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ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETING

The fifty-third annual meeting of the Economic History Association will be held in Tucson, Arizona, from Friday, October 1, to Sunday, October 3. The preliminary program follows:

Plenary Session: New Thinking on Economic Growth

George Grantham, McGill University, "Economic Growth Without Causes: A Re-examination of Medieval Economic Growth and Decay"

Donald N. McCloskey, University of Iowa, "Economists Have Not Explained the First Industrial Revolution"

Barry R. Weingast, Hoover Institution, "The Political Foundation of Antebellum Economic Growth"

Is There History in Economics?

Philip E. Mirowski, University of Notre Dame, "What Econometrics Can and Can't Tell Us About the Historical Actors: Brewing and Rationality in Early Nineteenth-Century Britain"

Margaret Schabas, York University, "Parmenides and the Cliometricians"

Avi J. Cohen, York University, "The Historical Limits of Economic Theory: The Clark/Böhm-Bawerk Capital Controversy"

Challenging Conventional Categories

Margo Anderson, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, "(Only) White Men Have Class: Reflections on the Legacy of Nineteenth-Century Occupational Classification Systems"

Charles Calomiris, University of Illinois, and Christopher Hanes, University of Pennsylvania, "What Do We Really Know About Antebellum Business Cycles?"

David Mitch, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, "The Biological and Cognitive Foundations of Human Skill: The Case of Farm Work"

Strategic Behavior, Learning, and Technology

Edward Lorenz, University of Notre Dame, "Evolutionary Economics and Competitive Decline"

Charles Sabel, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Jonathan Zeitlin, University of Wisconsin, Madison, "Stories, Strategies, and Structures: Rethinking Historical Alternatives to Mass Production"

William Lazonick, Barnard College, and William Maas, University of Lowell, "Theories of Economic Development, Present and Past: A Theoretical Perspective on Comparative Industrial History"

Institutional Foundations of Commerce

Avner Greif, Stanford University, "New Findings on the Institutional Foundations of the Late Medieval Commercial Revolution"

Karen Clay, Stanford University, "Trade Institutions and Law: The Experience of Mexican California"

Timothy W. Guinnane, Princeton University, "Cooperatives as Information Machines: The Lending Practices of German Agricultural Credit Cooperatives, 1883–1914"

The Evolution of Labor Markets

William A. Sundstrom, Santa Clara University, "The Color Line: Toward a Structural Analysis of Racial Discrimination in Urban Labor Markets"

Susan B. Carter, University of California, Riverside, and Richard Sutch, University of California, Berkeley, "Why Were Late Nineteenth-Century Wage Rates So Sticky? A Bayesian Explanation Inspired by New, Microlevel Data"

Joshua L. Rosenbloom, University of Kansas, "Looking for Work, Searching for Workers: The Development of American Labor Markets After the Civil War"

The Emergence of U.S. Technology

Alexander J. Field, Santa Clara University, "Capital Scarcity and Capital-Saving Technological Change: A New Perspective on Nineteenth-Century U.S. Development"

John Nader, State University of New York at Delhi, "The Rise of an Inventive Profession: Location and Learning in the Midwestern Farm Implement Industry, 1850–1890"

Daniel Raff, Harvard University, "The Diffusion of Mass Production Methods in the American Motor Vehicle Industry"

Financial Markets and Economic Stability

Michael D. Bordo, Rutgers University; Angela Redish, University of British Columbia; and Hugh Rockoff, Rutgers University, "What Price Stability? A Comparison of the Efficiency and Stability of the U.S. and Canadian Banking Systems, 1920–1980"

Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, University of California, Los Angeles, "Rural Credit Markets and Aggregate Shocks: The Experience of Nuits St. Georges in Burgundy, 1756–1776"

Kerry Odell, Scripps College, "Financial Centers and Natural Disasters"

Gender and Public Policy

Nancy Breen, National Cancer Institute, "Some Historical Origins of Contemporary Wage Differentials: Effects of the 1911 Maximum-Hour Law in San Francisco"

Dawn Saunders, Champlain College, "Economic History and Welfare Reform: Turning Points in the Social Relations of Reproduction"

Linda Barrington and Cecilia A. Conrad, Barnard College, "The Feminization of Poverty from 1939 to 1959"

Eastern Europe's Current Problems in the Light of History

Richard Tilly, Universität Münster, "Prussia's Perestroika: Economic and Political Change in the Early Nineteenth Century"

David F. Good, University of Minnesota, "The Relative Backwardness of Central and Eastern Europe Before World War I: New Evidence from Austria-Hungary"

Carol S. Leonard, State University of New York, Plattsburg, and Leonid Borodkin, Lomonosov State University, Moscow, "Past Choices in Russia's Industrialization: Toward Privatization"

Milicija Zarkovic Bookman, Saint Joseph's University, "The Economic Roots of Secession in Yugoslavia: Lessons from the Interwar and Communist Periods"

Comparative Development in Third-World Countries

Stephen Haber, Stanford University, "Capital Immobilities and Industrial Development: A Comparative Study of Brazil, Mexico, India, and the United States, 1840–1940"

Lee J. Alston, University of Illinois; Gary D. Libecap, University of Arizona; and Robert Schneider, World Bank, "Property Rights and Land Use in the Brazilian Amazon: Lessons From U.S. Economic History"

Susan Wolcott, Temple University, "Efficiency or Exploitation? The Interwar Indian and Japanese Textile Industries"

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SHELBY CULLOM DAVIS CENTER FOR HISTORICAL STUDIES SEMINAR
AND FELLOWSHIPS

In the two academic years from 1994 to 1996, the subject of the ongoing seminar of the Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies at Princeton University will be

"Business, Enterprise, and Culture." The Davis Center invites applications for fellowships or proposals for papers on these themes, particularly those that address the place of business and enterprise from a broadly cultural perspective. A limited number of research fellowships is available for one or two semesters at Princeton. Inquiries and requests for fellowship application forms should be addressed to the administrator of the center, Department of History, 129 Dickinson Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544-1017. The deadline for applications and letters of recommendation for 1994/95 fellowships is December 1, 1993; for 1995/96, December 1, 1994. Scholars who would like to offer a paper to one of the weekly seminars are asked to send a brief description of their proposal and a current curriculum vitae to the director, William Chester Jordan.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY DATABASE OF SCHOLARS

The National Register of Scholars on CD-Rom[®], a pioneer database project to make available scholars' full curricula vitae, including publications, is currently being compiled. The intention is to amass a directory ultimately equal to over 12,000 print pages of information on scholars of every discipline who have published at least one book-length work in the past ten years. The project will include two indexes and a user guide, to allow detailed access to the data from a number of different perspectives. The first edition will be available in 1994, with annual updates offered thereafter. The register is expected to cover primarily scholars in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, but is open to scholars from other countries who have published in English. For further information, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to National Register of Scholars, P.O. Box 519, Baldwin Place, NY 10505 (phone/fax 914-962-3287).

JAMES J. HILL LIBRARY RESEARCH GRANTS

The James Jerome Hill Reference Library will award a number of grants of up to \$2,000 to support research in the James J. Hill and Louis W. Hill papers. The deadline for applications is November 1, 1993, and the awards will be announced in early 1994. For more information contact W. Thomas White, Curator, James J. Hill Reference Library, 80 West Fourth Street, St. Paul, MN 55102.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES

The eleventh world congress of the International Economic History Association will be held in Milan, Italy, from September 12 to 17, 1994. Brochures containing preliminary program information and a provisional registration card may be requested by writing MILANO 1994, Università Bocconi, Via Sarfatti 25, 20136 Milan, Italy. A second brochure detailing registration procedures, fees, lodging, and related matters will be available in September 1993, from the same source.

The eighteenth quinquennial Congress of the International Committee of Historical Sciences will be held in Montreal, Canada, from August 27 to September 3, 1995. The upcoming congress, to reflect recent dramatic events in world history, will have three grand themes—"Peoples, Nations, and State Forms"; "Women and Men and Historical Change: Test Cases in the Impact of Gender History"; and "Peoples in Diaspora"—plus thirteen special-theme sessions and numerous round table workshops. For full information on session topics, contact Professor Jean Quataert, Chair, Committee on International Activities, Department of History, P.O. Box 6000, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY 13902-6000 (phone 607-777-2241; fax 607-777-2896).