

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 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.

Assistant professor Meg Jacobs published *The Democratic Experiment: New Directions in American Political History* (Princeton University Press, 2003), which she co-edited with William Novak and Julian E. Zelizer.

T. T. and Wei Fong Chao professor of Asian civilizations Peter C. Perdue published "Political and Cultural History of the Xinjiang Region through the Late Nineteenth Century" in *Xinjiang: China's Muslim Borderland*, edited by S. Frederick Starr (M. E. Sharpe). Arthur J. Conner professor of history Harriet Ritvo published "Animal Planet" in *Environmental History* and "Our Animal Cousins" in *Differences*. Professor Bruce Mazlish published "The Global and the Local" in *Current Sociology*. Ford International professor of history John Dower published "The Other Japanese Occupation" in *The Nation*. Associate professor Elizabeth Wood published several entries in the *Encyclopedia of Russian History*. Assistant professor Christopher Capozzola published "It Makes You Want to Believe in the Country: Celebrating the American Bicentennial in an Age of Limits," in *America in the Seventies*, edited by Beth Bailey and David Farber (University Press of Kansas, 2004).

With Kochi Prefecture-John Manjiro professor Shigeru Miyagawa of Linguistics and Japanese, Professor Dower developed an elaborate digital project entitled "Visualizing Cultures," based on Admiral Perry's mission to Japan. William R. Kenan, Jr. professor of history Pauline Maier presented "The State of the Field: Colonial and Revolutionary History" as the keynote address at the "We, the People" Forum sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Professor Ritvo spoke on "The Dawn of Green: Manchester, Thirlmere and the Victorian Environment," at the University of Reykjavik and Salem State University. Professor Mazlish spoke on "The Framework of Globalization" at the University of Virginia. Professor Perdue presented his paper "Sustainable Development on China's Frontiers" at the Zhongxing University, Taiwan. Associate professor Jeffrey Ravel presented his paper, "History and Current Contents of CESAR," at the annual ASECS conference. Professor Jacobs presented a paper, "Inflation—The Permanent Dilemma of Postwar American Economic Culture" at the University of California at Santa Barbara. Professor Capozzola presented a paper, "Lawlessness and Racial Violence on the Texas Border, 1912–1921" at the American Society for Legal History.

Professor Capozzola has been selected as a Carnegie scholar by the Carnegie Corporation of New York for his research on political obligations in World War I America; he has also been awarded a visiting scholar position at the American Academy

of Arts and Sciences to support this work. He received the Biennial Article Prize of the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era for his article “The Only Badge Needed Is Your Patriotic Fervor: Vigilance, Coercion, and the Law in World War I America,” published in the *Journal of American History*. Professor Dower received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Knox College; he was also awarded an NEH grant for his “Visualizing Cultures” project.

Kenan Sahin dean and professor of history Philip S. Khoury was elected chairman of the World Peace Foundation. Associate professor Anne McCants was selected as a MacVicar Faculty Fellow in recognition of excellence in teaching.

Professor Jacobs was promoted to associate professor without tenure on the basis of her research on American economy and society in the 20th century; she also received the Class of 1947 career development professorship. After extensive searches the History Faculty hired two new junior faculty members. William Broadhead was appointed as assistant professor in ancient history. He received his doctorate from the University of London for a dissertation entitled “Internal Migration and the Transformation of Republican Italy.” David Ciarlo was appointed as assistant professor of modern European history. He received his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin–Madison for his dissertation “Consuming Race, Envisioning Empire: Colonialism and German Mass Culture, 1885–1914.” Professor Mazlish will be retiring as of June 30, 2004.

Professors Mazlish, 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 311 in the fall semester and 404 in the spring. One history major graduated in June 2004. Priscilla Louie’s senior project, supervised by Professor Capozzola, was entitled “Behind the Glamorous Image of the Modern American Department Store: The Voices of Sales Associates, Managers, and Customers from 1990 to 2003.”

Four undergraduates submitting winning essays in the annual history essay contest: Brentan Alexander, “The Civic Center of Denver, Colorado: The Dream and the Struggle”; Anna Bergren, “Throwing Punches and Cutting Deals: Saving Boston’s CITGO Sign in 1983”; Annemarie Grandke, “The Causes of the Dutch War, Personal Desires for Glory, and the Power of Art in the Creation of the Sun King”; and Peter Stone, “The Failure of Americanization in the Southern Colonies During the American Revolution: A Brief Social and Military Review.”

Dean Khoury led a freshman advisor seminar, “Conflict and Peace in the Contemporary Middle East.” Professors McCants, Ravel, and Capozzola supervised Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program projects. Professor McCants served as president of MIT’s Phi Beta Kappa chapter. Associate professor William Watson was a housemaster

for Baker House. Professor Dower served on the Killian Prize Committee. Professor Wood served as chair of the Women's Studies Program during the spring term. Professors McCants and Jacobs served on the Council on Family and Work. Professor Jacobs directed the Truman Scholarship Committee and served as chair of the History Prize Committee.

The Sahin Lecture Series for 2003–2004 included the following presentations: Mia Bay, "If Iola Were a Man: The Sexual Politics of Ida B. Wells"; Luis Martínez-Fernández, "Geography, Will It Absolve Cuba?"; and Ben Vinson III, "Afro-Mexicans and African-Americans in Mexico—A Historical Survey from Colonial to Modern Times." Professor Mazlish, again, jointly organized the monthly meetings of the History and Literature Workshop, and 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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