



NEWSLETTER

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TRANSITIONS AT FIDES ET HISTORIA

At the last meeting of the CFH executive Board, several transitions at *Fides et Historia* were agreed upon. I have been asked to write something about that for the *Newsletter*.

Over the next two years there will be two transitions on the editorial staff of *Fides*. They will be smooth transitions because both positions—general editor and book review editor—will remain at the same institutions. In the early 1990s there were some transitions that did not go well and the very existence of the journal was in question. In late 1996, Frank Roberts and I agreed to come back as editors on an emergency basis. Frank agreed to two years, and I have carried on for the last five years as sole editor. When I retire in two years, I will have been editor or co-editor of *Fides* for about half the journal's existence. It is time for the next phase of *Fides'* life to begin. But, we all want to be sure it continues as a quality journal.

Editor: In the summer of 2006, the new editor will be Dr. William Katerberg, Associate Professor of History at Calvin College. Part of the reason for selecting Will Katerberg is because of his ability, energy and commitment to Christian scholarship. Part of the reason is because of the leadership of the Calvin provost, Joel Carpenter,

who is willing to fund the proposed five-year term, i.e., through the summer of 2011. Further, and very importantly, keeping *Fides* at Calvin College allows the journal to retain the services of Lorrie Menninga, who is also the administrator of the History Department. While no one is indispensable, Lorrie is nearly so. Her excellent editorial and production skills—honed over many years in the printing business before joining Calvin’s staff—have been essential to raising and maintaining the professional excellence of the journal. In all then, the journal will be in good hands and in good shape until the summer of 2011, when a new institutional host will have to provide an editor and a home for *Fides et Historia*.

Book Review Editor: Doug Sweeney has done an outstanding job as book review editor, a post he will have held for eight years. He began with a five year term in 1996. When I became sole editor following the crisis of 1997-1999, I asked Doug to stay for five more years, believing that continuity was vital at that time. I am delighted to have had this chance to work with Doug, a colleague whose professional skill was equaled by his Christian grace. Doug wants to move on to other pursuits and we thank him for his excellent work.

The post will remain in Deerfield, Illinois, but moving from Trinity Divinity School to Trinity International University. In the summer of 2004, Dr. Steven Pointer, of the Trinity History Department, will become the new book review editor. He has agreed to a seven year term, so as to coincide with Will Katerberg’s term as editor, i.e., until the summer of 2011. Steve is a long time member of the Conference on Faith and History, and a repeated contributor to the pages of our journal. Once again, we are grateful for Trinity’s renewed pledge of institutional support. And, with Doug Sweeney nearby to assist as needed, the transition there should be seamless.

Ronald A. Wells
Editor, *Fides et Historia*

GET THE STRAIGHT DOPE

The Billy Graham Center archives in Wheaton now has as Collection #82, the Records of The Conference on Faith and History. For details see,
www.wheaton.edu/bgc/archives/GUIDES/082.htm.

Notes from the Editors

In keeping with the theme of the alleged new millennium, the Conference on Faith and History has a number of transitions under way. The first of these to be announced and completed are those related to our journal, *Fides et Historia*. We would be remiss (or worse) if we did not take this occasion to publicly salute Calvin College for its generous institutional support of *Fides* and to Frank Roberts, Lorrie Menninga, and especially Ron Wells not only for a job well done, but for bailing the CFH out of some pretty deep waters when the last transition didn't work out so well. This is possibly one reason for the obvious care and thought that has gone into the editorial transitions detailed above by Ron. We also need to applaud the yeoman service given by Doug Sweeney as book review editor. It is no exaggeration to note that these editorships have been provided at clear personal sacrifices of their own scholarly projects and interests. We suggest that it would be entirely fitting to drop Ron and Doug an eMail or a line of thanks or appreciation (see p. 18 for addresses).

In another area, at our Chicago business meeting in 2003, several changes were proposed for the CFH constitution. Our president, George Giacumakis, is in the process of drawing up a presentation of these proposals and their rationale. These ideas will be discussed in Washington in January 2004. Shortly thereafter, it is our hope that the finalized proposals will be distributed to paid-up members for comments and responses. The changes will eventually be put up to a mail ballot of paid-up members sometime next year. Please give this matter careful attention when you receive the information from George.

In this newsletter, you will also find information about the 2004 CFH conferences, October 13-16. The conference co-chairs—John Fea (Messiah College), Jay Green (Covenant College), and Eric Miller (Geneva College)—have been hard at work. You need to publicize the meetings, especially to students, and, of course, you need to send in paper and panel proposals. See below, pp. 6-7.

Finally, please keep those eMails and letters coming with news items. Newsletters rely heavily on their regular readers for information. We need book and article notes, conference notices, and other items that your eagle eye may spot which are of potential interest to CFH members. And we thank you for your support.

From the Secretary-Treasurer

We are looking for a good turnout at the AHA Convention session in Washington, DC on the morning of January 10, 2004 at the Washington Hilton hotel; it includes a stellar lineup of CFH members with CHRISTOPHER ARMSTRONG, Editor, *Christian History*, speaking on "Making History Available to Popular Audiences." Of course, there will be the customary social hour preceding it, which is always a high point of the CFH season, whatever that might be.

I am also in the process of trying to collect the 2003 dues from every member who still owes. I billed you in June and another reminder is going out in December. If you are not sure whether you owe, go ahead and pay anyway. [Editors' Note: This man has been working in academia too long!] If you already have, I will credit the payment to 2004. The price remains the same: \$20.00 for regular members and \$15.00 for students and retirees. To be sure, most of you have not experienced the alleged economic recovery, but CFH dues are no more than a family meal at McDonalds (unless you have septuplets). I am really hoping to be able to turn over a completely clean set of books to my successors after the first of the year, so write your check now and send it to me at the History Department, Gordon College, Wenham, MA 01984. □

Also let me remind you of the fall meeting at Hope College in Holland MI in October 2004. You have been notified of the call for papers and we encourage everyone to come, whether or not they are giving a paper. We would like to continue the momentum of our previous two conferences that led off the 21st century—Point Loma Nazarene University CA in 2000, and Huntington College IN in 2002. {Editors' Note: technically, 2000 was in the last century, but who's counting?} Our get-together is the most fun time of the year and it epitomizes the dual aims of our society—promoting scholarship and enabling fellowship. No one ever comes away from the fall meeting sad or depressed.

FUTURE FALL MEETINGS: The Executive Board is now welcoming bids from schools desiring to host the 2006 and 2008 fall meetings. The requirements for hosting include a minimum of two CFH members employed at the institution, space on campus or in a conference center to house the meeting, adequate housing in the vicinity for attendees, and some modest financial support from the school. Please contact me if you desire further information.

Dick Pierard
Gordon College

Conference on Faith and History AHA Session

Saturday, January 10, 2004

TIME and Location:

7:30-9:15 A.M. Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Avenue NW, State Room,
Coffee hour and reception

Business Session:

9:15-9:30 A.M. Hilton, State Room, Business meeting
Presiding: George Giacomakis, Jr., California State University at Fullerton

Program Presentation:

9:30-11:30 A.M. Hilton, State Room, Session:
Presiding: □ Richard V. Pierard, Gordon College

Paper: □□□□ Making History Available to Popular Audiences
Christopher Armstrong, Editor, *Christian History* □

Comment: Dwight Brautigam, Huntington College
Mark R. Shaw, Nairobi Graduate School of Theology
Ronald A. Wells, Calvin College
Carol G. Woodfin, Palm Beach Atlantic University

For more info on the 2004 American Historical Association meeting, see:
<http://www.theaha.org/ANNUAL/index.cfm>.

The CFH program is at
http://www.theaha.org/ANNUAL/2004/2004Program/04sessions_Affiliates_CFH.htm

Come one, come all.

KUDOS

Robert D. (Bob) Linder (Kansas State University), a charter member of the CFH, has been named University Distinguished Professor of History at KSU, an honor reserved for only twenty of some 2,000 faculty at the university.

Douglas Firth Anderson (Northwestern College) has been awarded the 2003 Arrington-Prucha Prize in Western American Religious History from the Western History Association for his article "Protestantism, Progress, and Prosperity: John P. Clum and 'Civilizing' the U.S. Southwest, 1871-1886," *Western Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 33 (2002): 315-335.

2nd Biennial Conference on Faith and History Student Conference

13-14 October 2004
Hope College - Holland, Michigan

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Conference on Faith and History (CFH) announces a call for papers for its 2nd Biennial Student Research Conference at Hope College 13-14 October 2004. Undergraduate and graduate students, as well as those contemplating graduate school are encouraged to submit abstracts of standard research papers for presentation. Prospective presenters should be sympathetic with the mission of the CFH, an organization of Christians of all traditions interested in relating their faith to their work in history. The conference web site is:

www.messiah.edu/acdept/depthome/History/CFHstudentconf.htm

The student conference will be conducted in a conventional manner, giving students the opportunity to present their work in a formal setting with professional historians among CFH members responding. The meeting will provide students with opportunities to meet fellow Christian undergraduate and graduate students in history, gain experience in presenting scholarship, receive valuable feedback from professionals, and explore graduate school options. All student attendees are invited to the main meeting of the CFH that is to follow at Hope College. Our theme this year is "Christian Faith and the Historian's Vocation." The CFH meeting is scheduled for 14-16 October 2004.

13 October	Evening Plenary Session
14 October	Morning and Afternoon Sessions and a Lunch
14-16 October	24th Biennial Meeting of the CFH

Please send paper abstracts (one page) as a text-file to:

Dr. Eric Miller
Geneva College
3200 College Avenue
Beaver Falls, PA 15010
emiller@geneva.edu

Please also include a letter providing your name, contact information, educational history, and any other pertinent information.

DEADLINE: 1 May 2004

----->Please circulate this information to graduate and undergraduate students in your vast personal networks!!!



The Conference on Faith and History

ANNOUNCES

CHRISTIAN FAITH AND THE HISTORIAN'S VOCATION

24TH BIENNIAL MEETING, 14-16 OCTOBER 2004
HOPE COLLEGE – HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

PLENARY SPEAKERS

- SHIRLEY MULLEN, *Westmont College* • LENDOL CALDER, *Augustana College*
- MARK SCHWEHN, *Valparaiso University* • ALLEN GUELZO, *Eastern College*
- NATHAN HATCH, *University of Notre Dame*

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Conference on Faith and History (CFH) invites the submission of proposals for papers and full sessions for the organization's 2004 biennial meeting at Hope College. The meeting will feature sessions that reflect on the Christian historian's life, thought, and work, in an effort to foster a broad and deepened conversation about the relationship between Christian faith and the craft of history. Paper and session proposals should in some way reflect the theme Christian Faith and the Historian's Vocation. We invite historians of every Christian tradition, confession, and perspective around the world to join us next October for several days of discussion and reflection. **NOTE:** Sessions comprised of formal papers will each be limited to no more than two participants and one discussant. Papers should be somewhat brief in the interest of maximizing audience interaction. Panels should include four or five participants who will each offer brief commentary on a given topic as grist for group discussion. Single paper proposals are welcome, but full session proposals are preferred. Send brief c.v., title, one page abstract, and contact info to: Dr. John Fea, Department of History Messiah College, Box 3051 One College Ave. Grantham, PA 17027 -or- jfea@messiah.edu **Deadline: 15 March 2004.**

For more information visit our Web site:

www.messiah.edu/acdept/depthome/History/CFHhome.htm

Position Announcements

ANCIENT HISTORY

Covenant College invites applications for a tenure-track position in Ancient History, with a specialization in Greek and/or Roman history beginning July 2004 pending finalization of budgets. Candidates should be prepared to teach pre-1500 elective surveys, core offerings, a research/methodology course, as well as courses in the candidate's own field. Secondary fields in any of the following areas will be given preference by the search committee: Ancient Near East, pre-modern Africa or Asia, Byzantine history, women's history, Latin America or historiography. PhD required, though ABD will be considered; evidence of quality teaching experience is preferred. Covenant College is a Christian College in the Reformed tradition that emphasizes the liberal arts and seeks applicants who embrace a Reformed world and life view and are committed to the integration of Christian faith and history. Please send a letter of application, c.v., a testimony of faith and experience, a critical response to the Westminster Confession, and a philosophy of Christian higher education to: Dr. Jeff Hall, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Covenant College, 14049 Scenic Hwy., Lookout Mt., GA 30750. Hall@covenant.edu.

MODERN EUROPE

Oklahoma Baptist University invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professor assignment. Starting Fall 2004, teaching load includes a two-semester, team-taught Western Civilization sequence in the university's Unified Studies Program (core curriculum) and upper-level courses on Europe after 1800. Candidates with training in a non-western field preferred. Experience in secondary social studies and an ability to teach American national government and geography also desirable. Ph.D. strongly preferred. Send curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and transcripts to Professor Glenn Sanders, Chair, Department of History and Political Science, Oklahoma Baptist University, OBU Box 61232, 500 West University, Shawnee, OK 74804. <Glenn.Sanders@okbu.edu> Receipt of documents will be acknowledged by e-mail. Application deadline: 5 January 2004. Interviews at AHA possible. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. OBU is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Oklahoma Baptist University is a nationally recognized liberal arts university that emphasizes teaching, scholarship, and active Christian commitment.

MODERN EUROPE

Westmont College's history department invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professorship in modern European history to begin in fall 2004. Specialization is open. Westmont is a national, selective liberal arts college in the Protestant evangelical tradition that emphasizes excellence in undergraduate teaching and scholarship. Westmont seeks faculty who demonstrate a strong commitment to undergraduate teaching, to a program of scholarly activity, and to the Christian faith and the mission of Christian liberal arts education. Teaching responsibilities will include upper-level courses in modern European history and a core curriculum course in world history. Ph.D. required by beginning date of employment. Send letter of application, c.v., and three letters of recommendation to Richard Pointer, Chair, Dept. of History, Westmont College, 955 La Paz Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93108. Review of applications will begin November 17, 2003, and will continue until position is filled. Westmont College is an EOE, seeking to be diverse in people and programs consistent with its mission.

IFACS DISSOLVES

On November 9, 2002, the Institute for Advanced Christian Studies unanimously adopted two significant decisions. They established the Carl F. H. Henry Endowment for Christian Scholarship at Baylor University, and, secondly, an endowment at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School for a "Christian World View Conversation Series." With these decisions and the transfer of funds and corporation rights to the appropriate counterparts at Baylor and Trinity, the IFACS corporation has been officially dissolved.

The IFACS Board was agreed that the legacy and vision of IFACS will be strategically fulfilled in this manner. Baylor University and TEDS provide administrative homes for IFACS that will enhance and enlarge its ministry permanently under these endowed arrangements.

IFACS will provide \$100,000 to the Baylor University Institute for Faith and Learning to establish the Carl F. H. Henry Endowment for Christian Scholarship, with the stipulation that Baylor University will match this endowment gift for the fulfillment of four purposes: support for the activities of the Council for Christian Scholarly Societies, support for lectures by outstanding Christian scholars on secular campuses, one of which will be named "The Carl Henry Lectures" and would occur annually, support for both regional and national conferences at Baylor University and other colleges or universities, and support for the advancement of high-quality Christian scholarship both in and across a wide variety of academic disciplines. IFACS also provided \$25,000 to the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School to initiate a restricted-use endowment for a Christian World View Conversation Series, with the expectation that TEDS will match this Endowment over three years.

IFACS was incorporated in 1967 under the leadership and vision of Carl F. H. Henry for the purpose of supporting and advancing creative research and scholarly writing and thinking on the historic Christian faith. For 35 years, IFACS carried out this work. IFACS has provided grants for scholarly writing, sponsored younger scholar seminars, produced a book series *Studies in a Christian Worldview*, and held major conferences on the integration of faith and learning. IFACS has cooperated with InterVarsity, promoted cutting-edge scholarship through book awards, and established the Carl F. H. Henry Lectureship. In 1995, IFACS began developing a Council of Christian Scholarly Societies (CCSS) to provide an interdisciplinary forum for working on major issues among new and established Christian academics. The Carl Henry Lectureship and CCSS will specifically continue under Baylor University's leadership,

and the other purposes of IFACS's founding are also at the center of the Baylor and TEDS endowments.

All IFACS materials will be placed in the Billy Graham Center Archives at Wheaton College. Arthur Holmes is now coordinating these materials so they will be available for future research and perusal. Holmes and David Jeffrey are currently editing a book on Carl Henry's scholarship with essays by the IFACS Board and others across the range of Carl Henry's writing and teaching.

Contributions are invited to either program. Direct your gifts to Dr. Michael Beaty, Vice Provost for Faculty Development, Baylor University, PO Box 97270, Waco TX 76798-7270 or Dr. Tite Tienou, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 2065 Half Day Road, Deerfield IL 60015.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRIZES 2004

The Historical Society will be awarding several prizes in 2004, including the Eugene Genovese Prize for Best Book in American History, the Donald Kagan Prize for Best Book in European History, the Arnaldo Momigliano Prize for the Best Article, the Pauline Maier Prize for Best Dissertation in American History, and the Theodore Hamerow Prize for Best Dissertation in European History.

All submissions must arrive no later than December 31, 2003. For details on submissions, see the Historical Society web site at:

<http://www.bu.edu/historic/news.html>

Prize amounts and requirements:

Genovese Prize: A prize of \$5,000 will be awarded for the best book on any subject relating to American history. To be considered, the book must have been published between January 2002 and December 2003.

Kagan Prize: A prize of \$5,000 will be awarded for the best book on any subject relating to European history. To be considered, the book must have been published between January 2002 and December 2003.

Momigliano Prize: A prize of \$2,000 will be awarded for the best article on any historical subject. To be considered, the article must have been published in a refereed journal between January 2001 and December 2003.

Maier Prize: A prize of \$1,000 will be awarded for the best doctoral dissertation on any subject relating to American history. To be considered, dissertations must have

been submitted, completed, and approved between January 1, 2002 and January 31, 2004.

Hamerow Prize: A prize of \$1,000 will be awarded for the best doctoral dissertation on any subject relating to European history. To be considered, dissertations must have been submitted, completed, and approved between January 1, 2002 and January 31, 2004.

THE COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN SCHOLARLY SOCIETIES

is pleased to announce a conference on "**Christianity and the Soul of the University: Faith as a Foundation for Intellectual Community**," Thursday, March 25-Saturday, March 27, 2004, at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. The list of plenary speakers includes: Jean Bethke-Elshstain, Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics at the University of Chicago Divinity School; Joel Carpenter, Professor of History and Provost at Calvin College; Richard Hays, Professor of New Testament at Duke Divinity School; David Lyle Jeffrey, Distinguished Professor of Literature and Humanities and Provost at Baylor University; John Polkinghorne, President Emeritus of Queen's College and Professor of Mathematical Physics at Cambridge University.

The conference will explore the role that reflective Christian faith can play in unifying the intellectual life of the university. As John Henry Newman expressed well in *The Idea of a University*, theological reflection is not peripheral to the academic enterprise, but constitutes a fundamental feature of education in its fullest sense, whatever one's disciplinary affiliation. The conference hopes to underscore the enduring place that Christian faith should hold as scholars consider how they are called to intellectual labor and how they regard their disciplines. Specifically, in the midst of a larger academic culture prone to fragmentation, the sponsors want to remind Christian scholars of the vision of the faith as a comprehensive, unsurpassable, and central account of human life and the world in relation to God. This vision calls us to an intellectual and spiritual community that aims at comprehending and appropriating the all-encompassing Christian vision of life, and doing so not incidentally, but as an essential and unifying aspect of our academic disciplines. For further information, see:

<http://www3.baylor.edu/CCSS/events/soul.htm>

SEMINAR ON **Writing the World History of Christianity Since 1900** **July 12-30, 2004**

Calvin College and the Faith and Learning Program of Wheaton College are sponsoring a seminar, led by Mark Noll (Wheaton College), addressing the question of how to write a connected, cohesive narrative of world Christian history for the twentieth century.

It will spend a little time trying to grasp some of the remarkable developments of the century that are highlighted in books by David Barrett, Patrick Johnstone, and others: e.g., the explosion of Christian adherence in parts of Africa and Asia, the multiple revolutions in Latin American Christianity, the transformations of world Roman Catholicism symbolized by the Second Vatican Council, the decline of church participation in Europe, the leadership of the United States in the globalization of Christianity, the new force of pentecostalism, and so forth.

The seminar will also canvass some of the important literature that has interpreted the changes (e.g., by Andrew Walls, Lamin Sanneh, David Martin, Paul Freston, Dana Robert, and others). Then in order to find guidance for the task of constructing a continuous narrative, it will explore efforts by historians to write coherent accounts of the world for the twentieth century, or since World War II (e.g., books edited or written by David Reynolds, J. M. Roberts, Richard Bulliet). Inevitably, the seminar will also touch issues relating to the philosophy and theology of history, if only to address whether it is in fact humanly possible to write a coherent history of twentieth-century world Christianity.

Since the quantity of relevant material for both general world history and the history of Christianity in particular places is immense beyond imagining, the seminar will try to conquer by division. Participants will be asked to contribute information and do reading on only limited aspects of the larger picture. It is hoped that by pooling insights the seminar as a whole can make the sort of progress for which no individual could hope.

The application deadline for this workshop is February 6, 2004. See the seminar web site at: <http://www.calvin.edu/scs/2004/provost/index.htm>.

For further information contact:

Seminars in Christian Scholarship
Calvin College
1855 Knollcrest Circle SE
Grand Rapids MI 49546-4402
Phone=616/526-8558; eMail= seminars@calvin.edu

Call for Papers

Henry Biennial Symposium on Religion & Politics

The Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics will be hosting its second biennial Symposium on Religion and Politics on April 29 – May 1, 2004, at Calvin College. It is open to scholars and graduate students across different disciplines of study, regardless of methodological approach employed. One-page abstracts outlining the nature of the proposed paper must be submitted by February 15, 2004, and should include the title of the proposed paper, author(s), mailing address, email address, and institutional/organizational affiliation. Send to Corwin Smidt, The Henry Institute, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 or email: smid@calvin.edu.

To view the program of the first symposium, check out their website at:
<http://www.calvin.edu/henry/schedule/symppro2.pdf>

The Louisville Institute

is a Lilly Endowment program for the study of American religion based at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. The fundamental mission of the Louisville Institute is to enrich the religious life of American Christians and to encourage the revitalization of their institutions, by bringing together those who lead religious institutions with those who study them, so that the work of each might stimulate and inform the other.

The Institute seeks to enhance understanding of American religion and to encourage the vitality of American religious institutions through a program of grantmaking and consultations, with particular attention to Protestantism, Catholicism, the historic African-American churches, and the Hispanic religious experience. It has the following grant programs, with variable application deadlines.

- Christian Faith & Life Sabbatical
- Dissertation Fellowship
- First Book Grant for Minority Scholars
- Religious Institutions
- Summer Stipend Program

Check their web site for details and application information:

<http://www.louisville-institute.org>

The Louisville Institute also offers a modest general grant program which supports a limited number of individual and collaborative projects related to the priorities of the Louisville Institute, especially projects that bring pastors and academics together. Such grants, for example, might cover the costs of convening a group of religious leaders and scholars or enable an academic to pursue a research project of

interest to the church. For a fuller description of this program, see the brochure available by mail from the Louisville Institute or by downloading from this website. Deadlines: July 1, November 1, March 1.

PUBLICATION NOTES

Timothy Larsen (Wheaton College) has published *Contested Christianity: The Political and Social Contexts of Victorian Theology*, 2004, 225 pages, ISBN 0-918-95493-2, \$39.95, dealing with the cultural, political and intellectual forces that helped shape and define nineteenth-century British Christianity. According to the book announcement from Baylor University Press, he challenges many of the standard assumptions about Victorian era Christians in their attempts to embody their theological commitments. In contrast to other studies of the period, Larsen highlights the way in which Dissenters and other free church evangelicals employed the full range of theological resources available to them to take stands that the wider culture was still resisting, e.g., evangelical Nonconformists enfranchising women, siding with the black population of Jamaica in opposition to their own colonial governor, championing the rights of Jews, Roman Catholics, and atheists. All of these stances belie the stereotypes of Victorian evangelicals currently in existence (even among Victorian scholars). Larsen is also the author of *Friends of Religious Equality: Nonconformist Politics in Mid-Victorian England* (1999) and *Christabel Pankhurst: Fundamentalism and Feminism in Coalition* (2002). He is the editor of *The Biographical Dictionary of Evangelicals* (2003).

Richard Weikart (California State University, Stanislaus) recently published "Progress through Racial Extermination: Social Darwinism, Eugenics, and Pacifism in Germany, 1860-1918," *German Studies Review* 26 (2003): 273-94.

Corwin Smidt (Calvin College) is the editor of *Religion as Social Capital: Producing the Common Good*, 2003, 280 pp., ISBN 0-918-95485-1, \$34.95. The publisher, Baylor University Press, note that the notion of social capital—those features of social organization that facilitate working and cooperating together for mutual benefit—has gained considerable prominence since the publication of Robert Putnam's *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*. While attention has been given to social capital, little has been given to religion's role in generating social capital. This is the first book-length systematic examination of the relationship between religion and social capital formation and what effects religious social capital has on democratic life in the United States today. Chapters include: "Bowling Alone But Serving Together: The Congregational Norm of Community Involvement" by Ram Canaan, Stephanie Broddie, and Gaynor Yancey; "The Religious Basis of Volunteerism in America" by

Steve Yonish and David Campbell; "Religious Involvement, Social Capital, and Political Engagement: A Comparison of the United States and Canada" by Corwin Smidt, John Green, James Guth, and Lyman Kellstedt; "Does Religion Matter? Projecting Democratic Power into the Public Arena" by Richard Wood; and "Can Religion Revitalize Civil Society? An Institutional Perspective" by Robert Wuthnow.

Stacy Bieler (East Lansing MI), a CFH member for over a decade, has published "*Patriots" or "Traitors"?: A History of American-Educated Chinese Students* (Armonk NY: M. E. Sharpe). It offers new insights into the love-hate relationship between the United States and China by examining the experiences of Chinese students caught between the two countries. The story begins in the 1850s and runs to the present, focusing especially on Tsinghua University, the preparatory school established by the U.S. for students planning to come here.

CONFERENCES

JANUARY 10, 2004

There will be a CFH coffee time, a business meeting, and a panel discussion at the American Historical Association meeting, January 10, 2004, beginning at 7:30 am. See p. 5 above. Location: State Room, Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Avenue NW.

MARCH 25-27, 2004

The Council of Christian Scholarly Societies conference on "Christianity and the Soul of the University: Faith as a Foundation for Intellectual Community," Baylor University, Waco, TX. See p. 11 above.

APRIL 29-MAY 1, 2004

Henry Institute Second Biennial Symposium on Religion and Politics at Calvin College. One-page abstracts outlining the nature of the proposed paper must be submitted by February 15, 2004. Contact: Corwin Smidt, The Henry Institute, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 or email: smid@calvin.edu.

JUNE 25-27, 2004

Conference on Quaker Historians and Archivists at George Fox College OR. For information, contact Gwen Erickson (Guilford College), eMail=gerickson@guilford.edu.

OCTOBER 13-16, 2004

CFH FALL CONFERENCES at Hope College MI. See pp. 6-7 above for details.

JULY 3-9, 2005

20th International Congress of Historical Sciences (ICHS) . The AHA's Committee on International Historical Sciences (CISH) invited proposals from members interested in participating as organizers, presenters, or discussants in the 20th International Congress of Historical Sciences (ICHS) to be held July 3-9, 2005, in Sydney, Australia. The Committee forwarded to the Bureau of ICHS over sixty panel proposals and seventeen nominations for session organizers and discussants. Those interested in learning more about the program, can visit the CISH web site at <http://www.cish.org>.

The Case of the Remembered Fact

Part II

By Rick Kennedy (Point Loma Nazarene University)

{The following is from the files of the "P. H.: Private Historian Series." In the first installment, published in our last issue, nothing much happened, but if you want to check it out, you could go to http://www.huntington.edu/cfh/cfh_newsletter.htm and download Vol. 7, Nr. 2. Now, on with the story.]

Leaving Harry's, I walked to my office. His door is off an alley in the back of a building with subsidized rents for artists. He has been there forever. Like much of downtown Santa Barbara, the building romantically evokes a Spanish Colonial past that never existed in California. My office is three blocks north on the second floor of a more historically accurate Monterey Colonial with floors and a balcony all along the second floor.

I walked slowly because frustration with ghostwriting was on my mind. This was my sixth celebrity autobiography. Santa Barbara is a good place for such jobs but they are hard jobs. I had ninety days to write a working draft that the celebrity and a team of editors would make talk-show ready. It was January and by Thanksgiving there would be copies stacked for Christmas sales. I got my first ghostwriting job through a lawyer who specialized in libel cases whose office is below mine. He was working for a publishing house dealing with an agent peddling a celebrity's memories. He needed to make sure that the celebrity autobiography would not get his client sued. Accuracy is important—if not to the author, it is to the publisher's legal counsel. He recommended me to the agent as an intermediary between the celebrity and the publisher.

As I walked I called Sarah at the university library. She was pretty sure she could have something by 5 p.m. I was closing the phone at the top of outdoor stairs leading up to my balcony office when I noticed a tall young woman trying to attach a note to my door. My phone chirped as I reached out to shake hands. I unlocked the door and waved her to a chair while taking the call. A staffer for a Michigan congressman had cleared the way for me to talk to him. I wrote down the phone number, thanked him, sat down behind my desk, and asked the young woman what I could do for her.

"I'm in big trouble," she blurted. "I need historic photographs of Santa Barbara fishing by tomorrow night."

"I don't get many fishing photo emergencies."

"Look. Kevin, the architect who works in the office next door, told me you can, like, handle these types of problems. Kevin designed a seafood restaurant opening on Castillo tomorrow night. I'm the interior designer. I ordered some fishing pictures, black and white, from different decades—you know—to go like helter skelter throughout, like they had been put up one at a time after different fishing trips. It would give the feel of having been around a long time and make the restaurant seem to be in tight with the local fishing community. Well. They were put up last night, and the owner flipped out this morning. She says a friend told her they are not Santa Barbara pictures. I asked her how she knows when, like, every picture is of boats, fish, water, and guys with rubber boots? She said that I had bought pictures of tuna boats, and tuna boats don't sail out of Santa Barbara. Who's gonna know that? Well, like I don't have enough to do already; I have to get new pictures by tomorrow night."

"Okay. I can help you. Give me your cell phone number, and I'll call you within the hour." Then pulling a form from the file drawer in my desk, I had her sign a contract for my standard hourly fee plus expenses. I also had her pay up-front my half-day minimum.

After she left to go find a photographic lab that could mount pictures on an emergency basis, I booked the conference room next door to my office and called the harbormaster's office. He gave me the names of several old families who had been in the fishing business a long time. After a few calls, I punched in the long distance number of the congressman.

Our Next Exciting Episode: "SOMETHING SHADY...."

("Rick Kennedy" is the *nom de plume* of a famous historian who wishes, for obvious reasons, to remain anonymous. To be continued in our next issue unless people get us more news items and other serious stuff.)

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Tom Askew and Dick Pierard (Gordon College) have just produced an account of American Christianity designed for use in undergraduate courses in U.S. history, theological schools, and by general readers. It is a shorter and less expensive book than the regular texts in the field. The book is entitled *The American Church Experience: A Concise History* and is published in paperback by Baker Books, P. O. Box 6287, Grand Rapids MI 49516.

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