



**World History Center, University of Pittsburgh
Annual Report, calendar year 2013**

Outstanding steps:

The World History Center at Pitt came into existence in October 2008: it has now completed its fifth calendar year. The Center can now be considered to be fully up and running: the World History PhD theme is fully implemented, three faculty specialists in world history are now in place, major grants support work on a world-historical dataset and on professional development for teachers of world history, publications continue to come forth, and international collaborations are becoming increasingly numerous and productive. Here are brief statements of some of the highlights, presented in the usual categories of Center programs and activities.

- **Collaborations.** The Center tightened its close relationship with Pitt's Global Studies Center and maintained its activity in NOGWHISTO (the Network of Global and World History Organizations), including activities in concert with NOGWHISTO affiliates on all five major continents.
- **People.** **Patrick Manning** was on leave in Spring 2013 but returned to the position of Director in Summer 2013. Associate Director **Diego Holstein** served as Acting Director in Spring 2013 and is on academic leave during 2013-2014. **Molly Warsh** is in her second year as Assistant Professor of History. **Kai Cao** is in his second year as Postdoctoral Associate for the World-Historical Dataverse, working as the technical lead on the world-historical archive project. Two postdoctoral fellows were appointed for two-year terms: **Urmi Engineer** as World History Center Postdoctoral Associate and **Mat Savelli** as the Mellon Postdoctoral Associate in World History of Science. Research associates who visited the Center included **Dr. Aiqun Hu** of Arkansas State University and **Takeru Sada** of Osaka University, Japan. Our Visiting Scholar for 2013-2014 is **Monica Green** of Arizona State University, who is researching a major project on health in human history. **David Ruvolo** has joined the Center as the Administrator for the CHIA Project.
- **Research.** The Collaborative for Historical Information and Analysis (CHIA) carried out year one of a three-year award of \$600,000 from the National Science Foundation. This project for construction of a world-historical dataset included the World-Historical Dataverse (the Pitt affiliate of CHIA) and collaborators at Harvard University, Boston University, Michigan State University, and the University of California – Merced. The Office of the Provost 2012-2013 award of \$40,000 to the World-Historical Dataverse Project supported research up to June 2013. The award of the Social Science Research Council and British Council of \$75,000 to a team including WHC and groups at UCLA and Cal State Long Beach supported study of professional development for teachers of world history. Several other research projects by faculty members and grad students at Pitt fill out the list of World History Center research activities.
- **Publications.** Patrick Manning, *Big Data in History* (Palgrave Macmillan); Philip D. Morgan and Molly A. Warsh, *Early North America in Global Perspective* (Routledge). Patrick Manning published articles in the *International Journal of Maritime History*, the *Journal of African History*, and the *Journal of World-Historical Information*.

- **Websites.** The Center maintained five websites: World History Center (www.worldhistory.pitt.edu); World-Historical Dataverse (www.dataverse.pitt.edu); Collaborative for World-Historical Information (www.chia.pitt.edu); the website of its director (www.manning.pitt.edu); and a website scheduled for release in January 2014 for the Alliance for Learning in World History.
- **Programs of Study.** The World History PhD theme was fully implemented with the admission of Bennett Sherry and Matt Drwenski as to the world history graduate program. Meanwhile, seven previous Pitt History grad students have taken PhD Comprehensive Exams in World History or Empires in World History.
- **Teaching World History.** The Teaching World History collaborative continued its work at Pitt. In addition, the collaborative led in developing a successful proposal to the Social Science Research Council and British Council, gaining \$75,000 in a 2012 award for launching a national Alliance for Learning in World History, in association with the National Center for History in the Schools (UCLA) and Cal State University Long Beach. The Alliance held two-day conferences in November 2012 and May 2013, and is preparing to release its website.

Continuing activities of the Center during 2013 included presentations in the World History Seminar, updates of the Center and Dataverse websites, development of the World History Research Registry, awards of research and travel grants, and editorial work and conference preparation in the World History of Science initiative. These and other activities for the year 2013 appear in the full report below, in sections parallel to those on the World History Center website (www.worldhistory.pitt.edu).

About Us: Center Headquarters.

Office. The Center office is at 3900 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, adjacent to the History Department.
Advisory Board. The World History Center Advisory Board, initially appointed in 2009, has responsibility for general overview and especially for making awards in competitions for Research Awards, Travel Awards, and Visiting Scholars. Advisory Board members for Spring 2013 were Martha Chaiklin (History), Nancy Condee (Global Studies), Diego Holstein (History), and Dick Oestreicher (History). Board members in Fall 2013 were Najeeb Shafiq (Education), Dick Oestreicher (History), Nancy Condee (Global Studies), Diego Holstein (History).

Staff. Katie Jones completed her fourth full year as Administrator of the Center.

Dataverse. Staff employed on the Dataverse project for 2013 included Emily Palmer, temporary administrator from All Temps (Spring 2013); David Ruvolo, administrator (Fall 2013); and graduate researchers Chelsea Mafrica (Computer Science) and Evgeny Karataev (Information Science).

Conferences. The Center office led or participated in organization and direction of the following conferences, sponsored or cosponsored by WHC during 2013:

Inscribing the World: Global Art, Global History, Pedagogy

Global Studies Center, Humanities Center and World History Center
 Pittsburgh, April 5, 2013

CHIA Steering Committee Conference
 Pittsburgh, May 17-18, 2013

Alliance for Learning in World History Conference
 Pittsburgh, May 30- June 1, 2013

Coloquio Latinoamericano de Historia Global
 Buenos Aires, August 8-9, 2013

African Network of Global History Conference
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, August 19- 20, 2013
Global Historical Population Conference
Amsterdam, October 18-19, 2013

Collaboration.

University Affiliation. The Center's principal affiliation is with the Department of History, especially in graduate and undergraduate teaching and research. The Center is also an affiliate of the Global Studies Center (GSC) and participated in GSC's successful application to become a Title VI National Resource Center, 2010-2014. In addition, the Center is an affiliate of the University Center for International Studies (UCIS). Further, the Center participated in the Teaching World History consortium to professional development activities for teachers, in association with the Department of History, the School of Education, and the Global Studies Center.

Worldwide Collaboration. The Center has a formal role in several international organizations of world historians.

- The Network of Global and World History Organizations (NOGWHISTO), a federation of these continental organizations, has since 2010 been the world-historical affiliate of the UNESCO-affiliated International Committee for Historical Sciences (CISH).
- In collaborations around the world, the World History Center maintained its close association with the Network of Global and World History Organizations (NOGWHISTO) and its five continental affiliates.
 - Latin America. Coloquio Latinamericano de Historia Global, Universidad de San Andrés, Buenos Aires, August 9-10, 2013. This conference of over 20 participants from throughout Latin America brought about the formation of the Red Latinoamericano de Historia Global, an affiliate of NOGWHISTO.
 - Africa. African Network of Global History/Réseau africain d'histoire mondiale, Université de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, August 17-19, 2013. This conference of 15 participants from Africa and the African diaspora will be followed by publication of a volume on Africa in World History.
 - Europe. Patrick Manning visited the Leipzig headquarters of NOGWHISTO and ENIUGH in July, consulting with Matthias Middell and Katja Naumann on preparations for the 2015 conference of CISH and NOGWHISTO in Jinan, China.
 - Asia. WHC Director Patrick Manning continued as a member of the Executive Board of the Asian Association of World Historians.
 - North America. WHC Director Patrick Manning attended the World History Association in Minneapolis.
- Global Studies. Patrick Manning and Nancy Condee attended the annual conference of the Global Studies Consortium in Moscow, June 10-14, representing the dual affiliation of the Global Studies Center and World History Center at Pitt. At the meeting, Manning and Condee agreed to the recommendation that the 2016 international meeting of the consortium be in Pittsburgh.
- World History Network (WHN). The WHN, a nonprofit organization focusing on building global connections in world history,

Research.

World-Historical Dataverse and CHIA. This is the principal research project of the World History Center. The full annual report of the Dataverse project is found on its website, at www.dataverse.pitt.edu. Here are highlights of that report:

- Publication of the first issue of the *Journal of World-Historical Information*, an open-access, online journal (at <http://jwhi.pitt.edu>) in June 2013.
- Collaborative research to link U.S.-based data on disease, climate, and population, with researchers from the Graduate School of Public Health, Department of Geology and Planetary Science, Department of Sociology, and Department of History.
- Interdisciplinary Theory. Patrick Manning and Sanjana Ravi, “Cross-Disciplinary Theory in Construction of a World-Historical Archive.” *Journal of World-Historical Information*. 1, 1, pp. 15-39.

World History Postdoctoral Fellowship. Urmi Engineer (PhD University of California – Santa Cruz 2010),

World History of Science. Postdoctoral Associate Mat Savelli (PhD University of Oxford, 2011)

Visiting Scholar. The Visiting Scholar for 2013-2014, appointed by the Advisory Board in October 2012, is Monica Green, Professor of History at Arizona State University, to conduct research and writing on “A Global History of Health.”

World History Research Registry. The Center created the World History Research Registry in 2009. This online listing of world historical research in progress by scholars around the world included 17 entries by the end of 2010. The registry is available online.

Research Awards. The Center’s annual program of research provides awards each spring of \$2000 each to Pitt faculty members and graduate students. Faculty awardee for 2013: Peter Karsten. Graduate student awardees for 2013: Andrew Behrendt, Katie Parker, and Yevan Terrien.

Graduate Travel Awards: Awards of \$250 were granted to Sharon Quinsaas (Sociology) and Nadav Hochman (History of Art and Architecture).

World History Center Archive. The Center’s archive, opened for consultation in 2009, remains accessible.

Publication – books. Philip D. Morgan and Molly A. Warsh, *Early North America in Global Perspective* (Routledge, 2013); Patrick Manning, *Big Data in History* (Palgrave Pivot, 2013); Patrick Manning with Tiffany Trimmer, *Migration in World History*, 2nd ed. (Routledge, 2013).

Programs of Study.

Graduate study: courses offered in 2013

Spring 2013

(No world history graduate courses this term)

Fall 2013

HIST 2011	Preparing the Dissertation	Warsh
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Undergraduate study: courses offered in 2013

Spring 2013

HIST 0700	World History	Holstein
HIST 1060	Global Piracy	Warsh
HIST 1114	Medieval Iberia	Holstein
HIST 1144	Portuguese Empire	Warsh
HIST 1753	Ottoman Empire	Emiralioglu
HIST 1796	Hist of Africa Since 1800	Shumway

Fall 2013

HIST 0700	World History	Manning
HIST 1060	Global History of Piracy	Warsh
HIST 1090	History Medicine & Health Care	Savelli
HIST 1695	Environmental Politics	Engineer
HIST 1753	Ottoman Empire	Emiralioglu

Teaching World History (TWH). The TWH collaborative—including the World History Center, Department of History, Global Studies Center and School of Education—has been exploring various activities step by step since 2008.

Award from Social Science Research Council and British Council. The World History Center, in partnership with the National Center for History in the Schools (UCLA) and the Department of History at Cal State University Long Beach, was awarded \$75,000 for a one-year grant in the “Our Shared Past” initiative designed to advance curriculum and professional development in world history. The award was for creation of an “Alliance for Curriculum and Professional Development in World History.” The Alliance is to be created through two conferences: at UCLA (November 9-10, 2012) and at Pitt (May 31 – June 1, 2013). It will result in an ongoing program of support for curriculum advance, professional development, and research in the teaching of world history. The associated website, to open in January 2014, will be based at Pitt.

Events of the World History Center, 2013.

Global and National Events

The **Center director attended the following international meetings** to facilitate the development of NOGWHISTO and its affiliates:

- American Historical Association, New Orleans
- African Economic History conference, Vancouver
- Global Studies Consortium, Moscow
- Coloquio Latinoamericano de Historia Global, Buenos Aires
- African Network of Global History, Ouagadougou
- Global Historical Population Conference, Amsterdam
- Association for the Worldwide Study of the African Diaspora, Santo Domingo

Events at Pitt – WHC as sponsor or principal co-sponsor

World History Center Conferences at Pitt

Alliance for Curriculum and Professional Development in World History
Pittsburgh, May 30- June 1, 2013

Sponsored by World History Center, UCLA, and Cal State Univ. Long Beach, under a grant from the Social Science Research Council and the British Council

World History Center Seminars and Lectures

Bruce Campbell, The Queen’s University of Belfast

"The Enabling Environment: The Medieval Solar Maximum and Europe’s high-medieval economic efflorescence"

January 10, 2013 (Thursday), 3703 Posvar Hall, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Gerard McCann, University of York

"In a brown mantle'? South Asian politics, the Indian Ocean Sphere and the making of East African independence, 1923-1978

March 20, 2013, 3703 Posvar Hall, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Ahmet Izmirliglu, University of Pittsburgh

"(Social) Networks: A Brief Glance (with the tiniest sprinkle of math)

April 16, 2012, 3703 Posvar Hall, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Dan Bisbee & Pat Manning, University of Pittsburgh

"Approaches to Empires: A Review of Literature and Research Agendas"

April 24th, 2013 (Wednesday); 3703 Posvar Hall, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Monica Green, Arizona State University

"Data—Starved, or How a Medievalist Became a Historian of Global Health"

September 10, 2013 (Tuesday); 4130 Posvar Hall, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Co-sponsored Conferences

Inscribing the World: Global Art, Global History, Pedagogy

Co-sponsored by: Global Studies Center, Humanities Center and World History Center
Pittsburgh, April 5, 2013

Coloquio Latinoamericano de Historia Global

Co-sponsored by: World History Center, World History Network, Inc.
Buenos Aires, August 7- 11, 2013

African Network in Global History Conference

Co-sponsored by: World History Center, World History Network, Inc.
Ouagadougou, August 19- 20, 2013

Co-sponsored lectures

Francisco Zamora Lobo

"Triunfar Sobre el Colonialismo, Sobrevivir al exilio y combatir la Dictadura"

Co-sponsored by: Center for Latin American Studies, Global Studies Center, World History Center, Humanities Center, Department of History and the Department of Africana Studies

November 4, 2013, 208A Cathedral of Learning, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Randy Law, Birmingham-Southern College

"In the Shadow of the Cold War: The Origins of the War on Terror"

Co-sponsored by: Global Studies Center, the World History Center, and the Center for Russian and East European Studies

January 17, 2013, 4130 Posvar Hall