

Editors' Notes

THE 2003 ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The sixty-third Annual Meeting of the Economic History Association will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, 19–21 September 2003, at the Hilton Suites Nashville. Tom Weiss, 2002/03 E.H.A. President, announced the theme “Transitions in Economic History.”

The advanced nations of the world have undergone a number of transitions that other nations are only now experiencing or have yet to experience. These include transitions of a grand sort, such as revolution, independence from colonial rule, constitutional change, the end of slavery and serfdom, and the emergence of a market economy, but include many others that were identified long ago by Simon Kuznets and other scholars as part and parcel of the process of economic development. These include the demographic transition, the decline of the family farm, the rise of services, and the emergence of a multi-ethnic population. These transitions have proceeded more smoothly in some nations than others and they have not taken place everywhere with the same speed. Some may be seen as having been more successful than others.

What can the developing nations and EU applicant countries learn from all this? Why have these transitions been more successful in some places? What determines the speed of transitions? Does the speed matter to eventual success? Can the process be accelerated? What has been the impact on the standard of living and the distribution of income and wealth during the process?

Program proposals, due 31 January 2003, can be submitted online at http://www.eh.net/EHA/Meetings/prop_03.html. Joshua Rosenbloom, *University of Kansas*; Peter Coclanis, *University of North Carolina*; and Jane Humphries, *Oxford University*, comprise the Program Committee. For further information, contact committee chair Joshua Rosenbloom, Department of Economics, Summerfield Hall, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045; e-mail: jrosenbloom@ku.edu.

Graduate students are encouraged to attend. Travel and hotel subsidies, registration and meal discounts, free meals, and the possibility of scintillating conversation are all offered as enticements. Graduate students appearing on the program as dissertation finalists and those students presenting their current research at the poster session will receive 100-percent subsidies (subject to some limitations on travel expenses).

The dissertation session will honor the top six dissertations in economic history completed during the 2002/03 academic year. The deadline is 15 May 2003. Dissertations on U.S. or Canadian history are eligible for the Allan Nevins Prize: a printed copy should be sent to Paul Rhode, Department of Economics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599. Dissertations on other areas are eligible for the Alexander Gerschenkron Prize: a printed copy should be sent to Mark Thomas, Department of History, Randall Hall, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

To apply for participation in the poster session, send an e-mail to eha-mtgs@socrates.berkeley.edu; include your name, affiliation, phone numbers, a title, and 100-word abstract for the paper that you want to display. The application deadline is 1 August 2003. Poster board, 20" by 30", will be provided. Your poster should advertise at a glance what question you are asking, why that is an interesting question, and what answer you propose, so large fonts (minimum 20-point) and graphics are recommended. Poster exhibitors should be prepared to discuss their work at times designated in the schedule and should bring 25 or more copies of their paper, which interested folks can take with them. Be sure to include your name, affiliation, e-mail address, and a date on your title page. If you have business cards, bring those too.

The local arrangements committee, headed by Jeremy Atack of Vanderbilt University looks forward to welcoming you to their warm and friendly city.

AWARDS AT THE 2002 ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The following prizes were awarded at the Sixty-Second Annual Meeting of the Economic History Association, held in St. Louis, Missouri, 11–13 October 2002.

The Arthur H. Cole Prize for the outstanding article published in this JOURNAL in the September 2001 through June 2002 issues, to Süleyman Özmucur and Şevket Pamuk for the article “Real Wages and Standards of Living in the Ottoman Empire, 1489–1914,” which appeared in the June 2002 issue. The Cole Prize recipient is selected each year by this JOURNAL'S editorial board.

The Columbia University Prize in American Economic History in honor of Allen Nevins for the outstanding dissertation in U.S. or Canadian economic history during 2001/02, to Joseph Davis of Duke University for “A Quantity Based Annual Index of U.S. Industrial Production, 1790–1915: An Empirical Appraisal of Historical Business Cycle Fluctuations,” completed under the direction of Michelle Connolly at Duke University.

The Alexander Gerschenkron Prize for the outstanding dissertation in non-U.S. or Canadian economic history during 2001/02 to Graciela Márquez Colin of El Colegio de México for “The Political Economy of Mexican Protectionism, 1868–1911,” completed under the direction of John H. Coatsworth at Harvard University.

The Jonathan R. T. Hughes Prize for excellence in teaching economic history, to Barry Eichengreen of University of California, Berkeley. The winner is selected by the E.H.A. Committee on Education and Teaching.

The Alice Hanson Jones Prize for the best book in North American economic history published in 2000 or 2001 to Gloria Main of University of Colorado for *People of a Spacious Land: Families and Cultures in Colonial New England* published by Harvard University Press in 2001.

Also announced at the meeting was the Agricultural History Society's Wayne D. Rasmussen Award for the best article on agricultural history, not appearing in *Agricultural History*, for the calendar year 2001. The winners are Alan L. Olmstead and Paul W. Rhode for “Reshaping the Landscape: The Impact and Diffusion of the Tractor in American Agriculture, 1910–1960,” which appeared in the September 2001 issue of this JOURNAL.

RECIPIENTS OF ARTHUR H. COLE GRANTS

The Committee on Research in Economic History of the Economic History Association awards the Arthur H. Cole grants-in-aid to support research in economic history, regardless of time period or geographic area. The 2002 recipients are:

Scott Carson of the Department of Economics at University of Texas-Permian Basin for *An Economic History of America's 19th Century Great Basin*.

Michael J. Hauptert (and Kenneth Winter) of the Department of Economics at University of Wisconsin, La Crosse for *Pay Ball: Estimating the Profitability of the New York Yankees 1914–1937*.

Mark Kanazawa of the Department of Economics at Carleton College for *Water Litigation for Mining in Placer County during the California Gold Rush*.

Eona Karakacili, Postdoctoral S. S. H.R. C. Fellow, of the Agricultural History Center at University of California, Davis for *Income Distribution in Medieval England, c.1250*

Harry Kitsikopolous of the Department of Economics at New York University for *Comparative Study of the Economies of Medieval England and Japan*.

David Ryden of the Department of History at Brunel University and University of Houston for *West Indian Sugar Economy, 1750–1807*.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE JONATHAN HUGHES TEACHING PRIZE

The Committee on Education of the Economic History Association invites nominations for the tenth annual Jonathan Hughes Prize for Excellence in Teaching Economic History. Letters of nomination should state what qualities of excellence the candidate's teaching of economic history has embodied. The strength of the nominating letter will be the primary basis for selecting the pool of finalists for the prize. After arriving at a short list of finalists, the committee will gather further supporting information. Anyone is eligible to write a letter of nomination. Letters of nomination should be received by 1 February 2003 and should be sent to Colleen Callahan, Department of Economics, Roper Hall, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016; e-mail: colleen@american.edu.