

Editors' Notes

VOLUME XXVII MARKS another turning point for the *Yearbook*; it is the last issue under the editorship of Solomon Wank, who steps down after a highly productive six-year term. Sol greatly enhanced the quality and character of the revitalized *AHY* by making special efforts to nurture the younger colleagues who form the next generation of scholars in the field of Austrian and Habsburg history and by pushing the *AHY* in new directions. Under his editorship, the *AHY* published more articles relating to social history, women's history, and Jewish history, and it became an important vehicle for innovative work on ethnicity and nationalism in the Habsburg lands. Retired now from both Franklin and Marshall College and the *Yearbook*, Sol returns full-time to his important scholarly agenda, which includes his long-standing interest in the Habsburg aristocracy and, more recently, a fascination with the causes and consequences of Habsburg imperial collapse.

We are pleased to welcome Charles Ingrao as Sol Wank's successor. Charlie is Professor of History at Purdue University and has taught at Brown University and held visiting professorships at Indiana University and Cambridge University. He is the author of several books, including most recently *The Habsburg Monarchy, 1618–1815* and *State and Society in Early Modern Austria*, and has received several prestigious research grants. For almost a year, Charlie has been aggressively recruiting manuscripts for volume XXVIII and thinking creatively about the future direction of the *Yearbook*. Charlie brings many strengths to the *AHY*, but chiefly his international reputation as one of the leading historians of Central Europe in the early modern period and his abiding interest in bringing the Habsburg legacy to bear on the critical questions that confront present-day Central and Eastern Europe.

With this issue, book review editor James Miller also steps down after an active three-year term. Jim expanded the number and range of reviews and introduced the new "documents" feature of the book review section. He, too, will now have more time to devote to his important scholarly project on agrarian politics in Austria and to pursue a new collaborative project on oral

history with colleagues in Graz. Hugh Agnew of George Washington University succeeds Jim Miller, thereby restoring the "Slavic connection" to the editorial staff that the *AHY* enjoyed under Gary Cohen's tenure as book review editor. Hugh, the author of *Origins of the Czech National Renaissance*, brings to the job his expertise and contacts as an historian of the Czech lands. As announced in the last issue, Barbara Lawatsch-Boomgaarden appears on the masthead of volume XXVII as Associate Editor, reflecting her already substantial efforts aimed at increasing the visibility of the *AHY* within Austria and the other Habsburg successor states.

We are delighted to present another issue full of high-quality articles and book reviews. We especially draw your attention to the fine article on Austria in the interwar period by R. John Rath, the founder of the *Austrian History Yearbook*, and to the moving memoir by Andrew Romay, a former inmate in the Mauthausen concentration camp. The review of the recent volume edited by Sol Wank, which would have appeared in volume XXVIII, appears here by an executive decision made after the reviewer turned in the review long before the deadline.

We thank members of the Advisory Board for their advice on key policy issues and members of the Editorial Board for assuming the main burden of refereeing manuscripts. We are equally grateful to all those colleagues who also refereed with thoroughness and thoughtfulness. The editorial staff at the Center hereby acknowledges its debt to several people who rendered important service on behalf of the *AHY*: to Thomas Burg, Gary Cohen, Tomislav Urban, and Thomas Winderl for supplying language expertise; to Daniel Pinkerton and Ann Guggisberg for important editorial assistance; and to Craig Anderson, Ann Guggisberg, and Melissa Guggisberg for major contributions on the business end of the *Yearbook*.

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