Finding Their Niche in History

By Wendy Hurley

Kamaria Porter and Jana Lamplota, graduating history majors and roommates, might not seem especially compatible. In taking lead roles in campus discussions of social issues—Kamaria as a columnnist for The Observer and lead organizer of the Campus Labor Action Project, Jana as a founder of the conservative student newspaper The Irish Rover—they often found themselves at opposite ends of the political spectrum.

Both natives of the Chicago area, the pair also had different upbringings. Kamaria grew up in a single-parent family in Chicago’s South Shore neighborhood. She began her Catholic education in kindergarten. Jana, the daughter of first-generation immigrants from the former Czechoslovakia, attended public schools in Lombard, Ill., a western suburb.

I sat down with Jana and Kamaria just prior to graduation this past spring, outside O’Shaughnessy Hall. I was amused to discover that Jana was a double major—history and political science—since Kamaria had recently written an article in The Observer discouraging students from double-majoring. I mentioned the article and waited for the sparks to fly. They just looked at one another and laughed.

Instead, we talked about what they shared: a passion for history. Jana cited her father’s gift for storytelling, while Kamaria remembered researching the history of the local children’s hospital when she was in middle school. “I was hooked on history,” she recalls.

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Another busy year. I’m sure if all the faculty, students, parents, and friends at our May graduation ceremony shared my sense of exhaustion, but I think they shared my satisfaction.

After all, two of our graduating seniors, Michelle Garvey from Springfield, Ill., and Will Katt from Phoenix, Ariz., gave fine talks at the graduation ceremony on their experience in the department and the importance of studying history. Garvey, the winner of our prize for the best senior thesis, noted how she had used the Thomas McAvoy, C.S.C., Fund established by Mike Hayes ’57 and the Mary Clare Reynolds Joyce Fund established by Robert Berner ’53 to finance research trips to Rome and Palo Alto, allowing her to trace the life of an Italian-American woman who became a supporter of Mussolini’s regime in the 1930s. Other students at the ceremony used the same funds for their own research travel or to purchase library materials as they completed seminar papers and senior theses. We also took a certain pride in the news that one of our alumni, John Olyn ’62, and his wife, Barbara, had made a $10 million gift to endow the University’s Arts and Letters/Science Honors Program, a gift which will help many history majors. (John and Barbara’s daughter, Elizabeth was one of this year’s graduates.)

Faculty continued to write, teach and advise. And win fellowships. Perhaps no history faculty in the country received as many major fellowships this year. Paul Cobb won a Guggenheim. Remie Constable nabbed an American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) award and a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) fellowship for her work on Christian-Jewish relations in medieval Spain. Margaret Meserve won not only an ACLS and an NEH but also major awards from the American Academy in Rome (where she will be in residence in 2006–2007) and the I Tatti center outside of Florence for her work on the printed book in early modern Italy. Linda Przybyszewski received an ACLS for a study of religion and education in 19th-century Cincinnati. Semion Lyandres won a major award from the Hoover Institution at Stanford University (where he will be in residence in 2006–2007) for his ongoing work on the Russian revolution of 1917. Jim Turner won a major award from the Spencer Foundation for his history of philology and how that shaped our notion of the modern humanities curriculum. (See photo page 11.)

When we add to this list other faculty members who have received major awards, we gain a fuller sense of our vibrant intellectual community. Sabine MacCormack continued on her Mellon Distinguished Achievement Award in support of her work in both Latin Antiquity and the history of colonial Peru, Emily Osborn is just coming off a major Fulbright award that enabled her to travel to West Africa and continue her study of trade and recycling. Chris Hamlin returns from Philadelphia and a year at the Chemical Heritage Foundation where he continued work on a variety of projects in the history of science. Julia Adeney Thomas is on leave this fall courtesy of the New Directions Mellon Foundation award in support of her study of democracy and the arts in postwar Japan.

And that’s not all. Two stimulating conferences sponsored in part by the department marked the year. One was held in honor of the work of our emeritus colleague Andrew Walicki (see photo on the back page) and the other celebrated the imminent publication of Tom Slaughter’s biography of Quaker abolitionist John Woolman entitled The Beautiful Soul of John Woolman, Apostle of Abolition.

Also this year, George Marsden received one of the first-ever awards from the Indiana Humanities Council for his scholarly work and published a 25th-anniversary edition of his Fundamentalism and American Culture with Oxford University Press. Gail Bederman accepted the College’s highest teaching prize, the Sheedy award, and thus joined former honorees Robert Kerby and Rev. Bill Miscamble, C.S.C., on the plaque at the entrance to O’Shaughnessy Hall. (Gail’s address to the College of Arts and Letters was a lovely meditation on the dangers of overworking our already over-scheduled students.)

Tom Kiesel served as president of the Catholic Historical Association this year, delivering a presidential address that drew upon his work on Christian-Jewish relations in 19th-century France. Walt Nugent, now president of the Western Historical Association, will address that body in November.

I am also pleased to report that three new tenure-track faculty have joined us:

* Mikolaj Kunicki is a scholar of Eastern and Central Europe with a Stanford Ph.D. and a postdoctoral fellowship from the Institute of Human Sciences (Vienna). His dissertation is on Boleslaw Prussecki, a Polish politician of the mid-20th century. He also plans to work on the still controversial murder of a Polish priest, Fr. Jerry Popieluszko, in 1983 and what that meant for the Solidarity movement and Polish society more generally. Kunicki is a native of Poland, with interests extending to the cinema and literature of the region.

* Alexander Martin joins us as an associate professor from Oglethorpe University in Atlanta. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and is the author of *Romantics, Reformers, Reactionaries: Russian Conservative Thought and Politics in the Reign of Alexander I* (Northern Illinois University Press, 1997). His interests are wide-ranging, from the commemoration of the Napoleonic wars to the social history of Moscow. He is also a lead editor at *Kritika*, now the central journal for modern Russian editors.

Mark Noll, as you can see from the front cover, is the new Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History. Noll joins Notre Dame from Wheaton College, where he has taught since the late 1970s and compiled an extraordinary record. He will serve as the replacement to George Marsden (when George retires in 2008) and solidify our standing as the country’s best place to study American religious history. He is also the department’s first member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Noll is the author of several dozen scholarly articles and a number of books. His most notable—and award-winning—book is *America’s God: From Jonathan Edwards to Abraham Lincoln* (Oxford, 2004). This spring he published *The Civil War as a Theological Crisis* (North Carolina, 2006). This fall he delivers at Princeton an endowed list of lectures sponsored by Princeton University and Princeton University Press on the subject of religion and race.

As always, I am especially grateful to faculty and staff colleagues who share in our administrative burdens. Jim Turner has graciously agreed to serve as acting chair of the department for 2006–2007. Our Director of Graduate Studies Remie Constable stepped down this year after six years of spectacular service to both students and faculty. She has a worthy successor in Tom Slaughter, now beginning a three-year term. Dan Graff, our director of undergraduate studies, continues to excel as a teacher and counselor to our students as they plan their academic programs. Myrthe Doaks and Jeanette Torok managed
Class of 2005 Honors Program
Students and Thesis Titles

Angelica Agosto
“The Fight for Inclusion: Mexican American Perspectives on the Texas Revolution”

Elizabeth Bennett
“A rare Phoenix of her sex. . . . A close reading of Rich- ard Knolles’ Generall Historie of the Turkes with a spe- cial focus on women and the question of female power”

Jacqueline Cross
“Politics, Propaganda, and the Renaissance Papacy: Studies in Plautina’s Lives of the Popes (1475)”

Michelle Garvey
“La sorella fascista: The Italian Occupation of Ethiopia through the Eyes of a Fascist Sister”

Micah Johnston
“Beyond Memory: The Violence of Machecoul and the Creation of the Vendée”

William Kurtz
“Keeping the American ‘Mobocracy’ in Line: A British Perspective on the ‘Trent Affair’”

Peter Langer
“Slumbering Echoes: Potawatomi Indians, Catho- lic Priests, and the University of Notre Dame du Lac 1830–1852”

Richard McRoskey
“Father Don Luigi Sturzo in American Exile 1940–1946”

Erin Meyers
“Growth in Light and Shadow: American Children and Gardens in Early Twentieth-Century Rhetoric and Practice”

Tekla Sauter
“La Jalousie Meurtrière: Biological Determinism or Social Injustice as the Root of Female Crimes of Passion during the French Belle Époque”

Matthew Smeldberg
“Whether in East Hell, Bernice Kita: A Case Study in Catholic Missionarism during the Guatemalan Civil War”

Sara Urben
“Fascist Feminists!: The Sección Femenina and the Role of Women in the Spanish Falange”

Peter Vranderic
“Ideology in Flux: Southern Racism and the Cleburne Proposal”

Undergraduate Program Awards, 2005–2006

Monsignor Francis A. O’Brien Award for the Best Essay by a Senior History Major:
Kamaria Porter, “‘You Must Fight Injustice Wherever You Find It’: Monsignor John J. Egan and Catholic Action Against Segregation in Chicago”

Honorable Mention for the O’Brien Award:
Meghan Hassel, “Adam Czartoryski: Political Principles and Transition”

O’Hagan Award for the Best Essay or Thesis by a History Major in Irish History:
Teresa de Vries, “The IRA and the World”

 Reverend Marvin R. O’Connell Award for the Best Essay by a History Major Awarded During Their Junior or Sophomore Year:
Teresa de Vries, “The IRA and the World”

Senior Thesis Award:
Michelle Garvey, “La sorella fascista: The Italian Occupation of Ethiopia through the Eyes of a Fascist Sister”

Graduate School Placements

Margaret Abuzko is an Assistant Professor of History at the University of Alabama (AL)

Jonathan Den Hartog is an Assistant Professor of History at Northwestern College (MN)

Nabhan Fancy is an Instructor of History at DePauw University (IN)

Matthew Grow received a Sorin Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Notre Dame (IN)

Daniel Hobkins is an Assistant Professor at Ohio State University (OH)

Patrick Mason is Coordinator of the Program on Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding, and an Instructor at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame (IN)

Owen Phelan is an Assistant Professor of Church History at Mount Saint Mary’s University and Seminary (MD)

Tomasz Rzeznik is an Assistant Professor of History at Seton Hall University (NJ)

John Turner is an Assistant Professor of History at the University of South Alabama (AL)

Tamara Van Dyken is a Visiting Assistant Professor of History at Hope College (MI)

Ph.D.s Awarded 2005–2006

Jonathan Couser (B.A., Yale University, M.Div., Yale Divinity School)

Jonathan DenHartog (B.A., Hillsdale College)
Dissertation: “Patriotism and Piety: The Religious Dimension of Federalist Political Culture,” directed by George Marsden

Matthew Grow (B.A., Brigham Young University, M.A., University of Notre Dame)
Dissertation: “Thomas L. Kane and the Culture of Reform,” directed by George Marsden

Tomasz Rzeznik (B.A., Fordham University)

John Turner (B.A., Middlebury College, M.A., M.Div., Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary)
Dissertation: “Selling Jesus to Modern America: Campus Crusade for Christ, Evangelical Culture, and Conservative Politics,” directed by George Marsden

Scott Appleby completed his sixth year as the Regan Director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. Last September, as a part of Father Jenkins’ inauguration at Notre Dame’s 17th president, he coordinated the first Notre Dame Forum devoted to a discussion of the role of religion in international affairs. He served as a member of the academic team evaluating Fordham University for re-accreditation; published scholarly book chapters and articles on the impact of globalization on Catholic social teaching, the changing discourse of and about religion in an era of “fundamentalism,” and the new roles of religion in the theory and practice of conflict transformation; and delivered more than two dozen national and international lectures to governmental, university, and church audiences on topics ranging from Catholic higher education to nonviolent modes of counter-terrorism to the history of religious freedom in the United States and in the Catholic Church. In May he was awarded his third honorary doctorate, this one from St. John’s University, Collegeville, Minnesota, where he also served as commencement speaker.

Ted Beatty continued to work on his project, “Technological Society in Mexico, ca. 1364–1565,” which will be housed at the Hesburgh Library. Between these activities he continues to work on his book on medieval Spain. The first book was published by and in the Middle East. In the fall of 2006, he will appear in a History Channel documentary devoted to the relic of the Holy Lance. Cobb was awarded a prestigious Guggenheim Fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation and, more importantly still, a Kaneb Teaching Award in recognition of excellence in the classroom. He will be spending 2006–2007 on leave, in “an undefined yet secure location.”

Jon Coleman’s book Vicious: Wolves and Men in America (Yale, 2004) won two awards this past year: the W. Turrentine Jackson Award for the best first book in Western American history from the Western History Association and the John H. Dunning Prize for best first or second book in United States history from the American Historical Association. He had an article appear in Montana: The Magazine of Western History and a review essay examining the place of animals in American history published in Reviews in American History.

Olivia Remic Constable received an ACLS fellowship and an NEH award to enable her to be on leave in 2006–2007, working on her book on medieval Spain.

Vincent DeSantis completed an essay on a neglected aspect of the disputed presidential election of 1876. He is currently working on an essay on the American Peace Movement from the Civil War to World War I.

Myrtle Doaks (office staff) made her yearly trip to New York to visit her daughter Celeste, who had tickets for them to see the Broadway play The Color Purple (which was thought was fabulous). She continues to enjoy spending time with her husband, John, son Cedric, and grandsons Cedric, Jr. and Cameron. Her greatest joy this year is teaching the New Members class at her church, the New Life Fellowship Ministry.

Jay Dolan has been invited to speak at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio this October on the theme of how immigration has shaped the Catholic Church in the United States. She offered a two-day faculty retreat at St. Meinrad’s School of Theology, and in the spring, the Catholic Library Association awarded him the Jerome Award at their annual meeting in Atlanta, Ga., in recognition of his contributions to the study of American Catholicism. In the past year he has written two reviews for America. Presently he is completing a book manuscript on the history of Irish America. An ongoing project is to lower his golf handicap. Dolan predicts that he will finish the book but says the challenge of golf continues to motivate him.

Daniel Graf, director of undergraduate studies, is teaching a new course this fall titled “Labor and America since 1945.” In the spring, he will offer an undergraduate seminar, “The Right to Vote in American History.” When not teaching, advising students, participating in local politics, or playing with his two young daughters, he divides his time between revising for publication his dissertation on labor and race in early American St. Louis, exploring the elections of 1946 and the battle over full employment policy in the early Cold War era, and writing a short history of the Missouri Compromise. He is presenting papers at the Western Historical Association conference in October 2006 and at the Newberry Library’s Labor History Seminar in March 2007.

Brad Gregory spent the 2005–2006 academic year on research leave, working primarily on his next book, a revisionist narrative history of Christianity in the Reformation era. In addition, he wrote “Christian Reform and Its Discontents” for The Renaissance World (forthcoming from Routledge) and “Anabaptist Martyrdom: Imperatives, Experience, and Moralization” for the Handbook of Anabaptism and Spiritualism (forthcoming from Brill). In October 2005, Professor Gregory delivered a paper titled “Religion, Secular Beliefs, and the Humanities” at the plenary session of the Stanford Humanities Center’s 25th Anniversary Conference. Another paper, “The Other Confessional History: On Secular Bias in the Study of Religion,” was delivered at a conference at Wesleyan University in November and will be published in the journal History and Theory. In April, he participated in a conference in Vienna on Christianity and secularization in the United States and Europe at the invitation of Christoph Cardinal Schönborn.

Christopher Hamlin has returned from a year as Gordon Cain Fellow at the Chemical Heritage Foundation in Philadelphia, and research trips to Dublin and Antognano, Nova Scotia. While at CHF he organized an interdisciplinary symposium on History and Phi. He plans to continue work on his ongoing projects: a grand opus on the history of natural theology, the Poet of the Age of Crusades.

Mikolaj Kunicki joined the department this fall, teaching undergraduate courses on 20th-century Eastern Europe and modern Poland. He previously taught at Stanford University and UC Berkeley and was a junior research fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna in 2005–2006. He is currently working on a comprehensive political biography of Bolesław Piasecki (1915–1979), a Polish nationalist politician who started his career as a fascist in the 1930s and ended as a pro-democratic, anti-communist Catholic activist in postwar Poland.

Séminon Lyndres received a major fellowship from the Hoover Institute in support of his work on the 1917 Russian revolution and will be in residence in Palo Alto in 2006–2007.

Sabine MacCormack continued working on the monograph series “Languages, Histories and Cultures of the Spanish and Portuguese Worlds” that she edits at the University of Notre Dame Press. She published two articles, and her book On the Wings of Time: Rome, the Incas, Spain and Peru will appear from Princeton University Press in October 2006. She gave talks at the University of British Columbia and at Stanford University and presented the Cochrane Lecture at the University of Chicago.

George Marsden published an updated second edition of his Fundamentalism and American Culture. He has lectured widely and taught in the Teachers as Scholars program. This past spring he received an Indiana Humanities Award from the Indiana Humanities Council.

Alexander Martin is very excited about starting his new position at Notre Dame, where he continues to help edit the journal Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History and to work on his ongoing book project on Moscow in the 19th century. He also has a chapter in the new Cambridge History of Imperial Russia, and another of his articles was recently published in Russian translation. During the past year he gave a talk at the University of Berlin and will present another at Princeton later this year.


Margaret Meserve won several fellowships for the upcoming year—a National Endowment for the Humanities faculty fellowship, an American Council of Learned Societies fellowship, and the Rome Prize from the American Academy in Rome. She will be on leave in 2006–2007 and in residence at the American Academy in Rome working on a new book on the printing of news and political propaganda in Renaissance Italy.

Rev. Wilson D. (Bill) Miscamble, C.S.C.’s book From Roosevelt to Truman: Potsdam, Hiroshima, and the Cold War will be published this fall by Cambridge University Press. He encourages all former students to purchase a copy! He also published “The Corporate University and a Catholic Response” in America. He now serves as director of studies for the Indiana Province of Holy Cross and, as such, oversees Holy Cross priests engaged in advanced studies.

Dian Murray’s current project, “China, The Church and Middle Kingdom,” seeks to answer the question: “Does China have a Western analogue?” In answering affirmatively, it posits this analogue in its fellow “Middle Kingdom,” the Roman Catholic Church.

Thomas Noble was on leave last year and a visitor at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. He gave a public lecture, “Charlemagna: Writing the History of Charlemagne,” at Princeton University in April. He continues to serve on the editorial boards of Speculum and Church History. Much of his time at the University is taken up with directing the Medieval Institute.

Mark Noll and his wife, Maggie, are excited about coming to Notre Dame but are discovering it takes a little bit of work to make a move at this stage of life (Noll taught at Wheaton for 27 years). Much of his time through the spring semester has been spent writing and editing a five-week course on the history of Paris, taught in association with the Institute for European Studies. The course will be published this fall by Cambridge University Press in October 2006. He gave talks at the University of Notre Dame Press. He published two essays, and his book The Greening of America, Catholic Style, 1930–1950, is scheduled for the winter issue of Isis 96.

Wendy Hurley (office staff) joined the department this past spring as office assistant and Web master. Formerly in the biology department at ND, she is closer to home and within walking distance of her 1950,” is scheduled for the winter issue of Isis 96.


Richard Pierce is currently researching the processes by which African American families and institutions taught Jim Crow to their children in the United States during the time period 1895–1965. The resulting volume, tentatively titled Teaching Jim Crow, will examine the methods and strategies African Americans employed to preserve self-esteem within a system designed to dehumanize. Pierce is presently seeking interviews with parents, teachers, and community leaders who reared children during the Jim Crow segregation era to enrich his research. He was appointed as the inaugural chair of Notre Dame’s Department of Africana Studies in 2005.

Linda Przybyzewska taught new courses this year, her first at Notre Dame, including “Crime, Heredity, and Insanity in U.S. History,” “The Era of the U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction,” and a University Seminar on Speculum. He was appointed as the inaugural chair of Notre Dame’s Department of Africana Studies in 2005.
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public memory and academic history. She experienced (attended is too tame a word) her first Notre Dame foot-
ball game last September after lecturing on 19th-century battles over church and state as part of the Saturday
Scholar Series. Pryzbyski traveled to Washington in March to give a talk on Justice John Marshall Harlan the
Elder at the United States Supreme Court and was intro-
duced by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She had been in
Washington earlier to present her research on Dr. Oliver
Wendell Holmes at the annual meeting of the American
Studies Association. Pryzbyski is featured on the DVD
on the Cincinnati Bible War playing at the Ohio Judicial
Center’s Education Center in Columbus, Ohio, and is looking forward to seeing if any of her interview
shows up in this fall’s PBS series on the history of the
United States Supreme Court. She will be spending next
year working on her Bible War book as a fellow of the
American Council of Learned Societies.

Marc Rodriguez spent the year working for Walter
Nugent, incoming president of the Western History
Association (WHA), as co-chair of the annual meeting
of the WHA in St. Louis. He also worked on his second
Princeton University Davis Center–edited volume for the
University of Rochester Press and presented a paper at
the Organization of American Historians annual
meeting in Washington, D.C. In the spring semester, Ro-
grandez gave invited talks at Calvin College, the Uni-
versity of Minnesota, Twin Cities; and the University of
Wisconsin, Milwaukee. His first migration volume,
was reviewed favorably in the American Historical Review

Thomas Slaughter finished his book, The Beautiful
Soul of John Woolman, Apostle of Abolition, which will
be published next year by Hill & Wang. He also worked
hard to have photography recognized as an art form,
Japanese photographers wanted to be taken seri-
ously that American forces censored after the war.

John Soares has several research projects come
to fruition this past year. He co-authored an article about
Winthrop Scott and U.S.-Canadian border diplomacy that
was published in the January 2006 Diplomatic History, and
his article, “States’ Rights and Party Politics during the
Aroostook War” appeared in the July 2006 Maine His-
tory. He also completed work on an article about Jimmy
Carter’s Central America policy that is scheduled for an
upcoming issue of The Journal of Cold War Studies. In
addition, this summer he served as an external reviewer
for The Journal of Cold War Studies.

Fr. Robert Sullivan served as a senior fellow in the
College of Arts and Letters overseeing projects related
to mission-hiring. He continued to direct the Erasmus
Institute, which in June debuted two seminars de-
signed for undergraduates who are exploring academic
vocations. Participants came from Notre Dame as well as
from other Catholic and protestant universities and
colleges. Next year he will be on leave to complete both a
project for the University and the manuscript of Thomas
Macaulay: An Imperial Life for Harvard University Press.

Julia Adeny Thomas’ greatest pleasure this past
year was taking art history classes at the University
of Chicago with the support of her Andrew Mellon “New
Directions” Fellowship. She loved being a student again
and found that learning a new discipline makes the
world full of unfamiliar wonders. Her focus is on photog-
raphy, as she is trying to figure out whether photography
from occupied Japan can show us anything about Japan’s
democratization. As of yet, she doesn’t know the answer
to that question, so in the meantime she’s started writing
another book to be called something like Not Art, but
Politics: Photography’s Place in Modern Japan. While
American and Western European photographers
worked hard to have photography recognized as an art
form, Japanese photographers wanted to be taken seri-
ously as political commentators. The question is what
difference this change can tell us about the meaning of “politics” and “art” in societies that are superficially similar in their
modern political, and cultural institutions. Thomas gave
talks in England, Norway, and Indiana and also at the
annual meetings of the American Historical Association and
the Association for Asian Studies. Besides three
reviews, she’s drafted several articles and worked away
for hours at the National Archives and in the bowels of
the McKeldin Library at the University of Maryland
where she was given a grant to look at the Japanese docu-
ments that American forces censored after the war.

Jeanette Torok (office staff) took a welcome break
from the snow this past winter and visited Phoenix over
the Christmas holiday. While she was in Phoenix, she
was able to see ND play Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl,
though the luck of the Irish was not with the team that
day! While in Arizona, she took a back-roads jeep tour
and was able to view the beautiful red rock scenery
of Sedona. Sampling Tex-Mex food and shopping for
Southwestern jewelry added to the fun of her trip out
west.

James Turner offered in 2005–2006 a new two-se-
mester lecture course in American intellectual history,
which he expects to form the centerpiece of his under-
graduate teaching for the foreseeable future. He flew
to Budapest over the October vacation to give a couple
of lectures (stopping in London on the way to look at
some manuscripts in the British Library) and to Port-
land, Ore., in November to take part in a panel assessing
the current state of modern European university his-
tory at the Social Science History Association’s annual
meeting. In available moments he continues to work
on a book about the origin in philology of the modern
gentlesman. In 2006–2007 he is pinch-hitting for John
McGrevey as department chair while McGrevey enjoys
a well-deserved year of research leave.

John Van Engen spent the second semester on leave
completing a book titled Converses and Communities: Sisters
and Brothers of the Common Life in Later Medieval Society.
In 2007 he will be president of the American Society of
Church History, and he is currently elected co-guardian
of the program for that group’s winter meeting in At-
anta (joint with the American Historical Association).

Finding Their Niche

When I asked for specific courses that sparked their
interest, neither hesitated. Kamaria praised Dan Graff’s U.S.
Labor History class for exposing her to individuals
who made a difference, spurring her to research Catholic
activist Msgr. John J. Egan for an award-winning senior
paper (see p. 15). Jana mentioned Semion Lyandres as a professor whose background as a Russian
émigré who grew up in the Soviet Union—one similar to
that of her parents—helped her make historical con-
nections.

Finally, I asked about their experience as housemates.
Did dinnertime dissolve into a nightly political argu-
ment? In fact, the packed calendars of both women
meant that shared meals were a rarity. But it was over
a dinner not too long ago that they agreed on this self-description: “We’re both self-starters.” Both
took advantage of the courses, internships, and opportunities offered by the history department and Notre Dame, find-
ing their niche in different areas. They also agreed on
mashed potatoes—Jana makes the best.

Since graduating, Kamaria has become a community
organizer with United Power for Action in Justice in
Chicago, while Jana is interviewing with think tanks in
the Washington, D.C., area, where she hopes to work in
public policy/international relations. We wish them
both all the best.

Letter from the Chair

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budgets and coordinated searches while never failing
to offer a gracious welcome to everyone who enters 219
O’Shaughnessy. Wendy Hurley joined us last spring
and quickly made herself indispensable to a variety of proj-
ects, including this newsletter and our revamped web-
page (visit us at http://history.nd.edu). This year’s student
workers—Jana Lamplota, Courtney Moran, Alison
Muscolino, and Adam Snyder—distinguished themselves
by their enthusiasm.

All of us, I think, remain fortunate to work in a univer-
sity that sees the liberal arts and history as being at the
core of its distinctive mission. If you happen to be in
Atlanta for the American Historical Association meeting
this January, or even if you’re just in Atlanta, please do
stop by the Notre Dame reception. (We’ll have posters
at the AHA once we learn our hotel room number.) If
you’re on campus, please stop in. Regardless, please know
how much we value your interest in our efforts and how
grateful we are for your support.

John T. V. Luce
Professor and Chair

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Graduate Student Fellowships and Prizes

Margaret Abruzzo (Ph.D. 2005)  
Highberger Prize, Department of History, University of Notre Dame (for best dissertation)

Sean Brennam  
Nanovic Dissertation Fellowship, University of Notre Dame

Martina Cucchiara  
De Santis Prize, Department of History, University of Notre Dame (for best unpublished paper)

Darren Dochuk (Ph.D. 2005)  
Allan Nevins Prize, Society of American Historians (for best dissertation in history)

Gavin Foster  
Kellogg Dissertation Fellowship and Zahm Research Grant, University of Notre Dame

Tim Gloege  
Charlotte Newcombe Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

Matt Grow  
Sorin Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Notre Dame  
Arrington-Prucha Prize in Western American Religious History, Western History Association (for best essay on religious history)

Tuan Hoang  
Graduate Essay Prize, Center for Asian Studies, University of Notre Dame

Lourdes Hurtado  
Summer fellowship to study Quechua, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame

Sarah Miglio  
Grant for group project from the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities  
Outstanding Teacher Award, Kaneb Center, University of Notre Dame

Anthony Mora (Ph.D. 2002)  
Visiting Fellowship, American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Andrew Orr  
Albert Gallatin Fellowship Prize, Institute Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales (Geneva)

Justin Poche  
Kaneb Teaching Fellowship, University of Notre Dame

Glen Ryland  
SSHRC Fellowship from Canadian government and DAAD Fellowship from German government

Matt Salafia  
Society of Indiana Pioneers Fellowship

Wally Adamchick (’85) is the president of FireStarter Speaking and Consulting, an international leadership consultancy based in Raleigh, N.C. His new book, NO YELLING: The Nine Secrets of Marine Corps Leadership You MUST know to WIN in Business was recently released.

Sarolina S. Chang (’75) released a chapbook of English poetry, One Tenth of a Rainbow by the Setting Sun, published in May 1995.

Daniel Christian (’60) recalls the vigorous training in historical research and writing he received from Walter Denis Gray, Marshall Smelser, and Vincent DeSantis. Christian received master’s degrees from Columbia (history) and Harvard (public administration), taught naval history at Yale, and was an analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency for 31 years. He is a consultant in the Washington, D.C., area for Root Allen Hamilton, Inc.

Leonard (Rick) Debroclesio (’96) is assistant director of the Career and Employment Planning Center at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut.

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