Chair’s remarks

Thanks to the dedication, commitment, and contribution of all the historians and philosophers in our Department, we can end 2015 on a happy note and celebrate our achievements in the past year. While each member of the Department may reflect on what she/he has accomplished in her/his public and personal life in their individual pieces written for this Newsletter, as the department chair I would like to chronicle the departmental events in 2015 that would not have occurred without your support and participation—

- 2015 was the inaugural year for the Wyman Visiting Professorship in History Program, and Professor Donald Worster, a leading scholar in the field of American environmental history who is from the University of Kansas, was awarded the grant. He visited us in early March and made two well-received and highly-praised presentations: “Wilderness: The Higher Altruism in American Environmental Values” and “ Shrinking the Earth: From an Age of Abundance to an Age of Limits.”
- For our annual History Banquet in May 2015, we invited Professor Robert Entenmann from St. Olaf College to present a talk titled “The Indigenization of Christianity in Late Imperial China: Chinese Catholic Priests between Two Worlds.” The talk investigated the role of Chinese Catholic priests in Sichuan, their identity as Chinese and their relationship to a European-led church, and the implications for the indigenization of Christianity in late imperial China.
- In October, our Department presented another Edward Peterson Lecture Series event, featuring Dr. Florencia Mallon, Julieta Kirkwood Professor of History from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Professor Mallon delivered a lecture titled “From Hemisphere to Country: A Genealogy of ‘America’.”

Presented to the campus community as a Year of Mexico event as well, her lecture explored how the utopian notion of “America,” initially applied to the full Western Hemisphere, is transformed within the emerging nation of the United States.

After a long and distinguished career as a historian and a philosopher, two senior members of the Department, Dr. Kurt Leichtle and Dr. David Peters, left us in 2015, and we wish them good luck in their retirement life. While saying goodbye to them, the Department is also preparing to welcome a new faculty member to teach U.S. history courses. In the midst of budget cut for Wisconsin’s higher education, we got the permission to do a national search that will result in the hiring of a tenure-track assistant professor of twentieth-century U.S. history, the first such hiring in the past ten years.

Happy New Year and wish you all good luck and happiness in 2016!

-Zhiguo

Walker D. and Helen Bryant Wyman Visiting Professorship in History

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Apr. 7-8 Three exciting public events — Save the dates!
Details on page 5 of this newsletter and at https://www.uwrf.edu/HIST/Events/WymanHist/Index.cfm
Banquet set for Friday, Apr. 29

Full banquet details and your invitation are on page 9 of this newsletter and at http://www.uwrf.edu/HIST/Events/Banquet.cfm.

Paid reservations are due by Friday, Apr. 22. We hope to see you there!

Alumni David Peterson, Melissa Zopp-Grant, Thomas Grant and Michael Peterson (l. to r.) were among the record 58 guests at last year’s banquet. Photo by Sue Voelker.

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The Edward N. Peterson Lecture Series

The Peterson Lecture Series will take a break until Fall 2017. The next date and topic will be announced at http://www.uwrf.edu/HIST/Events/PetersonLectureSeries/Index.cfm. Notices will also be sent via email, Facebook and Twitter.

The purpose of the Series is to honor the memory of Ed Peterson and to address the vital issues of our time. The goal is to hold the Series annually on the UWRF campus.

The lecturer is to be an established scholar addressing a topic related to arenas that were the focus of Dr. Peterson’s academic career: war and peace, abuses and limits of power, or the struggle for democracy in the twentieth century.

The funds establishing and maintaining the Series are generated by donations from alumni, faculty, students and friends. We are most grateful to all who have contributed to the Edward N. Peterson Lecture Series Foundation fund and the History Department Special Project Fund. We are most grateful for your generosity in making this Series possible.

Faculty and Staff News

Ryan Fischer (since 2008)
My big news this year is the publication of my book, Cattle Colonialism: An Environmental History of the Conquest of California and Hawaii in October of 2015 by the University of North Carolina Press. It follows the introduction of cattle to California and then Hawai‘i and traces the impacts that the animals had on indigenous peoples in both regions and their role in the creation of an international hide and tallow trade in the early nineteenth century Pacific. I summarize the book in an interview I did for a podcast called Ben Franklin’s World, which would be worth tracking down if you are interested in learning more.

I am working on a new project about the many migrations of the Meskwaki Indians in response to European incursions. It involves a lot more Wisconsin history, and I am learning a lot about the Meskwaki (also known as the Fox); I took a fun and informative trip to the Meskwaki Settlement in Iowa in October. I’ve presented this work at a conference and at an environmental history colloquium in California in April, and I plan to send off an article for publication soon.

I taught a new class on Borders and Borderlands in North America in the fall, which was an exciting experience, and I continue to enjoy teaching the first half of the American history survey, as well as Native American history, Latin American history, and American Environmental history.

My youngest daughter Caroline is one year old and has just learned to walk, and my four-year-old daughter Iris will be headed to pre-school in the fall. They keep me busy when I’m not working on teaching and research!

Kurt Leichtle (1986-2015 and since 2016)
As you probably know, Kurt retired last Spring. Then, after several months of retirement, he agreed to help us out by teaching two sections of History 100 this semester. So he is back in his old office for the time being.

-Sue Voelker

See more photos of Kurt’s retirement celebration and last day in the office (with at least some of the people identified) at:

Photos of Kurt’s last day in the office: https://flic.kr/s/aHsk5KUv7H
Retirement reception: https://flic.kr/s/aHsk7NK2Uu
Faculty and Staff News (continued)

Intiaz Moosa (since 1989)
I dedicate the short space allotted to me for the newsletter, to the trip I took to New Zealand—a 30 day trip late in July. This is the fifth year I have done something with Howard, my adventurer friend. He was in the south island of NZ, in Nelson, a small town about twice the size of Hudson. I spent almost a fortnight alone at a remote resort (just built) on the western coast of the South Island, while my friend was off cycling and camping at a park.

In the many travels I have done, I have found that no people quite match the friendliness of Americans. But the Kiwis (people of New Zealand at least in the southern island) were even more friendly. Once, when the sea had receded miles away from the shore, because of low tide, I got lost among the dunes; and a person walked literally 2 miles with me to get me back to my motel, despite all my protestsations—and was offended when I offered him money for his tremendous help. These are really decent, down to earth, good folk. And one and all are very good with their hands; they fix their houses, they grow their own food, etc. Unlike Americans, they do not frequent restaurants much; so hotel food is expensive there, because of so few customers. And, amazingly, despite its remoteness, southern NZ has almost as little hostility toward other ethnicities as do Americans. Americans and Kiwis, among developed nations, have the least prejudices—they fare far better than Europeans. The coast in the south is rather remote and wild. But spectacular it is generally not—except very far south, where I did not go. It has its own unique and quiet beauty. So far away from USA, I was still reminded of America. In a small remote location of a few thousand, called Takaka, where Howard had arranged me to speak, and where to my and everyone’s amazement, some 75 people showed up (I was an odd celebrity, that needed to be checked out), was an American woman, who had married a Kiwi and settled there for many decades. Was she ever happy to see an American! She revealed in my loudness and casualness, and that I did not have a Kiwi accent. She laughed at my jokes, especially when I made it about the Kiwis. Man, she was my greatest cheerleader there! She invited me to her home, but unfortunately it did not work out.

The one great negative of my trip was, I left the balmy, beautiful summer we had this year, for a blustery, raw and even sometimes wet weather of NZ. So precious are the dreamy and long halcyon days of our Summers here, that I needed some getting used to. “

—Intiaz Moosa

Sue Voelker, Office Manager
(1987)
I am fortunate to have the help of four terrific—and experienced—student staff: Kayla Grimm, Marissa Fredrickson, Kayla Friedlund and Alex Saxe.

Away from URF, after years of incremental progress in my spare time, I opened my online shop in March 2015. I have learned so much about domains, online shop procedures, product staging photography, utilizing Twitter and mastering search-engine optimization.

My oldest son Karl continues his career in software engineering in California, with plenty of winery visits and other travels sprinkled in.

My son Jack is a Program Administrator with Minnesota Department of Human Services in St. Paul and commutes from his apartment in River Falls. Social and gaming gatherings with friends and plenty of reading fill much of his free time.

David Varel (since 2015)
I joined the department in Fall 2015 after completing my Ph.D. in history at the University of Colorado at Boulder in May 2015. I specialize in modern U.S. history, African-American history, and American intellectual history. At URF this year, I am teaching courses in each of those areas. I am also working on several publications—above all, my book manuscript, which is under contract with the University of Chicago Press. My book is an intellectual biography of a pioneering, but deeply marginalized, black social scientist named Allison Davis (1902-1983). I have enjoyed my time at URF thus far, and I have particularly welcomed the mild weather this fall.

Walter Wietzke (since 2014)
I have had an eventful year. This
Faculty and Staff News (continued)

 pasado May my wife and I purchased a house for the first time, and the various activities of moving in and learning how to keep everything maintained (especially the yard and garden) kept me busy all summer. I have also been busy with a diverse set of courses to prepare and teach. Part of this included taking a group of students from the “Existentialism” course to the Kierkegaard Library at St. Olaf College at the end of October. All of this has been very rewarding. More recently, in November and December I was able to travel a bit to give talks at Wheaton College (Chicago) and Queens College (NYC) on the topic of love and religious conversion. These are some new ideas I’m developing for a larger project that focuses on the phenomenon of transformative experience in general (that is, moral and religious conversions). Over the summer I also had the article “Narrativity and Normativity” published in the volume Narrative, Identity, and the Kierkegaardian Self. Aside from these academic pursuits I had great fun on my annual spring trout fishing trip to the BWCA and can hardly wait for the next. I am also keeping up the long runs and occasional marathon. And finally, any moment when I’m not focused on something else I have my hands full with my two year-old daughter.

Zhiguo Yang (since 2001)

When a year passed as if it were a day, one can hardly pinpoint anything that would make it any different from the previous year—that is how I feel about 2015 and, probably, would feel about 2016 when I reflect it in 2017. Still, in my annual routine of teaching, doing research, and leading education abroad program for our students, I find enjoyment, fulfillment, and happiness.

February 8 is the Chinese New Year, the beginning of the Year of Monkey. According to the definition of monkeys’ personality in Wikipedia, “although they are inherently intellectual and creative, Monkeys at times have trouble exhibiting these qualities. When that happens, they appear to others to be confused. But nothing could be further from the truth as Monkeys thrive on being challenged.” Does this sound like the monkey—Monkey Sun—made famous by Journey to the West, a 16th-century Chinese novel?

Happy New Year and good luck in the Year of Monkey!

—Zhiguo Yang

We hope you can join us for this exciting event!

See full details at http://www.uwrf.edu/HIST/Events/Wyman.cfm

View photos from last year’s event at wrfphoto.photoshelter.com/gallery/Walker-D-and-Helen-Bryant-Wyman-Visiting-Professorship-in-History-Donald-Worster-03062015/G000G1tBS2a6yU/Cs000e4i5MOEbiY8

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Thursday, April 7 - Lecture
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501 Wild Rose Ave., River Falls, WI
- 3:30 Reception
- 4 p.m. Presentation

The Challenge to American Primacy, 1945 to the Present by Warren Cohen
Friday, April 8 - Roundtable Discussion
Chalmers Davie Library Breezeway at UWRF
- 2 p.m.

The Golden Age of East Asian Art Collecting in the U.S.
Friday, April 8 - Lecture
River Falls Public Library, 140 Union St., River Falls, WI
- 6 p.m. Reception
- 7 p.m. Presentation

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Faculty emeriti news

Betty Bergland (1990-2014)
In the first full year of my retirement I am well, though still seeking a routine and balance. I miss the students, but not the grading! Intellectual work still occupies most of my time--focused on migration, especially the book project on indigenous peoples and immigrants. So, research, writing, and academic conferences marked my year.

In the winter I did archival research at Region Three Archives for the ELCA Synod in St. Paul, returning to the topic of the Bethany Indian Mission to explore a new dimension--how mission work affected the leaders’ sense of whiteness--while also reading theories of race and whiteness. (A graduate student from Notre Dame asked me to participate in the April conference of the American Society of Church Historians.) In the summer, I made two research trips to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Reservation in South Dakota (where Norwegian immigrants also settled), which proved rich and productive. Drawing on this new research and focused on migration (emphasizing issues of race and gender), I participated in three conferences in October: traveling south (Texas), west (Oregon), and across the Mississippi (Minneapolis). (Then Norway!)

Clifton, Texas was the site of the Norwegian-sponsored conference foregrounding Texas settlements and Cleng Peerson, considered “pathfinder” for Norwegian migration. (Rich exchanges with Norwegian colleagues.) The Western Historical Association (in Portland) focused on crossing borders. (On a collaborative panel with Norwegian scholars.) The Minneapolis conference (sponsored jointly by the IEHS and the IHRC) marked the 50th anniversary of the 1965 Immigration Act. (A very exciting conference!) Following these rich and intense weeks, I traveled to Norway in November for an international conference on “Nordic Whiteness,” sponsored by the National Library in Oslo. The Library has added to its mission the collection of materials on current immigrants to Norway (mostly from Africa and the Middle East), which adds to the past and current mission of collecting Norwegian American materials. The conference, thus, aimed to bring together scholars addressing the 19C emigration from Norway and the 20/21C immigration to Norway around the concept of “whiteness.” The one-day conference was very stimulating and will be followed by a publication of essays.

Returning home after two weeks, I felt energized and inspired, though admittedly exhausted. Now, I look forward to a sustainable pace and balance for the coming year! Wishing everyone a healthy, productive and joyful new year! And peace in the world!

This has been a very busy year; keeping up with retirement keeps me on the run most of the time. But I enjoy it. For exercise, I walk four miles each morning and swim for an hour most afternoons.

December started off with great excitement. On Dec. 3, I drove down to spend a day in Miami Beach at Art Basel, the greatest art fair in the world. I don’t get to many art museums during the year any more, but I make up for it now. More than 500 of the best art dealers and galleries in the world come to the Convention Center and other venues all over Miami and Miami Beach and bring the finest private art of the 20th and 21st century which is for sale. I was delighted and amazed as I am every year. Artworks by the greatest artists, made for homes and not museums, was on display. I got to see wonderful works by my favorite artists which I have never seen before, and which I shall never see again. Picasso, Warhol, Calder, Mitchell, Botero, Koons, Keith Haring, Damien Hirst, and every other important name was on display. And the dealers are friendly and happy to talk about the artists and their works, so I always learn a great deal. Because of our location in South Florida, the fair also draws the very best of Latin American galleries from Havana, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Mexico City, and Miami, which has superb galleries of Latin American art.

On Friday I rest up so that I can go back on Saturday to Art Miami, on the other side of Biscayne Bay, for the superb Art Miami. This is a much older show which has been around for a long time and draws 300 more galleries and dealers. No one is in both locations. Here I found my favorite Helen Frankenthaler paintings and prints; here were the best Robert Motherwell works by far; works by Kenneth Noland and Morris Louis and Jules Olitski; here were smaller but wonderful galleries of Latin American art with works by Cruz...
Diez, Soto, Gunther Gerszo, Amelia Pelaez, Syszlo and many others of my favorites.

On Sunday the 6th, we went to see John Neumeier’s "The Lady of the Camellias,” a ballet performed by the Bolshoi in Moscow and shown here in Fort Lauderdale live in a simulcast at the Regent Movie Theater, which is five minutes from my house. Svetlana Zakharova, the Bolshoi’s incomparable ballerina, danced the lead.

The music was by Chopin, and the costumes and movements were both Romantic and modern in style. It was breathtaking. It was part of the incredible series which Fathom Events is bringing to movie theaters all over the world this year. No longer are those of us not living in London or New York deprived of theater. Two weeks ago I saw the Oscar Wilde play "The Importance of Being Ernest" from a theater in the West End in London. It was the best production of the play I have ever seen. Not only is Wilde’s language delightful, but the English director used so much physical comedy that I laughed more than I have in years.

On Dec. 12 we went to see the Christmas program of the Harid Conservatory of Ballet up in Boca Raton. As usual, it was breathtaking. The students are so good, it is almost unbelievable. All the seniors will go on and getjobs with major American ballet companies next fall. Part of the program is always the Second Act of "The Nutcracker" with all the good dancing and none of the urchins, so we get to see the best. Then on Dec. 15 we went to see the Metropolitan Opera's "Magic Flue" by Mozart at the Regent. The music was so wonderful and the staging was so creative and interesting and fun that you can forget about the nonsense story and just enjoy Mozart’s wonderful music and the exceptional singing. It was an amazing evening, and again at my local theater. For only a few bucks and a five minute drive, I can enjoy the best concerts, operas, ballets, and plays in the world. "The Last Night at the Proms" was a fantastic concert from London, with the orchestra led by American maestra, Maris Allop. The soloist was the young English piano prodigy, Benjamin Grosvenor, and he deserves all the accolades he is receiving. The orchestra and audience loved Maris and Benjamin, and we viewers here got to enjoy this exceptional event in the annual London cultural calendar. The sound and viewing were incomparable. When we got home from the ballet on the 12th, the annual Boat Parade took place in the evening here in Fort Lauderdale, and more than 100 boats of many sizes, all decorated with lights and banners, sailed along the in-coastal waterway as thousands lined the banks to watch. It is a pretty spectacular sight; remember - Fort Lauderdale has more canals than Venice, Italy.

Fort Lauderdale has a lot of special restaurants, and some of them come and go, but there are always a number of excellent choices available. These days, we enjoy "Le Rendez-vous," a French bistro with great food and atmosphere. On Friday and Saturday nights, there is live piano and accordion music of Paris. Our favorites are the escargots, mussels in white wine sauce, blanquette de veau, Moroccan chicken and curry, and then for dessert either "La Bombe" or "Three Chocolates Cake." The restaurant also includes a first-class French patisserie, and I often take something home for the next day. Or else the Greek Islands Restaurant, where the baked shrimp and the veal shank are heavenly after the Greek Village Salad. "Tequila Sunrise" Mexican Restaurant is the best rated Mexican restaurant in Fort Lauderdale and close to my house. We often eat on the outdoor terrace, all year long. The "Royal Orchid" is a family-run Thai restaurant close by. Their dumplings and satay are delicious appetizers, and then the Masman curry with red and green bell peppers, peanuts, potatoes, onions, and chicken is heavenly, and the Volcano Jumbo Shrimp maybe even better. They bring a sizzling platter with six large shrimp, and then in front of you, they pour a sweet chili pepper sauce over them as they sizzle. The sauce is unbelievably delicious and the shrimp are scrumptious.

I also manage to play bridge several times as week at the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club downtown. I look forward to the sixth, but alas final, season of Downton Abbey. I have been getting the earlier series from my library and watching them on my computer. I turn on Closed Captions, so I get every single word and nuance. The British accents are heavy to my ear, and I miss part of the regular broadcasts, but now I understand every word and I can enjoy all the prefiguring and relationships much more. I enjoy the series very much.

I travel a bit during the year. I go to Chicago a couple of times each year to see family. My health is good, except for an attack of pancreatitis I had last winter. But hopefully that is all in the past.

Clyde Curry Smith (at UWRF 25 years through 1990).

As you may know, Clyde’s wife Ellen died on July 21, 2015. Please see details on the upcoming memorial service below. Clyde reports that he is still in River Falls and is doing well with the help of visits and phone calls from family, friends and former colleagues. He is also grateful for monthly visits from a Humana hospice service grief counselor.

As always, Clyde welcomes visits and communications at 715-425-6383 or 2642 Golf View Dr, River Falls, WI 54022.

-Sue Voelker
Faculty emeriti news (continued)

C. N. Stockton—aka Noble Stockton—at UWRF 23 years through 1989 and Ronnie.

Greetings to all our family and friends for all holidays — Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Saturnalia, WHATCHA GOT? Ronnie and Noble are both somewhat debilitated, there’s some news to be shared, so I resort to this scattershot, to-whom-it-may-concern mode of communication that I sternly disapprove of when other people do it.

Noble? I fell backwards while undressing on Sept. 8. Doctor said to go home and rest. At 4 a.m. there was so much pain that I thought that a very hot shower would reduce the pain. So I did go in the hot shower, which did reduce the pain — for an ecstatic instant. Then I fell again, broke my spine a second time. The local hospital sent me to Fairfax Hospital, which has a large wing for people with falls. This week I’m trying to do without my brace on days when I’m not doing anything strenuous. Still a lot of pain.

Ronnie? Just getting old, I guess. Very forgetful. Finds it hard to do many of the things that people do. We still have fun together. Our jokes and idiocies seem to keep the nurses and aides laughing as much as we do.

We still live at The Jefferson, a 22-story retirement community run by the Sunrise Corp., which has retirement homes all over the U.S.A. We were living in #1425 in its “Independent Living” section. We very recently moved to #408 and #412 in its “Assisted Living” section. #408 is our sitting room, #412 our bedroom. Our wide 4th-story windows look out to Ballston neighborhood of Arlington — high-rise office and apartment buildings, little parks and quasi-public areas. There’s a fountain beside which Ronnie loves to sit on nice days; beyond it is a little French restaurant. The subway is about two blocks away. Our granddaughter Ariel Robinson, who now lives in D.C., came for brunch with us at The Jefferson today. Later today, our son Paul, who lives up Glebe Rd. in McLean, stopped by.

So what do we like to do? Ronnie watches the stock-market on TV, pencil and pad in hand, and chats with our broker in California almost daily. And falls farther and farther behind in reading her New Yorkers. What I most like to do is to write little vignettes of family history to amuse our grandchildren — how my Uncle George was kidnapped by a brigand in Turkey about 1912; how my Uncle Henry ran off to be a jockey, then spent all his college money to buy a racehorse that died. My grandchildren tell me they like the stories — so long as they are funny.

We love to hear from our far-flung friends. — Noble Stockton. Ronnie says “Hi” 900 N. Taylor St., #408, Arlington, VA 22203, December 20, 2011 my cell phone (703) 635-9745 phone in #408: (703)-975-0536 cnstockton@sbcglobal.net

Alumni news

Gordon L. Olson (1966, 1969 BA, MST)

Editor’s note: Kathie Otto, UWRF Archivist, informed me that Gordon Olson’s book, The Notorious Isaac Earl and His Scouts: Union Soldiers, Prisoners, Spies, was published in 2014. Gordon then-provided the following information.

Here is a little more background about myself and the book, although I do think that some information about Earl and the Scouts to audi-

ience has been good. I’ve spoken to a larger audience. Thus far, the re-

sponse has been good. I’ve spoken about Earl and the Scouts to audi-

cences in Mississippi, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and look forward to ad-

ditional opportunities to tell other groups about their adventures.

Additional information is available at my website: http://

gordonlolson.com/

David Peterson (1980 & 1991)

I am now 30 years at the Minnesota Historical Society as an archi-

cval collections cataloger. In 2015 I again attended the annual Northern Great Plains History Conference in Bismarck, North Dakota, and cataloging meetings and conferences conducted by the MnPALS library consortium and Minitex, including meetings at Macalester College, the University of Minnesota, and at the College of St. Scholastica.

Daughter Eleanor (2009) was married last September 19 and is living at Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, with husband Nick Brinsko, and is teaching in the Sun Prairie school district. The wedding was an occasion to get nearly our entire extended family together, with relatives coming in from Boston, Texas, and Georgia. Nick is a fine young man, and his family are nice folks. We couldn’t be happier.

Son Michael (2014) is hard at work on a Master of Library and Information Science degree through the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and is working at the River Falls Area Research Center and in the reference library at the Minnesota Historical Society.

Finding ourselves in the midst of one of the craziest election seasons ever, I find myself wondering what George (Garlid) would have had to say about it.

Hope to see you at the History and Philosophy Banquet in the Spring! Especially YOU, Tom and Melissa!
Please join alumni, faculty, students and friends for our annual

**History and Philosophy Banquet**

**Friday, Apr. 29, 2016**

University Center Ballroom
5:30 p.m. Appetizers & cash bar
6:30 p.m. Dinner & program

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Kurt Leichtle, History Professor Emeritus, UWRF

**Topic:** Boy Scouts: The Complexity of Creating a Symbolic Icon

**Dinner buffet:** Grilled herb chicken with balsamic cranberry reduction, baked tilapia with lemon butter sauce, roasted vegetable medley, broccoli florets, rosemary-roasted red potatoes, wild rice blend with pecans, pasta salad vinaigrette, and tomato cucumber salad with fresh herbs. Tiramisu for dessert. Served with artisan rolls, fresh-brewed coffee, tea, and iced water.

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To make the banquet ticket more affordable to our student attendees, we welcome contributions of any amount (to help cover $11 of each student ticket and the full ticket price for essay contest winners and our student office staff). If you wish to contribute, please specify the amount of your payment that will be used to create more student participation.

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- **Moeser Historical Scholarship.** Awarded to a History major who will be a junior or senior with a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA and is a resident of Wisconsin or Minnesota.

- **Dr. Edward N. Peterson Scholarship.** Student must have attained freshman status, show aptitude and interest in continuing the study of history with consideration being given to applicants who are pursuing a degree with a major in History, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Demonstrated financial need may be a factor in the scholarship committee’s decision.

- **Walker D. & Helen Bryant Wyman Scholarship.** Based upon academic excellence in the major, awarded to a student who has completed at least one full year of study at UWRF. Potential for success and financial need may also be factors.

Foundation funds

- **The Edward N. Peterson Lecture Series**

  The purpose of the Lecture Series is in the Memorandum of Endowment Purpose: “... to provide a sum of money annually to be used for a history lecture for the University community to honor the memory, teaching and research of Edward N. Peterson.”

  To all of you who have contributed to the History Department Special Project Funds over the last years, we thank you for your generosity that has made this Series possible. Contributions may be added to the fund over time.

- **History and Philosophy Department Foundation**

  Contributions to this account may be used to help fund events, correspondence and activities for History and Philosophy alumni.
Thank you for your continuing support!

To all of you who contribute to our scholarship and other foundation funds, we in the History and Philosophy Department are truly thankful. Given still more severe budget cuts, your support means so very much!

History scholarship recipients are also thankful. Your gifts reduce the financial burden of their education and inspire them with your confidence in their potential!
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. Anyone 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.

Nearly all alumni will find us one way or the other.

—E. N. Peterson, 2005