

Editors' Notes

THE 2000 E.H.A. MEETINGS

The Sixtieth Annual Meeting of the Economic History Association will be held at the Hotel InterContinental Plaza, Los Angeles, California, 8–10 September 2000. Claudia Goldin, 1999/2000 E.H.A. president, announced the theme: "The American Century." *The twentieth century has been christened "the American century." But was it and, if so, in what manner did American institutions, technology, entrepreneurship, culture, consumer goods, and other economic conditions or policies have such a profound impact on the world that the characterization is warranted? What was the basis of "the American century"? How dependent is the characterization on the economic leadership of the United States in the twentieth century? Is it due, instead, to military supremacy or to cultural domination? Will this American dominance, that seems so complete as the next century begins, continue? Looking deeply into American history, which aspects of America's extraordinary past were due to the relative abundance of land and natural resources, immigration, or the composition of its population (as regards immigrant or ethnic status, religion, and ideology)? Would our view of "the American century" be different if the nation had not served as the "arsenal of democracy"? Is the character of "the American century" fundamentally different from that of "the British century" or "the Dutch century"?*

Proposals for papers should be submitted online at www.eh.net/EHA. (Those without internet access should contact the program committee for an alternate method of submission.) The proposal should include a short (150-word) abstract and a longer three- to five-page summary. The deadline for submissions is Monday, 31 January 2000. If a draft of the paper is available, please send it in addition to the abstract and the summary. The committee welcomes proposals for entire sessions as well as for individual papers. Proposals for sessions should include an abstract and a summary for each paper in the session. The committee does reserve the right to assign papers to sessions and to accept some papers from a proposed session if the entire session is not accepted. For full consideration, proposals must be received by 31 January 2000. Submissions must include the full name, mailing address, telephone number(s), and if available, fax number and E-mail addresses of all authors. Notices of acceptance and rejection will be sent to the individual paper givers by 30 March 2000.

Those interested in being considered for the E.H.A. program are welcome to enter into conversations (E-mail encouraged) with any of the members of the Program Committee:

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Those who receive their Ph.D. between 1 June 1999 and 31 May 2000 are invited to apply for inclusion in the dissertation session at the 2000 E.H.A. meetings. Please note that planned attendance at the meetings is a requirement for submitting an application and that presentation of a dissertation summary during the dissertation session at the September 2000 meetings is a requirement for prize eligibility. Finalist's awards of \$250 each will, in part, defray the expenses of attending the meeting for the six dissertators whose summaries are presented. Dissertations on U.S. or Canadian history are eligible for the Allan Nevins Prize. Such dissertations should be sent to Christina Romer, University of California, Department of Economics, 549 Evans Hall #3880, Berkeley, CA 94720-3880; E-mail: cromer@econ.berkeley.edu. Dissertations on areas of the world other than the United States or Canada are eligible for the Alexander Gerschenkron Prize. Such dissertations should be sent to Tim Guinnane, Yale University, Department of Economics, P.O. Box 208269, New Haven, CT 06520-8269. E-mail: timothy.guinnane@yale.edu. Applicants must send a copy of their dissertation to the appropriate convener so that it reaches her or him by Wednesday, 31 May 2000. Dissertations are not returned. Applicants will receive acceptance or rejection notification by 15 July 2000.

The local arrangements committee is Lance Davis (Economics, Cal Tech), Phil Hoffman (History, Cal Tech), Naomi Lamoreaux (History and Economics, UCLA), Kenneth Sokoloff (Economics, UCLA), and Mary Yeager (History, UCLA). Registration materials will be posted in late spring on the web: <http://www.eh.net/EHA> and on Martha Olney's web site: <http://socs.berkeley.edu/~olney>. On-line registration with a credit card is possible through eh.net, but costs the E.H.A. a 4 percent fee. Therefore checks are preferred. For more information contact Martha Olney, E.H.A. Meetings Coordinator, eha-mtgs@socs.berkeley.edu or (510) 642-6083.

AWARDS AT THE 1999 E.H.A. MEETING

The following prizes were awarded at the Fifty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Economic History Association, held in Baltimore, Maryland from 8 to 10 October 1999.

The Arthur H. Cole Prize for the outstanding article published in this JOURNAL in the September 1998 through June 1999 issues, to Charles H. Feinstein of All Souls College, Oxford for the article "Pessimism Perpetuated: Real Wages and the Standard of Living in Britain during and after the Industrial Revolution," which appeared in the September 1998 issue. The Cole Prize recipient is selected each year by this JOURNAL's editorial board.

The Allen Nevins Prize for the outstanding dissertation in U.S. or Canadian economic history during 1998/99, to Ian E. M. Keay, McGill University, for "Assessing the Performance of Canada's Manufacturers: Firm Level Evidence from 1902-1990," completed under the direction of Robert C. Allen at the University of British Columbia.

The Alexander Gerschenkron Prize for the outstanding dissertation in non-U.S. or Canadian economic history during 1998/99 to Chiaki Moriguchi, Harvard University, for "The Evolution of Employment Systems in the United States and Japan, 1900-1960: A Comparative Historical and Institutional Analysis," completed under the direction of Avner Greif and Gavin Wright at Stanford University.

The Jonathan Hughes Prize for 1999 for excellence in teaching economic history, to Robert Whaples of Wake Forest University. The winner is selected by the EHA Committee on Education and Teaching.

Gyorgy Ranki Prize for the best book published biennially in non-American economic history, jointly awarded to Sheilagh Ogilvie of Cambridge University for *State Corporatism and Proto-Industry: The Wuttemberg Black Forest, 1580-1797* published by Cambridge

University Press in 1997; and to Jan de Vries of the University of California, Berkeley and Ad M. van der Woude of Wageningen University, The Netherlands, for *The First Modern Economy: Success, Failure, and Perseverance of the Dutch Economy, 1500–1815* published by Cambridge University Press in 1997.

Cliometric Society Undergraduate Economic History Paper Prize for the best undergraduate paper in economic history to Charmaine Go, now at Arthur Anderson, for her "Unemployment Relief Distribution in the Bay Area During the Depression."

In addition, the following scholars were awarded Arthur H. Cole Grants-In-Aid: Edward N. Beatty, Duquesne University, for research on Sources of Technological Change in Late Nineteenth Century Mexico; Simone A. Wegge, Lake Forest College, for research on Early Mass Migration: German Emigration of the Nineteenth Century; Craig Steven Pascoe, University of Georgia, for research on Building the Detroit of the South: Automobile Manufacturing in the Southern United States, 1905–1925; Andrew Seltzer, University of London, for research on International Labor Markets and Personnel Practices Within the Union Bank of Australia (UBA); and Byung Khun Song, Corpus Christi College, for research on Allotment, Rural Unrest, and Poor Relief Policy in Early-Nineteenth-Century England.

NOMINATIONS FOR JONATHAN HUGHES TEACHING PRIZE

The Committee on Teaching of the Economic History Association invites nominations for the seventh annual Jonathan Hughes Prize for Excellence in Teaching Economic History. Letters of nomination should state what qualities of excellence the candidate's teaching of economic history has embodied. The strength of the nominating letter will be the primary basis for selecting the pool of finalists for the prize. After arriving at a short list of finalists, the committee will gather further supporting information. Anyone is eligible to write a letter of nomination. Letters of nomination should be received by 1 February 2000, and should be sent to Hank Gemery, Department of Economics, Colby College, Waterville, ME 04901 (E-mail: hagemery@colby.edu).

PROGRAM IN EARLY AMERICAN ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

The Library Company of Philadelphia announces the establishment of a new Program in Early American Economy and Society that will foster scholarship in a public understanding of the origins and growth of America's economic system and the nation's business history through the Civil War. The Library Company, founded in 1731, is an independent research library that has one of the premier collections in the nation of printed materials relating to the study of early American economy, business, and technology. The new program will offer short-term and long-term research fellowships to doctoral candidates and senior scholars; teacher training institutes; publications such as conference proceedings and monographs; and a variety of public programs such as lecture, exhibitions and a web site.

The director of the program is Cathy D. Matson, Associate Professor of History at the University of Delaware. For further information, contact Professor Matson at cmatson@librarycompany.org.