The President's Preface 2008

by Gabrielle M. Spiegel

There was a time I am told—back in the “good old days”—when being president of the AHA was largely an honorific role. Presidents, to be sure, presided over the meetings of the Council and showed up, text in hand, for their presidential addresses at the annual meeting, but beyond this level of relatively minimal supervision of the Association, little was asked of them. These days, the widening scope of the AHA’s activities, both in terms of the tasks performed on behalf of its own membership, as well as the wide range of advocacy it undertakes on behalf of historians everywhere in the world, means that there is a steady stream of issues requiring active participation on the part of the President, the Council, and elected Officers. The AHA itself has significantly extended its outreach, and today comprises some 18,000 individual and institutional members drawn from the ranks of history teachers in universities, two and four year colleges and secondary schools as well as scholars working in historical societies, government and independent institutions. Simultaneously, the Association has moved into new areas of leadership and advocacy for the discipline by establishing and monitoring professional standards, encouraging its members to use the latest technologies to disseminate their work and developing relationships with the international historical community. Indeed, one of the more surprising aspects of holding office in the AHA has been a growing recognition of the enormous range and importance of its advocacy on behalf of historians and history at every level of the profession and in every corner of the globe.

During my year as president this latter function involved us in protests against the violent raid on the offices the St. Petersburg human rights organization, “Memorial,” on December 4, 2008, during which police confiscated 11 hard drives of documentary material from the archive, dedicated to testimonials about the experiences of those sent to the Gulag. Because of widespread protest by organizations such as the American Historical Association, I am happy to report that as of this writing the disks have been returned to the archive. We also participated in a similar protest this summer against the creation by the Russian government of a “Commission to Counteract Attemps at Falsifying History to Damage the Interests of Russia” as well as a law pending in the Duma to make it a crime, punishable by fine and/or imprisonment to “misrepresent the Nuremberg Trial or that of national trials or tribunals based on the Nuremberg Trial aimed at the total or partial rehabilitation of Nazism and Nazi criminals, or accusations of any actions undertaken by the states-members of the anti-Hitler coalition as being criminal, as well as positive approval or denial of Nazi crimes against world peace.” As in an earlier case involving requests to endorse the European Union’s criminalization of Holocaust denial, the AHA has always stood for the principle that it can never be in the public interest to forbid study of or publication about any historical topic, or to forbid the publication of particular historical theses. Any limitation on freedom of research or expression, however well intentioned, violates a fundamental principle of scholarship: that the researcher must be able to investigate any aspect of the past and to report without fear what the evidence reveals. Freedom of inquiry enables some writers to put forward untenable or otherwise questionable arguments, but it also enables others to rebut them, and it is in that realm of free public debate that historians can and must work.

Nor have we restricted our protests to the activities of foreign governments. The AHA, acting together with the National Coalition for History (housed at AHA headquarters), has long advocated the repeal of George W. Bush’s Presidential Executive Order 13233 which gave
current and former presidents and vice presidents broad authority to withhold presidential records or delay their release indefinitely, thus contravening the earlier Presidential Records Act, according to which presidential records are supposed to be released to historians and the public 12 years after the end of a presidential administration. It was a source of great satisfaction that President Barack Obama, on the very first day of his presidency, repealed Bush’s Executive Order 13233, a goal on which the NCH and the AHA had worked tirelessly for many years.

These public activities of the AHA, together with the ongoing tasks entailed in any large professional organization, are enabled and made effective by the extraordinary talent and efficiency of the AHA’s executive director and staff. But one of the biggest surprises, for me anyway, was to realize that all of this activity is supported by an extremely modest endowment, indeed one shockingly small for an institution as old and venerable as the AHA, some of which, in addition, is restricted in its use to support the prizes awarded at the annual meeting. Thus the largest portion of time during my presidential year was devoted to developing a capital campaign that, if successful, would allow the AHA, together with its affiliates currently housed at 400 A Street—the National History Center prime among them—to move into desperately needed larger quarters and to augment an endowment badly hit, as was the case with all educational institutions, by the economic collapse of last year.

To that end, one of my primary concerns on first becoming president was to establish a new Finance committee that included members with expertise on investment strategies as well as elected officers of the Association and would better determine the health of our investments and the strategies needed to ensure that we would earn a reasonable rate of return on a rather small but critical endowment. Both of those goals have now been accomplished and thanks to the generous advice and ongoing participation of Charles Booth and Thomas Rugh, we have succeeded in moving the AHA’s funds to TIAA-CREF and established a mechanism for oversight of their professional management.

Along those lines, we have also begun the preliminary work required to ascertain whether or not it would be feasible to launch a capital campaign to raise funds for the AHA and the National History Center, with the principal goals of allowing us to purchase new headquarters to house those institutions and to augment the endowment of programs. This is not the first time that such a campaign has been considered; one of the larger efforts proposed by the AHA, with its unerring historical instincts, arose in 1928 and ours was timed no less adroitly. We commissioned a feasibility report, now concluded with predictably mixed results and are in the process of forming a task force to try to frame the exact terms of such a campaign, should improvements in the economy and the identification of potential donors make success likely. Since one of the great problems in all professional organizations is the constant rotation of officers who can participate in such an effort, both Wm. Roger Louis, head of the National History Center, and I have agreed to stay on for five years to see the campaign through should it, in fact, be deemed feasible. Sheldon Hackney has generously agreed to serve as the chair of the campaign and is working with us to steer it through the initial planning stages.

The activities outlined above account for only a tiny fraction of the AHA’s tasks, the largest of course being its publication of the American Historical Review, Perspectives on History, pamphlets, and other publications, together with the annual meeting, held in January 2009 in New York and, somewhat to our surprise, with the highest number of attendance within living memory. Continuing efforts on the implementation of the recommendations of the Working
Group on the Future of the AHA chaired by William Chafe, along with those of the Teaching, Professional and Research Divisions and the newly enlarged Graduate and Early Career Committee is in process along with the work of the large number of committees and prize committees, which draw on the talents and expertise of a large number of historians in the profession at all levels. Without their participation, and without the tireless work of the AHA staff, the status of history and the working conditions of historians would be, I am convinced, considerably impoverished.

The one final task to which I am devoting my time as immediate past president, is to co-chair, along with Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, the current President, the search for a new executive director to succeed Arnita Jones when she retires at the end of the August, 2010. She will be sorely missed but we hope to be able to recruit a new Executive Director of comparable skill and commitment to the well-being of the AHA.

*Gabrielle Spiegel (Johns Hopkins University) was president of the AHA for 2008.*
Executive Director's Report 2008

by Arnita A. Jones

Some Structural Changes

The year 2008 was all about “change” for the American people; and so it was for the American Historical Association as well. Indeed, we began the year with change at our 122nd annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in January 2008, when members, voting at the business meeting after a substantial online conversation, adopted important amendments to the Association’s constitution. Those revisions, particularly the expansion of the Council to include elected members of the Research, Professional, and Teaching Divisions, and a modernization of our financial oversight structure, were designed not to fix problems but to allow the AHA to thrive in a changing environment and continue serving the historical profession far into the future. The revised constitution was adopted by a combined electronic and mail ballot in January of last year and in June of 2008 the Council approved the amendments to the by-laws to bring them into line with the new constitution. Officers of the Association and staff at the Washington office have been hard at work through the year to implement these changes.

In January 2008, the AHA Council also received the final report from the Working Group on the Future of the AHA, which was chaired by William Chafe. The working group’s endeavors, which had begun in 2006 during the presidency of James Sheehan, culminated in several recommendations, which included increasing outreach to potential members in community colleges and in public history institutions; taking greater advantage of the internet; refining our advocacy efforts so that they could become more proactive than reactive; engaging outside professional expertise in pursuing the development effort that the incoming AHA president Gabrielle Spiegel presented to the Council; and revisiting the structure of the AHA’s relationship with the National History Center. To address these issues Council appointed Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, the incoming president-elect, to chair an implementation committee that can report substantial achievement toward these goals.

To facilitate closer cooperation between the Council and the AHA initiative, the National History Center, the three divisional vice presidents have joined the Center’s board. We have also commissioned a professional consulting firm to undertake a feasibility study for our proposed joint capital campaign.

Finally, together with the National Council on Public History and the Organization of American Historians we sponsored a survey that generated returns from 3,888 public historians. We expect to gain information from this survey that will allow AHA, and other history associations, to better serve the needs of this rapidly growing segment of the historical profession.

The Association’s Finances

I am pleased to report that in spite of the turbulent global economy, the Association’s finances are in reasonably good shape, as indicated in the auditors’ report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, which shows that we have a surplus of $431,861 in our operational account.

We are cautiously optimistic that we are situated to weather the current downturn in the national economy. In keeping with the changes to our constitution and by-laws as well as new federal
government accounting guidelines, we have established a new Finance Committee that includes not only elected officers of the Association but also representatives from the business/financial sector. During 2008 the committee has undertaken an extensive review of the Association’s investments and made the decision to place our endowment funds with TIAA-CREF’s institutional investment services. The new committee will also provide advice to the Washington office about changes required for reporting on our finances to government agencies. As a 501(c) 3 nonprofit corporation we must be, and are, careful to fully disclose and monitor our advocacy activities and to ensure that our financial records are transparent.

**Membership**

In many ways, the financial health and well-being of the Association is a function of, and depends upon, the membership figures. I am happy to report, therefore, that our annual snapshot of the membership data indicated that on March 31, 2008, we had on our rolls 14,903 individual members, the highest number since the previous peak reached in the late 1960s. Robert Townsend’s analysis of the snapshot revealed, among other things, that the number of members employed outside of academia has grown, thanks in part to the efforts of our Task Force on Public Historians, and now comprises 18 percent of the membership.

It is worth noting that while the number of graduate student members has risen significantly, partly reflecting the growth in their number generally, more than 60 percent of the members hold a PhD. Moreover, it is also interesting to note that, as Townsend reports, “the AHA membership is becoming much younger, as members who earned their highest degrees since 1999 now comprise almost 40 percent of the membership.” The accompanying charts offer some interesting insights into such indicators as the gender balance of the membership, the proportions of the different areas of specialization, and the geographical distribution of members across the 50 United States.

**The Divisions**

The reports of the vice presidents of the three divisions, to be found elsewhere in this annual report will provide details about their respective activities, but it is useful to present some of the highlights here.

The Professional Division continues its work of “Responding to queries about the AHA’s *Statement of Standards*...,” a task that has become all the more important since the division ceased adjudication of allegations of professional misconduct. Apart from this complex, time-consuming work, the division (along with an AHA affiliate, the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History) successfully urged the Council to establish a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Historians Task Force. Similarly, it joined with the Disability History Association (also an affiliate) to request the formation of a joint task force on historians with disabilities. The task force, which began its work in June 2008 aims, inter alia, to “gather information about the concerns of historians with disabilities and propose concrete, practical solutions for as many of them as possible.”

The Research Division was able to diligently pursue during the year its major programs—the Sites of Encounter and Cultural Production program, which seeks, in collaboration with the AHA’s Teaching Division to bring together historians and educators at all levels to present new
perspectives on global history; the initiative to assist junior scholars at institutions that do not support research; and the project to help the AHA to reach out to scholars in foreign countries. The division further fine-tuned the annual meeting guidelines with the aim of continuing to enhance and enrich the annual meetings. In furtherance of its charge to help historians in their research, the division continued to engage with the issue of institutional review boards and also recommended that the AHA join with the group, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics, in a lawsuit intended to seek the preservation of the records of the former vice president during the transition to a new administration.

The Teaching Division continued its work “to improve the quality of teacher-training and history instruction at all levels of K–16 and graduate education,” focusing in particular on collaborative programs, described by the vice president in an article published in Perspectives on History. Among other things, the division, aiming to enhance interest in historical thinking at an early stage, helped to establish a prize—endowed in the memory of Raymond J. Cunningham—for the best article on a historical topic written by an undergraduate student. To provide a coherent and consistent framework for properly designating teaching sessions at the annual meeting, the division drew up guidelines that would enable panel proposers themselves to identify a session as a “teaching session.” The year was crowned for the division by the AHA’s first workshop devoted to K–12 history education, held at the January 2009 annual meeting. The workshop, conducted in partnership with the Center for History and New Media, the Stanford University History Education Group, and the National History Center, focused on the development of the collaborative organization, the National History Education Clearinghouse.

Publications

Robert A. Schneider, editor of the Association’s flagship publication, the American Historical Review, provides details about the journal in his own report. I am, however, pleased to report that the journal continues to prosper under his stewardship.

During 2008 we completed the first year of a new financial arrangement with the University of Chicago Press. Most importantly, we hope that the arrangement will increase readership. We also hope it will increase income from the American Historical Review by expanding foreign sales, taking advantage of economies of scale to negotiate more beneficial contracts with printers and other service providers. In the short run, we were concerned that we might face a cash flow shortage because of the need to transfer prepaid subscription income to the University of Chicago Press, which now fulfills institutional subscriptions, before we began receiving regular quarterly receipts from them. In anticipation of this problem we were able to hang on to a modest surplus from 2007 but that shortage did not materialize and we did not have to draw down on our investments.

Perspectives on History continues to be popular with members, and a survey conducted in spring 2008 revealed that according to a majority of the respondents, the newsmagazine has just the right mix of feature articles and Association news. Interestingly and significantly, even though the survey was conducted entirely online, a large majority of the respondents indicated a clear preference for reading the print version of the newsmagazine.

The AHA continues to produce its ever-popular pamphlets, some of which are used by teachers at all levels as usefully critical reflections on current research, while others—with more
immediately practical topics—are read with great interest by new graduates or prospective students.

We are still concerned about the economic future of scholarly journals in history, our own included, and were pleased to be asked to be a part of a project initiated this year by the National Humanities Alliance (NHA). In this effort the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded a $50,000 planning grant to nine participating societies of the NHA to collect revenue, cost and circulation data on their principal journals with the aim of helping scholarly societies develop effective business plans for their scholarly publishing efforts that will in turn facilitate their transition to an increasingly electronic publishing environment. We try to stay abreast of other developments in scholarly communication in other ways as well. Robert Townsend was an invited participant at the international conference of the Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers in London last September. More recently he attended a conference convened for social science association staff, librarians, and technology specialists to share information on current and future arrangements for archiving presentations at scholarly conferences.

Web Site and Electronic Communications

The most rapidly growing—both in terms of its size, as well as in terms of its circulation (or “page views” to use the vocabulary of the internet)—part of the AHA’s publication program is the web site. Existing features of the site, such as Perspectives Online; AHA Today, the blog, which celebrated its second anniversary in September 2008; various directories; pages restricted to members; guidance documents; and so on, continued during 2008. The year was also marked, however, by the launch of a new feature, the interactive Archives Wiki, which is designed to harness the power and efficiency of collaborative efforts to provide researchers helpful information about archives around the world.

To provide access to information about Association activities and other news of interest to members in a more timely manner than is provided by Perspectives on History in either its print or electronic formats, we launched a new mode of communication in September 2008. “Fortnightly News,” transmitted as an e-mail message to members who signed up to receive it, has proved to be an efficient mode of delivering important news and announcements.

The Annual Meeting

The 123rd annual meeting of the Association was held January 2–5, 2009, in New York. With more than 5,900 registrations for the meeting, this year’s event was a modest financial success, despite the unusually high costs of operating a meeting in New York City. More importantly, the New York meeting carried forward with a sustained intellectual momentum the developments of the past few years. Continuing efforts to expand the annual meeting that we first initiated in Philadelphia in 2006, we offered members and others 340 sessions planned by the AHA and 56 from our 111 affiliated societies. These events include more than 200 scholars from foreign countries. In addition to the usual sessions on teaching, professional issues, and research this year the AHA, in cooperation with our partners in the National History Education Clearinghouse, sponsored an all-day workshop for teachers. This will be a regular event of our meetings for the duration of this multiyear contract with George Mason University’s Center for History and New Media.
Our Job Center at the annual meeting is an important part of the meeting. The drop in the number of history jobs advertised in fall 2008 (reported in Robert Townsend’s article in the January 2009 issue of Perspectives on History) was reflected to some extent in the decrease in the number of interviews held at the Job Center at the New York meeting. In contrast to the 261 searches conducted under the auspices of the AHA Job Center at the Washington, D.C., meeting, the Job Center facilitated only 198 active searches (although, as has been suggested elsewhere, some of the decrease may be attributed to a number of interviews being conducted outside the purview of the Job Center staff).

Furtherance of History Education and Research

Our regular efforts to provide services to departments of history have continued to expand. We now host private listserv conversations for history department chairs and directors of graduate studies, moderated by AHA Assistant Director Noralee Frankel. These forums for frontline administrators in history education allow them to discuss financial, economic, and other issues and to benefit from the advice and experience of their peers. Robert Townsend continues to present data and analysis on the state of the profession, graduate education, and other issues from an ever-growing body of studies that monitor the health of the humanities and its place in higher education.

Robert Townsend and I have been a part of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences Humanities Indicators project, which this spring will launch a prototype of an effort to present data comparable to the National Science Foundation’s Science Indicators. For many years SI has provided vital statistics and data that have helped the natural, behavioral, and social sciences to make a better case for institutional support from higher education institutions as well as those responsible for appropriation, regulation, and decision-making at all levels of government. AHA has also played a major role in the development of the American Academy’s “template” project which aims to provide elements of a department survey that can be used across disciplines and thereby provide comparable data about several large humanities disciplines.

As part of its continuing and multipronged efforts to promote history education at all levels, the AHA established a Two-Year College Task Force. This task force has been charged with the responsibility of recommending to the Council—at the end of a three-year period of inquiry and discussion—ways of better serving the needs of the faculty in two-year colleges and of increasing their membership in the AHA.

Advocacy Activities

An often muted but telling dimension of the AHA’s activities in support of the discipline and its practitioners is the energy and effort that goes into advocacy. Both on its own and through its partnerships with other social science and humanities organizations and coalitions—such as the COSSA, the Coalition on the Academic Workforce, and the National Humanities Alliance—the AHA is continually engaged with public policy issues of relevance to the profession. During the year 2008, I and other colleagues participated in numerous meetings of these coalitions, shared in tasks such as conducting surveys and analyses that aimed at contributing to a better understanding of the role of the humanities in academe and in the public sphere, and otherwise helped to pursue our common goals.
As a partner in the National Coalition for History, for instance, the AHA pursues a number of initiatives relating to preservation and access to historical records. For example, AHA representatives participated in public hearings that preceded the release of a report from the federal Public Interest Declassification Board which examined the strengths and weaknesses of the government declassification system and made recommendations for the future. In July a federal court in New York ordered the release of grand jury records from the trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The AHA was one of the petitioners in this case, which had been filed in January 2008. The National Archives has already made substantial portions of these records available to the public.

In September 2008 the AHA and several other associations joined public interest law firm Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) in a lawsuit challenging the possible exclusion of a substantial portion of Vice President Richard Cheney’s papers from the ambit of the Presidential Records Act. A few weeks later we welcomed District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly’s preliminary injunction mandating preservation of these records until the lawsuit is resolved. On October 1 yet another lawsuit in which AHA was involved was resolved largely in our favor. This case concerns the legality of President George W. Bush’s Executive Order 13233 relating to the Presidential Records Act, an interpretation of the federal law that would allow current and former presidents to withhold or indefinitely delay their records. The judge struck down this provision of the order, a decision which was not appealed by the White House. We are grateful for these victories but the problems of excessive classification of government records, as well as the exponential growth of electronic records, will require continued vigilance.

Staff

Needless to say, all the many activities of the Association cannot be undertaken without the unstinting support of the staff. Numbering around 20 at any given time, AHA headquarters staff work diligently at the small but venerable and renovated townhouse at 400 A Street, S.E., in Washington, D.C., to implement the decisions of the Council and to provide the many services the AHA extends to both to its members and to the historical profession at large. Their work is also enthusiastically echoed by the staff of the American Historical Review, who are located in a building (generously made available by Indiana University) located at 914 E. Atwater Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana, and who help to produce what may justly be called one of the best scholarly journals in the humanities and social sciences.

Conclusion

The year 2008 in many ways has been quite like many others that went before, filled as it was with the activities of a disciplinary association—publishing, providing services to our members, preparing for and organizing the annual meeting, and dealing with the quotidian routines of a small but effective headquarters office. As in many times in the past, the routines were leavened also by the unexpected and contingent challenge that had to be met quickly and surely. But as mentioned at the outset, the year was one of “change,” not least in the fiscal sphere. As we pause on the cusp of the Association’s 125th year and look back on the year 2008, we can also reflect on the 124 years during which the AHA evolved from a small group at the American Social Science Association meeting in Saratoga, New York, into a relatively large, diverse, and more balanced organization that continues to effectively contribute to the intellectual well-being of the profession and its practitioners.
Arnita Jones is the executive director of the AHA.

Charts

The following charts offer some interesting insights into such indicators as the gender balance of the membership, the proportions of the different areas of specialization, and the geographical distribution of members across the 50 United States. Click on the charts below for larger PDF versions. The charts were generated by Robert B. Townsend for the annual statistical snapshot of the Association's membership and are based on membership data as on March 31, 2008.

Changes in Specializations
Employment Data

AHA Membership by Principal Area of Employment

Gender of Members

Gender of Members, 1992, 2000, and 2008
Geographical Regions of Specializations

Members' Specializations by Geographical Region

Member Status Report

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- CODE 02 Fifty Years
- CODE 04 Honorary
- CODE 05 Tenure
- CODE 06 Other Members

Subtotal: 13,428 | 13,910 | 14,729 | 14,586 | 16,205 | 17,739 | 18,668 | 19,178 | 20,013 | 21,425 | 22,727 | 21,263 | 305 |

Total Paying & Non-Paying Members: 15,160 | 15,604 | 18,245 | 19,123 | 20,480 | 21,528 | 22,165 | 22,208 | 23,428 | 24,603 | 25,430 | 26,200 | 280 |
Trends in Membership

AHA Long Term Membership and Subscription Trends, 1884 to 2008

U.S. Membership

2d. Active AHA Members by State, March 31, 2008

Legend:
- 1000+ per 100
- 1000-499 per 100
- 400-999 per 100
- under 100
Professional Division 2008

by David J. Weber

Three of the Professional Division’s members are new this year; but the continuing members of the division, Jane Hathaway (Ohio State University) and Leisa Meyer (William and Mary College), together with the AHA’s extraordinary staff, have assured continuity as the division carries out its mission as defined by its predecessors.

Three members rotated off the Professional Division in 2007: Vice President Anthony Grafton, Spencer Crew, and Art Gómez. They were replaced by David J. Weber (Southern Methodist), Kristin L. Ahlberg (U.S. Department of State), and Trudy Peterson (consulting archivist).

The mission of the Professional Division had changed substantially in 2003 when the AHA ended 15 years of adjudication of allegations of misconduct in the historical profession. A new mission statement, approved by the AHA Council in 2003 and augmented on January 3, 2008, requires the Professional Division to articulate “ethical standards and best practices in the historical profession,” and to develop “advisory materials to assist historians in navigating the professional opportunities, challenges, and dilemmas they encounter in their work.”

Toward that end, the division sponsored the preparation of documents that spell out best practices or offer advisory opinions. The most comprehensive of these documents is the Statement on Standards of Professional Conduct, which has gone through various iterations, the latest of which was approved by the Council in January 2005. This document continues to inform the division as it initiates or revises advisory documents, such as “Running a Job Search: Some Practical Suggestions,” by Jane Hathaway, which appeared in the October 2008 issue of Perspectives on History; “Recommendations for Review, Promotion, and Tenure,” by Leisa Meyer; and Guidelines for the Hiring Process (updated July 2008). Other advisory documents are still in a state of preparation, including “Graduate Student Health Insurance: Summary and Recommendations,” written by Leisa Meyer.

The Statement on Standards has also guided the division as it carries out one of the most time-consuming parts of its mission: “Responding to queries about the AHA’s Statement of Standards...” Those queries, which are confidential, represent a wide range of problems and are often complex.

Another of the Professional Division’s charges is “to ensure fair treatment of all historians, regardless of ethnicity, race, gender, sexual orientation, age, [or] disability, in the course of their professional training and their careers in the historical profession.” The division continued to fulfill this part of its mission in the following ways:

• The division re-published an advisory opinion regarding age discrimination (Perspectives on History, December 2008).
• Together with the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History (an affiliated society), the division requested the AHA Council to approve creation of a Joint Task Force on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Historians.
• The division joined with the Disability History Association to create a joint task force on historians with disabilities. The Task Force, which began its work in June 2008, is to
“gather information about the concerns of historians with disabilities and propose concrete, practical solutions for as many of them as possible. One focus of attention will be the annual meetings of the AHA and the possibilities and costs of making them accessible to all members. But the task force will also attend more broadly to the special problems faced by historians with disabilities in the job market and in all stages of their careers.”

- The division called for the submission of proposals for panels and papers on the history of disability for the 2010 meeting in San Diego.
- The division proposed to the Council revisions to the language on disability in current AHA documents.

The Professional Division is also charged with addressing “concerns relating to the practice of public history,” and has done so during 2008 in two ways:

- At the urging of the Professional Division, the Council voted in June to re-create a Joint Committee on Historians and Archivists.
- The division joined with the Organization of American Historians and the National Council on Public History to produce a 48-page preliminary report on evaluating public history scholarship. That preliminary draft was placed before the Council for its guidance.

The division is charged with supporting “the free movement of students, scholars, and ideas into and out of the United States” and paying “special attention to the problems faced by foreign scholars... in the United States.” Former AHA president Barbara Weinstein graciously acceded to a request from the division to draft a joint statement with the American Council of Learned Societies on the free flow of scholars and scholarship across international borders.

The Professional Division is charged with “collecting and disseminating information about historical employment” and “monitoring job markets in history and overseeing AHA roles therein.” No one monitors the job market more skillfully and thoroughly than Robert Townsend, the AHA’s assistant director for research and publications, whose frequent articles on the market appear in the AHA’s Perspectives on History.

Most of the items in this report focus on the production of documents, but the division has not limited itself to the written word. At the 2009 annual meeting in New York City, the division has sponsored, or cosponsored, sessions on “Interviewing in the Job Market in the Twenty-First Century” (sess. 51), “Discrimination/Harassment on the Job” (sess. 79), “The History Job Market: Opportunities, Problems, and Fixes” (sess. 133), and an Open Forum on Disability.

David J. Weber (Southern Methodist University) is vice president of the Professional Division.
Research Division 2008

by Teofilo Ruiz

I have had the great honor and pleasure to serve as vice president for research under the leadership of three remarkable women presidents: Linda Kerber, Barbara Weinstein (with whom I share good friends and research interests), and, finally, the tenure of my dear friend and medieval history colleague Gabrielle Spiegel. Time, especially at my age, moves quickly. It seems to me that it was yesterday and not three years ago, when I took on these responsibilities. Over the last three years, the Research Division, like the AHA, has sought to promote new programs, to serve its constituencies, and to advocate for historians and the study of history. Some of these projects, the division inherited from my predecessor. Others are part of the division’s jurisdiction, and three other initiatives of my own are underway, though perhaps not as quickly or as fully as I would have hoped.

The two large programs on our agenda were the Sites of Encounter and Cultural Production project and an initiative to assist early career scholars employed at institutions that do not support research. The third was to attempt to have the AHA reach out to historians in other countries. As to the first two initiatives, over the past year we have held two planning meetings for the Sites of Encounter project, which has recently taken on more of a more pedagogical and public history focus. In our first session for the project at last January’s meeting, we found terrific enthusiasm for the project among K–12 teachers. And, together with the Teaching Division, we have scheduled two more sessions for the 2009 meeting. Currently project directors in the southern California area are working on a fund-raising plan, and I expect that the Teaching Division will continue to carry on the project together with the Research Division in the coming year. The Sites of Encounter project now has the support of the Long Beach Public School system, UCLA, USC, the California Social Sciences Project, History for Us All, the Autry Museum, the Huntington Library, and other educational and public institutions in southern California, as well as ties to the Chatham School district in New York.

The initiative to support junior scholars was laid out in considerable detail in an article, “Supporting Scholars Early in Their Careers,” published in the May 2008 Perspectives on History. We hope to develop a support system that will combine mentorship with tangible financial support for research. The article received a very positive response, particularly from younger scholars who validated the need for this initiative. Although I am quite disappointed that we could not find the funding necessary to implement this program, I am, nonetheless, quite pleased that these proposals run parallel to a number of initiatives being planned by the Graduate and Early Career Committee, so I expect this program to continue under their auspices. As to the internationalization of the AHA, the Research Division was able to secure funding to bring young scholars from abroad last year. This is an initiative we must all support in the years to come.

Aside from these newer programs, much of the division’s time is taken up with its various oversight responsibilities. This past year the division made a number of small adjustments to the annual meeting guidelines to help further the reforms put in place five years ago. I think the exceptionally large and diverse range of sessions in the program for this year’s meeting attests to the great success of these changes.
We also made a number of small changes to the book prizes and awards, which also fall under our purview. The most notable change is to the criteria for the John E. Dunning Prize. Since that is the only prize that is substantially for U.S. history, we decided to drop the requirement that it “must be awarded to a young scholar” for their first or second monograph. The rules were only imperfectly understood or enforced, so this seemed to make better sense. But we are concerned that this could also place an enormous burden on the selection committee, since it already receives a very large number of submissions. Unfortunately, because the endowment for the prize is too small we cannot award the Dunning Prize more often than every other year. I hope that when the economy improves, staff will be able to do some fund-raising to assure that it can be awarded more often.

I am also pleased to report that the Gutenberg-e project wrapped up this year, as the final books were published. The books are now available in open access from the Columbia University Library, and also through the Humanities E-Book. The AHA staff continue to work with Columbia University to provide publicity for the books, and are also working with other scholars as they consider what we can learn from the project.

Finally, the division oversees the American Historical Review. The Review has been superbly managed by Robert Schneider over the past years, and we are quite enthusiastic in endorsing a renewal of his term for another five years.

A number of other small issues also came up that the division staff tended to. Of particular note among these was the decision to join a lawsuit organized by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, D.C., seeking to force the office of the U.S. vice president to preserve the records of his office through the coming transition in administrations. The vice president has not always been clear about whether he is part of the executive branch, particularly when it comes to his records. So this seemed to be the only way to ensure those records will be available for future historians. The courts generally seem to be supporting our views on this.

The division staff also continues to work on the issue of institutional review boards, as historians who use oral history in their research continue to be harassed by their vague and sometimes arbitrary policies. The staff continues to provide information and support to historians who find themselves in trouble with these boards, and also continue to work with federal officials to get the rules clarified or changed.

Lastly, as my term comes to an end, I owe special thanks to all the members of the division who have been so helpful during my tenure, particularly Nick Salvatore, who will also be rotating off the division this year. Having served for three years as vice president, I am still in awe by all the wonderful work the staff does for the Association and its membership. Arnita Jones, Noralee Frankel, Sharon Tune, Debbie Doyle, Randy Norell, and many others serve this organization and its members in a most selfless and efficient manner. But my special thanks go to Robert Townsend, whose help and support over the last three years have been invaluable. He makes the Research Division, and many other things in the AHA, far better than we could ever manage. To them all, we owe a great debt and endless thanks.

*Teofilo Ruiz (UCLA) is vice president of the Research Division.*
Teaching Division 2008

by Karen Halttunen

In 2008, the Teaching Division continued its work to improve the quality of teacher-training and history instruction at all levels of K–16 and graduate education.

The division, as mentioned in its report for 2007, considered the best ways of using a bequest received by the Association in memory of Raymond J. Cunningham, who was an associate professor of history at Fordham University, and intended to encourage undergraduate historical research. The Council accepted the division’s recommendation that the bequest be used for instituting an annual prize for the best article published in a history department journal by an undergraduate student. The Council thus established the Raymond J. Cunningham Prize for the Best Article by an Undergraduate. The Committee on Committees will propose members to serve on the prize committee in the fall of 2009 and the prize will be advertised in the fall of 2009 and spring of 2010. The first of these prizes will be awarded at the 2011 annual meeting in Boston.

The division reviewed the evaluations of the 2007 annual meeting by K–12 teachers and discussed many of their suggestions for making the annual meeting more accessible to a broader range of historians, including not only K–12 teachers, but two-year college teachers, public historians, and four-year college and university teachers who turn to the AHA to enrich their teaching.

In July, 2008, the Teaching Division proposed a new procedure for designating “Teaching Sessions” at annual meetings, which was approved by Council. Under this procedure, Teaching Sessions will no longer be identified by AHA staff members after the Program Committee has drawn up the program. Instead, panel proposers will designate their own sessions as “Teaching Sessions.” To qualify as a Teaching Session, a proposed panel must do one or more of the following:

- Directly address teaching challenges and practices
- Include both K–12 and college-level teachers in collaboration, such as a workshop for generating new lesson plans and curricula
- Offer brief presentations of research findings followed by discussions of how to teach them
- Invite direct participation (not just the standard, brief period of Q & A) by audience members in the session
- Model the classroom use of technological media
- Provide primary source materials, useful web site addresses, bibliographic suggestions, and/or lesson plans to audience members

In October 2008, Perspectives on History published an article by the vice president entitled: “The American Historical Association and K–16 Collaboration.”

At the 2009 annual meeting, the AHA’s first workshop devoted to K–12 history education and designed for local teachers was held on Saturday, January 3, 2009, in partnership with the Center for History and New Media, the Stanford University History Education Group, and the National
History Center. The focus of the workshop was the development of the National History Education Clearinghouse (NHEC), funded by the federal Department of Education. Presenters discussed the following topics: Colonial Beginnings to Early Republic, Teaching with Textbooks, FDR and ER, and Teaching Black Freedom Struggles from WWII to the 1960s. Teresa DeFlisch, the outreach coordinator of the NHEC, gave a demonstration of the on-line Clearinghouse. Sam Wineburg (Stanford University) was the luncheon speaker. The workshop attracted 140 attendees.

Other Teaching Division sessions at the 2009 annual meeting included two new K–16 sessions: the pioneering “Sites of Encounter and Cultural Production” sessions, one on early human history, the other on the European-Islamic encounter around World War I. These panels were specifically designed to bring together college scholars and K–12 teachers to engage in a two-way conversation about new scholarship and the teaching opportunities it presents. It is the division’s hope that these sessions will provide a template for regular sessions under the intellectual rubric, “Sites of Encounter,” the brainchild of Teofilo Ruiz, a former vice president of the AHA’s Research Division.

The other teaching sessions for the 2009 annual meeting provided a well-rounded assembly of opportunities in U.S. history, world history, and teaching historical thinking.

The Teaching Division extends its heart-felt thanks to Noralee Frankel for her unflagging energy, educational policy expertise, and invaluable support during the past year. We are grateful as well to all the AHA staff members who work so hard on the herculean task of pulling together the annual meeting.

Karen Halttunen (University of Southern California) is vice president of the AHA’s Teaching Division.
by Robert A. Schneider

I am happy to report that the American Historical Review continues to thrive on all fronts. Because of the digital availability of our content, readership continues to grow. This is, of course, true for all journals. Anecdotal evidence, for example, indicates that syllabi for students—graduate and undergraduate alike—are increasingly filled with articles in digital format. And, as the leading organ for scholarship in history, the AHR benefits from this trend more than others. This in turn places an added burden on us to continue to publish the best, the most original, the most deeply researched, and widely appealing historical scholarship produced today. It is a burden we happily accept.

We have just completed the second year of our contract with the University of Chicago Press. We have largely been satisfied with the relationship and pleased that the Press is making efforts to expand our institutional subscriptions and increase our readership. These efforts have not yet yielded significant increases in our distribution, but we are reasonably confident that they will in the near future.

The year’s five issues contained one presidential address, 13 articles, 3 forums, 2 review essays, 28 featured reviews, and an AHR Conversation. The topics covered ranged far and wide, both thematically and geographically: we are indeed a journal whose remit is global. Most of the articles were comparative in scope. For example, one compared race relations in 18th-century New York and Madras; another looked at “Imperial Revolutions” in the Western Hemisphere in the late 18th and early 19th centuries; a third examined how French views of treason and collaboration during World War II affected Chinese attitudes towards the same problem somewhat later on. The Forum, “The General Crisis of the Seventeenth Century Revisited,” was truly global in scope, including an article that took an environmental view of the crisis and another that looked at Asia in the same period. Another Forum took a retrospective look at the impact of Joan Scott’s pioneering essay in the 1986 AHR, “Gender: A Useful Category for Historical Analysis,” bringing together historians from different chronological and geographical perspectives. Environmental history began and ended the year. In February 2008 we published a piece on maritime ecology and the Atlantic world; and December’s issue concluded with an AHR Conversation on “Environmental Historians and Environmental Crisis.” The participants were Richard C. Hoffman (York University, Toronto), Nancy Langston (University of Wisconsin at Madison), James C. McCann (Boston University), Peter C. Perdue (Yale University), and Lise Sedrez (California State University at Long Beach). This was the fourth of this publishing experiment which attempts to take advantage of the communication advantages of online discussions. The topic for this year’s Conversation will be “Historians and New findings in Biology and Brain Science.”

The Book Review section often comprises half an issue. We realize it is usually the place in the journal that readers turn to first. In the course of a year, we publish over 1,000 reviews. We receive, however, nearly 3,000 books annually. Thus, one of the most time-consuming and often difficult tasks performed by the seven Editorial Assistants under the direction of the Book Review Editor Moureen Coulter is the vetting and culling of books for review. Some categories of books are easily dealt with: textbooks, books written for a general, non-scholarly readership, most biographies, most volumes of collected essays, books of documents, reprints, translations
that have already been reviewed in the original language, and second editions. But many of the books that we ultimately choose not to review do not fall readily or obviously into one of these categories. Here we exercise our judgment as best we can in the interest of preserving the essentially scholarly nature of this journal; this is to say that we are committed to reviewing scholarship, primarily in monographic form, in order to keep our readers and members of the profession at large informed of the newest work in history. We can only review about 1,000 books a year; what this means is that books that may seem worthy of review by some on scholarly grounds will simply not be reviewed. We are happy to revisit our judgments on particular books. But the simple fact is that some authors will be disappointed by our inability to review their books.

The *AHR* is a collective enterprise, relying on the editors and the staff who work in Bloomington; the staff of the American Historical Association in Washington, D.C.; the 12 members of the Board of Editors; the Council and Research Division of the AHA; the several “consultants” from the Indiana University Department of History who help the editorial assistants in the book review process; the many, many historians and other scholars who serve as reviewers of manuscripts and books; the University of Chicago Press; and the College of Arts and Sciences of Indiana University. Beyond these people and institutions, who have a direct role in the running, monitoring, and support of the journal, we also rely upon the members of the profession. Without a robust and innovative community of historians we wouldn’t have articles to publish or books to review. That is why, in a very real sense, the *AHR* can only reflect the state of the discipline; we try to publish the very best and interesting and fresh scholarship in history, but we can only be as good as the best in the profession.

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Committee Reports

Graduate and Early Career Committee 2008

In 2008, the Graduate and Early Career Committee (formerly the Committee for Graduate Students) published a pamphlet entitled *From Concept to Completion: A Dissertation-Writing Guide for History Students*. This pamphlet features essays by 12 prominent historians. Each essay explores a different facet of the dissertation process and provides dissertators with practical, actionable steps to make the task of completing a dissertation more transparent and manageable. This pamphlet, which made its debut at the 2009 annual meeting, is available for purchase through the AHA’s online pubs shop.

During 2008 GECC enhanced the resources available on its Graduate Student and Early Career Professional web page by adding materials on postdoctoral opportunities, negotiating a job offer, and on major universities’ spousal hiring and family leave policies. GECC also arranged for the publication of a forum on “Making the Transition to a Professional Career” in the December issue of *Perspectives on History*.

At the 2009 annual meeting in New York, GECC sponsored sessions entitled “From Dissertation to Book,” “Preparing for the Research Trip,” “Careers for Historians Beyond Academe,” and a session on the role of coursework in graduate education. In addition, GECC and the Local Arrangements Committee cosponsored an archival skills workshop at the United Nations Archives.

Committee on Minority Historians

by Muriel McClendon

In June 2008, Committee on Minority Historians (CMH) chair Muriel McClendon gave a presentation at the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians entitled “Never Enough: Being a Minority in the Academy.” Committee members had discussed a draft of the presentation at the committee’s March 2008 meeting, and offered a number of suggestions for topics to include in the talk. In her paper, McClendon outlined some of the challenges that still face minority women in the academy. These include, but are not limited to, especially high demands in teaching, student advising and college/university and community service, confusing and/or fluctuating standards for advancement, inequities in compensation and departmental climates that do not adequately foster professional development.

The committee had a conference call meeting on October 31, 2008. At this time, the committee approved a motion to take the proposal for the Equity Award before the Council in January 2009, the text of which may be found in the minutes of the meeting. In addition, members discussed the 2009 Annual Meeting, to be held in New York. The committee decided that it will, as usual, sponsor its mentoring breakfast (on Saturday, January 3) and its evening reception (on Sunday, January 4). In addition, the committee was represented at two sessions at the meeting: “Discrimination/Harassment on the Job,” on January 3 and “African Americans, Native Americans and Narratives of Citizenship” on January 5. The committee also discussed ideas for sessions for the 2010 Annual Meeting; this planning will resume next year. Other projects still pending and to be taken up in 2010 include pamphlets on race and Europe, and race and World History.
The CMH also heard a report from the Graduate and Early Career Committee (GECC, formerly the Committee for Graduate Students), represented by Silvia Marsans-Sakly. The GECC is in the process of recruiting new members, sending out e-mails to AHA graduate students and creating a new poster entitled “Charting Your Career.” That poster has been sent to the AHA Department and Organization Services Program. Additionally, the GECC will have a new dissertation-writing pamphlet, “From Concept to Completion,” available at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Finally, two members of the CMH—Muriel McClendon and Silvia Marsans-Sakly—will be rotating off at the end of the year. Martin Summers of the University of Texas at Austin and Douglas Kiel, of the University of Wisconsin, who will serve as the GECC liaison, will replace them. Tiya Miles will serve as chair of the committee for 2009.

**Pacific Coast Branch 2008**

by Peter J. Blodgett

The 101st annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch, American Historical Association, took place at the Hilton Pasadena in Pasadena California, August 7–9, 2008. Anne Hyde (Colorado College) and David Igler (University of California at Irvine) co-chaired the program committee and Cheryl Koos (California State University at Los Angeles) chaired the Nominating Committee. The conference had 256 registered attendees, who participated in 47 different sessions that examined such topics as American foreign relations in the 20th century, economic and cultural interactions around the Pacific Rim, North American borderlands, and expanding cooperation between K–12 teachers and college/university faculty in the teaching of history.

This year’s Pacific Coast Branch meeting benefited from the generous support of the Huntington Library’s Research Division, the Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West, and the USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute for the opening reception at the Huntington Library and the Stanford University Office of the Provost and Department of History for the inaugural Graduate Students Reception. Additional sponsors of the 101st annual meeting were the journal *Western Legal History*, Information Age Publishing, The Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles (Loyola Marymount University), and the American Institute for History Education. During the conference, Carole Srole (California State University at Los Angeles) spoke to the Western Association of Women Historians luncheon on the topic “Reassessing Respectability: Beauty, Fashion, and Gold Digging in U. S. Offices and Courts at the Turn-of-the-Twentieth Century” while President David Wrobel (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) presented his presidential address, “Global West, American Frontier.” The presidential address will appear in expanded form in the February 2009 issue of the *Pacific Historical Review*.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the Pacific Coast Branch**

President David Wrobel called the meeting of the PCB Council to order at 2:10 p.m. in the Pacific Ballroom of the Hilton Pasadena, Pasadena California, on August 7, 2008. In addition to President Wrobel, the following people were in attendance: Executive Director Peter J. Blodgett, Council members Mina Carson, Samuel Truett, Kevin Leonard, Colleen O’Neill, Lisa Cody, *Pacific Historical Review* Managing Editor David Johnson, Co-editor Carl Abbott, and Associate Editor Susan Wladaver-Morgan, past-President Elizabeth Jameson, incoming President Rachel Fuchs, 2009 President-elect Barbara Molony, Finance Committee member Al Hurtado, and 2008
Program Committee Co-chair David Igler. Councilors not present were Beshara Doumani, Noriko Kawamura, Andrew Wiese and Henry Yu.

In reviewing the local arrangements for the conference, Executive Director Blodgett listed the various events that would take place during the conference including:

- the opening reception at the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens
- the inaugural Latino Scholars Luncheon
- the inaugural Graduate Students Reception
- the Western Association of Women Historians Luncheon
- the Presidential Banquet and Awards Ceremony

The Council then thanked 2008 Program Committee co-chairs Anne Hyde and David Igler, and the members of the Program Committee for their hard work organizing the sessions.

Executive Director Blodgett followed the discussion of the 2008 program with an interim report on the current financial state of the PCB and the new Finance Committee as approved by the PCB Council via e-mail discussions in advance of the 2008 Council meeting. Al Hurtado will serve as chair of the Finance Committee, with Susan Wladaver-Morgan and David Baird as the other members, while the executive director, the managing editor of the Pacific Historical Review, and the current president of the PCB will serve as ex-officio members.

David A. Johnson, managing editor of the Pacific Historical Review then presented the report of the journal in which he noted that between August 1, 2007, and July 21, 2008, the journal received 65 submissions, accepted 10 for publication, and published 19. Over the year, 152 scholars served as external reviewers for the journal, including two independent scholars and individuals representing 114 institutions in 38 states, 3 Canadian provinces, and Australia, Japan, England, Germany, and Puerto Rico. The journal published 118 book reviews and Johnson observed that the editorial staff feel they have been successful in keeping the number of reviewers broadly distributed across the profession with very few repeaters from prior years. At Johnson’s request, the Council then approved a slate of individuals whom the editors proposed as new PHR editorial board members and expressed its thanks to those departing board members.

In the absence of Nominating Committee chair Cheryl Koos (California State University, Los Angeles), Blodgett announced that 179 members voted in this year’s election, with the following results:

President-elect for 2010: Barbara Molony (Santa Clara University). New members of the PCB Council: Sara Elkind (San Diego State University); David Igler (University of California at Irvine); Louis Warren (University of California at Davis). New members of the PCB Nominating Committee: Sara Pugach (California State University at Los Angeles); Jennifer Fish Kashay (Colorado State University)

The PCB President and Council then expressed the organization’s gratitude to those individuals who, although unsuccessful in the balloting, graciously consented to stand for office. They included Coll Thrush (University of British Columbia), Jose Alamillo (Washington State University), and Mary Ann Irwin (independent scholar) for the PCB Council and Tracie Matysik
(University of Texas, Austin) and Robert Senkewicz (Santa Clara University) for the Nominating Committee.

Executive Director Blodgett then announced the winners of the various PCB awards:

- **The Pacific Coast Branch Book Award:** Andrew K. Sandoval-Strausz (University of New Mexico) for *Hotel: An American History* (Yale University Press)
- **The Norris and Carol Hundley Award:** James Vernon (University of California, Berkeley) for *Hunger: A Modern History* (Harvard University Press)
- **The W. Turrentine Jackson (Dissertation) Award:** Daniel HoSang (University of Southern California) for “Racial Propositions: Genteel Apartheid in Post-War California”

Thereafter, *PHR* managing editor Johnson announced the two awards for articles that appeared in the *Pacific Historical Review*:

- **The Louis Knott Koontz Memorial Award** (chosen by the entire editorial board) to Raymond Rast (California State University at Fullerton) for “The Cultural Politics of Tourism in San Francisco’s Chinatown, 1882–1917,” published in the February 2007 issue.
- **The W. Turrentine Jackson (Article) Prize** (chosen by the editors from among articles submitted by graduate students) to Ryan Fischer (University of California, Davis) for “Cattle in Hawai‘i: Biological and Cultural Exchange,” which appeared in the August 2007 issue.

Executive Director Blodgett then offered preliminary details about the forthcoming meeting in Albuquerque—it will take place between August 6 and 8, 2009 and potential venues under consideration include the Hyatt, the Marriott, the Hotel Elegante, and the Hotel Albuquerque. Incoming President Rachel Fuchs announced her selections for 2009 Program Committee Co-chairs, Louis Warren (University of California, Davis) and Jo Burr Margadant (Santa Clara University) and the conference theme “Creating and Crossing Borders: Conquest, States, Peoples, Families.” Fuchs also described her goal of increasing representation from the membership of the Pacific Coast Branch, especially through the inclusion of more thematic sessions that would include more presenters from a broad array of subject fields.

Turning to old business, Executive Director Blodgett reported on the transition between executive directors following his selection in December 2007 as the successor to Janet Farrell Brodie. On a related topic, Blodgett also reported that Gordon Bakken, working on a *pro bono* basis for the PCB, is gathering the considerable amounts of data needed to establish the PCB’s 501c(3) tax-exempt status. Finally, the Council discussed the language regarding “no-shows” that should be included in the acceptance letters sent out to all participants whose panels are accepted for the PCB conference, alerting them to the consequences of failing to inform the organization of their inability to participate and to make arrangements for a substitute presenter.

Under the heading of new business, incoming President Rachel Fuchs announced her presidential appointments: Matthew Whittaker (Arizona State University) to the Jackson (Dissertation) Prize Committee, Catherine O’Donnell (Arizona State University) to the Norris and Carol Hundley Award Committee, Sean Quinlan (University of Idaho) to the PCB Book Award Committee, and Mona Siegel (California State University at Sacramento) as chair of the Nominating Committee.
Continuing with new business, the Council expressed its thanks to all outgoing members of the PCB leadership and awards committees, commending them for their service to the organization:

- PCB President: David Wrobel
- PCB Councilors:
  - Mina Carson
  - Noriko Kawamura
  - Henry Yu
- PCB Nominating Committee:
  - Erika Bsumek
  - Cheryl Koos
  - Jared Orsi
- Hundley Award Committee: Devra Weber
- Jackson Dissertation Award Committee: Mark Brilliant
- PCB Book Award Committee: Zephyr Frank

The Council also commissioned additional changes to the Website and authorized additional funds for Website management. Finally, as its last order of business, the Executive Director proposed and the Council unanimously approved a commendation for Executive Assistant Cynthia Scott, whose dedication, meticulous attention to detail and unfailing commitment to the needs of the Pacific Coast Branch contributed notably to the success of the 2008 annual conference.

No further issues awaiting discussion, President Wrobel entertained a motion for adjournment, which was proposed, seconded and passed by the Council; President Wrobel then declared the Council meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.

*Peter J. Blodgett is the executive director of the Pacific Coast Branch.*
The 2008 AHA Election: The Report of the Nominating Committee

by Jane Landers

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I am pleased to report the results of the 2008 election for AHA offices. The committee is extremely grateful to all the candidates who agreed to stand for Association elective office and committee positions despite their many other obligations. The Association depends for its continued well being on the willingness of its members to serve. Elected candidates are indicated in boldface.

President (1-year term)

- **Laurel Thatcher Ulrich**, Harvard University (early America, comparative women’s, material culture), 3,169

President-elect (1-year term)

- Dipesh Chakrabarty, University of Chicago (colonial and postcolonial histories of South Asia, historiography, history of Bengal (including Bangladesh), labor history and histories of indigenous and marginal groups, public history, postcolonial and critical theory), 1,452
- **Barbara D. Metcalf**, University of Michigan and emeritus, University of California, Davis (modern South Asian history, Indo-Muslim history, Islam), 1,797

Vice President, Research Division (3-year term)

- Edward A. Alpers, University of California at Los Angeles (Africa, slave trade and slavery, African Diaspora, Indian Ocean), 1,405
- **Iris Berger**, University at Albany-State University of New York (African history, South Africa, comparative gender history, labor history), 1,595

Council/Divisions (3-year terms)

Councilor Profession

- Carolyn A. Brown, Rutgers University-New Brunswick (African labor and urban social history, colonial period, gender (masculinity) and nationalism), 1,168
- **Sarah Maza**, Northwestern University (France, social and cultural, theory and methodology), 1,872

Councilor Research

- Laurent Dubois, Duke University (Caribbean history and culture, Haiti, Atlantic Revolutions, French empire and race in contemporary France, Afro-Atlantic religion and culture), 1,431
- **John Kelly Thornton**, Boston University (Africa, African Diaspora, Atlantic, warfare, demography, missionary, religion), 1,502
Councilor Teaching

- Theresa Ann Smith, Oakwood School, North Hollywood, California (women’s and gender history, the Enlightenment, Spain and Latin America), 1,115
- Barbara L. Tischler, Horace Mann School, Bronx, New York (American cultural, American legal and constitutional, contemporary United States), 1,620

Committee on Committees (3-year terms)

Slot 1

- Lawrence B. Glickman, University of South Carolina (American cultural history, labor history, consumer history, Gilded Age and Progressive era), 1,236
- Kriste Lindenmeyer, University of Maryland Baltimore County (U.S. history in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the history of childhood, and women and gender), 1,593

Slot 2

- Martha Hanna, University of Colorado at Boulder (20th-century French history, World War I), 1,399
- Lloyd S. Kramer, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (modern European intellectual history; French culture and politics, 1789–1850; nationalism; the history of cross-cultural experiences and exchanges), 1,417

Nominating Committee (3-year terms)

Slot 1

- Marshall C. Eakin, Vanderbilt University (Latin America, Brazil and Central America, post-independence), 1,353
- John Frederick Schwaller, State University of New York at Potsdam (colonial Latin America, Mexico in the 16th century, Nahuatl and the history of the Nahua (Aztecs), Franciscan Order in colonial Latin America), 1,325

Slot 2

- Parks M. Coble, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (modern China, East Asia, history of business in China, Sino-Japanese relations, war and war memory in 20th-century East Asia), 1,190
- Poshek Fu, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (modern China, Hong Kong culture and society, film and popular cultures, World War II in China, pan-Asian and pan-Chinese cinemas), 1,503

Slot 3

- Carol Anderson, Emory University (international relations, human rights, African American history, U.S. foreign policy, 20th-century American), 1,842
- Alexander X. Byrd, Rice University (Afro American), 913
The Election Process and the Results

Ballots were mailed to 16,170 members, with 3,488 casting ballots before November 1, the deadline stipulated by the AHA constitution. This was 21.57 percent of the total receiving ballots, compared to the 21.96 percent casting ballots in 2007. The past four years have marked the highest level of participation in an AHA election in more than two decades. The rate of return fits closely to the median range of voter participation in major associations, which is 24 percent.

The 2008 election marked the fourth year that AHA members had the opportunity to vote online to elect the Association’s officers. The AHA once again used Election Services Corporation of Garden City, N.Y., to prepare and distribute election ballots to AHA members and to receive, validate, and tally the votes. This year, as last, members who furnished valid e-mail addresses and agreed to receive messages were asked via e-mail poll their preference for online or paper ballot. 3,295 members voted online and 193 voted by paper ballot.

All AHA members who opted to vote electronically received an e-mail message with a unique computer-generated user name and password, good only for the online balloting system. Once successfully logged in, members could read the election rules and link to the ballot, which were also linked to candidate biographies. Members who lacked a valid e-mail address, or who requested the paper ballot, were mailed a paper ballot no later than September 1. The procedures for paper ballots were essentially the same as in previous years: after filling out the ballot, members returned it to ESC, which entered the information into the system. In theory, a member could receive both an e-mail and a paper ballot. Since the system tracked whether someone voted, separate from specific votes, the system accepted the first vote received and entered into the system from that voter (but without identifying the specific voter).

Individuals who renewed their membership or joined the AHA for the first time after the initial mailing of ballots were also allowed to vote in the election. Anyone who renewed or joined before October 17 was able to vote online or to request a paper ballot. Although no paper ballots were mailed after October 17 (because the remaining time would be insufficient for members to receive and return the ballots to ESC before the constitutional deadline of November 1), those who renewed or joined before October 17 could vote online until midnight of November 1.

Committee Deliberations

The Nominating Committee met in Washington, D.C. on February 2–3. Present were chair Jane G. Landers, Vanderbilt University; Lisa Forman Cody, Claremont McKenna College; Jan Golinski, University of New Hampshire; Susan R. Grayzel, University of Mississippi; David G. Gutiérrez, University of California at San Diego; Steven Mintz, University of Houston; David Newbury, Smith College; Evelyn Rawski, University of Pittsburgh; and Laura Ackerman Smoller, University of Arkansas, Little Rock.

After meeting for many years from Saturday noon to Monday noon, the committee adjusted its meeting schedule to start at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, continuing through mid-afternoon on Sunday. Members of the committee found that this revised schedule allows them to better reach potential nominees at their homes over the weekend. The committee’s next meeting is February 7–9, 2009 and the elected chair of the 2009 Nominating Committee will be Laura Smoller.
On Saturday Executive Director Arnita Jones joined the meeting for lunchtime discussion of matters relevant to nominations, offices and responsibilities, and elections.

The Nominating Committee then moved on to its principal task: nominating candidates for office. With approval of the AHA constitution by the membership in January, the committee began to implement changes to the leadership structure. Modifications will be phased in during the 2008, 2009, and 2010 elections. Beginning January 2011, the Council will consist of 15 members (instead of 12) and each of the three divisions will have four members (who are also Council members) instead of five members.

As in the past, the committee was very concerned that all AHA members should have input into the process. Every year the Nominating Committee issues several appeals to the membership at large for nominees. These appeals also stress the committee’s commitment to diversity of all kinds. In addition to soliciting nominees in an open letter published in the January 2008 Perspectives on History, this year’s chair again urged committee members to poll as many of their colleagues and associates as possible for nominees and to gather vitae before our February meeting. A number of AHA members responded to the open letter with suggestions; others, with expressions of willingness to serve. The committee also retained and reviewed suggestions and vitae of people considered over the previous five years. The nominations we received reflected the diversity of our organization with respect to gender, race, type of institution, field, and rank.

Fulfilling its constitutional responsibility, the committee selected two nominees for each Association office and elective committee position to be filled by election in fall 2008, with terms to begin in January 2009. The committee sought to identify able and energetic members who could work well with colleagues, and who were, where relevant, familiar with broad sections of the profession beyond their immediate fields of expertise. In the case of the president and other top positions, the committee recognized the importance of selecting nominees who could represent the interests of historians to the public at large, and who had demonstrated some degree of administrative skill. In all its selections, the committee was anxious to reflect the broad diversity of the historical profession in terms of type of institution served, geographic location, sub-discipline, interests, gender, and cultural background.

The committee wishes to thank the staff of the Association, and especially Assistant Director Sharon K. Tune, for her invaluable guidance and efficiency, as well as her patience and good cheer. Sharon’s expertise and knowledge of the Association and its membership have been critical to our deliberations over the years. I would also like to thank the other members of the committee and the members of the past two Nominating Committees. Their good humor, hard work, good judgment, and broad knowledge of the profession made it possible for us to work swiftly and effectively. It was a real pleasure to have served with them and I wish them all future success.

Jane Landers (Vanderbilt University) was the chair of the 2008 AHA Nominating Committee.
National History Center 2008

by Miriam Hauss Cunningham

The year 2008 was an event-filled year for the National History Center, during which it continued programs it had launched earlier, took up some new projects, and made some organizational changes to integrate itself more closely with the American Historical Association.

Congressional Briefings

In its increasingly popular series of congressional briefings, the Center arranged for a presentation on February 13, 2008, by James M. McPherson, professor emeritus of history at Princeton University. Professor McPherson focused on the writ of habeas corpus under President Lincoln during the Civil War. A second briefing on May 9, 2008, highlighted radical Islam before and after September 11, 2001, and featured Professor John O. Voll, professor of Islamic history and associate director of the Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University. This briefing was cosponsored by the Middle Eastern Studies Association of North America. Both briefings are available as podcasts on the Center’s website.

Initiatives on History Education

During the year, the Center continued to engage with the issues and challenges of history education through various projects. The Center finished the grant from the Teagle Foundation to study the role of history in liberal education with the publication of its report, The Role of the History Major in Liberal Education. Available for purchase on the AHA’s pub shop, the report, written by Stanley N. Katz (Princeton University) and James R. Grossman (The Newberry Library), with the help of Tracy Steffes (Brown University), urges history departments to reassess their curriculums for history majors, with an eye towards emphasizing the goals and values of liberal education. A history major, the report argues, should “nurture [students’] liberal and civic capacities, in part by integrating disciplinary knowledge, methods, and principles into the broad experience of undergraduate education.”

Seminars on Decolonization

Another continuing project is the series of seminars on decolonization in the 20th century, the second of which was held July 6–August 2, 2008, at the Library of Congress, a cosponsor of the series (which is funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation).

The seminar was led by Wm. Roger Louis, Kerr Professor and director of British studies at the University of Texas at Austin, and a former president of the AHA; Dane Kennedy (George Washington Univ.); Philippa Levine (Univ. of Southern California); Jason Parker (Texas A&M Univ.); and Pillarisetti Sudhir (AHA). The 15 participants in the seminar, who were selected from a large pool of applicants, were able to conduct research on various aspects of decolonization and to take part in discussions.

As part of the seminar, the Center arranged two public lectures: one by Dane Kennedy on Decolonization and Disorder, and another by Wm. Roger Louis, who spoke about Palestine and the United Nations in 1947. Professor Kennedy examined the waves of European decolonization
through the late 18th through the late-20th century. Professor Louis described the Palestine Crisis of 1947 European empires in their declining years and provided insights into the making of the new postcolonial states. Both the lectures were webcast by the Library of Congress.

**Lectures on History of Foreign Relations**

In March, the Center held its second lecture in New York in collaboration with the Council on Foreign Relations. Fritz Stern, University Professor Emeritus of History at Columbia University delivered the lecture on March 4, 2008. In the lecture titled “Fear and Hitler’s Instant Subversion of Freedom”, Stern discussed how Germany was transformed into a dictatorship so quickly. The lecture is available as a webcast on the Center’s web site.

**Publications**

The Center has a new series of books available, published by Oxford University Press, with each volume focusing on a historical topic that has been substantially reinterpreted as a result of recent scholarship. The series, entitled *Reinterpreting History: How Historical Assessments Change over Time*, is designed to offer students and the public a better understanding of how and why historical thinking changes.

The first book in the series is *Making Sense of the Vietnam War: Local, National, and Transnational Perspectives*, edited by Mark Philip Bradley and Marilyn B. Young. It features essays on American intervention, the coming of the war, and endless wars. It is available in both hardback and paperback versions from Oxford University Press.

**National Endowments for the Humanities Summer Institutes**

The National History Center was awarded a NEH summer institute on “Rethinking America in Global Perspectives”, which ran from June 16–July 11, 2008 and was also designated a NEH’s “We the People” project. Hosted at the Library of Congress, “Rethinking America” brought together 25 two- and four-year American history teachers to put American history into context with the world. In an era of increasing global interaction and interdependence, those concerned with the historical, geographical, and cultural dimensions of America are actively rethinking the geographical and chronological boundaries of their subject of study. A growing body of scholarship now prompts American historians to “look…beyond the official borders of the U.S. and back again.” The institute was co-sponsored by the AHA and the Community College Humanities Association. The group was led by John R. Gillis, professor emeritus of history from Rutgers University, and Carl J. Guarneri, professor of history at Saint Mary’s College of California, and featured distinguished faculty members: Charles C. Mann, Elizabeth Mancke, Laurent DuBois, Eliga Gould, Donna Gabbacia, Paul Kramer, Penny Von Eshen, and Alan Dawley—all of whom have made important contributions to this emerging field.

**The National History Education Clearinghouse**

During 2007 the Center has become a partner in the work of the National History Education Clearinghouse, which has been created by the Center for History and New Media at George Mason University and the Stanford University History Education Group in partnership with the American Historical Association and the National History Center. The Clearinghouse is funded
by a $7 million, five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education to be the principal online resource for all aspects of K–12 history education (Contract Number ED-07-CO).

The Center brought six authors together with several teachers and administrative officials to discuss the state of history assessments in six states: California, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, New York, and Virginia. Awaiting approval from the new Department of Education, the papers and the statement issued from the six authors will soon be available on the Center’s web site.

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Joan Wallach Scott (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton)

Honorary Foreign Member

Jacques Revel (École Normale Supérieure, Paris)

The Troyer Steele Anderson Prize

Anna Kasten Nelson (American Univ.)

Eugene Asher Distinguished Teaching Award

Michael D’Innocenzo (Hofstra Univ.)

Beveridge Family Teaching Award

Daniel D. Tolly (Ann Arbor Public Schools, Michigan)

Herbert Feis Award

Richard Kohn (Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

John E. O’Connor Film Award

Revolution ‘67, co-produced by Bongiorno Productions Inc., the Independent Television Service (ITVS), and P.O.V./American Documentary Inc., in association with WSKG; Marylou Tibaldo-Bongiorno, producer and director; Jerome Bongiorno, photographer, editor, and animator.

James Harvey Robinson Prize

History Education Group (Stanford Univ.) and the Center for History and New Media (George Mason Univ.), for the web site Historical Thinking Matters.

Nancy Lyman Roelker Mentorship Award

Warren Roberts (SUNY Albany)

Theodore Roosevelt-Woodrow Wilson Public Service Award

Adam Hochschild (author)

Book Prizes

Herbert Baxter Adams Prize

Carol Symes (Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), A Common Stage: Theater and Public Life in Medieval Arras (Cornell Univ. Press, 2007)
James A. Rawley Prize in Atlantic History


George Louis Beer Prize

Melvyn P. Leffler (Univ. of Virginia), *For the Soul of Mankind: The United States, the Soviet Union, and the Cold War* (Hill and Wang, 2007)

Albert J. Beveridge Award


The Paul Birdsall Prize

Jeffrey A. Engel (Texas A&M Univ.), *Cold War at 30,000 F. eet: The Anglo-American Fight for Aviation Supremacy* (Harvard Univ. Press, 2007)

James Henry Breasted Prize

Anthony J. Barbieri-Low (Princeton Univ.), *Artisans in Early Imperial China* (Univ. of Washington Press, 2007)

The Albert B. Corey Prize

Sharon A. Roger Hepburn (Radford Univ.), *Crossing the Border: A Free Black Community in Canada* (Univ. of Illinois Press, 2007)

John E. Fagg Prize

Laura Gotkowitz (Univ. of Iowa), *A Revolution for Our Rights* (Duke Univ. Press, 2008)

John K. Fairbank Prize in East Asian History

Susan Mann (Univ. of California at Davis), *The Talented Women of the Zhang Family* (Univ. of California Press, 2007)

Morris D. Forkosch Prize

Barbara Donagan (Huntington Library), *War in England 1642–49* (Oxford Univ. Press, 2008)

Leo Gershoy Award


Joan Kelly Memorial Prize in Women’s History

Kathy Davis (San José State Univ.), *The Making of Our Bodies, Ourselves: How Feminism Travels across Borders* (Duke Univ. Press, October 2007)
Littleton-Griswold Prize


J. Russell Major Prize


Helen and Howard R. Marraro Prize

Margaret Meserve (Univ. of Notre Dame), *Empires of Islam in Renaissance Historical Thought* (Harvard Univ. Press, 2008)

George L. Mosse Prize


The Premio del Rey

Katrin Kogman-Appel (Ben-Gurion Univ. of the Negev, Beer-Sheva), *Illuminated Haggadot from Medieval Spain* (Penn State Univ. Press, 2006)

Wesley-Logan Prize

Paul Christopher Johnson (Univ. of Michigan at Ann Arbor), *Diaspora Conversions: Black Carib Religion and the Recovery of Africa* (Univ. of California Press, 2007)

Research Grants

Albert J. Beveridge Grants for Research in the History of the Western Hemisphere

Loren Broc (University of Rochester), “Religion and Insanity in the United States, 1820–80”

Christy Chapin (University of Virginia), “Ensuring America's Health: Publicly Constructing the Private Health Insurance Industry, 1950–80”


Shane Landrum (Brandeis University), “Documenting American Workers: Birth Certificates in California, 1890–2001”

Wesley Phelps (Rice University), “Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty in Houston: Race and Poverty in a Sunbelt City, 1964–74”

Thomas Rath (Columbia University), “‘Warriors of the Pueblo Yesterday, Soldiers of the Patria Today’: Army, Nation, and State in Mexico, 1920-60”
**Littleton-Griswold Grants**

**Jill Fraley** (Yale University), “The War on Poverty: The Myth of Classless Society and the Block for Constitutional Change”

**Hidetaka Hirota** (Boston College), “Nativism, Citizenship, and Civil Liberties: Immigration Control and the Deportation of Paupers in Massachusetts, 1846–78”

**Melissa Milewski** (New York University), “From Slave to Litigant: African Americans in Court in the Post-war South”

**Michael Kraus Grants**


**Andrea Mosterman** (Boston University), “Sharing Spaces in a New World Environment: African-Dutch Contributions to North American Culture, 1626–1826”

**Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grants for Research in the History of Europe, Africa, and Asia**


**Tracey Billado** (Seton Hall University), “The Politics of “Evil Customs” in Western France, 950–1150”

**Elisabetta Bini** (New York University), “Fueling the Cold War: The Production and Consumption of Gasoline in Post-World War II Italy”

**Ashley Brenner** (Emory University), “Unhappy Families: Elite Women at the Cape of Good Hope in the Late Seventeenth and Early Eighteenth Centuries”

**Alicia Decker** (Purdue University), “Beyond the Barrel: Gender, Power, and Militarism in Idi Amin's Uganda, 1971–79”

**Matthew Furlong** (University of Arizona), “Peasants, Slaves, and Sojourners: Itinerant Asians in Colonial Mexico, 1571–1700”

**Anupama Rao** (Barnard College), “Dalit Bombay: Caste and the Colonial City”

**Kira Robison** (University of Minnesota), “The Cutting of Dead Flesh: Physicians and the Criminal Body in the Later Middle Ages”

**Eiko Maruko Siniawer** (Williams College), “Waste Away: Garbage, Hygiene, and Disease in a "Civilized" Japan, 1870s–1920s”


June 2008

At its meetings in Washington, D.C., June 7 and 8, 2008, the AHA's Council reached the following decisions:

- Approved minutes of the January 3 and 6, 2008, meeting.
- Approved four new members of the American Historical Review's Board of Editors: Michael Kazin (Georgetown Univ.), Pamela Smith (Columbia Univ.), Eric Van Young (Univ. of California at San Diego), and Florence Bernault (Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison).
- Approved award recipients (three recipients of the Award for Scholarly Distinction, one Honorary Foreign Member, and one Roosevelt-Wilson Award recipient) to be announced at the January 2009 meeting.
- Accepted the application for affiliation from the Labor and Working Class Historical Association, and suspended three affiliates that have not responded in five years to requests from the Association for updates.
- Approved the 2010 Program Committee: David Garrett (Reed Coll.), Emma Hipolito (Center X History-Geography Project, UCLA), Kristin Hoganson (Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Dorothy Ko (Barnard Coll.), Robert C. Ritchie (Huntington Library), Robert Rosenstone (CalTech), Damon Salesa (Univ. of Michigan), Sudipta Sen (Univ. of California at Davis), Denise Spellberg (Univ. of Texas at Austin), and Lynn Thomas (Univ. of Washington). Council had previously approved the appointment of Jane Kamensky (Brandeis Univ.) as chair of the committee.
- Approved the Association's budget for 2008–09.
- Approved restructuring of the Finance Committee to conform to the revised AHA constitution.
- Approved revisions to the Association's bylaws, to bring them into conformity with recent constitutional reforms.
- Approved a minor revision to the AHA Annual Meeting Press Policy.
- Approved modest revisions to the Annual Meeting Guidelines.
- Approved the Professional Division's nomination of a recipient of the Troyer Steele Anderson Prize (to be awarded at the 2009 annual meeting).
- Approved a formal change in the name and mandate of the Committee for Graduate Students to the Graduate and Early Career Committee.

January 2009

At its meetings in New York on January 2 and 5, 2009, the Council reached the following decisions:

- Approved the minutes and actions of all Council meetings and activities between June 5 and December 1, 2008.
- Approved foundational document for a capital campaign.
- Approved the annual outside auditors’ report for the 2007–08 fiscal year.
- Approved all appointments to AHA recommended by the Committee on Committees.
- Accepted the applications for affiliation from the Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship and the Disability History Association.
- Approved the formation of task forces on the concerns of K–12 teachers and community college faculty.
- Established a new privacy policy for electronic communications.
- Formed a subcommittee of the Council to explore whether there should be subgroups or sections within the Association.
- Established a new Raymond J. Cunningham Prize for the Best History Undergraduate Paper Published in a History Department Journal.
- Accepted updates to language about disability in five AHA documents.
- Tabled a document prepared by the Professional Division on “Recommendations for Review, Promotion, and Tenure.”
- Constituted a Task Force on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Historians.
- Vetoed a resolution approved by the business meeting, and Approved a slightly modified version of the same resolution, reading:
  - *Whereas*, The AHA is committed to equity in the workplace and equal rights regardless of race, ethnicity, religious belief, disability, gender, or sexual orientation;
  - *Whereas*, It is one aspect of the mission of the AHA to bring historical expertise to bear on issues of pressing public concern;
  - *Whereas*, The Council concurs with the spirit of the resolution approved by the 2009 business meeting; and
  - *Whereas*, A boycott of the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego in 2010 would actually benefit the owner financially, but would cause severe financial loss for the AHA;
  - *Resolved*, That the AHA will implement the following strategies that it believes will more effectively bring attention to this issue:
    1. Form a working group to collaborate with the 2010 Program Committee and the LGBTQ Task Force to create a series of sessions and special events that will address issues of equity and place questions of marriage and family in historical perspective.
    2. Set aside $62,500 of AHA funds, and up to $100,000 if needed if matching funds from members and outside donors are not raised, to support initiatives in this vein proposed by the working group, Program Committee, or LGBTQ Task Force.
    3. Arrange press coverage and invite public participation from San Diego and the surrounding communities to publicize the AHA’s position on equity and equal rights, as fully as possible. The American Historical Association proposes to use this Annual Meeting as an opportunity to educate its members and the public on this issue.
    4. Make hotel rooms available in convenient alternative venues for AHA members who do not wish to patronize the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego.
- Approved a proposal for future initiatives of the Committee on Women Historians.
- Named Michael Fisher, Oberlin College, as chair of the 2011 Program Committee.
- Named six members to the Archives-Wiki Advisory Board.
Minutes of the 123rd Business Meeting

Recorded by Sharon K. Tune

President Gabrielle Spiegel (Johns Hopkins Univ.) called the annual business meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. on January 4, 2009, in the Beekman Parlor of the Hilton New York. Michael Les Benedict (Ohio State Univ.) served as parliamentarian for the meeting.

Report of the Executive Director: Arnita A. Jones reported that registration for the meeting was 5,973, the highest in more than 40 years. She summarized the constitutional changes approved by the membership in January 2009, and subsequent revision of the bylaws, which were approved by Council at its spring meeting. She stated that Council had evaluated the Association’s investment policy, and agreed to move management of the AHA portfolio to TIAA-CREF. Ms. Jones reported that due to the downturn of the economy, the AHA’s investments were down 25 percent, with the $4 million endowment reduced to $3 million. On a more positive note, she observed that the AHA’s membership had decreased by just 200 members from the previous year. She concluded her remarks by offering thanks to the AHA staff, members of the Program and Local Arrangements Committees, the officers, and volunteers who made Annual Meeting a great success.

Report of the Editor: Robert Schneider (Indiana Univ.) reported that the American Historical Review’s 13-member staff successfully kept the journal on schedule and under budget. He discussed the partnership with the University of Chicago Press, publisher of the Review, and provided a mid-term report on the three-year contract. Mr. Schneider thanked the 12 members of the Board of Editors for their excellent advice and hard work throughout the year. He concluded by encouraging members to submit articles to the journal, observing that it is a rigorous process to publication but was also a rewarding process.

Report of the Nominating Committee: Jane Landers (Vanderbilt Univ.), chair of the 2008 committee, presented the report of the Nominating Committee, described the nominations process, and summarized the considerations in selecting nominees for elective office. She announced that 3,488 AHA members cast ballots, slightly more than in the previous year’s election. She then announced the results of the election held in November 2008: President: Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (Harvard Univ.); President-elect: Barbara Metcalf (Univ. of California, Davis emerita); Vice President, Research Division: Iris Berger (Univ. at Albany, SUNY); Councilor Profession: Sarah Maza (Northwestern Univ.); Councilor Research: John Kelly Thornton (Boston Univ.); Councilor Teaching: Barbara L. Tischler (Horace Mann School); Committee on Committees: Kriste Lindenmeyer (Univ. of Maryland Baltimore County) and Lloyd S. Kramer (Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill); Nominating Committee: Marshall C. Eakin (Vanderbilt Univ.), Poshek Fu (Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), and Carol Anderson (Emory Univ.) She concluded these remarks by expressing gratitude to all AHA members who agreed to run for office, her colleagues on the committee, and Sharon K. Tune, long-time assistant to the committee.

Reports of the Vice-Presidents: Teofilo Ruiz (UCLA) summarized the work of the Research Division, noting that during his three-year term the division sought to promote new programs in this country and abroad. Initiatives include a research project on “Sites of Encounters and Cultural Production,” efforts on behalf of early career scholars who have insufficient research
funds, and work to make the AHA a more international organization. He thanked Robert B. Townsend and other AHA staff members as well as his colleagues on the Division for their contributions to the work of the Division.

Karen Haltunnen (Univ. of Southern California) discussed the efforts of the Teaching Division. She reported that teaching prizes are thriving and that a new award had been established—the Raymond J. Cunningham Prize—for undergraduate writing, $200 to be awarded to the student and $200 to the journal. She talked about the all-day workshop of the National History Center Clearinghouse and the Center’s future plans. She concluded by surveying the Division’s other oversight activities, and thanked Noralee Frankel and AHA and her colleagues on the Division.

David J. Weber (Southern Methodist Univ.), vice president of the Professional Division was unable to attend the annual meeting and his written report was distributed to attendees.

Other business: Resolution: AHA member Carlos Aramayo (Yale Univ./UNITE HERE) submitted a “Resolution That the American Historical Association Honor the Boycott of the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, Presently Identified as Co-Headquarters of the 2010 Meeting.” Ms. Spiegel reviewed the constitutional process to discuss the resolution. Mr. Aramayo stated that he was aware that there were serious concerns about breaking the contract and offered UNITE HERE’s pro bono legal counsel. Mr. Ruiz discussed the costs of breaking the contract, reporting that doing so less than one year prior to the meeting would incur a penalty of $534,784 plus the loss of concessions totaling $181,000. On behalf of himself and Barbara Weinstein (NYU), both outgoing members of Council and thus with no vote at Council’s next session to act on the business meeting’s action, presented a substitute resolution. Following discussion by those present, the substitute resolution was approved by members at the Business Meeting and was forwarded for consideration by the Council at its Monday, January 5, 2009, session. (The Council—which had the options of acceptance, nonconcurrence, or veto—vetoed the resolution approved at the Business Meeting and passed a modified resolution, which was, however, in keeping with the spirit of the resolution adopted at the business meeting.)

Adjournment: Hearing no further requests for discussion, Ms. Spiegel concluded the meeting by thanking the program and local arrangements committees who developed the meeting, and the AHA staff for all their good work. She then introduced the incoming president, Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (Harvard Univ.), who accepted the gavel and declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

*Sharon K. Tune is the AHA’s assistant director for administration.*
Affiliated Societies 2008

Agricultural History Society (AHS)
Air Force Historical Foundation (AFHF)
Alcohol and Drugs History Society (ADHS)
American Academy of Research Historians of Medieval Spain (AARHMS)
American Association for History and Computing (AAHC)
American Association for State and Local History (AASLH)
American Association for the History of Medicine, Inc. (AAHM)
American Catholic Historical Association (ACHA)
American Conference for Irish Studies (ACIS)
American Culture Association (ACA)
American Italian Historical Association (AIHA)
American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS)
American Journalism Historians Association (AJHA)
American Printing History Association (APHA)
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ASECS)
American Society for Environmental History (ASEH)
American Society for Legal History (ASLH)
American Society of Church History (ASCH)
American Studies Association (ASA)
Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (History Division) (AEJMC)
Association for the Bibliography of History (ABH)
Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)
Association for the Study of Nationalities, Inc. (ASN)
Association of Ancient Historians (AAH)

Center for History and New Media (CHNM)
Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS)
Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender History (CLGTH)
Community College Humanities Association (CCHA)
Conference for the Study of Political Thought (CSPT)
Conference Group for Central European History (CGCEH)
Conference of Historical Journals (CHJ)
Conference on Asian History (CAH)
Conference on Faith and History (CFH)
Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)
Coordinating Council for Women in History (CCWH)
Council on America's Military Past-USA (CAMP-USA)
Czechoslovak Studies Association (CSA)

Disability History Association (DHA)

Economic History Association (EHA)

Film and History
Forest History Society (FHS)
Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction (FEEGI)
French Colonial Historical Society (FCHS)

German Historical Institute (GHI)

H-Net Humanities and Social Sciences Online (H-NET)
Charles Homer Haskins Society (CHHS)
Historians of American Communism (HOAC)
Historical Society for Twentieth-Century China (HSTCC)
History of Science Society (HSS)
Hungarian Studies Association (HSA)

Immigration and Ethnic History Society (IEHS)
Institute for Historical Study (IHS)
Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (IUS)

Labor and Working Class History Association (LWCHA)
Leo Baeck Institute (LBI)

MARHO: The Radical Historians' Organization (MARHO)
Medieval Academy of America (MAA)
Modern Greek Studies Association (MGSA)
Mormon History Association (MHA)

National Association for Ethnic Studies (NAES)
National Council for History Education, Inc. (NCHE)
National Council on Public History (NCPH)
New England Historical Association (NEHA)
North American Conference on British Studies (NACBS)
North American Society for Oceanic History (NASOH)
North American Society for Sport History (NASSH)

Oral History Association (OHA)
Organization of American Historians (OAH)
Organization of History Teachers (OHT)

Peace History Society (PHS)
Phi Alpha Theta (PAT)
Polish American Historical Association (PAHA)
Popular Culture Association (PCA)
Public Works Historical Society (PWHS)

Renaissance Society of America (RSA)

Social Science History Association (SSHA)
Social Welfare History Group (SWHG)
Society for Armenian Studies (SAS)
Society for Austrian and Habsburg History (SAHH)
Society for French Historical Studies (SFHS)
Society for German-American Studies (SGAS)
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR)
Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE)
Society for History Education (SHE)
Society for History in the Federal Government (SHFG)
Society for Italian Historical Studies (SIHS)
Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship
Society for Military History (SMH)
Society for Reformation Research (SRR)
Society for Romanian Studies (SRS)
Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies (SSPHS)
Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing (SHARP)
Society for the History of Children and Youth (SHCY)
Society for the History of Discoveries (SHD)
Society for the History of Technology (SHOT)
Society for the Study of Early Modern Women (EMW)
Society of American Historians (SAH)
Society of Architectural Historians (SAH)
Society of Automotive Historians (SAH)
Southern Historical Association (SHA)
Study Group on International Labor and Working-Class History (SGILWH)
Swiss American Historical Society (SAHS)

Unitarian Universalist Historical Society (UUHS)
United States Commission on Military History (USCMH)
Urban History Association (UHA)

Victorian Society in America (VSA)

Western Association of Women Historians (WAWH)
Western History Association (WHA)
World History Association (WHA)
World War Two Studies Association (WW2SA)
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American Historical Association

Financial Statements
(With Independent Auditors’ Report)

For the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007
# AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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Independent Auditors’ Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the American Historical Association as of June 30, 2008 and 2007 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the American Historical Association as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, and its changes in net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of the American Historical Association taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental statements of expenses by program, net assets by classification and general operations for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

November 4, 2008
Washington, DC
## AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**June 30, 2008 and 2007**

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## AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
### STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
For the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

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# AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
## STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
### For the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

The American Historical Association (the Association) is a District of Columbia non-stock corporation founded in 1884 and incorporated by Congress in 1889 for the promotion of historical studies, the collection and preservation of historical manuscripts, and the dissemination of historical research.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Cash and Equivalents

The Association considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Pledges Receivable

Pledges receivable represents amounts which have been promised but not yet received. Pledges beyond one year are discounted to reflect the present value of the pledge.

Investments

Investments are recorded at market value. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments are reported on the statement of activities as they occur.

Inventory

Inventory consists of publications and is stated at the lower of cost or market, based on the FIFO (first-in, first-out) method of accounting.
2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

**Fixed Assets**

Furniture and equipment are reported at cost. Assets and capital lease purchases are depreciated over a three to five year estimated life using the straight line method. Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 was $53,659 and $50,684, respectively.

**Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable is recorded net of an allowance for uncollectible receivables, based on management’s evaluation of outstanding accounts receivable at year end. The allowance for uncollectible receivables was $63,309 and $59,156 for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

**Deferred Revenue**

The Association records income for membership dues, subscriptions, registration fees and publication advertising which have been paid in advance as deferred revenue.

**Net Assets**

Net assets are reported by the Association in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) 116 and 117. Accordingly, net assets have been reported using the following categories.

**Unrestricted**

Unrestricted net assets represent resources over which the Council has discretionary control and are used to carry out operations of the Association in accordance with their bylaws.

The Council’s designated fund, included as part of the unrestricted net assets, was established to accumulate a reserve for the Association.
2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Net Assets (Continued)

Temporarily Restricted

Temporarily restricted net assets represent contributions and grants, which have been restricted by donors for specific programs or activities. Restrictions, which have been met by the passage of time or expenditure of net assets, are reported as revenues released from restrictions on the statement of activities. For the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, the Association received $86,053 and $35,625 in temporarily restricted contributions and grants, respectively.

Permanently Restricted Funds

Permanently restricted net assets represent contributions which have been restricted by donors indefinitely. Investment income generated from the principal of the permanently restricted net assets is used to fulfill programs and the general operations of the Association. For the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 the Association did not receive any permanently restricted contributions.

Gifts and bequests of property

Gifts and bequests of property are recorded at the earlier of the date received or when the bequest is no longer subject to probate and its value can be reasonably estimated. Gifts and bequests are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date they are recorded.

Donated Services and Materials

Contributions of services are recognized if the services received create or enhance nonfinancial assets or require specialized skills, and are provided by individuals possessing those skills and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. Contributed services and promises to give services that do not meet the above criteria are not recognized. During 2008 and 2007, the Association did not receive any donated materials or services.
2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes

The Association is a nonprofit organization, which is exempt from federal income taxes under the provision of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, the Association is subject to unrelated business income tax for activities conducted outside its tax exempt purpose. The Association conducted unrelated business activities that resulted in net operating losses during 2008 and 2007, respectively, accordingly no provision for income taxes was recorded.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

3. INVESTMENTS

The value of investments was as follows:

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The market value of stocks is estimated based on quoted market prices for those investments. None of the investments are held for trading purposes.
4. **RETIREMENT PLAN**

The Association maintains a qualifying defined contribution retirement plan for qualifying full-time employees under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b). The Association contributes up to a maximum of 10 percent of the employee’s total annual compensation to the plan each year. The contributions are fully vested and nonforfeitable. For the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, contributions to the plan were $89,056 and $83,037, respectively. There were no contributions due to the plan at June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

5. **COMMITMENTS**

During 2001, the Association entered into an agreement with three other collaborators for the purpose of producing electronic versions of journals published by the Association and one of the other signers. The terms of the agreement have expired, however the Association plans to contribute $35,000 annually to the project.

The Association has entered into agreements for rental of space for the annual meeting. The Association is required to pay a portion of the anticipated room revenues in the event that the conference is canceled. Cancellation insurance has been obtained by the Association to offset any potential future losses. The Association anticipates that all minimum room rental requirements will be met.

6. **CONCENTRATION OF RISK**

The Association maintains cash balances in a financial institution which is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for amounts up to $100,000. The Association is exposed to concentrations of credit risk at times when cash balances exceed the FDIC limit. The Association has not experienced any losses and believes they are not exposed to significant risk.
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
# Supplemental Statement of Expenses by Program

For the year ended June 30, 2008

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# AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

## SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF EXPENSES BY PROGRAM

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**AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

**SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS BY CLASSIFICATION**

For the year ended June 30, 2008

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**For the year ended June 30, 2008**

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#### SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS BY CLASSIFICATION

For the year ended June 30, 2007

| Investment Income, Realized | Unrestricted | Total | Income | Expense | Gain, and Unrealized Losses | Investment Fees | Transfers | Permanent | Temporarily | Designated | Undesignated | Total |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------|--------|---------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Permanent                    |             |       |        |         |                            |                |           | Restricted | Restricted |           |            |           |        |
| **Beginning of Year**        |             |       |        |         |                            |                |           |           |            |            |            |            |        |
|                             | Restricted  |       |        |         |                            |                |           |           |            |            |            |            |        |
|                             | 5,000       | 19,964| -      | -       | -                          | 28,964         | -         | (1,000)   | 4,692      | -          | -          | 23,612     |        |
|                             |             |       |        |         |                            |                |           |           |            |            |            |            |        |
|                             |             |       |        |         |                            |                |           |           |            |            |            |            |        |
|                             |             |       |        |         |                            |                |           |           |            |            |            |            |        |
| **End of Year**              |             |       |        |         |                            |                |           |           |            |            |            |            |        |
|                             | Restricted  |       |        |         |                            | 5,000          | -         | 25,442    | -          | -          | -          | -          |        |
|                             |             |       |        |         |                            |                |           |           |            |            |            |            |        |
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<td>367,267</td>
<td>26,700</td>
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<td>6,264</td>
<td>(4,775)</td>
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15
Supplemental Statement of Net Assets by Classification

For the year ended June 30, 2007

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<tr>
<th>Special Funds</th>
<th>Permanently Restricted</th>
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<td>Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Fund</td>
<td>100,000</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>171,603</td>
<td>271,603</td>
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<td>(11,049)</td>
<td>49,631</td>
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<td>(4,650)</td>
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<td>44,019</td>
<td>170,204</td>
<td>301,223</td>
<td>-</td>
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Total special funds | 212,000 | 44,019 | 1,416,772 | 1,641,676 | 16,923 | (28,529) | 313,129 | (14,317) | (62,302) | 212,000 | 44,019 | 1,641,676 | - | 1,641,676 | 1,897,995 |

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<th>General Funds</th>
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<td>Working Capital Fund</td>
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<td>Property, Plant and Equipment Fund</td>
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<td>410,101</td>
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<td>Undesignated Fund</td>
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<td>89,562</td>
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<td>89,562</td>
<td>3,506,920</td>
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<td>(5,837)</td>
<td>67,077</td>
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Total general funds | - | - | 522,971 | 612,533 | 177,215 | 3,506,920 | (3,312,834) | 177,215 | (6,385) | 67,077 | - | 618,483 | 224,051 | 842,534 | 842,534 |

Total net assets | $522,120 | $831,565 | $1,939,743 | $2,103,990 | $3,509,468 | $1,606,161 | 631,918 | (28,895) | - | $522,120 | $831,565 | $2,260,159 | $224,051 | $2,484,210 | $3,858,320 |

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### AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

#### SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENTS OF GENERAL OPERATIONS

For the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

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<th>2007</th>
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<td>Membership dues</td>
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<td>American Historical Review</td>
<td>650,541</td>
<td>900,982</td>
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<td>Publications</td>
<td>640,897</td>
<td>692,483</td>
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<td>Administrative income</td>
<td>14,413</td>
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<td>Contributions</td>
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<td>15,995</td>
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<td>Interest allocation from designated investments</td>
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<td>95,972</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenue and support</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,617,655</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,605,971</strong></td>
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<th>EXPENSES</th>
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<td>Programs:</td>
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<td>American Historical Review</td>
<td>536,184</td>
<td>736,339</td>
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<td>Annual Meeting</td>
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<td>524,871</td>
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<td>Membership</td>
<td>203,343</td>
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<td><strong>Total programs</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,826,345</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,199,592</strong></td>
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<td>Support services:</td>
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<td><strong>Total support services</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
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<td>Change in net assets</td>
<td>$431,861</td>
<td>$116,312</td>
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Note: Publications expense has been adjusted for purposes of inventory capitalization by a decrease of $47,293 and an increase of $47,417 during the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

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