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Department of History – Faculty activities report

**2008-2009**

### **Books**

Christianson, Gerald; Izbicki, Thomas M.; and **Christopher M. Bellitto**, eds. *The Church, the Councils, and Reform: The Legacy of the Fifteenth Century*: Washington DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2008

Hyde, Elizabeth, ed. *A Cultural History of Gardens. Vol. 3. The History of Gardens in the Renaissance, 1400-1650*. Series ed. John Dixon Hunt and Michael Leslie. Berg. *Forthcoming* 2010.

Klein, Dennis. General Editor. "The Bystander: On the Politics of Disengagement." In *Comparative Cultures Journal*, Vol. 5, 2008. <http://orsp.kean.edu/Klein.html>.

Klein, Dennis. General Editor. "Peace: Its Conditions and Conceptions. In *Comparative Cultures Journal*, Vol. 6, 2009. <http://orsp.kean.edu/Klein.html>

Jonathan Mercantini, "South Carolina" in "A New Nation Votes: American Election Returns, 1787-1825," *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society*, 2009.

Nicholson, C. Brid, ed.. *Conflicts in the early Republic New York*: Bruccoli, Clark, Layman, 2009

### **Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals**

Bellitto, Christopher. "Per viam rationis...per legem vite: Pierre d' Ailly and the Last of the Fathers." Cistercian Studies Quarterly 44 (2009): 65-76.

Regal, Brian. "Entering Dubious Realms: Grover Krantz, Science and Sasquatch." *Annals of Science* 66:1 (January, 2009).

Spaulding, Jay. "[The Ironworking of Ancient Sudan](#)," *AFRICA UPDATE*, Vol. V, No. 4 (Fall, 2008).

Wetta, Frank J. and Martin A. Novelli. "Good Bombing, Bad Bombing: Hollywood, Air Warfare, and Morality in World War I and World War II." *OAH Magazine of History*. Organization of American Historians. Volume 22, Number 4, October 2008, Pages 25-29.

### **Articles Non-Peer-Reviewed Professional Publications**

Klein, Dennis. "The Strange Phenomenon of 'Really Concerned' Bystanders," *Comparative Cultures*, Vol. 5 (2008).

### **Articles in Popular Publications**

Bellitto, Christopher. Church history topics in *St. Anthony Messenger*, *Liguorian*, *Catholic World* (online).

Nicholson.C Brid. "The Non-Mormon Mormon," in *Sunstone*, May 2009.

### **Chapters in Scholarly Books**

Klein, Dennis. "Trauma and Forgiveness," In Proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Disaster Mental Health Conference, ed. George W. Doherty. Laramie, WY: Rocky Mountain Region Disaster Mental Health Institute, Inc., 2009.

Jonathan Mercantini, "South Carolina, Slavery and the Constitution" in Slave Trade and Abolition, ed. Simon Lewis and David Gleeson (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2009).

Nicholson, C. Brid. "COINTELPRO and Watergate," in Zoe Trodd and Brian Trodd (ed.), *The Long Civil Rights Movement*. (New York: Bruccoli, Clark, Layman, 2009).

Spaulding, Jay. "Suakin: A Small City of the Early Modern Sudan," in Kenneth Hall, ed., *Secondary Cities and Urban Networking in the Indian Ocean Realm, c. 1000-1800*. (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2008), pp. 42-59.

Wetta, Frank J. and Martin A. Novelli. "On Telling the Truth about War: World War II in Hollywood's Moral Fiction, 1945-1956." Peter C. Collins and John E. Connor (eds.), Forward by Robert Fyne. *Why We Fought: America's Wars in Film and History*. (Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 2008): 259-282. *Why We Fought* won the Ray and Pat Browne Award for the Best Edited Collection in popular and American culture studies for 2008. In addition, the volume is also a selection of the History Book Club.

### **Newspaper Publications or Other Journalism**

Regal, Brian. Discovery Channel (on-line) article on the Georgia Bigfoot, with his comments. <http://dsc.discovery.com/news/2008/08/15/bigfoot-sasquatch-hoax.html>

Spaulding, Jay. "The Historical Development of Sudanese Ethnic Identities" (with Robert Kramer and R.S. O'Fahey), in [\*SELF AND SOCIETY\*](#), The Darfur Radio Project, 2 November 2008.

### **Reference Entries (Encyclopedia, Dictionary, Catalogue, and Similar Entries)**

Bellitto, Christopher. Entries on [www.patheos.com](http://www.patheos.com): "Roman Catholicism: Origins" and "Roman Catholicism: Historical Developments." (posted May 2009).

Jonathan Mercantini, "Charleston, (city of)" (1500 words) in [\*Encyclopedia of the American Enlightenment\*](#), ed. Mark Spencer (New York and London: Continuum, 2010)

Jonathan Mercantini, "South Carolina", "Georgia", "North Carolina" (2000 words each), Encyclopedia of US Political History: volume 1, 1500-1783, Andrew Robertson, ed., Congressional Quarterly Press, forthcoming.

Nicholson, C. Brid. "Johann Most and "Scottish Protest Movements," *International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*, Immanuel Ness(ed.). (New York: Wiley-Blackwell. 2009).

### **Teaching-Related Publications**

Mercantini, Jonathan. Contributing Author, *Instructor's Manual*, Faragher, et. al., *Out of Many*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, vol. 2 (Pearson-Longman, 2008).

Mercantini, Jonathan. Test Item File Editor, Faragher, et. al., *Out of Many*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition (Pearson, 2008).

Mercantini, Jonathan. Test Item File Editor, Garraty, et. al., *The American Journey*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition (Pearson, 2008).

### **Screenplays/Scripts**

Klein, Dennis. Research and script for the Jewish Studies/Kean University Concert Artists tribute to Israeli composer Paul Ben-Haim (March 26, 2009)

### **Published Proceedings**

Klein, Dennis. "Trauma and Forgiveness," In Proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Disaster Mental Health Conference, ed. George W. Doherty. Laramie, WY: Rocky Mountain Region Disaster Mental Health Institute, Inc., 2009.

### **Exhibition catalogues**

Klein, Dennis. "Darfur After the Holocaust," essay in Darfur exhibition guidebook (Kean University, 2008).

### **Film/Media Productions**

Klein, Dennis. Writer and researcher for "Liberation," a Kean University TV special. 2008.

### **Reviews** (e.g., book, film, play/performance reviews and similar)

Argote-Freyre, Frank. "La Revolucion Cubana del 30: Ensayos," Fernando Marti□nez Heredia, (La Habana, Editorial de Ciencias Sociales, 2007): *Caribbean Studies*, 2009.

Bellitto, Christopher. The Catholic World 243 (2009): online: Frank Coppa, *Politics and the Papacy in the Modern World*.

Bellitto, Christopher *Speculum: A Journal of Medieval Studies* 83 (2008): 710-12: Ulrich Horst, *The Dominicans and the Pope: Papal Teaching Authority in the Medieval and Early Modern Thomist Tradition*.

Hyde, Elizabeth. Review of Michel Baridon. *A History of the Gardens of Versailles*. Trans. by Adrienne Mason. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008; and Alain Renaux. *Louis XIV's Botanica"l Engravings*. Hampshire, England and Burlington, VT: Lund Humphries, 2008. H-France, 2009.

Hyde, Elizabeth. Review of Robert W. Berger and Thomas F. Hedin. *Diplomatic Tours in the Gardens of Versailles under Louis XIV*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008. College Art Association Online Book Reviews, 2009.

Klein, Dennis. "Extraordinary Nostalgia," review essay on *Joachim Prinz, Rebellious Rabbi: An Autobiography – The German and Early American Years*, The Forward, February 6, 2008.

Lender, Mark Edward. Review of *Dry Manhattan: Prohibition in New York City*. By Michael A. Lerner, in *Journal of Social History* (Spring 2009): 811-12.

Mercantini, Jonathan. Review of *The Atlantic World: Europeans, Africans, Indians and their Shared History, 1400-1900*, Thomas Benjamin, (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009) CHOICE.

Mercantini, Jonathan. Review of *Hunting and Fishing in the New South: Black Labor and White Leisure After the Civil War*, Scott E. Giltner, (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008), CHOICE.

Mercantini, Jonathan. Review of *Class Matters: Early North America and the Atlantic World*, ed. Simon Middleton and Billy G. Smith, (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008) CHOICE.

Nicholson, C Brid. Review of Stephen Mihm, *A Nation of Counterfeiters*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2007, in *Canadian Journal of History*, Spring/Summer 2009.

C. Brid Nicholson. Review of Dorothy Allred Solomon. *The Sisterhood: Inside the Lives of Mormon Women*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2007, in *Journal of Mormon History*, Spring 2009.

Regal, Brian. Review of Marianne Sommer, "Bones and Ochre: the Curious Afterlife of the Red Lady of Paviland." *Isis* 100: (2009): 188-189.

Regal, Brian. "A Box Full of Ironies." Review of anti-evolution game "Evolution v. Intelligent Design," *Endeavor* 32.3 (September , 2008):81-82.

### **Papers/Presentations**

Argote-Freyre, Frank. "Cuba in Transition," Presentation before the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia , (March 9, 2009).

Argote-Freyre, Frank. "Cuba – 1952-1958: Entre Votos y Balas," Panelist on day-long seminar sponsored by Florida International University, Miami, Fla. (November 17, 2008).

Banit, Thomas. "Oral History and BB-62", New Jersey Education Association, Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ, November, 2008.

Banit, Thomas. "BB-62 and Oral History in the Social Studies Classroom", CIMS Conference, Kean University, Union, NJ. May, 2009.

Bellitto, Christoher. Co-Chair, Conference Organizing Committee: "Reassessing Reform: Medieval Models of Change. Celebrating Gerhart Ladner's *The Idea of Reform* After Fifty Years." Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary, October 2008.

Gronewold, Sue. "When Missionaries Became Merchants: Worldly Goods and the Word of God at the Door of Hope Mission in Shanghai." Paper at World History Association Annual Conference, Salem State University, June, 2009.

Hyde, Elizabeth. Panel Organized, Proposed, and Accepted. "*Sorcery, Politics, and Print in the Trial of Leonora Galigai, Marechale d'Ancre, at the Court of Louis XIII.*" Attending to Early Modern Women: "Conflict, Discord," University of Maryland, 5-7 November 2009.

Hyde, Elizabeth. "*Form, Function, and Eloquence? Hybridity in the Seventeenth-Century French Instructional Manual,*" 41<sup>st</sup> International Conference of the North American Society for Seventeenth-Century French Literature, New York University, 20-23 May 2009.

Hyde, Elizabeth. "*Witch-hunting and Torture,*" Historical Perspectives and Public Policy Conference, Kean University, 3 April 2009.

Hyde, Elizabeth. "*Showing How, or Illustrating the Early Modern Instructional Manual,*" ORSP Research Day, Kean University, 25 March 2009.

Klein, Dennis. "Living with Genocide: Expressions of Forgiveness in Post-Traumatic Testimonies," Keynote Address, 29th Annual Millersville University Conference (Millersville, PA., 2009).

Klein, Dennis. "Witnesses: Narratives and Counter-Narratives," CUNY Graduate Center (New York, 2009).

Klein, Dennis. "Forgiveness in Holocaust Survivor Testimonies," University of Wyoming (Laramie, 2008).

Klein, Dennis. "Forgiveness and Trauma," Rocky Mountain Disaster Mental Health Association (Laramie, WY, 2008).

Klein, Dennis. "The Secret Life of Forgiveness: Re-Reading Holocaust Survivor Memoirs," Association for Jewish Studies (Washington, DC, 2008).

Klein, Dennis. "'Deep Memory' Testimony: Origins of Forgiveness," Creativity and Madness Conference (Santa Fe, 2008).

Klein, Dennis. "70 Years Later: Kristallnacht and the Question of Forgiveness," Ocean Community College Holocaust Commemoration keynote (Ocean, NJ, 2008).

Lender, Mark. "The American Revolution and Today: When History Informs." Historical Perspectives and Public Policy: How Old Rules Fare in a New World Order, Kean University, 3 April 2009.

Mercantini, Jonathan. "The Letters of John and Susan Kean," at the 2009 Society of Historians of Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Springfield, Illinois, July 16-19, 2009.

Mercantini, Jonathan. "Where Can I Ever Get Such a Wife: The Marriage of John and Susan Kean" at the 2009 Southern American Studies Association Meeting, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, February 12-14, 2009.

Nicholson, C. Brid. "Murderous Mormons and Meek Methodists – A Study in Attitudes from the Journals of J.D. Gillilan." Mormon History Conference, Sacramento, California. June 2008.

Spaulding, Jay. Guest lecturer, University of Pennsylvania African Studies Center, "Old Sudanic Kingdoms" February, 2009.

Spaulding, Jay. Guest lecturer, Columbia University African Studies Program/Middle East Studies Program, "Arabization in the Sudan" February, 2009.

Spaulding, Jay. Sixth Annual Greater New York Historians of Africa Workshop, Brooklyn College CUNY. "The Tunjur: A Reconsideration" March, 2009.

Spaulding, Jay. Paper at the Sudan Studies Association meeting, Michigan State University. "The Iron King" May, 2009.

Wetta, Frank J., "Lions Led by Donkeys: The British Ordeal of War, 1914-1918" at the Kean University Faculty Seminar's series of discussions addressing the year's theme, "Peace: Its Conditions and Conceptions" – The talk examined how the memory of the British experience of war influenced a desire for peace during the 1930s. April 30, 2008.

## **Non-Scholarly Papers Presented**

Gronewold, Sue. "Women in China: Today and Yesterday" Jewish Women's International, Millburn, NJ. November, 2008.

Gronewold, Sue. "China and the Politics of World War II" at Brookdale Community College Center for World War II Studies and Conflict Resolution. October 2008.

Gronewold, Sue. "Use and Abuse of History in China" China Lecture Series, China Program, Kean University, February, 2009.

Lender, Mark Edward. "Small Battles Won: New Light on the Trenton-Princeton Campaign," Bergen County Revolutionary War Roundtable, Westwood, NJ, 24 Feb. 2009.

Regal, Brian. "Where Have all the Werewolves Gone? Evolution and Monsters," Darwin Theater, Grant Museum, University College London, UK. July 9, 2009.

Wetta, Frank J. Film Screening & Commentary: *Glory*. With members of the 6th United States Colored Troop Regiment (Reenactors). Ocean County Library, June 8, 2008.

"Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation." (Traveling exhibition that reexamines President Lincoln's efforts toward the abolition of slavery during the Civil War. Organized by The Huntington Library and the American Library Association).

Wetta, Frank J. "American Superpower: Decline and Fall?" Come to Campus program, Brookdale Community College, Three-hour presentation. June 19, 2008.

## **Panels Moderated**

Gronewold, Sue. Chair, "Religion in World History" panel at World History Association Annual Conference, Salem, MA June, 2008.

Gronewold, Sue. Chair, Panel of speakers at the Slavery in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conference, Human Rights Institute, Kean University, March, 2009.

Gronewold, Sue. Introduction at History and Public Policy Conference, History Department, Kean University, April, 2009.

### **Panel/Session Respondent**

Bellitto, Christopher. Chair and Commentator: “The Papacy—Its Friends and Foes in the Later Middle Ages.” American Catholic Historical Association, NYC, January 2009.

Gronewold, Sue. Discussant, “US-China Relations” lecture by Orville Schell, Issues 08 Presidential Lecture Series, Kean University, October, 2008.

Spaulding, Jay. Discussant for film presentation, Rutgers University International Studies Program, “God Grew Tired of Us” March, 2009.

Spaulding, Jay. Ball State University Center for Middletown Studies Small Cities Conference. Panel chair and discussant, “Premodern Urban Networks in the Indian Ocean Basin” April, 2009.

### **Workshop Presenter/Leader**

Hyde, Elizabeth. “Selecting a World History Textbooks,” Presentation with Professor Brid Nicholson, Global History Symposium. Department of History, Kean University, 11 May 2009.

Klein, Dennis. “The Present Moral Climate of Forgiveness.” Two-Part Seminar, Lakeside (Ohio) Chautauqua Forum (2008).

Klein, Dennis. “The Present Moral Climate of Forgiveness.” Two-Part Seminar, Lakeside (Ohio) Chautauqua Forum (2008).

Mercantini, Jonathan. "Popular Culture and US History Survey," at the Historical Perspectives and Public Policy Conference, Kean University, April 3, 2009.

### **Other Scholarly/Professional Activity**

#### 1. Scholarly Editorships

Bellitto, Christopher. Academic Editor at Large, Paulist Press

Bellitto, Christopher. Series creator and editor, "Rediscovering Vatican II," Paulist Press

Spaulding, Jay. Editor for Northeast Africa, *Dictionary of African Biography*.

Edited articles on: Merkurios (king), Georgios (bishop), Georgios (king), Timotheos (bishop), Ibn Khaldun (historian and social thinker)

Spaulding, Jay. Book Review Editor (with Stephanie Beswick), *Sudan Studies Association Bulletin*.

Spaulding, Jay. On-Line Book Review Editor (with Stephanie Beswick), Humanities Net H-Africa.

Spaulding, Jay. Co-editor, *Sudanic Africa: A Journal of Historical Sources*.

Spaulding, Jay. Contributing Associate Editor, *Northeast African Studies*.

#### 2. Editorial Board Memberships

Bellitto, Christopher. Editorial Associate, *American Cusanus Society Newsletter*

Klein, Dennis. *Prism: An Interdisciplinary Journal for Holocaust Educators* (Ed. Board)

Klein, Dennis. Equity in Education (Editorial Review Board)

Lender, Mark Edward. Editorial Board, *New Jersey History*

Spaulding, Jay. Editorial Board, *Journal of the History of Sexuality*.

Spaulding, Jay. Editorial Board, "Islam and Society in Africa" series, Northwestern University Press.

### 3. Professional Society Officer/Board Membership

Bellitto, Christopher. Member, Executive Committee, American Cusanus Society

Klein, Dennis. Association for Jewish Studies (AJS) Program Directors

Klein, Dennis. National Catholic Institute for Holocaust Studies (Academic Advisory Board)

### 4. Public Projects (e.g., public history projects, oral history projects, regional/local theatrical activity, etc.)

Banit, Thomas. Director, Public History Internship Program. Wrote new 23-page Internship Guide field-tested during the fall 2008 and spring 2009 semesters. Special attention paid to site supervisors assessing the students, Powerpoint presentations, and creating a standard assessment. Twelve students participated in the program at sites including Liberty Hall, Edison Memorial Light, and the Union Historical Society. Held two Intern presentations during the fall and spring semester, attended by many faculty and over 180 students.

Banit, Thomas. Coordinated selection of the Liberty Hall Museum Estabrook Fellow.

Gronewold, Sue. Academic Advisor, "Listening to Silence: Chinese Women Speak" Documentary film on Xinran Xue by Rita London and Emily Tobey, 2008-

Klein, Dennis. Supervised MAHG graduate student panel on the language of genocidal intentions, for the April 1-3, 2009 Millersville University 29<sup>th</sup> annual conference on the Holocaust and genocide.

Lender, Mark Edward. Historian, New Jersey World War II Memorial (construction completed 2009), West State Street, Trenton, NJ.

### **Grants/Awards**

#### 1. Research/Creative Works Grants

Bellitto, Christopher. Applied for (decision pending): National Endowment for the Humanities Pilot Course Grant

Klein, Dennis. Fulbright Senior Specialist award for research and program collaboration in the United Kingdom

#### 2. University-Funded Grants

Gronewold, Sue. Presidential Award for "Teaching the World" world history general education curriculum development and training project. November, 2008

Hyde, Elizabeth. Untenured Faculty Research Initiative Award, 2008-2009

Mercantini, Jonathan. Untenured Faculty Research Initiative Grant, Kean University, 2008-2009. "The Letters of John and Susan Kean, 1787-1788"

Nicholson, C. Brid. UFRI - Murderous Mormons and Meek Methodists: A Nineteenth Century Religious American Dispute.

#### 3. University Awards

Klein, Dennis. Schering-Plough Research Mentor Award (2008)

Klein, Dennis. Quality First Initiative (QFI) award for History Department/Jewish Studies Conference, "Historical Perspectives and Public Policy: How Old Rules Fare in a New World Order," April 2-3, 2009.

4. Other Awards (community service, civic groups, etc.)

Argote-Freyre, Frank. Latino American Association of Monmouth County, "Community Service Award," October 17, 2008.

**Academic Activities**

New Courses Approved

Argote-Freyre, Frank. Developed a graduate course on Genocide in Latin America, to be taught in the spring 2010 semester.

Bellitto, Christopher. Trojan War: History and Legend

Hyde, Elizabeth. Hist 3845: Witchcraft in the Western Tradition. Approved Fall 2008; offered Spring 2009.

Hyde, Elizabeth. Hist 3435: Europe in the Eighteenth Century. Resurrected long dormant course; offered Fall 2008.

Hyde, Elizabeth. Hist 4240: Revolutionary Europe. Resurrected long dormant course, offered Spring 2009.

Mayer, Robert. Hist 4369 The American People in Depression and War, 1929-1945 which will has been approved and will be offered Spring, 2010

Mercantini, Jonathan. Hist 4320: Pirates and the Atlantic World, 1450- 1800

Mercantini, Jonathan. Hist 4323 The New Nation: America, 1787-1848

Nicholson, C Brid. History of Religion in America

Regal, Brian. HIST 3323 Charles Darwin: A Life and Times