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The 2012 EHA Meetings

The Economic History Association will hold its annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia from September 21-23, 2012. EHA President Jeremy Atack has selected “Revisiting the Transportation Revolution” as the theme for the conference. The conference headquarters in Vancouver will be the Sheraton Wall Centre.

Generations of economic historians have written extensively about the economic impact of the transportation improvements. Nevertheless, new tools, new data, and new techniques derived from geographic information systems, economic geography, and the like continue to offer better measures of the impact of the improvements in roads, ships, railroads, and planes (and the infrastructure which support them). They also provide new insights into the short and long term effects of these changes and how they have shaped our world by diminishing the importance of space and place. Once upon a time, distance in the form of time and money protected producers and isolated communities and cultures. Improved communications and transportation have eroded these—a process which continues to this day as these technologies evolve.

The Program Committee is chaired by Robert Margo (Boston University), and includes Ran Abramitzky (Stanford), Leah Boustan (UCLA), and Eugene White (Rutgers). The committee welcomes submissions on all subjects in economic history, though some preference will be given to papers that specifically fit the above theme. All papers should be submitted individually. Authors may suggest that three particular papers would fit well together in a session but such suggestions are in no way binding upon the committee.

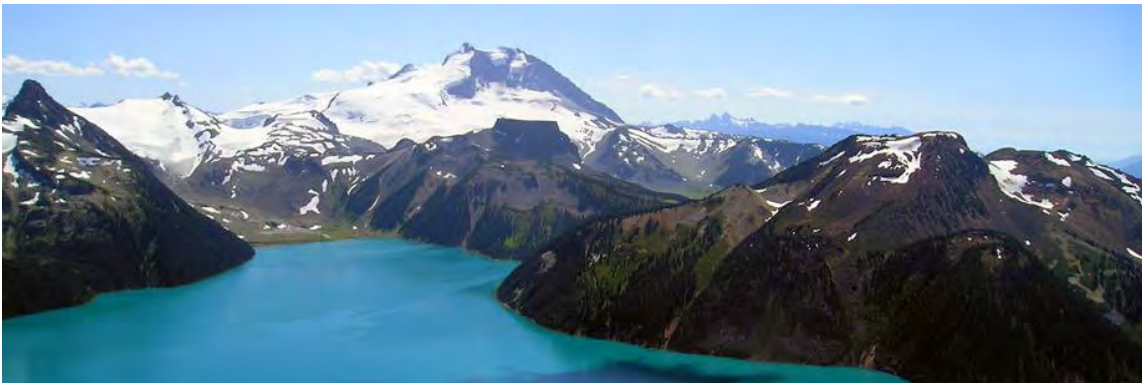
Papers should be works in progress, not accepted or published papers. Authors should let the program committee know, at the time of application, if the paper they are proposing has already been submitted for publication. Individuals who presented or co-authored a paper at the 2011 meeting are generally not eligible for inclusion in the 2012 program.

Papers and session proposals should be submitted online: www.eh.net/eha/meetings/submissions. The submission system is open from October 24

onwards. Paper proposals should include a 3-5 page précis and a 150-word abstract suitable for publication in the *Journal of Economic History*. Papers should be submitted by Friday, 27 January, 2012 to ensure consideration.

Graduate students are encouraged to attend the meeting. The Association offers subsidies for travel, hotel, registration, and meals, including a special graduate student dinner. A poster session welcomes work from dissertations in progress. Applications for the poster session should be submitted online and are due no later than May 18, 2012. Information on how to submit will be posted at <http://eh.net/eha/meetings/2012-meeting>. The dissertation session, convened by Naomi Lamoreaux (Yale) and Joachim Voth (Pompeu Fabra), will honor six dissertations completed during the 2011-2012 academic year. The submission deadline is May 15, 2012. The Allan Nevins and Alexander Gerschenkron prizes will be awarded to the best dissertations on North American and non-North American topics respectively.

For further information, check <http://eh.net/eha/meetings/2012-meeting>, which also includes information on travel options to Vancouver, Canada; or contact Meetings Coordinator Jari Eloranta at elorantaj@appstate.edu.



EHA Grants, Fellowships, and Prizes

The EHA supports research in economic history through various grant programs administered by the Committee on Research in Economic History (CREH) and the Annual Meetings Program Committee. All applicants for or recipients of an EHA grant or prize must be members of the Association, and all application materials must be submitted electronically (see instructions below). A downloadable membership form is available online at: <http://eh.net/eha/membership>. You can

also use Google Checkout to pay for your membership over the web.

Application forms for all grants and fellowships are available on the EHA website at <https://www.eh.net/eha/grants-and-fellowships>. Please direct any questions to the chair of the CREH, Professor Aldo Musacchio, at amusacchio@hbs.edu.

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 \$5000, although higher amounts may be awarded in exceptional cases. Applicants must be members of the Association and must hold the Ph.D. degree. Preference is given to recent Ph.D. recipients.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: March 1, 2012. Awards announced by March 31, 2012.

The following three programs are for those who have not yet received the Ph.D. degree:

Sokoloff Dissertation Fellowships:

Dissertation Fellowships are intended for students whose thesis topic has been approved and who have made some progress towards completion of the dissertation. Applicants must be members of the Association, and dissertation fellowships are not renewable. Funds awarded during this application cycle are intended to provide support during the 2012-13 academic year. Sokoloff Fellowship Awards are for \$15,000. Thanks to a generous gift from the estate of Kenneth Sokoloff and subsequent individual contributions, this fellowship honors the major contributions of Kenneth Sokoloff to economic history, and in particular his care and concern for the many students he introduced to economic history.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: January 13, 2012. Awards announced by February 24, 2012.

Exploratory Travel and Data Grants:

Exploratory Travel and Data Grants are early stage grants for doctoral students writing 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).

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: January 13, 2012. Awards announced by February 24, 2012.

Annual Meetings Travel and Hotel Subsidies:

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, up to \$800 for international flights.
- Complimentary hotel rooms (double occupancy, shared with another graduate student) for up to 3 nights.
- 60 percent discount on the registration fee
- 80 percent discount on the Saturday Presidential Banquet
- Free dinner with other graduate students Friday night.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: May 18, 2012. Awards announced by June 15, 2012.

Those interested in presenting a poster should apply on the EHA website. An online system for submitting an application to present a poster will open by March 5, 2012. Questions about the poster session should be directed to Professor Robert Margo, chair of the

program committee at margora@bu.edu. 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.

Graduate students interested in attending the annual meeting but not participating in the poster session are eligible, depending on funding availability, for up to three nights' complimentary hotel room (double occupancy, shared with another graduate student). Applicants must be members of the Association. DEADLINE: July 6, 2012. Awards announced by July 27, 2012.

Conditions of Support: All recipients of EHA fellowship and grant support must file a short (one or two page) report on how they spent their money and how it facilitated their research. This report should be filed by August 31 of the year subsequent to receipt of the funds and can be sent as an email attachment to Professor Aldo Musacchio, chair of the Committee on Research in Economic History, at amusacchio@hbs.edu.

Prizes

The EHA recognizes excellence in research, publication, and teaching of economic history by awarding several annual and biennial prizes at the President's Awards Banquet during the annual meetings. Each fall the Announcements page on the EHA web site (<http://eh.net/eha/prizes>) and the EHA newsletter include Calls for Nominations and submission information.

Dissertation Awards: The Nevins and Gerschenkron prize are awarded

annually for the best dissertations on North-American and non-North American topics completed during the previous year. Six finalists, three for each award, will be chosen to present dissertation summaries at the annual meeting of the Economic History Association in Vancouver in September 2012. Finalists will receive \$250 to defray travel expenses. Award recipients receive a cash prize of \$1,200.

Eligibility: Those who received their Ph.D. between June 1, 2011 and May 15, 2012 are eligible and invited to submit their dissertation. You must be a member of the Economic History Association to submit and the dissertation must be in English. Planned attendance at the meeting is required for submitting an application, and presentation of a summary is required for a prize. To be considered for either of these prizes, completed dissertations must be submitted in hard copy on or before May 15, 2012. Decisions will be announced by July 23, 2012. Dissertations will not be returned unless return postage is prepaid.

Scholars submitting a dissertation may not in the same year submit a proposal to the general program that is part of or derived from the dissertation. On an exception basis the Association will allow a two year window following thesis completion for submission.

Allan Nevins Prize for the Best Dissertation in U.S. or Canadian Economic History completed during the previous year is awarded annually by the Economic History Association. The award is made on behalf of Columbia University Press.

Please send submitted dissertations to:

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Alexander Gerschenkron Prize for the Best Dissertation in the economic history of an area outside of the United States or Canada published during the preceding year. The Alexander Gerschenkron Prize in Economic History is awarded annually by the EHA.

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Jonathan Hughes Prize for Excellence in Teaching Economic History: The annual Jonathan 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 prize includes a \$1,200 cash award. The winner is selected by the EHA Committee on Education and Teaching.

The Committee on Education of the Economic History Association invites nominations for the 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. DEADLINE: April 1, 2012.

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Publication Awards

Alice Hanson Jones Biennial Prize is awarded every other year for an Outstanding Book on North American (including Caribbean) Economic History. The Alice Hanson Jones Prize will be presented in September of 2012. This \$1,200 prize is awarded biennially and alternates with the Gyorgi Ranki Prize for a book on European economic history.

Eligibility and Nominations: Only books published in English during 2010 or 2011 are eligible for the 2012 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 curriculum vitae of the author(s), with current information on addresses and telephone numbers, to each member of the committee. DEADLINE: March 1, 2012.

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Gyorgi Ranki Biennial Prize is awarded every other year for an Outstanding Book on the Economic History of Europe.

The Ranki Prize was established by the Economic History Association in 1989 to honor the late Gyorgi Ranki, a distinguished Hungarian economic historian who taught in both Hungary and the United States. The Ranki Prize is awarded biennially for an outstanding book in European economic history and is in the amount of \$1,200. It alternates with the Alice Hanson Jones Prize for a book in North American (including Caribbean) economic history. The Ranki Prize will be awarded in September 2013 for a book published in 2011 or 2012.

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 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(s) to each of the five members of the Ranki Prize committee.
DEADLINE: March 1, 2013.

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The EHA in Boston

The Economic History Association headed east to Boston for their annual meeting for the third time, but since it had been 20 years since the last visit, there was no sense of déjà vu. The meetings were first held in Boston in 1980, then again in 1992. Last fall 254 economic historians congregated for the 71st annual meeting from September 9th – 11th. The meetings were held at the Seaport Boston Hotel, located on the Boston waterfront in the bustling Seaport District. The theme for the meeting, chosen by President Barry Eichengreen, was “Crises and Turning Points.”

Financial support for the meetings was provided by Harvard University, the

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Arthur H. Cole Prize is awarded annually by the Editorial Board of the *JEH* for the best article in the previous year's volume of the *Journal*.

Harvard Business School, Harvard's Baker Library, Cambridge University Press, and the MIT School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

The Program Committee consisted of Richard Grossman (Wesleyan), Maristella Botticini (Bocconi), Alan Taylor (Virginia), and Michael Bernstein (Tulane). Local arrangements were coordinated by Anne McCants (MIT), Aldo Musacchio (Harvard), Jonatan Liebowitz (UMass – Lowell), Eric Hilt (Wellesley), and Carola Frydman (MIT). The arrangements committee arranged for a walking tour of historic Boston and a tour of Boot Mill in Lowell, as well as the now traditional workshop on job search tips for graduate students and the Friday evening graduate student dinner,

hosted this year by Aldo Musacchio, Eric Hilt, and Carola Frydman.

The meetings consisted of fifteen sessions featuring 45 papers, as well as the usual array of business meetings, topical breakfasts and lunches, and the presidential address and awards banquet. An additional 18 graduate students prepared posters for presentations. The presidential address was delivered on Saturday afternoon by Barry Eichengreen (UC-Berkeley). He spoke on the topic of “Economic History and Economic Policy.”

The plenary session on Friday afternoon, featured Albert Fishlow (Columbia) who presented “Lessons for the Future: International Capital Markets in Historical Perspective.” The session was chaired by Alex Field (Santa Clara). Comments were provided by Jeffry Frieden (Harvard).

Saturday afternoon was given over to business meetings and the dissertation session, featuring the outstanding dissertations written during the previous year.

Brian A’Hearn (Oxford) convened the Gerschenkron Prize competition for the best dissertation on a non-Canadian or American topic. The first presenter was Olivier Accominotti (Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris) who presented “Foreign Exchange Reserves, Financial Instability and Contagion: Three Essays on the Great Depression.” He wrote the dissertation under the guidance of Marc Flandreau. The second finalist was Peter Koudjis (Pompeu Fabra), who wrote “Trading and Financial Market Efficiency in Eighteenth-Century Holland” under the direction of Hans-

Joachim Voth. Finally, Peter Zeitz (UCLA), working under the tutelage of Naomi Lamoreaux, presented his dissertation, “Essays on Industrial Productivity in Twentieth Century China.”

Kris Mitchener (Santa Clara) chaired the Nevins Prize session, which honors the outstanding dissertations written on a Canadian or American topic. The first dissertation was presented by Juan Manual Puerta (Pompeu Fabra), who wrote “Essays on the Economic History of the Family” under the direction of Hans-Joachim Voth. Katherine Shester (Vanderbilt) presented “American Public Housing’s Origins and Effects.” Her advisor was William Collins. The third finalist was Trevor Kollman (Arizona) who wrote “Housing Markets, Government Programs, and Race during the Great Depression.” His advisor was Price Fishback.

As usual, the conference featured a mix of business and pleasure. Besides the aforementioned tour opportunities, the Harvard Business School hosted a Friday evening reception at the Baker Library, and President Eichengreen hosted the annual President’s Party on Saturday night.

The EHA will next convene in Vancouver, BC, September 21-23, 2012.



Turn of the century logging near Vancouver

Awards Presented at the 2011 EHA Meetings

The Economic History Association recognizes outstanding achievements among its membership each year. The following awards were presented at the 2011 conference in Boston.

The Allan Nevins Prize for best dissertation in US or Canadian economic history was awarded to Katherine Shester (Washington and Lee) for “American Public Housing’s Origins and Effects.”

The Alexander Gerschenkron Prize for the outstanding dissertation in non-U.S. or Canadian history was presented to Olivier Accominotti (Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris) for “The Limits of Equality: An Economic Analysis of the Israeli Kibbutz.”

The Gyorgi Ranki Prize for the outstanding Book on the Economic History of Europe (including Caribbean) published during 2009-10 went to Jane Humphries (Oxford), for *Childhood and Child Labour in the British Industrial Revolution* (Cambridge University Press, 2010).

The J.R.T. Hughes Teaching Prize is awarded to recognize excellence in teaching economic history. The winner is selected by the EHA Committee on Education and Teaching based on nominations from students. The 2011 winner was Ann Carlos (Colorado).

The **Kenneth Sokoloff Dissertation Award** was presented this year to two individuals. One award went to Nicolas Ziebarth (Northwestern), who is writing under the direction of Joel Mokyr. The

second recipient is Johan Fourie (Utrecht), who is writing “An Inquiry into the Nature, Causes and Distribution of the Wealth of the Cape Colony, 1652-1795,” under Jan Luiten van Zanden.

The Arthur H. Cole Prize is awarded each year to the author(s) of the outstanding article published in the *Journal of Economic History* from September of the previous year through June of the award year. The 2011 award went to Michael Huberman (Montreal) and Christopher Meissner (UC-Davis) for “Riding the Wave of Trade: The Rise of Labor Regulation in the Golden Age of Globalization,” which appeared in the September 2010 issue.

There were co-recipients of the prize for the best article published in *Explorations in Economic History* during the previous year. The winning articles were Steven Nafziger’s “Peasant communes and factor markets in late nineteenth-century Russia,” and “Serial defaults, serial profits: Returns to sovereign lending in Habsburg Spain, 1566-1600,” by Mauricio Drelichman and Hans-Joachim Voth.

Cole Research Grants were awarded to Hania Abou al-Shamat (Florida), Moramay Lopez-Alonoso (Rice), and Melinda C. Miller (Naval Academy).

Dissertation Fellowships Three dissertation fellowships were awarded in 2011. The recipients were William Walker Hanlon (Columbia), John Carnwath, (Northwestern), and Helen Yang (George Mason).

Exploratory Travel and Data Acquisition Grants Exploratory grants for preliminary work on dissertations

were awarded to Jared Benton (Virginia), Nicolas Duquette (Michigan), Hannah Farber (UC-Berkeley), Taylor

Jaworski (Arizona), Daniel Marcin (Michigan), Anna Missiaia (LSE), and Chris Vickers (Northwestern).



Bicyclers in Stanley Park

Notes from the 2011 EHA Teaching Breakfast By David Mitch (UMBC)



Ann Carlos

After collecting and starting to consume their breakfasts, some 18 attendees were present when official proceedings of the teaching breakfast commenced at 7:15 a.m. The session began with Ann Carlos (Colorado) reflecting on her experiences in teaching economic history and then

proceeded to discussion of some of the issues raised by her presentation.

She began by asking how many of the attendees got to teach economic history with some regularity. The response was mixed, with a few indicating that they taught economic history regularly, while others indicated they taught it only infrequently.

Carlos indicated that she was lucky enough to be able to teach economic history every semester either in the undergraduate or graduate program. She noted that both American Economic History and European Economic History meet a core requirement for the undergraduate economics major at the University of Colorado. She has taught five different economic history courses: Canadian economic history, European economic history, American economic history, international economic history, and the history of economic development.

She noted that intermediate microeconomic theory is a prerequisite for her American economic history course. Colorado has a phased progression of prerequisites for the undergraduate major, including statistics and econometrics or applied econometrics. She often finds it necessary to review intermediate micro, describing the students' knowledge as "rusty and locked away in boxes." She really likes having the intermediate micro prerequisite for her American course since it allows her to pitch the course at a higher level in terms of the analytical tools employed.

Discussion centered on splitting American economic history into a two course sequence breaking at about the Civil War. Carlos splits her American course into the periods before and after the Civil War.

She uses a combination of a textbook and journal articles for her American economic history course. For this course she normally schedules a class meeting at the library, which is run by someone with the library instructional staff. A very helpful library staff member made up a website of library and other information resources for her course, which is also available as a pdf file with a range of references in history and economics.

At the start of her career, Carlos taught Canadian economic history, where issues of "fish, fur and timber" were discussed. She continues to have one major unit dealing with the economic history of native peoples in her American course. She mentioned books that have been useful since then that facilitate teaching this topic including

the volume edited by Linda Barrington, *The Other Side of the Frontier*, and Jared Diamond's *Guns, Germs, and Steel*.

In her American course she takes up the economic causes and consequences of the U.S. Constitution. She has the students sit in a circle and read the constitution. It only takes about 40 minutes to have the students read the constitution and the titles of the Bill of Rights. Most have never read the whole document. The Cato Institute, among other organizations, will provide free copies of the U.S. Constitution for classroom use.

Carlos mentioned that her economic history courses are often set up as writing intensive courses that meet writing intensive curricular requirements. She has take-home midterm and final exams. She mentioned a useful textbook on writing titled *Analytical Writing* by David Rosenwasser and Jill Stephen, published by Wadsworth. Mention was also made of a related volume by the same authors titled *Analytical Writing with Readings*. These volumes, and the approaches to writing they highlight, entail both deductive and inductive methods.

Political cartoons are also used in her classes as a basis for term projects to engage students and to bring out perspectives on economic policy issues in various time periods. She also uses them to illustrate how societal values and standards change over time.

She then turned to teaching the European economic history course, which she finds harder to teach since the topics are less clear cut. She does not use a textbook for this course, but instead

focuses on articles. However, she did mention Joel Mokyr's *Lever of Riches* and Robert Allen's *British Industrial Revolution* as resources. She divides students into 12 groups and has each group present one article to the class and then do a write-up of another article.

The session then turned from the presentation to group comments on calling on students in class and how to engage them in discussion. Carlos cold calls on students in class, asking for a question or a response from a particular row rather than a particular student. Mention was made of asking students to draw diagrams in class. One possibility is to require the class to tell the student what to draw.

This prompted a general discussion of gender differences both among students and instructors in the classroom. One participant noted that as a young female instructor she felt that students were more likely to challenge her authority than they would a more mature male instructor. She also felt that she could not make jokes or else students would not take her seriously. There was discussion of whether to call students by their first names and whether one should ask students about their preferred method of salutation.

Someone mentioned the practice of putting student names on index cards and then picking cards out of the stack to determine who would be called on for discussion. This was referred to as classroom roulette. There was also mention of trying to make students feel that the audience was friendly. The issue of racial differences as well as gender differences in the classroom atmosphere was also mentioned.

Then discussion turned to how to get students to read articles. Mention was made of assigning articles to groups and requiring each group to report on an article. The group concluded that there were no model answers for this.

For students who do poorly on exam essay questions, the possibility of rewriting the exam question was discussed. Some suggested that it does not take much time to regrade these rewritten answers. Another possibility is to let students rewrite exam answers, but instead of regrading the answer, increasing the weight of the final exam if the student gets above a certain grade on it.

Then discussion turned to how to make group work proceed effectively. Mention was made of emailing group members and keeping copies of emails as a record of group member involvement. It was suggested that members of a group could each be asked to provide an evaluation of their own contribution and that these self-evaluations tended to be consistent with the evaluations that other group members provided for each other.

Carlos summarized that her bottom line was that she loves to teach economic history and that she found it fantastic to have the opportunity to do so.

At the very end of the session, Marty Olney (UC-Berkeley) mentioned that there would be an American Economics Association sponsored conference on teaching economics from May 31 to June 2, 2012, and that she was hoping to organize a session on teaching economic history for that conference. Anyone interested should contact her.

The breakfast adjourned at 8 a.m. in time for participants to get to the first round of conference sessions for the day.

Postscript: Later that evening Ann Carlos was named the recipient of the Jonathan Hughes Prize for excellence in teaching economic history for 2011.



**Past Presidents of the EHA:
Frederic C. Lane**



Frederic Chapin Frederic served as the ninth president of the Economic History Association, holding the position from September of 1956 until September of 1958.

He was born in Lansing, MI on November 23, 1900, and died October 14, 1984 in Worcester, MA. At the time

of his death, he was Emeritus Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University.

Lane earned his A.B. from Cornell University in 1921. The following year he earned his M.A. in History from Tufts and then began working on his Ph.D. Before finishing he held positions as an instructor in the History Department at the University of Minnesota in 1926 and Johns Hopkins (1928-31). He earned his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1930 and was promoted to Associate Professor at Johns Hopkins the following year. He was promoted to Professor in 1946, and would remain at Johns Hopkins for the remainder of his career, though he did hold visiting positions at Brandeis, Harvard, and Michigan State at various times.

In 1946-47 he was the Historian for the U.S. Maritime Commission, and was the Associate Director in Europe for the Social Science Division of the Rockefeller Foundation from 1951-54. Both of these positions were held concurrently with his faculty position.

Lane was a renowned expert on the economic history of Venice and other Italian city-states of the Renaissance, publishing more than a dozen books and articles on the topic. He also authored a high school history book and a book on the history of the US Maritime Commission during WWII. He traveled frequently to Italy, and was a regular visitor at the Frari, a Franciscan monastery that served as a repository for the papers of many ducal families and mercantile houses of Renaissance Venice.

In addition to the presidency of the EHA, Lane also served as the president

of the International Economic History Association from 1965-68, the American Historical Association in 1965, and the Society of Italian Historical Studies. He was also an active member of the American Philosophical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

He served on the inaugural editorial board of the *Journal of Economic History*, and took over editorial duties in 1944 after spending a year as co-editor with E.A.J. Johnson. Lane would remain as editor through 1951. He also served the EHA as a member of the Nominating Committee, the Honorary Membership Committee for the entirety of its 16 year existence, and chaired the Program Committee in 1942 and again in 1968.

Lane was active in the formative days of the EHA, helping guide it through its sometimes turbulent early years. This turbulence led to frustration among the EHA officers, several of whom threatened to resign. Lane himself tried to resign as editor of the *Journal* after one year, but was persuaded to stay, and ultimately became its longest serving editor.

At the end of his nine year stint as editor, Lane urged the EHA to allocate funds to hire an assistant editor, a position that had been unpaid since the existence of the journal. He argued that the job was time consuming, and it was unlikely another volunteer could be found. He urged the EHA to raise dues to cover the expense if necessary, because the position was critical to the smooth functioning of the journal. As editor, he instituted the change from three to four issues a year in 1951. He was also the

driving force behind term limits for editorial board members and editors, though the latter would not be instituted before his death in 1984.

Lane was a Guggenheim Fellow in 1958-59, and received honorary degrees from Michigan State University and Johns Hopkins. In 1974 he won the Ralph Waldo Emerson prize from Phi Beta Kappa for *Venice: A Maritime Republic*, and in 1980 he was awarded the Premio Internazionale Galileo Galilei for contributions to Italian economic history.

Selected Writings of Frederic C. Lane:

“Venetian Shipping During the Commercial Revolution,” *The American Historical Review* 38, no. 2 (Jan 1933), pp 219-39

“Venetian Bankers, 1496-1533: A Study in the Early Stages of Deposit Banking,” *Journal of Political Economy* 45, no. 2 (Apr 1937), pp 187-206

“The Mediterranean Spice Trade Further Evidence of its Revival in the Sixteenth Century,” *The American Historical Review* 45, no. 3 (Apr 1940), pp 581-90

“Family Partnerships and Joint Ventures in the Venetian Republic,” *The Journal of Economic History* 4, no. 2 (Nov 1944), pp 178-96

“Venture Accounting in Medieval Business Management,” *Bulletin of the Business Historical Society* 19, no. 5 (Nov 1945), pp 164-73

“Oceanic Expansion: Force and Enterprise in the Creation of Oceanic Commerce,” *The Journal of Economic*

History 10, Supplement: The Tasks of Economic History (1950), pp 19-31

“Economic Consequences of Organized Violence,” *The Journal of Economic History* 18, no. 4 (Dec 1958), pp 401-17

“Recent Studies on the Economic History of Venice,” *The Journal of Economic History* 23, no. 3 (Sep 1963), pp 312-34

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Asahi Athletic Club 1919

Minutes of the Business Meeting EHA annual conference September 10, 2011

President Barry Eichengreen called the meeting to order.

Election results:

President elect: Robert Allen

Vice president: Kevin O'Rourke

Trustee: Joe Ferrie

Alex Field reported on the state of the budget.

Reports were given by *JEH* editor Price Fishback and Meetings Coordinator Jari Eloranta, as well as representatives of the AHA, Cliometric Society, NBER, ACLS, BHC, SSHA, ISNIE, IEHA, and ASSA.

President Eichengreen reported that the 2013 meeting will be held in Arlington, VA. Other Board of Trustees action included increasing the reimbursement for dissertation session participants to \$500, endorsing the U.S. proposal to

host the 2015 IEHA meetings in La Crosse, WI, and approving the recommendation of the committee on administration that Price Fishback be appointed as the next executive director, effective September 2012, subject to the approval of the membership.

The EHA thanked the local arrangements committee and the program committee.

President Eichengreen invested Jeremy Atack as the new president. As his first official duty, President Atack closed the 2011 meeting.



**Economic History Association
Financial Report 2010-11**

<u>REVENUE/EXPENSES</u>	2010-11		
REVENUE		Eh.Net Website	44,051
Individual Membership:	29,607	Management	49,152
Meetings	50,092	Meeting Expense	75,824
Cambridge U. Press	366,809	Membership+Goodwill	6,776
Interest & Dividends	37,549	Office & Miscellaneous	1,315
Realized Gains (losses)		Printing and Distributing <i>JEH</i>	
Unrealized Gains (losses)	106,002	Depreciation	
Eh.Net support from other organizations	3,420	TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSES	257,806
Contributions to prize funds	1,254	BALANCE ON ORDINARY ITEMS	233,435
Other Revenue (submission fees, list rentals)	2,510	EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES	
ORDINARY REVENUES	491,241	Graduate Education Initiative Grants	67,500
including realized gains		Grad. Educ. Init.: Meetings Expenses	20,083
including realized and unrealized gains	597,243	TOTAL ORD + EXTRA. EXPENSES	345,389
EXTRAORDINARY REVENUE		BALANCE ON ORD. + EXTRA. EXPENSES	145,852
Sokoloff estate	60,000	<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>7/31/11</u>
TOTAL ORDINARY + EXTRAORDINARY REV	657,243	CASH BALANCES	<u>Balance</u>
ORDINARY EXPENSES		Checking Account (EHA Office)	261,199
Awards and Grants-in-Aid	14,600		
Editorial Offices	66,088		

Savings Account (EHA Office)	
Checking Account (Meetings Office)	9,516
Paypal Meeting Account	25,540
Morgan Stanley Liquid Asset Account	71,976

Total in Bank and Cash Accounts 368,231

INVESTMENTS
U.S. Treasury Bonds and Notes 290,755

Mutual Funds (Vanguard) 1,333,584

Investment Total 1,624,339

Total Securities and Cash 1,992,570



EHA Committees 2011-12

Nominating

Chair: Barry Eichengreen (Past President) (*ex officio*)
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Chair: Oscar Gelderblom (2012)
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Chair: Aldo Musacchio (2012)
Carole Shammas (2012)
John Brown (2013)
Kerry Odell (2013)
William Collins (2014)
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Chair: George Grantham (2012)
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Petra Moser (2015)
Joyce Burnette (2016)

Jones Prize

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Price Fishback (2015)
Werner Troesken (2016)

Education in Economic History

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Chair: John Wallis (2012)
Trevon Logan (2013)
Marianne Wanamaker (2014)
Alex Field (*ex officio*)

The Journal of Economic History

Chair: Phil Hoffman (2012)
Gavin Wright (2012)
Michael Haines (2013)
Carolyn Moehling (2014)
Price Fishback (advisor)

Jean-Laurent Rosenthal (advisor)
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EHA Program Committee

Chair: Robert Margo (2012)
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Ran Abramitzky (2012)
Leah Boustan (2012)
Jari Eloranta (*ex officio*)

Dissertation:

America: Naomi Lamoreaux (2011)
Elsewhere: Joachim Voth (2011)

Local Arrangements

Chair: Angela Redish (2012)
Mauricio Drelichman (2012)
David Jacks (2012)
Morten Jerven (2012)
Jari Eloranta (*ex officio*)

EH.NET Executive

Mauricio Drelichman (2012)
David Jacks (2013)
Susan Wolcott (2014)
Alex Field (*ex officio*)
Jari Eloranta (*ex officio*)

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Committees play an important role in the workings of the EHA. If you are interested in being considered for membership on a committee, please contact Alex Field, Executive Director, at afield@scu.edu, or any other officer or member of the Board of Trustees.

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Vancouver police 1949

Fifty Years Ago in the *JEH*: 1961

In 1961 NYU began operating an IBM 7090, the most powerful computer in use at any Eastern university. The computer, which cost \$3 million, was capable of digesting 750,000 facts a second, about what the average smartphone can do today.

It wasn't just academics who recognized the value of computers. Life Magazine reported that Braun Brothers Packing Co. of Troy, Ohio had converted their sausage making decisions to computer after a five month experiment in which their master sausage makers pitted their speed and ability against that of the computer. They routinely lost, and now Troy uses the computer to analyze the list of meat cuts on hand and their current prices, and in less than 45 minutes it calculates the most profitable bologna formula. Given the price of beef lips and tripe, the cost savings generated by the computer quickly recouped its operating costs.

Another tool making its debut that year, and one much more likely to be used by the average economist was the IBM Selectric typewriter. It promised improved speed, but for those on a budget, the Royalite manual typewriter was widely available for only \$49.95, carrying case included.

Also of concern to economists was the shrinking world of book publishers. Publishing giants Harper & Brothers and Row, Peterson, and Company merged to form Harper & Row.

With gasoline soaring upwards of 30 cents a gallon, talk was all about the new Renault Dauphine. Renault advertised the car as a fuel efficient alternative to bigger cars.

The Department of Labor reported that the average office girl saw a salary increase of 4.3% over 1960 while the cost of living increased only 1.6%. This resulted in the equivalent of an extra week's pay, just enough to buy one good suit, reported John Dana of the Department of Labor.

On the other end of the income scale, California restaurateur Ray Kroc paid \$2.7 million to buy out the McDonald Brothers and take sole possession of the California hamburger chain bearing the brothers' name.

The 21st volume of the *Journal of Economic History*, which was edited for the first time by Douglass North and William Parker, featured 26 articles by 28 authors. 18 of the authors published for the first time - 13 of them for the only time, with five publishing for the final time.

One of the highlights of the volume was Mac Urquhart's review of the second edition of the *Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1957*, weighing in at a hefty 789 pages, but priced very reasonably at \$6.00. Urquhart found the volume to be an improvement over the initial one, which was high praise, given that he thought the first volume was indispensable to economic historians.

While recognizing the herculean task of compiling such a volume, which he guessed was likely the result of the collaboration of the largest number of professional social scientists on any single volume ever published, Urquhart did have some quibbles. He recommended that in future iterations of the volume the section editors provide a more consistent requirement for citing sources of data. He noted that some sections, specifically the chapters on prices and foreign trade, were thoroughly cited, while others left a lot to be desired. All in all though, he admitted that his criticisms were a bit like "asking for all this and heaven too," and that they were not meant to detract from the value of the volume, which he said represented a great and valuable achievement.

The author with the earliest appearance in the journal was David Landes, who had first published in 1949. His article, "Some Thoughts on the Nature of Economic Imperialism," was his sixth of what would be a career total of 10 *JEH* publications. Landes, who would be elected president of the EHA in 1976, was one of three future presidents to publish that year. Lance Davis, who became EHA president in 1978, was the second.

A young graduate student by the name of Jeffrey Williamson was the third future EHA president (1994) to publish that year. He made his first appearance as an author in the September issue, and is the 1961 author with the most recent publication - in 2008, the 29th of his career, making him the most published author in the journal's history.

Richard Eckaus made the only appearance of his career with "The North-South Differential in Italian Economic Development" in the September issue. It became the most-cited *JEH* article of the year, logging six citations to date, the most recent three years ago. Interestingly, it was not cited for the first time until 1972.

The volume also had 142 book reviews, one comment, two replies, and four review articles in its 662 pages.



Lion's Gate Bridge

Conference Announcements

The XVIth World Economic History Congress

The Economic History Society of Southern Africa and The Department of Economics, Stellenbosch University invite you to be part of the XVIth World Economic History Congress from 9-13 July 2012.

The congress format will follow a traditional plan with five days of plenary and parallel sessions and a strong emphasis on research and networking. Much of the debate will take place in parallel sessions hosted by specialist session hosts and there will be ample opportunity for audience participation, as well as time for networking – both vital to the success of the congress.

Social events include Opening and Closing Receptions and cultural evenings for delegates and accompanying persons. Delegates will be encouraged to bring their families, and an accompanying persons programme will be offered.

Hosted by Stellenbosch University and taking place on the campus in the heart of the world-renowned Cape Winelands – just a short distance from the beautiful city of Cape Town – the XVIth World Economic History Congress will offer participants a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of all that the Cape Winelands, Cape Town and South Africa have to offer.

The deadline for poster session proposals is March 1, 2012, and the Congress opens on July 9, 2012. For more information, visit the Congress website at <http://www.wehc2012.org/>.

37th Annual Economic and Business Historical Society Conference
Las Vegas, Nevada, USA
April 26-28, 2012

Proposals are now being accepted for the 37th annual conference of the Economic and Business Historical Society (EBHS), to be held at the Flamingo Hotel on the Strip in Las Vegas, Nevada. Proposals

should include an abstract of no more than 500 words, a brief curriculum vita, postal and email addresses, and telephone and fax numbers. Submissions are especially welcome from graduate students and non-academic affiliates. Proposals for presentations on any aspect of economic or business history are welcome. **The deadline for submission of proposals is January 15, 2012.**

Proposals may be submitted through the EBHS website at <http://www.ebhsoc.org/>, by e-mail to fred.gates@swosu.edu, or by post to the program chair:

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Economic History Sessions at the Western Economic Association International Meetings

The Cliometric Society will sponsor sessions at the Western Economic Association International annual conference in San Francisco, CA, June 29 – July 3, 2012. The program committee is composed of Mike Hauptert (UW-La Crosse), Andrew Jalil (Reed College), and Dan Bogart (UC-Irvine). Authors interested in presenting or discussing a paper, or chairing a session, should contact Mike Hauptert at hauptert.mich@uwlax.edu. Please note on the subject line that you are sending a proposal for the WEAI meetings, and either include the proposal in your message or send the documents as attachments in a Word format.