

History

The mission of the History Faculty is to promote advanced research and undergraduate teaching in a broad range of fields, including American, ancient, East and South Asian, European, Latin America, Middle Eastern, and Russian history. The faculty includes joint appointments in Urban Studies and in Science, Technology, and Society, and it participates in the joint PhD program in the History and Social Study of Science and Technology.

T. T. and Wei Fong Chao professor of Asian civilizations Peter C. Perdue published *China Marches West: The Qing Conquest of Central Eurasia* (Harvard University Press); it was one of *Foreign Affairs* Outstanding New Books of 2005. Associate professor Elizabeth Wood published *Performing Justice: Agitation Trials in Early Soviet Russia* (Cornell University Press). Class of 1947 career development assistant professor Meg Jacobs published *Pocketbook Politics: Economic Citizenship in Twentieth-Century America* (Princeton University Press). Professor Robert Fogelson published "Protecting Palos Verdes: The Dark Side of the Bourgeois Utopia" in *Regulating Place: Standards and the Shaping of Urban America*, Eran Ben-Joseph and Terry Szold, eds. William R. Kenan, Jr. professor of history Pauline Maier published "Rights, Revolution, and New York's Ratification of the Constitution" in *New York Legal History*. Arthur J. Conner professor of history Harriet Ritvo published "Narratives of Nature" in *Victorian Studies* and "Discipline and Indiscipline" in *Environmental History*. Assistant professor William Broadhead published "Rome and the Mobility of the Latins" in *C. Moatti*.

Professor Maier presented three Teaching American History seminars for teachers in the Providence public schools. They were on "Jefferson and the Declaration of Independence," "James Madison and the Constitution," and "Alexander Hamilton and American Economic Development." Associate professor Jeffrey Ravel co-organized a workshop entitled "Imposture: Identity and Pretense in Europe and the Atlantic World, 1600–1800." Assistant professor Christopher Capozzola spoke on "Uncle Sam Wants You: The Politics of Obligation in America's First World War" at the University of Delaware. Assistant professor David Ciarlo presented a paper on "Retailing Race: The Rise and Fall of the 'Deutsches Kolonialhaus,' 1896–1914" at the 28th German Studies Association Conference. Professor Perdue spoke on "Qing Expansion: The Manchu Factor" at Harvard University. Professor Jacobs spoke on "Panic at the Pump: The Energy Crisis and the Politics of the 1970s" at the Organization of American Historians. MacVicar Faculty Fellow associate professor Anne McCants spoke on "A Home Fit for Children: The Material Culture of the Amsterdam Municipal Orphanage" at the Victoria and Albert Museum and "Global Consumption Brought Home: Tea and Coffee Drinking Among the Poor of 18th-Century Amsterdam" at the University of Utrecht. Kenan Sahin dean Philip S. Khoury addressed the Foreign Policy Association in New York City and the World Affairs Council of Cleveland on "The Arab World: What Future?"

Ford international professor of history John Dower was awarded a Mellon distinguished achievement award to continue work on his project called "Visualizing Japan." Professor Jacobs received a grant from the Class of '51 Fund for Excellence in Education, the Class of '55 Fund for Excellence in Teaching, the Class of '72 Fund for Educational Innovation,

and the Class of '99 Fund for Excellence in Student Learning. Professor Capozzola was awarded the J. Franklin Jameson Fellowship from the American Historical Association/Library of Congress. Professor Ritvo has been elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

After a national search, the History Faculty appointed Haimanti Roy as an instructor in South Asian history. Her dissertation for the Department of History at the University of Cincinnati is entitled "Contesting the Nation: Citizenship and National Identity in Post Partition Bengal, 1947–65." Professors Broadhead and Ciarlo began their first year of teaching. The subjects Professor Broadhead taught included *The Ancient World: Greece*, *The Making of a Roman Emperor*, *The Ancient World: Rome*, and *The Ancient City*. The subjects Professor Ciarlo taught included *European Imperialism in 19th and 20th Century*, *Nazi Germany and the Holocaust*, *Introduction to the History of Modern Africa*, *The World Since 1492*, and a seminar in *Historical Methods*. Associate professor William Watson retired as of June 30, 2005.

Professors Maier, Perdue, Ritvo, and Jacobs participated in the joint PhD program in the History and Social Study of Science and Technology by teaching graduate seminars and reading courses, setting general examinations, and supervising dissertations. Professors Dower, Ritvo, and Kenan Sahin dean Philip S. Khoury advised Harvard graduate students in Japanese, British, and Middle Eastern history, respectively.

History enrollments totaled 318 in the fall semester and 453 in the spring. One history major graduated in June 2005. Morgan Sonderegger's senior project, supervised by Professor Ravel, was entitled "Usage and Utility: The Spread of French in Early Modern Europe."

Four undergraduates submitted winning essays in the annual Bruce Mazlish History Prize: Morgan Sonderegger for chapter 3 of his thesis, "Language in Diplomacy"; Zach Gazak for "Mathew Brady and the Civil War"; Brian Campbello Chase for "Dishonor before Ruin: Franklin, Jay, and the U.S. Treaty with Britain in 1782"; and Lindsay Kuo for "The Evolving Female Societal Role in Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind*."

The History Faculty had a retreat at the Enfield Shaker Inn, September 10–11, 2004, to discuss History's future curriculum. Professors Ritvo, Perdue, McCants, Ravel, and Jacobs supervised Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program projects. Professor McCants served as president of MIT's Phi Beta Kappa chapter. Professor Watson was a housemaster for Baker House. Professor Wood served as chair of the Women's Studies Program. Professors Maier and Ciarlo served as chairs of the Bruce Mazlish History Prize Committee. Professor Jacobs served on the Humanities, Arts, and Social Science Oversight Committee and the HASTS Graduate Curriculum Committee. Professor Maier served on the Committee on the Undergraduate Program. Professor Perdue served on the Faculty Committee on the Library System and on a subcommittee of the Committee on General Institute Requirements, Science and Engineering Requirements. Professor McCants chaired the Graduate Consortium on Women's Studies.

The Sahin Lecture Series for 2004–2005 included the following presentations: Maria Montoya on “Work, Women, and the Wobblies: The IWW Strikes in Colorado’s Coal Fields, 1927”; Leslie Harris on “Antebellum Slavery, Black Manhood, and Twentieth-Century Historians”; Nina Gelbart on “Corday Matters: Marat’s Bathtub Murderess in Art”; Patrick Rael on “African American Responses to Racial Science from the Revolution to the Civil War”; Stephanie Camp on “Closer to Freedom: Enslaved Women’s Movement in Peace and War”; and Daryle Williams on “The Blackness of Beauty: The Brazilian Academy of Fine Arts under Slavery and Emancipation.” Dean Khoury directed the Bustani Middle East Seminar. Professor Ritvo was co-organizer of “Modern Times, Rural Places,” a seminar series on environmental and agricultural history.

Harriet Ritvo

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