HAGLEY MUSEUM and LIBRARY. For a conference on November 3 and 4, 2006 the Hagley Museum's Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society invites paper proposals on the provisioning systems that supply our world with food. By provisioning we emphasize the complex institutional arrangements necessary for food to move from farm to the dinner table, along with the dramatic impact of science and technology. We invite proposals for papers that historically situate the connections among the array of institutions involved in food provisioning, including but not limited to farms, food-research laboratories, equipment suppliers, food processors, transportation systems, wholesale and retail outlets, government bodies, and nongovernment organizations and associations. Proposals are also encouraged that examine the relationships between scientific and technological innovations and food provisioning dynamics. Papers may consider any area of the world after 1600.

Proposals should be no more than 500 words and accompanied by a short curriculum vitae. Deadline for submissions is March 31, 2006. Proposals will be evaluated by the program committee of Warren Belasco, Roger Horowitz, and Philip Scranton. Travel support may be available for those presenting papers at the conference. To submit a proposal or to obtain more information, contact:

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A symposium entitled "How Business Users Shaped Modern Technologies . . . and Vice Versa" will take place on Friday, March 10, 2006 from 1:30 to 4:30 P.M., in the Soda House of the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, Delaware. It is sponsored by the Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society. The symposium will feature a paper by JoAnne Yates (Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology) followed by comments from Naomi Lamoreaux (Department of Economics and Department of History, University of California at Los Angeles), Steven Usselman (School of History, Technology, and Society, Georgia Institute of Technology), Margaret Graham (Faculty of Management, McGill University), and David Kirsch (Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland). The event is free and open to the public. For more information, or to register, contact Carol Lockman at clockman@Hagley.org or telephone 302-658-2400, ext. 243.

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ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION. The EHA supports research in economic history through several grant programs. By vote of the Board of Trustees, all applicants for or recipients of an EHA grant or prize must be members of the Association, and all application materials must be submitted electronically (see instructions below). Please use Microsoft Word for e-mail attachments. A membership form can be downloaded at http://eh.net/EHA/membership/content.html.

Arthur H. Cole Grants in Aid. The Committee on Research in Economic History awards Arthur H. Cole grants-in-aid to support research in economic history, regardless of time period or geographic area. Awards typically are in amounts up to \$1,500, although higher amounts may be awarded in exceptional cases. Send applications by e-mail to Professor Ben Chabot, chair, Committee on Research in Economic History at remv@umich.edu. The application should include a front cover page, giving the name of the individual, home address, institutional affiliation, social security number, and all contact information. The main body of the proposal should be no longer than five single-spaced pages. inclusive of any footnotes, tables, and bibliography. It should describe the project and explain specifically how the grant will facilitate completion of the research. A curriculum vita and a project budget should be appended. Applicants must be members of the Association and must hold the Ph.D. degree. Preference is given to recent Ph.D. recipients. Deadline for applications: April 1, 2006. Awards will be announced by May 15, 2006.

*Nevins Prize in American Economic History*. The Allen Nevins Prize in American Economic History is awarded annually by the Economic History Association on behalf of Columbia University Press for the best dissertation in U.S. or Canadian economic history completed during the previous year. The 2006 prize will be awarded at the Economic History Association's annual meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in September 2006. Please send submitted dissertations to:

Professor Melissa Thomasson Department of Economics Miami University Oxford, OH 45056 E-mail: thomasma@muohio.edu

The deadline for entries is May 1, 2006.

Alexander Gerschenkron Prize in Economic History. The Alexander Gerschenkron Prize in Economic History is awarded annually by the Economic History Association for the best dissertation in the economic history of an area outside of the United States or Canada completed during the previous year. The 2006 prize will be awarded at the Economic History Association's annual meeting in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania in September 2006. Please send submitted dissertations to:

Professor Carol Shiue Department of Economics University of Colorado at Boulder Campus Box 256 Boulder, CO 80309 E-mail: shiue@colorado.edu

The deadline for entries is May 1, 2006.

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The CENTRE for the HISTORY of RETAILING and DISTRIBUTION will sponsor a forum on "Retail Trading in Britain" on September 20, 2006, at the University of Wolverhampton. Half a century since the publication of J. B. Jeffery's *Retail Trading in Britain*, *1850–1950*, CHORD (the Centre for the History of Retailing and Distribution) invites proposals for papers and sessions exploring Jeffery's legacy and discussing new approaches to the history of the British retail trade. Papers from all disciplinary perspectives and historical periods (including before 1850 and after 1950) are welcome.

The deadline for proposals (including a 200-word abstract) is March 31, 2006. Proposals should be sent (preferably electronically) to:

Dr. Laura Ugolini HAGRI/HLSS MC233, MC Building University of Wolverhampton Wolverhampton, WV1 1SB United Kingdom E-mail: l.ugolini@wlv.ac.uk Conference Web site: http://home.wlv.ac.uk/~in6086/2006conf.html

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URBAN HISTORY ASSOCIATION. The Urban History Association invites submissions of individual papers and panels for the Third Biennial Urban History Conference at the Memorial Union of Arizona State University, October 20-22, 2006. The central goal of the conference is to explore urbanism and urban regions in all their complexity across time and space. Even though the conference deals with all urban topics. the committee is especially seeking proposals for papers and panels that have a comparative international framework or that place the study of urbanization in one country or in a specific period within an international context or that have transnational implications. The committee encourages proposals for panels with innovative formats as well as for sessions with three presenters, and it welcomes proposals for individual papers as well. The committee especially welcomes submissions from recent Ph.D. recipients and from Ph.D. candidates still writing their dissertations. The program committee welcomes proposals for either individual papers or entire sessions of three papers with comment. Submissions must include the following materials: a one-page abstract of each paper, clearly marked with title and participant's name: a one-page curriculum vitae for each participant, including address, telephone, and e-mail information. Final submissions are due by March 1, 2006, and should be sent with either an attached file (preferably in Word) or with the text in an e-mail message to: Janet R. Bednarek, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Urban History Association. Her e-mail address is: Janet.Bednarek@notes.udavton.edu.

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CENTRE for RESEARCH in INSTITUTIONAL ECONOMICS. The Centre for Research in Institutional Economics, University of Hertfordshire, U.K., announces the Eighth Annual International Workshop on Institutional Economics, "Human Needs and Markets: New Foundations for Health and Social Policy," June 19–20, 2006. This residential workshop will be held on the De Havilland campus of the University of Hertfordshire, in Hatfield, England.

This workshop is designed to provide in-depth discussion of cutting-edge issues in institutional economics in a forum that permits the attention to detail and definition that is often lacking in larger, conference-style events. The expected maximum number of participants is fifty. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

The De Havilland Campus of the University of Hertfordshire is about one mile from the Hatfield railway station. There are regular

trains from Hatfield to London Kings Cross and easy access to all London airports.

For more information, please contact:

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