

# NEWS



## *of the History Department at Boston University*

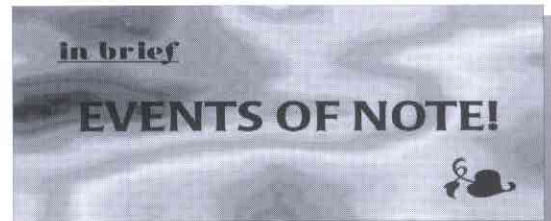
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Professor Bruce Schulman received the Nancy Lyman Roelker Mentorship Award from American Historical Association President Linda Kerber at the January annual meeting of the organization. The citation stated:

Bruce J. Schulman, Boston University is the recipient of the fifteenth annual Roelker Mentorship Award. Professor Schulman's students are effusive about the impact he has had on their lives. Every student he has ever advised [who sought a full-time academic job] is tenured or holds a tenure-track position. Widely praised by his students and peers as a genuinely kind, generous, professional, and decent man with a great sense of humor, Dr. Bruce J. Schulman is a gifted lecturer, an outstanding mentor, a model teacher, and has been extraordinarily generous with his time in inspiring generations of students.

The mentorship award is named for Nancy Roelker, who taught early modern French history at Boston University.



On January 8 Professor **Nina Silber** spoke to a spirited and engaged group of Boston public schoolteachers, for the "Teaching American History" program, on the subject of "Women in the Civil War and Reconstruction." On January 20 she met with several Civil War scholars, along with two documentary film producers, who are hoping to make a documentary film on the Civil War in memory. She has also been reviewing the media treatments for the various film and media presentations that will be part of the new museum and visitor center at the Gettysburg National Park.

Professor **Charles Capper** was the commentator on papers in a session on "Liberalism and Conservatism in the Gilded Age" at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta January 3-7.

On January 10 graduate student **David Atkinson** gave a talk at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard entitled "The Harvard Center for International Affairs: In Theory and in Practice, 1958-1983." It was basically a discussion of the book he is writing as part of the commemoration of the Center's fiftieth anniversary in 2007-08.

In mid-March Professor Emerita **Merle Goldman** will be participating in a conference at St. Antony's College, Oxford, on "Civil Resistance and Power Politics." She has been asked to give a paper on whether Gandhi's methods of civil disobedience played any role in China's 1989 demonstrations in Tiananmen Square.



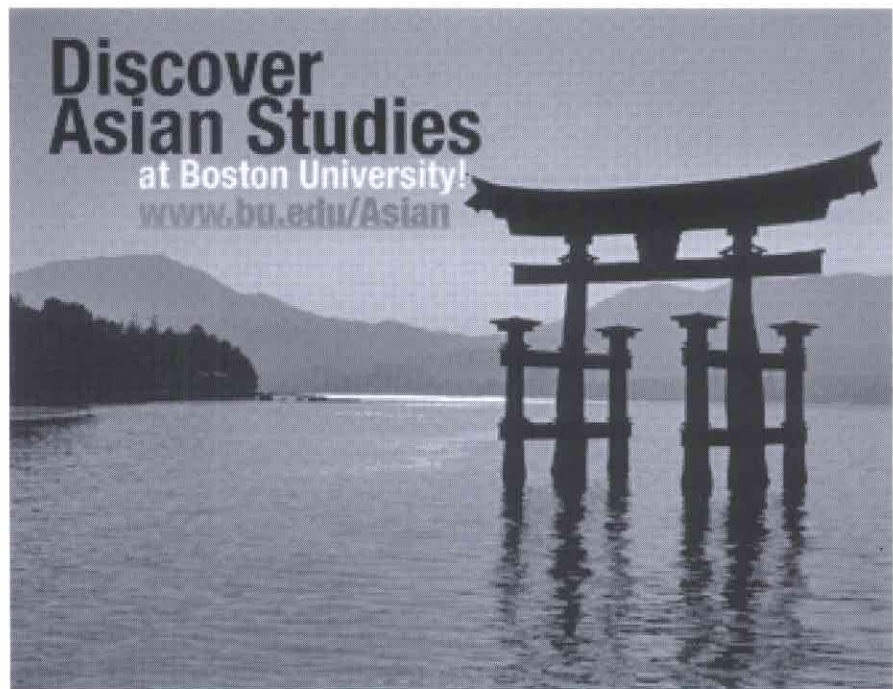
Professor **Andrew Bacevich** had an article, "Bush's Illusions," published in the *International Herald Tribune* (December 22), delivered the Grayson Kirk Lecture at Miami University of Ohio on January 11, and also lectured at the University of Richmond on January 30. With Professor Ronald Steel of the University of Southern California he conducted a seminar on American Empire the weekend of January 20-21 at Amherst College.

During the winter break Professor **Houchang Chehabi** led educational tours in two states in India.

During January Professor **Julian Zelizer** made numerous media appearances, including PBS, CNN, MSNBC, CBS, FOX News, Reuters Television, China Central Television, the Associated Press, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *U.S. News and World Report*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the McClatchy Newspapers, the Associated Press, NECN, the *St. Louis Dispatch*, the *Hartford Courant*, the *Bennington Banner*, the *Salt Lake Tribune*, the *Los Angeles Daily News*, the *Brattleboro Reformer*, Minnesota Public Radio, and WBZ Radio.

Professor **Thomas Glick** delivered a paper, "Historical Status and Present Meaning of Historic Hydraulic Landscapes: Oases," at the First International Congress on Oases and Sustainable Tourism, Elche (Spain), December 15. This is the latest in a series of presentations on strategies for preserving historic landscapes that involve irrigation technologies. Historic oases can best be preserved under conservation laws in all countries on the grounds of biodiversity alone. Typically, they attract migrating birds by the thousand.

Professor **Betty Anderson** has received a contract from the University of Texas Press for her book-in-progress, "American University of Beirut (AUB): America's Religious and Educational Legacy in the Middle East." The manuscript is due in April 2008. On January 24 she attended a government-sponsored conference focusing on political stability in Jordan. ♦



## Asian Studies group announces website

BU faculty in the field of Asian Studies have been meeting together over the past few years and have grown into a group with significant resources in Asian humanities and social sciences. This semester faculty searches are under way in the Department of International Relations (China or India), in the new Department of Modern Languages and Comparative Literature (Pre-Modern Japanese Literature), and in the Department of Religion (East Asian Religions, China or Japan). Asian Studies faculty have also set their sights on an appointment in Japanese history to complement other positions.

A new Asian Studies website is now online: [www.bu.edu/asian](http://www.bu.edu/asian), and History students and faculty are encouraged to visit it.

Asian Studies at BU includes the East Asian Studies Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Program, offering courses in a wide variety of humanities and social science departments. The Department of Modern Languages and Comparative Literature offers training in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. Students can also choose one of the Asia-related tracks available through other Boston University schools and departments, including special programs like BU School of Management's International Management MBA Program in China and Japan. Boston University is also home to the International Center for East Asian Archaeology and Cultural History, which provides the editorial home for the *Journal of East Asian Archaeology*, undertakes extensive research and public outreach activities, and disseminates information about archaeological research in East and Southeast Asia. BU offers unique library resources in Asian Studies, such as the Menges-Jettmar-Frye collections on Central Asia and the K. C. Chang collection on East and Southeast Asian archaeology and anthropology.

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### GRADUATE STUDENT MILESTONES

Doctoral student **Anne Blaschke** received the MA in history in January.

In December **Andrew Ballou** passed the German language examination through coursework.



# Field Seminars for the Spring Semester



## European Studies Seminars

The newly formed European Studies Seminar continues its meetings on alternate Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.. The events are held in the History Department building, Room 504, unless otherwise noted.

- ◆ February 6. **William Keylor**, Departments of History and International Relations: "The Great War, the 'Wilsonian Peace,' and the Origin of the Modern World"
- ◆ February 20 (Monday class schedule; seminar held in History Department building, Room 304). **Igor Lukes**, Departments of History and International Relations: "Czechoslovakia in 1956: The Dog That Didn't Bark"
- ◆ March 6. **Erik Goldstein**, Departments of History and International Relations: "Britain in the Footprint of the Ottoman Empire, 1917-25"
- ◆ March 20. **Peter Schwartz**, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures: "Aby Warburg's War Archive. Preliminary Report on a Reconstruction"
- ◆ April 3. **James Johnson**, Department of History: "Carnival and Caricature in 19th-Century France"
- ◆ May 1. **Thomas Glick**, Department of History: "Darwin and the Wider World: Repositioning Darwin in the Context of World History"

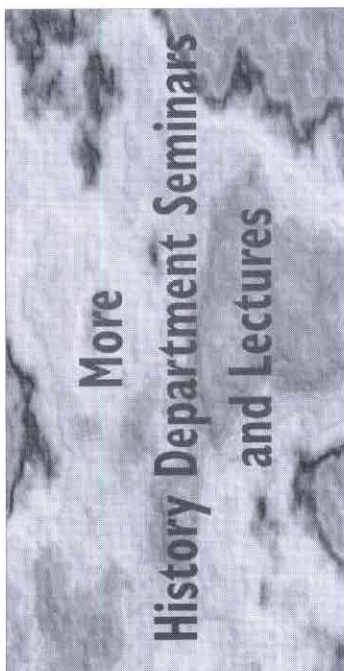


## American Political History Seminars

The American Political History Seminars also continue for the remainder of the spring semester. Except as noted below, they meet on Wednesdays at 12 noon in the History Department building, Room 504.

- ◆ February 21. **Bethany Moreton**, Bowdoin College: "Six Flags over Capitalism: Wal-Mart, Students in Free Enterprise, and the Conservative Ascendancy, 1976-1994"
- ◆ Thursday, March 1, CAS 226, 725 Commonwealth Avenue, 5:15 p.m. Event co-sponsored by the Early American History Series of the Massachusetts Historical Society. **Marty Rojas**, University of Rhode Island: "Codifying Friendship: The Plan of Treaties 1776"
- ◆ March 21. **Marjorie Spruill**, University of South Carolina: "Gender and America's Right Turn: The 1977 IWY Conferences and the Polarization of American Politics" (rescheduled from fall 2006)
- ◆ April 18. **Robin Vandome**, Cambridge University: "Mapping Modern America: The Aims and Uses of the Earth Sciences, c. 1870-1890"

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History Department Seminars for the spring semester will be held as follows:

- ◆ Friday, February 9, 2 p.m., Room 504, 226 Bay State Road. Professor **Mark Mazower**, Columbia University: "The Nazi New Order in World History"
- ◆ Wednesday, April 4, 12 noon, Room 504, 226 Bay State Road. Professor **Dorothy Ross** of Johns Hopkins University: "The Ethics of Emancipation: Universalism, Nationalism, Exceptionalism"

Major department lectures this spring:

- ◆ At 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, **Bernard Bailyn**, Adams University Professor, Emeritus, and James Duncan Phillips Professor of Early American History at Harvard University will deliver the annual Merle Goldman Lecture, topic to be announced.
- ◆ At 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, **Ira Katznelson**, Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History, Columbia University, will deliver the annual Gaspar Bacon Lecture, topic to be announced.