Outstanding steps:
The second full year of the World History Center at Pitt has been a busy time, with many important steps forward. In work at the Center headquarters in Pittsburgh, the innovations have included the appointment of a postdoctoral fellow, the offering of two new graduate history courses and three new undergraduate history courses; the creation and expansion of the website of the World-Historical Dataverse; the award of a grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation creating a program in world history of science; the creation and initial postings of the World History Research Registry; and the development of plans for a collaborative “Teaching World History” program in Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania. In collaborations around the world, the two outstanding events were the convening of the first conference of the Asian Association of World Historians in Osaka (May 2009) and the formation of a new organization, the African Network in Global History at a meeting in Ilorin, Nigeria (December 2009).

These and other activities for the year 2009 are described in the full report below, in sections parallel to those on the World History Center website.

About us: Center Headquarters.

Office. The Center office is at 3900 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, adjacent to the History Department.
Visiting Scholar. Diego Olstein of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem completed his term as Visiting Scholar at the Center in Fall 2009, delivering nine lectures to various audiences.
Postdoctoral fellow. Thomas Anderson (PhD Binghamton, 2009) was selected out of 30 applicants as the Postdoctoral Fellow in World History for a two-year term, including research and teaching.
Staff. Katie Jones became interim Administrator at the Center in June 2009. Staff on the Dataverse project for 2009 (employed on an hourly basis) included Johan Mohd Sani, Xiayi Fan, Steven Gillies, Tom Kapfer, and Emily Smith.
Advisory Board. The Advisory Board was appointed in 2009, with responsibility for general overview and especially for making awards in competitions for Research Awards and Visiting Scholars. Advisory Board members are Reid Andrews (History), John Markoff (Sociology), John Myers (Education), Dick Oestreicher (History), and Evelyn Rawski (History).
Website. The Center website benefited from a major upgrade in summer 2009. Among the changes are the addition of the director’s website, a photo gallery, the research registry, and a full list of center events.

Center Director Activities.

Trinidad. Center Director Patrick Manning was the guest of the Hon. Patrick A.M. Manning, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, for celebration of the national Emancipation Day holiday in Port of Spain, August 1. The center director also delivered the annual lecture on “Securing Our Future in Turbulent Times: to the National Association for the Empowerment of African People on July 31 at Macoya, Trinidad.
Skotheim Lecture. Patrick Manning presented the Skotheim Lecture in History at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington, on October 29, on the topic of “The African Diaspora and the Emergence of the Modern World.”
NCHE. The Center Director was appointed to the board of directors of the National Council for History Education, and will help direct the NCHE’s expanding program in world history education.
NOGWHISTO. The Center Director attended a consultation of leaders of the Network of Global and World History Organizations in Leipzig, May 9-12, at which plans were set for the NOGWHISTO conference in Amsterdam in August 2010.

Collaboration. (Affiliations are listed here; detailed activities are given below.)
University Affiliation. The Center’s principal affiliation is with the Department of History, especially in graduate and undergraduate teaching and research. The Center has worked very closely this year with the Global Studies Program (GSP) and with the University Center for International Studies (UCIS). In addition, and especially for teacher workshops, the Center has worked closely with the School of Education and with the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, based in the Asian Studies Center.
Worldwide Collaboration. The Center has a formal role in several international organizations of world historians. These include the World History Association (U.S.), the European Network in Universal and Global History (ENIUGH), the Asian Association of World Historians (AAWH), and the newly-formed African Network in Global History / Réseau Africain d’Histoire Mondiale (ANGH/RAHM). In addition, the Network of Global and World History Organizations (NOGWHISTO), a federation of these continental organizations, is a candidate for membership in the UNESCO-affiliated International Committee for Historical Sciences (CISH). Further, on the issue of professional development for teachers, the Center works closely with the National Council for History Education (NCHE).

Programs of Study.
Graduate study.
Empires in World History. The core seminar (HIST 2716) was taught in Spring 2009 by a faculty of six led by Pat Manning, with 9 students (8 in History, 1 in Religious Studies).
Interdisciplinary Methodology. This advanced course (HIST 2001) was taught in Fall 2009 by Pat Manning, with 18 students (9 in history, 6 in English, 2 in Education, 1 in Linguistics). The success of this course led to explorations of working with Global Studies to create a systematic space at the university for interdisciplinary study at the graduate and faculty level.

Undergraduate study.
World History survey. HIST 0700 was taught for the first time in Spring 2009 (by Pat Manning), with 80 students. It was taught in Fall 2009 with 40 students (by Tom Anderson), and will now be taught regularly.
Additional courses. HIST 1017, Globalization and History, was taught Spring 2008 and Spring 2009 by Dick Oestreicher and Evelyn Rawski, and will be taught again in Fall 2010. Two further world history courses were approved during 2009: HIST 1705, Major Works in World History; and HIST 1715, Empires in the Modern World. These courses are to be taught beginning in 2010
Internships. Beginning Spring 2009, two undergraduate students each semester work as interns at the Center for course credit. In Spring 2009 Ashley Kuzma and Dana Stiles analyzed the teaching of world history; in Fall 2009 Urie Kline and Christopher Dowling developed a bibliography on empires in world history.

Secondary teaching.
Teaching World History. An overall program, including curriculum development, pre-service teacher preparation, general workshops for Pittsburgh-area teachers, contracted workshops with school districts in Western Pennsylvania, contacts with
the state department of education, and work to achieve federal legislation in support of professional development in world history. Collaborators at Pitt are to include the School of Education, Department of History, Global Studies Program, and Institute For Learning.

Transatlantic Slave Trade. Workshop spring 2009.
The World History Center, The School of Education and the Global Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh Present:
"Free at Last? Pittsburgh’s Place in the Atlantic World"
Saturday, April 25, 2009, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh Public Schools. (1) Initial consultation, in June, of Center and PPS to review PPS world history curriculum. (2) Three workshops for PPS world history teachers in September, presented by WHC director Manning. (3) Proposal for 2-week summer workshop for PPS world history teachers plus a year of follow-up developed; under consideration by the Grable Foundation.

Allegheny Intermediate Unit. Initial contacts made to explore possibilities for world history professional development program for teachers in schools of Allegheny County.

Research.
Grant applications –
Mellon. In collaboration with the University Press and the Department of History and Philosophy of Science, the Center applied for a major publication program in World History of Science. The proposal was awarded a total of roughly $750,000, including the award of roughly $170,000 to the Center.
NEH. “The World-Historical Dataverse: An Online Tool for Global Studies.” With Patrick Manning as PI, an application was submitted through GSPIA to the National Endowment for the Humanities Digital Humanities Start-up Grant. The proposal was to support programming of a merged-dataset interface for the Dataverse. It was not funded.
SSRC. “World History.” With Patrick Manning as PI, an application was submitted to the Social Science Research Council in its Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship program, with the purpose of leading a collaborative summer dissertation workshop in world history. It was not funded.

World-Historical Dataverse
Staff. Project co-director Siddharth Chandra departed Pitt to take a position at Michigan State University. He will be missed at Pitt, but continues as co-director. Johan Mohd Sani (project assistant director) worked throughout the year. Xiayi Fan worked as data assistant in the spring; Steve Gillies worked as data assistant in the fall; Tom Kapfer worked as GIS assistant in the fall.
Website. The Dataverse website was created on a Library server with the support of Tim Deliyannides of Library IT. The site was developed throughout the year under the leadership of Johan Mohd Sani. As of June, University Media Communications began work on an upgraded website by UMC, based on materials submitted by Dataverse staff. Work continues on the new site.
External portals and datasets. At the end of 2009, the site included links to 66 external data portals and 32 external dataset sites.
Pitt Archive. The Pitt Archive was defined and created during the year with the intention of becoming a major, dependable site for the hosting of world-historical data. At the end of 2009 the archive hosted 14 datasets.

Merged datasets. The purpose of the Merged Datasets section of the Dataverse is to develop an interface enabling users to combine datasets from the Pitt Archive into larger datasets.

The Dataverse Blog. Johan Mohd Sani created and designed the Dataverse Blog. At the end of 2009 he had completed four topical postings. These will be posted as soon as the new website is installed.

Annual commodity project for 2010: opium. The Dataverse project has chosen to highlight data collection on a selected commodity each year, and selected opium for 2010 and silver for 2011. Steve Gilles began work on the collection of opium data in Fall 2009.

GIS coding. In Fall 2009, Tom Kapfer began work on spatial coding for the archived datasets.

Collaborations. The Dataverse Advisory Board remained in periodic contact. The Dataverse project became part of an international discussion on developing a global historical gazetteer. The arrival of Geoffrey Bowker as Professor and Senior Scholar in Cyberscholarship in the School of Information Sciences opened new discussions and the possibility of close collaboration with faculty in SIS.

Dataverse IT employee. Discussion continued with the School of Arts & Sciences and the University Library System about the possibility of engaging a high-level IT consultant or employee to direct design and programming of Dataverse data structures.

World History of Science. The Center benefited from an award of the Andrew Mellon Foundation to the university, awarded to the University Press, the Department of History and Philosophy of Science, and the World History Center. The Center will appoint a post-doctoral fellow beginning in 2011, and the fellow will organize and direct three conferences on topics in the world history of science. Conference papers and other manuscripts will be edited for publication by the press.

World History Research Registry. The Center created the World History Research Registry, an online listing of world historical research in progress by scholars around the world. The listing went online in November, and included 17 entries by the end of 2009.

Empires in World History. An annotated bibliography of over 50 recent publications relevant to empires in world history was prepared by undergraduate interns Christopher Dowling and Urie Kline, working under the supervision of graduate student Daniel Bisbee. It was posted on the Center website in December.

Research Awards: Chaiklin and Chakraborty. The Center initiated an annual program of research awards of $2000 each to Pitt faculty members and graduate students. The initial awards went to Prof. Martha Chaiklin and to Titas Chakraborty.


World History Center Archive. The Center’s archive was reorganized, labeled, and opened for consultation, including the posting of a list of holdings on the Center website.

Events.

Global and National Events

AAWH. The Asian Association of World History held its first triennial conference in Osaka, May 29-31, with an attendance of over 200 from various parts of Asia representation from every continent. AAWH was founded in May 2009 at a meeting in Tianjin organized with the support of the Center.

ANGH/RAHM. The African Network in World History / Réseau Africain d’Histoire Mondiale was formed at a December 9-11 conference at the University of Ilorin in Nigeria. The conference was co-directed by Peter Adebayo of the University of Ilorin and Patrick Manning of the Center; further support for the conference came through implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Ilorin.

Events at Pitt

Seminar sessions

April 2, 2009
Stacy Tweedy, Postdoctoral Fellow in History
“Public Schools, Courts, and Civil Rights Consciousness-Raising—The District of Columbia”

April 14, 2009.
Akinobu Kuroda, University of Tokyo
"The Eurasian Silver Century, 1276-1359"
Sponsored by the World History Center and Asian Studies Center.

Sept. 23, 2009
Diego Olstein (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Visiting Scholar
"Political Regimes: Classifications, Criticism, and the Formulation of a New Concept"

Sept. 30, 2009 World History Seminar
Diego Olstein (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Visiting Scholar
"Two Waves of Globalization amidst Three Waves of Anti-Hegemonic Party States".

Nov. 4, 2009
Diego Olstein (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Visiting Scholar
Diego Olstein, "Macro-Histories: Two Bridges for Two Gaps"

Nov. 10, 2009
Diego Olstein (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Visiting Scholar

Brown Bag Lunches
Tom Anderson led brown bag discussions on concepts in world history for History faculty and graduate students on September 29 and November 9; he scheduled additional sessions for Spring 2010.

Asia in World History workshops, sponsored by WHC and NCTA

Feb. 24, 2009
Johan Eleverskog, Southern Methodist University
"Beyond Chinggis Khan: Mongol Connections with the World of Islam"

Oct. 6, 2009
Stewart Gordon, University of Michigan
“Networks and Routes: New approaches to connected history.”
Nov. 9, 2009
John Blair and Jerusha McCormack of St. Francis University, Loretto, PA
"Focusing World History Through a Comparison of China and the West."

Dataverse Seminar
March 5, 2009
Patricia Seed, Department of History, University of California – Irvine
“Mapping West Africa: Defining Peoples, an Ocean, and a Continent”

April 9, 2009
Ruth Mostern, University of California – Merced
“Mapping the Past: New Insights from Spatial History, With Examples from China and the Silk Road”

Other Public Events
Sept. 24, 2009
Diego Olstein (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Visiting Scholar
Graduate Seminar on "Political Regimes in the 20th Century"

Oct. 1, 2009
Diego Olstein (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Visiting Scholar
"The History of Globalization and the Political Regimes during the Short Twentieth Century"
Global Studies Public Lecture, sponsored by Global Studies Program and WHC

Nov. 5, 2009
Diego Olstein (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Visiting Scholar
Seminar on "Three Waves of Anti-Hegemonic Party States"

Nov. 12, 2009
Diego Olstein (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Visiting Scholar
"A Global View on the History of Humanity"
Global Studies Public Lecture, sponsored by Global Studies Program and WHC

Planned Events at Pitt
World History PhD Workshop, June 9-22, 2010. For 10-12 graduate students selected from applicants, mentored by Patrick Manning (University of Pittsburgh), Adam McKeown (Columbia University), and Heather Streets-Salter (Washington State University)

Biennial Conference of the Association for the Worldwide Study of the African Diaspora (ASWAD), November 2011