Greetings to History and Philosophy Alumni and Friends

This issue includes alumni and faculty updates, details about this year’s banquet and lecture series event, scholarship recipients and contributors. **Our sincere thanks** to all who contribute information for the newsletter and who support the History scholarship and foundation funds that make our scholarships and events possible. We hope to see you in the coming year! *(Sue Voelker, Academic Department Associate)*

The Edward N. Peterson Lecture Series — Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009

The 2009 Edward N. Peterson Lecture Series event is set for Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009 (3:30 p.m. reception, 4:30-6 p.m. lecture and discussion) and will feature Dr. Eric Weitz, Department Chair and Professor of History at the University of Minnesota. His specialties include human rights, modern German and European history, Third Reich, Weimar Republic, World War II and Holocaust and Genocides. His most recently published book is *Weimar Germany: Promise and Tragedy* (Princeton, 2007). Learn more about Dr. Eric Weitz at [http://www.hist.umn.edu/~weitz/](http://www.hist.umn.edu/~weitz/).

For more about the Edward N. Peterson Lecture Series please visit [http://www.uwrf.edu/history/Lecture%20Series.html](http://www.uwrf.edu/history/Lecture%20Series.html) DVDs of each event may be purchased for $10. Contact [susan.m.voelker@uwrf.edu](mailto:susan.m.voelker@uwrf.edu).

To all of you who have contributed to the endowment fund—Edward N. Peterson Lecture Series—we thank you for your generosity that has made this Series possible. Contributions may be added to the fund over time. Any questions might be directed to Betty Bergland in the History Department office (715.425.3164) or Ann Schwebach in the UWRF Foundation office (715.425.3505).

History and Philosophy Banquet Set for Friday, April 24, 2009

Please see your invitation on page 9 of this newsletter. Our banquet will be held in the ballroom of the new University Center (south of Kleinpell Fine Arts). Reservations are due by Friday, April 17. We hope to see you there!

History and Philosophy Office Staff News

Our illustrious student staff consists of Sophomore Tes-sa Dungan as well as freshman students Ashley Cress, Nick Sertich and James Zappa. These four excellent staff members help keep the Department running smoothly!

*Sue Voelker (1985).* I still divide my work day between the History and Philosophy Department and Journalism. Spare time involves working on my independent Shaklee business, landscape projects and playing flute and tin whistle.

My son Karl is in his fourth year of computer science at Rochester Institute of Technology, NY. After an internship in San Francisco last summer, he has completed three of four internship experiences. His final internship is with Microsoft in Seattle this summer and he will graduate with a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in May 2010. His next step will be a Ph.D. program. He has enjoyed various cross-country driving adventures between New York, California and Washington and made time to stop by for a visit every few months.

Jack is doing well as a junior at RF High School, especially enjoying German and history. He is set for the ACT and SAT tests this spring and is searching for colleges. He plans to major in History; other possibilities include Political Science and/or Philosophy.

After a failed effort to find a home for a young stray cat, we adopted him ourselves last June. He is a two-year-old...
orange tabby who has become an affectionate and civilized feline who is amusingly enthusiastic over flute and tin whistle music. In January we endured the heart-wrenching ordeal of losing our beloved Sheltie, Lucky, to congestive heart failure. Teddy the Russian Blue comedian cat is adjusting to life without his doggie pal and is quite patiently tolerating his lively new brother.

**Faculty News**

**Betty Bergland (since 1990).** The year 2008 was noteworthy by its losses. In March 2008, we lost our friend and former colleague Stephen Feinstein. Many of us still feel his passing. Significantly, however, the family donated his extensive library to UW-River Falls, which is now being catalogued and will be available soon. Also, this past year, the field of immigration history lost two major figures: Rudolph J. Vecoli, long-standing director of the Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota (and my dissertation advisor) died in June; in November we lost Jon Gjerde, University of California—Berkeley and a major scholar of migration history emphasizing the Midwest. Like many in the field, I still grieve their loss.

The year also saw the fruition of several scholarly projects long in the making. One article on cultural memory and migration in *Norwegian-American Essay 2008, “Migration and Memory”* just emerged; a second article devoted to issues of gender, race, migration and empire at an Indian Mission in Wisconsin is due this year in an edited volume, entitled *Competing Kingdoms*, published by Duke University Press. And, the Minnesota Historical Society accepted for publication a work that a colleague and I edited (also contributing essays) tentatively titled, “Gendering Norwegian American History.” The collection of essays represents international and interdisciplinary perspectives; my colleague and I wrote the introduction, conceptualized the work and guided the contributors. This volume is expected out in 2010.

On a more personal note, traveling continues to be an important element of my life. OAH (Organization of American Historians) was held in New York City last March. I enjoyed that trip and returned in May for the commencement exercises at Columbia University for a dear friend and godchild. Many affiliate groups meet at OAH, including the Immigration and Ethnic History Society (IEHS), for which I have served as secretary for the last seven years. This year OAH is held in Seattle, where I will carry out my last official duties as IEHS Secretary—a welcome relief. This summer I plan a brief trip to Germany, where a niece studies as a Rotary fellow in Kempten (Bavaria). I hope to fly in and out of Berlin (where I taught in the 1970s and haven’t visited since the wall came down in 1989)—before returning to spend the summer on the book manuscript. Also, I continue to make my annual pilgrimage to the North Shore, where I remain endlessly fascinated with the beautiful parks, shoreline, nieces and nephews—and gain some perspective on life.

Finally, I would add that just before spring break I met in River Falls with a 2002 graduate now doing graduate work. I was delighted to hear from her and catch up, as I also enjoy hearing from recent graduates and their lives. I wish you all well and welcome any news of your worlds.

**Victoria Houseman (since 2006).** This past year I have continued my research projects by visiting Princeton University, the Library of Congress, and the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore. I have had the pleasure of meeting a few other people who do research in my field. I continue to enjoy my life in River Falls, especially the container garden I have created on my patio. This year I look forward to delivering a conference paper and submitting some of my writing for publication.

**Kurt Leichtle (since 1986).** When the newsletter came out last year, I was starting a sabbatical. The time for research, thinking, and sorting was great. The first part of spring was spent catching up on the literature of slavery. That review was to help me understand aspects of the lives of Ridgely Family members. For four generations the family had owned slaves, hired free African Americans, and at one point freed nearly three hundred slaves in 1829. The study of slave historiography had the unexpected result in making me feel old, the cycle of interpretation was returning to its position from my days in graduate school three decades ago. Nonetheless the reading will help my place the Ridgely’s into context and enriched my teaching. This past fall, I taught a graduate seminar on slavery. I was able to spend a week in Baltimore with the Ridgely papers. I was able to confirm some impressions from my first visit and develop a clearer sense of how Capt. Ridgely created his import/export business and then incorporated the iron foundries.

The summer brought me back to campus, back to Louisville to read the Advanced Placement exams for US History and Kyle entered the workforce having graduated with his BS in the previous fall. I traveled to Seattle to present a session on the AP conference on how to become a published writer with a friend from the reading. Seattle was fascinating. The tour of underground Seattle was fun, though I must admit that Karen and I enjoyed discovery the Mystery Bookstore as we waited for the tour to begin. Likewise I was fascinated by the science fiction museum which had taken over part of the old World’s Fair site.
Fall brought me back to the routine of teaching with Karen returning to her career as a teacher’s aide in the special education area at the middle school and high school. Yes, for those of you who want to feel old, Kee is now a junior in high school trying to figure out what he wants to do as an adult.

The spring will bring the AP Review Day at the end of April and the beginning of May. Bob Zeidel and I look forward to seeing some of you at those sessions. See the article elsewhere for details. I spent part of January starting work on an online version of History 402/602 History in Film. That course will be offered this summer with war as the focus. I am also continuing to work through Ridgely Papers since the Maryland Historical Society had microfilmed one collection and are letting me borrow them four reels at a time. I suspect that about the time I retire, that book will be ready. I presented a preliminary paper at the Missouri Valley History Conference last March. By next year I should have another ready.

Intiaz Moosa (since 1991). Greetings colleagues, friends and students,

Having spent an entire year on sabbatical last school year (’07-’08), I am plunged back into deep waters with my teaching duties and other responsibilities. The sabbatical was productive; it resulted in a new course on environmental ethics and liberal justice, as well as many fresh ideas for a research project. What keeps me intellectually alive and active are my research projects. I had my sixth article published in a peer-reviewed journal in 2007. The leisure that the sabbatical provided me, enabled me to dig deeper into a new field. And so life goes on . . .

Kirił Petkov (since 2004). In case you have not noticed, time is an elastic concept. At least it is for me. 2008 was a very short year indeed. Began as usual, with my Study Tour abroad, immersing 20 students in the sophistication of Italy, aesthetic pleasures wafting through us. Then it took a turn to the (almost) funny, with some members of the Department’s mighty contributions. Before I knew it, it was May, and Brill Academic Publishers surprised me pleasantly with the handsome edition of my most recent volume, The Voices of Medieval Bulgaria. Sweet. Summer too, was something to be appreciated, although I would have preferred that the heat (+100 F) and humidity (+100%) of Venice—where I spent a couple of weeks on a research trip poring over parchments in the State Archives—were somewhat less absolute. Back to good old River Falls in late August, a new allure caught up with me, East Asia. I guess I am the last one to catch that bug (Wall Mart is way ahead), but at least my consolation is that the pull is educational. So here am I, putting precious hours in my new offering, “HIST 333: Silk, Spice, and Silver,” and working to partake, with the class and more, in the spice of life. Sayonara, for now.

Tom White (since 2007). Aside from teaching, there’s not a great deal [to report].

I was interviewed for 2 forthcoming documentaries—one on James J. Hill, produced by a Seattle group and which, hopefully, will be aired nationally on public television; and one by North Dakota Public television concerned with Hill, the Great Northern, and settlement of the northern Great Plains.

Zhiguo Yang (since 2001). About four years ago, I asked Roark Atkinson to cover an Asian history class for me when I went to California to attend a conference. I thanked him for helping me denying the students in that class a free day, but I also intended to do more than verbal expression of appreciation to show my gratitude, such as helping him denying his students a free day when he was away from the campus to attend a conference. I never got that opportunity: Early this year, Roark got a job offer from Ramapo College in New Jersey and left us.

And that reminds me again that life is full of uncertainties. Not wanting to feel the same regret that I felt when Roark moved to the East Coast, I would like to thank those colleagues and friends in the Department who defined for me the Upper Midwest hospitality (in the case of Kirił, Bulgarian hospitality)—

- Betty, I will never forget the picnic party in the Kinnickinnic River State Park you and Mark invited me and my family to. Although I was not sure if the tea you made for us tasted like how it was called, it is still the most memorable tea I have ever had.
- Kurt, it is you and Karen who first revealed to us that the Thanksgiving turkey dinner in Wisconsin was no difference than such a dinner in Maryland or Pennsylvania—it was equally tender, rich and delicious. Also, I would like to report that among the several maple trees and bushes that transplanted from your backyard to our backyard three years ago, only one seems to be able to survive into 2009.
- Imi, we have had so many conversations about all kinds of topics but philosophy and history, but the resilience you have displayed in meeting the challenges in life has told me that you are a very qualified historian. We must have more talks in the future so I could somehow convince you that I am a very qualified historian.
- Kirił, I benefitted so much from your perspective on many issues, including the presidential elections in 2004 and in 2008. I also gather that because of the special life experiences and edu-
cational background, you could understand the meaning of Vladimir Putin’s statement that the person who did not regret the collapse of the Soviet Union was without a heart in a way I could not.

- **Sue**, you may not have realized how much those small and big things you do in KFA 306 have sweetened the atmosphere in this Department and made my life in KFA 315 and the classrooms much easier. Also, when you shared with us the picture of JFK in River Falls, I was reminded of a conversation we had a few years before about your memory of JFK. As a Chinese boy, I was too young to remember anything when he was assassinated, but a friend of mine who was two years older than me remembers she was parading on street, celebrating the inevitable decline of the American power as its leader was gunned down. How much the world has changed since then!

- **John (Buschen)**, life in the Department is different without you. After you left us in 2003, I went to Como Park Conservatory few more times, but I still miss the pictures of plants and flowers you took in the Conservatory and shared with us when you were here. I am happy to know, through the greeting e-cards you send us from time to time, that even as you are living in a very warm part of the country you still care to maintain the connection with the people living in a very cold part of the country.

The beginning of a new year is a time to reflect on what has happened in the past. I could choose to reflect on my family here and in China, on my academic career and on how life now is a continuity with the past, but I have decided to avail myself of this “Newsletter” opportunity to reflect on those old, happy contacts with my colleagues and friends in this Department. Of course this will continue for many, many years to come, but in case the “Roark Atkinson Syndrome” reoccurs, they would know the selective memory has never succeeded in making me forget that I feel warm in this cold place because of them.

Wish all of you good health and happiness in the Year of Ox!

**Faculty Emeriti News**

**John Buschen (at UWRF 38 years through 2004).** I continue to enjoy the sun and warmth of South Florida, where walking and swimming are possible and pleasant every day. The Broward Center for the Arts in Fort Lauderdale is a wonderful focus for symphony concerts, grand opera, and ballet, especially the Miami City Ballet, which is superb. I have found a way of enjoying spring, my favorite season and something Florida does not have, four times each year. In late March I head for Washington, D.C. and Cherry Blossom Festival with spring flowers all over the city and some of the best art museums in the world. Then to Chicago in April to visit my family and enjoy a colorful Midwestern spring. Then to Montreal in May to enjoy a splendid northern spring, wonderful food with friends, and the amenities of a very cosmopolitan city. And then to River Falls and Minneapolis in June, where spring still lingers and I can visit many old friends. In the fall, I went to San Francisco, for the most enjoyable time ever there. Three major art shows were offered in the major museums; a dahlia show in Golden Gate Park was spectacular; and there is always so much to do in the city. Then back to Chicago for my sister’s birthday. And a final trip to Baltimore/Philadelphia to visit a friend and sightsee.

Reading, photography, sudoku, and bridge offer regular pleasures. The Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club is one of the largest in the world, and I play several times a week. The city is filled with wonderful ethnic restaurants of all kinds offering delicious gustatory pleasures. And I am on the internet every day, checking the news, learning many new things, and corresponding with friends and former students. I am happy to hear from old friends and former students, and my e-mail address is good for life john.j.buschen@uwrf.edu

**Herb Cederberg (at UWRF 33 years through 1999) and Alice.** 2008 did not feel as we are retired although we started the new year at St George island, Florida where we stayed for 6 weeks. Returning to the deep freeze zone I taught a class at the U. of Minnesota Osher Institute on Edward Hopper. Yes, the 20th century realist painter. It was not as much of a stretch as one might think since the director of the institute knew I have been studying Hopper’s work for some time and am deeply into trying to solve the mystery of the influence on his work by Jeanne Cheruy who modeled for him in the early 1920s. I continue to conduct a series of book discussions at the Amery, Wisconsin Public Library where alumna Marla Sorenson and her sister, Barbara are librarians. We are into our thirteenth year.

Alice and I drove to New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland last summer with the primary objective of checking out L’Anse Aux Meadows, the site of the Norse gateway settlement around 1000. Little if any doubt remains about the authenticity of the site. The evidence is little short of conclusive.

Alice and I continue on the board of the Minnesota Symphony Orchestra YPSCA and I continue on the board of the JOBSNOW Coalition where my former student, Kevin Ristau is the education director.

This past August I competed in the Minnesota Senior Olympics Qualifying Tournament and got a gold medal.
in both singles and doubles tennis so will be competing in the Senior Olympics held in San Francisco this coming summer. Two years ago I competed in the games in Louisville and got killed, advancing only to the second round. I just had knee surgery so I am hoping to be a bit more mobile in San Francisco.

At present, Alice and I are back in Florida wandering around the southern part of the state until we take up residence for a month at St. George Island once again. Clyde Curry Smith (at UWRF 25 years through 1990) & Ellen. While much like 2007 no further treatments were required for either of us, we are partly kept on hand with various check-ups timed irregularly. But we were able to get away from River Falls to attend the 50th reunion in May of St. John’s College’s move to the campus of the University of Manitoba, from whence I date my academic career.

In June, we travelled to New Jersey to visit daughter and family, celebrating there our 55th wedding anniversary. Enroute home we had the great pleasure of stopping over with former colleagues of the local physics department and our erstwhile neighbors on West Maple Street, Wayne and Carol Sukow. In August son and family came out to River Falls for a wonderfully crowded week in this condo. Beyond visits, we remained in touch with each of the families by phone with a relative frequency, and with many other friends by various means of correspondence.

I continue working with Kevin Caldwell, my long-term theological companion. We missed a few weeks over the year due to other circumstances, including his attendances at conferences with his wife, Lynn Jermal, UW-RF professor of art education. He and I continue to make some progress towards the completion of his graduate theological degree program at St. John’s University, Collegeville, Minnesota. Reviewing was minimal in 2008, and exclusively for CHOICE, though an abridged version of my biographical “William Barnett Blakemore, Jr. (1912-1975): Church Theologian and Ecumenist” appeared in Call to Unity 9 (Indianapolis: CCUCC, September 2008), 31-35. Maintained contact through the year with ancient historian, Matt Waters at UW-EC.

Ellen continues service as plan commission member for the City of River Falls, while I function as board member and secretary of the of the River Falls Library Foundation. I have assumed duties as the treasurer for the Greenridge Homeowners Association wherein we have completed more than a decade of enjoyable retirement life.

Though remaining “unwired,” I would nevertheless be pleased to be contacted consultatively by students interested in any aspect of “Ancient History and Religions,” or any time by those alumni who wish to maintain or renew connections, at my home address by mail: 2642 Golf View Drive, River Falls WI 54022. If necessary I could be reached by phone: 715-425-6383.

C. Noble Stockton (at UWRF 23 years through 1989). On Election Day Noble gave a timely talk at the "Little House senior center in Menlo Park. Title: "Political High-Jinks --Crooked Politicians I have Personally Known and Exactly What they Did (In Illinois, in the 1940s)." (Online at: http://www.uwrf.edu/history/E-fac-Stockton.html) In 1945-47 Noble was Press Secretary for the Illinois House of Representatives and between sessions of the legislature he served as the clerk on the 4 to midnight shift at Illinois State Police headquarters (back in the days when all the state police were Republican appointees and contributed a month's salary in cash to buy votes at every election). In the next few days we were reminded, when the governor tried to sell Obama's senate seat to the highest bidder, that Illinois politics remains amusingly corrupt.

Also at the senior center Noble has organized "Toot Sweet," a recorder group playing renaissance, baroque, and classical-period music on 18th-century style flutes and invites out-of-practice players like him to come and have a blast. Some of that sheet music dates from when he and Ronnie played in a recorder group with Bunchen, Delaplain, and other R. F. locals very long ago.

Just to keep ecumenical, he's joined the choir of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Menlo Park -- and won't EVER tell them his philosophical theories about the nature of Christ. (Noble invites correspondence at cnstockton@sbcglobal.net.)

Remembering Dr. Stephen Feinstein 1943-2008

We welcome you to visit:
http://www.uwrf.edu/history/RememberingSF.html
http://www.uwrf.edu/history/E-FAC-Feinsteinmem.html
News from Other Former UWRF Colleagues

Chang, Chun-Shu. Remaining in retirement in Ann Arbor, his major opus in two volumes, *The rise of Imperial China*, was published by the University of Michigan Press. He reported hard it is to imagine the more than thirty years since they left UW-RF!

Ericson, Tim. In retirement he and wife Vallie moved back to River Falls, though without spending the entire year here. We were able to gather with them several times for dining out.

Shellman, Gary. With wife Sally lives downstate in Glendale. Visited and dined with Ursula Peterson and us in October, enroute to a German History Conference in the Twin Cites where he made a presentation. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Alumni News

Amy Anderson. In her role as Professor of New Testament History and Literature at North Central University, St. Paul, MN, visited briefly as part of a session of the Twin Cities "Trial Balloon" Group at Luther Seminary in March 2008. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Tara Boldthen (2005). After teaching social studies in Little Falls for three years I have ventured down to southern Minnesota. I am currently teaching at Byron High School and living in Rochester. I am starting to contemplate my decision to major in Broad Field Social Studies because I am now teaching an Economics class.... I also am teaching Sociology, World Studies, United States History and Government and Law. Besides being busy with teaching I am also the 8th grade volleyball coach and Junior High track coach. Thank you to all that contributed to my education so that I was truly prepared to teach all aspects of Social Studies.

Deborah Brown-Hanson (1980). 2008 was a year of milestones--my father passed away after a brief illness; two of my step-daughters married in the fall which was great fun; and Steve and I celebrated our first anniversary. Moving through 2009, I am still enjoying leading Minnesota Public Radio's major gifts program representing this premier institution and its programming to major investors. Steve and I are organizing a family trip to Italy this fall which is coinciding with another milestone as "50" looms on the horizon -- who could believe it?! Pat and Carol, are you with me? :) Through all the tumult of 2008, I give thanks to live in this great country, and for all the freedoms we still enjoy.

Warm thanks to everyone in the History Department for all they do to still stay in touch.

Alice Cargo (Youngren). Continues teaching enrichment classes to grades 3 through 8, while husband Bill serves Michaelson Memorial United Church in Grayling, Michigan. Highlight of year was visit to Key West, Florida, where AJ demonstrated her new found skill at snorkeling. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Mark Christopher. We visited frequently in the late autumn his and wife Sue's orchard southwest of Spring Valley, WI, to aquire fresh apples, home-baked pies, preserved jellies, honey, and maple syrup! (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Monica Copeland (Manske) (2003). Hey! Here's our latest update: We still live in a 1911 house in Owatonna that I still can't believe it's mine.

Tony is a customer rep/sales guy for Mediacom cable out of the Waseca office. I got my job back at Faribault High this year (YEAH!) [after funding cuts] and am teaching American Literature (where all those hours in American history classes has come in very, very handy) and English 9. I spend the majority of my day with 9th graders, and life is very good.

Like the rest of the nation, we are on Facebook if anyone wants to make contact.

Mary D'Andrea (Magnan) (1970). Highly proficient registrar for MNSCU travels often to share expertise within the profession; continues to live in Hudson with husband Mike at 3M and son Mike at College, though they sold the old bigger house and moved to smaller facilities. Her website for materials derived from her MA thesis, related to the life of Leonard William King, continues to grow. She visited us at the beginning and end of 2008. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Timothy L. Ericson (1972) has been appointed to represent the Society of American Archivists (SAA) on the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). He has served in a variety of leadership positions within SAA, including as President in 2003-2004.

Ericson began his career as University Archivist at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and served as director of the graduate archival studies program in the School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where he remains an adjunct faculty member. He also worked at the Wisconsin Historical Society and as Education Officer for Society of American Archivists in Chicago.
He also served for many years as a governor's appointee to the Wisconsin Historical Records Advisory Board and recently was named primary faculty at the Georgia Archives Institute, the Western Archives Institute, and the Special Institute for Native American and Tribal Archivists.

As part of the National Archives, the NHPRC is a major funding source for a wide variety of projects through its two programs of support for historical publications and preservation and use of historical records. NHPRC recommends the expenditure of appropriated or donated funds for the collecting, describing, preserving, compiling, and publishing of documentary sources significant to the history of the United States, and for Institutes, training and educational programs and fellowships related to those activities. It also disseminates information about documentary sources through guides, directories, and other technical publications.

Because NHPRC is one of the chief grant funders to the archival community, SAA's representative carries great responsibility to voice the concerns of archives and archivists and make recommendations concerning grant funding.

Wayne Funk (1970). Wayne enjoys retirement by various golfing chores and games in the Burnsville, MN area. We had the pleasure of his and wife Pat's company several times over the year both at their home (with celebration of his 70th birthday) and out here in River Falls. With one of his Burnsville compatriots, we began luncheon sessions in November investigating background to biblical and early christian subjects. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Amber Gonske (2000). It has been a busy and exciting year. In December I started a new job as Morning Host and Information Director for WJMC-AM Radio in Rice Lake, taking over for Don Tobias, who decided to retire. I am the third host since 1957. It was a tough decision, since I loved my work in Madison, but I'm enjoying being back in Northwestern Wisconsin. I had been working as a Producer and Technical Director for WisconsinEye Public Affairs Network in Madison. We had a very busy summer and fall covering the state and national elections. I'm proud to have had the opportunity to interview Governor Doyle this past summer. My work at WisconsinEye gave me the chance to direct a number of legislative committee broadcasts, the Supreme Court, and work on Senate sessions. I was able to interview three department secretaries, and a number of legislators. I'm enjoying getting involved in the Rice Lake & Barron County community again, and have served as a judge for a few district FFA speaking contests this winter.

Gordon Hendrickson (1968). In December 2008, I retired from the position of State Archivist for Iowa. I held that position from 1987 to 2008. After graduating from UWRF in 1968 in History and political Science, I went on to earn an MA in History from Colorado State University in 1972 and a Ph.D. in History from the University of Wyoming in 1975. After brief periods with the University of Wyoming, the Wyoming State Historical Department and the Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota, I spent seven years at the University of Missouri-Kansas City as director of the Western Historical Manuscript Collection at UMKC. I then joined the State Historical Society of Iowa as the State Archivist in 1987 and served in that position until my retirement. My wife Barbara and I now plan on visiting our children (in Fargo, ND, Dousman, AL, and St. Paul, MN) and continuing our volunteer work in Clive.

Michael Higgins (1971). National economy dampened his intentions to retire from grade school teaching in Rothschild, WI; in the spirit of John Buschen he reports a full life within his "culture club". His domestic life and chores reminds one of "old-time Wisconsin!" (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Philip Idsvoog. Retired from public school teaching and administration, he continues as chair of the Portage County WI Board of Supervisors; recovery from serious surgery in 2007 permitted travel west to Arizona and California with wife Elaine early in the year—though not by the motorcycle they love to get out on locally. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Trilby Idzerda (Hanek). With husband Chris moved to Galesville, WI during 2008, giving prospects of occasional visits in the forthcoming year. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Bonnie Jones (Witthuhn) (1976). She continues at Prescott High; her husband Dick operates a very successful veterinary medicine clinic in River Falls. We visited their lovely rural home in July. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Carole Kettner (Peter) (1981). Fourth grade teaching remains her first love, with asides in Master Gardeners from which she started a Junior Master Gardener Program. With John various incredible travel opportunities again opened in 2008, with June in Iceland and an NEA meeting in Washington DC. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Karyn McBride (Sackis). Splendid letter came in at the first of the May from Austin, MN, recalling the "days of yore" within the old history department and her various involvements, prompted like others by the
shocking loss, immediately preceding, of our colleague Steve Feinstein. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Curt Nyberg. With wife Karen continues emphasis upon pottery and related aesthetic activities in Deer Park, WI; but also flew to Dencer to visit daughter Tara, and enjoyed the Denver Art Museum. Continues interest in comparative mythology, as well as practicing psychology. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

David Olson. Returned to the homestead farm near Spring Valley to assume its full operations, whereat we were delighted to visit and be realed with stories from his more recent experiences in Johannesburg, South Africa. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Manley Olson (1959). I organized a 1950’s reunion of Maiden Rock High School. The high school closed in 1956. We had about 100 people, mostly graduates, who attended MRHS during the 1950’s and got a story and pictures in the Eau Claire paper.

Lois Parker (1992). Having retired once again from local Lutheran ministry in Harmony, MN, she and husband Keith resettled in Columbia Heights, MN, and anticipate visits back to UW-RF. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

David Peterson (1980 and 1991) and Pat Owen Peterson (1981 and 1989). David is in his twenty-fourth year as a manuscripts archivist at the Minnesota Historical Society, and is lead archivist in the Walter Mondale Papers project. Pat is in her twenty-third year as a librarian at the Washington County Library in Woodbury (Minn.). Daughter Eleanor is in her senior year at UW-RF, where she is majoring in Music Education and works in the Chalmer Davee Library. Son Michael is a senior at Park High School in Cottage Grove (Minn.), and is hoping to enter UW-RF in the Fall, where he may major in Political Science. We’re looking forward to seeing the Old Gang at the History/Philosophy Banquet in April!

Janet Poff. Reemerged within our lives by several visits over the year following our mutual gathering at the memorial service for Steve Feinstein. She took us in September to the annual festival at the Coptic Orthodox Church in South St. Paul. Health issues continue to plague, though she maintains her duties as Librarian in Woodbury. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Diane Raddatz (1969). From her residence in Hartford, WI, the continuing burden of extensive work has its ameliorating elements in the care for her horses, and the development of old and new style collections for her library, though the economic downturn of 2008 has made even these difficult. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Jim Rapp (1971). In retirement from high school teaching, continuoueffectve ministerial functions as drama author and producer at their local church in Eau Claire, as well as church treasurer. Wife Alice is involved with a chaplaincy program at the county jail especially for women. Both enjoyed a C.S. Lewis conference in Madison in January. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

Ryan Roseen. I am still teaching 8th grade Global Studies at Valley Middle in Apple Valley. I have been here for 6 years. In 2005 I earned my Master’s Degree in Teaching and Learning from St. Mary’s in Winona. Other than that, nothing new……

Kevin Trafford. Partial retirement from Britain’s National Health Service, finds him still involved in occasional rigorous assignments involving mental health cases, and wife Pat full time in comparable work, near their home in Croydon, UK. (From Clyde Curry Smith.)

If you have any news you would like to share, please email us at historynewsletter@uwrf.edu so we can include your news in next year’s issue.
History Scholarships

**History Department Scholarship:** Awarded to outstanding History students.

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**Edward N. Peterson Lecture Series:**
This endowed fund will be used for an annual lecture series on the UWRF campus (to begin spring 2007) to honor the memory, teaching and research of Ed Peterson. The lectures will focus on topics related to Dr. Peterson’s teaching and research: war and peace, abuses and limits of power, or the struggle for democracy in the twentieth century.

**History Department Fund:**
Managed by the Alumni Foundation, this fund is referred to as “Special Projects,” Any undesignated contributions that the Foundation receives for the History Department goes into this Fund. From this substantial resource we transferred funds for the Peterson Lecture Series. We retained some funds, however, for “special projects” such as essay awards, underwriting banquet charges for students, or special needs of the department.
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Recipient names will be posted after our April 24th banquet . . .

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Ed said it best . . .

Partly because we in education must save money, whereas those in waging wars have money to burn, we have gone on the net with our Newsletter.

We will send a card to all alumni about the opportunity. Any one not on the Net would need only to tell us and we would send the printed copy. Further it will be available to anyone on the Net all during the year. Not the least of the reasons would be the savings of the postage and the staff needed to stuff envelopes.

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(E. N. Peterson, 2005)

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