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Students Present at Regional Conference

Ten CWU undergraduate history majors and three history graduate students travelled to Bellingham in early April to present at the Northwest Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference at Western Washington University. Phi Alpha Theta is a history honorary society and the Northwest regional includes schools from Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Alaska. The annual conference provides an opportunity for students to present their original research in front of faculty and students from around the region, as well as to experience the format and function of an academic conference. CWU has always had a strong contingent at the conference, but this year's delegation was one of the largest ever. Under the direction of History Club/Phi Alpha Theta advisor Dr. Brian Carroll, the students secured funding and whittled their research down to the maximum of ten pages. Two CWU students--Kyle Scott and Haleigh Downing--were nominated for "Best Undergraduate Paper" at this year's conference. Many of these same students will also present their research during CWU's two-day SOURCE conference (Symposium of University Research and Creative Expression) in mid-May. A complete list of the students' topics is on page four.



History students at the Phi Alpha Theta Conference

CAH Alumni Day



Joe Riley, Delaney Atkinson, Steve Moore

The College of Arts and Humanities and the Department of History honored history alumnus Joe Riley on Alumni Day 2016. After his 2007 CWU graduation, Joe returned home to be a junior high school teacher in the South Kitsap school district and then Dean of Students at South Kitsap High School. He then served two years as a middle school principal in Shelton, and is currently finishing his first year as principal of South Colby Elementary School in South Kitsap. Along the way, he picked up administrative credentials from the University of Washington and an MEd in Education, Curriculum and Assessment from Lesley University. While still in high school, he decided he wanted to become a teacher and chose CWU in part because of its strong reputation for teacher preparation. As a graduate of South Kitsap High School, it has been

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NEWS

Student

• History senior Patience Collier presented a paper at the 18th annual Women's History Conference at Sarah Lawrence College in March. Her paper was entitled "Fish Heads and Fishing Strikes: Cultural and Economic Agency of Northwest Native Women in the Salmon Industry." Patience accepted an offer to enter the MA program with full funding at the University of Oregon. Patience also received offers from UConn and Montana.



Patience Collier (right)

• History undergraduates Sarah Kimminau and Kaycee Jackson are currently interning in the Central Washington Branch of the Washington State Archives, working on collections involving the closing of the Boise Cascade Lumber facility in Yakima and the Kittitas County Fire District.



Steve Moore



Marji Morgan (left) and Dean Stacey Robertson

Faculty

• Jason Knirck presented at the meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies at the University of Notre Dame in April. Knirck's talk was entitled "'That Crooked Spanish Bastard': Sinn Féin, Race, and the Irish Revolution." The paper is part of an ongoing study of the ways in which Irish politicians from various parties distinguished the Irish case for independence from that of the white-settled British Dominions and non-white colonized regions.

• Steve Moore recently delivered a paper entitled "Looking North for a Middle Way: The Canadian Origins of American Repeal" at the Western Canadian Studies Association meeting in Reno. The paper explored the degree to which the United States looked to Canada for a temperance model that could replace the Eighteenth Amendment and is part of a larger ongoing project on American views of Canada.

• Lacy Ferrell received a Faculty Research Appointment for spring 2016 to turn a chapter of her dissertation into an article about how the built environment of schools in colonial

Ghana reflected particular visions for children's education and impacted how children understood themselves as students. With a lack of government funding, colonial officials relied upon Christian mission societies and chiefs to fund and manage most schools, meaning that nongovernmental priorities guided the construction of schools, and that the physical space itself reflected how adults understood the role of education and what kinds of students children would become.

• Marji Morgan recently gave a talk on "Sagebrush to Vineyards: Washington's Route to the World Wine Map" as part of the College of Arts and Humanities speaker series. The presentation was based largely on oral interviews with Washington winemakers, many of which are broadcast on Marji's internet radio show *Lines on Wines* (www.linesonwines.com). Marji continues to research the development of Washington's wine industry, and she is now gathering information from biologists studying the impact of vineyards on central and eastern Washington's native ecosystem.

• Jason Dormady has two conferences on his schedule this quarter. In early April, he presented "Porque si no hay iglesia ni padres quien podrá engañar y robar al pueblo...": Continuities in Clerical/Parishioner Conflict in Rural Morelos, 1681-2015" at the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies in Santa Fe. At the end of May, Jason will travel to New York City for the annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association. He'll present on American Protestant views of the Cristero War in Mexico.



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• Roxanne Easley recently travelled to Moscow for a conference as part of her ongoing sabbatical work for the National Park Service in Sitka. The conference was sponsored by the Russian Academy of Sciences and was on the History and Heritage of Russian America. Roxanne's paper was on the self-identity and social role of St. Iakov Netsvetov, a creole Russian Orthodox priest and missionary. While in Moscow, Roxanne also attended a celebration at the American Ambassador's residence and conducted further research on Fr. Netsvetov in various Moscow archives.



Roxanne Easley

Department

• The department will host its first-ever (or at least first-in-recent-memory) reception for graduating students after the 2:00 graduation ceremony on June 11th. Seniors, graduate students, and their various well-wishers are invited to come to the elegant and tasteful Language and Literature Building Lounge after the conclusion of the university graduation ceremony. We anticipate about fifty graduate and undergraduate students earning history degrees this year.

For more news on the department, please check out our [Facebook](#) page, [Twitter](#) feed, and brand new [blog](#).

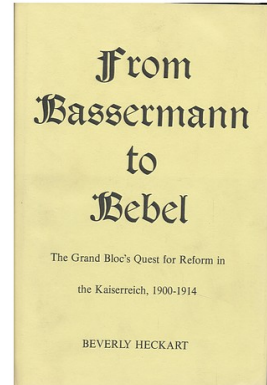
Emeritus Professor Beverly Heckart



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Professor Beverly Heckart taught in the history department at CWU from 1967 until 2004. She taught German history, as well as European social and economic history more generally. She has remained busy intellectually in retirement. As Bev notes, "After my retirement at the end of March, 2004, my professional engagement did not come to an end. ... I completed work

on an article about city planning in the East German city of Jena that was published in the *Journal of Urban History* in 2006." She also has been working for the last seven years on a biography of the city of Dresden, and, with a substantial portion of a rough draft completed, plans to travel to Dresden soon for further archival research. Bev has also been active in Ellensburg city government: "Since 2010 I've served on Ellensburg's City Planning Commission, an avocation that grew out of heavy involvement in the politics of discussing and passing the city's Comprehensive Plan in early 2007. In that year, I served as campaign manager for a city councilman who won on a plank regarding the major issues of curbing urban sprawl, combating inappropriate commercial development, and preserving a viable downtown. Sprawl continues, though somewhat abated by a new Land Use Code that I helped to write." She has had a productive, happy, and fulfilling retirement and, as she concludes, "I had to learn how to say 'no' to a variety of people who wanted me to contribute to their organizations' causes and activities. Life is busy but pleasantly relaxed."



Alumni News

We are initiating a major outreach program this year to connect better with our alumni. We would very much like to hear from you and to add features on alumni to future editions of the blog and the newsletter. Please, send us an update on what you are doing to knirckj@cwu.edu.

Student Presentations at Phi Alpha Theta, 2016

Graduate Students

- **Michael Hamberg**, "Expressing Identity Through Non-Traditional Saints in Northern Mexico"
- **Sarah Littman**, "Race, Immigration, and a Change of Heart: A History of the San Francisco Chinatown"
- **Max Tiffany**, "Illustrative Suggestions: Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points"

Undergraduate Students

- **Sophie Andarovna**, "Stalin's Identities"
- **Patience Collier**, "Violent Rhetoric in a Peaceful War: Kootenai Strategies of 1974"
- **Haleigh Downing**, "Reasserting Masculinity in Colonial Uganda: Kabaka Mwanga II and his Fight Against the British"
- **McKenzie Graham**, "Allen Ginsberg Takes America"
- **Alex McIntire**, "Perceptions of Justice: Causes of the Ellensburg Double Lynching"
- **Erika Naficy**, "Billy Murray, the Phonograph, and Forgotten Memories of American Recorded Music"
- **Luke Pearson**, "Fidel Castro and Los Barbudos: How Facial Hair Became the Symbol of a Revolution"
- **Kyle Scott**, "Apples to Apples: National Markets and the Dominance of the Washington Apple Industry, 1950 - 1960"
- **Pamela Stephenson**, "At Home on Land and at Sea: Nineteenth Century American Sailors' Tattoos as Evidence of Dual Cultural Membership"
- **Claudia Trevitt**, "American Cinema in the 1950s: The 'Real and Ideal,' Social Change and the Desire to Conform?"



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Alumni Panel

particularly meaningful for Joe to return to his home district and give back to the school system that he attended as a youth. His work is truly a family affair, as his parents and wife are also employees of the South Kitsap School District. Joe has agreed to mentor a current CWU student, Delaney Atkinson, as part of a new alumni mentoring program started in the College of Arts and Humanities. Delaney is a history social studies education major, a player on CWU's highly successful women's rugby team, and an aspiring athletic director and teacher who wants to work in the South Kitsap area. Delaney and Joe were honored at a CAH luncheon on April 21st. Steve Moore was Joe's advisor and nominated him for this award, and also currently advises Delaney.

New Courses for 2016-2017

HIST 498: Women and War in Europe,
Dr. Mandy Link (Summer 2016)

HIST 461: Health and Healing in Africa,
Dr. Lacy Ferrell (Winter 2017)

HIST 429: Ireland and Empire, Dr. Jason
Knirck (Winter 2017)

HIST 498: British History in Literature,
Dr. Marji Morgan (Spring 2017)



New Additions in 2016

Lacy Ferrell and her wife Geraldine O'Mahony recently welcomed Catherine Sullivan O'Mahony-Ferrell into the world on January 18, 2016. History department students and colleagues wish Catherine, Lacy, and Geraldine well.

