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HISTORY FORUMS

On Friday, January 27, 2012, Dr. Lily Hirsch spoke on “**Jewish Music’ in Nazi Germany: Musical Politics and the Berlin Jewish Culture League.**”

The Jewish Culture League, created in Berlin in June 1933, was the only organization in Nazi Germany in which Jews were not only allowed but encouraged to participate in music, both as performers and as audience members. Hirsch’s recent book, *A Jewish Orchestra in Nazi Germany: Musical Politics and the Berlin Jewish Culture League* (University of Michigan Press, 2010), is the first book to seriously investigate and parse the complicated questions the existence of this Jewish organization raised, such as why the Nazis would promote Jewish music when in the rest of Germany, it was banned. But what *was* Jewish music in Nazi Germany? In this talk, Hirsch focused on the Jewish Culture League’s debate about Jewish music, which offers a glimpse into the inner workings of this unique organization—a product of collaboration between Jews and Nazis, and, for many, a place of both salvation and damnation.

Spring History Forum:

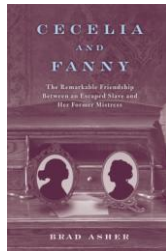
“**Cecelia and Fanny: The Remarkable Friendship between an Escaped Slave and Her Former Mistress**”

Friday, April 13, 2012

Dezember Room,

Walter Stiern Library, 3:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Dr. Brad Asher**, Independent Scholar.



Cecelia was a fifteen-year-old slave when she accompanied her mistress, Frances “Fanny” Thruston, on a trip to Niagara Falls in 1846. Minutes from Canada, Cecelia faced a fateful decision. Flee in a rowboat across the Niagara River to freedom? Or return with her mistress to Kentucky, to the only life she had ever known,

where her mother and brother remained enslaved? Cecelia made the bold decision to escape, to endure separation from her family in order to begin life anew as a free woman in Canada. Yet the separation gnawed at her. So in the 1850s she opened a correspondence with Fanny. Fanny’s return letters, preserved in Louisville archives for a century, document the extraordinary link between two urban families over several decades.

This presentation will be based on Dr. Asher’s recent book, *Cecelia and Fanny* (University of Kentucky Press, 2011), which is a fascinating look at race relations in mid-nineteenth-century Louisville, Kentucky, focusing on the experiences of these two women during the seismic social upheaval wrought by the emancipation of four million African Americans.

VISITING PROFESSOR FROM POLAND TO GIVE

TALKS ON THE HOLOCAUST.

A visiting Polish Professor is coming to CSUB in the last week of April. **Dr. Tomasz Pudlocki**, who lectures at the Institute of History in the University of Cracow, Poland, will give a series of talks on Poland, Germany, and the Holocaust. His main lecture, "Polish-Jewish Relations Before Hitler: Neighbors, Partners, Rivals, Enemies," will be in the Dezember Reading Room in the Walter Stiern Library on April 27th at 4 pm. The event is being sponsored by the Institute for Religion, Education and Public Policy, the History Department, and the History Forum.

Dr. Pudlocki will also give two other talks to smaller gatherings of invited undergraduates and graduate students. One of the talks is a micro-history entitled "The Nation of Goethe and the Belzec Death Camp: the Clash of Nazi Ideology and the Common Myth of the Germans seen from the perspective of the Teich Family." The second talk is entitled "Not wanted body in the politics of the Reich - the problem of homosexuals in social politics of the Nazis." For further information about the times and locations of these two talks, and to see if there is room available to attend, please contact Dr. Cliona Murphy at cmurphy@csub.edu.

WINTER 2012 DEAN’S LIST

Andrea Anderson	Ahnika Ast	Chris Campise
Rebekah Cornell	Denise Del Cid	Sam Edwards
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Dimitrius Lara	Frank Martinez	Todd Morrison
Juan Rivera	Nicole Sarmiento	Kristin Self
Andrea Sharer	Jesse Stevens	Matt Tesoriere
Erika Trejo	Richard Uribe	
Rafael Villalon		
Brittany Wilson		

FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations to Brad Benton, Lecturer in Latin American History, who has accepted a tenure-track position in



History at North Dakota State University in Fargo beginning Fall 2012. Brad and his family are stocking up on long underwear for the brisk North Dakota winters and studying the local dialect. When asked if he is looking forward to a change of climate, Brad responded, "Yah, you betcha!"

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THE TWISTS AND TURNS IN

WORLD HISTORY: THE SAGA REGRETTABLY CONTINUES

Professor Mustafah Dhada

Despite all efforts to ensure critical deductive reasoning in the face of historical fiction masquerading as fact, this quarter's History 210 witnessed some unusual gems. Some I was truly sad to read; others proved too rib-ticklish at which not to chuckle inconsolably. Here is a selection. One wrote to suggest that in 303 AD, three Jews beached in Ethiopia from northern Jerusalem to convert King Azana to Christianity leading to mass conversions. Oh, and, Nero proved to be a good friend of the Christians while Hypatia underwent live flaying at the hands of Muslim hordes from Rome. The Axum civilization rose to its height in the Andes long before the rise of Islam, while the Indian Ocean mysteriously switches continental sides and lands up west of Africa, putting the Americas somewhere east of Madagascar. Mesoamerican civilizations appeared at one point to exclude territories occupied by the Mayas and, last but not least, Muslims believe Jesus to be the last and final prophet after Muhammad - and we are not talking here of the resurrection!

In the meantime, Nubians were very much like the Incas and the Aztecs and as such they turned to human sacrifice to appease the gods. Rome sent missionaries to convert the Axum dwellers into Christians. Muhammad appears to have saved Jesus - from what it is not clear! The Bantus ventured into sailing for trading goods across the waters; one suggested Madagascar as a first port of call - why it is not certain, perhaps because Madagascar had plenty of food, exotic animals, birds, and butterflies for everybody.

Some Bantus from northwest Africa even went south towards Katanga in search of more arid pastures. A rather deadly fungus rotted food in the southern African region mortally wounding its inhabitants, while Axum initiated celibacy in priesthood some 700 years before the Roman Church implemented such measures in the 11th century. Of course, the success of the Saharan trade route was entirely caused by camels that moved to and fro the sandy dunes with ease, and they could do so quite logically because of their humpy water storage capability.

I now feel so well travelled, old, and so so so so so dizzy. I think I will hop into the neighbor's yard and talk to Montezuma before Cortez's successors pack his great-grandson off to Spain as a prospective count!

ALUMNI NEWS

After graduation, **Amadeo Paniagua** ('06) taught for two years at Delano HS, and since 2010 has been teaching at Robert F. Kennedy HS in Delano.

PHI ALPHA THETA NEWS

Miriam Raub Vivian, Psi-Zeta chapter advisor

One of the highlights of the year for Phi Alpha Theta is the **annual Southern California regional student paper conference**, and once again CSUB's chapter will be represented! **Ahnika Ast** will present her paper on the Rape of Nanking, entitled "Nanking: Japan's Personal Battle of Annihilation."

This annual conference, which brings together undergraduate and graduate students from more than a dozen colleges and universities in Southern California to share their research, will take place on Saturday, April 14, at Cal State Fullerton.

On April 28, we'll be holding our **annual member banquet**, which provides a number of important functions: we initiate new members into Phi Alpha Theta, acknowledging their academic success; we have an opportunity to hear about student research from our annual **JR Wonderly Award** winners; and we enjoy a lovely dinner and the chance to socialize with other members. Please join us at the banquet whether you are a long-time member or one of our newest. Active PAT members will receive a formal invitation in the mail about two to three weeks prior to the banquet.

Please join me in congratulating those students who have joined PAT since fall: **Andrea Anderson, Samuel Edwards, Daniel Hanna, and David Slocumb.**

We are still accepting applications for membership and initiation at the spring banquet, so if you think you qualify for membership in Phi Alpha Theta, please fill out a red application form, available outside my office door (**FT 304A**) and leave it with me or Jean Stenehjem in the History Department office, **OR visit our website and submit a form online: www.csub.edu/history**. Membership requires a 3.1 GPA in a minimum of **four CSUB history courses** (a 3.5 for grad students); however, if you have only 3 courses, but have earned As in each of them, you may also qualify. Membership furthermore requires an overall 3.0 GPA. The cost of membership is \$40.00, which goes to the national office and provides a lifetime membership as well as a one-year subscription to the *The Historian*, the quarterly journal of Phi Alpha Theta.

PAT members who are graduating are eligible to purchase an honor cord to wear at commencement. If you would like to have one of these as part of your regalia, you may purchase one from me (or Jean Stenehjem) for **\$15.00**, payable to Phi Alpha Theta.

STUDENT NEWS

Undergraduate **Ahnika Ast** has joined graduate students Dennise Bentle, Michael Gutierrez, and Matthew McCoy who help edit the electronic journal *Irish Migration Studies in Latin America*. The next issue focuses on Human Rights <http://www.irlandeses.org/1003cfc.htm> and the following issue will focus on Gender <http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=193403>. Students interested in this endeavor should consult the Spring 2011 issue of the History Department Newsletter for details on getting editing experience with the journal (page six). <http://www.csub.edu/history/newsSpr2011.pdf>.

SOCIAL SCIENCE PROGRAM STUDENTS

If you have any questions about the Single Subject Credential Program, please see advisor Fran Peterson in EDUC 106. She can be reached at 654-6009.

Also, Professor Kristina LaGue, Director of the Multiple and Single Subject Credential Programs, would like to encourage students to take the prerequisite course, EDTE 300, and the foundational courses, EDSP 301, EDTE 410, and EDTE 416 before they apply to the credential program.

EDTE 300, EDTE 416, and EDSP 301 are three-unit courses, and EDTE 410 is a four-unit course. The Single Subject Credential Program anticipates offering EDTE 410 and EDTE 416 this summer, with EDTE 416 being offered as an on-line course. For a copy of the Single Subject Credential Program Handbook and other program details, please see http://www.csub.edu/sse/teacher_education/singlecredential.html

The Credentials Office will be holding a Group Information and Application meeting on the Single Subject Credential Program, on Friday, April 20, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Education 127. If you have any questions, please call (661) 654-2110.

Finally, if you have any questions about the Social Science Certification Program, please see Professor Alicia Rodriguez, Social Science Program Coordinator, in FT 301-A. Also, please see the Social Science Program link at the History Department's web page at <http://www.csub.edu/history/ss.htm>.

HISTORY CLUB NEWS



Join us in several activities this spring!
Sat., April 21, all day: field trip to the **Getty Museum**. (Sign up by emailing mvivian@csub.edu.) We'll carpool down to the museum, leaving campus around 8:00am and return by dinnertime.

Two of the exhibits showing during our trip are noted below:



Renaissance Drawings from Germany and Switzerland, 1470–1600
March 27–June 17, 2012



Gothic Grandeur: Manuscript Illumination, 1200–1350
December 13, 2011–May 13, 2012



Fri., May 18-Sun., May 20: club trip to **Yosemite National Park**. (We have 34 adults and 5 children going!) If you're interested in going, contact mvivian@csub.edu RIGHT AWAY. There MAY still be **three beds available** in the 12-bed dorm we've reserved at the Yosemite Bug, so **ACT QUICKLY** if you'd like to join us. Two nights in the dorm cost only \$55.50, including tax, so it's a real bargain. We'll be carpooling there and back, and participants can buy food there and/or bring food along.

Fri., June 1, 5-7pm: end-of-year potluck/bbq in the courtyard of Faculty Towers.

YOSEMITE MOVIES

Dr. Douglas Dodd will host some movies and talks to prepare students for the History Club Yosemite trip. Thursday evening, April 5, he will screen Ken Burns' recent film, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*, Episode 1, "The Scripture of Nature (1851-1890)." The film explores the origins of the national park idea, the life of pioneering conservationist John Muir, and the creation of Yosemite National Park. (runtime 2 hrs).

Other films in the series will include "Yosemite: The Fate of Heaven" (1989). Narrated by Robert Redford, it explores the challenges of managing Yosemite National Park--such as crowding, traffic, air pollution, and development. (58 min). "Yosemite Nature Notes" (excellent short online films about the park's natural and cultural history) will conclude the series.

Dr. Dodd will also provide some suggestions on preparing and outfitting for the trip.

Students looking for some good pre-trip reading might consider: Alfred Runte, *Yosemite: The Embattled Wilderness* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1990) or Alfred Runte, *National Parks: The American Experience* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, various editions).

Dates and times of the later movies will be announced at the first showing on April 5.

Tentative FALL 2012

Hist 202	Western Civilization I	Vivian, Miriam	MWF	D3	1:00-2:25P
Hist 206	Western Civilization III	Murphy, Cliona	MW	C2	10:00-12:05P
Hist 210(1)	World History I	Orliski, Connie	MW	D2	12:45-2:50P
Hist 210(2)	World History I	Dhada, Mustafah	MW	G2	5:15-7:20P
Hist 212	World History III	Dhada, Mustafah	MW	F2	3:00-5:05P
Hist 231(1)	US Hist to 1877	Rodriquez, Alicia	MWF	B3	8:30-9:55A
Hist 231(2)	US Hist to 1877	Schmoll, Brett	MW	C2	10:00-12:05P
Hist 231(3)	US Hist to 1877	Dodd, Doug	TTh	CT2	10:00-12:05P
Hist 232(1)	US Hist since 1865	Schmoll, Brett	MW	B2	7:45-9:50A
Hist 232(2)	US Hist since 1865	Staff	TTh	GT2	5:15-7:20P
Hist 300	Historical Writing	Harrie, Jeanne	TTh	CT2	10:00-12:05P
Hist 301	Greece	Vivian, Miriam	MW	F2	3:00-5:05P
Hist 325	History European Colonialism 1500-1970	Murphy, Cliona	TTh	GT2	5:15-7:20P
Hist 359	Recent America, 1960-Present	Maynard, John	TTh	CT2	10:00-12:05P
Hist 413	Middle East in World History 600-1453	Dhada, Mustafah	MW	C2	10:00-12:05P
Hist 423	Modern Japan	Orliski, Connie	MW	G2	5:15-7:20P
Hist 445	AV/ITV The American West	Dodd	TTh	FT2	3:00-5:05P
Hist 468	Mexican-American History	Rodriquez, Alicia	MW	D2	12:45-2:50P
Hist 490	Senior Seminar	Vivian, Miriam	TTh	DT2	12:45-2:50P
Hist 497	Cooperative Education	Staff	TBA		
Hist 499	Individual Study	Staff	TBA		
Hist 503	Historical Research Methods	Orliski, Connie	T	G1	5:15-9:35P
Hist 697	Master's Thesis	Staff	TBA		
Hist 698	Comprehensive Exam-MA	Staff	TBA		
Hist 699	Individual Study	Staff	TBA		

Tentative WINTER 2013

Hist 204	Western Civilization II	Harrie, Jeanne	MWF	D3	1:00-2:25P
Hist 210(1)	World History I	Vivian Miriam	TTh	DT2	12:45-2:50P
Hist 210(2)	World History I	Dhada, Mustafah	MW	G2	5:15-7:20P
Hist 222	Modern Pacific Asia	Orliski, Connie	MW	D2	12:45-2:50P
Hist 231(1)	Sur of US Hist to 1877	Schmoll, Brett	MW	B2	7:45-9:50A
Hist 231(2)	Sur of US Hist to 1877	Schmoll, Brett	MW	C2	10:00-12:05P
Hist 232(1)	Sur of US Hist since 1865	Dodd, Doug	TTh	CT2	10:00-12:05P
Hist 232(2)	Sur of US Hist since 1865	Staff	TTh	GT2	5:15-7:20P
Hist 232(3)	Sur of US Hist since 1865	Staff	MW	F2	3:00-5:05P
Hist 270	Survey of CA History	Maynard, John	TTh	FT2	3:00-5:05P
Hist 300	Historical Writing	Murphy, Cliona	MW	F2	3:00-5:05P
Hist 303	The Roman Empire	Vivian, Miriam	MW	D2	12:45-2:50P
Hist 312	AV/ITV Modern Spain	Murphy, Cliona	TTh	DT2	12:45-2:50P
Hist 356	The Civil War Era, 1828-1877	Rodriquez, Alicia	MW	C2	10:00-12:05P
Hist 371	Modern California	Maynard, John	TTh	CT2	10:00-12:05P
Hist 414	Ottomans	Dhada, Mustafah	MW	F2	3:00-5:05P
Hist 424	Early and Medieval China	Orliski, Connie	MW	G2	5:15-7:20P
Hist 467	American Indian History	Dodd, Doug	TTh	FT2	3:00-5:05P
Hist 497	Cooperative Education	Staff	TBA		
Hist 499	Individual Study	Staff	TBA		
Hist 555	Reading Sem in American History	Rodriquez, Alicia	M	G1	5:15-9:35P
Hist 697	Master's Thesis	Staff	TBA		
Hist 698	Comprehensive Exam-MA	Staff	TBA		
Hist 699	Individual Study	Staff	TBA		

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