

Faculty Updates

Dr. Christine Erickson is continuing to work on her book manuscript, *Fraternity on the Frontier: The Montana Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s*.

Dr. Bernd Fischer is on sabbatical during the 2012-2013 academic year. His most recent publications include *King Zog and the Struggle for Stability in Albania (Second Edition)* (Albanian Institute for International Studies Press, Tirana, 2012); *Albania 1943-1945, A View through Western Documents* (Albanian Institute for International Studies Press, Tirana, 2012), an Albanian translation of *Albania 1943-1945*, and a Greek translation of his book *Albanian Identities, History and Myth*.

Dr. Suzanne LaVere spent the 2011-2012 academic year on a A.W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in Medieval Studies at the Medieval Institute of the University of Notre Dame, where she presented her full book manuscript, *Out of the Cloister: Scholastic Exegesis of the Song of Songs, 1100-1250*. She is currently in the final stages of revising the manuscript for publication. She is also working on two articles about the medieval papacy and pastoral care.

Dr. Ann Livschiz is continuing work on her project on the memory of the Holocaust in Belorussia. She presented a full draft of her manuscript *Children of the Welfare State: Social Politics in the Soviet Union* at the First Russian Children's History Workshop in Paris, France in May 2012.

Dr. Jeffrey Malanson published three book chapters this past year, and is currently working on article manuscripts that focus on the authorship controversy surrounding George Washington's Farewell Address from 1808-1859, and James K. Polk's use of the Monroe Doctrine from 1845-1848. He also received a Purdue Research Foundation grant to begin work this summer on his next book project, "What Would George Washington Do?: The Use and Abuse of the Founding Fathers and Their Legacies, 1787-1921." Finally, Prof. Malanson and his wife will be welcoming their first child in early June.

Dr. David G. Schuster is currently researching the cases of people who were committed against their wills to the Kalamazoo Asylum for the Insane during the 1860s and 1870s. He is finishing a new course on the history of American medicine this semester and will be on sabbatical next fall.

Dr. Richard Weiner's most recent publication is "La riqueza legendaria de México: lectura selectiva del legado del *Ensayo* de Humboldt," which appeared in *Economía, ciencia y política. Estudios sobre Alexander von Humboldt a 200 años del Ensayo político sobre el reino de la Nueva España*, edited by José Enrique Covarrubias and Matilde Souto Mantecón (Mexico City: UNAM/Instituto Mora, 2012). He is co-editor (with José Enrique Covarrubias) of a forthcoming book titled *La idea de una gran riqueza natural de México. Proyectos y debates económicos, siglos XVIII y XIX* (Mexico City: UNAM Press). In June 2013 he will be a participant in a NEH Summer Institute at Duke University on the History of Political Economy.