

Announcements

The Editorial Advisory Board of the *Business History Review* and the Newcomen Society of the United States announce the winners of the 2003 NEWCOMEN-HARVARD AWARDS in BUSINESS HISTORY.

Article Award

Mark R. Wilson, "Gentlemanly Price-Fixing and Its Limits: Collusion and Competition in the U.S. Explosives Industry during the Civil War Era"

Special Award

Alex Nalbach, "'Poisoned at the Source'? Telegraphic News Services and Big Business in the Nineteenth Century"

The Editorial Advisory Board of the *Business History Review* annually awards two prizes to the authors of articles appearing in its pages. The first, consisting of a scroll and cash prize of \$1,000, is presented to the author of the best article published in the volume. The second, called the "special award," consists of a cash prize of \$500 and a scroll, and is presented to the author of the best article written by a graduate student or recent Ph.D. who has not yet published a book in the field of business history. The awards are made possible through the generosity of the Newcomen Society of the United States.

The ECONOMIC and BUSINESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY welcomes proposals for presentations on all aspects of business and economic history at its 29th annual conference, April 28–30, 2005, to be held at High Point, North Carolina. In keeping with its traditions, the Society seeks proposals for both individual papers and panel sessions. Graduate students are invited to apply and may qualify for reduced registration fees.

Papers presented at the conference may be submitted for publication in the Society's peer-reviewed journal, *Essays in Economic and Business History*, edited by David Whitten of Auburn University.

Proposals for individual papers should include an abstract of no more than 500 words, a brief curriculum vitae, postal and e-mail addresses, and telephone and fax numbers. Panel proposals should also suggest a title and a panel chair. Graduate students and nonacademic affiliates are welcome. Submissions imply that at least one author will register for the conference and will be present at the time designated in the conference program. Proposals must be submitted by January 15, 2005, to:

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High Point University
833 Montlieu Avenue
High Point, NC 27262
E-mail: jstitt@highpoint.edu

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NEWCOMEN DISSERTATION COLLOQUIUM. This intensive workshop, sponsored by the Business History Conference through the generous support of the Newcomen Society, will take place at the conference venue in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Wednesday evening, May 18, and Thursday, May 19, 2005. Participants will work closely with a small but distinguished group of BHC-affiliated scholars, including at least two of its officers. The assembled scholars and students will review dissertation proposals, consider relevant literatures and research strategies, and discuss the business history profession. The colloquium will involve a mix of activities, including a kick-off dinner on May 18. Limited to at most ten students, it is intended for doctoral candidates in the early stages of their dissertation projects. Those interested in participating should submit to Roger Horowitz, BHC secretary-treasurer (rh@udel.edu), a statement of interest, a preliminary or final dissertation

prospectus, and a current curriculum vitae. (Please make clear that you are interested in the dissertation colloquium.) One recommendation from the dissertation supervisor (or prospective supervisor) should also be either faxed (302-655-3188) or e-mailed (rh@udel.edu) to Roger Horowitz by January 5, 2005. The review committee will notify all applicants of its decisions by March 1. A grant from the Newcomen Society of America will provide each participant with a \$300 honorarium, which will help cover individual travel and lodging expenses.

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BUSINESS HISTORY CONFERENCE PRIZES, 2004. The following awards were announced at the annual meeting of the Business History Conference (BHC), which was held on June 17–19, 2004, in Le Creusot, France. The BHC is the largest professional organization of business historians in the world.

Lifetime achievement award: Mira Wilkins, Florida International University

Harold Williamson Prize for achievement by a midcareer scholar: Steven Usselman, Georgia Institute of Technology

Hagley Prize for the best book in business history: Jennifer Klein, Yale University, *For All These Rights: Business, Labor, and the Shaping of America's Public-Private Welfare State* (Princeton University Press, 2003)

Herman E. Krooss Prize for the best dissertation in business history: Tiffany Gill, University of Texas at Austin, "Civic Beauty: Beauty Culturists and the Politics of African American Female Entrepreneurship, 1900–1965" (Rutgers University, 2003)

Newcomen Prize for the best papers in the 2003 volume of Enterprise & Society: John Smail, "The Culture of Credit in Eighteenth-Century Commerce: The English Textile Industry," *Enterprise & Society* 4 (June 2003): 299–325

K. Austin Kerr Prize for the best first paper presented to a BHC meeting: Hyungsub Choi, Johns Hopkins University, "Between Research and Production: Making Transistors at RCA, 1948–1960"

Ellen Hartigan-O'Connor, San Jose State University, "The Ties that Buy: Shopping Networks of the Atlantic World"

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CALL for PAPERS, HAGLEY MUSEUM and LIBRARY. On April 15, 2005, the Hagley Museum and Library will sponsor a symposium on utopian visions at world's fairs and international expositions. These mammoth festivals have been sites for many groups and individuals to present utopian perspectives on the modern world. Inventors, reformers, manufacturers, private associations, and governments have used the facilities and publicity of the fairs to present their responses to contemporary problems, promising new visions for human experience and expanded opportunities for enjoying life. We invite papers that discuss the use of material culture, especially technology and consumer goods, to exhibit and represent utopian visions, as well as proposals concerning ideas that were introduced at the fairs for promoting scientific, industrial, and human development. Proposals may focus on any World's Fair held in North America, beginning with the Centennial Exposition of 1876. The symposium is being held in conjunction with an exhibition at Hagley on world's fairs and international expositions. Proposals are due by November 1, 2004, and should be sent to:

Dr. Roger Horowitz
Hagley Museum and Library
P.O. Box 3630
Wilmington, DE 19807
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Support may be available for travel to the conference by presenters.

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HAGLEY MUSEUM and LIBRARY SEMINAR. The 2004–2005 research seminar series of the Hagley Museum and Library meets Thursday evenings at 6 PM in the Copeland Room of the library building. Papers considered are unpublished works in progress and are circulated in advance to seminar participants. To join the seminar mailing list and obtain copies of the papers, contact Carol Lockman at clockman@hagley.org, or (302) 658-2400.

December 2. *Jurgen Martschukat, Hamburg University*: “Human Ingenuity Knows No Limit: Electric Executions and Notions of Cultural Progress in Late Nineteenth Century America.” Commentator: Donald Jackson, Lafayette College

February 10. *Richard R. John, University of Illinois at Chicago*: “Nickel-in-the-Slot: The Public Telephone and the Popularization

of Urban Telephony, 1894–1907.” Commentators: Philip Scranton, Rutgers University, and Susan Strasser, University of Delaware

April 28. *Megan Mullin, University of Wisconsin–Parkside*: “CATV’s Extraordinary Communities: The Role of Localism and Regionalism in Early Cable Television.” Commentator: Paul Swann, Temple University

The Hagley Museum is located just north of Wilmington, Delaware. The library building is accessed from the entrance on Buck Road and Route 100, one traffic light north of the Route 100 and Route 141 intersection. Go to <http://www.Hagley.org> for more detailed directions.

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The BILL and RITA CLEMENTS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS for the STUDY of SOUTHWESTERN AMERICA. The William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies welcomes applications for two residential research fellowships: one to cover a full year and one for a single semester. Full-year fellowships carry a stipend of \$37,000, health benefits, a \$1,500 allowance for research and travel expenses, and a publication subvention. Single-semester fellowships include an \$18,500 stipend, a \$750 research allowance, and a publication subvention. Individuals in any field in the humanities or social sciences doing research on southwestern America are invited to apply. The fellowships are designed to provide time for senior or junior scholars to bring book-length manuscripts to completion. The application deadline is January 10, 2005. Please see details at www.smu.edu/swcenter, or e-mail swcenter@smu.edu for more information.

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The CLEMENTS CENTER–DEGOLYER LIBRARY RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANTS. The William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies offers research travel grants of \$500 a week for up to four weeks to applicants who live outside the greater Dallas–Fort Worth area to encourage a broader and more intensive use of the special collections at the DeGolyer Library (www.smu.edu/cul/degolyer). 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, as well as 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. Please see details at www.smu.edu/swcenter, or e-mail swcenter@smu.edu for more information.

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The WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS PRIZE. The William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies offers the William P. Clements Prize for the Best Nonfiction Book on Southwestern America. The \$2,500 prize promotes and recognizes fine writing and original research on the American Southwest. In addition to the prize, the author will receive an invitation to give the annual Clements Prize Lecture at Southern Methodist University, with expenses to be paid by the Clements Center. The competition is open to any nonfiction book, including biography, on any aspect of southwestern life, past or present, with a 2004 copyright. Submissions must be postmarked by January 18, 2005, although earlier submission is preferable. Please see details at www.smu.edu/swcenter, or e-mail swcenter@smu.edu for more information.

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INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION (IEHA) CONFERENCE. The 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, will be 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 lunch and two after lunch). Following the first call for session proposals, the Executive Committee of the International Economic History Association (IEHA) has so far approved forty-eight sessions for the academic program of the Helsinki 2006 Congress, which can be viewed on the Congress Web site: www.helsinki.fi/iehc2006.

The Executive Committee will fill all but five of the remaining session slots from submissions received before January 31, 2005. 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 session 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 timing. 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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2005 ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETING. "War and Economic History: Causes, Costs, and Consequences." The Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, Canada, September 16–18, 2005. The program committee encourages submissions that provide a historical or interdisciplinary perspective on the ways in which warfare has affected economies throughout history in various parts of the world. These include, but are by no means limited to, issues such as the role of economic factors in causing (or preventing) wars; the immediate and long-term costs of warfare on economic growth and welfare of societies; the benefits of warfare (technological changes, factor reallocation, or institutional innovation); and the economic legacies of wars, including

pensions, indemnities, taxes, and debt. In short, the committee is interested in any paper that deals with the interface between wars and economic activity over time. The committee will also consider strong papers that are not directly related to the theme of the conference.

In addition to individual proposals, submissions for entire sessions are encouraged. Proposals for a complete session must include separate proposals for each paper to be presented. The committee reserves the right to determine which papers will be included in sessions that are accepted. Papers that are not accepted for a submitted session may be incorporated into other panels.

The program committee comprises Jean-Laurent Rosenthal (Chair, UCLA), Dora Costa (MIT), Oscar Goldenblom, and Hugh Rockoff (Rutgers).

Interested scholars should send four copies of a three- to five-page proposal and a 150-word abstract (suitable for publication in the *Journal of Economic History*) to:

Jean-Laurent Rosenthal
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University of California
Los Angeles, CA 90024
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The deadline for submissions is January 30, 2005. Notices of acceptance will be provided by March 31, 2005. For more information, please contact:

Dr. Carolyn Tuttle
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The EUROPEAN BUSINESS HISTORY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE will hold the tenth annual conference of the European Business History Association at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe–Universität in Frankfurt/Main on September 1–4, 2005. The theme of the conference is “Corporate Images—Images of the Corporation.”

Proposals for papers or panels are invited on the following topics: How do businesses represent themselves in public? Which ideals establish ties between a business and its employees? Which images sell the company's products? What kind of narrative does the company tell about itself? What is the scholar's conception of the company?

The proposals should be submitted as a one-page abstract. Proposals for panels should contain the abstracts of the individual papers and a short summary of the rationale for the panel. Suggestions for chairs and discussants of the panel will also be welcomed. Please e-mail your abstracts or panel proposals by December 31, 2004, to Christian Kleinschmidt (ch.kleinschmidt@cityweb.de). All proposals will be evaluated by an academic committee.

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The ADELLE and ERWIN TOMASH FELLOWSHIP in the HISTORY of INFORMATION PROCESSING. The Charles Babbage Institute is accepting applications for the 2004–2005 Adelle and Erwin Tomash Graduate Fellowship. The fellowship will be awarded to a graduate student for research in the history of computing.

The fellowship may be held at the recipient's home academic institution, the Charles Babbage Institute, or at any location where there are appropriate research facilities. The stipend is \$10,000, plus up to \$2,000 for tuition, fees, and travel to the Charles Babbage Institute and relevant archives. It is intended for students who have completed all requirements for the doctoral degree except the research for, and writing of, the dissertation.

Applicants should send a curriculum vitae and a five-page statement justifying the research program, including a discussion of methods, research materials, and evidence of faculty support for the project, to CBI. Applicants should also arrange for three letters of reference and certified copies of graduate-school transcripts to be sent directly to the Charles Babbage Institute. Materials must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2005, and mailed to:

Charles Babbage Institute
Center for the History of Information Processing
211 Andersen Library
University of Minnesota
222–21st Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Please direct questions about the Tomash Fellowship to:

Jeffrey Yost
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E-mail: yostx003@tc.umn.edu
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GORDON CAIN FELLOWSHIP in TECHNOLOGY, POLICY, and ENTREPRENEURSHIP. The Cain Fellowship is open to Ph.D. scholars who plan to conduct historical research on the development of the chemical industries. The outcome of this research should further public understanding of the relation between technology, policy, management, and entrepreneurship, and shed light on the complex development of modern society and commerce. With Beckman Center staff, the Cain Fellow will organize a conference, inviting scholars to discuss the subject of the fellow's research. The period of fellowship extends from September 2005 to May 2006 and will be spent in residence at CHF. A stipend of \$43,000, plus a small travel allowance, will be awarded. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2005.

Applicants must submit a research proposal of not more than 1,000 words describing the project, the relevance of resources at CHF to the project, how the project will advance historical scholarship, and how the outcome might be published. They should also supply a curriculum vitae and two letters of reference, to be sent directly from the source to CHF. All application materials should be submitted to:

Fellowship Coordinator
Chemical Heritage Foundation
315 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106-2702
Tel: (215) 925-2222
Fax: (215) 925-1954
E-mail: fellowships@chemheritage.org

**Program in Early American Economy and
Society at the Library Company of
Philadelphia 2005–2006 Fellowships**

The Program in Early American Economy and Society at the Library Company of Philadelphia will award **long-term dissertation-level fellowships** for September 1, 2005–May 31, 2006. The dissertation-level fellowship carries a stipend of **\$17,500** for the full year or two half-year fellowships of \$8,750 each. Applicants for the fellowships may apply for the entire term or for the half-year periods from September 1, 2005 to January 15, 2006 or January 15 to May 31, 2006. The program will also award four one-month research fellowships carrying stipends of **\$1,800** tenable from June 2005 to May 2006.

These fellowships are designed to promote scholarship on the origins and development of the early American economy, broadly conceived, to roughly 1850. They provide scholars the opportunity to use the extensive printed and manuscript collections related to the history of commerce, finance, technology, manufacturing, agriculture, internal improvements, economic policy-making, and other topics that are held by the Library Company and numerous other institutions in its vicinity.

The deadline for receipt of fellowship applications is March 1, 2005, with a decision to be made by March 31. To apply for a long-term fellowship, send (by mail, no faxes please) four copies each of a curriculum vitae, a detailed description of the nature of the research to be undertaken during the fellowship period, a relevant writing sample of no more than 25 pages, and two letters of reference. For one-month fellowships send a curriculum vitae, a two- to four-page project description, and one letter of reference. Applicants for a long-term fellowship should state clearly which of the tenable periods they seek, and whether they also wish to be considered for a short-term fellowship. Send all materials by mail to: PEAES, The Library Company of Philadelphia, 1314 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. For more information about the program and its fellowships, see the Web site at ***www.librarycompany.org***, or contact Cathy Matson, Program Director, at ***cmatson@udel.edu***.