The annual Awards presentation was held April 15, 2015 in the McFarlane Student Union Building. This year we were pleased to have several emeriti professors join us for the celebration. Senior Awards for the 2014-2015 school year and the Undergraduate Scholarships for 2015-2016 were presented to the following students for their academic excellence:

**Department Awards**
Bright & Lucille Beck Award in American History—Andelain Gingalewski
Anthony J. Mazzaferri Award—Rebecca Van Horn
Outstanding Achievement in History Certificates—Ashley Crawford, Karli Eck, Joseph Gayl, Jill Hoppes

**History Club Awards**
Martin Luther King Jr. Award—Emily Curley
Professor of the Year—Dr. Patricia Norred Derr

**Undergraduate Scholarships**
for the 2015-2016 school year
Anthony J. Mazzaferri History Scholarship—Kevin Rhodes
Esther Willits History Scholarship—Mackenzie Francis

This edition of *About Time* has information about our alumni and where their BA-HIS, BA-HIS w/PLG or BSED-SS degree has taken them so far. We spotlight Mr. John Lawlor, Jr. ‘73, who is wrapping up a rewarding teaching career after having his love of history ignited by the emeriti professors of the Kutztown University History department. We also celebrate the long life of Jane Moyer ‘34 whose love of history benefitted so many.

**A Message from the Chair’s Office**
We have some exciting events on the horizon this fall and we are working with selected groups of students and with other departments to integrate history courses into their curriculum.

We are running our first research workshop for High School History Day students on October 10 with the help of our staff and the marvelous Rohrbach librarians.

KU has welcomed a new President, Dr. Kenneth Hawkins, and he’s coming to meet the department in November.

The History Department is running eight formal learning communities for incoming students with English and the Frederick Douglas Institute.

We are running another eight informal learning communities for incoming Honors, History, and Secondary Education Social Studies students.

Next semester we are partnering with Modern Languages, Business, Environmental Studies, and Education to offer classes specifically aimed at their students.

We are also getting ready to move out of Lytle for the summer so that KU can do a full spruce-up and add (we are promised) a student lounge.

**Fall 2015**
Rebecca Van Horn
Copper Chambliss Medal Winner

This past spring Lake Ariel, PA native Rebecca Van Horn graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in history, and a minors in art history and English literature. Rebecca received the Copper Chambliss Student Academic Achievement Award 2015 in the category of successfully completed research projects. Rebecca’s research project is a cultural history of the Mediterranean world during the western “Fin-de-Siecle” (c.1870-1914). Her research at KU is culminating with her Honors Capstone entitled “Rethinking Modernism: How Artists and Authors in the Mediterranean truly ‘Made It New,’” which was being submitted spring 2015. This is a multidisciplinary project that draws from the fields of history, art history, psychology and English literature. It illustrates the changing perceptions of the Mediterranean region, which in previous centuries had been dismissed by Western intellectuals as a regressive backwater mired in medieval superstition and at slower pace of technological advancement. Rebecca’s work examines the artistic response to these changes; her research has taken her to such places as southern France and Crete. She has presented her work at a number of undergraduate conferences, and her research has come to the attention of some of the top scholars in her field in the United States. Rebecca has been a recipient of numerous grants and scholarships to fund her studies, including the National College Consortium of International Studies Scholarship, the PASSHE Study Abroad Scholarship, the KU Department of History Esther Willits Scholarship, and the KU Undergraduate Research Committee Grant. Rebecca was a Dean’s Scholar and supplemental instructor for the history department throughout her time at KU, and looks forward to attending graduate school to continue her research.  

Source: May 18th Daily Brief (with changes)
History Major has Internship at P.A. State Archives

In 2014, the Pennsylvania State Archives requested and received a $3,845 grant to fund the MG-48 Fall Brook Coal and Railway Company Records project. The project, administered in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, began in late August 2014 and was completed on March 17, 2015. The grant money supported intern Carolyn Wasser, an undergraduate history student from Kutztown University, who processed a total of 29 cartons and 489 folders of material. Carolyn completed the first four series—Col. John Magee’s Correspondence (1893-1900), the Hon. John Magee’s Correspondence (1860-1868), Fall Brook Coal Company Agents’ Correspondence (1860-1897), the Fall Brook Coal Company General Correspondence (1860-1919)—and part of the Fall Brook Coal Company Railroad Correspondence (1860-1919). Carolyn created a blog to share information about the Fall Brook Collection and her work processing the records, which included letters, memoranda, and other documentation of company operations in Tioga County, PA, and southern New York State. Carolyn is a History and Library Science dual major at Kutztown University, as well as a Pennsylvania German and International Studies minor. She is Vice President of Kutztown History Club and the National History Day advisor for Kutztown Area School District.

History Minor Interns at Heritage Center

Emily Curley is an anthropology major with double minor in history and PA German studies. Though she didn’t declare her PA German studies minor until her junior year, it means the most to her. While Emily thought she was just taking electives that both interested her and filled requirements for graduation, her advisor, Dr. Schlegel, noticed they were mostly PA German Studies courses. She suggested Emily pick it up as a minor, since she naturally gravitated towards these courses. By the time it was declared, there was only one aspect of the program she needed to complete before graduation: the internship. “Internships are always a good thing, and I’m Pennsylvania German, so I had some background in the culture as well. It seemed right, and my parents were very happy about it too.” Emily had taken walks around the PA German Heritage Center on campus and also volunteered there to help plant the garden last spring. She developed a passion for the center and has been there almost every day since her sophomore year of college, and in the fall of 2014 she became their intern. Emily’s main responsibility at the Heritage Center was to clean and organize a large donation of Pennsylvania German Pottery. “Cleaning the pottery was really interesting because no one had touched [the contents of] these boxes in 50 years. They were in giant crates, and they were kept in our kitchen. And I couldn’t even carry them. It was about 50 pounds of pottery—I dislocated my shoulder trying to pick up a jug.” Cleaning the pottery involved more excitement for Emily than it initially let on. Since the pottery was so old and hadn’t been cleaned in decades, she would occasionally find an animal skeleton during her cleaning routine. After cleaning the pottery, Emily helped place the items throughout the exhibition house at the center. She staged examples of what a traditional Pennsylvania German family table and home would look like. “There were some decorative pieces as well, the kind of thing you’d want to show off to the neighbors—the fancy stuff.” She enjoyed being the creative mind behind the displays and helping visitors get a better understanding of PA German culture.

Emily plans to attend graduate school in the fall. She would like to get her M.A. in American History followed by her Ph.D. Once she has finished her studies, she would love to come back to KU and teach in the History Department.

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Sec Ed HISTORY Major From Kenya Shadows Seneca Valley H.S. Teacher

JACKSON TWP — Peter Njuguna drove five hours Friday morning across Pennsylvania just to watch Seneca Valley High School teacher Jim Lucot in action, although Njuguna has traveled a lot further than that on his quest to become a teacher. Njuguna, 25, is from Kenya and is studying at Kutztown University to be a history teacher. He plans on returning to Kenya to embark on his own career as a teacher once his studies are finished in 2016. It’s no secret that Lucot is regarded as one of the better teachers in the state. He was even a finalist last year for the state teacher of the year award. That’s exactly why Njuguna rose before the sun came up to drive to watch Lucot teach. Originally from Kiambu, Kenya, Njuguna came to the United States in 2009 to study at a community college before transferring to Kutztown. He will graduate next year and plans on attending graduate school to further his teaching career. The Kenyan student said he wants to become a teacher to honor his mother, who taught for nearly three decades before retiring in 2013. Njuguna could never have studied history in Kenya like he studied history here, if only for the fact studying history isn’t practical in developing countries like Kenya. “If you love history, you are not free to study it,” he said. “There are no jobs in history.” Instead, students in Kenya primarily focus on subjects like math and science or they pull up on a trade early in life. Njuguna is one of the few who got the chance to pursue his true passions once coming to America. While here, he plans on spreading knowledge about his home country and continent to Americans. “It’s amazing to me how many people here think Africa is a country,” he said. “But that’s something I can do, help give Africa some exposure.” But that doesn’t mean Njuguna is leaving Kenya in the rearview mirror. He plans on going home after his schooling to teach a new generation of Kenyans. “It’s all about giving something back,” he said. Lucot said there’s no doubt that Njuguna will be successful. The young student even used his free time over spring break to come see Lucot teach. “I couldn’t find a better use for it,” he said about his spring break from classes. “Some of my friends are somewhere else warmer, but I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.” Lucot said he hopes to teach Njuguna some valuable lessons about interacting with students. It’s a simple formula Lucot follows with the students, and one that’s worked well for him so far. “You need to be passionate, honest and you have to respect the kids,” Lucot said. Lucot also praised the young man’s determination, noting that he woke up before 5 a.m. to make the drive from Kutztown to Jackson Township. “His commitment is pretty apparent,” Lucot said. - See more at: http://www.butlereagle.com/article/20150318/CRAN0101/703189829#sthash.kpzbeNbS.dpuf
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Every inch of Professor John Lawlor’s office space at Reading Area Community College reveals a slice of his story. A funny ‘I Brake for Historical Markers’ bumper sticker is adhered to his floor-to-ceiling bookcase, which is jam-packed with history books. He has pictures of the Coliseum and of him meeting Pope Francis at the Vatican in January, as well as photos of his grandchildren, Maverick, Matthew and Josie.

Above his desk is the heartwarming essay he wrote about his father’s service with the 16th Armored Division in Poland, Czechoslovakia. Lawlor beams with pride when mentioning how the essay was published after he won a recent “I found it in the National Archives” contest. A history buff and avid researcher, Lawlor volunteers for the ReSource Room at the Boeing Learning Center at The National Archives in Washington, D.C., once per month during the school year and two times during the summer months. He also takes his students to volunteer at the archives, and he uses the documents he discovers to develop out-of-the-textbook lesson plans and courses, such as the new urban history class he will launch in the fall.

“It’s like the nation’s attic,” he explains. “The National Archives are where we permanently keep important, valuable documents and materials related to the federal government. They’re stored, preserved and made accessible. You never quite know what treasure you’re going to run into.”

Lawlor uses the archives as his personal classroom. It’s the perfect place for a guy who, ever since he was a kid growing up in Reading, has always loved learning, particularly about history, engineering and computers. “I have an inherent curiosity that’s almost inate,” he says.

After earning a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in history from Kutztown University, Lawlor worked for Conrail and later as a programmer at AT&T. He started as an adjunct professor at RACC in 1976 and landed a full-time position in 1990 with the Social Sciences/Human Service Division.

“I’m doing exactly what I want where I want to do it, I am interested in what I do. I think students pick up that vibe. We have a connection, and I enjoy collaborating with them.”

Lawlor compares his teaching style to the late Tom Sanelli, a history professor who was empathetic, enthusiastic, encouraging and excited to push students toward excellence. He was one of Lawlor’s favorite teachers.

“The only things that have changed since last summer when the article was published was that I was a fellow and mentor at the NEH funded month-long Library of Congress Institute “On Native Ground.” “Also, I’ll be retiring from teaching this coming Dec. 31st (2015) and embarking on new research, writing, and teaching activities. The late KU History emeritus professor Tom Sanelli first recommended me to teach here (RACC) in 1976. I taught part-time until 1990 when working as a systems engineer at AT&T Reading; went full time in 1990. Amazingly, my last class is the same one I first taught 39 years ago.” He may be contacted at jmlawlor@comcast.net.

In Memorium
Jane Shaneberger Moyer ‘34, ‘True woman of the 20th century,’ dies at 103

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- Excerpted from an article by Kurt Bresswein for Lehighvalleylive.com