

## Announcements



*Business History Review* announces the winner of the 2007–2009 ALFRED AND FAY CHANDLER BOOK AWARD:

Thomas K. McCraw, *Prophet of Innovation: Joseph Schumpeter and Creative Destruction* (Cambridge, Mass., 2007)

The Chandler Book Award is given once every three years to the best work in the field of business history published in the United States, as determined by the Editorial Advisory Board of *Business History Review*. The winner is presented with a certificate.

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**BAKER LIBRARY NEW EXHIBITION.** Baker Library Historical Collections, Harvard Business School, announces the opening of a new exhibition, “Buy Now, Pay Later: A History of Personal Credit.” The exhibit will run from October 22, 2010, through June 3, 2011, in the North Lobby of Baker Library, Bloomberg Center, Harvard Business School.

There is a myth of a lost golden age of economic virtue. Once upon a time, the story goes, people lived within their means and borrowed only under the direst of circumstances. Debt was shameful, and credit financed only “productive” purchases like homes or farm machinery. Although nostalgia seldom makes good history, writers have nevertheless mourned this lost age through the Roaring Twenties, the rise of the credit card in the 1960s, and the home mortgage boom and bust of 2005–08.

“Buy Now, Pay Later: A History of Personal Credit” demonstrates that while the instruments and institutions of twenty-first century credit—the installment plan, the credit card, and the home finance industry—are less than a century old, credit itself is as old as commerce.

The exhibition draws from Baker Library's Historical Collections materials to show how previous generations devised creative ways of lending and borrowing long before credit cards or mortgage-backed securities.

Visit <http://www.library.hbs.edu/hc/credit/> to learn more about the history of personal credit, to find materials that could support further research, and to view some of the items featured in this exhibition.

Please contact Baker Library Historical Collections at [histcollref@hbs.edu](mailto:histcollref@hbs.edu) if you would like to request a copy of the exhibition catalog.

For more information about Baker Library Historical Collections, visit [www.library.hbs.edu/hc/](http://www.library.hbs.edu/hc/).

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**EUROPEAN BUSINESS HISTORY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE.** The European Business History Association annual conference will take place in Athens on August 24–26, 2011. The theme will be “Business, Finance and the State in Twentieth Century: European Comparisons in Historical Perspective: Crises and Transformation.”

The theme of the conference refers to the debate and discussion of economic crises and recessions in the twentieth century, stimulated by the onslaught of the first severe recession of the twenty-first century. The contradictions of globalization have set in motion a process of introspection and questioning about the role of business, finance, and the state and a need to study the past, rethink concepts and processes, find keys to understanding the present, and work toward a solution for the future. The conference will focus on how crises have affected and created challenges for different types of business, especially, but not only, during the twentieth century.

For further details please see the conference Web site: <http://ebha.eap.gr>.

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**ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE.** The annual meeting of the Economic History Association, focusing on the theme of “Crises and Turning Points,” will take place in Boston, Massachusetts on September 9–11, 2011.

This conference seeks to bring together scholars engaged in research on the various dimensions of crises and their implications. 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 are due no later than May 21, 2011, and should be sent to grossman@wesleyan.edu. The dissertation session convened by Kris James Mitchener (Santa Clara University) and Brian Ahearn (University of Oxford) will honor six dissertations completed during the 2010–11 academic year. The submission deadline is June 11, 2011. The Alexander Gerschenkron and Allan Nevins prizes will be awarded to the best dissertations on non-North American and North American topics respectively.

For further information, visit <http://eh.net/eha/meetings/2011-meeting>, which also includes information on travel options to Boston; or contact Meetings Coordinator Jari Eloranta at [elorantaj@appstate.edu](mailto:elorantaj@appstate.edu).

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**INSTITUTE FOR HISTORICAL STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS.** The University of Texas at Austin Institute for Historical Studies offers fellowships for both professors and postdoctoral and independent scholars. Fellowships for tenure-track and tenured faculty will provide stipends equal to half salary up to \$50,000 per year, and are available for the year or (prorated) for the semester. Applicants may combine IHS fellowships with sabbatical funds, other support from their home institutions, or external grants. (Total funds may not exceed annual salary for the year of the fellowship.)

Please note that the IHS will not provide medical insurance for tenure-track or tenured faculty, and applicants are required to make appropriate individual arrangements with their home institutions.

Fellowships for postdoctoral and independent scholars will provide salaries of \$40,000 per year and medical insurance. These fellowships are also available prorated for the semester. Junior fellows must have PhDs in hand no later than March 31, 2011.

Applications should be submitted electronically to the Director, Julie Hardwick, by January 15, 2011, at [historyinstitute@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:historyinstitute@austin.utexas.edu).

Please see the Institute's Web site for more information: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/insts/historicalstudies/fellowships/resident-fellows.php>.

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**GILDER LEHRMAN INSTITUTE FELLOWSHIPS.** The Gilder Lehrman Institute awards short-term research fellowships to scholars working in American history at every level from doctoral candidates to senior faculty, including independent scholars. Ten fellowships are awarded each

year. The fellowships support research within American history archives in New York City. Doctoral candidates, postdoctoral scholars, college and university faculty at every rank, and independent scholars are eligible. For 2011–12, ten Gilder Lehrman Fellowships of \$3,000 will be awarded. Fellows must complete their research within a year of notification of the award.

To apply, candidates should submit:

- A proposal describing the project, the nature of the archives to be consulted, an anticipated budget of expenses, and full contact details
- A curriculum vitae
- Two letters of recommendation from established scholars

Applications must be postmarked or submitted via e-mail by May 1, 2011. Application materials should be sent to:

Gilder Lehrman Fellowship Program  
The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History  
19 West 44th Street, Suite 500  
New York, NY 10036  
Or by e-mail to [fellowships@gilderlehrman.org](mailto:fellowships@gilderlehrman.org)  
Tel.: 646-366-9666; Fax: 646-366-9669

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**MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY FELLOWSHIPS.** The Massachusetts Historical Society will offer short-term and long-term research fellowships for the academic year 2011–12, including two MHS-NEH Long-Term Fellowships made possible by an award from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Society also offers short-term fellowships and participates in the New England Regional Fellowship Consortium.

For more information about the Society's research fellowships, please visit our Web site, [www.masshist.org/fellowships](http://www.masshist.org/fellowships), or contact Kate Viens at [fellowships@masshist.org](mailto:fellowships@masshist.org), 617-646-0568.

Application deadlines: Suzanne and Caleb Loring Fellowship, February 15, 2011; MHS short-term fellowships, March 1, 2011.

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**LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA FELLOWSHIPS.** The Library Company of Philadelphia and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania will jointly award approximately twenty-five one-month fellowships for research in residence in either or both collections during the academic year 2011–12. These two independent research libraries, adjacent to each other in Center City, Philadelphia, have complementary collections capable of supporting research in a variety of fields and disciplines relating to the history of America and the Atlantic world from the seventeenth through the nineteenth centuries, as well as Mid-Atlantic regional history to the present.

The stipend for a short-term fellowship is \$2,000. Fellowships are tenable for any one-month period between June 2011 and May 2012. They support advanced, postdoctoral, and dissertation research. Candidates are strongly encouraged to inquire about the appropriateness of the proposed topic.

The deadline for receipt of one-month fellowship applications is March 1, 2011, and a decision must be made by April 15. To apply, visit [www.librarycompany.org/fellowships](http://www.librarycompany.org/fellowships), fill out a required electronic cover sheet, and submit one portable document format (pdf) containing a résumé and a two- to four-page description of the proposed research. One letter of recommendation should arrive under separate cover in pdf format as well. Please e-mail materials to [fellowships@librarycompany.org](mailto:fellowships@librarycompany.org). If you wish, you may apply for more than one fellowship. Simply check more than one box on your electronic cover sheet. For more information, telephone 215-546-3181, fax 215-546-5167, e-mail [jgreen@librarycompany.org](mailto:jgreen@librarycompany.org).