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FROM DOUG SWEENEY, CFH PRESIDENT

It is with a profound sense of gratitude that I write this note to you. After a few transitional years in which we revised our constitution and witnessed a major change in leadership at *Fides et Historia*, the Conference on Faith and History is stronger than ever.

Last September we held the largest biennial conference in our history. Nearly 300 people attended (284 registrations). Glenn Sanders, along with the rest of folks at Oklahoma Baptist, did a marvelous job hosting us and making all feel welcome. Rick Kennedy and his crew compiled a fascinating program. Carla Lovett led an excellent Student Research Conference. Many thanks to all who planned sessions, gave papers, sat on panels, and spoke with students. By all accounts, your hard work was greatly appreciated.

In January we sponsored both a breakfast and a panel in Atlanta in conjunction with the AHA convention. More than 70 people attended the panel on Mark Noll's *The Civil War as a Theological Crisis* (2006). Expert commentary was offered by Paul Harvey, Tracy McKenzie, Randall Miller, and Beth Barton Schweiger. Their comments will be published soon in *Fides et Historia* with a response from Mark Noll. So many responded favorably to the format of the session that

we have decided to use it again at next year's AHA convention (in Washington, D. C.), when we will feature John Sommerville's *The Decline of the Secular University: Why the Academy Needs Religion* (2006).

Jared Burkholder continues to serve our graduate student membership with passion and creativity. Just recently, at Jared's behest, our Board approved the funding of a reception for graduate students at all future biennial meetings. We have also determined to fund two different student paper prizes – one for undergraduate students and one for graduate students – to be awarded to those (in each category) who give the best papers at our future biennial meetings. These prizes will consist of \$300 and publication in *Fides et Historia*. Please stay tuned for further details.

Speaking of *Fides*, we owe another word of thanks to Ron Wells for his many years of service as the editor of our journal. We look forward to the leadership of Ron's successor at Calvin, Will Katerberg, who took the reigns last summer. Will benefits from the expert help of Sarah Van Timmeren, his trusty Editorial Assistant, who has settled in at Calvin to replace Lorrie Menninga (God rest her soul). And we continue to benefit from the labors of Steve Pointer, our Book Review Editor, who invites you to volunteer to write reviews (spointer@tiu.edu). A special word to our seasoned veterans: *Fides et*

Historia will thrive only insofar as you invest yourself and your students in its pages. Will and Steve are always seeking truly first-rate submissions. Please put *Fides* at the top of your list of refereed journals as you look for places to publish your best scholarship.

Last but not least, I want to thank *you*, the faithful members of the Conference, for your ongoing partnership. We would not be here without you. We are here to support your work—in the classroom, the archives, the office, and everywhere else that you apply yourself to the task of faithful history. We hope that you will walk with us as we step into the future. We promise to be good stewards of your investment.

Douglas A. Sweeney, CFH President
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

FROM RON WELLS, RETIRING EDITOR OF *FIDES ET HISTORIA*

REMARKS FROM THE CLOSING PLENARY SESSION, 2006 CFH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Today marks the end of my working life. This event is the last in a series in which I have been honored upon retirement: my department, my college, and now the Conference on Faith and History. I am grateful for the organizers and the panelists for this light-hearted event. Thanks to Will Katerberg and Rick Kennedy for organizing it. Thanks to Dick Pierard and Shirley Mullen: I am glad to have had them as colleagues and friends in the CFH for so long. Thanks to Jim Bratt, a former student and now friend. He joins other students I encouraged – Peggy Bendroth, Bill Van Vugt and Joel Carpenter – who have given the greatest gift a teacher can receive: seeing students go on and do better than one could do oneself. Thanks to George Marsden, one of my oldest friends. It is because of him that I turned down another offer and chose to come to Calvin in the first place. Having him as a colleague and friend for so long had been a great delight. Over the course of my long

life there have been the predictable ups and downs. At one particular “down” period George and his wife Luci walked alongside me, and I am grateful for that.

But as I look around here today I am forced to ask: “Does it end like this? A boy raised in the Episcopal Church in Boston is to end his career in a Baptist chapel in Oklahoma! (Sounds like the idea for a Johnnie Cash song). Is this what it comes to?” Well, I guess so.... But, seriously, I am glad to be here among so many friends. Thanks for coming out today.

My parents immigrated to Boston from Atlantic Canada. I was born into an Anglican (as my parents called the Episcopal Church) home. My Dad was more of a churchman and my Mom tended more toward being an Evangelical. They settled somewhat uneasily into the local Episcopal Church in Brookline, the first town west of Boston. After the Billy Graham crusade came through Boston in the 1950s, my Mom advocated a move to the Park Street Church on the Boston Common. My Dad was willing to go to keep peace in the family, but he was deeply ambivalent about the whole Evangelical Movement – a feeling I shared then and now. They agreed to wait until I was “safely” confirmed in the Episcopal Church. In due time I took catechism and was confirmed by the Bishop [I received a certificate stating that by the apostolic rite of laying on of hands I had received the Holy Spirit]. This has come in handy later on, when Pentecostals and Charismatics have asked if I’ve received the Holy Spirit. I have a certificate signed by a Bishop to prove it, which is more than they have!

We indeed moved to the Park Street Church, but try as I would, I never really took to the Evangelical ethos and style. I didn’t have pietistic language; I had no conversion narrative, and no affect of the summer camps or other hoopla of Evangelicalism [as one person said of me, “Ron has never thrown a faggot on the fire.”] No indeed I had not, and when I first heard the unknown phrase I was befuddled, even startled, by it. But I

stayed with it at the Park Street Church and did the best I could, encouraged by the fact that there were lots of nice looking girls there! I am glad I stayed with it, because I learned to think as a Christian there, in a way I probably wouldn't have in the Episcopal Church. By the time college came, the Minister to students was the redoubtable Dr. Harold O. J. Brown, later to be Doug Sweeney's senior colleague at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Joe lent me a copy of Abraham Kuyper's famous Stone Lectures, *Lectures on Calvinism*, which William B. Eerdmans (bless their hearts) have kept in print for over a hundred years now. It is not that one book shaped my life, but the whole notion of Christian faith as worldview was launched in my mind then, and has been a governing principle ever since. Then Joe caused the as-yet-unpublished Francis A. Schaeffer to come to Boston. We got a room at Harvard Divinity School, and we heard Schaeffer put the now-famous "line of despair" on the chalkboard. For those of us present it was electrifying. We levitated as much as listened. It was an astonishingly empowering moment, at which a number of us present saw for the first time what "Christian scholarship" might look like. A number of us thought we had found our true calling. I visited Schaeffer's L'Abri in Switzerland several times after that, and felt even more empowered to go ahead in a career of Christian scholarship in the field of History [It was therefore particularly painful to hear again, in Barry Hankins' paper the other night, about the way my former guru and I fell out twenty years later].

In the mid-sixties, thinking of my academic career, I asked Joe Brown (when I was in the Army in Germany and he working with IFES in Switzerland) if there were any colleges in the USA that might encourage this kind of worldview scholarship. He said there was a little Dutch Reformed college in Michigan that did something of that, but that there wasn't much going in the USA at all. In due time, Bob Swierenga was to resign his position at Calvin and move to Kent State. I applied, was flown in from Germany for an interview, met George Marsden and

Rich Mouw, and decided to take that offer. In the fall of 1969, new Ph.D. from Boston University in hand, I arrived in Grand Rapids, ready to begin.

I was quite surprised – even dismayed – that at Calvin College and in the host denomination, The Christian Reformed Church, the majority sentiment was an ethnic version of pietistic Evangelicalism. We now know, but didn't then, (cf. Mark Noll's path breaking book, *The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind*) that such spirituality was, and is, a stumbling block to rigorous Christian scholarship. But, I am glad to say that there was a strong minority at Calvin who were very much for worldview-type scholarship, and I drew much comfort and empowerment from their friendship and comradeship. The leader was Nicholas P. Wolterstorff, a person known to many of you, and, in my view, the top scholar – and person – ever produced by Calvin College. His influence, both in academic and human terms, was immense. Among my peers, the leaders were Rich Mouw (now president of Fuller Seminary) and George Marsden (the much-celebrated scholar of American religion, now at Notre Dame). Rich and George drew me into what was called "the *Reformed Journal* crowd," and those who gravitated to the publishing program at the William B. Eerdmans publishing company. In due time I was to become an editor of *The Reformed Journal* and was to publish five books with Eerdmans. As I went further and deeper into the world of Christian scholarship, I was encouraged by many colleagues, and by a succession of Provosts: Peter DeVos, Gord Van Harn and Joel Carpenter; and by Deans of Research: Steve Evans, Shirley Roels and Janel Curry. I was glad to offer some leadership of my own; for most of the 1990s I was Director of the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship.

Outside of Calvin I was drawn to the work of the Conference on Faith and History, which had started just a few years before my debut at Calvin College. Back then the CFH was very new, structurally fragile, and trying to forge its identity. Some of the more

Evangelically—oriented historians wanted to offer fellowship at the sometimes-hostile AHA meetings. I too was glad for the fellowship angle, but I was more eager to lend aid to the movement of bringing professional history into the realm of “Christian scholarship.” Those two callings have, in truth, been in some tension throughout the history of the CFH.

Bob Linder was the founding editor of *Fides et Historia*. I had the privileged of being the second editor, serving in that capacity from 1977 to 1983. In the 1980s the Christian College Coalition (new Council) wanted to develop a series of supplementary textbooks that would parallel the presumably “secular” textbooks in beginning courses in the various liberal arts disciplines. Eerdmans passed on the project, believe the series wouldn’t sell. That is a decision they regret, because Harper and Row (now Harper-Collins) took it and, and the “Through the Eyes of Faith” series has succeeded handsomely. I am very glad for the success and apparent impact of *History Through the Eyes of Faith*, which has been translated into French and Korean.

The CFH struggled for years to be accepted by the AHA, and it was frustrating for us to be continually rejected in our application to be an affiliated society. We finally were accepted and it gave us a legitimate seat at the table of professional history work. That, along with the great scholarly success of some members (especially Noll and Marsden) but also of the likes of Bays, Carpenter, Hatch, Linder, Pierard, Pointer, Askew, caused both Christian scholarship and the CFH to flourish in the discipline of History.

In the late 1990s, in truth, the CFH lost the way a bit. Some in leadership lacked vigor and purpose, and there was some question about the long-term viability of the Conference on Faith and History. The journal had languished. New leadership caused *Fides* to come back to Calvin, where Frank Roberts and I agreed to be co-editors and to get the journal back on its feet. After two years Frank was to become a Dean and had other

things to do, so I carried on as sole editor. Some people have been generous enough to suggest that I may have saved *Fides*, and the Conference on Faith and History. Whether or not that is true aside, I have found great satisfaction in being editor for so long, and, in my view, fulfilling my true calling in bringing historical work into the realm of Christian scholarship.

New leadership emerged in the late 1990s. Thom Askew, Bill Trollinger and Shirley Mullen provided outstanding leadership at crucial times. And, as the indefatigable Dick Pierard (for many years the heart and soul of the CFH), retired, the good folks at Huntington University – Paul Michelson and Dwight Brautigam – developed a professional and stable base for the ongoing work of the CFH. Will Katerberg, backed by the financial support of Calvin College, is poised to give leadership to *Fides*.

Looking back now (the province of “retiring” people) after thirty five years, I am struck by the fact that I do not see a golden age in the past, like many old duffers do, but in the present and the future. When I started out there was hardly anyone around to encourage us to develop “Christian scholarship” in the field of History. Today, by contrast, seems to be a golden age, with possibilities for younger scholars that we only dreamed about a generation ago. I hope and pray that the new leadership of the CFH, emboldened by the empowering presidential addresses of Shirley Mullen and Doug Sweeney, will take the work of the Conference on Faith and History to new heights of success.

I hope that all members, both new and long-standing, will continue to encourage each other. In our calling to bring responsible Christian scholarship to the discipline of History, we should recall that we are indeed serving a high calling, and that we should bring our best work to the task. Both in our historical teaching and writing, and well as in the human interactions surrounding our work, we should always keep in mind

whose kingdom is coming and which we should seek first.

Thank you, and God's peace to you all.

Ronald A. Wells
(aka, the retired gentleman of Tennessee)

CFH WORKGROUP ON TEACHING

The CFH would like to announce the formation of a Workgroup on Teaching (*not* to be known hereafter as "The WOG"). The goals of the Workgroup are (1) to produce recognizably Christian scholarly works on teaching and learning, including work on the educational function of public history, for publication in *Fides et Historia* and elsewhere, (2) to publish ideas and methods for teaching history "Christianly," and (3) to create networks of scholars interested in collaborating, with the possibility of grant funding.

The Workgroup plans to gear up by pursuing the following strategies: (1) In the next issue of *Fides*, editor Will Katerberg will introduce the idea of regularly including essays on teaching in the journal; (2) Glenn Sanders will solicit articles on teaching for *Fides*. Contact Glenn if you are currently working on a project in the scholarship of teaching. If you have delivered a paper at the CFH conference on pedagogy or the teaching craft, plan to receive a personal note from Glenn in the immediate future. The plan is to line up three or four manuscripts by May 2007; (3) The Workgroup will focus on building a network to exchange ideas concerning the goals, means, etc. for teaching history. Please send Glenn your ideas about building up this network (e.g., best means to communicate, etc.). CFH'ers should communicate the Workgroup's goals to other colleagues as well, with names of interested persons forwarded to Glenn as well; (4) the Workgroup will facilitate joint efforts of scholar-teachers with similar interests in projects related to history teaching within the contexts of Christian belief.

Glenn will circulate the names of people with special interests and their initial ideas for projects. Grants for collaboration are available through the CCCU, the Kuyers Institute at Calvin College, and other places.

The Workgroup intends to pursue collaborative projects among scholar-teachers, among which are (1) the history classroom as a place for instruction in moral reasoning; (2) theological readings for teachers of history (3) the place of spiritual disciplines within the history classroom. The Workgroup is inspired by important work in the scholarship of teaching and learning, especially work that has appeared in the last several years. CFH members and *Fides* readers are well situated both to contribute to this work and to take advantage of it, and Glenn would very much like to hear from those who are interested in becoming involved. Glenn's email is glenn.sanders@okbu.edu.

REMINDER ABOUT DUES

Keep in mind that membership dues will be collected from now until March 31, 2007 for the 2007 calendar year. If you want more information about the CFH membership policies, consult the CFH website at www.huntington.edu/cfh. Graduate students must renew their free membership by email or post to the CFH office by March 31, 2007 as well.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joel Carpenter would like to announce the first three projects at the new Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity, at Calvin College:

1. "Primal Religions as the Substructure of Christianity", coordinated by Ghanaian theologians Kwame Bediako and Gillian Bediako, and led by their longtime mentor and associate, Andrew Walls, professor emeritus at the University of Edinburgh. This project will gather experts from around the globe to explore the historic affinity of Christianity with the world's so-called primal or traditional faiths, the beliefs and worldview of tribal peoples worldwide. The working hunch of this team is that primal religion provides much more of the spiritual undercarriage of Christianity than we truly understand. We hope to see a good first book on this topic, and plans for a larger, multi-institute collaborative effort.

2. "Science, Philosophy and Belief," in collaboration with the Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP), and a network of China's leading university departments of philosophy and religion. This project will help Chinese scholars to delve deeper into questions regarding science and religion. We are hosting Chinese scholars here for a summer seminar, sending professors to China for lectures and seminars, running a major conference in Beijing, sponsoring visiting students and professors at Calvin, Baylor, Hope and Notre Dame, publishing with Peking University Press, and sending 9-10,000 books in this field to Chinese university libraries. This initiative is supported by a grant from the John Templeton Foundation.

3. A video documentary series, "African Christianity," which has been shot on site in Zimbabwe and Ghana, and among African immigrant congregations here in the U.S. Dr. James Ault, the award-winning documentary film maker and former William Spoelhof Visiting Teacher-Scholar at Calvin College, is producing the series, which will include broadcasting on international public

television, and a DVD set for classroom use. Funding partners include the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship and the John Templeton Foundation. The Nagel Institute's website is www.calvin.edu./nagel/.

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InterVarsity Christian Fellowship would like to remind CFH members about the Emerging Scholars Network. The Emerging Scholars Network is called to identify, encourage, and support the next generation of Christian scholars, at all stages of their academic careers, who seek to be a redeeming influence within higher education. You can learn more about the Emerging Scholar's Network at the following website: www.intervarsity.org/gfm/esn/

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The Seminars in Christian Scholarship program at Calvin College seeks to promote a strong Christian voice in the academy by addressing issues of current debate within various disciplines from the perspective of a deep Christian commitment and encouraging the production of first-order scholarship. The Seminars in Christian Scholarship office is pleased to offer the following seminars and workshops during the summer of 2007:

Liturgical Identities: Global, National, Ecclesial Michael L. Budde, DePaul University and D. Stephen Long, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary

Shaping Communities: The Role of Theatre in the Christian Academy, Debra Freeberg, Calvin College, John Steven Paul, Valparaiso University, and Michael Stauffer, Wheaton College

Biblical Studies Across the Curriculum: Discerning Scripture for the Disciplines, James K. A. Smith, Calvin College and J. Richard Middleton, Roberts Wesleyan College

Business as Ministry: Exploring the Issues, Patterns, and Challenges Steven L.

Rundle, Biola University and C. Neal Johnson, Belhaven College

Please note that the application deadline for these events is January 26, 2007.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Palm Beach Atlantic University: Assistant/Associate Professor of History. Qualifications: Ph.D. in History, with a specialization in U.S. History from 1877 to the present; relevant education and ability to teach additional fields; evidence of quality teaching; preferred additional field is Asia/China/Japan, but other areas of the non-Western world (especially Africa or the Middle East) will be given serious consideration; ability to teach interdisciplinary humanities courses in core program. Applicants must have a Christian commitment and the ability to integrate Christian faith with traditional coursework. For further information go to www.pba.edu <<http://www.pba.edu>>, about PBA, Administrative Offices, Human Resources.

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Grace College: The Department of History and Social Studies at Grace College is seeking applicants for a full-time position in either US or Non-Western history. The successful applicant will be teaching survey courses in one of these areas as well as upper level courses in his or her area of specialization. The department seeks to expand the concentrations available within its social studies secondary education major; there-

fore, an ability to teach human geography or political science will be attractive.

This position is contingent upon approval by the Board of Trustees. A Ph.D., publications, and teaching experience are required. Grace is a Christian liberal arts college informed by the pietist and evangelical traditions.

A cover-letter, a statement of teaching philosophy within a Christian liberal arts college, c.v., and names and addresses of referees should be sent by 1 February 2007 to Dr. M.M. Norris, Chair, Dept. of History and Social Studies, Grace College, 200 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, IN 46590. E-mail: norrismm@grace.edu. Grace is an AA/EOE.

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Liberty University: Liberty University has two new full-time positions (Assistant/Associate Prof.) in History, starting August 2007. Ph.D. or ABD required. Specialization open, but the following fields are desirable: public history, 19th century America, women's history, world history, social science education, geography. For position prospectus, contact Dr. David Snead at dlsnead@liberty.edu.

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Roberts Wesleyan: The Department of History at Roberts Wesleyan College invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position in non-western history beginning August 2007. Field of specialization is open. Rank and salary will be commensurate with education and experience.

Qualifications: Candidates should have their Ph.D. by August 2007, and have demonstrated interest and potential excellence in undergraduate teaching. Prefer candidates with the ability to teach 20th century topics.

Responsibilities: Teach upper division courses in non-western history and a gen-

eral survey course in Western or World Civilization.

Roberts Wesleyan College: Founded in 1866 by the leaders of the Free Methodist Church, Roberts Wesleyan College is an independent, coeducational, comprehensive liberal arts college committed to integrating a Christian worldview and a liberal arts education. With an enrollment of 1,960 students, the college offers more than 50 liberal arts, professional and pre-professional bachelor degree programs, and offers master degree programs in education, management, psychology, health administration and social work.

Roberts Wesleyan College is located in the greater Rochester, New York metropolitan area which has a population of nearly one million. The Rochester area is a thriving educational, cultural, and corporate center. The campus, located in the suburb of North Chili, covers approximately 150 acres and features excellent facilities. More information about the College can be found at www.roberts.edu.

Application Process: Women and members of minority groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Please send or email a letter of interest and curriculum vitae by December 1, 2006, to:

Dr. R.J. Stansbury Department of History
Roberts Wesleyan College 2301 Westside
Drive Rochester, NY 14624 email: Stansbury_Ronald@roberts.edu

Roberts Wesleyan College complies with all applicable non-discrimination laws and is committed to the enhancement of human dignity and workplace diversity.

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Montreat College: Montreat College School of Arts and Sciences has an opening for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of History

Requirements: Ph.D. in History (or A.B.D. near completion). Candidates with minor fields of study in Latin American, African or Asian history are encouraged to apply.

Responsibilities: Teach introductory history classes and upper level courses in U. S. history within the School of Arts and Sciences. The candidate must be willing to support the college's mission of being Christ-centered, student-focused and service-driven, and preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a clear commitment to the integration of faith into their scholarship and teaching. Salary is commensurate with qualifications.

Start Date: Fall 2007

Application Deadline: Screening will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Application Process: Please send a letter of application, curriculum vita, transcripts of all graduate-level work, list of three (3) references, and a statement of Christian belief, including philosophy of Christian Higher Education to:

Dr. Abiola O. Awosika-Fapetu Vice President & Dean of Academics Montreat College
P.O. Box 1267 Montreat, NC 28757 USA
Phone: 828-669-8012, ext. 3621 Fax: 828-669-9554

The College: Montreat College is a Christian liberal arts college accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer masters, bachelors, and associates degrees. The main campus is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains fifteen miles east of Asheville, North Carolina, a region recognized as one of the most attractive living environments in the United States. Satellite campuses in Asheville, Charlotte, and other sites supplement the main campus. The College is committed to Christ-centered teaching and learning, and is a member of the

Council for Christian Colleges & Universities.

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Huntington University: Huntington University seeks a historian to fill a tenure-track position in non-Western history. The successful applicant must be able to teach courses in areas of specialty, preferably Asia or Middle East, and assist in the department's history of civilization two-semester course required of all students. Salary is competitive for four-year colleges and universities, and is dependent on the applicant's qualifications and experience. Fringe benefits include TIAA/CRÉF, medical, life and disability insurance, and tuition remission for dependents.

QUALIFICATIONS: PhD in history or related field, Christian commitment consistent with University's Statement of Faith, Ability to teach effectively within a liberal arts program, and Understanding of the mission and culture of a Christian liberal arts university.

Review of applications commences immediately and will continue until the position is filled. APPLICATION DEADLINE is November 1, 2006.

Information about Huntington University may be found at www.huntington.edu. Information about the History Department and its majors can be found at www.huntington.edu/history. The Huntington University application form may be found at www.huntington.edu/dean. Letters of interest with curriculum vita and a completed application form should be addressed to Dr. Norris Friesen, Vice President and Dean of the University, Huntington University, Huntington, IN 46750 or attached to an email: nfriesen@huntington.edu. Review of applications commences immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Anderson University: Anderson University School of Theology announces a tenure-track position in Church History, to begin in 2007-08. Candidate is expected to teach seven courses per academic year, have excellent classroom skills and a demonstrated interest in both electronic and face-to-face educational delivery. Completed Th.D/Ph.D. and teaching experience expected. Rank and salary set according to qualifications and experience. In addition to academic qualifications, the candidate should be committed to the Christian faith, be involved in a local congregation, and possess an ability to develop courses and programs that are inclusive of the diversity of the students and constituency served. High priority given to those who are ordained and/ or experienced in congregational leadership and have a strong commitment to the Church of God, Anderson, Indiana. Anderson University School of Theology is the seminary of the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana), and aspires to be "Biblical in orientation, evangelical in emphasis, and ecumenical in spirit."

Application Process: Applications welcome from all qualified persons (EOE), and should be received by October 1, 2006. Send curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference to Dean David Sebastian, Anderson University School of Theology, 1100 East Fifth Street, Anderson, Indiana 46012-3495.

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Louisiana College: Ph. D. in history required and teaching experience in higher education preferred. Teaching responsibilities include world civilization, U.S. history prior to 1877 and European history prior to 1815. Commitment to quality teaching, scholarly development and service expected. Position is tenure track with salary and rank based upon the candidate's qualifications. Candidates must demonstrate a vital Christian faith. Position will begin August 2006. Louisiana College is a private, Baptist, coeducational college of liberal arts and sciences with selected professional programs. Aca-

demics at Louisiana College are characterized by the integration of faith and learning within the mission of the institution and the Baptist Faith and Message. The College was founded in 1906 and is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Louisiana Baptist Convention. It has an enrollment of about 1,000 students and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Application Process: Applicants should send a letter of application, curriculum vita, unofficial transcripts and the names and addresses of three references to: Dr. Glenn Sumrall, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Louisiana College, P. O. Box 567, Pin-ville, LA 71359 or e-mail information to academicaffairs@lacollege.edu.

Azusa Pacific University: Job Description: Specialization in Latin American, Asian or Islamic history desired, ability to teach world history surveys essential.

Responsibilities: The successful applicant must be able to teach lower-division world civilization surveys and upper-division courses in area of specialty. An ability to teach lower and upper division writing courses and courses with a strong liberal arts content is essential. Ability to teach in an interdisciplinary Great Works program is highly desirable. Involvement in departmental and university affairs is expected.

Qualifications: Ph.D. in history in field of expertise.

Experience: Previous teaching experience accompanied by active and productive scholarship are desired.

Workload: 4 courses per semester.

Application Process: Applicants should submit letter describing qualifications and interest for the position; curriculum vitae; a

statement of Christian faith; and names, addresses, and phone numbers of five references to Michael M. Whyte, PhD, Provost, Azusa Pacific University, 901 E. Alostia Ave., PO Box 7000, Azusa, CA 91702-7000, (626) 812-3087. Review of applications will begin immediately, and the positions will remain open until filled.

Wheaton College: Wheaton College (IL) seeks candidates for the McManis Professor of Christian Thought. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment to begin in August 2007. The successful candidate will have a Ph.D., a decade of teaching experience, and a senior publication record in one or more of the following areas: history, philosophy, theology, or biblical studies. The ideal candidate for this chair position should be able to speak to the evangelical and broader Christian communities on issues of faith, learning, culture, and the mission of the church. Teaching load is eight hours per semester. Applications will be accepted immediately and will be considered until the position is filled.

Application Process: Please send letter of interest and curriculum vita to: Dr. Jill Pelaez Baumgaertner, Dean of Humanities and Theological Studies; McManis Chair Search; Wheaton College; 501 College Avenue; Wheaton, Illinois 60187. Please send e-mail correspondence to McManisChair@wheaton.edu.

Wheaton College is an evangelical protestant Christian liberal arts college whose faculty members affirm a Statement of Faith and the moral and lifestyle expectations of our Community Covenant. The College complies with federal and state guidelines of nondiscrimination in employment; women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Charleston Southern University: Charleston Southern University invites applicants for the position of Chair in the Department of Religion beginning August 1, 2006. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in one of the following areas: Biblical Studies, Church History, or Theological Studies. Moreover, the applicant should have a graduate degree from one of the six Southern Baptist seminaries, publications in scholarly journals, active membership in a Southern Baptist Church, and ordination as a minister in a Southern Baptist Church. A minimum of five years full time teaching experience in a Department of Religion at the college or seminary level in a regionally accredited institution is required. Significant administrative experience in higher education is strongly desirable.

Charleston Southern University is an independent comprehensive university with over 3,000 students and offers over 30 undergraduate majors and graduate degrees in Education, Business and Criminal Justice. The University is affiliated with the South Carolina Baptist Convention and employs faculty who are professing Christians.

Send letter of application, resume, and names and telephone numbers of three references to: Dr. D. L. Martin, Jr., Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences, Charleston Southern University, P. O. Box 118087, Charleston, South Carolina 29423-8087. Charleston Southern University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, disability or sex.

CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Liberty University History Department announces a call for papers on Christianity and American History. The conference organizers welcome a wide array of paper topics and/or panel proposals which examine the seminal role of Christianity in American history from the colonial to modern period. A central purpose of the conference is to give scholarly attention to Christianity's role

in the nation's history and to create a forum for collegial discourse with scholars from various perspectives on the topic. The conference keynote address will be given by Dr. Daniel Dreisbach, William E. Simon Fellow at Princeton University, author of "Religion and Politics in the Early Republic: Jasper Adams and the Church State Debate" (1996) and "Thomas Jefferson and the Wall of Separation Between Church and State" (2002). The conference will be held at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia on April 20-21.

Scholars interested in presenting papers should electronically submit a title, brief abstract and a brief vita to cahc@liberty.edu. Those interested in forming a panel should submit a title of the proposed panel along with each presenter's paper title/abstract and vita. Include the name and vita of a chair and/or paper commenter as well. All proposals should be received by February 1, 2007. The conference organizers will notify of participation status by February 19, 2007. For inquiries about the conference, or to submit an individual or panel proposal, please write to cahc@liberty.edu.

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Timothy Larsen's new monograph, *Crisis of Doubt: Honest Faith in Nineteenth-Century England* (Oxford University Press, 2006) was named *Books & Culture's* Book of the Year for 2006.



CFH MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

John A. D'Elia has accepted the position of Senior Pastor at The American Church in London, at 79a Tottenham Court Road, London W1T 4TD UK.

George Harper has been appointed Professor of Christian History and Theology and Director of Doctoral Studies at Evangelical Theological Seminary, in Osijek, Croatia.

Philip E. Harrold, Associate Professor of Church History at Winebrenner Theological Seminary, will serve a guest lectureship at St. John's College-Nottingham, U.K. in 2007.

Thomas Albert Howard has been named director of the Jerusalem and Athens Forum at Gordon College, which is a great books—based honors program in the history of Christian thought and literature.

Richard Kyle taught as a Fulbright Scholar at Yanka Kupala State University in Belarus. This was his second Fulbright Scholarship.

Richard L. Lindberg has taken a new position as the Genealogy and Local History Librarian at the State Library of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is preparing an article for publication on the East End controversy in the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America in 1890 and 1891.

David G. Smith graduated with a Ph.D. in American History from Penn State University in December. His dissertation is titled, "On the Edge of Freedom: The Fugitive Slave Issue in South Central Pennsylvania, 1820-1870," and his adviser was William A. Blair. He is currently working for Booz Allen Hamilton and looking for an academic job.

Herman Paul (University of Groningen) has been awarded a research grant from the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research for a project titled "Consequences of Historicism: Anti-Historicism in Religious

Neo-Movements, 1900-1960." The aim of this four-year project is to investigate how theologically conservative religious communities during the so-called "second confessional age" dealt with issues of historical distance, historicity, historicism and historical relativism. In particular, the project will study how some of their intellectual elites – neo-Calvinist philosophers at the Free University in Amsterdam, neo-Thomists at the Catholic University of Leuven and "neo-Lutheran" theologians associated with the Luther Academy in Sondershausen – struggled with increasing tensions between their recently-created "worldviews" and historicist thought in a context of rapid historical change. Parts of the project will be carried out at the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, where Herman Paul is a member-in-residence during the 2006-2007 academic year.

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Doug Firth Anderson, "Toward an Established Mysticism: Judeo-Christian Traditions in Post-World War II California and Nevada," in *Religion and Public Life in the Pacific Region: Fluid Identities*, Wade Clark Roof and Mark Silk, eds. (AltaMira Press, 2005).

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Philip E. Harrold, *A Place Somewhat Apart: The Private Worlds of a Late Nineteenth-Century Public University* (Wipf & Stock, 2006); entries in *Encyclopedia of Religious Revivals in America* (Greenwood Press, 2007); "Stealing Past the Watchful Dragons: C. S. Lewis's Incarnational Aesthetics and Today's Emerging Imagination," in *Lion and Logos: The Life, Times, and Works of C. S.*

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David Settje, *Lutherans and the Longest War: Adrift on a Sea of Doubt about the Cold and Vietnam Wars, 1964-1975* (Lexington Books, 2007).

Charles J. Scalise, "Retrieving the 'WIPS': Exploring the Assimilation of White Italian Protestants," *Italian Americana: Cultural and Historical Review*. Mr. Scalise also presented a paper to the Theological Hermeneutics of Christian Scripture Group at the AAR-SBL annual meeting in Washington, D.C., titled "The Hermeneutical Circle of Christian

Community: Biblical, Theological, and Practical Dimensions of the Unity of Scripture."

Paul Spickard (with Joanne Rondilla), *Is Lighter Better? Skin-Tone Discrimination among Asian Americans* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2006) and *Almost All Aliens: Immigration, Race, and Colonialism in American History and Identity* (Routledge, 2006).

Richard Weikart, *From Darwin to Hitler: Evolutionary Ethics, Eugenics and Racism in Germany*, pbk. ed. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2006) and "The Impact of Social Darwinism on Anti-Semitic Ideology in Germany and Austria, 1860-1945," in *Jewish Tradition and the Challenge of Evolution*, Geoffrey Cantor and Mark Swetlitz eds. (University of Chicago Press, 2006).

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The CFH is a community of scholars exploring the relationship between Christian faith and history. We welcome members from a variety of Christian traditions around the world, and we seek to learn from scholars outside the Christian tradition. Our primary goal is to encourage excellence in the theory and practice of history from the perspective of historic Christianity.



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