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EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue once again reflects the diversity of themes covered in our broad field of inquiry. We have included work from established and newer scholars, in the fields of drugs and alcohol, consumption, prohibition and addiction. The next issue (Fall, 2006) will be dedicated to the topic of tobacco and smoking.

In this issue we have added a section allowing for scholars' reflections on an aspect of the teaching, researching or otherwise disseminating topics in drugs and alcohol history. This reflection builds upon the tradition of publishing career retrospectives that began when we were the *Social History of Alcohol Review*. While we will continue with this practice when we have such retrospectives available, we are also pleased to introduce new topics for the consideration of our readers. We encourage our readers to submit short papers for consideration in this section.

The first article in this vein is by noted Canadian drug and alcohol historian Cheryl Krasnick Warsh. Warsh looks at the ways that drug and alcohol history can be incorporated into national histories, in this case, Canada. We hope that Warsh's discussion may be valuable to scholars outside of Canada, since it addresses, in both specific and general ways, the challenges of helping students to appreciate how drug and alcohol history can provide a deeper appreciation of their national experiences. For those of us who have had our students think that what we study is "cool" but not all that useful (the bane of what some might call a "sexy" topic), demonstrating the more significant value of drug and alcohol history may be something we have been challenged to do. This is, of course, not to say that drug and alcohol history may be valuable in its own right, (or that it's not cool) but rather that we can always find new

ways that our broad but specialized field of research can enhance a historical inquiry.

We hope that this and subsequent papers like it provoke discussion, both here in the journal, and on the website and listserv.

Resignation of Jon Miller

It is with considerable regret that I announce that this is the last issue that will be put together through the careful and meticulous work of Jon Miller. For those of you who don't know, Jon has been involved in the *SHAD* (and before that, the *SHAR*) for the past few years, as a mostly silent but essential partner in this work. Jon has been doing all of the typesetting, much of the copyediting, and has provided a keen and insightful eye into a variety of issues, editorial, grammatical, typographical and so on. On a personal note, his guidance and collegiality has been an essential component to me as I made the transition into the role of editor-in-chief. You may not realize how much he will be missed, but I assure you, it is a considerable loss for our journal. We wish Jon all the best in his future work.

Drugs and Alcohol History conference, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, 2007

Dr. Catherine Carstairs and Dr. Norman Smith are organizing a conference on drug and alcohol history to be held on the beautiful campus of the University of Guelph in Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Guelph is a charming city located approximately one hour's drive outside of Toronto, and about two hours from Buffalo, New York. Building upon the traditions of previous similarly themed conferences, this meeting should prove to be an assembly of stimulating and dynamic international scholars. For details, see the call for papers, below. I hope to see many of you there.

Reviewers Wanted

Since a key aspect of our journal has always been the high quality reviews we provide, we are always seeking both new reviewers for *SHAD*, and any suggestions of new books for review. We are especially interested in people to review books on Asia and the Middle East.

If you would like to offer your services as a reviewer, or would like to suggest a book for review (including your own, since shameless self-promotion is, by definition, not shameful), send an email, indicating the areas in which you would like to review and attaching a brief cv, to our book review editor, Elaine Parsons. Her email is parsonse@duq.edu.

ADHS news

On July 1, 2006, Bill Rorabaugh of the University of Washington will succeed Ian Tyrrell of the University of New South Wales as President of the Alcohol and Drugs History Society for a two-year term.

ADHS has given its first ever Achievement Award to Professor David Fahey of Miami University of Ohio. Fahey was honored for a lifetime of distinguished service to the field of alcohol history. Tyrrell has presented the award to Fahey by mail from Australia.

I am also honored to announce that the ADHS will give its second Achievement Award to your humble editor, Dan Malleck of Brock University. In the words of Bill Rorabaugh, "Malleck is being honored for his outstanding work in developing the Social History of Alcohol and Drugs: An Interdisciplinary Journal." The presentation will take place at the ADHS meeting at Guelph University in 2007.

Call for Papers

Global Approaches: The Fourth International Conference on the History of Drugs and Alcohol, August 10-12, 2007, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

Drugs and alcohol have been at the heart of international trade, have played a key role in the colonial project, and have brought about large-scale social changes in societies across the world. Over the past ten years, scholarship on alcohol and drug history has expanded enormously, as scholars and activists across the globe contribute new interpretations. *Global Approaches* seeks to build upon increasing recognition of the international connectedness of this vital field of research by fostering further dialogue between researchers engaged in local and international studies. We invite papers on any aspect of drug and alcohol history, including consumption, production, regulation, and trade. We encourage submissions from people working on all parts of the world including North and South America, Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand, doing both local and larger-scale studies. The keynote speaker will be Zheng Yangwen, Research Fellow at the National University of Singapore, the author of *The Social Life of Opium in China*.

The deadline for the submission of proposals for panels, sessions, and papers is September 1. Proposals should be sent to: Dr. Catherine Carstairs, History Department, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON, N1G 2W1. Funds may be available to assist the travel of international participants.

The University of Guelph is one of Canada's top-ranked comprehensive universities. Guelph, a locally renowned brewing center, is located approximately one hour west of Toronto, Canada (just 40 minutes from Toronto's Pearson Airport). It is close to Ontario's internationally renowned Stratford Theatre Festival in Stratford, the Shaw Theatre Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and wine-touring in the Niagara peninsula.

The Conference is sponsored by the Alcohol and Drugs History Society.

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