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Irving and Rose Crown School of American Civilization



THE IRVING AND ROSE CROWN SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES IN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION AT BRANDEIS was created in the tumultuous year of 1969 through a generous and visionary gift from the Crown family of Chicago. The Crown School was designed to energize historical scholarship, to contribute new insights to our nation's public life, and to help Brandeis University — then barely 20 years old — claim its place among the nation's leading institutions of higher education.

From the outset, the generosity of the Crown Fellowships allowed the Crown School to recruit young scholars of exceptional promise and to train rising historians of national distinction. Former Crown Fellows now hold endowed chairs at Harvard and Princeton. Many have attained international visibility on the faculties of Ivy League schools, elite public universities and premier liberal arts colleges. They have published hundreds of path-breaking books and received scores of prizes. There are five Pulitzer Prize winners among our students and faculty. While most Crown alumni practice their craft in colleges and universities, others have made their mark in government, law, diplomacy, journalism, public administration, business, philanthropy and social welfare. Whatever their paths, nearly all of our graduates join historical research and teaching to broader public service.

For many years, American history was the exclusive focus of the Crown Fellowships. But as the discipline of history became more transnational, and as the interests of the Crown Family Philanthropies broadened, the Crown Fellowship program enlarged to embrace the histories of all nations and time periods. The research of today's Crown Fellows spans continents and centuries, from revolutionary America to revolutionary Iran.

Nearly a half-century after the inauguration of the Irving and Rose Crown School, our world remains tumultuous. As we stare down a future of seemingly infinite complexity, the need for nuanced, innovative historical research becomes ever more vital. Crown Fellows reach across and beyond the university to discover histories that matter. They find new answers to historical questions of pressing public concern: environmental crises; issues of law, labor and policy; problems of gender and race relations; and dilemmas of religious tolerance and pluralism. We believe that it is vitally important for new generations of scholars to participate actively in helping to address the major issues of our time. That large purpose — to teach gifted young scholars to make meaningful connections between the endeavors of the past and the challenges of the present — is the lifeblood of our graduate program.

Brandeis University is grateful to the Crown family for their enduring friendship and extraordinary leadership. The university is proud to be the home of the Irving and Rose Crown School and its leading-edge historical scholarship.

FREDERICK M. LAWRENCE

President

Brandeis University



TRAINING STUDENTS TO THINK BIG, AND TO THINK DIFFERENTLY

MAKING HISTORY

From their first days on campus, Irving and Rose Crown Fellows get to work making history. In many graduate programs, the early semesters concentrate on what other scholars have thought and written. Crown Fellows master their discipline by following evidence rather than fashion. Students are encouraged not to write dissertations that simply fill gaps in scholarly literature, but to write books that change fields, and sometimes change lives.

David Oshinsky

PhD'71

Professor of History and Director of the Division of Medical Humanities, New York University School of Medicine

Won 2006 Pulitzer Prize in history for *Polio: An American Story ...* received Robert F. Kennedy Book Prize for Distinguished Contribution to Human Rights for "Worse Than Slavery": Parchman Farm and the Ordeal of Jim Crow Justice ... named the University of Texas Liberal Arts Professor of the Year in 2006 and Rutgers University's Warren Susman Teacher of the Year in 1986 ... won Brandeis Alumni Achievement Award in 2007 ... earned BS and MS from Cornell University

"The professors at Brandeis who mentored me were all historians who wrote for the general public. They understood that a historian's role was not just to write for other historians, but to reach a much larger audience."

From the moment he arrived at the Crown School from Cornell, David Oshinsky was taught to bring history to life in a way that would appeal to large numbers of educated readers.

His mentors — Leonard Levy, John Demos, Morton Keller, John Roche and David Hackett Fischer, the university's Earl Warren Professor of History and still a member of the Brandeis faculty — were prodigious researchers, disciplined historians and gifted writers.

"I learned the importance of conducting my research and talking about important historical ideas, but the Brandeis faculty all stressed the need to put my work into a narrative form that would appeal to an educated reader who was not a historian," Oshinsky says. "They were all masters of the grand narrative — telling the big story in a big way that was character-driven." Oshinsky settled on

a dissertation topic — U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy and the American labor movement — that he understood would have wide appeal. After graduation, the dissertation served as a foundation for his award-winning biography of the controversial politician, *A Conspiracy So Immense: The World of Joe McCarthy*.

Oshinsky recalls Levy laboriously editing his work line by line to help the Crown Fellow create the narrative thread necessary to tell the story in a compelling manner.

"It was amazing to have a historian of his stature editing my work in that way," Oshinsky says. "Virtually everyone who taught me at Brandeis was a talented writer and a wonderful stylist. They had an immense impact on my career." "Brandeis professors understand that history isn't something that is locked up in a library and looked at only by a small group of historians. History should be appreciated by a larger group of engaged readers."

After a career as a journalist that culminated with a Pulitzer Prize for spot news reporting while she was at Newsday, Molly McCarthy decided to return to graduate school to pursue a doctorate in history. She was courted by other top programs at larger research universities, but was attracted to the Crown School because of its nurturing faculty and collaborative, collegial culture.

"All of the faculty members were always willing to sit down with you at any time to talk about your interests," McCarthy says. "When the students went to conferences together, colleagues at other programs remarked about how tight we were as a group. We were nurtured in the program as equals. The Crown Fellowship made that possible."

While digging in the library archives in search of a research project for a first-year introductory seminar, McCarthy happened upon a microfilm collection of 19th-century women's pocket diaries. She knew immediately she had something significant, but wasn't quite sure what.

She brought her findings to her adviser, Jane Kamensky, the Harry S. Truman Professor of American Civilization, who urged McCarthy to dig deeper.

"The faculty at Brandeis love big, ambitious projects," McCarthy says. "With my background as a journalist, I wanted something bigger that could speak to a larger audience. Jane encouraged me not to limit myself to a project that would speak only to a small group of colleagues in a very small field."

Her research showed how the daily planner helped people in the 19th century to manage their time and money, but also turned them into accidental diarists when they wouldn't otherwise be inclined to chronicle their lives.

McCarthy's discovery became the subject of her dissertation and a book, which was published by the University of Chicago Press in July 2013.



Molly McCarthy

Associate Director, Humanities Institute, University of California, Davis

Author of *The Accidental Diarist:*A History of the Daily Planner in America
... was postdoctoral fellow at Stanford ...
named visiting scholar at the University of
California, Berkeley ... served as visiting
assistant professor at Wellesley ... earned
BA in history from Canisius College and
MS in journalism from Columbia ... won
the Pulitzer Prize, journalism's top honor,
in 1997

Noelani Arista

Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Hawaii at Mānoa

Her dissertation, "Histories of Unequal Measure: Euro-American Encounters with Hawaiian Governance and Law, 1793-1827," won the Allan Nevins Prize from the Society of American Historians for the best-written doctoral dissertation on an American subject ... received Charles Eastman Predoctoral Fellowship at Dartmouth, Mellon-Sawyer Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania and Woodrow Wilson Minority Faculty Post-Doctoral Fellowship ... received BA and MA from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa



"Going to Brandeis was like going to the moon for me, because of the accelerated speed at which I learned in the program and how much my way of thinking was reshaped. Moving to Massachusetts was also a shock. I had never seen snow fall from the sky until the day I stepped off the plane. I came with a lot of trepidation, but I am glad we stayed."

Noelani Arista arrived at Brandeis with a strong background in Hawaiian language, history and culture. What she hoped to acquire from the faculty at the Crown School, some 5,000 miles from her home in Hawaii, were the tools necessary to become an academic historian.

"The faculty was not interested in teaching me the mere facts of history. Instead, they wanted to teach me the discipline of history and how to be a historian," Arista says. "They were offering me the freedom to pursue my research. That was liberating to me."

She also appreciated that the faculty understood the value of Hawaiian history in the larger context of U.S. history. Arista did not have to justify her interest in the history of the island kingdom that became a colony of the United States and then America's 50th state.

"My professors were great at considering Hawaiian history in a broader framework, situating it in relation to the U.S. and New England," she says. "It was a case of bringing America to the Pacific and the Pacific to American history."

Arista's research uncovered ties between New England and the Pacific, in particular, a series of events triggered by the sale of a Hawaiian woman to an English whale ship captain in 1825. The result was an award-winning dissertation about transformations in Hawaiian law and governance.

In addition to teaching her to research and write about history, Arista credits the Brandeis faculty with preparing her for her post-Brandeis career.

"They taught me about how to be a woman and succeed in academia and how to work toward balancing career, community, work and family, and move forward," she says. "That professional guidance continues even today."



FOSTERING EXCELLENCE THROUGH COLLABORATION

WORKING TOGETHER

The generous and equitably awarded support provided by the Irving and Rose Crown Fellowship program allows PhD students to take intellectual risks together and separately. Crown Fellows create writing and study groups where they act as each other's toughest critics and warmest supporters. They organize tutorial courses led by faculty drawn from across the department, around the Brandeis campus, and throughout the Greater Boston academic world. Often their shared interests and energies lead the faculty to explore new directions of research.

Hendrik Hartog

Class of 1921 Bicentennial Professor in the History of American Law and Liberty, and Director, Program in American Studies, Princeton University

Authored Public Property and Private
Power: The Corporation of the City of New
York in American Law, 1730-1870; Man &
Wife in America: A History; and Someday
All This Will Be Yours: A History of Inheritance and Old Age ... recipient of many
national fellowships and lectureships
... former co-editor of Studies in Legal
History, the book series of the American
Society for Legal History



"At Brandeis, I learned not to be afraid of tackling large topics. I learned how to edit students' work by reading critically but also understanding how to make the work better and not destroy it. Most importantly, I learned to build out of the existing historiography and not be constrained by it. We were encouraged to follow our own curiosity and find what mattered to you as a historian. In the end, doing history is about your own life as much as anything else."

Hendrik Hartog took an unconventional path to Brandeis. Fascinated by legal history while a law student at New York University, he chose Brandeis and the Crown School for its focus on social history; the intimate, family feel; the renowned faculty; and the generous Crown Fellowship.

"From the moment I arrived, I felt welcomed," Hartog says. "I felt treated as an adult and was respected for my own work."

Hartog's professors were always available to consult with him but were not overbearing. Students were encouraged to think for themselves.

"We had the access we needed, but we had the freedom to pursue what we thought was important," Hartog remembers. "They made you feel like you were doing important work."

Expanding on an interest he first developed while a law student working for the City of New York, he pursued a dissertation on community government. He first considered small-town governments but settled on New York with some encouragement from the Brandeis faculty.

"I just wandered on into it and no one got in my way," he says. "We were encouraged to pursue different fields and think big." "Because all of the graduate students receive the same level of funding, we collaborate rather than compete. You don't have to be hesitant about sharing underdeveloped ideas, or papers, with your peers."

While Crown Fellow Jeremy Kuzmarov, MA'02, PhD'06, was serving as a visiting professor at Bucknell, he helped steer Kevin McGuire, one of his most promising undergraduate history students, to Brandeis.

"He had very positive things to say about Brandeis," McGuire says. "Seeing his passion for history and teaching made me think that there must be something special about the Brandeis culture."

McGuire has found for himself that the Crown program prizes collaboration among students and also between students and faculty.

"The cooperation between the graduate students and the faculty drew me to the program," McGuire says. "There is a close-knit group of scholars here."

Students also have the opportunity to work with Brandeis faculty from a variety of disciplines.

As part of McGuire's research into U.S. foreign relations in the modern Middle East, he has worked closely with Naghmeh Sohrabi, the first holder of the Charles (Corky) Goodman Chair in Middle East History and a scholar at Brandeis' Crown Center for Middle East Studies.

Sohrabi and other faculty members, including David Engerman, have fostered McGuire's interest in an underexplored area of U.S. foreign policy history: how the United States government and international nonprofit organizations assisted the Iranian government with rural development and land reform projects from the 1950s through the 1970s.

"Recently, there has been a lot of work that examines the U.S. government's efforts to 'develop' or 'modernize' the so-called Third World, but Iran and the Middle East have received less attention," McGuire says. "Professors at Brandeis encourage students to formulate their own research interests, and they are committed to helping students transform those ideas into significant contributions."



Kevin McGuire

PhD candidate

(studies commenced in fall 2012)

Graduated magna cum laude from Bucknell University with a BA in history and political science ... won the Anna Slifer Walls Prize at Bucknell for best senior paper in American history ... worked as an intern at the World Security Institute ... member of the track and field team at Bucknell

Geraldine Gudefin

PhD candidate

(studies commenced in fall 2011)

Earned master's degrees in history from Yale University and L'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris ... graduated with high honors as history major from Université Paris IV-Sorbonne ... speaks five languages (French, English, German, Spanish and Hebrew) ... served as Jewish Service Corps volunteer in Mumbai, India, in 2010-2011



"It's a small program and you grow very close to everyone. We all know that if we ever need any support, we are here for each other."

After earning master's degrees at larger research universities, Geraldine Gudefin wanted to pursue her doctorate at a university with a collegial, collaborative culture. She found what she was seeking at Brandeis' Crown School.

"It was a shock to me to come here and find that the professors were so available," she says. "They take the time to meet with us and answer our emails right away. The professors treat us like colleagues."

As an example, Gudefin was one of five students selected to participate in the university's 2013–14 Sawyer seminar, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, that brought together faculty and graduate students from Brandeis and other schools in the Boston area to consider the entangled histories of the American (1776–1783), French (1789–1799) and Haitian (1791–1804) revolutions. Jane Kamensky, the Harry S. Truman Professor of American Civilization at Brandeis, and Brandeis English professor Susan Lanser won the grant from Mellon and organized the seminar.

Gudefin also works closely with professors outside the Department of History. One of her faculty advisers is Jonathan Sarna, the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History, who is a member of the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies. (Her other adviser is Paul Jankowski, the Raymond Ginger Professor of History.)

Gudefin's research seeks to understand the role of religion in the public sphere, and how the diverging conceptions of citizenship in France and the United States have shaped the contours of religious freedom in the two countries. In particular, she is conducting a comparative study of the Jewish community experience.

"I want my research to shed light on what's going on today," Gudefin says.

"As a historian, I don't have to make public policy pronouncements, but I want people to be able to put the situation today in a historical context."



FORGING NEW PATHS

Crown Fellows enter Brandeis with varied backgrounds, having demonstrated excellence not only in the study of history but also in law, journalism, public policy and other fields. And they write books that connect the craft of scholarly research to urgent questions whose answers matter beyond the academy. Their training allows them to forge varied paths inside and beyond academy walls: in the archives, in the classroom, in university administration, on the digital frontiers of learning and in many facets of public life.

Duncan Yaggy

PhD'74

Retired Associate Vice President and Chief Planning Officer, Duke University Health System

Adjunct professor of public policy at Duke University ... began post-Brandeis career as assistant secretary of human services for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ... served as assistant commissioner of the state's Department of Health ... appointed deputy director of the Boston office of Volunteers in Technical Assistance in the early 1960s ... earned BA from Yale

"In all my best work, I have practiced what I learned from the study of history: If you want to know where things are headed, first find out where they started and how they got to where they are. To physicians and scientists who were surprised to discover that I had no training in health care or business or law, I always explained that my training in history was the best possible training I could have had."

Duncan Yaggy took a nontraditional path to the Crown School, and his post-Brandeis journey has been equally unconventional.

Yaggy met Professor Lawrence Fuchs while the two served together in the Peace Corps in the Philippines —Yaggy as a volunteer fresh out of Yale, Fuchs as country director while on leave from Brandeis — and then reunited several years later.

After his service in the Peace Corps and a one-year stint as a history teacher in Washington, D.C., Yaggy followed Fuchs to Brandeis and joined the first class of Crown Fellows. Yaggy hoped to pursue a career as a teacher and academic administrator.

As time went on, Yaggy began to reconsider a teaching career. He wanted to explore fields where his entrepreneurial streak could be better utilized.

In 1972, he was recruited to work for the Executive Office of Human Services in Massachusetts, where he led efforts to revamp services for the developmentally disabled. He later served as assistant secretary of human services and assistant commissioner of the Department of Health.

In 1980, Yaggy joined the Duke University Medical Center as chief planning officer. He subsequently held the same position for the Duke University Health System, where he was responsible for developing new programs and services. He retired in 2011.

"The work that I went on to do was not work that my doctorate in history authorized me to do," Yaggy says. "On the other hand, it prepared me superbly. It substantially improved my ability to write and think clearly." "The Crown School community is incredibly supportive and intellectually rigorous. You get the level of personal attention you would expect at a small program, but you receive the funding and institutional support of a much larger program."

Attracted by the Crown School's strong tradition in legal history, Clara Altman came to Brandeis to further explore her interests in American law and foreign affairs.

Working with history professor Michael Willrich, she became particularly fascinated by how law helped to build the power of the U.S. state, and found an example worthy of further study half a world away: courts and jurisprudence in the Philippines during American colonial rule in the 20th century.

"It's the first moment in the 20th century when the United States government looks at a foreign legal system and decides it can make it better," Altman says. "Understanding that history helps us to think more broadly about what it means when the U.S. sets its sights on shaping a system of laws in a foreign country."

Rather than relying only on more easily available documents in the United States, Altman spent a month conducting research in Manila. She looked through the papers of former judges and lawyers, and reviewed court cases and court records — materials that historians had not examined before.

The product of her novel research approach is the first comprehensive historical account of the Philippine legal system under U.S. rule.

"I thought that there was more to learn about the international reach of U.S. law by looking back in time and starting the inquiry from the perspective of lawyers and litigants abroad," Altman says. "When combined with documents from archives in the U.S., the research revealed a transnational history of law reform at the foundation of our modern U.S. legal interventionist state."

Altman's research has applications well beyond the Philippines. At a time when American lawyers and law professors are engaged in law reform projects in Iraq and Afghanistan, her work forces us to think broadly about the consequences of efforts by the U.S. government to reform foreign legal systems.



Clara Altman

PhD candidate

(studies commenced in fall 2007)

National Fellow at the University of Virginia's Miller Center of Public Affairs for the 2012-2013 academic year (received \$20,000 grant) ... visiting assistant professor of law, jurisprudence and social thought at Amherst College ... dissertation titled "Courtroom Colonialism: Philippine Law and U.S. Rule, 1898-1935" ... earned BA in history and political science at Washington University in St. Louis in 2004 ... received JD from Brooklyn Law School in 2007

Lincoln Mullen

PhD candidate

(studies commenced in fall 2009)

His dissertation is titled "The Varieties of American Conversion: The Origins of Religious Choice in the United States" ... received Mellon Dissertation Research Grant and Ruth B. Fein Prize ... named outstanding teaching assistant at Brandeis in 2012 ... earned BA and MA in history at Bob Jones University



"The Crown School has always been strong in social and cultural history. My work tries to carry on that Brandeis tradition for the digital age."

Lincoln Mullen was attracted to Brandeis' Crown School by its commitment to groundbreaking academic exploration.

Since Crown Fellows receive five years of funding instead of the traditional four at most universities, Mullen has been able to widen his field of inquiry. Rather than examining conversions to or from a single religion, his research covers 19th-century conversions among a variety of American religions — between Protestantism and Catholicism, Christianity and Judaism, native or African religions and Christianity, mainstream denominations and new religious movements such as Mormonism, and religion and irreligion.

"Historians have often studied conversions denomination by denomination — people who became Catholic or Jewish, for instance," Mullen says. "By bringing all of these different religions together in a single project, I will be able to say something about how conversion functions in the United States as a whole."

The Brandeis faculty has supported his efforts to use technology, both to

advance his research and to make his findings available to a wider audience outside of academia.

Along with a doctoral student at the University of Connecticut, Mullen has created the American Converts Database (americanconverts.org), an online catalog of religious conversions in the United States. Records are categorized by geographical location, date, religion and sex. The database provides the opportunity for wider public engagement with Mullen's scholarship.

"This is social history reborn — taking social history and redoing it for the digital age," says Mullen, who relies on statistical programming language more commonly used by economists and engineers to create maps and charts based on his findings. "The database is essentially a way for me to put all of my research notes online for other people to use."

Alumni

ADEFILA, JOHNSON (1975) has taught at the University of Ife (Nigeria) and is now chair of history, philosophy, religion and interdisciplinary studies at Bennett College, Greensboro, N.C. His dissertation is "Slave Religion in the Antebellum South: A Study of the Role of Africanisms in the Black Response to Christianity."

ANTRACOLI, ALEXIS (2006) is a digital preservation archivist at Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan. Previously, she was an assistant professor of history at Saint Francis University. Her dissertation is "Mighty in the Scriptures: The Bible in Colonial Massachusetts, 1630–1776."

ARISTA, DENISE NOELANI (2010) is assistant professor of history at the University of Hawaii, Mānoa. Her dissertation, "Histories of Unequal Measure: Euro-American Encounters with Hawaiian Governance and Law, 1793–1827," won the 2010 Society of American Historians' Allan Nevins Prize for the best-written doctoral dissertation on an American subject. She was awarded the Charles Eastman Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Dartmouth College (2009–2010), and the Mellon-Hawaii Doctoral Fellowship (2008–2009). She will spend the 2013–2014 academic year at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, funded by grants from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Ford Foundation.

ARSENAULT, RAYMOND (1981) is the John Hope Franklin Professor of Southern History at the University of South Florida. His books include The Wild Ass of the Ozarks: Jeff Davis and the Social Bases of Southern Politics (1984), awarded the 1985 Virginia Ledbetter Prize; St. Petersburg and the Florida Dream, 1880-1950 (1988), awarded the 1990 Charlton Tebeau Prize; Freedom Riders: 1961 and the Struggle for Racial Injustice (2006), awarded the Frank L. and Harriet C. Owsley Prize by the Southern Historical Association, Honorable Mention for the Gustavus Myers Centre for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights Book Award (2007), and named a New York Times Book Review Editor's Choice and a best nonfiction of 2006 selection by the Washington Post Bookworld; and The Sound of Freedom: Marian Anderson, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Concert That Awakened America (2009). Freedom Riders was adapted into a feature-length documentary film in 2010. Aired on PBS'"American Experience," it won three Emmy Awards and numerous other prizes.

AUWERS, LINDA S. (1973) earned doctorates in history and law and taught at Temple University and Brown University. She is now senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of ABM Industries. Her dissertation is "Family, Friends, and Neighbors: Social Interaction in Seventeenth-Century Windsor, Connecticut."

BLANK, CHARLES (1972) taught history at Friends Seminary in New York, where he is now professor emeritus. His dissertation is "The Waning of Radicalism: Massachusetts Republicans and Reconstruction Issues in the Early 1870s."

BLOOM, NICHOLAS (1999) is associate professor in the social sciences; director, discovery core curriculum; and chair of interdisciplinary studies at New York Institute of Technology. His books include Suburban Alchemy: 1960s New Towns and the Transformation of the American Dream (2001); Merchant of Illusion: James Rouse, America's Salesman of the Businessman's Utopia (2004); and Public Housing That Worked: New York in the Twentieth Century (2008).

BROWN, CYNTHIA (1992) is vice president of academic affairs at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. She previously served as associate dean and associate professor in the School of Education at Lesley University. Her books include Discovering the Public Interest: A History of the Boston Bar Association, with Douglas Jones, James Connelly and Alan Rogers (1993). Her dissertation is "Leading Women: Female Leadership in American Women's Higher Education, 1880–1940."

BRUDNOY, DAVID (1971) was until his death in 2004 a prominent journalist, television commentator and radio talk-show host in Boston. He published *The Conservative Alternative* (1973), and *Life Is Not a Rehearsal: A Memoir* (1998).

BULARZIK, MARY J. (1982) published the widely cited Sexual Harassment at the Workplace: Historical Notes (1978). Her dissertation is "Sex, Crime, and Justice: Women in the Criminal Justice System of Massachusetts, 1900–1950."

BYERS, EDWARD (1983) served as the chief operating officer of Research International, a Cambridge, Mass.-based consulting firm. He has published *The Nation of Nantucket: Society and Politics in an Early American Commercial Center, 1660-1820* (1987).

CHEAPE, CHARLES (1976) is professor of history at Loyola University Maryland. His books include Moving the Masses: Urban Public Transit in New York, Boston, and Philadelphia, 1880-1912 (1980); Family Firm to Modern Multinational: Norton Company, A New England Enterprise (1985); and Strictly Business: Walter Carpenter at Du Pont and General Motors (1995).

COHEN, DANIEL (1989) is associate professor of history at Case Western Reserve University. He has published Pillars of Salt, Monuments of Grace: New England Crime Literature and the Origins of American Popular Culture, 1674-1860 (1993), and The Female Marine and Related Works: Narratives of Cross-Dressing and Urban Vice in America's Early Republic (editor) (1997). He has held fellowships from the American Antiquarian Society, the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the Massachusetts Historical Society and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

COHEN, LINDSAY SILVER (2007) teaches expository writing at Harvard University, where she has won numerous awards for distinguished teaching. Her dissertation is "The Nation's Neighborhood': The People, Power, and Politics of Capitol Hill since the Civil War."

COHEN, ROBERT (1976) taught at the University of Haifa until his death in 1992. His books include *The Jewish Nation in Surinam: Historical Essays* (editor) (1982), and *Jews in Another Environment: Surinam in the Second Half of the Eighteenth Century* (1991).

COMI, DANA (2003) teaches history at Newton Country Day School and has worked as a historian for the National Park Service. Her dissertation is "In the Shade of Solitude: The Mind of New England Women, 1630–1805."

CONNOLLY, JAMES (1995) is professor of history and director of the Center for Middletown Studies at Ball State University. He has published, among other works, *The Triumph of Ethnic Progressivism:*Urban Political Culture in Boston, 1900-1925 (1998), and An Elusive Unity: Urban Democracy and Machine Politics in Industrializing America (2010).

COTT, NANCY (1974) is the Jonathan Trumbull Professor of American History at Harvard University and the Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Foundation Director of the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. Her many books include The Bonds of Womanhood: "Woman's Sphere" in New England, 1780-1835 (1977), 20th anniversary edition, 1997; The Grounding of Modern Feminism (1987); A Woman Making History: Mary Ritter Beard Through Her Letters (1991); and Public Vows: A History of Marriage and the Nation (2000). She has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. She was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2008.

CROSBY, DONALD, S.J. (1973) has taught at Santa Clara University and at St. Patrick's Seminary and University in California. His books include God, Church, and Flag: Senator Joseph R. McCarthy and the Catholic Church, 1950-1957 (1978), and Battlefield Chaplains: Catholic Priests in World War II (1994).

DAMICO, DENISE (2008) is assistant professor of history at Saint Francis University. Her dissertation is "El agua es la vida' (Water Is life): Water Conflict and Conquest in 19th-Century New Mexico."

DAVIS, JACK (1994) is professor of history at the University of Florida, Gainesville. His books include Race Against Time: Culture and Separation in Natchez Since 1930 (2001), winner of the Charles S. Sydnor Award of the Southern Historical Association, and An Everglades Providence: Marjory Stoneman Douglas and the American Environmental Century (2009), which won the gold medal in the Florida Book Awards. He is currently working on a new book, The Gulf of Mexico: Nature, History, and the Fate of an American Sea.

Decoster, Jonathan (2013) is assistant professor of history at Otterbein University. His dissertation is "Intimate Enemies: Native Rivalry and Imperial Competition in the Colonial Southeast, 1564–1614." He has won numerous grants and fellowships to support his research in the history of the English, Spanish and French borderlands of early America.

DelVECCHIO, SARAH (1996) teaches history at the Thacher School, Ojai, Calif. Her dissertation is "Bodily Saints: The New England Puritan Obsession with the Body."

DONAHUE, BRIAN (1995) is associate professor of American environmental studies (on the Jack Meyerhoff Fund) and director of the Environmental Studies Program at Brandeis University. He co-founded and for 12 years directed Land's Sake, a nonprofit community farm in Weston, Mass., and served as director of education at the Land Institute in Salina, Kan. His books include Reclaiming the Commons: Community Farms and Forests in a New England Town (1999), which won the 2000 Book Prize from the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, and The Great Meadow: Farmers and the Land in Colonial Concord (2004), which won the George Perkins Marsh Prize of the American Society for Environmental History, the New England Historical Association Book Award, the Theodore Saloutos Prize from the Agricultural History Society, and was named a Choice Outstanding Academic Title.

DOYLE, KEVIN (2013) has interests in early American and Atlantic history. His dissertation is "'Rage and Fury Which Only Hell Could Inspire': The Rhetoric and the Ritual of Gunpowder Treason in Early America."

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Current Students

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