Outstanding steps:

The third full year of the World History Center at Pitt has been a busy time, with many important steps forward. Here are brief statements of some of the highlights, presented in the usual categories of Center programs and activities.

- **Collaborations.** The Center tightened its close relationship with Pitt’s Global Studies Center and maintained its activity in NOGWHISTO (the Network of Global and World History Organizations), including activities in concert with NOGWHISTO affiliates on all five major continents.

- **People.** Diego Holstein, Associate Director of the Center, became Acting Director for the 2012-2013 academic year, while Director Patrick Manning was on leave. The Center benefited from the arrival of two major new appointees: Molly Warsh began her appointment as Assistant Professor of History; Kai Cao began a two-year appointment as Postdoctoral Associate for the World-Historical Dataverse, in which he is working as the technical lead on the world-historical archive funded by NSF. Elizabeth Campbell resigned her position as World History Center Postdoctoral Associate in order to take a position in the Department of History at the American University in Iraq, Suleimani; and Daniel Rood resigned his position as the Mellon Postdoctoral Associate in World History of Science to accept a position as Assistant Professor of History at the University of Georgia, Athens. Sanjana Ravi, an MA candidate in the Graduate School of Public Health, was awarded a graduate fellowship for Fall 2012, for research on interdisciplinary theory, supported by funding from the Office of the Provost. Research associates who visited the Center included Akina Kobayashi of Hosei University, Japan; Torsten Feys of Ghent University, Belgium; and Wu Chen-han of Cengchi University, Taiwan.

- **Research.** The Collaborative for Historical Information and Analysis (CHIA) won an award from the National Science Foundation for $600,000. This project for construction of a world-historical dataset included the World-Historical Dataverse (the Pitt affiliate of CHIA) and collaborators at Harvard University, Boston University, Michigan State University, and the University of California – Merced. In addition, research continued on a project linking U.S. data on disease, climate, and demography, with a major report in April. In addition, the Office of the Provost provided $40,000 in funding for the 2012-2013 academic year to the World-Historical Dataverse project.


- **Programs of Study.** The Department of History approved the proposal for a graduate theme in world history; further plans were developed for proposing a graduate certificate in world history.
- **Teaching World History.** The Teaching World History collaborative continued its work at Pitt. In addition, the collaborative led in developing a successful proposal to the Social Science Research Council, gaining $75,000 in support for launching a national Alliance for Curriculum and Professional Development in World History, in association with the National Center for History in the Schools (UCLA) and Cal State University Long Beach.

Continuing activities of the Center included presentations in the World History Seminar and Dataverse Design Seminar sessions, updates of the Center and Dataverse websites, development of the World History Research Registry, awards of research and travel grants, and launching of the World History of Science initiative. These and other activities for the year 2012 appear in the full report below, in sections parallel to those on the World History Center website (www.worldhistory.pitt.edu).

**About Us: Center Headquarters.**

Office. The Center office is at 3900 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, adjacent to the History Department. Advisory Board. The World History Center Advisory Board, initially appointed in 2009, has responsibility for general overview and especially for making awards in competitions for Research Awards, Travel Awards, and Visiting Scholars. Advisory Board members for Spring 2012 were Reid Andrews (History), John Markoff (Sociology), John Myers (Education), Dick Oestreicher (History), and Evelyn Rawski (History). Board members in Fall 2012 were Martha Chaiklin (History), Nancy Condee (Global Studies), Diego Holstein (History), and Dick Oestreicher (History).

Staff. Katie Jones completed her third full year as Administrator of the Center.

Dataverse. Staff employed on the Dataverse project for 2012 (working on an hourly basis) included graduate students Xi Zhang (Sociology), Yongxu Huang (Public Health), and Erin Jenkins (Public Health).

Bibliography. Pittsburgh Promise Intern Kathleen Monti, a student in Pitt’s Masters in Library and Information Science program, completed her academic year of service as a paid intern at the Center in Spring 2012. She launched the Center’s program in world history bibliography by preparing interlinked bibliographies on the history of Japan, Korea, China, and Russia. Additional bibliographical work was completed by undergraduate interns.

Interns. Undergraduate interns during Fall semester 2012 at the World History Center, all majors in History, included Sophia Taborski, Rachel Gatey, and Victoria Smith.

Conferences. The following conferences were sponsored or cosponsored by WHC:

- “World-Historical Dataverse Colloquium,” at Pitt on March 27, 2012 (see the Research section below).
- “Narrating the World: Global History, Literature, Pedagogy,” at Pitt April 6, 2012, in collaboration with the Humanities Center and Global Studies Center,
- “Migration and population in Africa and the Middle East,” May 18-21, Rabat, Morocco. In collaboration with the University of Leiden.
- World History Dissertation Workshop. The Center provided financial and logistical support for the Third World History Dissertation Workshop, held at Northeastern University in July 2012 under the leadership of Heather Salter (Northeastern) in association with Peer Vries (University of Vienna).
University Affiliation. The Center’s principal affiliation is with the Department of History, especially in graduate and undergraduate teaching and research. The Center is also an affiliate of the Global Studies Center (GSC) and participated in GSC’s successful application to become a Title VI National Resource Center, 2010-2014. In addition, the Center is an affiliate of the University Center for International Studies (UCIS). Further, in 2011 the Center participated in the Teaching World History consortium, which provides professional development activities for teachers in association with the Department of History, School of Education, and Global Studies Center.

Worldwide Collaboration. The Center has a formal role in several international organizations of world historians.

- The Network of Global and World History Organizations (NOGWHISTO), a federation of these continental organizations, has since 2010 been the world-historical affiliate of the UNESCO-affiliated International Committee for Historical Sciences (CISH).
- In collaborations around the world, the World History Center maintained its close association with the Network of Global and World History Organizations (NOGWHISTO) and its five continental affiliates.
  - Latin America. Continued discussion with Prof. Sergio Serulnikov of the Universidad San Andrés in Buenos Aires, the chair of the Latin American Organizing Committee for NOGWHISTO; he is to lead in organizing a regional conference in Buenos Aires during 2013.
  - Africa. WHC Director met in Paris (in May) with Lazare Ki-Zerbo to continue developing plans for an August 2013 conference of the African Network in Global History to be held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
  - Europe. Visit and April 17 World History Seminar presentation at Pitt by Katja Naumann of Leipzig University, a leader in the European Network In Global and Universal History.
  - Asia. The Center supported Prof. Rila Mukherjee of Hyderabad University for participation at the April 2012 meeting of the Asian Association of World Historians in Seoul.
- Global Studies. Patrick Manning attended the annual conference of the Global Studies Consortium in Melbourne, June 16-17, representing the dual affiliation of the Global Studies Center and World History Center at Pitt. At the meeting, Manning agreed to the recommendation that the 2015 international meeting of the consortium be in Pittsburgh.
- World History Network (WHN). The WHN, a nonprofit organization focusing on building global connections in world history,

Research.

**World-Historical Dataverse and CHIA.** This is the principal research project of the World History Center. The full annual report of the Dataverse project is found on its website, at www.dataverse.pitt.edu. Here are highlights of that report:

- “World-Historical Dataverse Colloquium,” at Pitt on March 27, 2012. A one-day conference on current research to create a world-historical dataset.
Preparation of a proposal to the National Science Foundation in response to an initiative on “Building Community and Capacity in Data-Intensive Research” (BCC) for social and behavioral sciences.

September 2012 award of $606,000 for three years of research from the BCC program to a consortium including Pitt, Harvard, Michigan State, Boston University, and University of California – Merced, with headquarters at Pitt.

Monthly meetings of CHIA Executive Committee, online.

Initial development of the online *Journal of World-Historical Information*, to be published online (at http://jwhi.pitt.edu) by the University Library System, and to begin publishing in January 2013.

Collaborative research to link U.S.-based data on disease, climate, and population, with researchers from the Graduate School of Public Health, Department of Geology and Planetary Science, Department of Sociology, and Department of History.

Interdisciplinary Theory. Research conducted by Sanjana Ravi, a graduate student in Public Health, in association with Prof. Manning, funded by the Office of the Provost.

Collaboration with the Computer Science Department for work by CS1630 class on a prototype for the World-Historical Dataverse archive.

Periodic meetings of the World-Historical Dataverse project.

**World History Postdoctoral Fellowship.** Elizabeth Campbell (PhD University of Washington, 2010), completed the first year of her two-year appointment June 2012, after a successful year of research and teaching. She then resigned to take up a position in the Department of History at the American University in Iraq, Suleimani. She was not replaced during 2012-2013, but the position will be filled in Fall 2013.

**World History of Science.** Postdoctoral Associate Daniel Rood (PhD University of California – Irvine, 2010) completed the first year of appointment as Mellon Postdoctoral Associate in World History of Science in June 2012. He led in planning and announcing a conference on “Linnaean Worlds: Scientific Development in the Age of the Great Divergence, 1750-1850,” held at Pitt on May 4-5, 2012. He then resigned to accept a position as Assistant Professor of History at the University of Georgia. He continues work as co-editor of the conference volume. He was not replaced during 2012-2013, but the position will be filled in Fall 2013.

**Visiting Scholar.** The Visiting Scholar for 2012-2013, appointed by the Advisory Board in October 2011, is to be Gerard McCann, Lecturer in international and transnational history at the University of York in England, for work on his book project, “From littorals to liberalization: India and Africa since the nineteenth century.” Dr. McCann will visit at the Center in the Spring semester of 2013.

**World History Research Registry.** The Center created the World History Research Registry in 2009. This online listing of world historical research in progress by scholars around the world included 17 entries by the end of 2010. Unfortunately, errors in the Center website made the Research Registry unavailable to viewers during much of 2011. The registry is expected to be available online in early 2013.

**Empires in World History.** In collaborative research, graduate student Dan Bisbee and Prof. Patrick Manning continued work on a review essay on ten major works on empires in world history that have appeared since 2004.

**Research Awards.** The Center’s annual program of research provides awards each spring of $2000 each to Pitt faculty members and graduate students. Awards were made to two graduate students, Justin Classen and Isaac Curtis.
**World History Center Archive.** The Center’s archive, opened for consultation in 2009, remained accessible.


**Programs of Study.**

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Graduate Travel Awards. Awards of $250 were granted in April to Brian Shaev and Titas Chakraborty

Undergraduate study: courses offered in 2

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Internships. Undergraduate students continue to work each semester as interns at the Center for course credit. Undergraduate interns during Fall semester 2012 at the World History Center, all majors in History, included Sophia Taborski, Rachel Gatey, and Victoria Smith.

**Teaching World History (TWH).** The TWH collaborative—including the World History Center, Department of History, Global Studies Center and School of Education—has been expanding its activities step by step since 2008. A set of six Saturday workshops on teaching world history during 2010-2011 were an early high point. Three such workshops took place during 2011-2012, but thereafter workshops have been postponed for reasons both at Pitt and in the schools. At Pitt the various participants have undergone changes in personnel; in the schools, the economic crisis has undermined the ability of teachers and school districts to support investment in improved teaching.

**Award from Social Science Research Council and British Council.** The World History Center, in partnership with the National Center for History in the Schools (UCLA) and the Department of History at Cal State University Long Beach, was awarded $75,000 for a one-year grant in the “Our Shared Past” initiative designed to advance curriculum and professional development in world history. The award was for creation of an “Alliance for Curriculum and Professional Development in World History.” The Alliance is to be created through two conferences: at UCLA (November 9-10, 2012) and at Pitt (May 31 – June 1, 2013). It will result in an ongoing program of support for curriculum advance, professional development, and research in the teaching of world history. The associated website, to open in summer 2013, will be based at Pitt.
Events of the World History Center, 2011.

Global and National Events

The Center director attended the following international meetings to facilitate the development of NOGWHISTO and its affiliates:

- ESSHC, Glasgow
- African population, Rabat
- ANGH, Paris
- Posthumus Institute, Amsterdam
- Global Studies Consortium, Melbourne
- IMEHA, Ghent

Events at Pitt – WHC as sponsor or principal co-sponsor

Conferences and workshops

World-Historical Dataverse Colloquium
March 17. Pittsburgh Athletic Association.

Conference on World History, Art, and Literature
April 6, 2012, Humanities Center
Sponsored by Humanities Center, Global Studies Center, & World History Center

First Annual Conference in the World History of Science
Linnaean Worlds: Global Scientific Practice during the Great Divergence, 1750-1850
May 4-5, 2012, University Club.

Events in other venues– WHC as sponsor or principal co-sponsor

African Migration Conference
Rabat, Morocco, May 19-21, 2012
Sponsored by World History Center, Leiden University, International Institute of Social History

Third Annual Dissertation Workshop
Northeastern University, July 22 - August 5
Sponsored by Department of History, Northeastern University and World History Center

Alliance for Curriculum and Professional Development in World History
UCLA, November 9-10, 2012.
Sponsored by World History Center, UCLA, and Cal State Univ. Long Beach, under a grant from the Social Science Research Council and the British Council

World History Seminar Presentations

Diego Holstein, University of Pittsburgh - World History Center
"Global Horizons: Macrohistories for the Global Age"
January 11, 2012 (Wednesday), 3703 Posvar Hall 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Mario Pereira, University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth
"Portuguese Expansion and Cross-Cultural Artistic Exchange”
March 20, 2012 2:00 – 3:30, 3703 Posvar Hall
Video available online from “Past Events,” WHC website
Katja Naumann, Leipzig University
"World History: Something new under the sun? Glimpses of the U.S. American Development"
April 17, 2012 2:00 – 3:30, 3703 Posvar Hal
Video available online from “Past Events,” WHC website

Alan Morris, University of Cape Town
"Prehistoric Murder: interfacing history, forensics and archaeology"
October 17, 2012 (Wednesday); 3703 Posvar Hall 4:00 - 5:30
Paper available online from “Past Events,” WHC website

Daniel Margócsy, Hunter College, City University of New York
"Commercial visions: Building a global marketplace for scientific knowledge in the Dutch Golden Age"
November 1, 2012 (Thursday); 4130 Posvar Hall 4:00 – 5:30

Torsten Feys, Ghent University - FWO Belgium
“Carriers or barriers to human mobility? Shipping companies and the rise of modern border controls at a local, national and global scale (1882-1930)”
November 14, 2012 (Wednesday); 4130 Posvar Hall 4:00 – 5:30

Teaching World History
Why events slowed this year.

Other Teacher events
Asia in World History Workshop. Presented in conjunction with the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) and the Global Studies Center (UCIS)
Dr. Constantine Vaporis, University of Maryland - Baltimore County
"Japan and its world: Late Edo Period and Today"
March 24, 2012 (Saturday) 4130 Posvar Hall 9:30 - Noon

World Historical Dataverse Monthly Meetings, 2012-2013
Patrick Manning (History)
“Big Data in History: A World-Historical Archive”
Wednesday, October 10, 2012. 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., 502 Information Science
Paper available online at “Past Events,” World-Historical Dataverse website

Patrick Manning (History) and Sanjana Ravi (Public Health)
“Social Science Theory and the CHIA Archive”
Wednesday, December 5, 2012. 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., 502 Information Science
Paper available online at “Past Events,” World-Historical Dataverse website

Events Co-sponsored by the WHC
John Brooke, Ohio State University
“The Contours of History in the Holocene:
Climate and the Fortunes of Human Societies since 10,000BC”
Newton’s Shadow: Francesco Algarotti and the Passion For Science in the Eighteenth Century. The A. W. Mellon Distinguished Lectures in the History of Science

Presented by: Paula Findlen, Ubaldo Pierotti Professor of Italian History, Sanford University.
Organized in Cooperation with University of Pittsburgh Press, and the Department of History and Philosophy of Science.

Lecture one: "Newton’s Prisms: Why Francesco Algarotti Become an Experimental Philosopher"
October 22, 2012 (Monday) Center for Philosophy of Science, 917 CL 5:00

Lecture two: "Writing A Scientific Bestseller: The Making of Newtonianism for Ladies"
October 24, 2012 (Wednesday) Center for Philosophy of Science, 917 CL 5:00

Lecture three: "Science in the Mirror of Enlightenment Europe: Francesco Algarotti and the Remaking of a Cosmopolitan Book"
October 25, 2012 (Thursday) Frick Fine Arts Auditorium (Reception to follow in the Cloisters) 5:00

Conference: “Early Modern Medicine and Natural Philosophy”
November 2-4, 2012.
Center for Philosophy of Science, Organized by Peter Distelzweig.

Roundtable: "Crusade after the Crusades: Conquest, Colonialism, Contact Zones"
November 9, 2012. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm CL 602
This event is organized by Renate Blumenfeld-Kosinski (French and Italian) and Bruce L. Venarde (History)

"Tahiti and the Global Eighteenth Century"
Lynn Festa, Rutgers University.
November 13, 2012, 5 p.m. Humanities Center
Co-sponsored by Eighteenth-Century Studies at Pitt, the Humanities Center, Departments of English and French & Italian.