

Announcements

The ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION meeting will be held this year in Toronto, Canada, from September 16 to 18, 2005, at the Westin Harbour Castle. The theme of the meeting will be “War and Economic Growth: Causes, Costs, and Consequences.” Participants in the sessions will explore the interface between wars and economic activity over time, presenting papers on topics such as the role of economic factors in causing (or preventing) wars; how the immediate and long-term costs of warfare affect the economic growth and welfare of societies; the benefits of warfare (technological change, factor reallocation, or institutional innovation); and the economic legacies of wars, including pensions, indemnities, taxes, and debt.

The dissertation session of the meeting, convened by Joe Ferrie (Northwestern) for the Nevins Prize and Ann McCants (MIT) for the Gerschenkron Prize, will honor the top six dissertations in economic history completed during the academic year. The deadline for papers is May 31, 2005.

Graduate students are encouraged to attend the meeting. Travel, hotel subsidies, and meal discounts will be offered.

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The CLEMENTS CENTER–DEGOLYER LIBRARY Center for South-west Studies offers research travel grants of \$500 a week for up to four weeks to applicants living outside the greater Dallas–Fort Worth area to encourage a broader and more intensive use of the special collections at the DeGolyer Library. The library contains over 90,000 volumes of rare and scholarly works, 350,000 photographs, and approximately 40,000 linear feet of archival materials pertaining to the trans–Mississippi West, the Spanish Borderlands, the history of transportation, especially railroads worldwide, and matters of business and labor. Special collections include those of Stanley Marcus and Horton

Foote; collections of Texas banknotes and maps; the Women's Archives of the Southwest; petroleum in the West; photography of the West; and the J. C. Penny & Co. collection. Grant applications are accepted throughout the year.

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The INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION (IEHA) will hold its fourteenth International Congress in Helsinki, Finland, August 21–25, 2006. The local organizing institutions are the Department of Social Science History and the Department of History at the University of Helsinki.

The scientific program of the Congress will comprise approximately 100 sessions. The IEHA welcomes proposals for sessions on all topics in economic history, the history of economics, demographic history, social history, urban history, cultural history, gender studies, methodological aspects of historical research, and related fields. Proposals for sessions on the period before 1800, and for sessions that cover countries other than those of Western Europe and North America, are particularly welcome. The session organizers will be given wide discretion in the choice of format. The Congress will last five days. Each day will be divided into four time blocks of ninety minutes (two before and two after lunch). Following the first call for session proposals, the Executive Committee of the IEHA approved forty-eight sessions for the academic program of the Helsinki 2006 Congress, which can be viewed on the Congress Web site.

The Executive Committee will fill all but five of the remaining session slots from submissions to the first call for papers, whose deadline has passed. The five remaining slots will be filled at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Proposals should include a tentative list of participants, but the committee encourages session organizers to issue an open call for papers once their session has been selected for the program. A final list of participants and paper titles for all sessions must be submitted by January 1, 2006.

There will be no distinction between sessions submitted in reply to the first or second call for papers. Each session organizer will get two time blocks. The Executive Committee may give extra time blocks if the number of papers or the dimension of the topic requires it. Time blocks will be sequential on the same day, unless organizers ask for an

alternative format. Congress papers or abstracts are slated for publication on the Congress Web site by May 31, 2006. For more information please contact:

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The HAGLEY FELLOWS at the University of Delaware will hold a one-day conference on March 19, 2005, entitled “The Spectacle of Technology.” Stuart W. Leslie of the Johns Hopkins University will give the keynote address.

The conference will explore technology as a spectacle from an historical perspective. The topic is conceived broadly so as to incorporate all aspects of the human relationship with large-scale, remarkable, complex, highly technical, or otherwise extraordinary technological systems. Which technologies are perceived to be spectacular, as opposed to everyday, hidden, or unremarkable? Which technologies have been viewed as popular, interesting, or accessible? Which technologies are considered arcane, difficult, or complex, and to whom? And how do these perceptions of technologies as spectacle affect their development, marketing, use, and transmission?

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The CENTER FOR THE HISTORY OF BUSINESS, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY invites papers that examine the production of fashion in consumer societies in any region of the world for a conference on

October 28 and 29, 2005. The conference will be held at the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, Delaware. Clothing, home furnishings, appliances, and cosmetics are all part of fashion systems, whereby design and function merge in the effort to attract consumer attention—and money. For this conference, we invite papers that consider how fashion is produced on the level of ideas and style and that examine the materials and technologies employed to construct the items themselves. Papers should consider the practice of producing fashion, especially business and technological aspects. Proposals are due by March 1, 2005. They should be approximately 500 words and be accompanied by a short curriculum vitae. Travel funds may be available for presenters.

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The AGRICULTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY sponsors several annual awards for various agricultural history publications, manuscripts, and projects. Each year the society announces its award winners at the Agricultural History Society luncheon during the Organization of American Historians conference. The next OAH conference will be held in San Francisco in March of 2005.

The *Gilbert C. Fite Award*, which includes a \$300 honorarium, is given to the author of the best dissertation on any aspect of agricultural history, broadly interpreted, completed during the current calendar year in honor of Fite's distinguished corpus of work and lifelong devotion to student excellence.

The *Everett E. Edwards Award*, with a \$200 honorarium, is given to the graduate student who submits the best manuscript on any aspect of agricultural and rural studies during the calendar year.

The society offers the *Wayne D. Rasmussen Award* to the author of the best article on agricultural history published by a journal other than *Agricultural History* during the calendar year. The award includes an honorarium of \$200 and certificates for the author and publisher.

The *Vernon Carstensen Memorial Award*, with an honorarium of \$200, is presented to the author of the best article published in *Agricultural History* during the calendar year.

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In addition, the Agricultural History Society is holding its 2005 symposium, "Art & Agriculture: Material Expressions of Rural People & Their Lifeways," on June 2, 3, 4, 2005, in Dearborn, Michigan. The conference, sponsored by the Benson Ford Research Center, will be held at the Best Western Greenfield Inn in Dearborn. Please direct questions to the program chair:

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The GLOBAL ECONOMIC HISTORY NETWORK (GEHN) will sponsor a conference entitled "The Manufacture and Trade in Cotton Textiles in Eurasia, 1498–1914," to be held in Osaka in January 2006. The theme will be the evolution of cotton textiles into a global industry. It is one in a series of ten conferences sponsored by GEHN that are held three times a year, beginning in 2003 and continuing into 2006.

The Global Economic History Network (GEHN) is an international network of some thirty-eight academics with credentials in several disciplines (history, economics, economic history, anthropology, geography, sociology) who are affiliated with universities in Britain, Holland, Italy, Germany, the United States, India, and Japan. The network promotes research, teaching, and cooperation in the field of global economic history. Participants in GEHN share a common goal of refining

historical consciousness among their students and the readerships of their subjects. Historians of global economics acknowledge the need for long chronological and wide geographic perspectives in order to analyze the variations in productivity and standards of living across time and space.

GEHN is eager to establish links with academics and doctoral students conducting research on the cotton textile industry. Scholars and students interested in this project should contact:

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