To the Friends of the Cal History Department,

Once again, we report on the department. In this issue you will find news of undergraduate and graduate students, and of the faculty, plus reports on our various activities and some photos of friendly faces. The newsletter also contains an appeal for funds (dues and contributions). The Friends are a low-key support group and reluctant to press the membership and others for money. This is the only appeal we have made in a year. We hope that you will respond—our students need support (and we are an organization devoted to helping them and use your gifts only for their support).

Lawrence Baack and Amy Worth
Co-chairs
Outgoing Chair’s Remarks

Martin Jay
Sidney Hellman Ehrman
Professor and Chair

Three years as department head have gone by more rapidly and with fewer disruptions of my digestive system than expected, and so I’m writing this valedictory with decidedly mixed emotions. My goal at the beginning of my tenure was to build on the solid achievements of generations of predecessors and leave the department well prepared to continue its record of distinction into the 21st century. Luckily, the combined efforts of faculty, staff, students and alumni have worked to this end with splendid results. When Jon Gjerde, our next chair, takes office in July, he will find a department renewing itself with gusto while maintaining its high level of scholarly and pedagogical excellence.

This past year we welcomed two new colleagues, James Vernon, who teaches modern British History and comes to us from the University of Manchester, and Thomas Dandelet, a Berkeley Ph.D. specializing in early modern Italian and Spanish History, who returned home after teaching at Bard College and Princeton. This coming fall they will be joined by Tyler Stovall, an expert in modern French History and the African diaspora, who chaired the UC, Santa Cruz Department; (Ms.) Michael Nylan, a scholar of early Chinese History who comes to us from Bryn Mawr; and Jennifer Spear, who works on the Colonial American period and began her career at Dickinson College. We are now in the final stages of negotiating with potential new colleagues in Jewish History, who will fill the Koret Chair, and Oral History (the latter a position shared with the Bancroft Library).

The department also elevated three distinguished senior colleagues to endowed chairs: Thomas Brady to one of the two Sather Chairs, and Paula Fass and David Hollinger to the Hotchkis Chair, which we divided in two. The generosity of past benefactors of the department continues to provide sustenance for present generations of faculty, as well as for graduate students who benefit enormously from the fellowship support they receive. As some of you may recall, in my last message, I talked of a university-wide crisis in funding for prospective graduate students, who were being lured away by competitive institutions with extraordinarily deep pockets. Happily, the administration has reacted swiftly and with positive results, drawing on the dedication of alumni to maintaining our tradition of training the most promising future historians. One measure of success is the astoundingly productive recruitment of minority candidates for positions in the entering class: we made eleven offers and all eleven were accepted (by far the best percentage of all departments in the Division of Social Sciences). Although the battle is not yet over—housing costs in the Bay Area
alone will make our task difficult for a long time to come—we are confident that we can continue to compete for the best and the brightest.

Undergraduate research was also enormously aided by support from friends of the department. At the spring History Day, which brought an overflow crowd to the Alumni House to hear talks on globalization, I was able to read an eloquent letter of appreciation from a graduating senior, Hunter Keith, whose archival research in Cairo was enabled by support from the Friends of the Department. One of my own students, Paul Sager, won the departmental seminar paper prize in European History because of the remarkable research he was able to do in Bordeaux on a collaborationist newspaper during World War II. A number of the most distinguished essays written by undergraduates have been published in Clio’s Scroll, which is enabled by your support. This year also saw a remarkable renaissance of the undergraduate honors society, Phi Alpha Theta, which has record enrollments and a very active program of lectures and panel discussions.

All of this positive news cannot, however, compensate for the loss of two emeriti faculty members, whose classes many of you will doubtless remember: Richard Webster, who taught Italian and Jewish History from 1965 to 1991, and Engel Sluiter, one of the department’s Latin American experts from 1954 to 1973, passed away during the academic year. They were intellectually active well past their retirements and will be sorely missed.

Let me end, though, on a note of optimism about the future of the department. Although in the next few years we will have to replace many retiring colleagues who have taught for a generation or more, Berkeley remains a magnet for historians eager to teach gifted and challenging students. We owe much of our success to the generosity and commitment of those of you who were in our classes in the past. As my departing word as outgoing chair, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks for your continuing involvement with a department that still is proud to consider you its own.

Greetings from the Incoming Chair

Jon Gjerde
Professor and Chair

I must tell you that it is a humbling moment when one takes on the chairmanship of such an illustrious institution as the Department of History at Berkeley. For years, I have entered the chair’s office to inquire or beseech. Now I find myself at the other side of the desk and my colleagues—among the most distinguished minds in the profession—are coming to me! Assuming the chairmanship is also somewhat perilous. More than one person has brought it to my attention that the Department is ranked among the top history depart-
ments—if not the best department—in the nation. They have also reminded me that it’s much easier to fall in the rankings than to move higher than number one.

Nonetheless there remain areas for improvement as well as many reasons for optimism, as outlined in Marty Jay’s message as outgoing chair. Although he has ably summarized the advances of the past academic year, I am able to report a few developments since he penned his message. The Department has finalized two additions to the Department. John Efron, currently affiliated with Indiana University, will join us next year as a specialist in Jewish history and holder of the Koret Chair. Professor Efron has worked extensively on doctors, medicine and healing among the Jewish people of Europe. Richard Cándida Smith, who has assumed the duties as director of the Regional Oral History Office in the Bancroft Library, will also be affiliated with the Department. Formally a professor at the University of Michigan, Professor Cándida Smith has published two books including a study of a group of poets, painters, and artists in California between 1925 and 1975. In the upcoming year, we hope that we can attract two more professors to join our community because we have been authorized to conduct searches in the history of western Africa and the ancient world.

Of course we will not rest on our laurels because we are aware of a number of challenges that lie in the future. In the upcoming years, members of the Department will work to improve the undergraduate major so we can continue to attract the best and the brightest of Berkeley. We will strive to recruit talented graduate students who not only are brilliant scholars but able teachers in the Berkeley undergraduate classroom. The faculty is well aware of the housing crunch faced by students and we want to find ways to support young scholars in the Department more fully. And the faculty will continue to teach and conduct research to maintain the Department’s standing in the field. As always, our mission will be furthered by the Friends of History which has in recent years become an integral part of the Department community. For all that the Friends has contributed to our community, I wish to offer a heartfelt thanks and a promise that I will do all within my power to maintain the prestige and character of the Department that the Friends have come to expect.

**History Days, Fall, Spring, 2000, 2001**

Our program last Fall took the complicated question of “The Transformation of Ancient Japan into a Modern State and Society.” There are three specialists in Japanese history in the department—Professors Andrew Barshay, Mary Elizabeth Berry, and Irwin Scheiner, and all took part in the program. The problems raised by these three and their students proved so stimulating that we followed up with a short list of books on Japanese history. We will not reproduce the list here but will mention one general study that provides a broad background for the consideration of the topic. It is W. G. Beasley, _The Japanese Experience_.
ence: A Short History of Japan (University of California Press, 1999). It was written for the general reader. Beasley was Professor of History of the Far East at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, from 1954 to 1983.

The Spring 2001 program was on "The Historical Background of Globalization" and featured two of our faculty members, Professors Richard M. Abrams and Thomas R. Metcalf. They were joined by members of the Board of the Friends of the Cal History Department—Lawrence Baack, Watson Laetsch—and by our chair, Martin E. Jay. This meeting was the largest we have held with an attendance of about 115. (The record had been 105.) Professors Abrams and Metcalf concentrated on the United States and India, respectively, but the discussion ranged widely—from the history to the prospects of globalization in every part of the world. As is usual, the audience added much to the vitality and interest of the session.

**History Day, Fall 2001**

History Day this autumn will be held in the Alumni House on Saturday, October 20th. This day's topic will be "Russia and Eastern Europe in the Ten Years Since the Collapse of the Soviet Union and Communism," and will be addressed by Professors Reginald E. Zelnik and John F. Connelly and two of their graduate students.

The program will begin at 9:30 A.M. and end at 12:00 N. Breakfast beverages and snacks will be available at 9:00 A.M. Hope to see you there!

**Commencement, 2001**

This annual rite found 237 undergraduates receiving the Bachelors Degree; twenty-five, the Masters; and thirty-one, the Doctorate. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Kathleen Cleaver, Senior Research Associate at the Yale Law School and executive producer of the International Black Panther Film Festival. Addresses were also delivered by Jason Smith, representing the Graduate Students, and Neil Buckley, representing the Undergraduates.

The Greek Theater, our traditional venue for this ritual, was again the site of ceremonies. A warm and sunny day greeted all and brightened the open-air reception held at Sather Tower where graduates, their families and friends, faculty, and staff enjoyed the opportunity of socializing with one another. We do not have detailed information about the jobs taken by graduating seniors, but we know that they are quite varied and in both business and government. Many also will begin professional study.
Financial Assistance to Our Graduate and Undergraduate Students

Grants to Our Graduate Students

Your membership dues and generous donations to the Friends continue to make possible the awarding of funds to outstanding graduate and undergraduate students in order to help make possible their special research projects.

The following graduate students received financial support from the Friends of the Cal History Department in order to attend the January 4–7, 2001 meeting of the American Historical Society in Boston:

* Victoria Belco
* James Cane
* Christopher DeRosa
* Gregory Moynahan
* Clementine Oliver
* Diana Selig
* Jonathan Spiro.

The following graduate students received financial support from the Friends of the Cal History Department in the form of stipends and/or assistance with their tuition and fees:

* Ja-Jeong Koo
* Seung-Joon Lee
* Shakhar Rahav
* Amita Satyal.

Grants to Our Undergraduate Students

Funds from the Robert Middlekauff Fund, established by Mr. and Mrs. Preston Hotchkis, were again awarded as grants to selected undergraduates. During the past academic year, these grants ranged between $50 and $1,200 and have assisted our developing scholars with the travel and miscellaneous expenses that they incurred when visiting their chosen archives. The topics of research were quite varied and included, “The Role of UCB/UCSF Research in Karl F. Meyer and His Effort to Reduce the Threat of Botulism in Commercially Canned Foods from 1919-1925,” “Scholasticism, Institutions and Politics of Medieval Cairo from About 1100-1300,” “The Relationship Between the U.S. Advisors and Their South Vietnamese Counterparts During the Vietnamese War,” and “Miscegenation as Depicted in Cartoons After the Civil Rights Movement.” The following undergraduates received grants during the Fall 2000 and Spring 2001 semesters:

* Richard D. Freitas
* Erik Hetzner
* Jonathan Katz
* Hunter D. Keith
* Nicole Lampe
* Di Luo
* Peter C. MacIvaine
* Julie Pham
* Coleen Quinn
* Emily Spangler
* Jennifer M. Trask
* Wendy Vogt.
Our Faculty’s 2000-2001 Academic Year

Margaret Lavinia Anderson, after completing a book on the domestic politics of imperial German (published in June 2000 by Princeton University Press as Practicing Democracy: Elections and Political Culture in the German Empire), was determined to move into some entirely new field—although she was not at all sure what. Her colleague, the late Professor Richard Webster, suggested the German role in the Armenian genocide of 1915, and thanks to the help of another colleague, Prof. Stephan Astourian, Visiting William Saroyan Professor of Armenian History, she put together a grant proposal that allowed her to spend last year on sabbatical, working in the German archives on this project. During the Spring Semester she was a Berlin Prize Fellow at the American Academy, where she delivered a public lecture on “Armenian Blood and the German Conscience;” she also gave a lecture to Berlin’s German-Armenian Society on “The Armenian Genocide: A German Story.” In December and January she delivered public lectures on the relationship between 19th century (“ultramontane”) Catholicism and Europe’s transition to democracy at the Free University in Berlin as well as the Universities of Munich, Passau, and Eichstatt, and was the moderator at Berlin’s Palais Bellevue of a discussion on “Mendelssohn’s Grandmother, Bach, and the Sing-Academy: the Transition of Berlin’s Musical Culture ca. 1800,” delivered by Harvard’s Prof. Christoph Wolff. In September she served on the committee conducting the External Review of the history department at the University of Notre Dame, in Indiana.

Andrew Barshay completed a book manuscript, a historical study of the social sciences in Japan. His next project concerns the aftermath of World War II in northeast Asia, and he is also planning an essay on Japanese responses to the Eichmann trial. He recently finished a term as graduate adviser, and continues as chair of the Center for Japanese Studies.

Mary Elizabeth Berry has been invited to be the Lawrence Stone Lecturer at Princeton University and to give the McClellan Seminar at Yale University during the coming academic year.

William J. Bouwsma’s The Waning of the Renaissance, 1550–1664 was published by the Yale University Press in 2000.

Margaret Chowning has been on leave all year, researching a big project tentatively entitled “Liberalism, Women, and the Church in Mexico: The Feminization of Piety, 1700–1930.” She has also spent a good bit of time finishing up a relatively short (about 200 page) narrative on a troubled convent in San Miguel Allende, Mexico. This convent was so divided by factionalism that the Bishop almost closed it down in the 1760s. She discovered a cache of misfiled correspondence concerning the rebellion and could not resist making it into a little book.

John F. Connelly’s book, Captive University: The Sovietization of East German, Czech, and
Polish Higher Education was published by the University of North Carolina Press (Chapel Hill, 2000).

Jan de Vries is continuing as editor of the Journal of Economic History. He traveled to Amsterdam in October to receive the Heineken Prize in History, an international prize given every two years by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences. He is currently serving the campus as Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.

Robin Einhorn's article, "Slavery and the Politics of Taxation in the Early United States" was published in the Fall 2000 issue of Studies in American Political Development.

Paula S. Fass is currently the editor-in-chief of a three volume Encyclopedia of the History of Childhood for Macmillan. This unprecedented reference work aims to introduce the subject to readers at all levels from advanced high school students to scholars in the field. She is also completing a family memoir about which she spoke at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians in April in Los Angeles, at a session on American scholars and the Holocaust. In November, she will be traveling to Poland to give the keynote address to an international conference on the effects of globalization. Her subject is globalization and children's rights.

Gerry Feldman received the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the German Federal Republic last fall at a reception hosted by the department. Also, he is Chairman of the Historical Commission of the Bank Austria, and a member of the Historical Commission of the Deutsche Bank and the Dresdner Bank. His study of the Allianz Insurance Company in the National Socialist period has been completed and will be published in the fall by Beck Verlag in German and Cambridge University Press (New York) in English.

Jon Gjerde has completed an anthology, Major Problems in American History, to be published by Houghton Mifflin this fall. He began a three year stint as Chair of the Department on July 1, 2001.

David A. Hollinger published a number of articles during 2000–01, including "Not Pluralists, Not Universalists: The New Cosmopolitans Find their Own Way," Constellations; "The Decision to Publish Kuhn," in Alan Brinkley and James McPherson, editors, Days of Destiny; and "The 'Secularization' Question and the United States in the 20th Century," Church History. He and co-editor Charles Capper brought out the 4th edition of their sourcebook for classroom use, The American Intellectual Tradition. He delivered a number of invited lectures, including the John U. Nef Lecture in Social Thought at the University of Chicago, the James Moffett Lecture in Ethics at Princeton University, and plenary lectures at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association and the American Psychological Association. He is spending the 2001–02 academic year in England as Harmsworth Professor at the University of Oxford. He is active as a Trustee of the National Humanities Center.

Martin E. Jay's major publication this past year was a collection of essays he edited for the Japa-
inese publisher Kouci Syoboh on *Recent American Writings on Critical Theory*. He was also awarded a fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, where he will be spending the next year on sabbatical finishing a book on the discourse of experience in European and American thought. He has been invited as well to give the Christian Gauss Lectures at Princeton next fall on the same subject.

**David Johnson** and a colleague from Rhetoric and Classics, David Cohen, led in the summer of 2000 an NEH summer seminar for college teachers called “Individual, State, and Law in Ancient Greece, Rome, and China.” Virtually all of the readings were in the original sources, which included histories, philosophy, and legal codes. In each session they read Chinese and Greek or Roman materials against each other. The confrontation of the legal code of the Chinese Tang dynasty with Roman law in its condensed form in Justinian’s Institutes proved to be the high point of the seminar. At the end of the seminar they all had lunch with Ambassador James Lilley, former U.S. ambassador to China, who proved to be very interested in the issues that had emerged. The participants were enthusiastic about their experiences and he also found it to be a rewarding intellectual experience.

**David N. Keightley** has, since retirement, published articles about early China that deal with shamanism, the status of women, and historiography, together with two chapters (on the environment and on the Shang dynasty) in *The Cambridge History of Ancient China*. He now hopes to finish his book manuscript on “Divination, Kingship, and Religion in Late Shang China (ca. 1200–1045 B.C.)” by the time of his 70th birthday, a little over a year from now. In the Spring of 2001 he gave two lectures at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, one lecture at Oxford University, and led an oracle-bone seminar at the University of London. He also wrote the *Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia* entry for the “Shang Dynasty.”

**Thomas W. Laqueur** was on sabbatical 2000–2001 as the Berglund Senior Fellow at the National Humanities in North Carolina. He lectured widely during the year at various universities in the United States and Europe and published articles on capital punishment, kinship and reproductive technologies, and on growing up in West Virginia. His previous book *Making Sex: Body and Gender from the Greeks to Freud* appeared in Brazilian Portuguese—the twelfth language into which it has been translated—and will appear in Hungarian next year. He also completed a book tentatively entitled, “Onan’s Fate: Solitary Sex and the Modern Self” which will be published by Zone Books in 2002. He turns next to a book called “Death and Modernity.”

was edited with the assistance of the Office for History of Science and Technology, both on the UC Berkeley campus. **Leon Litwack** is one of the General Editors and a contributor to *The Harvard Guide to African-American History*, published this year by Harvard University Press, a ten-year collaborative effort and the first major bibliography of African American history and culture since 1928. He is continuing his work on a history of the black South and race relations from the 1930s to 1955, with a focus on World War II. That will be the subject of his Nathan Huggins Lectures at Harvard University in 2002. At the invitation of the Senior Class, he addressed the Commencement Convocation of 2001. His lectures over the past year included a symposium on “Visualizing the Blues: Images of the American South, 1862–1995” at the Dixon Gallery in Memphis; a symposium on “Lynching in America” at the New York Historical Society; “Pearl Harbor Blues” at the Fighting on Two Fronts: The African American Experience in World War II Conference in New Orleans; the annual Phi Alpha Theta Lecture at the University of Arkansas; the annual Livingood Lecture at the Southern Writers Conference on Southern Literature in Chattanooga (in which he was given the James W. Livingood American Spirit Award in Recognition of Outstanding Insight into and Impact on the Field of American History); and the annual Jeans Lecture at Missouri Southern State College, Joplin. He also gave lectures at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; the annual State Historical Association meeting in Albany, Georgia; Colorado College; and Boston College; and conducted seminars at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project at Stanford and the NEH Institute for High School Teachers at the W.E.B. Du Bois Center at Harvard. On campus, he contributed to “A Celebration of the Life of Gwendolyn Brooks” and the Lunch Poems Reading Series. He appeared as well on a National Public Radio broadcast, “Behind the Veil: Radio Documentaries,” and served as an advisor to the “Africans in America” television series. In the Spring Semester, he taught the survey American history course and the upper division course on the History of African Americans and Race Relations from 1865 to the Present. **Robert Middlekauff**’s essay “October 19, 1781: the Battle of Yorktown,” will be published later this year in *Days of Destiny*, edited by James M. McPherson and Alan Brinkley (Agincourt Press). He will lecture on the American Revolution for the Naval War College in October. **Irwin Scheiner** returned to teaching this Fall after a Spring sabbatical spent working on a manuscript on Japanese peasant political thinking in the 18th and 19th centuries. This has been a long time project that has led to the publication of a number of essays. During the academic year 2000-2001 he published two essays: a book review essay on the Ashio Copper Mine Riot of 1907, which appeared in the *Social Science Japan Journal*, Volume 3, Number 2, October 2000, and “Marx vs. Area Studies: Social Science Illusions,” which was included in a volume entitled *Japan in the World*, 10

Raphael Sealey delivered a lecture on "Homicide in Athenian Law" at the Law School of Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin on November 15, 2000.


Wen Hsing Yeh has edited two scholarly volumes in the last year and contributed essays to each of them. Becoming Chinese: Passages to Modernity and Beyond was published by The University of California Press. Her essay in this is entitled "Introduction: Interpreting Chinese Modernity." Shanghai Bainian Fenghua was published by Yaosheng Publications in Taipei. To this she contributed two essays. She has recently completed five years as Director of the Center for Chinese Studies. She will be on sabbatical leave this Autumn.

Reginald E. Zelnik's collection of essays and memoirs (co-edited with Prof. Robert Cohen of NYU), The Berkeley Free Speech Movement: Reflections on a Campus Rebellion, is now in production and will be published by the University of California Press in summer 2002. His own essay, "On the Side of the Angels," explores the role of the Berkeley faculty in the free speech conflict. Among the other contributors are several current and former members of our History faculty (David Hollinger, Lawrence Levine, Leon Litwack, Waldo Martin) and several of our former History students (Ph.D.s: Robert Cohen, Henry Mayer [deceased], David Hollinger, Waldo Martin; B.A.s: Bettina Aptheke, Martin Roysher). (Note the faculty/student overlap in the cases of Hollinger and Martin.) A related article by Zelnik, "Carl Schorske and Berkeley's Time of Troubles," is about to appear in the journal Chronicle of the University of California. In addition, Zelnik's essay "Weber into Tkachi: On a Russian Reading of Gerhart Hauptmann's Play The Weavers," was published in Self and Story in Russian History, edited by L. Engelstein and S. Sadler (Cornell University Press, November 2000).

Staffing the 21st Century's Look into the Past

Our hard-working staff is another reason why the Department excels. From student advising to faculty and administrative support, the staff is called on to perform a wide range of tasks—and often these calls are simultaneous in occurrence! Pictured above are some of our less camera-shy, who took a moment out of their schedules to be photographed and to enjoy some sun in Ishi Court.
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