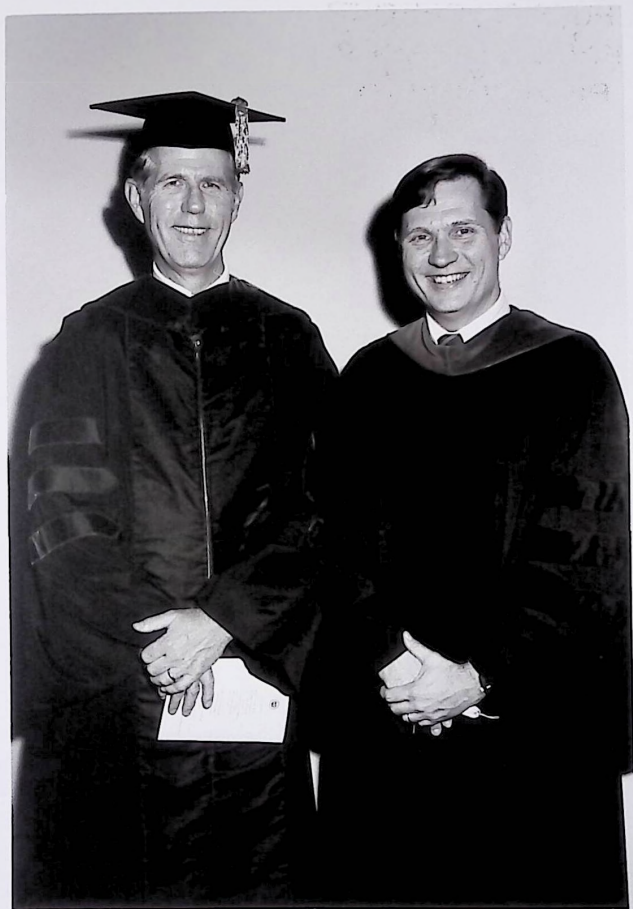










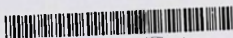






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Connell, Thomas. **America's Japanese hostages: the World War II plan for a Japanese free Latin America.** Praeger, 2002. 279p bibl index afp
ISBN 0-275-97535-5, \$69.95

Connell deals with a little known but important matter regarding US policy during WW II. Rapid Japanese expansion early in the war placed many US citizens, especially those having "non-official" status, in vulnerable positions. Consequently, the State Department wanted to negotiate exchanges of nonofficial Japanese for nonofficial Americans. By coincidence, Peru had a history of hostility toward Japanese immigrants. The result was a negotiation between Peruvian and US officials that enabled the transportation of Peruvian Japanese to camps in the US. Although logistics prevented sending large numbers to the US (and only a portion of those were exchanged with Japan), US officials were clearly involved in a scheme that deprived the Peruvian Japanese of basic human rights. Connell's account effectively discusses divisions between the State and Justice Departments, the devious actions of Embassy personnel like John Emmerson, and the experiences of Peruvian Japanese victims like Seiichi Higashide. Descriptions of life at the Crystal City and Kenedy camps in Texas, as well as an analysis of the environment that remaining inmates confronted at the end of the war, are especially interesting. The book contains photographs, extensive notes, and a useful bibliography. It makes a nice companion to works on the treatment of Japanese Americans during the war years. **Summing Up:** Recommended. Graduate students and researchers.—*J. P. Rodechko, emeritus, Wilkes University*

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Luconi, Stefano. **From paesani to white ethnics: the Italian experience in Philadelphia.** State University of New York, 2001. 264p bibl index afp
ISBN 0-7914-4857-6, \$59.50

Taking issue with contentions that a sense of "Italianness" was already apparent among Italians in 19th-century Philadelphia, Luconi (Univ. of Florence) argues that the growing Italian community that appeared in the city by the 1890s was instead characterized by Old World village and provincial identities. In the century that followed, Italian Americans "renegotiated" their ethnic identity according to various pressures. Beginning in the WW I era, localism gave way to a consciousness of national identity, in part because of conditions that affected Italy. Italy's role in WW I as a US ally, the growth of Mussolini's fascist state, the US's eventual conflict with Italy, and post-WW II concerns about communism in Italy all raised Italian American sensitivities about Italy's destiny. Within the US, consciousness of a common ancestry was strengthened by the appearance of negative Mafia stereotypes, the radicalism native-born Americans associated with Italians, and the 1924 Quota Act that restricted Italian immigration. Not until the 1960s and 1970s, when various ethnic groups concluded that African American civil rights efforts threatened their interests, did Italian ethnic consciousness give way to a broader identity with white ethnics. Luconi provides a readable, organized book supported by extensive notes and lengthy bibliography.—*J. P. Rodechko, Wilkes University*



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Achievements

Mike Rogan of Capezio Realty, Blakey, was named "2000 Rookie of the Year" by the Greater Scranton Board of Realtors. The award was presented to him at the board's recently held awards luncheon. With close to \$2.5 million in sales in his first year, Rogan was also named to the "Capezio Realty Multi-Million Dollar Club" by broker Thomas Capezio.

Clarion Hotel, Scranton, received the "Gold Hospitality Award" from Choice Hotels International, the second largest hotel franchiser in the world and franchiser of the Clarion hotel brand. The Gold Award is presented to hotels that exceed Choice's rigid quality assurance standards. To qualify, a hotel must undergo a series of rigorous inspections that evaluate each operating department. Departments are rated according to criteria including staff knowledge, attitude and professionalism, training, safety and security, maintenance and energy conservation, and physical conditions. Last year, "Gold Hospitality Awards" were presented to just seven percent of the eligible hotels in the Choice system.

East Penn Manufacturing received "Federal Mogul Corporation" awards for quality and on-time delivery. This is the first year Federal Mogul has offered these awards. For the quality award, suppliers must maintain a zero defect rate in parts per million throughout the calendar year. The standard for on-time delivery award provides suppliers with a delivery window of one day early to no days late from the due date.

Maternal and Family Health Services, Wilkes-Barre, recently awarded staff members for their years of service, in conjunction with a day-long wellness retreat at Split Rock Resort, in honor of the organization's 30th anniversary of incorporation. Catherine Meyers celebrated 25 years with the organization, and 20-year service awards went to Molly Brodhead, Loretta Kaharchik, Carol Lipperini and Margaret Waibel. Awards for 15 years of service went to Linda Gehringer, Pamela Hippell, Mark Kendzor, Mary Ann Mehm, Susan Miller, Teresa Murray, Sandhya Soliman, Brenda Stchur, Corinna Tokarz and Beryl Wanner, while 10-year awards went to Sally Egan, Patricia Hallock,

Michael Kolessar, Richard Mackey, Mary Rita Nosal, Rebecca Pawlik, Susan Petokas and Linda Panusky. Five-year awards went to Julia Engblom, Mary Beth Newport and Ann Stanley.

At Pennsylvania College of Technology, Brian J. Fish, Hawley, a senior in the construction management bachelor degree major who serves as a resident assistant in on-campus housing has been chosen to receive an "Our Region's Best" award from the Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers. He will receive the award in special ceremonies this November during MACUHO's 2001 annual conference at Cherry Hill, NJ. The award is presented to only four resident-assistant staff members in the association's entire region, which includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. To receive the award, a student must exhibit a healthy and balanced lifestyle, excel academically, serve as a good role model and effective team player and show evidence of ethical decision-making.

Susquehanna University Alumni Association's "2001 Achievement Award" was presented to Dawn Grigg Mueller, while Samuel D. Ross is the recipient of the association's "Service Award." Mueller graduated from Susquehanna University in 1968 and received a medical degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1972. She is a retired director of neonatal intensive care and associate professor of pediatrics at the Medical College of Virginia Commonwealth University. She was involved in early clinical trials of surfactant replacement therapy, a treatment for premature infants with respiratory problems. The year following Food and Drug Administration approval, the mortality rate for premature infants significantly declined. Ross, a 1954 Susquehanna University graduate, attended Penn State University for post-graduate studies in management, the Harvard Business School for strategic planning, the Yale School of Organization and Management, and the Yale Executive Program. He is the retired president of Highmark Inc., the parent company of Pennsylvania Blue Shield, and continues as a member of the company's board of directors.

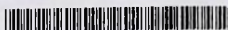
Tobyhanna Army Depot was named a recipient of the 2000-01 "Spirit of Caring" chairman's award from the United Way of Lackawanna County. The

award represents United Way's highest honor and is presented annually to individuals, organizations or employee groups which demonstrate exemplary commitment to the people in Lackawanna County by service above and beyond the normal campaign. This award recognizes depot employees' superior commitment last year to their community through leadership and support of the Combined Federal Campaign and the United Way. Last year's campaign at Tobyhanna generated \$117,777. Depot employees are planning to volunteer for this year's Day of Caring on September 6. Hundreds of volunteers from throughout the region will perform service projects for the benefit of various local charitable agencies. Projects include assisting the physically challenged, working at day care centers, performing office tasks, minor repairs, painting, landscaping, visiting homebound elderly and many others.

Wilkes University's Entrepreneurial Experience (WUEE) program was recently presented with the "Greater Wilkes-Barre 2001 Business/Education Career Development Award" by the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry at its annual awards luncheon. The award recognizes the efforts of a business that actively supports education through the promotion of career development. Participation in the WUEE program allows select high school students to gain life skills experience by participating in feasibility studies, team building, critical thinking and business planning activities. WUEE is sponsored by the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, Fleet Financial Services and Wilkes University's Students in Free Enterprise. The third annual program, held in November 2000, saw students from more than 50 school districts work with Wilkes students, faculty, and regional business leaders to become entrepreneurs for the day.

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Bieter, John. *An enduring legacy: the story of Basques in Idaho*, by John
Bieter and Mark Bieter. Nevada, 2000. 191p bibl index afp ISBN 0-
87417-333-7, \$31.95

This history of the Basque community in Idaho from 1890 to the present describes immigrants who first thrived as shepherds (not a principal activity in the old country), and then gradually moved into more varied economic activities. Particular emphasis is given to the numerous Basque-owned boarding houses, which enabled immigrants to sustain their culture while allowing a connection to the broader American society. The authors describe a community that was able to maintain much of its culture and yet still be accepted by Idaho's larger non-Basque population. They particularly stress Marcus Lee Hanson's argument that the third generation was more aware of its heritage than the second generation. That point is elaborated through a discussion of Basque visits back to the old country, their fascination with the ethnic movement of the 1970s, efforts to preserve the Basque language, and the interest in the Basque Studies Program at Boise State University. Footnotes and a useful bibliography are provided, but immigration scholars will be disappointed by the lack of a penetrating analysis of why Idaho Basques developed their unique characteristics. Statistical tables giving a clearer picture of the community's growth and distribution would have also been helpful. Advanced undergraduates.—*J. P. Radechka, Wilkes University*

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Hazleton man receives pair of awards during Wilkes University commencement

During Wilkes University's 54th annual spring commencement, Edward T. Bednarz III, of Hazleton, received the Mable Scott Wandell and Sterling Leroy Wandell Award.

The award is presented to the man and woman who attained the highest academic average for their four years at Wilkes.

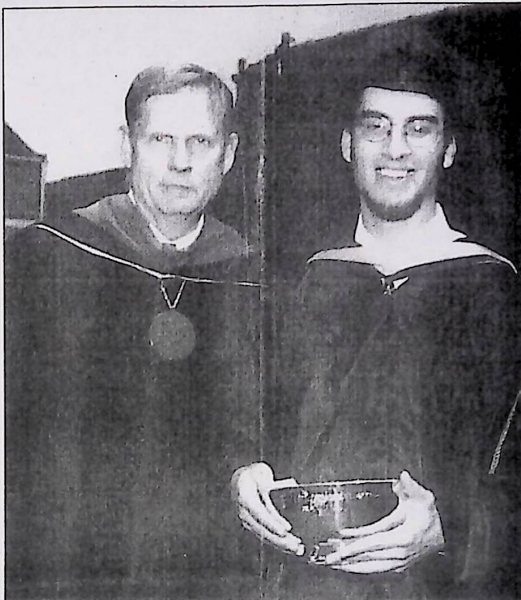
Named to the dean's list all eight semesters, Bednarz earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and a bachelor of arts degree in physics.

During a recent awards ceremony, Bednarz received the Male Scholar Athlete of the Year Award, the Mechanical Engineering Award, and was named to *Who's Who*. He also received the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Award earlier this month, and was inducted into the Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society.

As part of his undergraduate training at Wilkes, Bednarz completed an internship at Mideast Aluminum, Mountaintop, where he worked on projects in the manufacturing industry. He recently finished work as a teacher's assistant in Wilkes' Fluid Mechanics Lab and Heat Transfer Lab.

For his senior project, he worked with a team to develop a hydrogen-oxygen fuel cell, with the goal of designing a cheaper casing that would greatly reduce the final cost.

As a recipient of the Energy Research Undergraduate



James Rodechko, vice president for academic affairs, presents Edward Bednarz III, of Hazleton, with the Mable Scott Wandell and Sterling Leroy Wandell Award during Wilkes University's 54th annual spring commencement.

Laboratory Fellowship, Bednarz worked in a research environment at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Long Island, N.Y. He worked on the team project "Plasma Window," to try to develop a window that would act as an air-to-vacuum interface.

A four-year member of the men's tennis team, Bednarz was active with the Office of Campus Interfaith and Volunteer Services and the

Wilkes student chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, serving as treasurer in his junior and senior years. He also tutored his classmates in engineering.

Bednarz is the son of Edward T. Bednarz Jr. and Rose Lee Bednarz of Hazleton, and the grandson of Edward T. Bednarz Sr. and Carmella Bednarz of Hometown, and Rose Lesante of Pardeesville, and the late Samuel Lesante.

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New Faculty Joins Wilkes University Family (Editors, Note Connection to Your Coverage Area)

Wilkes-Barre -- Wilkes recently held an orientation session for 11 new faculty members who join the University this fall.

New Jersey native Kristin C. Bewick is an assistant professor of Education. Since 1999, she has served as an adjunct instructor at King's College and as a graduate mentor at Marywood University. For the past eight years, she has worked as a private tutor in all academic areas, with emphasis on reading skills, study techniques, and cognitive and learning strategies.

Currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Education at Marywood, Bewick earned her master's degree in Special Education/Reading and bachelor's degree, with a major in Special Education and minor in communication disorders, from Marywood.

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A native of New Jersey, Bewick earned post-bachelor credits in Speech Pathology and Elementary Education from Kean College, in Union, N.J.

Dr. Sally Bormann is an assistant professor of English in the Department of Humanities. A native of Minneapolis, Minn., she previously worked as an assistant professor of English at Western Montana College of the University of Montana. Bormann's experiences abroad include teaching at People's University in the People's Republic of China, Beijing; teaching English to children in Kaohsiung, Taiwan; and she studied for a year in Salzburg, Austria.

After earning a bachelor's degree in both Humanities and German, Bormann received a master's degree and doctorate in English Language and Literature from the University of Michigan.

Wilkes alumna, Concetta M. DeMarco, is an instructor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. A native of Philadelphia, she has taught Quantitative Reasoning as an adjunct faculty member at King's. She also taught a variety of mathematics courses as an adjunct at Keystone College, in La Plume, Pa., and served as a professional tutor there. DeMarco earned a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Chemistry from Alvernia College in 1992 and a master's in Mathematics from Wilkes this past May.

Jermyn, Pa. resident, Dr. Edward Foote, is an associate professor of Pharmacy Practice in the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy. Foote comes to Wilkes from the College of Pharmacy at Rutgers University, in Piscataway, N.J., where he served as assistant professor of pharmacy practice.

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For the past five years, he has also worked as an adjunct assistant professor of Medicine in the Division of Nephrology and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of N.J./Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Foote received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. He is board certified as a pharmacotherapy specialist and is licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Minnesota and New Jersey.

An associate professor in the Department of Social Sciences and Communications, Eric W. Hoffman moved to Wilkes-Barre from Jupiter, Florida. At Florida State University, in Tallahassee, he served as a teaching assistant in media productions. At Lynn University in Boca Raton, Flor., he worked as an assistant professor in Communication and instructor in Communication.

Hoffman is pursuing a Doctorate of Philosophy in Mass Communication from Florida State University. He earned a Master of Science in Marketing Communication and Information Technology from FSU in 1992.

Mary F. McManus, R.Ph., Ph.D., formerly from Long Island, N.Y., is an associate professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences. During her five years with the Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Long Island University at University Plaza, in Brooklyn, N.Y., she served as assistant professor of pharmacology/toxicology and assistant director of continuing professional education.

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She has also worked as an adjunct professor of the graduate program at St. John's University, College of Pharmacy & Allied Health Professions, in Jamaica, N.Y.

McManus, a New York State Registered Pharmacist, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from St. John's.

Atlanta, Georgia native, Dr. Jennifer Poulos Nesbitt, is an assistant professor of English. At Emory University, she was a visiting assistant professor, English instructor, teaching associate, and graduate assistant. Nesbitt was also a Dean's Teaching Fellow at Oxford College of Emory University. This past spring, she was an instructor of English at Agnes Scott College, in Decatur, Georgia.

Nesbitt graduated magna cum laude, receiving an A.B. in History and Literature from Harvard University. She received an M.A. in English, a certificate in Women's Studies, and her Ph.D. in English from Emory University.

Barbara Nostrand, Ph.D., is an associate professor of Computer Science. She's previously worked as an assistant professor of CS at both Bradley University, Simpson College, and Philander Smith College. She earned two Bachelor of Arts Degrees from Central Washington State College — one in Philosophy and the other in Mathematics.

At Northeastern University, Nostrand completed the Master of Science program in Dynamic System Modeling and Formal Languages and a Ph.D., with the dissertation Chiral Honeycombs. Currently, she is pursuing a Master of Arts Degree through the University of Toronto. Her thesis is Women in Kyogen. Nostrand is a native of Richland, Washington.

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4th Add: New Faculty Joins Wilkes University

Born in Shanghai, China, Dr. Youyu Phillips, of Scranton, is a visiting assistant professor of Chemistry. Since 1994, she has served as an adjunct associate professor at Wilkes, and, since 1995, she's worked as an adjunct professor at Northampton Community College's Monroe Campus, in Tannersville, Pa.

Phillips received a certificate in Chemistry and a Master of Science Degree in Chemistry from Shanghai Teachers' College of Technology in China. She also earned a Doctorate of Philosophy in Chemistry from the University of Ottawa, in Ontario, Canada.

Margaret R. Sullivan, of Lehman, Pa., is a visiting assistant professor of Mathematics. She has an extensive teaching experience, having worked as an instructor at Louisiana State University; as a graduate assistant at SUNY Binghamton; a visiting assistant professor at Broome Community College; and an adjunct professor at both Penn State Wilkes-Barre and Wilkes. Sullivan earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in Mathematics from Louisiana State University.

Dr. Terry Zipay, from Columbus, Ohio, is the new chairperson and a professor for the Department of Visual and Performing Arts. He has served a number of teaching posts throughout his career, most recently as Dean of the Conservatory of Music at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. He supervised 45 employees, doubled enrollment, expanded programs of the Community Music School, initiated student-to-student orientation program and implemented a technology requirement for freshmen.

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5th Add: New Faculty Joins Wilkes University

Zipay earned a Bachelor of Music Degree from Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester and a Master of Music Degree from the University of Arizona. He received a doctorate in Music History and Art History from State University of New York at Buffalo.

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(Front Row, Left to Right) Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, of Larksville, Associate Professor of Communications and Chair of the Faculty Affairs Council; Kristin Bewick, of Moscow, Pa., Dr. Youyu Phillips, of Scranton, Pa., Concetta DeMarco, of Factoryville, Pa., and Dr. James P. Rodechko, of Wilkes-Barre, Vice President for Academic Affairs

(Middle Row, Left to Right) Dr. Terry Zipay, of Wilkes-Barre, Dr. Barbara Nostrand, of Wilkes-Barre, Dr. Jennifer P. Nesbitt, of Wilkes-Barre, and Mary McManus, of Shavertown, Pa.

(Top Row, Left to Right) Eric W. Hoffman, of Wilkes-Barre, Dr. Sally Bormann, of Shavertown, Pa., Dr. Edward Foote, of Jermyn, Pa., and Margaret Sullivan, of Lehman, Pa.



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DAVID RABIN, associate professor and director of the doctoral program in clinical psychology at California School of Professional Psychology at San Diego, to dean of the school of professional psychology at Alliant U., a new institution in California. *11/20/99*

RONALD RICHARDSON, former visiting associate professor of African-American studies at Harvard U., to director of African-American studies and associate professor of history at Boston U.

JAMES P. RODECHKO, professor of history at Wilkes U., also to vice president for academic affairs.

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Yoo, David K. **Growing up Nisei: race, generation, and culture
among Japanese Americans of California, 1924-49.** Illinois, 2000.

an identity of their own. As Japanese Americans, they were separate from the Issei (first generation) but yet not assimilated into American society. Yoo rightly indicates that the era of WW II did not by itself define the Nisei experience and that discrimination against the Nisei began long before the war. They reacted to racism not simply as victims but also as active agents who developed their own religious, educational, and journalistic institutions. In the wartime camps, the Nisei relied on those institutions to get them through the ordeal. Yoo notes that the Nisei response strengthened their own racial-ethnic identity, but that it was not a homogeneous response. Diverse reactions are shown by distinctions made between Buddhists and Christians, debates over the appropriate reaction to racism, and discussions about how to win support in the broader American community. Specific individuals like Mike Masaoka, of the Japanese American Citizens' League, Charles Kikuchi, who recorded Nisei life experiences, and journalists Larry and Guyo Tajiri provide further evidence of the various approaches to problems. Readable, carefully organized, and well researched. Upper-division undergraduates and above.—*J. P. Rodeheiko, Wilkes University*

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Dr. James P. Rodechko Appointed VPAA at Wilkes University

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Rodechko, Ph.D., of Wilkes-Barre, as Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA).

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JAMES P. RODECHKO

Place of Birth:

Brooklyn, New York

Education:

Hofstra University, B.A., June, 1961 (cum laude, high honors in history)

University of Connecticut, M.A., June, 1962

University of Connecticut, Ph.D., June 1967 (Doctoral

Dissertation: "Patrick Ford and His Search for American: A Case Study of Irish-American Journalism, 1870-1913")

Teaching Experience:

Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania (1971 to the present. Tenure, 1971. Professor, 1976)

Bloomsburg State College, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania (1970-1971. Associate Professor).

Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania (1968-1970. Assistant Professor).

Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, Ohio (1966-1968. Assistant Professor).

Organizations:

Pennsylvania Historical Association, Wyoming Valley Historical and Geological Society, International Torch Club.

Publications:

"Hendrick B. Wright: A Practical Treatise on Labor," in Hard Coal, Hard Times: Ethnicity and Labor in the Anthracite Region, David Salay, editor (Scranton: Anthracite Museum Press, 1984).

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"Irish-American Society in the Pennsylvania Anthracite Region: 1870-1880," in The Ethnic Experience in Pennsylvania, John Bodnar, editor (Lewisburg: Bucknell University Press, 1973).

"Europe First or War in the Pacific: An American Dilemma." Presented to the Torch Club of Wyoming Valley, February, 1995.

"The Outlaw as Symbolic Hero." Presented before various professional and social groups in the 1980s and 1990s.

"Custer: Myth and Reality." Presented before various professional and social groups in the 1980s and 1990s.

"Racism as an Ethnic Defense: The Irish in New York City." Presented at the Bloomsburg State College History Conference, May 2, 1975.

Teaching Honors: (Continued)

One of seventeen Wilkes College faculty members awarded merit bonuses. May, 1985.

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Scholarly Papers:

"Immigration and Ethnic Groups." Presented to the Seventh Annual Research Conference, Pennsylvania Historical Association, April 28, 1972.

"Irish-American Society in the Pennsylvania Anthracite Region: 1870-1880." Presented before the Pennsylvania Historical Association, Indiana, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1970.

"Racism as an Ethnic Defense: The Irish in New York City." Presented at the Bloomsburg State College History Conference, May 2, 1975.

"Ethnic Minorities in the Pennsylvania Anthracite Region: Irish and Welsh Communities in the Nineteenth Century." Presented at the Ethnic Studies Institute, King's College, July 21, 1975.

"Employment Opportunities for History Majors." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, Philadelphia, October 20, 1978.

Editorial:

Associate Editor, Pennsylvania History, Quarterly Journal of the Pennsylvania Historical Association (1973 to 1979).

Grants (Prepared and Funded):

Planning Grant, Action: \$5,000. Approved March 4, 1975.

Operational Grant, Action: \$252,000. Approved August 28, 1975.

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Grant, Oral History Survey: \$1,500. Approved November, 1976.

Cooperative Education Grant (HEW): \$30,000. Approved September, 1977.

Administration and Professional Activities:

Chairman, Department of History and Political Science, Wilkes College.
June 1, 1979 - May 31, 1985.

Chairman, Faculty Policy Committee, 1985-1986.

Chairman, Outstanding Teacher Award Committee, 1984-1986.

Chairman, Curriculum Committee, 1979 - 1983..

Chairman, Committee on Goals, Programs, and Outcomes. Middle States Accreditation, Wilkes College, 1978-1979.

Director, Community Service Program (Action), Wilkes College, 1975-1978
Responsible for a staff including a coordinator, five faculty supervisors, and two secretaries. Duties entailed recruitment of students, placement of students in public service agencies, monitoring student progress, maintenance of financial records, and establishment of workable relationships between Action (a federal agency), twenty local and regional public service agencies, and the Wilkes College faculty and administration.

Chairman, Research Committee of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, 1974-1980 (Responsible for arranging and directing the annual research conference of the Pennsylvania Historical Association).

Chairman, Publications Committee, Wyoming Valley Historical and Geological Society, 1976-1981.

Chairman, Faculty Fund Drive, Wilkes College, 1976.

Chairman, All College Fund Drive, 1977 (included Wilkes College administration, faculty, clerical staff, and maintenance personnel)

Faculty Coordinator, Cooperative Education Program, Wilkes College, September, 1977-1980. Liaison between the program staff and faculty. Responsible for academic essentials of the cooperative education program.

Board of Directors, Wyoming Valley Historical and Geological Society, 1976-1979.

Council of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. Governing body of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, 1978-1981

Abstracts, Reviews, and Consultation:

Consultant, Scranton Anthracite Museum Ethnic Exhibit Project, 1985-1986.

Review of John Bodnar's Anthracite People: Families, Unions, and Work, 1900-1940 (Harrisburg, 1983). To be published in the Journal of American Ethnic History.

Review of Francis G. McManamin, The American Years of John Boyle O'Reilly, 1870-1890 (New York: Arno Press, 1976). Published in the Catholic Historical Association Journal.

Abstractor for Abstracts of Folklore Studies (Published by the American Folklore Society).

Reviewer for Choice, A Publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Reader for Church History.

Consultant for Widener College concerning the implementation and development of an Action program. November, 1976.

Consultant for the University Research Corporation regarding the feasibility of local cost-sharing procedures for Action programs. Fall, 1976.

Evaluator for National Endowment for the Humanities, June, 1979; July, 1980.

Curriculum Innovations:

Development of academic guidelines for the Community Service Program (Action) at Wilkes College (1975). This primarily involved procedures for granting thirty credit hours and a second major in Community Service in return for student intern experiences. Program approval was attained after consultation with department chairpersons, the curriculum committee, and the general faculty.

Development of academic guidelines for the Cooperative Education Program at Wilkes College (1976-1977). This involved restructuring the academic aspects of the Community Service Program so that it would become a permanent part of the college curriculum.

Faculty Affairs:

Tenure and Promotion Committee, Wilkes College, 1977-1979.

Faculty Policy Committee, Wilkes College, 1973-1976, 1984-1987.

Steering Committee for Middle States Accreditation, Wilkes College, 1978-1979.

Curriculum Committee, Wilkes College, 1971-1975, 1979-1983.

Tenure Criteria Study Committee, Wilkes College, 1978-1979.

Faculty Affairs (Continued):

Library Committee, Wilkes College, 1968-1969.

Advisory Board, Act 101 Program (deals with preparation of socially and economically disadvantaged students for college careers). Wilkes College, 1976.

Athletic Committee, Wilkes College, 1976-1979.

Student Related Activities:

Adviser, Phi Alpha Theta, 1985 to the present.

Adviser, Wilkes College, classes of 1972, 1975, 1977, 1981, 1986.

Adviser, Wilkes College Student Bowling League, 1978-1979.

Participation in various student functions organized by the History and Biology Clubs.

Community Activities:

Citizens Advisory Council for the Social Studies. Wilkes-Barre Area School District, (1978).

Speaker in College/Business/Government Symposium dealing with Cooperative Education. Scranton, Pennsylvania, Chamber of Commerce, November 20, 1975.

Judge, Housing Authority, City of Wilkes-Barre. Decisions regarding Eviction Hearings. October, 1976 and July, 1977.

Policy Council, Head Start, Wilkes-Barre, 1975-1979.

Guest on Dialogue, television show hosted by Jule Ayers, July 11, 1976.

Torch Club (member), Wilkes-Barre, 1974 to the present (program chairman, 1979-1980).

WDAU-TV, News Program, July 13, 1979, "Superstitions and their Origin".

College and Community Lectures:

"Irish-American Society in the Pennsylvania Anthracite Region." Presented to the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, March 18, 1971; the Berwick Historical Society, April 22, 1971; Lackawanna Historical Society, March 16, 1972.

"Religious Conflict in America." Presented to the United Methodist Church, Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, April 9, 1973.

"Ethnic Groups in Urban America," Presented to the Social Studies Conference, Bloomsburg State College; Spring, 1971; Wilkes-Barre Rotary, April 22, 1975; Kingston Rotary, July 7, 1976; Century Club, Scranton, February 3, 1975; Men of Goodwill, Annual Dinner, Wilkes-Barre, May 19, 1976; Nanticoke Rotary, January 13, 1976.

College and Community Lectures (Continued)

Commentator, Symposium dealing with "Ethnic Minorities and the American Experience in Northeastern Pennsylvania," University of Scranton, November 15, 1973.

"Ethnic Groups and Coal Culture." Presented to the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians, Champion, Pennsylvania, April 26 and 26, 1974.

"The Outlaw as a Symbolic Hero." Kingston Rotary, November 3, 1976.

"Custer: Myths and Reality." Wyoming Valley Torch Club, April 14, 1980.

Wilkes University appoints a new assistant dean of admissions for recruiting students and other duties

Wilkes University President Christopher N. Breiseth has announced the appointment of Jennifer Ross as new Assistant Dean of Admissions.

She will be responsible for recruiting and interviewing students, evaluating applications, working on publications, conducting student searches, and evaluating transfer students.

Ms. Ross was previously Admissions Counselor for Keystone Junior College in La Plume.

Daughter of Robert and Janet Ross, Tunkhannock, Ms. Ross is a graduate of Bloomsburg University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Public Administration. She also served as an intern in the University's admissions department.

Ms. Ross is a member of Phi Beta Lambda, and serves as chair of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Counselor's Association. She is also a member of the Pennsylvania

Association of Admissions Counselors, the National Association of Admissions Counselors, and POSSA, a national political science association.



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ELLEN O'CONNELL/Standard-Speaker
Defense attorney Dr. Otto Stahmer, portrayed by John Fitzpatrick, sits in front of his clients as he listens to the prosecution's opening remarks.

Event's coordinator: Timing was perfect

By MARK KATCHUR

Standard-Speaker

NANTICOKE — "A Day at Nuremberg" was a look back at history, but could also have served as a forerunner of things to come. The re-enactment of the Nuremberg Trials at Luzerne County Community College last month came at a perfect time, Fred Walters, the coordinator of the event, said.

With the possibility of legal action against Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and other officials, the event at LOCC served as a link between the post-World War II trials and the situation in Kosovo.

The International Military Tribunal, established to indict members of Germany's Nazi Party after the war, was the first attempt at international law and is the basis for the United Nations tribunal in place today in The Hague, according to Michael Sharf, professor at the New England School of Law.

From 1989 to 1993, Sharf was the attorney adviser in charge of war crimes for the U.S. State Department, and his work helped establish the current international judicial system.

"There was hope that there would be 'mini-Nuremberg' to take care of conflicts after World War II," he said. "But the Cold War prevented that from happening."

Once the Cold War was over, the need for a U.N. tribunal was realized, and one was set up in The Hague. Now, the internal conflict in the Balkans has given the court reason to convene.

Presently, the United States and Great Britain are promising to deliver any incriminating information regarding Yugoslav leaders to The Hague.

Tribunal officials had expressed frustration with the lack of evidence in the case. After a yearlong investigation, they had only gathered enough information to bring charges against low-ranking Yugoslav officers.

This, Sharf said, is one of the major differences between the Nuremberg Trials and the situation today in the Balkans.

"If you want international law to work, you have to go after the big fish," he said. "The current tribunal has only been able to indict low- and mid-level officials."

Sharf designates the absence of hard evidence as the main rea-

son for the stalemate.

"The Nazis had hundreds of thousands of documents that showed what went on," he said. "Milosevic has learned from this... and he has given mainly verbal commands. There is virtually no paper trail."

Timeliness is also a key issue, one that may be further delaying the investigation, Sharf said.

"The Nuremberg Trials came after the war," he said. "This tribunal exists while the conflict in Yugoslavia is going on."

And, at the Nuremberg Trials, there was a sense of what Sharf calls "victor's justice," one of the downfalls of a system in which the winning side brings charges against the losers. The Hague tribunal is regarded as relatively impartial, he said, with judges representing each of the countries of the United Nations.

The "victor's justice" achieved after World War II has been used as evidence to show the unjust nature of the International Military Tribunal, James Rodechko, professor of history at Wilkes University, said.

The four prosecuting powers at Nuremberg — the United States, Great Britain, France, and the Soviet Union — came under harsh criticism for enforcing "ex-post-facto" laws, or laws established prohibiting an act after it has already been committed, he said.

"The issue about the Nuremberg Trials is that the laws involved were created after the fact," Rodechko explained. "There were no laws at the time that account for the trials themselves."

"The question is 'Were the trials legal?'" he said. "Some have argued that if the U.S. Supreme Court reviewed them, they would have been overturned."

Others point out the extreme behavior of the Nazis, especially the killing of over 6 million Jews during the Holocaust, and that in itself warranted legal action, Rodechko said.

"The trials seemed to be indicative of a justice that goes beyond the law," he said. "And there are those who have attempted to apply common law to them."

Despite opposition, 19 of the 22 Nazi leaders tried at the first Nuremberg trial — November 1946 to October 1946 — were convicted on charges of war crimes, crimes against peace, and crimes against humanity. Twelve of them received death sentences.

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Hall, Bruce Edward. **Too that burns: a family memoir of Chinatown.**
Free Press, 1998. 308p bibl index ISBN 0-684-83989-X, \$25.00

Hall, whose family name was "Hor," is a fourth-generation Chinese American and a freelance writer. Beginning with the mid-19th century, he provides a history of his family in the context of the development of New York City's Chinatown. Although the work offers limited historical analysis and fails to tap any significant new sources, general readers will enjoy its insights into the Chinese American experience. Especially delightful are Hall's discussions of weddings and funerals, the "revolt of the laundry men," the Chinese Opera House, gambling, restaurants like the Port Arthur, tong wars, and the changing role of Chinese women. Unusual characters abound. Shavey Lee, the "Mayor of Chinatown," Chuck Connors, who arranged tours to fake opium dens, and Hall's own grandfather, Hock Shop, a gambler, are a few who stand out. Reliance on qualifiers like "could be" and "may be" suggest uncertainties about specific family experiences, but Hall effectively shows a pattern of adaptation to the US. Taken as a whole, the book captures the atmosphere of Chinatown, which alone may cause readers to forgive an occasional lapse, like the observation that the Russo-Japanese War occurred in 1894. As for the mysterious title, it refers to bootleg Scotch served in teapots during the 1920s. General readers.—*J. P. Rodechko, Wilkes University*



LCCC holds ninth annual history conference

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Luzerne County Community College recently held its ninth annual history conference, "The History of Northeastern Pennsylvania: the Last 100 Years," at the college's Educational Conference Center, main campus, Nanticoke.

Presenters and topics included "Bootleg Mining in Northeastern Pennsylvania," by William Gustafson, historian at the Anthracite Museum in Ashland; "Cold and Gold from the Poconos: The History of the Stegmaier Brewing Company," by Robert Janosov, professor of history at LCCC; "The Jewish

Community in Luzerne County," by Marjorie Levin, local historian, and "After Anthracite," by Thomas Dublin, professor of history at Binghamton University. Dublin's presentation was followed by a panel discussion.

From the left are James B. Gittens, Mountaintop, Editorial Page Editor, The Citizens' Voice, panelist; Thomas Dublin, Brackney, professor, SUNY Binghamton; Dr. Sheldon Spear, Shavertown, professor of history, LCCC, panelist, and James Rodechko, Wilkes-Barre, professor, Wilkes University, panelist.



WILKES INDUCTS HISTORY HONOR SOCIETY — Wilkes University Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, an international honor society on history, recently inducted new members. Pictured, from left, are: Dr. Joel A. Berlatsky, professor of history and Phi Alpha Theta advisor; Glenda Race, Brian Halpin, Tom Yeager, Brian Kaschak, and Dr. James P. Rodechko. *TL 2/14/96*

The VICTORY

A nation and a community recall fellowship that outlasted a war against evil.



TIMES LEADER/BOB ESPOSITO



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES LEADER

Frank Townsend, a Wilkes-Barre attorney, flashes a "V" for victory sign like the one Prime Minister Winston Churchill used on V-E Day, May 8, 1945. Frances (Schwartz) Rubin, far right, celebrated V-E Day with two friends who posed with an issue of the New York Post in 1945. From left are the former Eva Himelestein, a Wilkes-Barre native, and the former Ruth Brust, then of New York.

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Community voices its memories of distant battle

By MARK E. JONES

Times Leader Staff Writer

Gene Gomolka heard the swoosh of a German "Sea Wolf" submarine breaking the surface of Delaware Bay and feared, for a second, that he was about to die.

It was May 1945, and the Nanticoke native was a civilian working aboard a U.S. Army Corps of Engineering tugboat.

A half mile across the bay, Gomolka spied the "Sea Wolf's" ominous deck gun, dark against a hazy sky. "I had survived the war," he says, "and now I was going to get blown out on the final day."

Instead, a hatch opened. Men scrambled on deck. And a German submarine tied two blankets to an antennae, signaling the sub's surrender.

The calendar read May 9, 1945 — one day after President Harry S. Truman had declared the war in Europe was over. Bat-

War forced a nation to change its attitudes toward women, minorities

By JIM STRATTON

Newport News Daily Press

In the America before World War II, Willie J. Hilton and Vivian Palmer shared little more than a disadvantage.

Hilton was a young black man, choreographing with his parents on a North Carolina farm, trying to make ends meet. Palmer was a young white woman, living outside Reading, Pa., enjoying life as the daughter of a successful car dealer.

Though separated by geography, money and status, they had this in common: In a society designed and run by white men, blacks and women were second-class citizens.

Then, on Dec. 7, 1941, a swarm of Japanese bombers dropped

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V-E Day: 50 years later

Victory

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One still raged near Japan. But the world, and the lives of Americans from Wilkes-Barre to Wichita, would never be the same.

All across Europe on Saturday celebrations were held to mark the end of the war in Europe.

Thousands of veterans of World War II joined in enormous rallies in London, each bringing particular memories of triumph, liberation and sorrow.

Monday is the 50th anniversary of Victory in Europe (V-E) Day and a fitting time to remember that World War II, like the "sea war" itself, came to America's shores.

"Everybody was involved in the war effort," says Jane Sowers, 70, of Forty Fort. "There was hardly a home that didn't have someone in the service."

It had been a distant battle but a conflict that fell on Wyman Valley deepens each day with the shade of a 3-cent paper.

Wilkes-Barre Record

APRIL 18:

PATTON'S ARMY WITHIN 4

MILES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Forward Unit Kleiman saw V-E Day approaching from the cockpit of a C-47 Dakota called "Bull's Bludge."

"I spent more time in the air than I did on the ground," says Kleiman, then a 21-year-old aerial engineer.

Below his plane, Allied troops were storming toward the Nazi stronghold at Breslau, speed, liberating prisoners and blowing holes in the German's last lines of defense.

"Bob's Buzz" ferried 5-jetlin had cautions to General George S. Patton's tanks twice each day. "When you went in the morning

(Patton) was in one spot in Germany," says Kleiman, 71, a Wilkes-Barre native. "By the afternoon, he was in another. You couldn't keep up with him."

As European fighting ebbed, Wilkes-Barre families hungered for word of a German surrender. "When the newspaper came, it was the first thing you looked at," says Irving Kleiman, younger brother of Bernard.

"Then you went to the radio."

Nestled between stories about coal strikes were reports on Luzerne County's dead, injured and captured servicemen. Official sources stressed sacrifice. The battle is not over. Buy war bonds. Donate blood. Remember Johnny's still "over there."

The Wyoming Valley responded, raising its sugar and jam size, collecting scrap metal for new weapons and oil for cooking.

Sending its sons and daughters overseas.

Frances Rubin recalls that her family, then living on Coney Island, N.Y., opened its home to a Wilkes-Barre native who had taken a government job in New York City.

"Truthfully, we didn't have much room," says Rubin. "But my brother's bed was empty."

He was away, fighting the Japs.



THOMAS LEONARD HOWARD KASATARA

Jim Kelly trained as a tail gunner in a B-24 Liberator like the one shown over his shoulder. The Scranton native arrived at the threshold of war in Italy, only to be spared by the May 1945 announcement of victory in Europe.

Dupont native Loretta Galick, 73, boosted morale by writing letters to 17 servicemen and composing poems for publication in local newspapers. Then known as Loretta Lacombe, she always encouraged the soldiers to hang on — just a little bit longer.

April 30:
RESISTANCE BELIEVED TO
BE AT AN END

For Jim Kelly, victory came at a fortunate moment.

Trained as a tail gunner in a B-24 Liberator, Kelly and his crewmates were stranded in Greenland for 40 days to replace an engine. When the plane finally touched down in Italy, radios crackled with news of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's death.

The Scranton native watched from a Venetian airfield as other 10-man bomber crews flew their final missions over the Alps. The conflict in Europe would soon end. "We got right in the firing line," says Kelly, 69, "and it was over."

Not as lucky were men of the 109th Infantry Regiment, which originally recruited its members from the Wyoming Valley region.

The unit, part of Pennsylvania's 26th Infantry Division, swept into France during its liberation in August 1944, but the unit suffered heavy losses in Germany's Mueren Forest that November.

Withdrawing to Luxembourg for rest, they bore the brunt of Germany's last-ditch offensive at the Battle of the Bulge. The 28th Division lost 3,850 men to death and injuries there. About 2,000 were captured.

As peace neared, however, Frank Townsend and 16 other members from the 28th Division were granted seven days leave in London.

"I don't know why they picked me," said the Wilkes-Barre native. "But I'm glad they did."

Meanwhile, in the Atlantic

Ocean, Stanley Kuna spotted an

A teenager in the U.S. Coast

V-E Day commemoration

A Radio Newsweek V-E Day retrospective hosted by Charles Kuralt will be aired at noon today on WMA radio, 98.1 FM. The show will feature Norman Corwin's 1945 docudrama "On a Note of Triumph." For details, call 655-2808.

U.S. Mail Secretary Polynayana Gov. Tom Ridge is asking churches and other places of worship across the state to toll their bells at 11 a.m. Monday, May 8, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the World War II, Allied victory in Europe.

Guard Kuna was aboard the USS Wakefield. His transport ship crossed the Atlantic 44 times, zig-zagging to avoid German submarine attacks and safely deliver soldiers from Boston and New York to the European continent.

By 1945, the Wakefield carried 140 captives on its return trips. "When we started bringing prisoners," says the Dupont native, "I thought, 'Well, it won't be long.'"

April 24:
VICTORY BATES BEING
PLANNED

In April, rumors of peace applied into Wilkes-Barre's streets.

Officials squelched the tales. Yet residents sensed that German surrender could only be days away. "A feeling was expressed that there was something in the wind," according to news accounts.

The V-E Day Thanksgiving Committee of Luzerne County formalized its victory rites and issued a statement on proper behavior. The day will not be one for celebration, it emphasized. "But instead will give persons of all faiths in the community an opportunity for offering thanks as the war in Europe ceases."

National and local leaders echoed those sentiments, frowning on any "frivolous celebration."



Stanley Kuna of Dupont displays his U.S. Coast Guard photo and book detailing 44 trans-Atlantic trips made by the USS Wakefield. Kuna sensed victory when the Wakefield began returning to America with Nazi prisoners.

President Truman asked Americans to maintain their wartime jobs and accept ongoing price and ration controls, regardless of when V-E Day might fall.

In Luzerne County, superintendent of schools A.P. Cape announced that students should not be dismissed when V-E Day arrived but rather should attend a summer assembly. "Children should be taught the meaning of freedom, of patriotism, and of the privileges that they enjoy in America."

"Perhaps the greatest of these," Cape stated, "is the privilege of attending school."

MAY 2: BIG NEWS MAY COME BY MAY 9

For Betty Stabler Harlan, the pending U.S. victory signaled the end of an era.

A solo pilot since she was 16, Harlan had volunteered for the Women Airforce Service Pilots (known as WASPs), a group of non-combat fliers who served from mid-summer 1942 to 1944.

Anticipating heavy pilot casualties in Europe, the government asked WASPs to fly planes on the homefront. Some delivered new planes from factories. Others towed targets so that fresh gunnery recruits could hone their shooting skills.

"They were to shoot the larger — not us," Harlan says.

But as Germany's air force crumbled, the U.S. government disbanded its WASP program and

sent the female aviators home. "A lot of them didn't fly much after that," Harlan says.

Elsewhere, Americans braced for a day without war.

Weapons factories prepared to switch to consumer goods like refrigerators and cars. Employers readied for GIs to return to shops and coal mines. And economists fretted.

There was a general fear that the war brought us out of Depression and, hence, without the war we would go back in," says James Pootrichko, 56, a Wilkes University professor of history.

The mood was more upbeat on New Alexander Street, Wilkes-Barre. Margaret Coalett, now of Hanover Township, recalls that her fiancé had just been rescued from prison.

Shot down over Holland on April 29, 1944, Franklin D. Coalett had seemingly vanished for a year, first hidden in the Dutch Underground, then caught and condemned to die.

During those anxious months, Margaret visited St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. "I would sit quietly and pray, asking God to let me know if [Franklin] were all right and to give me strength if I received word that he was all right," Coalett says. "And, you know, I never walked out of that church that I didn't feel light-hearted."

While the would-be bride waited for May wedding bells, the world waited for peace.

MAY 8: NAZIS SURRENDER UNCON- DITIONALLY

Victory flashed around the globe.

A deckhand known as Herbie sprinted across the tugboat shouting, "Hey, it's over! It's over!"

Gene Gomolka, then 19, left the boat based in the Delaware Bay and hitchhiked into Cape May, N.J. "If a town had a police station, everyone was so excited," he says.

Jane Sowerby, a nurse trainee, was crossing Public Square to catch a bus for Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. People were coming out of Whelan's Drug Store, yelling "it's over!"

"We couldn't believe it," she says. "We didn't know if it was the truth or what."

Bernard Reisman heard the words in Paris, while on leave from "Bob's Buggy." "We all left the cafe," he says. "Everybody was out in the street with a bottle in their hand and women on their arm."

Frank Townsend, staying in a London hotel with other majors, heard screaming from the street below. "A few of us went out on the balcony," he says. "There was an open car with [Prime Minister] Churchill going by, and he looked up and gave us the victory sign."

The European conflict ended after five years, eight months and seven days.

Wilkes University News

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Wilkes Inducts History Honor Society

Wilkes-Barre--The Wilkes University chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, an international honor society in history, recently inducted three new members.

Phi Alpha Theta is composed of chapters in accredited colleges and universities. All students in these institutions who have completed the required number of history courses and are maintaining high standards in their college or university studies, are eligible for membership. Undergraduate members must rank in the highest 35 percent of their respective classes.

Phi Alpha Theta offers several services and programs to its members including a biennial convention, annual historical meetings, publications, awards, scholarships and grants.

PHOTO:

Pictured from left to right: Dr. James Rodechko, professor of history; Heather Howell, Old Forge; Natalie Weber, Allentown; Wendy Laudeman, Ringtown, Dr. Joel Berlatsky, Phi Alpha Theta advisor and history professor; and Dr. Harold Cox, chairperson and professor of history.

Faculty Resume Information Sheet

Full Name Rodechko James P.
Last First M.I.

School or College and Department Arts and Sciences, History/Political Science

Age as of September 1, 1988, Date of Birth 49, 2/23/1939

Academic Rank Professor of History/ Dean of Arts and Sciences

Full-Time ☐ Part-Time ☒

Non-Wilkes College Teaching, If Part-Time _____

Earned Degrees	Name of Institution	Location	Area, Field or Major	Degree Received	Date Conferred
	Univ. of Connecticut	Storrs, CT	History	Ph.D	1967
	Univ. of Connecticut	Storrs, CT	History	MA	1962
	Hofstra University	L.I., NY	History	BA	1961

Teaching Experience Incl. Wilkes	Name of Institution	Location	Subjects/ Fields Taught	Full or Part-Time Rank	Dates of Service From - To
	Bowling Green Univ.	Ohio	History	FT	1966-68
	Wilkes College	W-B, PA	History	FT	1968-70
	Bloomsburg State Col.	PA	History	FT	1970-71
	Wilkes College	W-B, PA	History	FT	1971-Present

Non-Teaching Experience

Full-Time	Firm or Organization or Self-Employed	Duties	Title	Dates of Service From - To
Part-Time				

List Major Consulting Activities

Scranton Anthracite Museum Ethnic Exhibit Project, 1985-1987

Bibliographic Citation of Principal Publications - Last Five Years

"Hendrick B. Wright: A Practical Treatise on Labor," in Hard Coal, Hard Times; Ethnicity and Labor in the Anthracite Region, Davis Salay, editor (Scranton: Anthracite Museum Press, 1984).

See Attached.

Memberships in Professional and Scientific Societies

Scope:

Local, State,

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Offices

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Organization Name	Scope	Offices Held
PA Historical Association	State	Assoc. Editor
Wyoming Historical and		
Geological Society	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Board of Directors
Organization of American		
Historians	National	

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Fall '88						
Total of	History 376					
Students	World War II	3	-	0	1 (25)	
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Anticipated						
Total of	History 102					
Students	World Civilization	3	-	1 (40)		
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Other Duties Performed for Base Salary, 1988-89 (Full-Time Faculty)

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Research/Scholarship		
Committee Work		
Department Chairperson		

Other Duties for Extra Compensation, 1988-89 (Full-Time Faculty)

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Bibliographic Citation of Principal Publications - Last Five Years

Continued...

Review of John Bodnar's Anthracite People: Families, Unions, and Work, 1900-1940 (Harrisburg, 1983). Published in the Journal of American Ethnic History.

Review of Dale T. Knobel's Paddy and the Republic: Ethnicity and Nationality in Antebellum America (Wesleyan, 1986). Published in Choice.

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FACULTY WILL MAKE PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCE —

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what's going on around here...

LABOR DAY WEEKEND AND BEYOND

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AUGUST 31-SEPT. 5: SULLIVAN COUNTY FAIR, Forkville Fairgrounds, Forkville. 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Tractor & Horse Pulls, rides, free entertainment, crafts, displays and grandstand shows. Fee for admission. FMI call 717-924-3656.

SEPT. 3-SEPT. 24: FARMER'S MARKET, First National Bank, Canton. Arts and crafts, baked goods, fresh fruit, and vegetables, call 717-673-5500.

SEPT. 4: LABOR DAY DANCE, Shunk, Pa., Rt. 154, Round and Square Dancing, Music by Dean McNett Band, Food and beverages. Adults \$9, Children \$6, call 717-924-3625.

SEPT. 4: GERMANIA OLD HOME DAY, Germania, Pa.
SEPT. 4: 16TH ANNUAL BEEF AND PIG ROAST, St. Stan's Hall, Arnot, Pa. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., buffet style. Polka with Polka Magic, 2-6 p.m., Round, Square and Line dance with Mississippi Gambler, 6-10 p.m.

SEPT. 4: LABOR DAY WEEKEND .22 RIFLE SILHOUETTE SHOOT, 40 round match, sign up and sight-in from 1-1:30, match starts at 1:30 sharp, entry fee, \$5.00, 25% payback. FMI call 662-2982.

SEPT. 8: "WHO WON WORLD WAR II?", A DISCUSSION WITH DR. DENNIS HUPCHICK AND JAMES RODECHKO, 7:30 p.m., Room 203 of Arnaud C. Marts Center, Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre. Audience participation is encouraged. FMI call 717-831-4773.

SEPT. 16 & 17: 14TH ANNUAL NORTHERN APPALACHIAN BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL, Straughn Hall, Mansfield University. Starring Donald Davis, Bobby Norfolk, Ed Stivender, Heather Forest, Wolf Song. 9/16: 7:30 p.m. Feature Show, 10:30 p.m. Ghost Story Show, 9/17: 1-2 p.m., "Stories for Children" with Ed Stivender and Wolf Song; 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., "The Eye of the Beholder", "Fables for Older Children and Adults", with Heather Forest; 4-5 p.m., Bobby Norfolk as "Scott Joplin"; 8 p.m., Feature Show. Feature Show tickets are \$6 general admission, \$5 students/senior citizens. Ghost Story session, \$3. Saturday afternoon shows, \$4 each. August special: make reservations in August and go to all performances for \$22 (\$20 for students and senior citizens.) FMI or to reserve tickets call 717-662-4781.

SEPT. 17 & 18: BLOSSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, Blossburg. Open House, Ice Cream Social, Pancake Breakfast, Chicken BBQ, Water Battles, Volleyball Game, Bucket Brigade, Ambulance Car Race, FMO call 638-3109 or 638-3128.

SEPT. 18: TIOGA COUNTY CHAPTER OF AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY WALK-A-THON, Registration 1:30 p.m., Walk 2 p.m., meet at the Gazebo, Mansfield Village Square; Island Park, Blossburg; Packer Park, Wellsboro; Williamson High School, Tioga. There will be prizes and refreshments. Pledge sheets may be picked up at First Citizen's Bank, Mansfield, or MU's Main Library, or call 724-2414 or 662-2483.

SEPT. 23, 24, 25: FABULOUS 1890'S WEEKEND, Mansfield, Pa. Site of the first night football game ever played in 1892. Experience life as it was 100 years ago. Motorless parade, hot air balloon rides, period crafts, re-enactment of night football game, fireworks, more. Admission \$2 for weekend pass. FMI call 717-662-3442

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Gordon, Michael A. **The Orange riots: Irish political violence in New York City, 1870 and 1871.** Cornell, 1993. 263p index alp ISBN 0 8014-2754-1, \$35.00

Gordon argues that Irish Americans and propertied New Yorkers had different visions of republicanism, one based on upward mobility, the other on class stratification. On July 12, 1870, during a parade celebrating the Battle of the Boyne, spontaneous violence erupted when taunts by Orange marchers provoked Irish workers. The riot aroused fears of additional violence in 1871 and placed Tweed Ring politicians squarely between the Irish who opposed another parade and wealthy reformers who defended Orange rights. When the parade was held, soldiers ordered to protect Orange citizens panicked and fired into street crowds. Gordon believes the soldiers thereby became "surrogates for nativists, Republicans, and propertied interests who sought either to capitalize on Tammany's predicament, to crush the perceived designs of Irish Catholics, or to suppress working-class disorder in general." Gordon then suggests that the riot hastened reform efforts directed against the Tweed Ring and Irish political power. No bibliography, but extensive footnotes, appendixes, tables, and street maps. The available primary sources are heavily biased, but Gordon manages to provide a nicely balanced account. A useful follow-up to Iver Bernstein's *The New York City Draft Riots* (CH, May'90). Advanced undergraduates and above. — J. P. Rodediko, Wilkes University

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WILKES UNIVERSITY CHAPTER OF INTERNATIONAL HISTORY HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

Editors: Note connection to your coverage area.

WILKES-BARRE-- The Wilkes University chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, an International Honor Society in History, recently inducted five new members.

Phi Alpha Delta is composed of chapters in properly accredited colleges and universities. All students in these institutions, who have completed the required number of History courses and are maintaining high standards in their studies, are eligible for membership.

The History program at Wilkes University works to synthesize the life experience by examining past economic, social, political, scientific, and religious conditions. Students may opt for the special program within the History Department which enables them to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and a Master of Business Administration degree in five years.

PHOTO: From left: Dr. Joel Berlatsky, advisor to Phi Alpha Delta and history professor, Paul Krawitz, Freeland; Charles Belles, Wilkes-Barre; Edward McGinnis, Dumont, NJ; Ron Grevera, Edwardsville; Christine La Coe, Wilkes-Barre; and Dr. James Rodechko, professor of history.



Wilkes ice cream social

Wilkes University president Christopher N. Breiseth and his wife, Jane, recently hosted an ice cream social at Weckesser Hall to open the academic year and welcome faculty back to campus. Above at left, Dr. Breiseth, vice president for academic affairs Dr. J. Michael Lennon and history professor Dr.



James Rodechko admire the festive neckwear sported by Dr. Douglas Lynch, chairman of the education department.

Above at right, visiting assistant professor of English Alicia Lindgren visits with Jane Breiseth.

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WILKES TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL PROJECT TO STRENGTHEN TEACHER EDUCATION

WILKES-BARRE -- Wilkes University has been selected as one of 21 planning institutions to join seven resource institutions in a two year project, Strengthening Humanities Foundations for Teachers. The national network of campuses will develop methods to strengthen humanities preparation of current and prospective school teachers.

Sponsored by the Association of American Colleges (AAC), each resource institution has been matched with three planning institutions. Three person teams from each school met recently with mentors from the resource institution at a working conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Wilkes Team, consisting of Dr. James Rodechko, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences; Bonnie Bedford, Assistant Professor of English; and Dr. Douglas Lynch, Chairman of the Education department, met with teams from Oklahoma State University and New England College, and with their mentors from Millersville University. Site visits and consultations with the planning institutions by the team members and the mentors will be

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scheduled as a follow-up to the conference.

The mission of the AAC is to improve undergraduate liberal education accomplished through research projects, publications and workshops. Founded in 1915, AAC comprises more than 620 public and private institutions.

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WILKES TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL PROJECT TO STRENGTHEN TEACHER EDUCATION

WILKES COLLEGE, a liberal arts college, has been selected as one of 25 planning institutions to pilot a new teacher education initiative as a first year project. Strengthening teacher education through the use of the National Network of Colleges and Universities will be a major goal of the project. The project will involve a series of workshops, seminars, and conferences of college and university faculty members.

Approved by the American Association of Colleges and Universities, which represents institutions that have pledged to provide excellent teacher education. These plans have been adopted by the college as a first step in the process of developing a working committee of colleges, universities, and other institutions.

The Wilkes team, consisting of Dr. David Anderson, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, David Anderson, Assistant Professor of Education, and Dr. Douglas Lynn, Chairman of the Education Department, will work with other faculty members from Wilkes University and New England College, and with other members from Middlebury College. Also visiting and participating with the planning committee by the state agencies and the national level.



TIMES LEADER/RICHARD SABATURA

Raindrops keep fallin'

Sharing an umbrella during one of Wednesday's rainstorms on the campus of Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre are, from left, Paul Adams, the university's dean of Academic Support Services, and Jim Rodechko, dean of the university's School of Liberal Arts.

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AMERICA AT WAR

Gulf policy colored by WWII, say profs

Historians discuss policy, strategy, support

By CHRISTINA BINKLEY

Times Leader Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — The allies dropped the ball on Hitler long before they dropped bombs on him. And no one wants to make that mistake again.

United States and United Nations policy is being partially guided by a need to falsify the old adage that history repeats itself, says Donald Stevens, a professor at King's College. Stevens teaches international politics and is chairman of the department of history.

"The danger Hitler posed was very very clear to everyone. European powers didn't have the will to react to him until it was too late. They were reluctant to accept the possibility of war," he says.

"After World War II, we were profoundly impressed with the idea of standing up to aggression. By not responding when we could have to Hitler, the world ended up with a much worse situation."

Only history will tell if Saddam Hussein is another Adolf Hitler. But the American reaction to acts of aggression has followed a clear pattern since the 1930s. For instance, Stevens says President Harry S. Truman reacted the same way in Korea — "with a clear, clear comparison to the 1930s. When North Korea invaded South Korea, the president felt immediately that this was something that had to be stopped."

"I think the same thing is happening here," says Stevens.

History may have a lot to tell us about what we can expect from the Persian Gulf.

Desert wars are traditionally quick, characterized

by sweeping, rapid movements, says James P. Rodechko. He is a historian and Dean of Liberal Arts and Humanities at Wilkes University.

Desert wars have been known historically for covering fairly long distances and for entrapping forces by surrounding them, he says.

"He who moves the quickest with the most firepower wins."

Air power is tremendously important in desert wars, Rodechko says, agreeing with current military estimates of speed, "unless you get foul-ups."

But recent history has seen at least one major desert foul-up — namely, Jimmy Carter's ill-fated 1980 attempt to rescue American hostages in Iran. The helicopters became clogged with sand and the attempt failed miserably.

Looking back to World War II experience in the desert, Rodechko says, "Our adjustment in North Africa was not a good one, but we learned very quickly."

Ironically, the situation in the Middle East today is similar to past wars that were viewed positively, even romantically.

The antithesis of a popular war, Vietnam was fought in a jungle where the evil seemed lurking. Worse, the war's cause was widely questioned.

Because of these reasons, Rodechko thinks Americans are unlikely to have the same feelings about war in the Middle East as they did about Vietnam.

He uses World War II as an example of a war with



Donald Stevens



James P. Rodechko

all the right ingredients to be positively viewed. It was clearly right against wrong. And afterward, "the evil was purged." Somehow, he says, both sides in World War II were able to ignore civilian casualties.

The two professors agree that history has also seen miscommunication become the root of many conflicts, especially when cultures differ greatly.

Rodechko says the terminology used by Hussein is traditional for that part of the world, but is interpreted as extremely aggressive by the West.

"Communication between cultures is always a problem of public posturing," Stevens says. "The Western powers tend to downplay things, which sometimes creates more problems" because other cultures do not know how to interpret what they are hearing. Westerners display fewer emotions — keep a stiff upper lip, in other words — while Middle Eastern cultures expect more bluster.

Pennsylvania Academic Deans hold 34th parley at Wilkes Univ.



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Wilkes University hosted the 34th annual conference of the Pennsylvania Academic Deans recently in the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center. The top academic officers from several dozen colleges and universities from

across Pennsylvania attended the day-long event.

Among those in attendance, from left, were Brian Schnorr, academic dean, Academy of the New Church, Brynathynn, PA; Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Wilkes president; Dr. Ann Williams, dean of Arts and Sciences, Luzerne County Community College; Dr. James Rodechko, dean, School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Wilkes, and George Matthews, vice president for academic affairs, LaRoche College, Pittsburgh.

Presentations included "Faculty Evaluation: Merit, Market and Equity Considerations," by Dr. George Waldner, Wilkes vice president for academic affairs; "The return of the Academic Dean to Faculty Status: A Welcome Reception?" by Dr. Williams of LCCC, and "Curriculum Development: A Catalyst for Institutional Change," by Dr. Shirley Van Marter, executive vice president of academic affairs at SUNY Institute of Technology, Utica, NY.

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SIX WILKES UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS PART OF STATEWIDE TEACHERS CONFERENCE

WILKES-BARRE-- Six Wilkes University Professors had papers presented at the recent "Creating a Climate for Learning II," a statewide conference on teaching at the postsecondary level organized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education Office of Higher Education.

The participants from Wilkes University, who each had a paper presented were: Dr. Vijay Arora of Mountaintop, Professor, Engineering; Dr. Sid Halsor of Wilkes-Barre, Assistant Professor, Earth and Environmental Science; Dr. Vasundhra Choudhry of Wilkes-Barre, Associate Professor, Engineering; Dr. Kenneth Klemow of Forty Fort, Associate Professor, Biology; Dr. Patricia Heaman of White Haven, Associate Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and Richard Raspen of Wilkes-Barre, Assistant Professor, Business Administration.

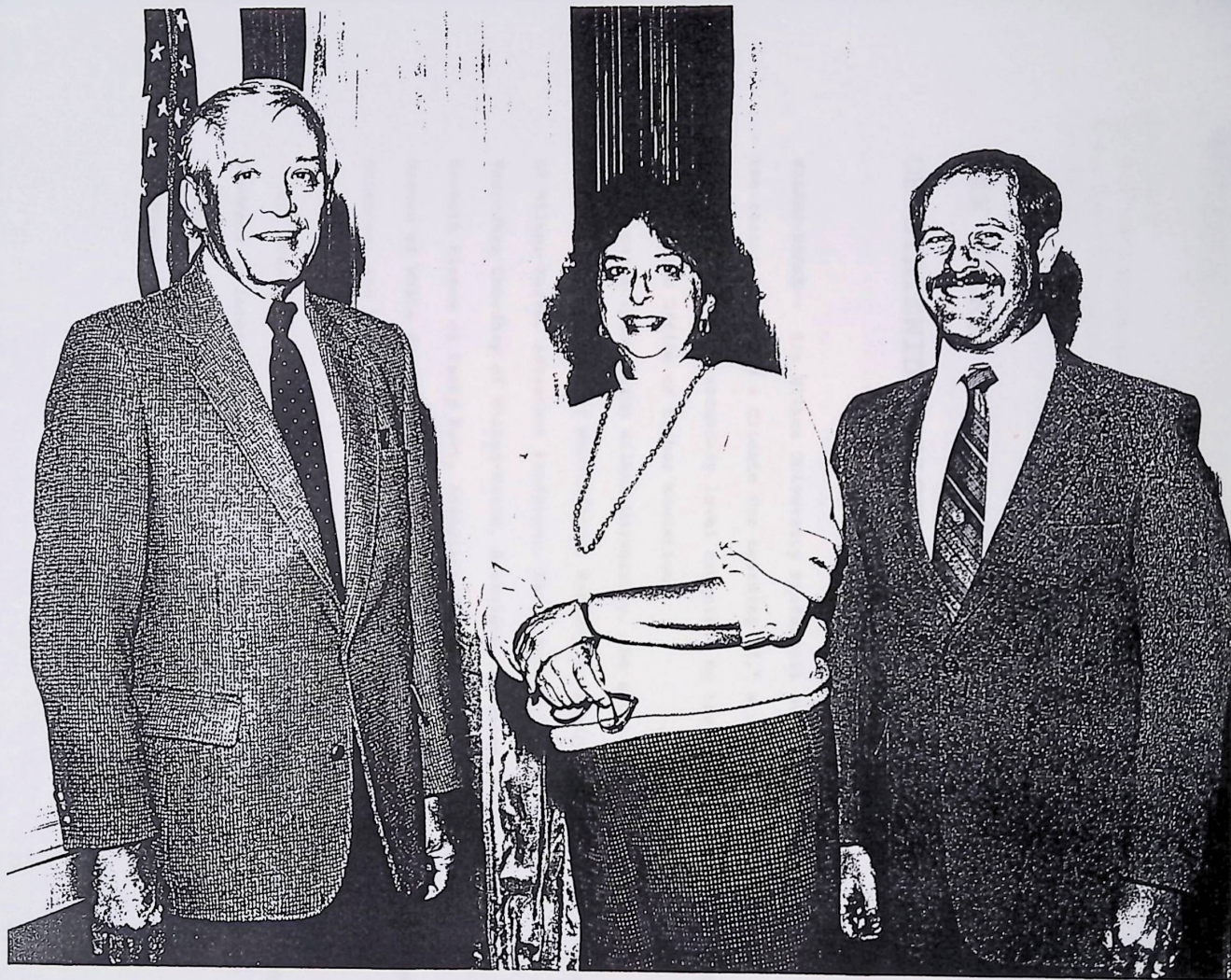
Dr. Arora and Dr. Choudhry had their paper "Actively Engaging Engineering Students in Intergrated Learning" presented, while Dr. Halsor presented "Enhanced Student Learning Through Writing in a Physical Geology Class." Mr. Raspen presented "Using Writing to Learn in Business." and

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Dr. Heaman and Dr. Klemow presented "Using Writing to Involve Students in Learning in Content Areas."

Photo: Shown after their recent trip to "Creating a Climate for Learning II" in Harrisburg are from left, Richard Raspen, Assistant Professor, Business Administration; Dr. Patricia Heaman, Associate Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and Dr. Kenneth Klemow, Associate Professor, Biology.

Unavailable for the photo were Dr. Vijay Arora, Professor, Engineering; Dr. Sid Halsor, Assistant Professor, Earth and Environmental Science; Dr. Vasundhra Choudhry, Associate Professor, Engineering.



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LCCC/Wilkes exchange program

Luzerne County Community College and Wilkes College have entered into a faculty exchange program for the first time this semester with two professors in the Social Science and History area teaching at opposite schools.

Dr. James Rodechko, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Wilkes College, is currently teaching a History of Civilization course at the community college. Dr. Sheldon Spear, professor of history at LCCC, is teaching a course on the Holocaust at Wilkes College.

Seated, from left, are Dr. Rodechko and Dr. Spear; standing: Dr. William D. Camp, associate dean of academic services at LCCC, and Dr. Robert Mittrick, chairman of the History and Social Science Department at LCCC.

James Rodechko
Academic Biography

After graduating from Hofstra College in 1961, a National Defense Fellowship enabled completion of the MA (1962) and PhD (1967) in history at the University of Connecticut. Teaching experience followed at Bowling Green State University (1966-68), Bloomsburg State College (1970-71), and Wilkes College (1968-70, 1971-86). Publications include various articles on immigrant and labor history, book reviews and abstracts, and a book on Irish-American journalism. Papers have been presented before professional associations, at other colleges and universities, and before community groups. Additional professional activity has included service as Associate Editor of Pennsylvania History (1973-79), the chairmanship of the Pennsylvania Historical Association's annual research conference (1974-80), consulting work for the Pennsylvania Anthracite Museum (1985-86), and membership on the governing council of the Pennsylvania Historical Association (1978-1981). At Wilkes, non-teaching responsibilities have involved preparation of the original grant proposals and related curriculum revisions for the Community Service Program and the Cooperative Education Program. Subsequent to funding, responsibilities involved directing the Community Service Program (1975-78) and serving as the Faculty Coordinator for the Cooperative Education Program (1978-80). Chairmanships at Wilkes have included the Department of History (1979-83), the Department of History and Political Science (1983-85), the Curriculum Committee (1979-83), the Faculty Policy Committee (1985-86), the Outstanding Teacher Award Committee (1984-86), and the Committee on Goals, Programs, and Outcomes for the Middle States Accreditation process (1978-79). Honors at Wilkes include an invitation to address the graduates at the 1982 commencement and the Carpenter Outstanding Teacher Award (1983). Most recent educational experience entails 30 credit hours in accounting taken at Wilkes. Future plans include sitting for the CPA examination in November, 1986.

Philosophy and Assumptions

Although the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is new and will have to be defined with time, the following premises offer my own personal perspective and a workable starting point.

1. The Dean's primary concern should be to encourage appropriate faculty development and remove barriers to effective teaching and relevant research.
2. The recently developed mission statement promotes a spirit of broad institutional purpose that extends beyond narrow goals of institutional survival. Implicit in the statement is a message that the desire simply to survive is not a sufficient reason for Wilkes College to exist into the next century. The Dean, therefore, must seek ways to promote a consciousness of mission, find ways to implement it, and help to re-evaluate it when necessary.
3. The Dean must be sympathetic to both the professional and traditional offerings within the College of Arts and Sciences. Where possible, it is important to promote integration of effort among those elements. In like manner, it is important to maintain and develop areas of academic cooperation between the College of Arts and Sciences and the newly designed School of Business and Engineering.
4. Given the reasons leading to the creation of the College of Arts and Sciences at Wilkes, the role of the Dean must be to protect and enhance the academic and budgetary needs of the departments, programs, and disciplines that compose the College.
5. Academic leadership is best accomplished through the development of consensus rather than the imposition of personal belief. The Dean should seek responsible academic development through a sharing of information and ideas with chairpersons and faculty.

Tenure - 1972

Department History
Appointed 1968
ReAppointed 1971

FACULTY PERSONNEL DATA

NAME James P. Rodechko Date of Birth February 23, 1930

1. RECORD AT WILKES:

Date of appointment Born in New York, N.Y.
or promotion Date of Severance

Instructor		
Assistant Professor	<u>September, 1968</u>	<u>June 1970</u>
Associate Professor	<u>September, 1971</u>	
Professor	<u>June 1, 1976</u>	
Other	<u>Appointed Chairman, History</u>	
	<u>Dept. - June 1, 1979</u>	

Other activities and responsibilities while at Wilkes:

Library Committee
Curriculum Committee
Advisor - Class of 1972

11. <u>EDUCATION:</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Year</u>
Bachelor's Degree	<u>B.A.</u>	<u>Hofstra University</u>	<u>1961</u>
Master's Degree	<u>M.A.</u>	<u>University of Connecticut</u>	<u>1962</u>
Doctor's Degree	<u>Ph.D.</u>	<u>University of Connecticut</u>	<u>1967</u>
Other Degrees			

111. STUDIES AND PUBLICATIONS:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher or Publication</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>"Michael J. O'Brien; Irish-American Historian,"</u>	<u>New-York Historical Society</u>	
<u>Quarterly, LIV (April, 1970), 173-192</u>		
<u>"An Immigrant Journalist and Catholicism: Patrick Ford of the Irish World"</u>		
<u>Church History (September, 1970)</u>		
<u>"Irish-American Society in the Pennsylvania Anthracite Region,</u>		
<u>1870-1880." Paper delivered before the Pennsylvania Historical</u>		
<u>Society, Indiana, October 17, 1970.</u>		

IV. EXPERIENCE Before Coming to Wilkes:

<u>Teaching: - School or College</u>	<u>Position Held</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Bowling Green State University</u>	<u>Assistant Professor of Hist., 19</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>Bloomington State College</u>	<u>Associate Professor of History, 1970</u>	<u>70</u>

Business:

Military: - Service

Rank

Year

V. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (Indicate offices held):

<u>Organization of American Historians</u>
<u>American Historical Association</u>
<u>American Association of University Professors</u>
<u>Wyoming Historical and Geological Society</u>

VI. NON-PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

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Dr. James P. Rodechko, Associate Professor of History at Wilkes College, recently has been appointed chairman of the Research Committee of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, a committee that is responsible for arranging the program for the annual research conference of the association.

He also has been designated the associate editor of "Pennsylvania History," the quarterly journal of the Pennsylvania Historical Association.

Affiliated with Wilkes since 1968, Dr. Rodechko received his B. A. in History from Hofstra University, and his M. A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Connecticut. While at Wilkes he has served as an assistant professor, a member of the Curriculum Committee, the Faculty Policy Committee, Committee on Teacher Recognition and Effectiveness, Library Committee, an advisor to the classes of 1972 and 1973 and an advisor to the Judo Club.

Dr. Rodechko also is associated with the Organization of American Historians and the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society.

Ethnic and racial studies are his special field of interest. He has presented a series of speeches on the subject in the past academic year, including an address presented to the History Honor Society at Bloomsburg State College, a workshop on Ethnic Studies, presented before the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians, and participated in a symposium on Ethnic Minorities in Northeastern Pennsylvania, conducted at the University of Scranton.

In addition to the numerous talks, Dr. Rodechko has given on ethnic and racial studies, he has published various articles in the field and is presently working on two books, "An Ethnic History of Pennsylvania" and "A Social History of America in the Guilded Age."

File Jas. Rodechko

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Assistant Director

EXCLUSIVE TO THE SUNDAY INDEPENDENT

WILKES COLLEGE RECOGNIZES JAMES RODECHKO AS OUTSTANDING TEACHER

WILKES-BARRE--The Wilkes College Outstanding Teacher Award was conferred on James P. Rodechko, chairman of the History Department, at Wilkes Commencement Exercises held recently on the College Campus.

Dr. Rodechko, who has been a member of the faculty at Wilkes since 1968, received a B.A. in History from Hofstra University and an M.A. and Ph.D., from the University of Connecticut.

President Robert Capin, in conferring the award, said, "Dr. Rodechko gives selflessly of his time to students... contributes significantly to his profession and to society by being the conscientious, dedicated and sensitive human being he is and he conveys a worthy set of values and work habits to the young people whose lives he touches."

Dr. Rodechko was recommended by a faculty committee for the honor. Shown prior to commencement ceremonies are Dean Gerald Hartdagen, (left) dean of Academic Affairs and Dr. Rodechko, (right.)

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DEANS NAMED TO WILKES SCHOOLS OF ENGINEERING, BUSINESS, AND ARTS AND SCIENCES

WILKES-BARRE--Professors Umid R. Nejib, Theodore Engel, and James P. Rodechko have been named as Deans of the Wilkes College new School of Engineering and Physical Science, School of Business and Economics, and College of Arts and Sciences, respectively.

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Congratulating the new deans Dr. Gerald E. Hartdagen, Dean of Academic Affairs, characterized the process as "A difficult

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decision for our search committees, who had to choose among excellent candidates from a faculty with an abundance of credentials. We are confident that Deans Nejib, Engel, and Rodechko will provide new leadership, and the new academic format in which they will operate will move Wilkes forward, giving students an even better education, comparable with the best available anywhere."

Dr. Umid R. Nejib was born in Baghdad, Iraq and received his B.Sc. Honors from the University of Baghdad. He continued his studies for the M.S. and the Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering at Carnegie Institute of Technology of the Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

His work experience in the area of telemetering and high frequency communications extended from the Central Communication Agency in Iraq to the Westinghouse Corporation in the United States. In his professional capacity, he worked with many organizations such as DOE, NASA, NSF, RCA, Ford, Frito-Lay, PennDot, Cincinnati Millacron, the United Nations, and the National Research Institute.

He taught engineering at the University of Baghdad, Carnegie-Mellon University, and Wilkes College, and conducted many specialty programs and courses at six other universities.

He has published and presented over sixty professional papers and supervised over fifty funded projects in the areas of Energy Conversion, RF Communication & Sensing, Automation, and

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Digital Systems; participated in numerous professional meetings and traveled to seven countries as a member of the IEEE Outstanding International Lecture Tour and the Specialist Lecture Series; and holds three United States patents.

Dr. Nejib is a senior member of the IEEE and SWE. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science, A.S.E.E., The New York Academy of Science, the Solar Energy Industries Association, the Institute of Industrial Engineers, and the Society of the Sigma Xi.

In Northeastern Pennsylvania, Dr. Nejib was instrumental in implementing the Energy Conservation Institute, the first Anthracite Symposium, the first Telecommunication Conference, and the College/Industry Technology Conferences. He established the Technology Transfer Program at Wilkes, through which local industries and organizations can interact and receive assistance in incorporating new technologies into their operations.

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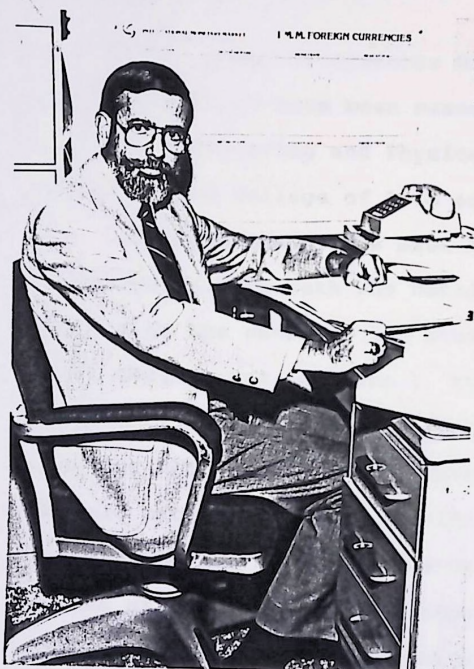
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Dr. Rodechko's responsibilities, in addition to his teaching duties, have involved grant writing and related curriculum revision for the Community Service Program and for the Cooperative Education Program; and he served as an administrator for both programs.

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Dr. Rodechko's most recent educational experience was the completion of 30 credits in preparation for the CPA examination to be taken in November, 1986.



James P. Rodechko

Personal Information:

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Education:

Hofstra University, BA, June, 1961 (cum laude, high honors in history).

University of Connecticut, MA, June, 1962.

University of Connecticut, PhD, June, 1967 (Doctoral Dissertation:
"Patrick Ford and His Search for America: A Case Study of Irish-
American Journalism, 1870-1913")

Teaching Fields:

American Social and Intellectual History, Ethnic History, Twentieth
Century America, World Civilization, World War II.

Teaching Experience:

Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania (1971 to the present. Tenure,
1971. Professor, 1976).

Bloomsburg State College, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania (1970-1971. Associate
Professor).

Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania (1968-1970. Assistant Professor).

Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, Ohio (1966-1968. Assistant
Professor).

Teaching Honors:

Outstanding Teacher, Northeastern Pennsylvania Independent Colleges, 1976
(One of two teachers cited by Wilkes College).

One of eighteen Wilkes College faculty members awarded merit stipends for
teaching excellence. June, 1979.

Publications:

Patrick Ford and His Search for America: A Case Study of Irish-American Journalism, 1870-1913 (New York: Arno Press, 1976).

"An Irish-American Journalist and Catholicism: Patrick Ford of the Irish World," Church History, XXXIX (December, 1970).

"Michael J. O'Brien, Irish-American Historian," The New York Historical Society Quarterly, LIV (April, 1970).

"Irish-American Society in the Pennsylvania Anthracite Region: 1870-1880," in The Ethnic Experience in Pennsylvania, John Bodnar, editor (Lewisburg: Bucknell University Press, 1973).

An Ethnic History of Pennsylvania. In preparation. Contracted with Twayne Publishers, New York City. Co-authored with John Bodnar.

Scholarly Papers:

"Immigration and Ethnic Groups." Presented to the Seventh Annual Research Conference, Pennsylvania Historical Association, April 28, 1972.

"Irish-American Society in the Pennsylvania Anthracite Region: 1870-1880." Presented before the Pennsylvania Historical Association, Indiana, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1970.

"Racism as an Ethnic Defense: The Irish in New York City." Presented at the Bloomsburg State College History Conference, May 2, 1975.

"Ethnic Minorities in the Pennsylvania Anthracite Region: Irish and Welsh Communities in the Nineteenth Century." Presented at the Ethnic Studies Institute, King's College, July 21, 1975.

"Employment Opportunities for History Majors." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, Philadelphia, October 20, 1978.

Editorial:

Associate Editor, Pennsylvania History, Quarterly Journal of the Pennsylvania Historical Association (1973 to the present).

Grants (Prepared and Funded):

Planning Grant, Action: \$5,000. Approved March 4, 1975.

Operational Grant, Action: \$252,000. Approved August 28, 1975.

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Grant, Oral History Survey: \$1,500. Approved November, 1976.

Cooperative Education Grant (HEW): \$30,000. Approved September, 1977.

Administration and Professional Activities:

Chairman, Department of History, Wilkes College. June 1, 1979 to the present.

Chairman, Curriculum Committee, 1979 to the present.

Chairman, Committee on Goals, Programs, and Outcomes. Middle States Accreditation, Wilkes College, 1978-1979.

Director, Community Service Program (Action), Wilkes College, 1975 to 1978. Responsible for a staff including a coordinator, five faculty supervisors, and two secretaries. Duties entailed the recruitment of students, placement of students in public service agencies, monitoring student progress, maintenance of financial records, and establishment of workable relationships between Action (a federal agency), twenty local and regional public service agencies, and the Wilkes College faculty and administration.

Chairman, Research Committee of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, 1974 to 1980 (Responsible for arranging and directing the annual research conference of the Pennsylvania Historical Association).

Chairman, Publications Committee, Wyoming Valley Historical and Geological Society, 1976 to the present.

Chairman, Faculty fund Drive, Wilkes College, 1976.

Chairman, All College Fund Drive, 1977 (Included Wilkes College administration, faculty, clerical staff, and maintenance personnel).

Faculty Coordinator, Cooperative Education Program, Wilkes College, September, 1977 to the present. Liason between the program staff and faculty. Responsible for academic essentials of the cooperative education program.

Board of Directors, Wyoming Valley Historical and Geological Society, 1976 to the present.

Council of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. Governing body of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. 1978-1981.

Library Resources Grant. 1975. Responsible for ordering library materials (\$3,918) according to the terms of the grant.

Coordinating Committee of the Pennsylvania Historical Association for the Study of History, 1977 to the present.

Abstracts, Reviews, and Consultation:

Review of Francis G. McManamin, The American Years of John Boyle O'Reilly, 1870-1890 (New York: Arno Press, 1976). To be published by the Catholic Historical Association in a forthcoming issue of its journal.

Abstractor for Abstracts of Folklore Studies (Published by the American Folklore Society).

Reviewer for Choice, A Publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Reader for Church History.

Consultant for Widener College concerning the implementation and development of an Action program. November, 1976.

Consultant for the University Research Corporation regarding the feasibility of local cost-sharing procedures for Action programs. Fall, 1976.

Advisory Editorial Board, Bicentennial Research Associates.

Consultant for WVIA-tv/fm, the Public Broadcasting Center, Pittston, Pennsylvania, regarding television series titled: "The Ethnic Experience in Pennsylvania."

Evaluator for National Endowment for the Humanities, June, 1979; July, 1980.

Advisory Committee for WPSX-TV, the Broadcasting Services Center, Pennsylvania State University, regarding a television special titled: "Commemorating Pennsylvania's Tercentenary."

Curriculum Innovations:

Development of academic guidelines for the Community Service Program (Action) at Wilkes College (1975). This primarily involved procedures for granting thirty credit hours and a second major in Community Service in return for student intern experiences. Program approval was attained after consultation with department chairpersons, the curriculum committee, and the general faculty.

Development of academic guidelines for the Cooperative Education Program at Wilkes College (1976-1977). This involved restructuring the academic aspects of the Community Service Program so that it would become a permanent part of the college curriculum.

Faculty Affairs:

Tenure and Promotion Committee, Wilkes College, 1977-1979.

Faculty Policy Committee, Wilkes College, 1973-1976.

Steering Committee for Middle States Accreditation, Wilkes College, 1978-1979.

Curriculum Committee, Wilkes College, 1971-1975.

Tenure Criteria Study Committee, Wilkes College, 1978-1979.

Library Committee, Wilkes College, 1968-1969.

Presidential Inauguration Committee, Wilkes College, 1976.

All College Assembly Committee, Wilkes College, 1976.

Advisory Board, Act 101 Program (deals with preparation of socially and economically disadvantaged students for college careers). Wilkes College, 1976.

Rules and Procedures Committee, History Department, Bloomsburg State College, 1970-1971.

Athletic Committee, Wilkes College, 1976 to the present.

Student Related Activities:

Adviser, Wilkes College, classes of 1972, 1975, 1977, 1981.

Adviser, Wilkes College Student Bowling League 1978-1979.

Participation in various student functions organized by the History and Biology Clubs.

Community Activities:

Citizens Advisory Council for the Social Studies. Wilkes-Barre Area School District (1978).

Speaker in College/Business/Government Symposium dealing with Cooperative Education. Scranton, Pennsylvania, Chamber of Commerce, November 20, 1975.

Judge, Housing Authority, City of Wilkes-Barre. Decisions regarding Eviction Hearings. October, 1976 and July, 1977.

Policy Council, Head Start, Wilkes-Barre, 1975 to the present.

Guest on Dialogue, television show hosted by Jule Ayers, July 11, 1976.

Torch Club (member), Wilkes-Barre, 1974 to the present (program chairman, 1979-80).

WDAU-TV, News Program, July 13, 1979, "Superstitions and their Origin".

College and Community Lectures:

"Irish-American Society in the Pennsylvania Anthracite Region." Presented to the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, March 18, 1971; the Berwick Historical Society, April 22, 1971; Lackawanna Historical Society, March 16, 1972.

"Religious Conflict in America." Presented to the United Methodist Church, Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, April 9, 1973.

"Ethnic Groups in Urban America." Presented to the Social Studies Conference, Bloomsburg State College; Spring, 1971; Wilkes-Barre Rotary, April 22, 1975; Kingston Rotary, July 7, 1976; Century Club, Scranton, February 3, 1975; Men of Goodwill, Annual Dinner, Wilkes-Barre, May 19, 1976; Nanticoke Rotary, January 13, 1976.

Commentator, Symposium dealing with "Ethnic Minorities and the American Experience in Northeastern Pennsylvania," University of Scranton, November 15, 1973.

"Ethnic Groups and Coal Culture." Presented to the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians, Champion, Pennsylvania, April 26 and 27, 1974.

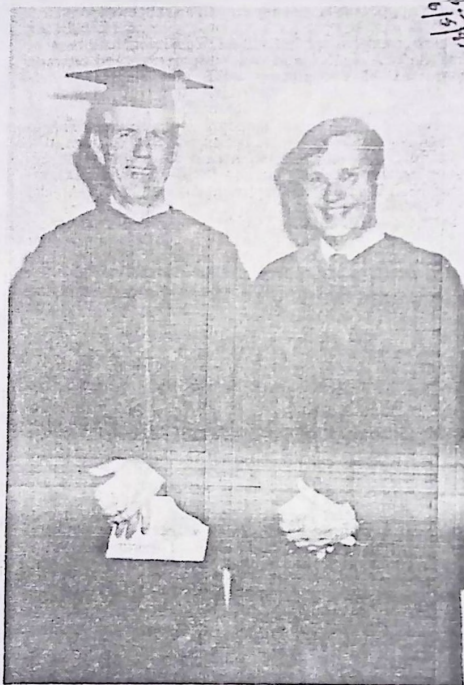
"The Outlaw as a Symbolic Hero." Kingston Rotary, November 3, 1976.

"Custer: Myths and Reality." Wyoming Valley Torch Club, April 14, 1980.

OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

DR. JAMES RODECHKO PRESENTS HIS LECTURES WITH ENTHUSIASM, HUMOR, AND ORIGINALITY. HE GIVES SELFLESSLY OF HIS TIME TO STUDENTS, THEREBY ADDING A PERSONAL TOUCH TO THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND PRESERVING THE SMALL COLLEGE ATMOSPHERE WHICH SO MANY STUDENTS SEEK WHEN THEY COME TO WILKES.

DR. RODECHKO CONTINUALLY STRUGGLES TO REFINE HIS PRESENTATIONS, TO SEEK NEW METHODS FOR REACHING A GREATER NUMBER OF STUDENTS, TO IMPROVE HIS OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS AS A TEACHER. MORE GENERALLY, HE CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO HIS PROFESSION AND TO SOCIETY AS A WHOLE JUST BY BEING THE CONSCIENTIOUS, DEDICATED, SENSITIVE HUMAN BEING HE IS. BY TAKING HIS TEACHING AND ADVISING DUTIES AS SERIOUSLY AS HE DOES, HE CONVEYS A WORTHY SET OF VALUES AND WORK HABITS TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES HE TOUCHES.



RODECHKO CITED—The Wilkes College Outstanding Teacher Award was conferred on James P. Rodechko, chairman of the History Department, at Wilkes Commencement Exercises held recently on the College Campus. Dr. Rodechko, who has been a member of the faculty at Wilkes since 1968, received a B.A. in History from Hofstra University and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. Shown prior to commencement ceremonies are Dean Gerald Hardagen, (left) dean of Academic Affairs and Dr. Rodechko, (right).

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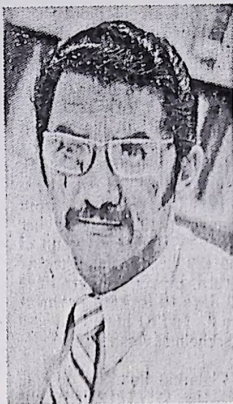
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Academic Biography

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LCCC, Wilkes exchange faculty

Luzerne County Community College and Wilkes College have entered into a faculty exchange program this semester with two professors in the social science and history area teaching at opposite schools. Dr. James Rodechko, dean of the college of arts and sciences at Wilkes, is teaching a 'History of Civilization' course at the community college, and Dr. Sheldon Spear, professor of history at LCCC, is teaching a course on the 'Holocaust' at Wilkes. Shown are, from left, seated: Rodechko and Spear; standing: Dr. William D. Camp, associate dean of academic services at LCCC, and Dr. Robert Mittrick, chairman, history and social science department.

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50 YEARS

AFTER THE BOMB

■ For local vet, the destruction of Hiroshima was a necessary step to end a horrible war.

By MARK E. JONES

Times Leader Staff Writer

Each August, a news reporter calls Michael Julia's Hanover Township home and asks him, once again, to tell his story about a war, a bomb and a place called Hiroshima.

A proud veteran, Julia typically obliges. He talks of hiking into Hiroshima's wasteland, shivers flowing up his spine at "ground zero," and plucking a tiny vase from the rubble because it was the only object that hadn't been destroyed.

But those interviews are history. And Julia's words don't flow easily today — 50 years after America dropped the atomic bomb that ended World War II and launched a new era.

The storyteller's vocal chords are gone. Claimed by cancer.

Julia, 78, attributes his disease to radiation exposure received in October 1945 while touring the devastated Japanese city. The ex-Army officer now uses a hand-held device that, when touched to his throat, gives each word a muddled, almost robotic sound.

"This is the way Hiroshima looked ... and this is where we walked through."

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■ Veteran Michael Julia says if it weren't for the dropping of the atomic bomb, he wouldn't be here today.



■ A victim of the Hiroshima blast, a young girl holds a boiled rice ball provided by an emergency relief party. Many of the blast survivors eventually succumbed to radiation poisoning delivered by radioactive fallout following the explosion on August 6, 1945.

"My God!
What have we done?"

Capt. Robert A. Lewis,
Enola Gay co-pilot.

"In an instant,
without warning, the present
had become the
unthinkable future."

Time magazine, 1945

"The atomic bomb has
changed everything except
the nature of man."

Albert Einstein, 1945.

50 YEARS AFTER THE BOMB

Bomb

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says Julia, pointing at a magazine photo. "It was the greatest man-made disaster in history."

"Do you understand me?" The question hangs in the air like a toxic cloud. Do you understand me?

In Luzerne County, home to a veterans' hospital and countless World War II-era residents, it is the question of the moment.

Can younger Americans comprehend how firmly WWII vets believed — still believe — in President Truman's decision to use atomic weapons? Was it necessary? Was it moral?

Those nagging issues were resurrected earlier this year at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., where the Enola Gay — the B-29 bomber that annihilated Hiroshima — was to be exhibited with commentary on its deadly cargo.

Veterans protested, claiming the display vilified America. The Japanese were portrayed as unsuspecting victims, they said.

Although Smithsonian officials backed down, the debate touched off a firestorm of letters in the Wyoming Valley. One vet wrote, "If any of those eggheads down at the Smithsonian... had been there at that time... they would be thanking God for Harry Truman."

Another man simply recalled: "The bomb saved my tail."

In fact, the majority of Americans polled today say the bombing was not morally wrong.

Yet younger generations find fault: why didn't America wait for an already beleaguered Japan to surrender, why couldn't the A-bomb be demonstrated in a non-populated area, why did it target civilians?

James Rodechko, a Wilkes University history professor, cautions debaters born after V-J Day from judging President Truman's decision out of context.

"We see (Hiroshima) as the dawn of the nuclear age," Rodechko says. "But I think people who were alive in 1945 saw it as the culmination of a horrible war."



James Rodechko



TIMES LEADER/BOB KESKIPHO

Dorothy Gilbert, like several Nesbitt Hospital School of Nursing graduates, treated Okinawa's injured after they were transferred to hospitals in Hawaii.

Its sons and daughters during the nearly four-year struggle. Nationally, about 300,000 servicemen and women were killed. Twice that number were wounded, maimed and, in unseen ways, changed forever.

Without a surrender, Truman knew that more would die. His strategists predicted that an invasion of Japan's homeland would cost 100,000 to 250,000 American lives.

Each of those statistics represented a man with a name and a hometown. In Luzerne County,

The USS Wilkes-Barre, a ship commissioned in Philadelphia, cruised just 145 miles off northern Honshu. By early August, the 1,200 men aboard anticipated the command to commence an assault. They also feared with each passing day that the "Willie Ber" deck might attract the eye of a kamikaze pilot.

Meanwhile, in Boston harbor, about 3,000 soldiers in Pennsylvania's 28th (Krystalon) Division were returning from Europe's battles for a 30-day leave before they would reassemble in California and then sail toward Japan.

Thomas Hydock, a Hazleton native, was among them. He had

survived the Battle of the Bulge and four other European campaigns. By mid-1945, he and his pals believed they had exhausted their luck.

"We probably would not have come back at all," says Hydock, now 73. "It was going to be a bloody one."

Instead, at 8:16 a.m. on August 6, the Enola Gay flew over Hiroshima and released its fifteen-ton payload nicknamed "Little Boy." There was a flash.

An estimated 80,000 people died instantly. Another 60,000 would die of injuries and radiation poisoning by year's end.

"Fat Man" fell over Nagasaki three days later. Japan surrendered within a week.

Americans rejoiced. And wondered.

Robert Berger, a West Hazleton native, was a medic at home on leave with the 28th Division. "It ended the war, but you were scared skinny, too," says Berger, now 72.

"That was such a monster of a bomb," he says. "You didn't know what the hell to think until the war ended and they ironed out the wrinkles."

In many respects, Truman

never had an option.

The top-secret Manhattan Project was revealed to him only after President Roosevelt's death, and long after it had advanced from theory to real threat.

When the first bomb was successfully tested on July 16 in the New Mexico desert, it was as if Truman had been handed a royal flush. He would, of course, play the cards.

"Just imagine the scenario if the bomb hadn't been used, the war didn't end, the fighting continued another five or six months, and then a year later news circulated that the bomb had been available," says Rodechko, the 56-year-old historian. "What would have been the political reaction?"

As it turned out, Truman's administration had little debate. For many White House aides and military leaders, it was not a question of "if" the bomb should be used, but "when."

After all, Japan's army had murdered Chinese civilians. Aircraft had pummeled the city of Dresden, Germany. And conventional bombs had ignited Tokyo, killing almost 100,000 people in a single night.

(The atomic bomb) was consistent with the slaughter of World War II," Rodechko says.

"And it brought an end to the slaughter."

As late as August 1, 1945 Western Union telegrams arrived in Wilkes-Barre with dreaded regularity.

"I deeply regret to inform you that a careful review of all facts available relating to the disappearance of your son Edward Charles Rakowski, seaman first class USNR, previously reported missing, leads to the conclusion that there is no hope for survival."

A Japanese "torpedo plane" had struck Rakowski's ship off Okinawa, an island on which 50,000 U.S. soldiers lost their lives.

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As a Japanese surrender was rumored, Gilbert and her friends danced in their pajamas. "Nobody knew at that time about all these birth defects and fallout. Who could guess?" says Gilbert, now 75, a resident of Wesley Village, Inkerman.

"I don't even think Truman knew," she says. "I think we all

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Roger Berger
28th Division Medic

took the news calmly: OK, here's a bigger bomb that's going to end the war quicker."

Peace at what price?

Truman's critics say the president was motivated by foul reasons: to strike Cold War fear into Russia, or justify the bomb's \$1.8-billion research cost, or exact revenge for Pearl Harbor.

Such second-guessing seems folly today, says James Orr, 38, an assistant professor of East Asian Studies at Lewisburg's Bucknell University.

"Picking one of those reasons out and ignoring the mindsets of everyone in those days — that they wanted to end the war — is being unfair to Truman," he says.

The professor is careful not to give total credence to the vets' view. Nor does he side with Japan's victimization claims. Rather, he takes neutral ground.

"In remembering Hiroshima," says Orr, "we should accord fundamental human respect to everyone who was involved."

That includes people like Julia, the man who gently tells a story each August of how an advance party from 10th Corps Artillery landed in Kure, Japan, then walked the desolate streets of Hiroshima.

How he reached into the dust of a flattened city. How he picked up an unshattered vase. How he breathed the air.

While no one can confirm a direct link between Julia's tour then and his cancer today, the veteran has made his own conclusion. "I never smoked."

Has his disease changed Julia's view on Hiroshima, his government or his nation? Would he recant Truman's decision to drop humankind's most devastating weapon?

"Never," he says. "If it wasn't for that, I wouldn't be here."

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Okiihiro, Gary Y. **Common ground: reimagining American history.**
Princeton, 2001. 158p index afp ISBN 0-691-07007-5 pbk, \$12.95

Okiihiro (Columbia Univ.) argues that the US's past has been wrongly viewed in terms of certain imaginary, but powerful, "binaries" that reflect matters of geography, race, gender, and sexual preference. The preferred image of the US has been white, Western (specifically the American west), male, and heterosexual. Although Okiihiro discusses various minority groups, he especially uses the Asian American experience to defy the comfortable notion of such a unified national character. Believing that Asians are categorized as non-white, feminine, and homosexual, Okiihiro cites abundant evidence of a complex role for them that demonstrates the simplistic nature of binary classification. Whether the particular binaries he suggests accurately represent how American history is conceived is questionable. For example, his belief that gender roles and sexual identity have been assigned to specific groups of people is not easily accepted. One has the impression that Okiihiro tilts at windmills of his own creation in attempting to show that his binaries resist change. Using J. Phillippe Rushton's *Race, Evolution, and Behavior* (CH, May'95) to show that binary classification remains significant is questionable, especially given Okiihiro's admission that Rushton's thesis has been widely rejected. Nevertheless, the book is interesting, offers creative

analytical approaches, and certainly provides an alternative to traditional treatments of American history. Graduate students and faculty.—*J. P. Rodechko, Wilkes University*