



**World History Center, University of Pittsburgh
Annual Report, calendar year 2014**

Outstanding steps:

The World History Center at Pitt came into existence in October 2008: it has now completed its sixth calendar year. 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. In an important step forward, plans for a formal affiliation with the International Institute of Social History (Amsterdam) took form with the visit of Henk Wals and Leo Lucassen, Director and Research Director of IISH, to meet with the World History Center and the Department of History. Plans were detailed for the exchange of students and faculty and for ongoing collaboration in research.
- **People.** **Patrick Manning**, Center director, was voted President-Elect of the American Historical Association, to serve as president in calendar year 2016. Associate Director **Diego Holstein** organized a series of seminar presentations on East Asia and Eurasia in World History. **Molly Warsh**, Assistant Professor of History was on research leave for the fall semester of 2014. **Kai Cao**, Postdoctoral Associate for the World-Historical Dataverse, left in January to accept a position as Lecturer in Geography at the National University of Singapore, where he opened an Asian Office of CHIA. He was succeeded starting in July by **Tonia Sutherland**, who became Postdoctoral Associate after completing her PhD in Library and Information Science at Pitt. Postdoctoral fellows were appointed for two-year terms: **Urmi Engineer** continued her second year as World History Center Postdoctoral Associate; she co-directed the international conference of the Flying University of Transnational Humanities in June. **Mat Savelli**, the Mellon Postdoctoral Associate in World History of Science, moved in September to accept a postdoctoral fellowship at McMaster University but continues as co-editor of a conference volume based at Pitt. **Pepijn Brandon** became a Postdoctoral Associate in September 2014 for an 18-month appointment in which he is to conduct research and lead a conference on historical labor systems of the Atlantic world. Dr. Brandon, who completed his dissertation at the University of Amsterdam, is supported by the Netherlands Science Foundation (NWO) for his work at Pitt. **Monica Green** of Arizona State University completed her term with wide recognition of her research on history of plague and leprosy. **David Ruvolo** continued at the Center as the Administrator for the CHIA Project. **Katie Jones**, the Administrator for the Center, completed her fifth year in September, and continues to organize us all beautifully.

- **Research.** The Collaborative for Historical Information and Analysis (CHIA) carried out year two 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. Gazetteer. The Center received a Digital Humanities Start-up award from the National Endowment for the Humanities, for a September conference and follow-up work on creating a world-historical gazetteer to classify globally significant places for the past four hundred years. The Office of the Provost and the School of Information Science each awarded a two-year graduate research fellowship to the CHIA project, for development of the world-historical data resource.
- **Publications.** Diego Holstein, *Thinking History Globally* (Palgrave Macmillan), plus publication of a special issue in *World History Connected*, focusing on Studies in Migration Worldwide, and including articles by Patrick Manning and graduate students Jack Bouchard and Bennett Sherry. Manning also published “Africa’s Place in Globalization: Africa, Eurasia, and their Borderlands” in *Journal of Globalization Studies* and book chapters on African population (1650-2000) and on a historical approach to global studies.
- **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 new website released in January 2014 for the Alliance for Learning in World History (www.alliance.pitt.edu).
- **Programs of Study.** Aura Jirau-Arroyo entered the graduate program with a focus on world history, joining Ahmet Izmirliglu, Bennett Sherry, and Matt Drwenski. The first Core Course in the World History Ph.D. program, taught in spring 2014, included seven students. By the end of 2014, some twenty History graduate students were participating at some level in study of world history.
- **Teaching World History.** The Teaching World History collaborative continued its work at Pitt. At the national level, the Alliance for Learning in World History continued its preparation of a professional development course to be offered to secondary teachers in association with the National Council for the Social Studies. At the local level, the World History Center, the Global Studies Center and the School of Education cooperated with the Mt. Lebanon Schools in developing a world history curriculum for the seventh grade. Michael Lovorn, Veronica Dristas, and Patrick Manning were the Pitt participants, working with Tina Raspanti, Social Studies Coordinator, and twelve teachers in the Mt. Lebanon Schools.

Continuing activities of the Center during 2014 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 2014 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.

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

Dataverse. Staff employed on the Dataverse project for 2014 included David Ruvolo, administrator (Fall 2013); and graduate researchers Chelsea Mafrika (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 2014:

The Life Sciences after World War II

World History of Science conference

Pittsburgh, April 16-17

Flying University of Transnational Humanities

Global Studies Center, Humanities Center, and international Steering Committee

Pittsburgh, June 22-26

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 be renewed as a Title VI National Resource Center, 2014-2018. 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. The Red Latinoamericana de Historia Global, formed as an affiliate of NOGWHISTO in the wake of an August 2013 conference in Buenos Aires, published a set of online world-historical papers by its members.
 - Africa. African Network of Global History/Réseau africain d'histoire mondiale. Patrick Manning serves as a member of its Steering Committee.
 - Europe. Diego Holstein attended the September 2014 Paris conference of the European Network in Universal and Global History (ENIUGH).
 - Asia. WHC Director Patrick Manning continued as a member of the Executive Board of the Asian Association of World Historians.
 - North America. WHC Postdoctoral Fellow attended the 2014 conference of the World History Association in San José, Costa Rica.
- Global Studies. Pernille Røge attended the annual conference of the Global Studies Consortium in Moscow, June 19-21, representing the dual affiliation of the Global

Studies Center and World History Center at Pitt. At the meeting, there was preliminary agreement that the 2016 international meeting of the consortium be held in Pittsburgh.

- International Institute of Social History. After several years of informal collaboration and exchange, in October 2014 the Center, the Department of History, and the IISH moved toward establishment of a formal program of collaboration, to include annual exchange of students and researchers.

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:

- The CHIA project was awarded a Digital Humanities Startup grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a conference and follow-up research on a World-Historical Gazetteer. The conference took place at Pitt September 4-5.

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) and Patrick Manning co-directed the May 16-17 conference, “The Life Sciences after World War II.” This was the second of three conferences in world history of science supported by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

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

Research Awards. The Center’s annual program of research provides awards each spring of \$2000 each to Pitt faculty members and graduate students. Faculty awardees for 2014: Jackie Smith and Melanie Hughes of the Department of Sociology. Graduate student awardee for 2014: John Galante.

Graduate Travel Awards: Awards of \$250 were granted to Sharon Quinsaas (Sociology) and Nadav Hochman (History of Art and Architecture) in the spring semester. Awards of \$250 were granted to George Weddington (Sociology) and Jonathan Sherry (History) in the fall semester.

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

Publication.

Books. Diego Olstein, *Thinking History Globally* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan)

Articles. “Forum: Studies in Migration Worldwide,” edited by Patrick Manning, in *World History Connected* 11, 3 (2014)

“Introduction to the Forum on Studies in Migration Worldwide.” Patrick Manning

“Mid-Holocene Migrations: Another view of the rise of Civilizations.” Patrick Manning

“Seasonal Migrations and Material Culture in the Sixteenth-century North Atlantic.” Jack Bouchard (Pitt graduate student in History)

“Shipping Companies as Carriers and Barriers to Human Mobility: The Atlantic and Pacific Regimes of the United States.” Torsten Feys (University of Ghent, former visiting fellow at World History Center)

“Held but Not On Hold: Toward an Archive of Refugee Materiality.” Bennett Sherry (Pitt graduate student in History)

Programs of Study.

Graduate study: courses offered in 2014

Spring 2014

HIST 2718	World History Core	Manning
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Fall 2014

HIST 2733	Environmental & Health History	Engineer
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Undergraduate study: courses offered in 2014

Spring 2014

HIST 0700	World History	Holstein
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HIST 1076	Comparative Slavery	Engineer
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HIST 1084	Food and History	Engineer
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HIST 1144	Portuguese Empire	Warsh
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Fall 2014

HIST 0700	World History	Manning
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HIST 1017	Globalization and History	Holstein
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HIST 1019	Cities in Historical Perspective	Chase
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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.

- The website of the Alliance for Learning in World History (www.alliance.pitt.edu) was released in January 2014. Its purpose is to facilitate collaboration in developing professional development programs for secondary teachers of world history
- Michael Lovorn and Ashley Woodson of the Department of Instruction and Learning in the Pitt School of Education continued their collaboration with the World History Center and the Global Studies Center, working both in training pre-service teachers of world history and in facilitating the development of a 7th grade world history curriculum in the Mt. Lebanon Schools.

Events of the World History Center, 2014.

Global and National Events

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

- American Historical Association, Washington, DC
- Global Studies conference, Santa Barbara
- California World History Association, Berkeley
- Interdisciplinarity in History, Qatar
- National Council for History Education, Albuquerque
- Political Economy of World Systems, Pittsburgh
- Future of World & Global History, Warwick
- African Studies Association, Indianapolis
- Social Science History Association, Toronto

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

World History Center Conferences at Pitt

Flying University of Transnational Humanities International Summer School,
June 22-26, 2014

"The Life Sciences after World War II"
May 16-17, 2014

World History Center Seminars and Lectures

Urmi Engineer, University of Pittsburgh

"Towards a Global History of Yellow Fever. An Ecological, Social and Cultural
Approach"

February 4, 2014, 3703 Posvar Hall, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Alexis Dudden, University of Connecticut

"Modernity's Diffusion and Studying the Japanese Empire"

September 12, 2014, Noon, 3703 Posvar Hall

Michael Khodarkovsky, Loyola University of Chicago

"The Empire of the Steppe: Russia's Colonial Experience on the Eurasian Frontier"

October 10, 2014, 1:00 - 2:30, 3703 Posvar Hall

Leo Lucassen, Research Director of the International Institute of Social History

Henk Wals, Director of the International Institute of Social History

"The International Institute of Social History: History and Research Agenda"

October 22, 12:00 -1:30, 3703 Posvar Hall

Bin Wong, University of California, Los Angeles

"Political Economies of 19th-c. Economic Change under Industrial Capitalism"

October 24, 2014, Noon, 3703 Posvar Hall

Peter Perdue, Yale University

"Asia in World Histories: Frontiers and Environments"

October 31, 2014, Noon, 3703 Posvar Hall

Panel Discussion:

Evelyn Rawski, Bill Chase, Gregor Thum, Dick Oestreicher, and Diego Holstein

November 14, 2014, Noon, 3703 Posvar Hall

Nile Green, University of California, Los Angeles

"Making Mosques in America and Japan; or, How Islam Went Truly Global"

November 21, 2014, Noon, 3703 Posvar

Co-sponsored Conferences

October 9-10, 2014

Baltic Symposium

Directed by Katja Wetzel, Sponsored by EUCE, co-sponsored by World History Center

Co-sponsored Lectures

November 10, 2014

Carlos Cañete

"The Origins of Humanity: Cultural and Religious Polemics in Early Modern Times"

4:00 PM, 3703 Posvar Hall

Sponsors: Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program, University of Pittsburgh; the Department of History, Carnegie Mellon University; the World History Center, University of Pittsburgh

October 10, 2014

Pitt FRIT Conference "Short Fuse"

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jan Miernowski, Professor of French, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Annual Members' Reception

January 15, 2014

"Presentations on World History Center accomplishments"

4130 Posvar Hall

3:00 – 4:30 pm