



## Remarks from the President

I am honored to join the ranks of past presidents of the Peace History Society and to work with the dedicated board and members. This has always been an organization of involved and active academics. From the founders to the present day, the PHS works because members care about keeping the organization active and vital. Many people have worked hard over the last few years to maintain the PHS. I am especially grateful to Michael Foley for all his work on PHS in the past year. The PHS is alive and well, with some exciting events and changes for the coming year. Additional information on all these topics will be found in this newsletter.

## Membership

Although our current paid membership figures are lower than in previous years, I have every expectation that we will be able to turn that around. Board members will be writing to those members who have not paid dues for awhile, encouraging everybody to renew their membership with PHS. We have had to raise dues by \$5 this year, but this is the first rise in many years. Members will still receive 4 issues per year of our excellent journal, *Peace and Change*, the PHS Newsletter, and access to our conferences. To make it even easier to join PHS, Mike Foley has established a secure, on-line payment service; all you need is a credit card (see p. 4). If you do need to rejoin PHS, check out the on-line service at <http://www.berry.edu/phs/>. I encourage everybody to pay up their 2003 dues as soon as possible!

Members are also needed to participate in the organization beyond paying dues. There are many ways members can work to promote PHS. Get your friends and colleagues to join, propose papers and panels at the conferences, propose articles for *Peace and Change*, write for this newsletter, volunteer to help organize upcoming conferences, serve on the board and prize committees, and distribute our brochure.

## Conferences

The next PHS conference will be held at Central Michigan University this coming April. Thanks to the fabulous work of Robbie Lieberman and Ian Lekus as program chairs and Mitch Hall, our host at CMU, this year's conference will be a great success. I hope all members will be able to attend to hear papers on a wide range of topics. You can see the conference program and register on line through the PHS website. There are already plans in the works for PHS conferences in 2004, 2005, and 2006. I hope we will be able to make annual PHS conferences a new tradition. In 2004, the theme of the American Historical Association's annual meeting will be on War and Peace. As an AHA affiliate, the PHS will have panels and events at the conference in Washington, D.C. Harriet Alonso, former PHS vice-president, will serve on the AHA program committee. There are also plans to host an information table and a reception at the conference to spread news of the PHS. Several PHS members have already proposed panels and papers for the upcoming conference.

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## Coming Soon to a Website Near You:

### H-Peace

Over the past few months, a small group of PHS members have been working to develop a new H-Net network; H-Peace. As with the other H-Net networks, H-Peace will electronically link a large and diverse community of scholars, educators and activists. The listserv's regular announcements, book reviews, and symposiums will provide a convenient way to share information on topics related to Peace History and Peace Studies, and will help facilitate communication among PHS members and other scholars. Easy to use and to subscribe to, H-Peace will be readily accessible to anyone with a computer and a modem (for those of you not familiar with H-Net, go to <http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/> and take a look around). We're excited about inaugurating this web-based resource dedicated to peace concerns, and believe that it will serve a vital scholarly and political need during this time of impending war.

We have defined H-Peace's focus in the broadest of terms. As the official mission statement explains, H-Peace will address issues of non-violent theory and practice; disarmament, arms control, and international peacekeeping campaigns; state-sponsored as well as grassroots efforts to promote peace, social justice and human rights; peace culture and education; the impact of gender, race, class, sexuality, nationality, and ethnicity on global conflicts; and the pursuit of non-violent alternatives to war and violence. In other words, there should be something for everybody on the site. And, of course, it will be the subscribers themselves, through their queries and announcements, who will ultimately determine the primary discussion topics.

H-Peace has just passed through H-Net's first approval stage and we will soon begin developing the website and launching the listserv. If all goes well, we should have the site up and running by late winter or early spring. We've recruited a great advisory board of Peace History scholars who will help keep the network on track, but are looking for a few more people willing to serve as either listserv or book review editors. H-Net provides the necessary training; all you need are some basic computer literacy skills. If this seems

like a project you'd be interested in participating in, please contact Marian Mollin ([mmollin@vt.edu](mailto:mmollin@vt.edu)) for more information. In the meantime, keep your eyes peeled for announcements about H-Peace's inauguration.

Marian Mollin

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### Announcements

\*\*PHS Conference, April 25-27, 2003

Topic: "Peace Work: The Labor of Peace  
Activism, Past, Present, and Future"

Where: Central Michigan University  
Mt. Pleasant, MI

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Central Michigan University,  
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\*\*AHA Annual Meeting, January 8-11, 2004

Theme: "War and Peace: History and the Dynamics  
of Human Conflict and Cooperation"

Where: Washington, DC

Information: <http://www.theaha.org/annual/2004/cfp2004.htm>

### Recent Publications by PHS Members

\*\*Frances Early and Kathleen Kennedy (eds.),  
Athena's Daughters: Television's New Women  
Warriors (Syracuse University Press, 2003)

\*\*Harriet Alonso, Growing Up Abolitionist: The  
Story of the Garrison Children (Univ. of MA Press,  
2002)

\*\*Peter van den Dugen and Lawrence Wittner have  
co-edited a special issue of the Journal of Peace Re-  
search (due out in July) which is devoted to peace  
history and titled "Grassroots and Elite Ap-  
proaches to Peacemaking" and will include articles  
by members Irene Andersson, Scott Bennett, Mary  
Montgomery, Klaus Schlichtmann, Gunter Wer-  
nicke, and Lawrence Wittner.

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### **Publications and Communication**

For the last three years, Mitch Hall has been the dedicated editor of the PHS Journal, *Peace and Change*. Mitch has done a superb job, producing scholarly and informative issues of the journal. He has now resigned from that position and deserves all our thanks for his work. We are in the process of finding one or two new editors to take on this job. With this issue of *PHS News*, we welcome Tim Smith as the new newsletter editor. Tim is Professor of History at Barry University, where he serves as Chair of History and Political Science and is a PHS board member. Thanks to his efforts, the newsletter will now be back on a regular schedule.

Christy Snider of Berry University is the PHS Web Site Editor. Christy has done a great job producing the PHS presence on the Web. She continually updates the site with news about the organization, peace history in general, and announcements of interest in the field. Links to the conference program and an on line registration form may be found at the web site.

Thanks go to four PHS members, Scott Bennett, Ian Lekus, Marian Mollin, and Christy Snider, for establishing a new listserv, H-Peace, dedicated to peace history, which will be unveiled in the near future (see p. 2). H-Peace will be available through H-Net, Humanities and Social Sciences Online. Although H-Peace will not be officially connected to the PHS, we will be able to communicate through the listserv to make announcements about PHS conferences and other news.

In the last few months, some news about PHS business has been distributed to the membership through email. If you are renewing your membership, be sure to include your current email address.

### **Awards and Prizes**

We were all saddened to learn of the death of past president Scott Bills in the fall of 2001. Scott was well-known to many of you and will be sorely missed. He served as president of PHS from 1999-2000. To honor his memory, his family, friends, and colleagues have established the Scott Bills Prize to encourage new scholarship in the field. (see below) The PHS conference at Central Michigan University will be dedicated to Scott's memory and scholarship.

The PHS also offers the DeBenedetti Prize in memory of the pioneering peace historian Charles DeBenedetti.

Information about this prize may be found at the PHS website. Nominations for the prize should be sent to Kathleen Kennedy, chair of the DeBenedetti Prize Committee.

The next business meeting of the PHS will be held at our conference in Michigan. I do hope you will all be able to attend and participate. Please feel free to send me your thoughts and suggestions about ways the PHS can be more effective and what role you would like to have in the organization. I look forward to working with the board and all PHS members for the next two years.

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### **The Bills Prize**

In honor of the past president of PHS, Scott L Bills, PHS is pleased to announce the following prize:

The Peace History Society will award the Scott Bills Memorial Prize Bi-Annually for the best English-language work in the field of Peace History. The Prize will be awarded for the best dissertation or the best first book by a faculty member or independent scholar. Dissertations defended and books published during the last two years are eligible. Previous winners are ineligible. The prize carries a cash award of \$500.

PHS hopes to make the Bills Prize a self-perpetuating endowment. PHS needs your help to make this prize succeed. If you would like to make a donation to this fund in memory of Scott, send your contributions to Michael Foley, Department of History, College of Staten Island, City University of NY, 2800 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10214. Checks should be made payable to the PHS, but clearly indicate that it is for the Bills Prize fund.

## Should the PHS Endorse Antiwar Events?

Over the last year or so, as the Bush administration has moved steadily down its anti-peace path, a question has arisen as to whether or not the PHS should take a more active role in supporting specific antiwar marches, demonstrations, and other peace events. It is a question that is not addressed in the organization's by-laws; in the past, apparently, it was been reviewed on an ad hoc basis. The current officers would like to know members' views on the subject, and Wendy Chmielewski has asked me to offer this first argument in favor of greater engagement, as a way of prompting discussion.

I believe that, as historians with expertise in the multivalent issues of war and peace, we have an obligation to speak out—individually and collectively—in these dark days. Many of us, of course, have been organizing and participating in antiwar work in our communities and in the various events in our cities. We sign petitions, write letters to elected representatives, and forward dozens of emails to one another each month. We attend demonstrations. We march. In the meantime, the Peace History Society, the organization that best represents our scholarly interests, stands silent. I think the PHS Executive Board should be empowered to decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether or not to put the organization's name forward as a sponsor or endorser of antiwar events.

The two most common arguments against such engagement are 1) that the PHS is a scholarly organization (not a political one) and should limit its activities to scholarly matters; and 2) that the organization may be tainted by its association with certain groups responsible for most of the organizing of such events. While it is true that the PHS is first a scholarly organization, we must recall that it was founded in part as a response to the drumbeat of war heard so loudly in the 1960s; that was a political birth of which we are rightfully proud. Meanwhile, as historians of peace movements, we know all too well that antiwar coalitions have historically been made up of many diverse groups, often barely held together by their shared opposition to war. Many of the sponsors of recent antiwar demonstrations have serious disagreements with International ANSWER (the main organizer of the last few large demonstrations in Washington, D.C.), for example, but still list their names among the endorsers as a way to show the Bush administration that they represent many diverse people opposed to the projected war on Iraq. By endorsing a march or demonstration, the PHS would not be endorsing the larger agenda of any particular organizing group. No. It would mean only that scholars who know something about war and peace are resisting this new war and have, as a group, joined the dissenters.

Michael Foley  
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## Comment from the Editor

Michael Foley encourages responses, both positive and negative, to his proposal that the PHS take a more active role in support of the peace movement. Feel free to send comments to this newsletter, or make your views known at the PHS conference at Central Michigan University in April.

This is the first issue of *PHS News* in a year. I hope that I can produce the newsletter with regularity. In order to do that I need your help. I need news! Please send me your comments, suggestions, news items, responses to articles, brief commentaries, etc. You can send them via email attachment or to my departmental address.

Thanks.

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## Renew Your Membership Online!

Over the last year, the PHS has had a very difficult time getting our members to renew their memberships. As a result, many members have been "carried," and continue to receive the journal and newsletter for free. We can no longer afford to do this, but in order to make the membership renewal process easier, we have taken advantage of the services of a company called Acteva, which sets up Internet payment sites for non-profit organizations. Therefore, members (and prospective members) may continue to access membership information at the PHS website, [www.berry.edu/phs/](http://www.berry.edu/phs/), but they will now see a button that will bring them to an online registration page, where one can renew with a credit card. Please note that cost increases at Blackwell, the publisher of *Peace and Change*, have caused us to raise membership rates for the first time in many years, but the individual rate is still a modest \$40, and students and retirees can renew or join at only \$25. members who decide to register on line will pay a small credit card fee (roughly \$2.60 for a regular membership), but we think the convenience is worth it. In the meantime, members may still send checks or money orders in US dollars to me at the address below. If you have not registered for 2003, please do so as soon as possible. We need the dues to cover the journal's costs. If you are not sure if you have already paid for 2003, please contact me at the email address below.

Finally, we will soon be setting up online credit card payment capability for PHS conference registration, including for the upcoming conference at Central Michigan University in April.

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