

News and Comment

Editor's Report

It was good to see many of you at the annual meeting of the History of Education Society at Yale University. In spite of these troubled times, attendance proved to be outstanding. Mary Ann Dzuback and the program committee assembled a stimulating and rich conference while the well-attended, traditional Society banquet assumed a merry tone.

The *History of Education Quarterly* has experienced another exceptional year. I want to thank many of you for your continuing support, hard work, and useful suggestions.

We received 63 manuscript submissions in calendar year 2001. Volume 41 contained 8 articles, 1 Presidential Address, 1 symposium, 2 historiographical essays, 1 book forum, and 81 book reviews. These four issues maintained a catholic tradition. While relying on a broad definition of the history of education, this journal included 4 articles focusing on teachers' lives and experiences in different settings. Race, gender, and a general historical sense of the learning process echoed throughout the essays. Further, 3 of the 9 articles and 22 of the 81 reviews were devoted to an international/comparative emphasis; one article each focused on educational history in Canada, Germany, and the Soviet Union. Finally, according to guest editor Eileen Tamura, the special issue on Asian-American educational history appears to be on track, scheduled for Volume 43, no. 1.

Since 1997, we have systematically moved the journal into the digital age. We embarked, first, on the creation of both HES and HEQ web sites. We continue to revise these on a regular basis. Second, a couple of years ago and with our approval, ABC-CLIO began to include digitized annotations of *HEQ*'s articles. Third, and most recently, I negotiated a contract with JSTOR which, with the approval of the HES Board of Directors, will provide back issues online. We have sent those to JSTOR and the digitizing process is scheduled to be completed at the end of this calendar year.

A diligent, devoted, and experienced staff works for *HEQ*. Bruce Nelson continued his full-time responsibilities as Managing Editor; Gary Cole and Phyllis Kendzioriski fulfilled their duties of maintaining individual memberships and institutional subscriptions; responding to claims; mailing off-prints; revising the Web site; checking citations; filing copyright forms; and mailing books to reviewers; pursuing past copyright agreements; and cross reading with Bruce. Erik Nelson joined us at the end of the year to compile an updated HES membership e-mail list.

A committed group of Associate Editors and Editorial Board members volunteered a great many hours and much effort. Barbara Beatty, Linda Eisenmann, and Michael Fultz offered invaluable advice and refereed "special" submissions, like forums, historiographical pieces, symposia, etc., while

Robert Levin continued as Associate Editor for book reviews. Youngstown State University granted him release time to fulfill his extensive and demanding duties.

I also want to express my gratitude to those Editorial Board members whose term ended in December: Clinton B. Allison, University of Tennessee; Kate Cruikshank, Indiana University-Bloomington; William W. Cutler, III, Temple University; Philip Gardner, University of Cambridge; Tom O'Donoghue, University of Western Australia; Patricia Palmieri, Ithaca College; Daniel Perlstein, University of California, Berkeley; Susan Semel, City College (CUNY); Robert Sherman, University of Florida; Vanessa Siddle Walker, Emory University; and Roberta Wollons, Indiana University-Northwest. They worked year round for the *Quarterly* during the past three years. I am pleased to announce that Jackie Blount, Iowa State University; Jim Carl, Cleveland State University; Peter Cunningham, University of Cambridge; Allyson Holbrook, Newcastle University (Australia); Jana Nidiffer, University of Michigan; and Jonathan Zimmerman, New York University, have accepted my invitations to serve three-year terms on the Editorial Board.

I must occasionally commission reviews from other experts in the field, and I want to acknowledge their good service to the *Quarterly* and the Society. This list of additional referees includes: David Adams, Kathleen Alaimo, James Albisetti, Scott Baker, Patricia Carter, Edwin Christmann, Sol Cohen, Sarah A. Curtis, Rudolf Dekker, Mark Ginsberg, Lynn Gordon, Gerald Gutek, Jay M. Heffron, Jurgen Herbst, James P. Hubbard, Philo Hutcheson, Harvey Kantor, Katharine Kennedy, Michael Knoll, Marjorie Lamberti, William R. Lee, Jeffrey Mirel, Jana Nidiffer, Robert L. Osgood, F. Michael Perko, Jon Reyhner, Theresa Richardson, Kate Rousmaniere, Charles Russo, Amy Schutt, Elaine Spencer, Marcia G. Synnott, Eileen Tamura, Joseph Tropea, Wayne Urban, John Valk, John Van Cleve, and Harold Wechsler.

Wayne Urban, Georgia State University, chaired the Society's three-year journal evaluation team, which included Christine Ogren, University of Iowa; William Bruneau, University of British Columbia; and William B. Thomas, University of Pittsburgh. Wayne and Bill personally visited the journal's offices on June 18, 2001, met with university administrators, and attended that month's editorial meeting. The entire staff appreciated their generous and selfless commitment of time to this process and that committee's positive and supportive report of our editorial work.

The journal's financial state continued to improve during the 2000-2001 fiscal year. Total HES memberships and *HEQ* subscriptions rose from 1403 to 1518, reflecting a four-year upward trend. This is due to an across-the-board increase in United States and non-United States individual memberships as well as U.S. and non-U.S. institutional subscriptions; the increases in U.S. and non-U.S. institutional subscriptions reverses a seven-year fall.

The *Quarterly's* staff worked extremely hard on this entire subscription drive, devoting countless hours and effort. I also appreciate all of your support! Because of all of this good work, the journal's budget realized another surplus, as predicted.

The *Quarterly* received solid institutional support from Slippery Rock University (SRU) this year. C. Jay Hertzog, Dean of the College of Education, and Robert Smith, University Provost, are enthusiastic about hosting this journal. Both of them have expressed early and generous support for the journal, sustaining its secure home at SRU through June of 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
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