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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: CHANGES IN THE DEPARTMENT

Greetings history students, staff, faculty, and alumni! This is the third edition of the *History Happenings* bi-annual newsletter. Throughout the semester, our department has undergone some significant changes. Besides a newly renovated department office and a faster, more technologically advanced computer on the front desk, we have three new faculty members, a new grant project, and a new website. Moreover, students may have found it easier to receive guidance towards their degree. The department has

new student advisors who are available throughout the week to advise students about their history major. But, one momentous change surpasses all the others: our Administrative Assistant, Alice Ricardo, is retiring. She will be greatly missed by all of the department's students and faculty. On behalf of the department, *History Happenings* would like to bid Alice farewell and thank her for helping make the department a great one. On that note, we are looking forward to a new administrative assis-

tant, and the many more changes that will affect our department in the future.

Thank you for your interest in the California State University, Fresno Department of History. I hope that our endeavors and successes continue to unfold before your eyes.

Stefanie Tacata, editor

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FALL'S FEATURED HISTORY STUDENT: PAT GOSTANIAN

We look forward to hearing from you!

If you have any comments, questions, concerns, or would like to contribute to the Spring edition of *History Happenings*, please feel free to contact either Dr. Michelle DenBeste at mdenbest@csufresno.edu or Stefanie Tacata at stacata@csufresno.edu. We would love to hear from you!



Pat Gostanian received her BA from Ohio State University and her BSN from Capital University at Columbus. As a retired critical care registered nurse of 30 years, Pat is currently working on her Masters degree in history at CSUF. Her emphasis is in Ancient Greek and Roman history. She is also interested in archaeological field work. To advance her knowledge of both areas, Pat has been taking courses in archaeological field work at CSUF and volunteering in the anthropology lab. She is also concentrating on three languages: Classical Greek, Latin, and French. She plans to graduate with her degree in the Spring of 2006. After graduating, Pat hopes to attend a doctoral program at either UC Berkley, UCLA, or Stanford. She also hopes to be accepted to the prestigious American Academy at Rome for their summer archaeology program. Pat has completed the Craig Research fellowship with Dr. Pamela Lackie, and has recently been awarded the McClatchy Scholarship from the Classics Department for 2005-2006. She works as a student advisor in the History Department office and plans to volunteer for Fresno County History Day. The history department at CSUF wishes Pat continued success and is pleased to present her as this semester's featured history student.

CSUF ALUMNI UPDATES:

Mr. Ray M. Sanchez (B.A. in History – CSUF – 2000 and M.A. in History – CSUF – 2002) has been recently appointed as the Coordinator of the Student Success Tutorial Services at Fresno City College. He was formerly Tutorial Specialist Coordinator at the Tutorial Center at California State University, Fresno. He will be the lead tutorial instructor and will coordinate the instructional functions of the Student Success Tutorial Services.

Dr. John J. Spolsdoff, Ed.D. (B.A. cum laude in History – CSUF – 1981 and M. A. with Distinction – CSUF - 1986, also former Lecturer in History 1990-1992) went on to teach Honors History and Honors Humanities at Fresno City College. He earned a doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) in Higher Education Administration, Curriculum, and Instructional Supervision at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 1998. He is currently (since 2000) Director of Honors and Student Success at Fresno City College, where he is the administrator of the Honors Program, Student Success Program, Tutorial Services, Weekend College, and Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Gamma Sigma Academic Honor



Olen Cole, Jr., Ph.D. (B.A. in History – CSUF – 1972) went on to get a Ph.D. from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in American and African-American history. He is currently Professor and Chairperson of the Department of History at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina.

HISTORY GRADUATES: SPRING, 2005

Master of Arts:

- Jennifer Ayers**
- John Berg**
- Juan Desantiago*
- Susan Hogue
- Rebecca Ibrahim
- Amy Lawrence***
- Pablo Lopez*
- Christopher McColm***
- Kyra Orgill***
- Bladimir Pizano
- Alicia Rivera***
- Bachelor of Arts:
- Alexis Abid
- Leonard Acquistapace
- Ephraim Aguirre
- Juvencio Alarcon
- Ambar Alvarez*
- Susanna Batze
- Jeff Bergmann
- Jose Betancourt
- Danielle Blackburn**
- Mindy Blodgett
- Chad Borkley

- Ian Bowers
- Brian Boyd
- Kelly Brings
- Olen Budke
- Wendell Christenson
- Suzanne Cummings
- William Cummings
- Darlene Curtis
- Romy Dabritz
- Jared Elder
- David Ferstl
- Patrick Flanigan
- Peter Flores
- Tyler Ford
- Karen Garrett
- Matthew Gauer
- Joshua Glynn
- Darron Gonzales
- Rodolfo Gonzalez
- Marciano Gutierrez**
- Bernice Guzman
- Abigail Hamilton
- William Hansen**
- Jane Hawley
- Kristen Hensley**

- Luz Hernandez
- Nathan Hill
- Angie Hilty
- Sabrina Huber
- Brent Inglehart
- Elisha Jones***
- Raymond Kelso
- Matthew Knapp
- Rita Lanas**
- Damian Larios
- Sarina Law
- Luke Leedy
- Jeremiah Leroy
- Freddie Lopez
- Alejandro Marroquin
- Shane Mason
- Ryan Mcabee
- Richard Mcdermott
- Emiliano Medrano
- Samantha Mickels
- Lisa Moe***
- Gary Morris
- Nicole Morris
- Jeffery Nass***
- David Olson

- Lorinda Pardi*
- Joseph Parker
- Sarah Patrick
- Jason Patterson
- Diane Patton
- Esther Pearce
- Rodney Pearson
- Matthew Perez
- Melinda Phillips
- Stacy Prinz*
- Evelyn Rasmussen
- Timothy Rico
- Liria Rivera
- Adam Rodriguez
- Jason Rogers
- Michel Rogers
- Eric Shultz*
- Alysen Shartis-Hays
- Michael Silkwood
- Rebecca Smithhart
- Christopher Stahowski
- Douglas Stephens
- Casey Stout
- David Sylvester
- Michael Teel**

- Michelle Tonello**
- Michael Toste
- Christopher Tufts
- Felix Vecchiarelli
- Olivia Villareal
- April Whittemore
- Douglas Wilkins
- Paul Witten
- Justin Woltz
- James Zuniga**
- Double Major
- Jonathan Gillespie
- Steven Park
- Minor
- Patrick Hescox
- Tanya Martin

*** Summa Cum Laude
3.90-4.00 GPA
** Magna Cum Laude
3.70-3.89 GPA
* Cum Laude
3.50-3.69 GPA