

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

John Paul Beck is currently studying for his Master of Arts in History at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Prior to joining the graduate program, he received both a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Social Science Teaching Credential from Cal Poly. He is interested in art history and world history, which he hopes to teach at a junior high school. Outside of school, John enjoys hiking, tennis, and classical guitar.

Jeff Blackwell is a graduate student at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo scheduled to receive his Master of Arts in History in December 2010. He received his Bachelor of Arts in History from Humboldt State University in 2006 and joined Cal Poly's graduate program in 2009. His scholarly interests lay primarily in the history of the American West—California in particular—and in the environmental history of the West. Jeff is a member of Phi Alpha Theta and the American Historical Association. After graduation, Jeff plans to explore opportunities in academia as well as the private sector.

Caroline Cornell is a junior at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo studying for degrees in both English and history. She is also a member of Phi Alpha Theta. Caroline hopes to study history at the graduate level in order to examine issues of race, gender, and social class in greater depth. Afterward, she would like to pursue a career in teaching at the high school level.

Keith Goodwin is a fourth-year student at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Keith will be graduating in June with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a minor in Western Intellectual Tradition. He is interested in both Asian and European history, particularly the relationship between law, politics, and culture. He is a member of several university organizations, including Phi Alpha Theta, in which he has served as an Executive Editor for *The Forum* since its establishment in 2008. Keith will be attending the Columbia University School of Law this fall.

Greg Rogers holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the State University of New York at Geneseo. He will be completing his Master of Arts in History this spring at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. His thesis examines the colony of Rhode Island at war in middle of the eighteenth century. Greg's research interests include colonial North America (New England and New France), military history, maritime history, and the relationship between war and society. Greg is a member of Phi Alpha Theta and will begin work on a Ph.D. in History at the University of Maine this fall. In his free time he enjoys socializing, canoeing, and travel.

Christina Samons is a recent graduate from the University of California, Berkeley. She graduated in December 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in Rhetoric and a minor in European Studies. Her academic interests include film, comparative politics, and legal theory. While attending Berkeley, she was an active member of the Berkeley Student Cooperative and volunteered as a law clerk for the Associated Students' Judicial Council. She intends to pursue a career in law.

Daniel Lawrence Slusser completed his undergraduate studies at Humboldt State University and is currently a graduate student at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo studying for a Master of Arts in History. His studies focus primarily on nineteenth-century American history. He has varied interests within this field of American history, including economic, technological, political, religious, and cultural history. Daniel has professional aspirations to teach at the university level and to express his passion for history through writing.

Barbara Healy Stickel received her Bachelor of Arts in History from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 2009, where she is currently enrolled as a graduate student. She expects to earn a Master of Arts in History in 2011. For over twenty years, she has fished commercially for salmon, albacore tuna, and other species along the Pacific coast of the United States. In 2002, Barbara was recognized by the California State Legislature for her work in support of fishing communities and

sustainable fisheries. After completing her master's degree, she plans to focus her research and writing on California maritime history.

Allison Veith graduated *magna cum laude* from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 2009, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in English and double-minored in History and Women's Studies. She currently works at Stanford University, but will be moving to Paris next year to be an *au pair*. In Paris, she plans to continue her study of French culture both inside and outside the classroom. Alison hopes to one day earn her Ph.D. in American Studies and to teach at the university level.