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*Immigrant Heritage
Recipe Collection*

A “deliciously tasteful” cookbook that brings together recipes from the IHRC’s collections AND dozens of the center’s friends. Greek Tiropites, Russian Malinnick, Lebanese Tabooley, Hungarian Chicken Paprikash, Italian Risotto Bianco, and Korvapuusteja are just a few among the 130+ diverse favorites featured in this limited-edition, spiral-bound cookbook, in categories from soup to dessert. Order form on page 7.

“...Read it if you are an avid eater or cook. Read it if you are a friend of the IHRC. But don’t stop with reading! Cook from it, learn from it, and enjoy thinking about your own food stories and your own food traditions.”

–Jeffrey Pilcher, professor of history at the University of Minnesota and author of *Food in the World*

From the Director

The big word at the IHRC this year: “international”

We began the semester by hosting a lively evening of Finnish and Finnish-American music and food sponsored by **Jukka Savolainen**, this year’s Government of Finland/David and Nancy Speer Professor in Finnish Studies, the Institute for Global Studies and the IHRC.

In the year ahead, the IHRC will sponsor three major events focused on international migrations. The first, to be held in Washington D.C. at the German Historical Institute is called “*Connecting Atlantic, Indian Oceans, China Seas, and Pacific Migrations 1830s to 1930s.*” In April 2008, the IHRC, together with the Institute for Global Studies, will host a conference with participants from Africa, Europe, Asia, and Latin America. The conference will focus on how early empires, city states, and indigenous peoples confronted mobile people—nomads, merchants, explorers, travelers, missionaries, labor migrants—and defined principles for membership and belonging by drawing lines between insiders and outsiders. Finally, the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians will bring thousands of women historians to Minneapolis in June 2008. The IHRC will offer a symposium on “Gender Ratios and Global Migration.”

That topic is also the focus on an ongoing research project, a collaboration of the IHRC and the Minnesota Population Center (MPC). With funding from the Office of International Program’s grants for International and Interdisciplinary Research Circles, MPC’s **Trent Alexander** is working with **Johanna Leinonen** (graduate student in History and former IHRC Research Assistant), **Bianet Castellanos** (American Studies) and me to try to puzzle out why some migrations are heavily male and others predominantly female.



Photo by Linda Applegate

Performance during the Suomi-Finland Social Club event held Sept. 28 in Andersen Library.

Above L-R: Diane Jarvi, Sammy Lind, Ninni Poijarvi, Mika Kuokkanen. At right: J. Karjalainen, Al Reko, Kip Peltoniemi, Ralph Tuttila.



Photo by Dan Salin

Our staffing also continues to change. **Sara Wakefield** is now working longer hours, assisting with everything from reference queries to events planning. **Cindy Herring** is juggling new responsibility in CLA while welcoming a new office assistant, **Sarah Buckley**, on November 1. **Halyna Myroniuk** reports in these pages on her recent trip to Ukraine. We hope you have taken the time to view the new web feature developed by **Daniel Necas** which highlights documents in the IHRC collections. If you have not had the chance to introduce yourself to our new Program Director, **Haven Hawley**, please read her column, p. 2, and make a date to meet her soon!

In these pages you’ll read a report on our new seminar series called Global REM (Race, Ethnicity, Migration) and brief interviews with some of the scholars presenting their work as part of this seminar. You will also find an introduction to **Anna Mazurkiewicz**, the first of three international visitors who will be in residence at the IHRC during academic year, 2007-2008.

We always appreciate hearing from our friends!

Sincerely, Donna Gabaccia



Franca Iacovetta is a visiting history professor from the University of Toronto, specializing in Immigration, Labor and Gender history. She was at the

IHRC doing research the week of September 24th and will be returning later this year to continue. She is currently working on a project focusing on the International Institute of Metropolitan Toronto. The Institute was involved with helping immigrants integrate into Canadian culture and was part of a larger association of similar organizations in North America, with most in the United States. The Institutes as a whole had three purposes: helping individuals, building communities and developing cultural programs to build an international community. The IHRC has a wide variety of material from those institutes that were within the United States, which she is using to enhance her understanding of the context that the Toronto Institute operated in.

Global REM and RIP Seminars

What is the Global Race, Ethnicity, Migration seminar and why does that phrase “Global REM” sound so familiar?

A formal REM initiative was funded by the University of Minnesota Graduate School between 1999 and 2001 and became a collaboration between the IHRC and American Studies faculty. A major REM conference was held in fall 2000. REM distinguished itself by linking the study of ethnic “whiteness” and racialization of America’s minorities.

Recent hires in the social sciences and humanities have made it possible to extend this network of scholars and students to consider race, ethnicity and migration from global perspectives.

Topics at this Fall’s Global REM seminars have covered the globe. We have heard reports on the relationship of immigration and U.S. foreign relations and on

immigrants in Cold War Canada. **Vera Fennell’s** research also focused our attention on the Cold War but with a focus on connections among Pan-African, Chinese and Third World solidarity. Upcoming seminars will examine the tourist industry in New Zealand, human rights issues raised by China –U.S. adoption, measuring openness to immigration across nations, and pan-Mediterranean migrations in today’s world. The Global REM series will continue in 2008. For details on upcoming events, check the IHRC web page.

Global REM Pedagogy

Global REM is not just a research field; several dozen faculty now teach undergraduate and graduate classes on race, ethnicity and migration in Asia, Europe, the Pacific, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East. Each month the Institute for Global Studies also invites interested faculty to discuss the curriculum and the prospects for collaborative teaching on Global REM at the University of Minnesota. See the Global REM webpage: <http://igs.cla.umn.edu/research/globalREM.html>

Research In Progress seminars are familiar to many readers of this newsletter. The IHRC has long asked scholars visiting its collections to report on their research. In November, we heard from **Professor Matjaz Klemencic**, who was making the most recent of almost two dozen research visits to the IHRC. He reported on “Recent Research on Slovenes in Contact with Other Nations of the World.” In the spring, Italian American Studies Grant in Aid recipient **Kenyon Zimmer**, University of Pittsburgh, will present preliminary findings from his research on Italian anarchists. We will also hear reports from Kosciuszko Fellow in Residence **Anna Mazurkiewicz** and Fulbright Fellow in Residence **Matteo Pretelli**.

Global REM (Race, Ethnicity & Migration) Seminar Series

Seminars meet every other Wednesday afternoon in 308 Andersen Library. For presentation schedule, abstracts, and summaries of past discussions, visit <http://igs.cla.umn.edu/research/globalREM.html>.

Dec. 6-8, 2007, Conference: Connecting Atlantic, Indian Oceans, China Seas, and Pacific Migrations 1830s to 1930s,

Washington D.C. (Invitation Only. Contact Donna Gabaccia at drg@umn.edu if interested.) <http://www.ihrc.umn.edu/scholarly/pdf/0712ConnectingConf.pdf> Panels will focus on “The Atlantic World,” “The World of the Indian Ocean,” “The World of the China Seas,” and “Empires, Nations and International Systems and the Management of Global Migrations.”

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

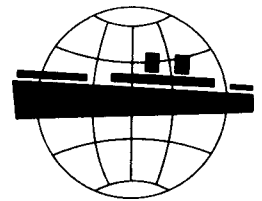
Minneapolis, MN. <http://www.ihrc.umn.edu/scholarly/pdf/0804BelongingConf.pdf> Panels will include “Mobility and Belonging: Using Archaeological Evidence,” “Borders and Border-Crossers in City-States,” “Belonging in Early Empires,” “Mobility, Insiders and Outsiders in Early Modern Empires,” and “Controversies about Indigeneity in a World of Nation States.”

Jun. 15-16, 2008, Symposium on Gender Ratios and Global Migration,

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis MN. <http://www.ihrc.umn.edu/scholarly/pdf/0806GenderRatiosConf.pdf> Do men and women migrate in different ways? Scholars in many disciplines once observed men far outnumbering women among long-distance movers, but U.S. government statisticians recently pointed toward a “remarkable shift” in gender ratios being studied. Integrated datasets from the Minnesota Population Center (which holds more than a billion detailed person records from 30 countries between 1850 and 2000) will be analyzed by the study group and presented at the symposium.

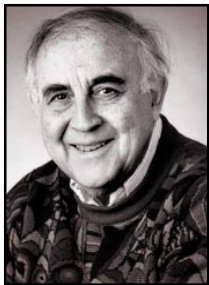
Friends of the Immigration History Research Center

NEWSLETTER



“Looking to the Future on our 30th Anniversary” was the theme for the Friends of IHRC annual dinner and meeting on November 3, 2007. Held at St. Katherine’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Arden Hills, the event featured Minnesota’s leading historian, **Hy Berman**, professor emeritus of history at the University of Minnesota.

Professor Berman engagingly provided history of the IHRC and context for the founding of the Friends of IHRC organization. Attendees watched a short clip from the movie “Sweet Land”, and discussion ensued regarding the film and the impact of immigration during that time period.



*Prof. Hy Berman
Photo by Tim Rummelhoff*

New officers for the Friends’ Board were inducted for 2008–2009: **Don Pafko**, president, **Kathy Labriola Gruett**, vice president, **Biruta Spruds**, treasurer and **Andrea Neumann**, secretary. For more information on the Friends of IHRC, visit www.ihrc.umn.edu/about/friends.html.

Book Sales Benefit IHRC

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 several books from Sampo Press. Also included are a variety of miscellaneous new and used books.

Profits from the sale of these books go toward several IHRC endowments, including the funds for Polish American Studies, Finnish American Studies and the Michael G. Karni Scholarship.

HELP WANTED: The Friends of IHRC organization is looking for volunteers in the following areas:

MEMBERSHIP: Committee would be responsible for searching for new members and define methods of recruitment. They would assist in the expansion of the network of ethnic organizations. This committee would also help to redefine the current membership list and requirements for membership.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Committee would assist in all aspects of publicity raising awareness and visibility for the IHRC. This could include preparing press releases, designing materials for mailings or other communications, festivals, and ethnic conferences, photography and marketing.

PROGRAMS: Committee would prepare calendar of events sponsored by the Friends. These events would include lectures, tours, festivals, sponsorship of state history day and the annual meeting.

FUNDRAISING: Committee would pinpoint sources of potential income. These efforts could include donations from ethnic organizations and individuals and the sale of promotional items. The fundraising committee would work closely with membership, public relations and program committees. The committee would assist in efforts to fully fund fellowships and study programs.

BUDGET/FINANCE/LONG RANGE PLANNING: Committee would be responsible for preparing the Friends operating budget for the next two years. The committee would prepare the yearly financial audit.

LEGAL/BYLAWS/NOMINATING: This committee would act as a liaison between officials of other communities and the Friends of the IHRC. The committee would be responsible for all interpretations of the current by-laws and any revisions necessary. The committee would also be responsible for the recruitment and nomination of future officers of the board of the Friends of IHRC.



Note Cards Available

Set of 8 different note cards available for purchase from the Friends of the IHRC. Images from the IHRC archives show children in ethnic costumes.

Card size: 4.25” x 5.5”, set includes envelopes. A set of 8 is available for \$8 plus \$3 shipping/handling. Send check payable (USD) to Friends of the IHRC.

