



## The Newsletter of the

# EHA Economic History Association

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### Pittsburgh to Host Economic Historians

The Economic History Association heads for the steel city for its 65<sup>th</sup> annual gathering from September 15-17, 2006, which will be headquartered at the Omni William Penn Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh. The theme of the meetings, chosen by President Gary Libecap, is "Frontiers and Institutional Innovation: Property Rights, Production Organization and Governance, and Political Structure."

The program committee is chaired by William Collins (Vanderbilt), and includes Zeynep Hansen (Arizona), Michael Hauptert (UW-La Crosse), Ryan Johnson (Brigham Young), and Carolyn Tuttle (Lake Forest College). They invite submissions for papers on any topic, but in particular, they encourage submissions that provide a historical or interdisciplinary perspective on the ways in which frontiers provide new opportunities and challenges requiring institutional innovation. Frontiers may be defined as new geographic or resource settings as well as new technologies and scientific opportunities. Topics include, but are not limited to, the role of frontiers in institutional change involving new property rights to physical and intellectual property, new political and legal structures, new production organization and government arrangements, the process of institutional change in these settings, and the welfare effects of institutional change.

Although the committee is interested in any paper that deals with frontiers and institutional change, it will also consider strong papers that are not directly related to the theme of the

conference. All papers must be submitted online at [http://www.eh.net/EHA/Meetings/prop\\_06.html](http://www.eh.net/EHA/Meetings/prop_06.html). Interested scholars are requested to submit a 3-5 page abstract and a 150-word abstract, suitable for publication in the *Journal of Economic History*, by January 31, 2006.

In addition to individual proposals, submissions for entire sessions are encouraged. Proposals for a complete session must include separate proposals for each paper to be presented. The committee reserves the right to determine which papers will be included in the sessions that are accepted. Papers that are not accepted for a submitted session may be incorporated into other panels.

The local arrangements committee will be Werner Troesken (Pittsburgh), Karen Clay (Carnegie Mellon), and Siddharth Chandra (Pittsburgh). They look forward to welcoming us to their exciting city. For more information, contact:

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#### Dissertation Prizes

The dissertation session will honor the top six dissertations in economic history completed during the 2004-2005 academic year. Two dissertation prizes of \$1,000 each are awarded

annually for dissertations in economic history. Please see: [www.eh.net/EHA/meeting](http://www.eh.net/EHA/meeting).

Those who receive their Ph.D. between June 1, 2005 and May 31, 2006 are invited to apply for inclusion in the dissertation session. Dissertations on U.S. or Canadian history chosen for presentation at the meetings will be finalists for the Allan Nevins Prize. Such dissertations should be sent to: Melissa Thomasson, Department of Economics, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056, USA, E-mail: [thomasma@muohio.edu](mailto:thomasma@muohio.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: Carol Shiue, Department of Economics, University of Colorado at Boulder, Campus Box 256, Boulder, CO 80309, email: [shiue@colorado.edu](mailto:shiue@colorado.edu).

**Applicants must send a copy of the dissertation to the appropriate convener by May 1, 2006.** 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 the possibility of celebrity sightings are all offered as enticements. For further information, please visit <http://www.ehameeting.com> or contact Meetings Coordinator Carolyn Tuttle at [tuttleeha@lfc.edu](mailto:tuttleeha@lfc.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 Professor William Collins (Chair, Program Committee) at [william.collins@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:william.collins@vanderbilt.edu). **The deadline for submissions is July 5, 2006.** Awards will be announced by July 31, 2006.

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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. **The deadline for letters of nomination is March 1, 2006,** and they should be sent to: Professor Will Hausman, Department of Economics, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795. E-mail: [wjhaus@wm.edu](mailto:wjhaus@wm.edu)

#### **Alice Hanson Jones Prize**

The Alice Hanson Jones Prize for an outstanding book on North American (including Caribbean) economic history will be presented at the Economic History Association's annual meeting in Pittsburgh in September of 2006. This \$1,200 prize is awarded biennially and alternates with the Gyorgi Ranki Prize for a book on European economic history.

Only books published in English during 2004 or 2005 are eligible for the 2006 prize. The author need not be a member of the Association. Authors, publishers, or anyone else may nominate books. Authors or publishers should send a copy of the book, plus a curriculum vita of the author(s), with current information on addresses and telephone numbers, to **each** member of the committee. **The deadline for submission is March 1, 2006.** The Alice Hanson Jones Prize committee members are as follows:

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### **News from the *Journal***

Alan Dye (Barnard), Chris Hanes (Binghamton), and Tom Maloney (Utah) finished their terms on the *JEH* editorial board. The current board

consists of B. Zorina Khan (Bowdoin), Werner Troesken (Pittsburgh), Nathan Sussman (Hebrew University), William Collins (Vanderbilt), Dora Costa (MIT), Stephen R. "Larry" Epstein (LSE), Steve Quinn (TCU), Joachim Voth (Universitat Pompeu Fabra), Paul Rhode (North Carolina), Susan Wolcott (Binghamton), Bob Allen (Oxford), and Larry Neal (Illinois).

### **Canadian Invasion a Success**

Economic historians invaded Canada from September 16-18, 2005 for the annual Economic History Association meetings. They braved the metric system, the Canadian dollar, and occasional French signage en route to what everyone agreed was a successful conference, replete with the usual pomp and ceremony (the installation of a new president), stimulating conversation (both in sessions and hallway conversations), academic controversy (in the form of healthy professional disagreements), and good deals on new books (which, much to the chagrin of some patrons, were priced in American, not Canadian, dollars).

The meetings, held at the majestic Westin Harbour Hotel, located on the Toronto waterfront, featured 34 papers in 12 sessions, plus a plenary session with Robert Bates and Niall Ferguson (both Harvard). They also included the dissertation session and the always boisterous business meeting, at which the gavel was transferred from Roger Ransom (UC-Riverside) to Gary Libecap (Arizona). The program committee, led by Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, constructed a program which focused on the theme "Technological Change and Economic Growth in History." It centered on papers that provided a historical or interdisciplinary perspective on key issues in technological change, social and economic innovation, productivity, and economic growth.

The local arrangements committee, chaired by Gillian Hamilton (Toronto), provided a full slate of social activities, including a local tour and two workshops on Friday morning, a reception Friday evening, and the Saturday night banquet. The reception was held at the House of Parliament.

The highlight of Saturday night's banquet was outgoing President Roger Ransom's remarks titled "War and Cliometrics: Adventures in Economic History." A complete set of conference abstracts can be found on the EHA website at <http://eh.net/EHA>.

### **Awards Presented at the 2005 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 Toronto meetings, prizes were awarded for both research and teaching.

#### ***Arthur H. Cole Prize***

The Arthur H. Cole Prize for the best article published in the *Journal of Economic History* in 2005 went to Oscar Gelderblom and Joost Jonker (both Utrecht University), for "Completing a Financial Revolution: The Finance of the Dutch East India Trade and the Rise of the Amsterdam Capital Market, 1595-1612," which appeared in the September 2004 issue.

#### ***Alexander Gerschenkron Prize***

The Alexander Gerschenkron Prize for the best dissertation in non-US or Canadian economic history for 2005 was given to Drew Keeling (Berkeley) for *The Business of Transatlantic Migration between Europe and the USA, 1900-1914*.

#### ***Allan Nevins Prize***

The Allan Nevins Prize for the best dissertation in US or Canadian Economic History for 2005 was awarded to William Bergmann (University of Cincinnati) for *Commerce and Arms: The Federal Government, Native Americans, and the Economy of the Old Northwest, 1783-1807*.

#### ***Gyorgi Ranki Prize***

The Gyorgi Ranki Prize is awarded every other year for an outstanding book on the economic history of Europe. The 2005 winners are Robert Allen (Nuffield College, Oxford) for *Farm to Factory: A Reinterpretation of the Soviet*

*Industrial Revolution*, published by Princeton University Press in 2003, and Peter Lindert (UC-Davis) for *Growing Public: Social Spending and Economic Growth Since the Eighteenth Century*, published by Cambridge University Press in 2004.

#### ***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 2005 award winner is Larry Neal from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

#### ***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 2005 recipients are: Joanna Short (Augustana College) for "Retirement Savings among US Industrial Workers in the Early Twentieth Century," J. Peter Ferderer (Macalester College) for "Construction of a High Frequency Interest Rate Data Set," David Jacks (Simon Fraser University) for "Trade Costs in the Long-Run," and Dhanoos Sutthiphisal (McGill University) for "Location, Location, Location: Why Inventors Cluster in Urban Areas, Experience from the Second Industrial Revolution."

#### ***The Library Company***

The Library Company of Philadelphia's Program in Early American Economy and Society awarded its annual prizes to Jennifer Anderson (NYU), for her article in the Spring 2004 issue of *Early American Studies* titled "Nature's Currency: The Atlantic Mahogany Trade and the Commodification of Nature in the Eighteenth Century," and Gail MacLeitch (King's College, London), for "'Red' Labor: Iroquois Participation in the Atlantic Economy," which appeared in Volume 1, Issue 4 of *Labor: Studies of Working-Class History of the Americas* during

2004. 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.

**Economic History Association  
Financial Report 2004-2005**

**Ordinary Revenue**

Individual Membership	\$28,771
Meetings	52,432
Cambridge U. Press	162,445
Interest & Dividends	24,749
EH.Net Website	8,084
Realized Gains (losses)	None
Unrealized Gains (losses)	58,567
Contributions	2,825
Other Revenue	1,039
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>338,912</b>
(Not including unrealized gains)	280,345

**Ordinary Expenses**

Awards and Grants-in-Aid	10,170
Editorial Offices	85,006
EH.Net Website	15,200
Management	38,056
Meeting Expense	91,006
Membership	8,001
Office & Miscellaneous	2,626
Printing and Distributing the <i>JEH</i>	11,000
Depreciation	1,428
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES PAID</b>	<b>262,493</b>

Balance on Items	76,419
(Not including unrealized gains)	17,852

<b><u>Extraordinary Revenues</u></b>	None
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**Extraordinary Expenses**

Grad. Ed. Initiative Grants	60,000
Grad. Ed. Initiative Mtgs. Expenses	19,212
JUSFC Program	10,294

<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>338,912</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>351,999</b>
<b>REVENUE LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>-13,087</b>

<b>Surplus on a Cash Basis</b>	<b>-70,226</b>
Equipment Acquisition	1,300
Purchase of Securities (Vanguard)	5,366
Other Changes in Investments	None
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>-76,892</b>

**ASSETS (As of 7/31/2005)**

**Cash Balances**

Checking Acct. (EHA Off.)	91,144
Savings Acct. (EHA Off.)	None
Checking Acct. (Mtgs. Off.)	10,123
Morgan Stanley Liquid Asset Acct.	1,762
<b>Total in Bank and Cash Accts.</b>	<b>103,029</b>

**Investments (Market Value)**

U.S. Treasury Bonds and Notes	331,575
Mutual Funds (Vanguard)	325,077
<b>INVESTMENT TOTAL</b>	<b>656,652</b>

<b>TOTAL SECURITIES AND CASH</b>	<b>759,681</b>
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**Calls for Nominations for 2006 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 \$1,500, although higher amounts may be awarded in exceptional cases. Send applications by e-mail to Professor Ben Chabot (Chair, Committee on Research in Economic History) at [remy@umich.edu](mailto:remy@umich.edu). Application 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, 2006,** and awards will be announced by May 15, 2006.

### **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 2007 award cycle, contact Ben Chabot (Chair, Committee on Research in Economic History) at [remy@umich.edu](mailto:remy@umich.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 \$1,500. 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 Ben Chabot (Chair, Committee on Research in Economic History) at [remy@umich.edu](mailto:remy@umich.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, 2006**, and awards will be announced by February 15, 2007.

### **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](http://www.librarycompany.org).

The Library Company of Philadelphia's Program in Early American Economy and Society invites

applications for its fellowship awards to be granted for research and scholarship during 2006-2007, as follows:

- One dissertation-level fellowship, carrying a stipend of \$18,000, is tenable for nine consecutive months of residency from September 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007. It may also be divided between two scholars, who would each receive \$9,000 for the periods between September 1, 2006 to December 15, 2006 or December 15, 2006 to May 31, 2007.
- Available to scholars at all levels, four one-month fellowships, carrying stipends of \$1,800 each, are tenable for a month of research at the Library Company between June 1, 2006 and May 31, 2007.

**Deadline for receipt of one-month and dissertation fellowship applications is March 1, 2006.** The reply date is March 31.

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.

One-month applicants should submit five copies each of a brief resume, a two- to four-page description of the proposed research, and one letter of recommendation. Long-term fellowship applicants should have two letters of recommendation sent to the address below, and, in addition submit five copies each of a current resume, a short research proposal for the year of the award, and a writing sample of no more than

25 pages. Applicants for a long-term award should state clearly which of the tenable periods they seek and whether they also wish to be considered for a short-term fellowship.

Please send all materials to: Program in Early American Economy and Society, The Library Company of Philadelphia, 1314 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. For more information about PEAES and its fellowships, please contact Cathy Matson, Program Director, at [cmatson@udel.edu](mailto:cmatson@udel.edu).

## 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 in 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 want donations to pay for those memberships.

Names of possible members and their addresses (e-mail address is preferred) should be sent to Brooks Kaiser, [bkaiser@gettysburg.edu](mailto:bkaiser@gettysburg.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](mailto: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>.

### **Past Presidents of the EHA: Arthur H. Cole**

Arthur Harrison Cole (Harvard) served as the third president of the Economic History Association. He began his term of office in the fall of 1944, taking over from Harold Innis at the annual meetings in Princeton, NJ. There were no meetings the following year because of travel restrictions imposed by the Office of Defense Transportation. Thus, he presided over his first and only meetings in September of 1946 in Baltimore.

At the time of his presidency, Cole was Head Librarian of the Baker Library at Harvard University. He had assumed this post in 1932 after having spent three years as Administrative Curator of Baker Library.

Besides his term as EHA President, he served as associate editor of the *Journal of Economic History* from 1943-46, Executive Director of the Research Center in Entrepreneurial History at Harvard from 1948-58, and financial supervisor of the International Scientific Committee on Price History. He was also chair of the Steering Committee that was responsible for the formation of the Economic History Association.

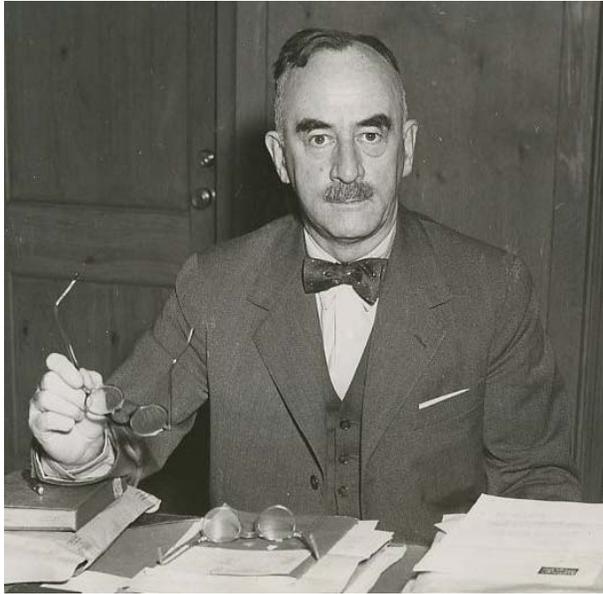
Cole was instrumental in the formation of the Committee on Research in Economic History in 1941 and administered its budget, provided by a \$250,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. The Committee laid out an agenda for areas of research that it intended to pursue, most notably the study of the role of government in the growth of the American economy. They also underwrote

the research work for the Bureau of the Census volume *Historical Statistics of the United States*. In 1948, this same Committee created the Research Center in Entrepreneurial History at Harvard, which Cole directed for its entire ten-year existence.

While involved with the Center, Cole pioneered the study of entrepreneurial history. He recognized that the study of entrepreneurship extended beyond the field of economics, arguing that a true understanding of the subject also required the study of business administration, psychology, political science, and history. He thought it important to study, because it would provide a new emphasis on economics and business administration and a new outlook on economic history.

The work he oversaw at the Research Center in Entrepreneurial History has been fundamental to our understanding of entrepreneurship. He often lamented the inadequacy of economics as an intellectual base from which to approach the topic but argued that it should not be a reason for economists to abandon the subject. Cole believed that to understand the entrepreneur was to understand the central figure in modern economic development. He chided economic theorists for ignoring the entrepreneur completely and basing their propositions upon the unrealistic assumption that capital and labor mysteriously find their way into the places most useful to society. He used this argument to critique development economics, focusing particular attention on the stages of growth theories. He directed his criticism at governments and social engineers, who ignored the critical role of the entrepreneur and thus failed in their efforts to eliminate economic backwardness by the “mere injection of capital,” which did not produce the growth effects theorized.

Arthur Cole was born in Haverhill, MA on November 21, 1889. He received his A.B. from Bowdoin College in 1911 and his A.M. (1913) and Ph.D. (1916) from Harvard, where he began his academic career in 1916 as an instructor. He was promoted to assistant professor in 1923, associate professor in 1928, and finally to



Professor of Business Economics in the Harvard Business School in 1933. From 1917-1920, he worked for the US government in the War Department and the Tariff Commission. In 1929, he moved to the Baker Library, where he would remain until his retirement in 1956. His pioneering work of collecting and preserving historically significant business records helped make it one of the preeminent archives in the United States. Cole died November 10, 1974.

In 1929, Cole was appointed financial supervisor of the newly created International Scientific Committee on Price History, funded by the Rockefeller Foundation. The role of the Committee was to construct a series of commodity prices of leading European countries and the US prior to 1861. In 1938, he authored one of the volumes on price history: *Wholesale Commodity Prices in the United States, 1700-1860*.

Cole was one of the pioneers in the creation of the EHA and the Council on Research in Economic History. He was a prolific author and renowned historian, contributing to several projects on the history of economic history, the organization and preservation of archives and data, and groundbreaking work on price history. He published or edited numerous books and more than 50 articles, reviews, and essays in academic journals from 1914 through 1970.

The EHA has honored Cole in two ways. Their Committee on Research in Economic History annually awards Arthur H. Cole grants-in-aid to support research in economic history, regardless of time period or geographic area. In addition, the Arthur H. Cole Prize for the outstanding article published in the *Journal of Economic History* was established in 1966. The Cole Prize recipient is selected each year by the editorial board of the *JEH*.

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Hughes, Jonathan R. T., “Arthur Cole and Entrepreneurial History,” in *Business and Economic History* (Jeremy Atack, ed.), v.12, 2nd series, 1983.

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<b>EHA Committees – 2005-06</b>
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***Nominating***

Chair: Roger Ransom (Past President) (ex officio)  
 Joel Mokyr (Past Chair) (ex officio)  
 Ken Sokoloff (Vice President) (ex officio)  
 Naomi Lamoreaux (2006)  
 Angela Redish (2006)  
 Paul Rhode (2006)  
 Alex Field (non-voting) (ex officio)

***Membership***

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Committees play an important role in the workings of the EHA. If you are interested in

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**Upcoming Conferences of Interest  
to Economic Historians**

**The Cliometric Society**

The annual Cliometrics Conference in 2006, hosted by Binghamton University, will be held June 2-4. Funding is provided by the National Science Foundation. This conference is designed to provide extensive discussion of new and innovative research in economic history. Typically, 12 papers are selected for presentation and discussion. These are sent out to all conference participants in advance. In the session devoted to each paper, authors make a 5-minute opening statement, and the rest of the session is devoted to discussion by all conference participants. All participants are required to read all papers and to attend the entire conference.

**The deadline for proposals and requests to attend the meetings is Tuesday, February 1, 2006.**

We are only inviting a limited number of participants, so it is important to be prompt. Those wishing to present should provide a 3-5 page summary of the proposed paper. In choosing papers and participants, priority will be given to those who have not attended recently or who have never attended. Graduate students wishing to attend should submit a paper proposal. Paper presenters and those wishing to attend the conference should provide their addresses, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses. Those presenting papers will be notified by March 3, 2006 and are expected to provide a completed draft of the paper in the proper format for the conference volume by April 3, 2006.

We prefer that applicants submit their materials using the application form under the Cliometrics Conference listing at the EH.Net website at: <http://www.eh.net/Clio/Conferences/prop06.html>. Proposals may also be sent using snail mail to:

Jason Hopkins  
Cliometrics Conference Secretary  
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Proposals may also be faxed in care of Jason Hopkins to 1-303-492-8960 or e-mailed to [clioconf@colorado.edu](mailto:clioconf@colorado.edu).

### **International Workshop**

An international workshop is being organized to coincide with the close of the XIV International Economic History Congress in Helsinki on August 26-28, 2006. Its subject will be "Consumption Constrained: Austerity and Rationing in the 20th Century," and it is hoped that the proximity of the two events will help to attract emerging and established scholars with an interest in this subject to the University of Tartu, Estonia for a period of energetic reflection and debate.

The 20<sup>th</sup> century has witnessed a multitude of attempts in different national settings to constrain consumption with a view to the fulfillment of a variety of different economic agendas. Usually this has happened in response to a perceived state of crisis, such as that brought about by the prosecution of war or by the assumption of power by authoritarian regimes or occupying powers. These and other extraordinary circumstances have given rise to measures intended to conserve supplies, to redirect resources (e.g., rearmament or industrialization), to maintain survival rations, or to ensure the fair distribution of goods.

The scope and shape of such schemes, their relative success or failure, the modes of their subversion, and their intended and unintended consequences might all provide useful starting points for discussion. We hope to explore a range of historical moments and geographical contexts, as well as different political frameworks and ideologies, will be explored. These could include the USSR (1920-22 or 1941-45), Europe during World War I or II, South America, or the Middle East.

Proposals are welcomed which address any of the following or related themes:

- Meanings of austerity, nation-building, and foundation legends
- Commonalities and disparities; democracies and dictatorships
- Illicit activities, survival strategies, the black market
- Standards of living and product standards
- State measures and acts of resistance; adaptation

The organizing team is comprised of Olaf Mertelsmann (Tartu), Orit Rozin (Tel Aviv), and Lesley Whitworth (Brighton).

Tartu is located 185 km south of the Estonian capital Tallinn, five hours from Helsinki. It is a true university town with approximately 100,000 inhabitants.

**Please send proposals of no more than 350 words and a short CV to: [austerity@ut.ee](mailto:austerity@ut.ee) by May 15, 2006.**

### **CNEH Sessions at Canadian Economics Association Conference**

The Canadian Network for Economic History will be organizing several sessions to be held at the Canadian Economic Association Conference at Concordia University, Montreal on May 26-28, 2006. We are looking for papers on any aspect of economic history. **If you are interested, please contact Mary MacKinnon ([mary.mackinnon@mcgill.ca](mailto:mary.mackinnon@mcgill.ca)) or Herb Emery ([hemery@ucalgary.ca](mailto:hemery@ucalgary.ca)) by February 10, 2006**, and send us a short (<200 words) abstract of the proposed paper. Presenters will also need to submit an abstract via the CEA conference website, and that deadline is February 28. We hope to set up the CNEH sessions before the CEA paper submission deadline, therefore submissions received via the CEA after February 10 may be too late.

For information about the CEA conference, go to <http://economics.ca/2006/en/highlights.php>.

## Fifty Years Ago in the *JEH*

The 15<sup>th</sup> volume of the *Journal of Economic History* was published in 1955. That year, the Journal consisted of 14 articles, 7 notes, 98 book reviews, and 13 additional items, titled variously throughout the year as comments, criticisms, and discussions, all in a mere 438 pages. Twelve of the 14 authors appeared for the first time in the *JEH*, and half of them would never publish in the *Journal* again. Roland Sires (Whitman College) also made his final appearance as an author, publishing “Labor Unrest in England, 1910-1914,” his second *JEH* article, bringing to 50% the authors who would never reappear. Institutional representation was remarkably well diversified, as all 14 authors hailed from different institutions, five of them non-American.

Alexander Gerschenkron (Harvard) published his fourth and final research article, “Notes on the Rate of Industrial Growth in Italy, 1881-1913.” He would not publish in the *JEH* again until his presidential address in 1967, which would be his final appearance, except for a few book reviews. Other articles of note that year included H. J. Habakkuk’s (Oxford) “Family Structure and Economic Change in Nineteenth-Century Europe,” the first of his three eventual appearances as an author in the *Journal*.

Book reviews accounted for nearly one-third of the total pages in volume 15. Ads for new books and lists of forthcoming books pushed the total number of pages devoted to information about new books to 37%. EHA business manager Herman Krooss produced two competing economic history textbooks, both published by Prentice Hall. He authored *American Economic Development* and wrote *The Origins and Development of the American Economy* with E.A.J. Johnson, a founding member of the EHA and the first editor of the *Journal*. Among the books reviewed were two by past EHA presidents – Anne Bezanson (Penn) and Harold Innis (Toronto) – and two by future EHA presidents – George Rogers Taylor (Amherst College) and Hugh G.J. Aitken (Harvard). Also reviewed were two new books by Joseph

Schumpeter and *The Dynamics of Soviet Society* by Walt Rostow and Alfred Levin.

Outside of the academy, history was being made both here and abroad. In 1955, Rosa Parks became the catalyst for the civil rights movement when she refused to take a seat in the back of a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. In Europe, Winston Churchill resigned as British Prime Minister, the Soviet Union and seven other East European countries signed the Warsaw Pact, and the Federal Republic of West Germany became a sovereign state. The world also mourned the passing of a genius when 76-year old Albert Einstein died on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

That year, Carter Goodrich (Columbia), the 8<sup>th</sup> president of the EHA, presided over the annual meetings. He did not deliver his presidential address until the conclusion of his term at the 1956 meetings. It was a year of transition for the editorship of the *Journal*. Thomas Cochrane (Penn) finished his nine-year stint as editor. He had been the sole editor of the *Journal* since 1951, but in 1955, he took on George Rogers Taylor (Amherst College) as co-editor. Taylor would hold the position for six years, the final five as the only editor.

On a lighter note, that year the Brooklyn Dodgers finally won a World Series, defeating the New York Yankees four games to three in their sixth World Series matchup. The NBA championship series also went seven games, with the Syracuse Nationals emerging victorious over the Ft. Wayne Pistons. The locals were so impressed that neither city even had a franchise in the fledgling league eight years later. In Hollywood, the champion of the year was *On the Waterfront*, which captured Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Actor (Marlon Brando), Best Supporting Actress (Eva Maria Saint), and Best Director (Elia Kazan). Tragically, James Dean died at the age of 26 after starring in two classics that year, *Rebel without a Cause*, and *East of Eden*.

No awards were presented to economic historians at the annual meetings in 1955, as the current crop had not yet been inaugurated. However, the

stage was being set for two future awards. Arthur Cole, namesake of the Cole Prize for best article published in the *JEH* and the Cole Grants-in-Aid for research projects, was in his final year at Harvard. He would retire in the spring, leaving a large pair of shoes to fill. Fortunately for the EHA, he remained active in his research for another two decades.

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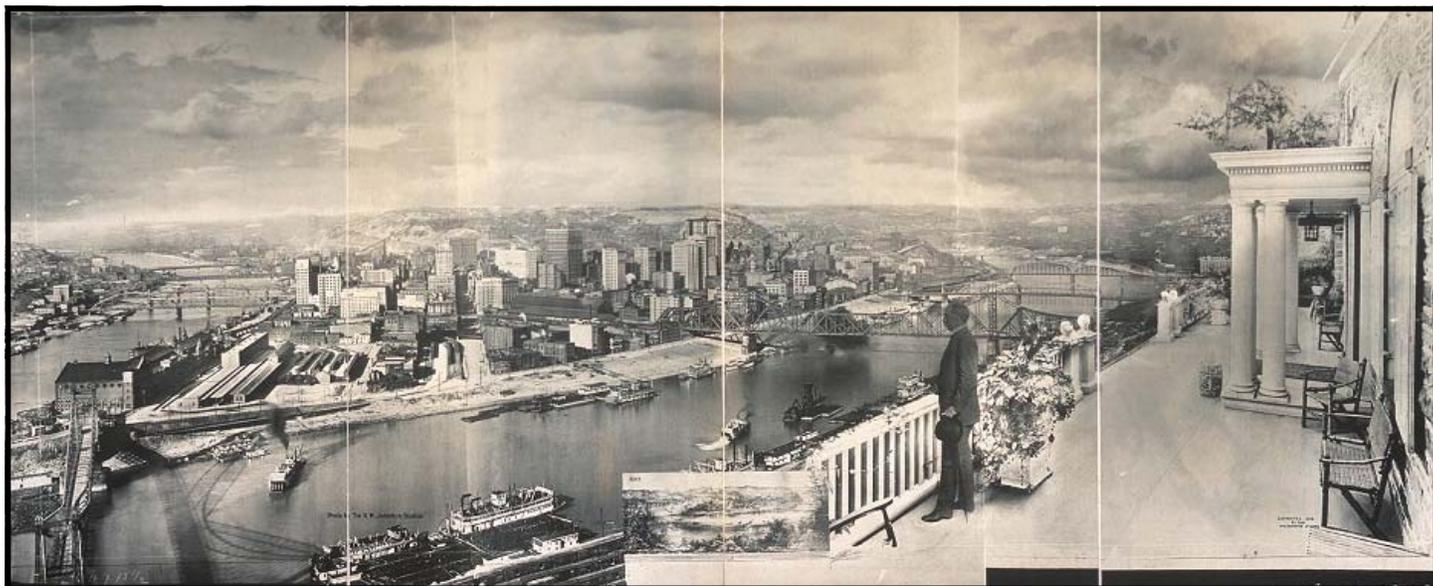
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