

Editorial

What do We do for an Encore?

On behalf of the Members and Officers of Psi Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, we are pleased to present our sophomore effort. The Fall 2007 edition of *The Psi Psi Historian* continues, we hope, to maintain the high standard of scholarship that we presented in our debut effort this past spring. We have built upon the success of our maiden offering, broadening both our temporal and thematic scope, and casting our net beyond the confines of the Chapter's own membership.

The interim since our last number has seen a change of command in the Department of History, as Dr. Louis S. Gerteis concluded eighteen years' service at the helm and Dr. Andrew J. Hurley took up the reins. We would be remiss if we were to allow this earliest possible moment to pass without expressing our sincere gratitude for the tireless devotion and generosity which Dr. Gerteis showed to the Chapter at every opportunity, and his invaluable input in shaping and nurturing the development of *The Psi Psi Historian*. It goes without saying that without Dr. Gerteis' gratuitous generosity, this project would not have been feasible.

The generosity and interest that Dr. Hurley has demonstrated toward the Chapter and its activities in the past several years have continued during his service as Chair of the Department. We are confident that *The Psi Psi Historian*, its parent Chapter, and the Department of History will all continue to prosper in the years to come.

No words could suffice to express our gratitude to Drs. Steven W. Rowan and Peter J. Acsay, the Chapter's faculty advisors. Their tireless efforts on behalf of the Chapter and *The Psi Psi Historian* have made life very easy for the Chapter's leadership at all levels.

We would like to take this opportunity to boast that our debut issue is in contention for

the Nash History Journal Prize in the e-journal category, to be awarded at the 2008 Biennial Convention of Phi Alpha Theta, scheduled for 3-5 January 2008 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Editor Mike Beatty, in his capacity as President of Psi Psi Chapter, will lead a delegation of three members of the Chapter to Albuquerque. Look for details of the 2008 Biennial Convention in the Spring 2008 edition of *The Psi Psi Historian*.

A hat tip to Dr. Adell Patton, Jr., associate professor of History, for directing us to “Complicity: How the North Promoted, Prolonged, and Profited from Slavery,” one of the works reviewed in this issue of *The Psi Psi Historian*. We appreciate Dr. Patton’s ongoing concern for his students’ professional and intellectual development, and we hope that the review of this worthwhile book may justify Dr. Patton’s paternal, professorial concern on our behalf.

In this issue:

Editor **Michael W. Beatty** (B.A. ’06) continues his analysis of relations between the aboriginal peoples of North America and the burgeoning American Republic in “The Final Triumph of Lewis and Clark.” Beatty is a graduate student in History at The University of Missouri – Saint Louis, and is the Editor of *The Psi Psi Historian*. He serves the Chapter as its president.

Laura A. Fleming (Senior, Biology) offers a trenchant analysis of the difficulties that women seeking to enter the healing professions faced in the mid-Nineteenth Century in “Delicacy and Depravity: Women Healers in Nineteenth Century America.” Fleming’s essay took First Prize in the Nonfiction category of the Institute for Women’s and Gender Studies 2007 Writing Competition.

Our geographic reach broadens with “Utopia and Feminism: K’ang Yu-Wei and the *Ta Tung Shu*,” by **Katie E. Anderson** (M.A. ’07). In this essay, Anderson discusses the Nineteenth-Century Chinese philosopher and his seminal work, which “presage[d] the golden age of humanitarian enlightenment, where all people may be united under a single, unified government.” Anderson is a member of the Chapter.

Sean H. Seyer addresses the disparity between the United States’ pre-World War Two expectations of the feasibility and potential of a strategic aerial bombardment campaign versus the results actually achieved in practice, and considers the moral issues behind the U. S. Army Air Force’s failure to deliver on prewar goals in “Expectations Denied: Plans versus Results of the U. S. Army Air Force Bombing Campaign in Europe, 1941-1945.” Seyer is a graduate teaching assistant in the Department of History, and serves the Chapter as its vice president.

Editor **Michael W. Beatty** offers reviews of “Complicity: How the North Promoted, Prolonged, and Profited from Slavery,” by Anne Farrow, Joel Lang, and Jenifer Frank, and a joint review of Niall Ferguson’s “The Cash Nexus: Money and Power in the Modern World, 1700-2000” with James Hudnut-Beumler’s “In Pursuit of the Almighty’s Dollar: A History of Money and American Protestantism.”

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