Economic Historians Head South in 2007

Austin, TX will be the site of the 2007 Economic History Association meetings. The EHA will gather in the great state of Texas for the first time since 1970, and the meetings will be held at the Austin Marriott at the Capitol from September 6-9. The theme, chosen by President Paul Hohenberg, is "Space and Place in Economic History."

The Program Committee - Susan Carter (UC-Riverside) and Anne McCants (MIT) and cochairs Metin Cosgel (Connecticut) and Peter Rousseau (Vanderbilt) - welcomes proposals for individual papers and for entire sessions. As is the rule, papers on all subjects in economic history are welcome, but a number of sessions will be devoted to the theme of "Space and Place in Economic History."

Economists have largely neglected space or tried to reduce it to distance interpreted as transport cost. Historians, more attuned to place, or space with meaning, focus mainly on politically defined social units evolving and interacting over time. Yet spatial structure and organization contribute, for good or ill, to both the quality of life and the efficiency and dynamism of economic activity. Economic agents interact not only through market exchange but through propinquity and/or direct connections (i.e. networks, spillovers, agglomerations).

The Program Committee invites papers and sessions dealing with location and land use, spatial networks, geographic influences on economic development, settlement patterns and urban systems, and diffusion, as well as generally with flows of people, goods, capital, ideas, and techniques. Work in the New Economic Geography or using such techniques as GIS is encouraged. Papers and session proposals should be submitted online to: http://eh.net/eha/meetings/prop_07.html. Paper authors should submit a 3-5 page précis and a 150-word abstract suitable for publication in the Journal of Economic History. The due date is January 31, 2007.

The dissertation session, convened by Joyce Burnette (Wabash College) and Carolyn Moehling (Rutgers), will present and honor six dissertations completed during the 2006-2007 academic year. The due date is June 1, 2007. The Gerschenkron and Nevins prizes will be awarded to the best dissertation on non-North American and North American topics.

Graduate students are encouraged to attend and the Association offers subsidies for travel, hotel, registration, and meals, including a special dinner. A poster session welcomes work from dissertations in progress. For further information, check www.ehameeting.com, or contact Meetings Coordinator Carolyn Tuttle at tuttle@lfc.edu.

Some points to keep in mind when submitting proposals:

- Papers should in all cases be work in progress rather than published or accepted work; you should indicate whether the work has been submitted for publication.
- Submissions for entire sessions should include no more than three papers.
The Committee will determine which papers will be included in accepted sessions and may mix and match proposed sessions and papers.

Scholars submitting a dissertation to the session and competition should not in the same year submit a proposal to the general program that is part of or derived from the dissertation.

**Dissertation Prizes**

The dissertation session will honor the top six dissertations in economic history completed during the 2006-2007 academic year. Two dissertation prizes of $1,000 each are awarded annually for dissertations in economic history. Please see: www.eh.net/EHA/meeting.

Those who receive their Ph.D. between June 1, 2006 and May 31, 2007 are invited to apply for inclusion in the dissertation session. Dissertations on US or Canadian history chosen for presentation at the meetings will be finalists for the Allan Nevins Prize. Such dissertations should be sent to: Carolyn Moehling, Department of Economics, 106A New Jersey Hall, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903-5055, E-mail: cmoehling@econ.rutgers.edu. Dissertations on areas of the world other than the United States or Canada will be eligible for the Alexander Gerschenkron Prize. Such dissertations should be sent to: Joyce Burnette, Department of Economics, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, E-mail: burnettj@wabash.edu.

Applicants must send a copy of the dissertation to the appropriate conveners by June 1, 2007. Those chosen for the session will each receive a Finalist's Award of $250.

**Graduate Student Attendance**

Graduate students are encouraged to attend. Travel and hotel subsidies, registration and meal discounts, and good seats for the business meetings are all offered as enticements. For further information, please visit http://www.ehameeting.com or contact Meetings Coordinator Carolyn Tuttle at tuttleeha@lh.edu.

Graduate students interested in disseminating preliminary results from their thesis work may apply to participate in the poster session at the Annual Meetings. Those accepted receive the following support:

- Travel subsidies up to $500 for domestic flights or train fare and up to $800 for international flights
- Complimentary hotel rooms (double occupancy, shared with another graduate student) for up to 3 nights
- 60% discount on registration fee
- 80% discount on the Saturday Presidential Banquet
- Free dinner Friday night

Applicants, who must be members of the Association, should send a 100-word abstract, along with a one-page CV via e-mail to Program Committee chairs Susan Carter (susan.carter@ucr.edu) or Metin Cosgel (cosgel@uconn.edu). The deadline for submissions is July 5, 2007. Awards will be announced by July 31, 2007.

Graduate students who have presented a poster are eligible for the dissertation session in a subsequent year but may not participate in the poster session two years in a row. Those students interested in attending the annual meeting but not participating in the poster session are eligible, depending on the availability of funding, for a complimentary hotel room for up to three nights (double occupancy, shared with another graduate student). Send requests to the e-mail address listed above.

**Jonathan Hughes Prize**

The Committee on Education of the Economic History Association invites nominations for the 13th annual Jonathan Hughes Prize for Excellence in Teaching Economic History. Letters of nomination should state what qualities of excellence the candidate's teaching of economic history has embodied. The strength of the nominating letter will be the primary basis for selecting the pool of finalists for the Prize. After arriving at a short list of finalists, the committee will gather further supporting information. Anyone is eligible to write a letter of nomination.
Letters of nomination should be received by March 1, 2007 and should be sent to:

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Rank Prize in Economic History
The Rank Prize was established by the Economic History Association in 1989 to honor the late Gyorgy Ranki, a distinguished Hungarian economic historian who taught in both Hungary and the United States. It is awarded biennially for an outstanding book in European economic history and is in the amount of $1,200. The Rank Prize alternates with the Alice Hanson Jones Prize for a book in North American (including Caribbean) economic history.

The ninth Rank Prize will be awarded in September 2007 for a book published in 2005 or 2006. To be eligible, a book must be published in English and must, in whole or in substantial part, treat aspects of European economic history in any period from classical antiquity to the present. For the purposes of this prize, Europe is understood to include European Russia as well as the British Isles. Books that compare European experience to that of other parts of the world, or that use historical information to examine present or anticipate future issues and trends, are also eligible as long as they pay significant attention to European economic history.

Nominations for the prize may be made by authors, publishers, or anyone else. Authors of nominated books need not be members of the Economic History Association. Date of publication rather than date of copyright determines eligibility. Translations of books published previously in a language other than English are eligible in the year of publication in English.

Whoever nominates a book should send a copy of the book and the curriculum vitae of the author or authors to each of the five members of the Ranki Prize committee.

The deadline for entries is March 1, 2007.

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The Report from Pittsburgh

The EHA meetings went off without a hitch last September 15-17 in Pittsburgh, PA. The local arrangements committee of Werner Troesken (Pittsburgh), Karen Clay (Carnegie Mellon), and Siddharth Chandra (Pittsburgh) rolled out the red carpet, including a cleansing rainstorm the night before the meetings followed by beautiful weather. In addition to the weather, they arranged for a reception at the Fort Pitt Museum on Friday night and another in a long line of rousing presidential banquets on Saturday night. They also brought the New York Mets into town to get spanked by the hometown Pirates.

The meetings were headquartered at the Omni William Penn Hotel in historic downtown Pittsburgh, a mere three blocks from the site of the first motion picture theater in the United States. A gathering of 182 participants met for three days of sessions, posters, and business meetings. Thirty-six papers were presented over 12 concurrent sessions, forcing everyone to make difficult decisions about which session to attend. Fortunately, that sort of trade-off was not necessary on Friday afternoon when Joe Ferrie (Northwestern) and Myron Gutmann (Michigan) gave an overview of their research in a plenary session focusing on the American frontier.

Thanks go out to the Program Committee, chaired by William Collins (Vanderbilt), with assistance from Zeynep Hansen (Arizona), Michael Haupert (UW-La Crosse), and Ryan Johnson (Brigham Young), for putting together the program. As always, Carolyn Tuttle did yeoman’s work organizing all of the details that go into making the meetings a success.

President Gary Libecap (UC-Santa Barbara) broke from recent tradition and delivered his presidential address, titled “The Great West: Institutional Change on the Frontier,” on Saturday evening before the banquet. The banquet, held in the Omni’s Monongahela Room, featured the presentation of the various awards bestowed in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in research and teaching during the past year.

Awards Presented at the 2006 Economic History Association Meetings
The annual meetings are an occasion to share current research, conduct Association business, and catch up with friends and colleagues. It is also an opportunity to recognize some of the most significant accomplishments in the field of economic history over the past year. During the 66th meeting of the EHA, held in Pittsburgh, PA September 15-17, prizes were awarded for both research and teaching.

Arthur H. Cole Prize

Best Article in Explorations in Economic History
Also announced at the meeting was the prize for the best article appearing in Explorations in Economic History during the past year. It was awarded jointly to Dan Bogart (UC-Irvine) for “Turnpike Trusts and the Transportation Revolution in 18th-Century England” (October 2005) and Mauricio Drellichman (British Columbia) for “The Curse of Moctezuma: American Silver and the Dutch Disease” (July 2005).

Alexander Gerschenkron Prize
The Alexander Gerschenkron Prize for best dissertation in non-US or Canadian economic history during 2005/2006 was awarded to Ran Abramitsky (Northwestern) for The Limits of Equality: An Economic Analysis of the Israeli Kibbutz, completed under the supervision of Joel Mokyr.

Allan Nevins Prize
Alice Hanson Jones Prize

J.R.T. Hughes Teaching Prize
The annual Jonathan R.T. Hughes Prize is awarded to recognize excellence in teaching economic history. Jonathan Hughes was an outstanding scholar and a committed and influential teacher of economic history. The winner is selected by the EHA Committee on Education and Teaching and includes a $1,000 cash award. The 2006 award winner is Kerry Odell (Scripps College).

Arthur H. Cole Grants-in-Aid
The Committee on Research in Economic History of the Economic History Association awards the Arthur H. Cole grants-in-aid to support research in economic history, regardless of time period or geographic area. The 2006 recipients are: James Stewart (Reed College) for "Cooperation, Collective Action, and Farm Interest Group Membership," J. David Hacker (Binghamton) for "New Estimates of Life Expectancy in the Nineteenth-Century United States," Brandon R. Dupont (Wellesley) for "Private Banking in the Nineteenth Century: An Economic History," and Matthew T. Gregg (Roger Williams University) for "The Economic Costs and Implications of Cherokee Removal."

Dissertation Fellowships
The Dissertation Fellowships were given to: Se Yan (UCLA) for *Economic Openness and Early Industrial Developments in China: Evidence from China’s Manufacturing and Handicraft Industries, 1860 to 1936*, Claudia Rei (Boston University) for *The Organization of European Merchant Empires*, Hyungsu Choi (Johns Hopkins) for *Manufacturing Knowledge in Transit: Making Transistors in the United States and Japan, 1948–1960*, and William Troost (UC-Irvine) for *Accomplishment and Abandonment: The Freedmen’s Bureau and Black Literacy Rates*.

Exploratory Travel & Data Acquisition Grants
The Exploratory Travel & Data Acquisition Grants were awarded to: Haggy Etekes (Hebrew University), Marianne Hinds (Northwestern), Byron Crites (Texas), Jeremy Meiners (Washington University), Andreea Balan (Harvard), James Fenske (Yale), Martine Mariotti (UCLA), Michela Coppola (Ludwig Maximilian Universität), Florian Ploeckl (Yale), Jesus Viejo (Boston University), and Michelle Mormul (Delaware).

The CREH is pleased to announce that the Association has increased to $2,500 the maximum award for Cole Grants and travel/data grants for 2007. EHA is grateful to the members of the CREH for their work in selecting the award winners this year. Ben Chabot (Michigan) chaired the committee and was assisted by Santhi Hejeebu (Cornell College), Jonathan Liebowitz (University of Massachusetts-Lowell), Carolyn Mochling (Yale), Susan Wolcott (Binghamton), Rebecca Menes (Bates White, LLC), Marc Law (Vermont), Robert Whaples (Wake Forest), Joyce Burnette (Wabash College), and Alex Field (ex officio, Santa Clara).

The Library Company
The Library Company of Philadelphia’s Program in Early American Economy and Society (PEAES) awarded its annual prize to Paul Clemens (Rutgers) for his article in the October 2005 issue of the *William and Mary Quarterly* titled “The Consumer Culture of the Middle Atlantic, 1760-1820.” PEAES is honored to recognize the contributions to research and published scholarship that these awards, separately and collectively, represent and hope you will join us in congratulating them.

Notes on the 2006 EHA Teaching Breakfast
By David Mitch (University of Maryland-Baltimore County)
Will Hausman (William and Mary), chair of the EHA Teaching Committee, also chaired the annual teaching breakfast held during the
Pittsburgh meetings. Participants began bright and early at 6:50 a.m. on Saturday, September 16. The breakfast focused on the use of the Millennial edition of the Historical Statistics of the US in teaching economic history.

Mention was made of a historical census browser available at the University of Virginia website (http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histocensus/). It was recommended as a way of providing information to students on the methods that have been used to compile the census.

Susan Carter and Richard Sutch (both UC-Riverside) gave an overview of the Historical Statistics project. They observed that the five volumes weighed in at a total of 29 pounds. They reviewed the history of previous editions, noting that in 1990 a Cliometrics Data Committee contacted census officials regarding a new edition and related how that led to a group of scholars with the imprimatur of the Census Bureau to work on developing the Millennial edition of the Historical Statistics.

They pointed to the 70 introductory essays included in the volume, mentioning that these were aimed at a general audience. While these essays were not specifically intended for undergraduate students, they were meant to be comprehensible and accessible to them. They also mentioned the decision to put notes on data sources adjacent to the tables they referred to rather than at the back of chapters in order to raise the likelihood students would consult them.

Winifred Rothenberg (Tufts) asked why the Colonial period statistics were separated from other data series. Sutch replied that Colonial data had its own distinctive sources and problems, mentioning in particular issues related to currency units. He also pointed out that this had been done in previous editions. He said similar considerations were behind the decision to put Confederate statistics in a separate section.

Gavin Wright (Stanford) made a presentation about a data analysis assignment he gives to students in his undergraduate economic history course. Until now, this assignment has been based on the 1976 Bicentennial edition of US Historical Statistics. The assignment is to assemble historical data for the purpose of addressing some question about the American economic past and to use the data to generate at least one original table and one original graph. The table and graph must be accompanied by a brief statement of what the student believes the data show for American economic history. The assignment to be turned in, including table, graph, and text, is not to exceed five standard pages. He distributes an assignment sheet that includes a list of 16 possible topics.

He developed the assignment out of frustration with getting term papers in which students cited numbers but had not gone to the sources of the numbers or thought about how the numbers had been constructed. The assignment does not entail archival work, but he found that once he asked students to look into how numbers had been constructed, they typically got into data construction issues more fully. He found that by requiring students to construct one original table and graph, they were forced to think about the decisions required to do this, such as the units to be used to label axes and how to allow for inflation and price changes over time. Although the assignment is only five pages, students must give some explanation for the choices they make in constructing their table and graph.

He was a bit dissatisfied that most of his current suggested topics and issues are not historical. He wants to use the assignment to get students to go beyond thinking in terms of timeless generalities and would like to come up with more specific historical puzzles and challenges.

He also made some comments on how he has students go beyond what is in the published historical statistics volume and tells them that they should not just repeat the numbers. Instead, they should go to the source notes for the numbers they use and think about some way of changing the numbers and making possible revisions.

Sutch mentioned that the decision was made to put raw data in the historical statistics. That way
students would have to do further calculations to answer the questions they were using the numbers to address. The calculations would generally be elementary, but some calculations were required. He also mentioned an assignment that Roger Ransom (UC-Riverside) assigned in which students were asked to do calculations to construct a graph and write a paper on the story behind the graph.

Josh Rosenbloom (Kansas) said that measurement generally requires theory and discussed assignments involving union membership. He requires students to think about how the reason for measuring union membership would influence how the measures were constructed. He urges them to read the source notes behind union membership figures and to identify what the source notes indicate about the choices that had to be made in compiling the statistics.

Hausman indicated that he typically assigns each student in his class a given state to work on. Michael Haines (Colgate) commented on errors in census data and issues having to do with how units of observation are defined.

The focus then turned to the distinctive features of using the online version of the Historical Statistics. Rosenbloom mentioned that the online search feature was helpful and online access helped avoid the congestion issue because of the limited hardcopy versions available in the reference section of libraries. Some discussion ensued about the graphing function contained in the online edition. Neither Wright nor Sutch recommended using the online graphing capability. They thought it was too limited. Instead, they recommended downloading the numbers and working with a spreadsheet. They thought the step of downloading and then using the spreadsheet to develop graphs was a good set of tools for students to master.

The meeting adjourned at 8 a.m. so participants could go to the first morning session.

Minutes of the EHA Business Meeting
The meeting was convened by Gary Libecap at 1:30 pm, September 16, 2006.

1. Thanks to the board for his election and support.
2. Thanks to all those who labored on the committees.
3. Call to order.
4. Alex Field
   a. Election results.
      i. Alan Olmstead president elect.
      ii. Ann Carlos vice president.
   b. Board actions.
      i. Increase maximum Cole grant to $2,500.
      ii. Increase maximum dissertation exploration grant to $2,500.
      iii. Ongoing searches.
         1. JEH editor.
         2. Meetings coordinator.
   c. Presentation of budget.
5. Carolyn Tuttle
   a. A bit about what her job entails and encouragement for anyone interested to contact her for more details.
   b. 182 attendees, 160 preregistered, down from 220 last year.
   c. Book exhibit twice as large as last year.
   d. Reminder about the provision of a box lunch on Sunday after last session.
   e. Next meetings in Austin, TX, Sept. 6-9, 2007.
   f. 2008 meetings will be held in New Haven, CT.
   g. Potential 2009 sites currently being visited.
6. Jeremry Atack
   a. Knick Harley was replaced by Phil Hoffman as editor.
   b. Alan Miller will be in charge of book reviews.
   c. Bill Collins took over the book review duties from Paul Hohenberg.
   d. Editorial board changes: out Zorina Khan, Nathan Sussman, and Werner Troesken; in Howard Bodenhorn, Carolyn Moehling, and Michael Haines.
e. Submissions down from 135 to 125 but still above historical trends.
f. Fifty-four percent of submissions on non-North American topics.
g. Twenty-six articles accepted.
h. Decision time mean 92 days, median 86 days on initial submission, approximately 14-day reduction from last year.
i. Likely to switch to all electronic submission and referee process this year after experimenting with it this past year.

7. Price Fishback
   a. Clio met at Binghamton in spring.
   d. Search on for new executive director and editor to begin in summer 2008.

8. Michael Haines
   a. SSHA meets in Minneapolis Nov. 2.

9. Lee Alston
   a. ISNIE meets next week in Boulder.
   b. Welcome economic history submissions, more come in each year.
   c. Past presidents of ISNIE have included two economic historians: Doug North and Gary Libecap.
   d. 2007 meetings will be in Iceland.

10. Rick Steckel
    a. IEHA will meet in three years to avoid other conflicts.
    b. Next meeting 2009 in Utrecht, Netherlands.
    c. Joerg Baten is new executive director.
    d. Call for sessions is coming out later this fall, you are encouraged to get in on this first wave.

11. Paul Hohenberg
    a. M/S/P trustee motion to thank the editors who put together the Millennial edition of the Historical Statistics of the US.

12. Ken Sokoloff moved to thank the program committee.
13. Price Fishback moved to thank the local arrangements committee.
14. William Hausman
    a. BHC meets in Cleveland next year.
    b. New editor being searched for their journal.
15. Gavel ceremoniously passed to Hohenberg.

Economic History Association

Ordinary Revenue
Individual Membership $31,489
Meetings 48,458
Cambridge U. Press 175,532
Interest & Dividends 25,424
EH.Net (support from other org.) 10,890
Realized Gains (losses) 10,917
Unrealized Gains (losses) 20,370
Contributions 3,709
Other Revenue 2,057
Ordinary Revenues 297,559
REVENUES 328,845
(Including realized and unrealized gains)

Ordinary Expenses
Awards and Grants-in-Aid 10,100
Editorial Offices 66,182
EH.Net Website 15,690
Management 34,824
Meeting Expense 74,748
Membership 7,402
Office & Miscellaneous 3,993
Printing and Distributing the JEH 12,793
Depreciation None
TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSES 225,732
Ord. Revenues Less Ord. Expenses 71,827

Extraordinary Revenues
None

Extraordinary Expenses
Grad. Ed. Initiative Grants 43,474
Grad. Ed. Initiative Mtgs. Expenses 12,742
JUSFC Program None
Equipment Acquisition 1,007
Purchase of Securities (Vanguard) 8,436
ASSETS (As of 7/31/2006)

Cash Balances
Checking Acct. (EHA Off.) 127,626
Savings Acct. (EHA Off.) None
Checking Acct. (Mtg. Off.) 7,407
Morgan Stanley Liquid Asset Acct. 20,269
Total in Bank and Cash Accts. 155,302

Investments
U.S. Treasury Bonds and Notes 260,027
Mutual Funds (Vanguard) 375,611
INVESTMENT TOTAL 635,638

TOTAL SECURITIES AND CASH 790,940

Calls for Nominations for 2007 Prizes

Arthur H Cole Grants-in-Aid
The Committee on Research in Economic History awards Arthur H. Cole grants-in-aid to support research in economic history, regardless of time period or geographic area. Awards typically are in amounts up to $2,500, although higher amounts may be awarded in exceptional cases. Send applications by e-mail to Susan Wolcott (Chair, Committee on Research in Economic History) at swolcott@binghamton.edu. Applications should include a front cover page, giving the name of the individual, home address, institutional affiliation, social security number, and all contact information. The main body of the proposal should be no longer than five single-spaced pages, inclusive of any footnotes, tables, and bibliography. It should describe the project and explain specifically how the grant will facilitate completion of the research. A curriculum vita and a project budget should be appended. Applicants must be members of the Association and must hold the Ph.D. degree. Preference is given to recent Ph.D. recipients. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2007, and awards will be announced by May 15, 2007.

Graduate Dissertation Fellowships
Dissertation Fellowships are intended for students whose thesis topic has been approved and who have made some progress towards writing their dissertation. Applicants must be members of the Association. Awards are for $10,000 and are nonrenewable.

The application should include a front cover page, giving the name of the student, home address, institutional affiliation, social security number, all contact information, and the name of the chair of the dissertation committee. Applicants should also arrange to have two letters of reference sent; one must be from the chair of the thesis committee, and both should be sent to the e-mail address listed below.

The main body of the proposal should be no longer than five single-spaced pages, inclusive of any footnotes, tables, and bibliography. It should describe the dissertation topic, explain specifically how the fellowship will facilitate completion of the thesis (for example, travel to archives, purchase of research materials, release from teaching), describe the work to date, give a timetable for completion, and include a brief bibliography. A one-page copy of the student’s current CV should be appended after the body of the proposal. Although it is not required, applicants for dissertation awards are strongly encouraged to append a draft of a completed thesis chapter after their CV.

For information regarding the application deadline for the 2008 award cycle, contact Susan Wolcott (Chair, Committee on Research in Economic History) at swolcott@binghamton.edu.

Exploratory Travel and Data Grants
Exploratory Travel and Data Grants are intended for doctoral students considering or intending to write a dissertation in economic history. They provide funding for specific research purposes (for example, visiting archives or purchase of microfilm or CD-ROMs) and in most instances will not exceed $2,500. They are nonrenewable, but recipients are eligible to apply in a subsequent year for a Graduate Dissertation Fellowship (see above).

Send applications by e-mail to Susan Wolcott (Chair, Committee on Research in Economic History) at swolcott@binghamton.edu. The application should include a front cover page, giving the name of the student, home address, institutional affiliation, social security number, and all contact information. The main body of
the proposal should be no longer than three single-spaced pages, inclusive of any footnotes, tables, and bibliography. It should describe the topic of the research, explain specifically how the requested support will facilitate the work, give a timetable for completion, and include a brief bibliography. Immediately following there should be an itemized budget and a copy of the student’s current CV. The budget and CV should not exceed two single-spaced pages in total. Applicants must be members of the Association. **The deadline for applications is December 15, 2007,** and awards will be announced by February 15, 2008.

**The Library Company**
The Library Company of Philadelphia, founded in 1731, was the largest public library in America until the 1850s and is now an independent research library, with one of the premier collections in the country of early American documents. It houses extensive collections of printed and graphic materials that chronicle the history of American culture. In conjunction with its Program in Early American Economy and Society (PEAES), the Library Company is augmenting, cataloguing, and conserving its collections related to economy and society – including the areas of commerce, business, banking, and technology – and is also compiling a regional survey of related scholarly resources. In addition, the Program sponsors regular seminars, holds conferences involving scholars of early American economy, publishes monographs and essay collections, and carries out other activities. For further information about these and other facets of the Program, please see the links to PEAES at the Library Company’s website: www.librarycompany.org.

The Library Company of Philadelphia’s Program in Early American Economy and Society invites applications for its numerous fellowship awards to be granted for research and scholarship during 2007-2008. **Deadline for receipt of applications is March 1, 2007.** Decisions will be made by April 15.

These fellowships are designed to promote scholarship in early American economy and society, broadly defined, from its colonial beginnings to roughly the 1850s. Some of the possible topics of research include the history of commerce, finance, technology, manufacturing, agriculture, internal improvements, and political economy. Applicants for long-term awards may submit proposals based not only on the extensive collections at the Library Company but also on the printed and manuscript materials of other institutions in the Philadelphia area.

Fellows will share opportunities to participate in the growing intellectual life of the Program in Early American Economy and Society and contribute to the Library Company’s other scholarly activities.

For further information and application instructions, visit The Library Company’s website: www.librarycompany.org.

**General Announcements**

**Membership Program**
The Membership Committee needs your help with an Emerging Economies Membership Program.

Our colleagues in emerging economies provide a unique and important contribution to economic understanding and economic policy in transitional and developing economies. The study of economic history in these nations would benefit from closer academic and intellectual ties to economic history in the developed world, and we would learn new things as well. Therefore, the Membership Committee of the EHA would like your help on a project designed to encourage intellectual exchange between economic historians in emerging economies and members of the EHA. The Membership Committee is soliciting two kinds of help for the Emerging Economies Membership Program. First, we need the names of scholars in emerging economies who would benefit from membership in EHA. Second, we need donations to pay for those memberships.

Names of possible members and their addresses (e-mail address is preferred) should be sent to
Kerry Odell at kodell@scrippscollege.edu. Donations can be sent to: Economic History Association, Department of Economics, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 95053-0385. Make your check payable to the Economic History Association, and indicate its purpose. You may also use your Visa or Mastercard via e-mail to afield@scu.edu.

Economic History Services
The Economic History Services website contains an abundance of information, including announcements, directories, the Encyclopedia of Economic and Business History, several hundred book reviews (including retrospective reviews of many classics), and the ever popular feature, “How Much Is That?” which provides comparative value information, such as purchasing power, between the past and today. All this can be found at: http://www.eh.net.

In Memorium: Gary R. Saxonhouse
By Gavin Wright

Gary Saxonhouse died November 30, 2006 in Seattle, WA, where he was being treated for leukemia. He was 63.

Best known as a Japan specialist and an expert on international trade, Gary also maintained a commitment to economic history throughout his professional career. His Ph.D. thesis at Yale (1971) was a sophisticated econometric study of productivity change in the Japanese cotton spinning industry, 1891-1935, and his results were subsequently published in the Journal of Economic History, the Quarterly Journal of Economics, Explorations in Economic History, and other journals and volumes. In 1984, Gary coedited (with Gavin Wright) the festschrift for William N. Parker, one of his Yale advisors. Saxonhouse and Wright pursued a collaborative project for more than 20 years using the records of British textile machinery companies to analyze the first global diffusion of the technologies of the Industrial Revolution. A painstaking scholar, Gary always said that he valued the project as a way to stay active in historical research (his true academic calling), even though his distinctive Japanese expertise continued to generate demands for his services on policy matters.

Gary taught at the University of Michigan throughout his career, beginning in 1970. He helped to build Michigan’s economic history group to its present strong status after the field had faded in the 1950s and 1960s. Gary won many academic awards and honors, including a Guggenheim Fellowship, a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship, and a record-setting three fellowships at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford. He was a staff member at the Council of Economic Advisers, served on many advisory panels, and consulted frequently for the Departments of State, Treasury and Commerce, and the World Bank.

To his colleagues, students, and friends, Gary will be remembered as a man of broad interests and sympathies. Unusual for an economist, he read widely in literature as well as history and always considered policy issues from a broad historical and human perspective. He loved conversation, and a conversation with Gary could be a rich and memorable experience. Above all, Gary was devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife Arlene (Professor of Political Science at Michigan), three children, and two grandchildren.

“History teaches us that men and nations behave wisely once they have exhausted all other alternatives.”

-Abba Eban

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Past Presidents of the EHA: Anne Catherine Bezanison

Anne Bezanison, perhaps the most influential of the founders of the Economic History Association, served as its president from September 1946 until she was succeeded by Herbert Heaton at the annual meetings in September of 1948. Bezanison completed a set of “female firsts” with her ascendancy as the first female president of the EHA. She was the first woman to receive tenure and promotion to full professor at the University of Pennsylvania, where she held positions from 1921 until her retirement in 1955. She was also the first woman to serve on the Executive Committee of the NBER.

Bezanison was a driving force behind the creation of the EHA. She served on the steering committee that created it, drafted its original bylaws, and was prominent in the early financial success of the society. Indeed, it is quite likely that without her efforts, the EHA would never have come to be. Its success was far from a sure thing in its infancy as it struggled to define its role in the larger discipline of economics among a number of societies competing for the attention of economists inclined to dwell on historical issues. She contacted over 500 potential candidates for membership, more than 400 of whom ultimately joined. She also appealed personally to her mentor, Edwin F. Gay to lend his influence to the creation of the EHA and ultimately take on the position as the Association’s first president.

Anne Catherine Bezanison was born in Dalhousie, Nova Scotia in 1881 and moved to the United States in 1901 to take a job with the Gillette Razor Company, where she served as a department manager until she resigned to begin her university studies at Radcliffe in 1911. There she ultimately earned her A.B. (1915), AM (1916), and Ph.D. (1921) in economics before beginning an academic career at the University of Pennsylvania.

She was appointed to their Graduate School of Arts and Sciences as a Research Professor of Industry in 1921. That year, she and Joseph Willits founded the Industrial Research Department (IRD) at Penn. It was the first business school research center in the country and marked the beginning of a long and fruitful collaboration. Willits directed the IRD until 1929, when he left for the Rockefeller Foundation. Bezanison took over the directorship and held the position until 1945.

In 1921, Bezanison’s article on promotion practices became the first product of the IRD. She continued her practical research in the early 1920s, writing a series on personnel issues, focusing on turnover, worker amenities, and accident prevention. In addition, she oversaw the work of a large team of scholars, many of them women, focusing on historical employment markets. The employment and unemployment studies cover a wide range of interest and include such subseries as the study of domestic employment, the study of employment patterns at the household level, the study of individual income and family expenditure, the self-employment study, the textile studies, the study of skilled workers at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and the study of women in the labor force.

In 1939, she once again teamed up with Willits, serving as a part-time consultant to the Rockefeller Foundation. She continued her consulting work for the Foundation until 1950. During the war years, when the EHA was
scraping by financially, she was one of a small number of individuals who made personal donations to the Association to cover the cost of publishing the journal in order to keep the society solvent. Later, during her stint with the Rockefeller Foundation, she was instrumental in directing substantial Foundation grants to the EHA for research directed by its Center for Research in Economic History.

It was at Bezanson’s suggestion in 1940 that the EHA hold its meetings in the early fall, before classes started on most campuses instead of the then typical Christmas break meeting time. This would not only allow the society to hold cheaper meetings by utilizing empty college dormitories for lodging but would also avoid the crowded Christmas break meeting calendar.

Bezanson was nominated to the Women's Hall of Fame at Penn in 1930 and awarded honorary doctorates from the University of British Columbia and Penn. She retired in 1955 and moved to Hanover, NH, where she died on February 4, 1980 at the age of 99.

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Fifty Years Ago in the JEH

The 16th volume of the *Journal of Economic History* was published in 1956. Editor George Rogers Taylor flew solo for the first time following the recent resignation of longtime editor Thomas Cochrane. The volume featured 10 articles, 19 notes and review pieces, and 116 book reviews covering a total of 598 pages. The volume was just about equally divided between these three categories in terms of total pages. The May issue also featured a membership directory listing all 456 members of the EHA and their mailing addresses.

Fifty-seven percent of the 30 authors published in the JEH for the only time in their academic careers. Seven of the 12 authors to publish in the December issue were never to reappear in the JEH. That final issue of the year was dedicated to publishing the papers presented at the 15th meeting of the EHA held in September on the campus of the University of Illinois. It was dedicated almost entirely to reproducing the papers presented at the conference; there were no book reviews. The only deviation from the EHA program was Forest Hill’s discussion of Vernon Fowke’s work on development in the American West, which replaced Leonard Arrington’s paper on the role of the Mormon Church in the development of the American West. It was an opportunity missed, for to this date, no paper with the words “Mormon Church” in the title or abstract has appeared in the Journal, despite the higher profile to which their genealogical records have been raised by the research of Joe Ferrie and his students.

In the wider world, events were moving along to the tune of $33.5 billion that was allocated by Congress to create 42,500 miles of interstate highways. In order to service all those new miles, a new muffler company called “Midas” opened in Macon, GA. All this activity was symptomatic of a strong economy as evidenced by the Dow industrials, which peaked that year at a robust 421.05. Perhaps of greater concern would be the future quality of Jack Daniel’s, which was acquired by Brown-Forman.

The volume was heavily weighted toward 19th-century American topics. Just under two-thirds of the articles and notes were on American topics, and just over two-thirds covered the 19th century in whole or in part. This was driven in large part by the devotion of the December issue to printing the papers presented at the September meetings, which were all on the topic “The American West as an Undeveloped Region.”


The December issue led off with Carter Goodrich’s presidential address titled “American Developmental Policy.” Goodrich concluded his two-year term in office and passed the gavel to Frederic C. Lane. The address was the fourth time Goodrich published in the JEH. His first appearance was six years previous, and he would make his final appearance as an author in the Journal in 1970.

The most notable rookie author was Douglass North, who published the first and second of what is to date 13 articles in the JEH. North debuted in the June issue with a note titled “Agenda for a History of Management Policies towards Labor in the United States.” North was the only author to appear more than once that year. He returned in December with “International Capital Flows and the American West.”
In his June article, North contrasted the rich literature analyzing the evolution of the labor movement in the US with the paucity of research on a comparable study of the evolution of management policy and philosophy towards labor. He noted the tremendous changes that had taken place in management's policies toward labor over the course of the 20th century but pointed out that our knowledge of these changes was almost entirely based on anecdotes and normative prescriptions rather than precise information. He argued that a history of management policies toward labor was needed to fill this important gap.

His concerns reflected what was to become the face of the “new” economic history, with its focus on quantitative methods applied to historical problems. The era had not yet begun, however. Nary an equation would appear anywhere in the 16th volume. The revolution would truly begin a few years hence with the beginning of the Purdue meetings (which would become the Cliometrics Society) and with the publication of Robert Fogel’s first article in the June 1962 issue of the JEH: “A Quantitative Approach to the Study of Railroads in American Economic Growth: A Report of Some Preliminary Findings.”

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