Cambridge. Losing such able and congenial colleagues is a real blow to the department, but we have gained much from their time at SFU and wish them well in their new positions.

If much is changing, some things remain the same. We are a vibrant and productive department; our list of publications, grants, awards, and conferences continues to grow. In 2009, our faculty published a number of new books: Roxanne Panchasi, *Future Tense: The Culture of Anticipation in France Between the Wars* (Cornell University Press, 2009); Jennifer Spear, *Race, Sex, and Social Order in Early New Orleans* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009); Felicitas Becker, co-editor, *Religious Practice and AIDS in Africa* (Brill, 2009); and The Graphic History Collective, comprised of SFU students and local artists, produced the graphic novel, *May Day: A Graphic History of Protest*.

John Craig was awarded the 2009 Katherine F. Pantzer Jr. Research Fellowship and was elected to a Visiting Fellowship at Peterhouse, Cambridge, for 2009-2010. Andrew Ede, Hilmar Pabel, Paul Garfinkel and Emily O’Brien each received a SSHRC Standard Research Grant, and Andrea Geiger was appointed chair of SCODA at SFU and chair of the Organization of American Historians Japanese Association for American Studies Committee.

And the History Department, through Labour Studies, is one of the partners on a new Community and University Research Alliance (CURA) grant, on Work in a Warming World.

Jeremy Brown is organizing a workshop in Chinese history, and Willeen Keough is organizing a conference in women’s (Continued...)
New Faces

Ruth Anderson
Graduate Secretary / Chair’s Secretary

I came to SFU to complete a BA in Humanities. Having trekked across Africa in a Bedford truck, I decided to take the Origins of Africa history course towards the Liberal Arts Certificate. I ended up taking all of the African history courses and completed a minor in History. Since my arrival at SFU, I have worked in the W.A.C. Bennett Library, the Dean of Graduate Studies office, and the Department of History. My work experience comes from both the profit and not-for-profit sectors and include working in the insurance industry, oil industry, and the Arts.

Within the department, I take care of:

• appointments with the Chair;
• grant applications and information;
• course teaching evaluations;
• general enquiries about the graduate program; and
• providing assistance to graduate students and teaching assistants.

Judi Fraser
Department Manager

I came to the History department in April 2009 and am delighted to join the staff and faculty here. I previously held positions at SFU in the School of Engineering Science, Campus Security, and Student Services. I completed a BA degree at SFU in 1987 and pursued a career in modern dance for many years before settling down to raise my three sons. I returned to work at my alma mater in 2005. My responsibilities within the department include:

• Staff management;
• financial matters;
• course planning;
• student advising (in Tessa’s absence);
• office and classroom assignments; and
• payroll inquiries.

Nicolas Kenny
Canadian History

Nicolas Kenny joined SFU’s History department in the fall of 2008 after completing a doctorate in a joint program at the Université de Montréal and the Université Libre de Bruxelles. His PhD dissertation was awarded the Université de Montréal Prize for Best Thesis in Arts, Letters, and Humanities (2008-2009). He teaches Quebec and Canadian history in classes offered by the department as well as through the French Cohort Program. A member of the Montreal History Group, he specialises in urban and cultural history, and his research focuses on how the body and the senses shape people’s relationship to their environment in the context of modern industrialisation and urbanisation. He is currently working on a manuscript on this topic entitled The Feel of the City: Experiences of Urban Transformation. Nicolas has recently published an article entitled “From Body and Home to Nation and World: The Varying Scales of Transnational Urbanism in Montreal and Brussels at the turn of the 20th century” in Urban History (August 2009).

Annie Klein
Budget Clerk

My career at SFU began in February of 2005, working in the Accounts Payable division of Financial Services. I gained valuable experience and developed many contacts that led me to and facilitated my present position as Budget Clerk in the History department.

I have worked in a number of areas at SFU, including Facilities Management, Operations at Harbour Centre, and the Faculty of Education.

I came to the department in September of 2008. Within the department, I look after:

• accounting;
• research accounts;
• office equipment;
• textbook ordering;
• mail and couriers; and
• office/teaching supplies.

Julie Sloan
Communications and Recruitment Officer

I came to SFU in the summer of 2008 on a short-term contract with Residence and Housing and joined the History department in December 2008. Before that, I worked in Canadian embassies in both Kenya and the United States, in the Political and Public Affairs division and as a Community Liaison. My earlier career included years in various marketing and communications positions in the high-tech and non-profit sectors in both Vancouver and Ottawa.

My specialization is in website management, event management, and writing. Within the department, I take care of:

• departmental website;
• event planning;
• media;
• public relations;
• promotions; and
• recruitment activities.

In Memoriam, Ron Newton

Ron Newton, professor emeritus who retired from our Department in 1998, died on March 24 at Lion’s Gate Hospital in North Vancouver. Ron received his PhD from the University of Florida in 1963. He came to SFU in 1967, became an associate professor in 1970, full professor 1980, and retired in 1998. He worked on 20th century Latin America, European immigration in South America, and the Cuban Revolution. He was the author of German Buenos Aires, 1960-1933. Social change and cultural crisis (University of Texas Press,1977) and The “Nazis menin” in Argentina, 1931-1947 (Stanford University Press, 1992). Ron was active in the Latin America Studies program and, in addition to teaching courses in Latin American history, he taught a very popular seminar on the Spanish Civil War and another on nuclear war and disarmament. He is remembered as an inspiring historian who brought a strong social conscience to his research and his teaching. Ron was also a clever caricaturist, and those in the know would endeavour to set by him at department meetings to appreciate his wit.
Ian Dyck Memorial Lecture - March 2009

The first Ian Dyck Memorial Lecture, entitled “The Owlesbury Lads: Traditional song, popular culture and radicalism in England 1820–1830,” was held on Friday evening, March 27 at Harbour Centre in downtown Vancouver and was well attended by faculty, family, donors, students, and friends. The lecture was given by an old friend of Ian’s, professor Alan Howkins of Sussex University, who delighted the audience with both speech and song. The next Ian Dyck memorial lecture is expected to take place in the fall of 2010.

Book Launch - September 2009

On September 28, 2009, we held a book launch at Harbour Centre to celebrate faculty in the department who have published books in the past year and a half. This was a very exciting event for many of our faculty who were publishing their first books. Authors included Felicitas Becker, Luke Cloosey, Jennifer Spear, Elise Chenier, Jack Little, Willette Keough, and Roxanne Panchasi (who was there in spirit).

Career Workshop - March 2009

Every year, the History Working Environment Committee and SFU Career Services hold a workshop for our senior History undergraduate students to help them prepare for the challenges of finding work—especially, employment that will enable them to utilize the knowledge and skills that they have acquired throughout our program. This year's event was held on March 4 at the Maggie Benston Centre. The workshop was very well attended and began with a discussion among invited panelists, who generously shared advice about making a successful transition to the ‘real world.’

Guests included: our very own Dean of FASS, Dr. Lesley Cormack; Jolene Cumming, a historical interpreter who presents history events and walking tours in the Vancouver area; Nicole Read, founder and president of The History Group Inc., a highly successful consulting group in Vancouver; Trevor Smith, Guest Relations Manager with Rocky Mountain Vacations; and recently graduated MA student Kendra Gill, who shared tips on how to tweak one’s CV and letter of introduction for different job competitions.

Guests and students then engaged in a lively Q & A period before Penny Frenos wrapped up the formal part of the proceedings with a description of the wide-ranging support available for graduating students at SFU Career Services. The conversations continued informally over wraps, cookies, and beverages. Students were enthusiastic in their praise for the event and for the speakers who graciously gave of their time to participate.

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Speaking

Quality Graduate Student Conference

The 2009 Quality Conference had a fantastic turnout, with twelve of our graduate students attending, most of whom presented papers. With the methodology course already under their belts, they gave strong theory-based presentations. The Quality dry-run, organized by faculty in the department, had our students very well prepared. They also had a bit of free time to enjoy the beach.

Faculty members who were there to cheer our students on included Willette Keough, Elise Chenier, Dimitri Krallis, Jack Little and Nicolas Kenny. The conference was also attended by faculty and students from the departments of History at Uvic and UBC.

The Pierre Berton Memorial Bowling Tournament

After its hugely successful inauguration in 2008, the Pierre Berton Memorial Bowling Tournament was a must-do in the department’s calendar of events for 2009. The Graduate Program Committee, History Graduate Students Association, and Working Environment Committee organized this popular bowling fundraiser for November 22 to help defray students’ travel costs for the annual graduate conference at Qualicum-Parksville in the new year.

At the start of the afternoon, Jack Little stood as the undefeated champion for achieving the highest score in a single game the previous year. Those who had provided his stiffest competition in 2008 had moved on to other things, so it was up to the new cohort to make a run at the title. And run they did, with some excellent form demonstrated by a number of participants, including the Olsen twins, Carina Nilsson, Jeremy Brown, and (dark horse from the faculty) Mary-Ellen Kelm. Alas, Jack could not quite find his groove, and his title fell to Michael Olsen. This year’s team winner was Arctic Grail, comprised of Alex Olsen, Michael Olsen, Jeremy Brown, and Elise Chenier. Despite some cries of “Fixed!” and “Shame!” provoked by the presence of the Grad Chair on both the winning team and the judging committee, a review of the scores by a neutral party confirmed that the results were fair, and the much-coveted Pierre Berton Memorial Bowling Trophy was awarded to Arctic Grail. Congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to everyone who participated!

History Student Union

Our History Student Union (HSU) has worked hard throughout 2009 to encourage collegiality among undergraduate history students and promote their interests in the department and broader university community. In addition to socials and movie nights, the HSU hosted a very well-attended undergraduate conference at Harbour Centre in March and published the Undergraduate Historical Review—a peer-reviewed journal providing our undergraduate students an entry into the world of academic publishing. The HSU also co-sponsored the first annual Middle East and Islamic Consortium of British Columbia (MEICON-BC) Student Conference in May, bringing together advanced undergraduate and graduate students from SFU, UBC, and Uvic. The HSU will hold its next annual conference on March 27, 2010, and will soon issue a call for submissions for the 2011 issue of the Undergraduate Historical Review. History undergrads, start your engines!
Undergraduate Chair Report

Luke Clossey

Our Undergraduate Chair, Luke Clossey, reports that we have an exciting, redesigned honours program. Drawing from recommendations during faculty retreats and conversations with colleagues engaged in the honours program, the Undergraduate Committee has revised older courses and brought in new offerings to help our students develop their knowledge and skill in the discipline and prepare for potential graduate work. Jennifer Spear brought a new twist to History 305 this fall, for example, by inviting SFU historians into her classroom to discuss their research and writings. Colleagues were very impressed with the engagement of the students and the scholarly level of conversation in the weekly seminar.

Dr. Clossey also advises that we have added a number of fascinating new courses to our undergraduate offerings:

- History of the People’s Republic of China;
- Aboriginal Law & History;
- Fascist Italy;
- Nikkei History;
- Problems in Modern Asian History; and
- The Canadian Prairies: Land, Environment, and Identity.

Convocation — June 2009

Undergraduate Chair Report

Luke Clossey

Graduate Chair Report

Elise Chenier

This September, we welcomed one of the biggest cohorts in recent history. Three new PhDs and 17 new MAs entered the program and by all appearances are thriving. Of course, with their faces so deeply buried in their books, it is sometimes hard to get a good look.

After a well-deserved holiday break, we looked forward to the annual Qualicum-Parksville conference, where our students made us proud, both at the podium and at karaoke. Congratulations to those who gave papers in 2009. Impressions were made, and they were of the best sort.

Over the past year, grads have also done very well in large external grant competitions, and we are confident that this trend will continue. Thanks to all the faculty who gave up time to help students develop their applications this year, and to Alec Dawson who ran the SSHRC writing workshops in 2008 and 2009, respectively. Thanks also to Jeremy Brown, Emily O’Brien, Mary-Ellen Kelm, and Luke Clossey, who have contributed to the grad program by providing workshops on teaching assistantships and other forms of professional development training.

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone — staff, grads, and faculty alike — for helping to make the grad program a lively and exciting one. Special thanks to all members of the Graduate Program Committee, to Ruth Anderson, who makes everything happen, and to Mark for his ongoing support of all that we do in the grad program.

SFU History Students: Awards and Achievements

Undergraduate Students

- Timo Schaefer: SFU Gold Medal and prize in History and Stephen McIntyre Book Prize ($500). Timo was the top graduating student in the History department in 2009, achieving a remarkable 4.09 GPA in his History courses. Timo is now working on his MA in Latin American History at UBC.
- Ozren Jungic: nominated as SFU’s candidate for the BC Rhodes Scholarship. Although Ozren did not receive the award, it was a distinctive honour to have been nominated from amongst SFU’s brightest and best.

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- Sean Wilkinson: Richard Morgan Memorial Book Prize (Canadian Aboriginal History - $250).
- Michael Farrelly: William L. Cleveland Essay Prize in African/Middle Eastern/Asian History ($450).
- Star Deibert-Turner: Margaret Ornusky Prize (Canadian History - $275).
- Everett Messamore: European History Essay Prize ($230).

SFU History Students: Awards, Scholarships, and Fellowships

Graduate Students

- Eryk Martin: SSHRC doctoral fellowship; Special Graduate Entrance Scholarship; Cook Conference Award; William and Jane Saywell Graduate Scholarship.
- Jeremy Milloy: SSHRC doctoral fellowship; Pacific Century Graduate Scholarship; Alan Aberbach scholarship (declined).
- Sandra Berger: SSHRC MA scholarship.
- Stacy Bishop: SSHRC MA scholarship.
- Dustin Harris: SSHRC MA scholarship; International Research Travel Award; William and Jane Saywell Graduate Scholarship.
- Stuart Slaven: Alan Aberbach Scholarship.
- Christine Garneau: Alan Aberbach Scholarship.
- Julia Smith: Leon J. Ladner Graduate Scholarship; Lauraine Harrison Graduate Thesis Award.
- Sean Wilkinson: Douglas Cole Memorial Graduate Entrance Scholarship.
- Alanna Gammage: Special Graduate Entrance Scholarship.
The Centre for the Comparative Studies of Muslim Cultures and Societies Events

Expressions of Diversity in Muslim Contexts

This is an innovative summer programme co-sponsored by the SFU Centre and the Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilizations, Aga Khan University (ISMC - AKU). It is open to individuals wishing to broaden their knowledge and challenge existing ideas about societies and cultures forged by Muslims of the past and present. The summer programme was held in London, England, in 2009 at the new AKU campus on Euston Road. Thirty-five participants from across the globe gathered to study various facets of the history, culture, and contemporary challenges of Muslims with sixteen internationally renowned scholars.

Lecture: Tariq Ramadan
"The Scope and Limits of Reforming Islam"
February 23, 2009

Time magazine named him one of the twenty-first century’s most important innovators for his work on constructing a modern, pluralistic Islam in the West. Speaking to a large audience and drawing from his most recent book, Radical Reform: Islamic Ethics and Liberation (Oxford University Press, 2007), Professor Ramadan proposed a radically reformed Islam of text and context that would be able to integrate spiritual and ethical objectives for contemporary Muslims. The lecture was subsequently broadcast on CBC Ideas.

Hellenic Studies Events

Special film screening: “The 11th Day”

This film depicts the passionate story of the people of Crete and their relentless fight against their Nazi occupiers. The heroism and sacrifice of these men, women, and children as well as the British intelligence operatives who assisted them, should have as much meaning for current and future generations as they did for their own.

Lectures: Dr. Sotirios Mousouris
"The United Nations and Greece: Issues, Positions, Contribution"


“Perspectives on the UN’s Policies Against South African Apartheid: A View from Within,” March 18, 2009

Dr. Sotirios Mousouris trained as a lawyer and economist in Greece and the United States and served as Assistant Secretary-General heading different departments at the UN. In 1987, he was appointed Director of the Centre against Apartheid at the United Nations and, in 1992, the Secretary General of the UN Boutros Boutros Ghali appointed him Deputy Head of the Department of Political affairs. He also served as Personal Representative of the Secretary General for Afghanistan and Pakistan and Coordinator for Humanitarian Assistance for Afghanistan.

Lecture: Professor Mark Golden
"Olive-Tinted Spectacles: Myths in the History of the Ancient and Modern Olympics"
February 18, 2009

The 2010 Vancouver Olympics brought new reminders of the links between the ancient Olympic festival and the modern games, which, according to popular belief, were conceived by the French baron Pierre de Coubertin in 1896. According to Golden, however, many of these links are imaginary or misleading, and the modern games were first conceived and celebrated by Greeks before Coubertin’s birth. “These facts are well known to specialists but still fail to make any impact on contemporary media or popular culture,” says Golden. “The reason? We use the past mainly to provide lessons or make arguments about the present. The result is not only bad history but a limitation on our choices of action today.”

Modern Greek Studies Symposium
October 15-17, 2009

How can we situate Greek worlds in the context of transnationalism and globalization? Conversely, how can Greek examples help us (re)frame questions regarding the transnational and the global? In this symposium’s keynote panel, scholars noted for their pioneering interdisciplinary work engaged with these questions from the perspectives of anthropology, comparative literature, cultural studies, and history. Panelists focused on an event, a text (or set of texts), an institution in the Greek context, or the diaspora in order to examine how the Greek example helps us think about transnationalism and globalization.

The Kahlil Gibran Monument Dedication Celebration
June 12, 2009

The Kahlil Gibran monument overlooking the Northshore mountains from the Burnaby campus commemorates the 125th anniversary of the birth of the poet, philosopher, and painter Kahlil Gibran. Writing in Arabic and English, Gibran made a profound contribution to Lebanese, Arab-American, and western cultures. It is an ideal location, given SFU’s long tradition of Middle East studies, and the Centre was pleased to host the dedication celebration. The monument itself was donated to SFU by the British Columbia Council of the World Lebanese Cultural Union. It is the first such monument in Canada, and the second outside of the Middle East after Washington, DC. The monument also signals the important relationship between SFU and the Lebanese diaspora.
Colloquia 2009/10

Our 2009-2010 Colloquium series offered faculty, graduate students, and members of the community within and beyond the university the chance to hear thought-provoking talks and engage in stimulating discussion. Undoubtedly the social event of the year, the book launch with which we inaugurated the series in September brought to Harbour Centre members and friends of the department in celebration of recently published works by Luke Closey, Felicitas Becker, Willeen Keough, Jack Little, Jennifer Spear, Else Chemier and Roxanne Panchasi. The evening showcased the breadth and diversity of the research conducted by SFU historians and set the tone for an exciting series of Thursday-morning talks at the Burnaby campus.

The Fall 2009 term had a distinctly imperial edge, with Paul Martin presenting work and attending talks. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Wednesday, July 19, 2010

“Creating a Culture of Violence: American Discourses of Rape, Murder and “Mexican-ness” from the Mexican Revolution (1910-1920) to Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua (1993-2007)”

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http://www.sfu.ca/ccsmsc/

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Harbour Centre, room To be confirmed

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“SCMS to Host Lecture by BESA: Muslims Who Saved Jews in World War II A Story of Tolerance and Respect for Others Opening and Guest Lectures by Dr. Steven M. Wasserstrom and Dr. Zijad Delic 7pm, Thursday, June 24, Fletcher Challenge Canada Theatre, http://www.sfu.ca/ccsmsc/”

The Spring 2010 semester began with a murder-mystery and set the tone for an exciting series of Thursday-morning talks at the Burnaby campus.

Upcoming Events 2010

Wednesday, June 15, 2010

Dig Greece Semester Abroad program: Last chance to participate-this program will not run again.

Applications due June 15th, 2010

http://www.sfu.ca/hellenic-studies/

Wednesday, June 24, 2010

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Wednesday, June 24 - 25, 2010

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http://www.sfu.ca/hellenic-studies/

Wednesday, June 27, 2010

Annual “Greek Day” Street Festival Event West Broadway, Vancouver Between Blenheim and Macdonald http://www.sfu.ca/hellenic-studies/

July 19-30, 2010

2010 Summer Programme

Expressions of Diversity: An Introduction to Muslim Cultures

SFU Vancouver Campuss

http://www.sfu.ca/ccsmsc/

August 12-15, 2010

Canadian Committee on Women’s History Conference: Edging Forward, Aiming Up: Gender and Women’s History at the Cutting Edge of Scholarship and Social Action

Center For Dialogue, SFU Vancouver Campus

http://www.sfu.ca/history

November, 2010

Ian Dyck Memorial Lecture

Details TBA

http://www.sfu.ca/history

Successfully Defended Theses 2009-2010

PhD

Christopher Leach

“Scarlet and khaki, fire and steel: Representations of warfare in British mass culture, 1870-1914.”

Davide Turcato


Alisa Webb


MA

Anne Cummings

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Stefan Maritens

“Being Alevi in Turkey: Discursive Unity and the Contestation of Communal Boundaries, 1980 - 2009”

F. Scott Murray

“Cashing in on Whales’: Cetaceans as Symbol and Commodity along the Northern Pacific Coast, 1959 - 2008.”

Simeon Paravantess

“‘The Art of Manipulation’: British Foreign Policy in Greece and the Declaration of the Truman Doctrine October 1944 to March 1947.”

Mark Roth


Julia Smith

“Organizing the Unorganized: The Service, Office, and Retail Workers’ Union of Canada (SORWUC), 1972-1986.”

Chun (Kenny) Tang


Anne Toews

“For Liberty, Bread, and Love: Anne Buller, Beckie Bulh, and the Forging of Communist Militant Femininity in Canada.”

Shafia Usman


http://www.sfu.ca/history
Alec Dawson
Alec will be returning to the department, refreshed and enthusiastic, after sabbatical leave. He advises that, while most of his accomplishments in 2009—amount to state secrets—he has also published a few book reviews and completed an essay entitled “Histories and Memories of the Indian Boarding Schools in Mexico, Canada, and the United States,” which is slated for inclusion in a special issue of a Latin Americanist journal. He has also submitted the manuscript for Latin America Since Independence: A History with Primary Sources, slated for publication by Routledge in August 2010.

Paul Garfinkel
Paul won a SSHRC Small Research Grant this year for his project titled ““Biblical Policing in a Liberal State: Preliminary Evidence from a Field Survey of Police-Administered Deportation in Italy, 1861-1922.” He also completed his book for the University of Toronto Press entitled “Illiberal Policing in a Liberal State: Primary Sources and History of Police-Administered Deportation in Italy, 1861-1922.” He also co-edited with Paul G. Pickowicz a SSHRC conference grant for May 2010 entitled “Between Revolution and Reform: China at the Grassroots, 1960-1980” and has received a SSHRC Workshop Grant in support of this effort. Reaching beyond the walls of the academy, he appeared on CBC’s Early Edition with Rick Cluff to talk about ethnic unrest in northwest China.

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Faculty Updates

Ilya Vinkovetsky

Ilya presented two conference papers in 2009: “Russian Bureaucrats and the Founding of the Russian-American Company, 1799” (American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies) and “The Beginning and the End of Overseas Colonialism of the Russian Empire in the North Pacific: The Role of Great Britain” (FENU-UC Berkeley joint conference “Russian Civilization in the North Pacific,” held at Far Eastern National University in Vladivostok, Russia). The latter paper has since been published in Russian. Ilya is pleased to report the “slow but steady progress” of his book manuscript (working title: “Russian America, 1804-1867: An Overseas Colony of a Continental Empire”), which should be out in print by the end of 2010. Our colleague, Paul Sedra, reports that he has been appointed Middle East Editor for History Compass, a journal published by Wiley-Blackwell. As an editor, he will be responsible for commissioning agenda articles discussing the latest developments in the field.

Jennifer Spear

Jennifer finished one major project in 2009 and took on several others. She writes: “In April, my first book, Race, Sex, and Social Order in Early New Orleans, was published by Johns Hopkins University Press. During the summer, I metaphorically left New Orleans behind for California, beginning research on my next book, tentatively titled Becoming Mission Indians: Ethnogenesis in Alta California, 1769-1848. The Big Easy’s siren song lured me back in the fall, however, to present a paper at the Ethnohistory conference. While not teaching or researching, I’ve been keeping busy coordinating the 2011 Ethnohistory conference, which will be held in New Haven, Connecticut, from September 22nd to 25th.

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Joseph Taylor

Joy gave a variety of talks in Bellingham, Denver, Forest Grove, Portland, Tallahassee, and Vancouver in 2009. He also published three book reviews. His book “Pilgrims of the Vertical”: Yosemite Rock Climbers and Nature at Risk is being copyedited at Harvard University Press and will come out later in 2010.

Faculty Grants, Awards, and Publications

- SSHRC Standard Research Grants, 2009: Andrew Ede and Hilmar Pabel
- Katherine F. Panter Jr. Research Fellowship: John Craig.
- CHIR Prize for best article, 2009: Mary-Ellen Kelm
- Kemper and Leslie Williams Prize in Louisiana History 2010: Jennifer Spear.
- SSHRC Conference Grant, 2010: Willemen Kesough.

MAY DAY: A GRAPHIC HISTORY OF PROTEST

The Graphic History Collective, comprised of SFU students and local artists, produced the graphic novel May Day: A Graphic History of Protest in 2009. The “Collective” includes writers Robin Folvik, Sean Carleton, Jeremy Milloy, and Mark Leier and illustrators Sam Brada and Trevor McIlligan.

“MAY DAY is a grand experiment in reviving the traditional holiday of working people, with lively comic art adding a new dimension to themes that need badly to be seen and understood by younger generations. Hurray for MAY DAY!”

- Paul Buhle, Editor and author of A People’s History of American Empire, Wobbliers, The Beats: A Graphic History, and numerous books on US labour and left history, including Taking Care of Business.

MAY DAY is available for purchase from the History Department. Contact hsgojofvia.ca for more information.
The History department website had a make-over in 2009 with the addition of some graphics on the home page and a re-design to add a “News and Events” column.

We have also reviewed and updated the graduate section of the website, which remains a work in progress. The navigation was re-organized, the information was reviewed and rewritten to make it clearer, and a Graduate Resources page was added, complete with an events calendar and sample budgets.

Check out the website at: http://www.sfu.ca/history.

You can now follow us on Twitter at sfuhistory or help us to build our Facebook community by becoming a fan of the Simon Fraser University Department of History page.