

# Announcements

ALFRED D. CHANDLER JR. INTERNATIONAL VISITING SCHOLARS in BUSINESS HISTORY PROGRAM invites established scholars in business history based outside the United States to spend a period of time in residence at Harvard Business School. The primary activities of Alfred D. Chandler Jr. International Visiting Scholars will be to interact with faculty and researchers, present work at research seminars, and conduct business history research. The program will encourage research concerned to relate historical reality to underlying economic theories of business development. Each year, \$14,000 will be available to support two visiting scholars (at \$7,000 each). Alfred D. Chandler Jr. International Visiting Scholars will get office space, an e-mail account, phone, computer, ID card, and access to the University's libraries and the HBS Intranet. The program requires a two month minimum length of stay. Scholars may stay up to a maximum of six months. It is expected that the Scholars will be in residence at the School for the duration of their appointment and that they will be actively engaged in the intellectual life of the business history group.

Applications for the 2009 fellowships should arrive no later than September 1, 2008. Please send (by post or by e-mail) a cover letter, CV, and a description of the research you would like to undertake to the address below. Two letters of reference should be sent separately.

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Applications can be downloaded at the following Web site: <http://www.hbs.edu/businesshistory/fellowships.html>

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HARVARD-NEWCOMEN POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP. Harvard Business School supports a postdoctoral fellowship in business history for twelve months of residence and research at Harvard Business School. Fellowships normally run for the academic year, July 1 to June 30; the stipend is currently \$60,000.

The purpose of the award is to enable scholars who have received a Ph.D. in history, economics, or a related discipline within the past ten years to improve their professional acquaintance with business and economic history, to increase their skills as they relate to this field, and to

engage in research that will benefit from the resources of Harvard Business School and the Boston-area scholarly community. The successful applicant will participate in the school's business history courses, seminars, and case development activities.

The annual application deadline is October 1 of the year preceding the fellowship. For additional information, write to:

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**ALFRED D. CHANDLER JR. TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP.** The purpose of this fellowship is to facilitate library and archival research in business or institutional economic history, broadly defined. The program will encourage research concerned to relate historical reality to underlying economic theories of business development. Individual grants range from \$1,000 to \$3,000, with a total fund of \$15,000.

Three categories of applicants will be eligible for grants:

- Harvard University graduate students in history, economics, business administration, or a related discipline, such as sociology, government, or law, whose research requires travel to distant archives or repositories.
- Graduate students or nontenured faculty in those fields from other universities, in the U.S. and abroad, whose research requires travel to the Boston-Cambridge area (to study, for example, in the collections of the Baker, Widener, McKay, Langdell, Kress, or Houghton libraries).
- Harvard College undergraduates writing senior theses in these fields, whose research requires travel away from Cambridge.

The deadline for receipt of applications is November 1 of the calendar year preceding that in which the fellowship is to be used. For additional information, write to:

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**BUSINESS HISTORY CONFERENCE PRIZES.** At the Business History Conference annual meeting in Sacramento, April 10–12, 2008, officers announced the following recipients of BHC prizes and grants. More information on these prizes can be found at <http://www.thebhc.org/awards/index.html>.

*Harold F. Williamson Prize.* The award is bestowed every two or three years to a mid-career scholar who has made significant contributions to the field of business history, and memorializes the contributions to business history of the late Harold F. Williamson. Recipients of the prize in 2008 were:

Andrea Colli of Bocconi University and Regina Lee Blaszczyk at the University of Pennsylvania and Hagley Museum and Library.

*Hagley Prize.* The prize is awarded jointly by the Hagley Museum and Library and the Business History Conference to the best book in business history (broadly defined) written in English and published during the two years prior to the award. The recipient of the prize in 2008 was:

Thomas K. McCraw, Harvard Business School, *Prophet of Innovation: Joseph Schumpeter and Creative Destruction* (Belknap Press, 2007).

*Newcomen Article Prize.* This prize recognizes the author of an article published in *Enterprise & Society* judged to be the best of those that have appeared in volume previous to the year of the BHC annual meeting. The 2008 recipient was:

Per H. Hansen, Copenhagen Business School, "Organizational Culture and Organizational Change: The Transformation of Savings Banks in Denmark, 1965–1990," *Enterprise & Society* (December 2007).

*Herman E. Krooss Prize.* The prize recognizes the best dissertation in business history written in English and completed in the three calendar years immediately prior to the annual meeting. The 2008 recipient was:

Louis Hyman, Harvard University, "Debtor Nation: How Consumer Credit Built Postwar America" (Harvard University, 2007).

*K. Austin Kerr Prize.* The prize recognizes the best first paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Business History Conference by a new scholar (doctoral student or those within three years of receiving their Ph.D.). It honors K. Austin Kerr, longtime professor of history at the Ohio State University and former president of the Business History Conference. The 2008 recipient was:

Paula Gajewski, Vanderbilt University, "Expanding Connections between the New York Stock Exchange and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act."

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**WORLD ECONOMIC HISTORY CONGRESS.** The International Economic History Association (IEHA) will hold its fifteenth Congress in Utrecht, the Netherlands, from August 3 to 7, 2009. The program will comprise approximately 100 sessions. Following the first call for session proposals the Executive Committee of the IEHA has so far approved 51 sessions. A preliminary program is available on the Congress Web site ([www.wehc2009.org](http://www.wehc2009.org)). This is the second call for session proposals. The Executive Committee will fill all but five of the remaining session slots from submissions received before October 1, 2008. The Committee will fill five remaining slots with sessions on topics the committee feels should be on the program. There will be no distinction between sessions submitted in reply to the first or second call for papers. However, any scholar who is already in the preliminary program as an organizer of two sessions cannot be accepted as organizer of a third session.

The IEHA welcomes sessions on all topics in economic history, history of economics, demographic history, social history, urban history, cultural history, gender studies, methodological aspects of historical research, and related fields. The IEHA particularly wishes to attract sessions on the period before 1800 and sessions that include countries outside Western Europe and North America. Organizers will be given wide discretion to shape the format of sessions to be most suitable to the topic and the participants invited.

Session organizers are expected to present a preliminary list of participants in their proposal, but are also encouraged to publish an open call for papers for their session once it has been selected for the program. For all sessions, a final list of participants and paper titles, a time schedule for the session, and the congress papers or abstracts must be submitted before May 31, 2009, for publication on the Congress Web site. Scholars and the general public will have access to the Web site and will be able to search, read, and download papers of interest in advance of the Congress.

More information on the Utrecht Congress, including the preliminary program based on the session proposals accepted in the first round and some further guidelines to session organizers, is available on the Congress Web site: [www.wehc2009.org](http://www.wehc2009.org).

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ECONOMIES of the MIDDLE EAST and NORTH AFRICA. The fifteenth World Economic History Congress is holding a conference entitled “Between Empire and Nation States: Continuity and Change in the Economies of the Middle East and North Africa in the Twentieth Century,” in Utrecht, the Netherlands, from August 3 to 7, 2009.

The Middle East passed through two great transitions in the twentieth century: the demise of the Ottoman Empire and its replacement by European rule over a good part of the region in the aftermath of World War I, and the post–World War II transition from foreign rule to statehood. These transitions should serve as useful anchors for comparing dimensions of continuity and change in the economies of the greater Middle East (including North Africa) over the period concerned.

Proposals for single and/or multi-country papers covering the Arab countries, Palestine–Israel, Turkey, and Iran, are invited. We expect the proposed papers to cover, within the suggested time span and foci, on subjects such as public economics (including fiscal systems, macro and trade policies); private–public mix in economic activity, price determination, and resource allocation; property rights, land tenure, and legal systems, and their growth-related attributes. We would also welcome proposals on micro-extensions of these subjects, for instance, in areas of industrial organization, entrepreneurship, and business culture.

If you are interested in presenting a paper at the session please send your proposal before October 1, 2008, to the session organizers:

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HAGLEY MUSEUM AND LIBRARY. “Automobility: A Conference on the 100th anniversary of the Model T,” will be held on November 6–7, 2008, at the Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, Delaware.

The appearance of Ford’s Model T automobile in 1908 ushered in a century during which motorized vehicles spread across the American landscape. Their impact was immense, visible in structures such as roads, bridges, garages and parking lots, in businesses including service stations and fast food restaurants, and in altered residential patterns. In addition to cars, other conveyances—such as buses, trucks, mobile homes, fire engines, and motorcycles—as well as vehicles produced for construction and military purposes reshaped business and commerce, created new industries, and generated endless technological innovations. For a conference that marks the Model T’s 100th anniversary, the Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society at the Hagley Museum and Library invites papers that reflect broadly on the impact of motor vehicles in America since 1908. As the automobile has been the subject of considerable scholarly work, papers concerning passenger cars should break new ground and address heretofore under-explored questions. Scholarship on other vehicles powered by internal combustion engines is far less developed.

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PORTUGUESE ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION. The 2008 meeting of the Portuguese Economic History Association, entitled “Consumption and Material Culture from the Middle Ages to the Present,” will be held at the Universidade do Minho Campus de Azurém from November 22 to 23, 2008. Please visit the conference website: <http://www.neps.ics.uminho.pt/aphes28/>.

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ECONOMIC HISTORY at the UNIVERSITY of BARCELONA. The Economic History Department of the University of Barcelona is pleased to

announce the recent establishment of a research center, Centre d'Estudis en Economia i Història Econòmica Antoni de Capmany, which will promote the study of economic and business history as well as stimulating academic cooperation with other centers and institutions that specialize in such topics. The Centre is organizing its first Business History Workshop, Business History in Spain and Europe, which will be held on December 11–12, 2008, in Barcelona. The main purpose of the seminar is to foster intensive debate on the research-in-progress in the field. Information on the Centre and on the workshop is available at: [www.ub.edu/histeco/cat/capmany\\_centre.htm](http://www.ub.edu/histeco/cat/capmany_centre.htm).

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE of ECONOMIC and SOCIAL HISTORY. A group of historians, economists, and social scientists who publish the *Hlektroniko Deltio Oikonomikis Istorias* (Electronic Bulletin of Economic History) with the acronym HDOISTO (<http://www.hdoisto.gr>), and, since September 2005, have held a biweekly Open Seminar of Economic and Social History, are organizing the first International Conference of Economic and Social History. The aim is to give Greek scholars and their colleagues abroad the opportunity to exchange ideas on economic and social history with historians, economists, and researchers from different fields.

This conference is open to scholars involved in the economic and social history of Greece in modern and contemporary times. The languages of the conference are Greek, English, and French. Papers will be accepted in the following three fields: economic and social history, business history, and the history of economic thought and social theory. For more information please contact:

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The PHILOSOPHY of ADAM SMITH. A conference to commemorate the 250th anniversary of *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* will be held on January 6–8, 2009, at Balliol College, Oxford. The conference is being organized by the International Adam Smith Society and the *Adam Smith Review*.

Although Adam Smith is better known now for his economics, in his own time it was his first book, *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* (1759), that established his reputation. Just as scholars have challenged the free-market appropriation of Smith's *Wealth of Nations*, so they have also come to appreciate the importance of Smith's moral philosophy for his overall intellectual project. This conference, to be held at the college Smith himself attended from 1740 to 1746, and at the beginning of the year marking the 250th anniversary of the publication of *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*, will offer an opportunity to reevaluate the significance of Smith's moral philosophy and moral psychology, the relation between them and his other writings on economics, politics, jurisprudence, history, and rhetoric and belles lettres, and the relevance of his thought to current research in these areas. For more information, contact:

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