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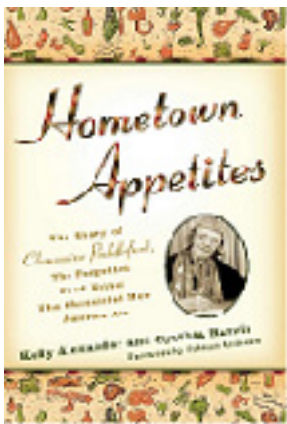
## History Department

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### Recent Alum Publishes Book on Famous Mid-century Food Critic

KSU Department of History graduate Cynthia Harris has just released her first book. In *Hometown Appetites: The Story of Clementine Paddleford, the Forgotten Food Writer Who Chronicled How America Ate*, Harris and co-author Kelly Alexander explore the life of the woman who has been characterized as “the most important food writer you have never heard of.”



Harris and Alexander present Paddleford as a “charmingly offbeat” Kansas farm girl who grew up to chronicle America’s culinary traditions. Often piloting her own plane, she crisscrossed the country to gather the best recipes from cooks in every region. Between 1948 and 1960, she traveled more than 800,000 miles to dine in restaurants, diners and cafes in every section of the nation and then report on the wide variety of food Americans ate.

Paddleford’s weekly readership at *This Week* magazine topped 12 million during the 1950s and 1960s, and in 1953, *Time* magazine named her America’s “best known food editor.” At the height of her career, Paddleford was earning a salary of \$250,000 in today’s dollars — an unheard of sum for a woman in that day.

Harris earned a B.A. in History with a minor in Geography in 2000, and following graduation she joined the staff of KSU’s Hale Library as a manuscripts and collections archivist. When she is not at work in the archives or writing, Harris enjoys delivering presentations on Clementine Paddleford and other historical subjects, including Dwight D. Eisenhower. Her work has appeared in K-State publications and in *EYE on Kansas*, an online magazine.

### Welcome from the Chair...

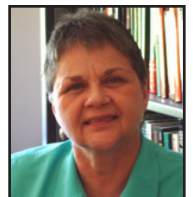
Thanks for reading the latest edition of the *Primary Source*! The fall semester has been particularly auspicious because of the permanent hiring of Professor Kristin Mulready-Stone, who specializes in modern China, and the arrival of Professor Paul Dilley, an expert in the ancient world. You can read more about them, and the rest of the department’s faculty, on our new website (<http://www.kstate.edu/history/people.html>).

We have other exciting news. Next year, due to the remarkable generosity of our friend, K-State alum Mark Chapman, the department will inaugurate the Mark Chapman Fellowship, which will provide exceptional entering graduate students with \$25,000 a year for four years. Please spread the word about this new fellowship, and contact Professor David Stone, Chair of the Graduate Admissions Committee, if you have any questions.

As always, we love to hear from our alumni. Feel free to contact the main office and tell us what you are up to, or send us your information via our webpage, under “Alumni.”

Thanks again, please read on, and I wish you a joyous holiday season.

All the best,  
Sue Zschoche



## Gerhard Weinberg Delivers Eisenhower Lecture on “Pope Pius XII in World War II”



On November 10, 2008, Professor Gerhard Weinberg delivered the 13th Dwight D. Eisenhower Lecture on War and Peace at Kansas State University. Professor Weinberg has published several books about the diplomatic history of the Nazi regime and the Second World War, and he is the William Rand Kenan, Jr., Professor Emeritus of History at the University of North Carolina. While several historians have noted that Pope Pius XII did not speak out against the Holocaust during the war, Professor Weinberg described this lack of action as part of a pattern that extended back to 1939. He noted that the Vatican received word of several murderous policies, including the killing of Catholic clergy in Nazi-occupied Poland, the euthanasia program in Germany, and the Holocaust, and that the Pope did not make public comments on any of these horrific situations. Weinberg also detailed the difficult choices that clergy in Germany faced when forced to choose between defying racial policies in the Nazi state that forbade

the delivery of sacraments to Polish workers or breaking their own vows, which required them to administer communion to all believers. The talk inspired a lively question and answer session that touched on topics ranging from the Vatican sources used for Weinberg’s talk to the ways that historians evaluate ethical conduct in wartime settings. Professor Weinberg suggested that future research may shed light on these questions, especially if the correspondence between parish priests and the Vatican leadership has survived and becomes available to historians. In addition to delivering the lecture, Professor Weinberg visited an undergraduate class on the history of World War II and met with faculty and graduate students at several venues.

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## Institute Holds Conference on War and the Family

On October 8 and 9, the History Department and Institute for Military History & 20th Century Studies hosted a gathering of scholars to explore the multi-faceted impact of war on families.

Andy Wiest of Southern Mississippi University and Bryan Ganaway of The Citadel opened the proceedings by examining the consequences of masculine identities for families. Professor Wiest presented his work on treating Vietnam War PTSD victims by organizing tours for veterans to revisit the sites of their combat. Dr. Ganaway discussed the toy industry in Imperial Germany, noting how the emphasis on certain playthings helped shape the masculine identities of the boys who later fought in wars. Professors Haruko Taya Cook and Theodore Cook of William

Paterson University joined West Chester University’s Lisa Kirschenbaum on the next panel to illuminate the experiences of families on threatened home fronts in World War II. The Cooks described their research on Japanese families living under a repressive government and the threat of aerial bombardment, while Kirschenbaum spoke about the short- and long-term consequences of the two and a half year siege of Leningrad for its citizens.

Later, Bruce Scates of Monash University delivered the keynote address, a study of the construction of memory, by veterans and their families, of the infamous “death railway” in World War II. Another panel featured examination of the experiences of American children in wartime.

Jim Marten of Marquette University provided insights on children during the Civil War, while William Tuttle of the University of Kansas noted the recurring patterns of behavior, both in wartime and for the rest of their lives, of the American children who came of age during World War II.

The presenters gathered for a final session, a roundtable in which everyone shared their views of the interrelationships among the various subtopics within the larger field of families and war. The conference concluded with agreement that there was much to be learned by a synergy of the various aspects of the field, and that the success of the conference can be judged by how many more questions it raised than it answered.

## Department Hosts National WHEATS Conference

From October 3 through 5, the Department welcomed the Workshop in the History of Environment, Agriculture, Technology and Science (WHEATS), held at the Beach Museum of Art. PhD students from across the nation had competed for one of nine slots at the workshop, which brought together promising young scholars for a full weekend of discussion, constructive criticism, and socializing. In keeping with the tradition of the workshop, launched by MIT five years ago, each participant presented a twenty minute summary of his or her paper — made available online previously — and then took questions and comments from the audience. Topics ranged widely, from the “Rebel Plants” of the Confederacy to the diamond mines of Angola. Faculty and graduate students from departments across K-State attended the workshop and offered their insights.

The local arrangements committee was chaired by Professor Bonnie Lynn-Sherow, a specialist in agricultural

and environmental history and director of the new Chapman Center for Rural Studies. Professors Jim Sherow, Derek Hoff, Heather McCrea, and Michael Krysko were instrumental in pulling the workshop together and taking care of the participants when they arrived. Graduate Students David Vail, Todd Thummel, and Whitney Grande also helped plan the conference, picked up conference members at the airport, hosted participants, ordered meals, and generally did what needed to be done. Alice Hudson, undergraduate in History, used her considerable expertise to get the committee out of a number of sticky situations! Faculty families Brent Maner and Jeanine Stines and John and Karen McCulloh kept up the WHEATS tradition by hosting participants in their homes. We are grateful to each and every one of them.

Workshop participant Lauren La Fauci, PhD candidate at the University

of Michigan, wrote afterwards, “Thank you for everything you did to make our WHEATS weekend so fantastic. From dinner on Friday night to the airport runs on Sunday afternoon, you took care of all our needs and made us feel so welcome — thank you! I learned so much from all of you and I have more to bring to my own work as a result.” Todd Cleveland, a recent PhD and Fulbright Scholar at the University of Minnesota, wrote, “Due to your collective efforts, I had a wonderful time while in Manhattan and, from an intellectual perspective, came away with a number of things to think about related to my paper and, more broadly, to the study of African environmental history.”

WHEATS would not have been possible without the financial support of the history department and the President’s Office. Chair Sue Zschoche immediately saw the possibilities for the workshop and its potential for highlighting K-State faculty and graduate students working in these fields. Her leadership and enthusiastic engagement with the process provided the catalyst for the rest of us to plunge ahead. Thank you Sue!

## Visiting Scholar Dr. Zhanhong You in Residence



Dr. Zhanhong You, an associate research fellow (equivalent to associate professor) in the Institute for History of Science and Technology and Ancient Texts at Tsinghua University, has been a visiting scholar in the department during the fall 2008 semester. Dr. You received his doctorate in the history of science and technology from the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2006, and he also spent a year as a visiting scholar at

Technische Universität Berlin. Dr. You has extensively researched both World War One and the ancient and modern history of Chinese military technology. Presently his research focuses on the ways in which innovations in military science and technology transfer to the larger economy and society. In particular, he is writing a book on the positive contribution of the Pugwash Movement — an international society of scientists that opposed weapons of mass destruction and armed conflicts — to arms control, nuclear disarmament, and world security during the Cold War. A premise of Dr. You's research is that American scientists in fact enjoy a high degree of access to policymakers. In his time at K-State, Dr. You has researched two leading scientists and presidential advisers, Jerome Wiesner and George Kistiakowsky, who were active in the Pugwash Movement and who influenced American arms control and nuclear disarmament policy.

Dr. You says that he has greatly enjoyed his time here in Manhattan. He praised the curiosity of K-State students and their willingness to forcefully argue their positions, and he noted that Hale Library's databases have been a tremendous help in rounding out his research. Ever the observer of technology and public policy,

## History Alum Pursues Career in Chemistry

After leaving Kansas State, Jerrold Schinze planned to use his education in the humanities as solid preparation for law school. But a funny thing happened on the way to the LSATs: he took a job at Phoenix Scientific, the largest generic animal pharmaceutical company in the U.S. Schinze gained experience mixing liquid pharmaceuticals, which helped him to land a job in the Quality Assurance department the following year. He is now a chemist for Boehringer-Ingelheim, working alongside colleagues with science degrees. A proud graduate of the department, he is making good use of the critical thinking skills he developed as a major, in an admittedly unexpected context!

Dr. You also praised Manhattan's clean drinking water but expressed surprise that the city does not have a public transportation system.

## Department Welcomes New Tech Assistant

Bowing to the reality that historians are sometimes not the most computer-savvy people in the world, the department and the Institute for Military History & 20th Century Studies have created a new part-time tech support position.

Shravanthi Kallem, a graduate student in the department of Computing and Information Sciences, is now responsible for maintaining the department's webpage and is developing several web-based projects for the Institute.

Shravanthi hails from Hyderabad, India, and earned her bachelor's degree



in Computer Science and Engineering at Osmania University (also in Hyderabad). She brings to the department real-world experience working for a software company in India, and we are very lucky to have

her. Shravanthi says that she is greatly enjoying her first semester in the United States, but she admits to missing Indian food and her Pomeranian dog, Trixi Reddy Kallem — who is safely at home with her parents.