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From the Director

A Busy Spring at the IHRC

Dear Friends,

It's been another year of change at the IHRC as long-time friends and colleagues Joel Wurl and Jan Logelin departed for new opportunities. We are now in the midst of hiring Joel Wurl's replacement and are very much looking forward to reporting on a new colleague in our next newsletter!

The IHRC was scene to many exciting events this past winter, with more in planning for fall and winter 2007-2008. Our series "It's History: Immigration since 1965" continued with two very well attended programs on Immigrant Women Poets, on Whiteness and the White Ethnics. Other events focused on African Christianity's spread worldwide with immigrants and missionaries and on the Korean diaspora. The Research in Progress series presented speakers using the IHRC archives to explore immigrant anti-communism and multi-ethnic coalitions on the Iron Range.

The IHRC welcomed almost 100 historians to campus during the Minneapolis meeting of the Organization of American Historians in March and April. Working together with the Institute for Global Studies, it also launched a new stream of events that will be called "Global REM (Race, Ethnicity, Migration)" for the year ahead.

Graduate students and undergraduate students have a lively presence at the IHRC; even better, the two groups often work together, as they did in our spring symposium that featured undergraduate student papers on immigration. A group of dissertation-writing graduate students also now meet in the IHRC.

With immigration still a very "hot" topic, I am still responding to frequent requests to speak to community groups. It's been a real pleasure to meet hundreds of Minnesota educators and visit new urban and rural communities in the state this year.

The IHRC remains an important bridge between the university and its supporters in the wider community and the broader profession of persons interested in immigrant and refugee life in the U.S.

I look forward to continuing my work with you in the years ahead,

Donna R. Gabaccia,
*Rudolph J. Vecoli Professor of
History and Director IHRC*



Andersen gallery features "Law and Order: The Career and Legacy of Minneapolis Mayor Charles Stenvig" in March-April

This exhibit explored the legacy of the "law and order" mayor in "America's first city of liberalism:" Minneapolis. The nature of the former police officer Stenvig's politics and appeal starkly contrasts with the 1960's and 70's stereotype of the counter-culture left as clear evidence of the right's continuing growth and change during that same time. The exhibit sought to avoid a narrowly defined debate, examine the sociological issues behind Stenvig's appeal in Minneapolis and invite the audience to think critically about the three-time mayor elect, without conveying a partisan perspective.

"Law and Order" was created by Jeff Manuel and Andy Urban (pictured above) with guidance from University professor Kevin Murphy. Jeff Manuel is a PhD candidate in U.S. history, focusing his research on media, politics and culture in the modern United States. Andy Urban is a PhD candidate in U.S. history, specializing in Irish and Chinese immigrants in the late 19th century. The exhibit was sponsored by the Minnesota Humanities Commission as part of the National Endowment for the Humanities' "We the People" initiative, along with the History department and Friends of IHRC.



In Spring 2007, a group of graduate students from various disciplines whose research is related to international migration began a regular monthly meeting to share their research and to comment on each other's research papers. Lisong Liu, Johanna Leinonen and SooJin Pate presented their research papers/proposals in April, May and June, respectively. For a detailed list of graduate students and their projects, please see <http://www.ihrc.umn.edu/educators/gradprojects.html>

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Sucheng Chan Collection in Asian American Studies: In March 2007, the IHRC received the initial shipments of materials from Sucheng Chan, Professor Emerita of Asian American Studies and Global Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. This is the first installment of a large amount of published and unpublished materials scheduled to arrive over the next couple of years. The recent shipment comprises 15 linear feet of contemporary as well as older scholarship on Asian Americans (including copies of dissertations from universities nation-wide), fiction by Asian Americans, periodicals and research source files, particularly pertaining to Chan's research on Cambodian refugees.



L-R: Profs. Erika Lee and Sucheng Chan enjoy a moment together during Chan's visit to IHRC in April.

Polish American Immigration and Relief Committee Records: Following negotiations between former IHRC Head of Research Collections/Associate Director **Joel Wurl** and **Janusz Krzyzanowski**, President of the Polish American Immigration and Relief Committee (PAIRC) in 2005-2006, the Immigration History Research Center has recently received ca. 100 linear feet of archival records of the PAIRC. The collection spans the years 1946-2001.

The Polish American Immigration and Relief Committee was established in 1947, with central offices in New York, to assist Polish displaced persons after World War II. Its founder and first president was Felix Burant. The organization developed a network of international representatives in Brussels, Nuremberg, Munich, Geneva, Paris, Rome and Vienna. It was affiliated with the Catholic Resettlement Council and registered with the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid of the United States Department of State, later becoming a member of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service and of the American Immigration and Citizenship Conference. Between 1947 and 1966, it assisted over 45,000 refugees from Poland to resettle in the U.S. and over 5,000 in other countries. It continued to provide assistance to exiles from Poland (and also to a smaller number of those

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from other European countries under Soviet domination) throughout the Cold War and into the 1990s.

The records contain a variety of materials pertaining to the organization's activities, from case files of individual refugees, financial records of the organization, and documentation of the agency's tasks aimed to help their clients with various aspects of their integration into the host society (such as the New York driver's manual in the Polish language) to correspondence with other resettlement and refugee assistance organizations and also with the concerned agencies of the United States government. The latter segment of the materials provides a glimpse into the development of the U.S. policies on refugee resettlement as the PAIRC gathered government publications, memos and congressional records relevant to its work.

More from the collections...

The IHRC continues to receive donated materials for the collections. Most are supplements to existing collections such as Hanna Cherin', Don Binkowski, Roman Shramenko, and many others. However, we were fortunate to receive our newest and important donation, that of the records of the Polish American Immigration and Relief Committee of New York.

Senior assistant curator, Halyna Myroniuk, participated in the University of Minnesota Libraries First Fridays event, April 6, 2007, "Rites of Spring: Dance in the Collections," with a presentation on "Dance as a method of preserving a cultural heritage in America" with slides from the IHRC's collections.

Generous gifts don't come every day! We are most grateful to the Jewish Historical Society of Upper Midwest for donating to the IHRC their society's used microfilm reader printer! Researcher use of the IHRC microfilms increased this year, and an additional microfilm reader printer has been a great help! We extend our thanks to **Katherine Tane, Executive Director of Jewish Historical Society of UM** and members **Linda Schloff** and **Susan Hoffman** for this generous gift.

This year Minnesota is celebrating its Sesquicentennial. The IHRC, along with archival units from Andersen Library, will be participating in an exhibit at the State Fair. Items of Minnesota history will be selected that tell the story from the perspective of the individual units. We encourage you to stop by and view the exhibit in the Fine Arts Building while you're at the State Fair this summer.

Researchers & Visitors

Ieva Zake, is a professor at Rowan University in southern New Jersey in the field of historical comparative sociology. Her primary interest is in nationalism and ideologies. Currently she is doing research on the construction of Latvian refugee communities in the U.S. and how they were active culturally and politically during the Cold War cultural contacts between the USSR and U.S. Zake spent several days at the IHRC, accessing the publications produced by the Latvian community throughout the cold war. She also explored large private collections of prominent Latvian-Americans who were engaged in the politics of the Cultural Contacts. She is most interested in the ways Latvians thought about the cultural contacts, conflicted between support for their new home in America and loyalty to their heritage in Latvia, which the cultural contacts were subverting.



Matjaz Klemencic, a professor of history at the University of Maribor and president of the Research Council, Institute for Ethnic Studies in Ljubljana, Slovenia, visited the IHRC researching the established Slovenian community of Pueblo, Colorado.



Primarily interested in the IHRC's collection of newspapers from Pueblo that were written in Slovenian, he is using the material in an article on Yugoslavian immigrant ethnic groups of the 1990's and their support for and reactions toward the dissolution of Yugoslavia. His research revolves around the controversial invention of Yugoslavian immigrant identity. Klemencic asserts that most Yugoslavian ethnic groups identify with their smaller groups (such as Slovenia) rather than the larger Yugoslavia. He points to evidence that there are few Yugoslavian immigrant community institutions in the U.S. whereas there are many for the Slovenians amongst others.

brothers! Bethu wants to move from teaching into community development work when she returns to her home city of Mutare. Bethu is very concerned about the current political and economic problems in Zimbabwe. (Zimbabwe is increasingly a country of emigration: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1064589.stm). Bethu reports that one thing she learned at the IHRC was that "there is so much movement in the world;" she has been impressed by learning about the problems associated with migration for both the migrants themselves and for the countries they enter and leave behind.

Applications for financial aid being accepted

Ethnic Studies Grants-in-aid at the IHRC

Thanks to the generosity of donors during the recent endowment campaign, the IHRC now offers small grants of \$250 to support travel costs of researchers needing to consult its ethnic studies collections for a minimum one-week period. Grants are open to graduate students, faculty and independent scholars in the U.S. or internationally who live more than a day's drive from the Twin Cities. For fiscal year 2007-2008, grants can be awarded to researchers intending to use the IHRC's Estonian, Finnish, Greek, Italian or Latvian collections. Grants may be used to travel to the IHRC at any time between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008. Submit by July 1. Details at <http://ihrc.umn.edu/educators/grantsinaid.html>.

2008-2009 Fellowships available at the University of Minnesota through IHRC

One-year fellowships are available for Estonian American studies and Latvian American studies. Applicants must be accepted into U's graduate school. Details at <http://ihrc.umn.edu/educators/fellowships.html>.

2008 Michael G. Karni Scholarship

Applications for research projects at the IHRC relating to the Finnish American experience are due by Nov. 1 for travel to IHRC January-December 2008. Details at <http://ihrc.umn.edu/educators/pdf/Karnischolarship.pdf>.

Italian Voices

Making Minnesota Our Home

By Mary Ellen Mancina-Batinich.



IHRC is proud to have been a collaborative partner with **Alex and Mary Batinich** to process the manuscripts of Mary Ellen Mancina-Batinich, a high-school teacher and principal in Chicago. Active in Italian American organizations and a

tireless oral historian, she captures the stories of Minnesota's Italian Americans in this rich compendium of everyday life from communities across the state between 1900 and 1960: miners, factory workers, boardinghouse keepers, labor radicals, homemakers, amateur actors, and their sons and daughters. Edited by Florence Mae Waldron and with a foreword by Rudolph J. Vecoli, *Italian Voices* is available from the Minnesota Historical Society Press.

Grazie. Kiitos. Vd'aka.

Paldies. Diakuiu. Díky.

Ua Tsaug. Thanks!

to all who answered our call for family recipes to include in the collaborative cookbook project between the IHRC, Friends of IHRC and you, our friends. Our volunteer editor, **Mary Ann Novak**, is compiling and sorting the many submissions and beginning to layout the pages and memories now with help from Friends of IHRC volunteer Celeste Raspanti and assistant Meghan DeLisi. Look for the printed product this fall!

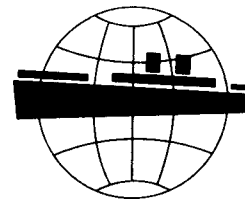


"Preparing sarma", "Cooking lessons", "Syrian flat bread", from MN & St. Louis International Institutes records at IHRC.

In the "works" at IHRC:

Sept. 28: Finnish film and music, an evening program cosponsored with the Institute for Global Studies

Apr. 17-19, 2008, Conference: "Belonging and Membership in a Mobile World"



SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for **November 10, 2007**, the Friends of IHRC's 30th annual meeting and dinner. **Ali Selim** (film director of the movie "Sweet Land") will be the guest speaker. Look for more details this fall.

Book Sale Benefits IHRC Funds

The Friends of IHRC have a listing of books for sale and posted on-line at <http://www.ihrc.umn.edu/about/friends/friendsbooks.htm>. Among the titles are Zofia Kossak's *The Polish Years*, Paul Robert Magocsi's *Historical Atlas of Central Europe*, and a number of books from Sampo Press. Also included are a variety of miscellaneous new and used books. The profits from the sale of these books benefit several IHRC endowments including the funds for Polish American Studies, Finnish American Studies and the Michael G. Karni Scholarship.

Friends of IHRC award State History Day Prizes

Andy Urban and American Studies professor **Lary May** participated as judges to award Friends of IHRC prizes for 2007 MN State History Day entries. Congratulations to **Junior Division winner Ian Glidden**, Horizon Middle School, for his project entitled "From High Spirits to Heartbreak: Medical Exams Curb Immigration" (an exhibit which looks at European immigration to Ellis Island and the medical tests and quarantines that immigrants were subjected to) and **Senior Division winners Marysa Lai, Joe Simon, Angel Rien** from DeLaSalle High School for their documentary film "The Vietnamese People: A Triumphant and Tragic Search for Freedom" which offers a nuanced look at the tragedy and triumph that comes with having to leave one's home and establish a new one. Find out more about these award-winning projects at <http://ihrc.umn.edu/about/friends/prizes.html>

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