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What a Year!

by Ute Lotz-Heumann, Director and Heiko A. Oberman Professor

It is hard to believe that our year of events marking the five-hundredth anniversary of the Protestant

Reformation is over. And not only that! So many things have changed in the Division since last fall. A year ago, we were preparing to organize our anniversary program and an exhibition in Special Collections at the University of Arizona Libraries. Simultaneously, we advertised the position for the first occupant of the Susan C. Karant-Nunn Chair in Reformation and Early Modern European History. On October 31, 2017, our anniversary events reached a successful conclusion with a panel discussion in Special Collections, and my new colleague, Professor Marjorie Elizabeth (Beth) Plummer, was one of the panelists. Over the course of the year, we had a lot of fun but we also shed tears as Professor Susan Karant-Nunn, who retired from the directorship of the Division on June 30, embarked on new endeavors.

The year started out with a fascinating lecture by Susan Karant-Nunn about Martin Luther's emotions. When we saw a standing-room only audience, we knew we were off to a strong start. Many events followed, among others, an activity tent at the Tucson

Festival of Books; an Early Books Lecture in Special Collections in which Susan Karant-Nunn and I talked about two new Reformation pamphlets in the collection purchased by the Laura and Arch Brown Library Endowment; our summer lecture series about women, minorities, refugees, and the demand for social justice in the Reformation era; my own lecture on war and religion; and finally, the above-mentioned panel discussion, which included Pia Cuneo, Professor of Art History, Steve Martinson, Professor of German Studies, Roger Myers, Special Collections Librarian, Beth Plummer, and me as chair. The highlight of the year was Professor Merry Wiesner-Hanks' Town and Gown Lecture on "To the Ends of the Earth: Religious Transformations in the Age of the Reformation." Last, but certainly not least, Susan Karant-Nunn, Special Collections Librarians Roger Myers and Molly Stothert-Maurer, and I co-curated an exhibition entitled "After 500 Years: Print and Propaganda in the Reformation." This exhibit will be open until December 22, so there is still time to catch it if you have not yet seen it. I have had the great pleasure to give tours to both our new University President, Robert Robbins, and a group of visiting high-school

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I'll Be Seeing You, I Hope!

by Susan C. Karant-Nunn, Director Emerita and Regents' Professor Emerita of History

Many of you knew this was coming; it was time. I retired as Division Director and Regents' Professor of History on June 30, 2017. It strikes me as somehow fitting that, as a specialist on the social and cultural effects of the Reformation, I should step down during the five-hundredth anniversary year of the start of the Lutheran Reformation, having taken part in the Division's grand program to mark this event. Colleagues, Advisory Board members, students, and friends have sent me off with a deluge of compliments that have set me reeling: How could I be even a particle of all the wonderful things they have said? I don't believe them . . . but I thank them for wanting to honor me.

My husband and I have moved back to Portland, Oregon. Dean John Paul Jones has gained permission for me to remain on eight graduate-student committees, nevertheless. Most graciously, he has even agreed to help finance a few trips down to Tucson to be present personally, in the flesh and not via Skype, at dissertation defenses. And so, as said at the beginning, I hope very much to see you from time to time. Over these 18 years, I have formed numerous friendships, and I desire to cultivate these, even from afar. May you thrive, and may you continue to support the Division!

I could hardly leave the Division in better hands. Ute Lotz-Heumann, the Heiko A. Oberman Professor, is not only a scholar of international distinction, but her administrative judgment is, in my view, entirely sound. She is

a highly competent new Director. Luise Betterton is our indispensable Assistant Director, whose intelligence, skills, and sensibilities keep us on a high and right road. How I shall miss my daily exchanges with them! The new occupant of our second endowed chair, Beth Plummer, is a consummate addition to the faculty, both in scholarly attainment and in temperament. I could not be more confident of the Division's preparedness for a bright future.

I felt free, therefore, to withdraw to the hometown from whence I came to Tucson. I shall chart a new course, with my husband figuring prominently in my calculations. I am by far a richer person for my sojourn in Arizona, and this



Director Emerita Susan C. Karant-Nunn giving her farewell remarks

affluence has nothing to do with money! I send you my heartfelt thanks for all you have done for the Division and for me.



Back Row (from left): Hannah McClain, Rachel Small, David Neufeld, Prof. Ute Lotz-Heumann, Benjamin Miller

Front Row (from left): Annie Morphew, Director Emerita Susan Karant-Nunn, Prof. Beth Plummer, Luise Betterton, Adam Hough

Welcoming Professor Beth Plummer, the First Occupant of the Susan C. Karant-Nunn Chair in Reformation and Early Modern European History to the Division

By Ute Lotz-Heumann, Director and Heiko A. Oberman Professor

It is my great pleasure to welcome Beth Plummer to the Division as the new Susan C. Karant-Nunn Chair. Professor Plummer arrived in Tucson on August 6 and it is hard to believe that, as I write this on November 7, she has only been in the Division for three months. She is already an integral part of the team.

Professor Plummer holds a Ph.D. in early modern European history from the University of Virginia, and comes to Tucson from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY, where she was a Professor in the History Department and affiliated faculty in Religious Studies. She has also held appointments at the University of Maryland University College at Schwäbisch Gmünd in Germany, at Wingate University, NC, and at the College of Charleston, SC.

Professor Plummer is an expert on the German Reformation and Martin Luther, on confessional coexistence and toleration in the early modern period, and on gender relations in Reformation Germany. Her prize-winning book *From Priest's Whore to Pastor's Wife: Clerical Marriage and the Process of Reform in the Early German Reformation* was originally published in 2012 and has just this October been reissued in paperback. In addition to numerous articles and chapters, she has co-edited two volumes, most recently this summer *Archeologies of Confession: Writing the German Reformation, 1517-2017*. She was also one of the lead organizers of a conference on "Christians, Jews, and Muslims

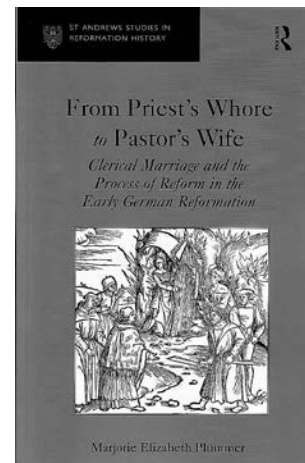
in the Reformation Era," jointly organized by the North American Society for Reformation Research and the German Society for Reformation History, which was held in Nuremberg, Germany, in mid-July. Professor Plummer's current book project focuses on multi-denominational convents in early modern Germany and the question of how nuns lived together in these communities and how they interacted with the world around them. This has led Professor Plummer to pursue the subject of religious accommodation and hybridity more broadly, and she is presently engaged in a collaborative project mapping so-called *Simultankirchen*, churches in which members of more than one Christian denomination worshipped, in early modern Germany.

Professor Plummer and I actually started planning the future of the Division in Germany in July. Before we participated in the above-mentioned conference, we met up in Nidderau, my husband's and my former hometown, to discuss our future work together. We got off to a good start over dinner and breakfast that weekend, while Professor Plummer was at the same time hunting for a new car online. Her arrival in Tucson, together with her cat named Possum, in early August meant that she was immediately thrown in the middle of the Division's activities. In spite of the fact that she was not even able to settle properly into her rental home because the moving truck arrived two weeks late, she took part in the summer lecture series and actively helped with all our fall events, not to



Professor Beth Plummer
in front of the Liebfrauen church of the
former Abbey of Überwasser in Münster

mention teaching paleography to the graduate students and helping to make the Division Facebook page a reality. Thank you, Beth, and welcome to the team!



Copies of the paperback edition of Beth Plummer's *From Priest's Whore to Pastor's Wife: Clerical Marriage and the Process of Reform in the Early German Reformation* (Routledge, 2017) also showed up in the Division in late October. This work explores how theological arguments about clerical celibacy emerged as a practical point of discussion in communities and parishes as the marriage of pastors became a key marker of adherence to the new reform movement.

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students from Nogales.

Throughout the spring semester, we interviewed candidates for the Susan Karant-Nunn Chair. In early August, Beth Plummer arrived on campus! And, of course, we did not let Susan Karant-Nunn sneak out of town quietly, as she sometimes tried to suggest. On September 20, we celebrated her numerous contributions to Tucson, the University, the College of SBS, the History Department, and the Division with a party at the Arizona Inn. This past October in Milwaukee, at the Sixteenth Century Conference, the

leading convention in our field, we honored her scholarly work in ten sessions. Susan's achievements were further recognized with the highest awards from the two professional organizations for Reformation historians: the Bodo Nischan Award for Scholarship, Civility, and Service from the Society for Reformation Research; and the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference Medal, given once every five years.

We ended the anniversary year with a new Division initiative: our very own Facebook page (@UAdlmsr),

launched on October 30. I recently read an online article arguing that people who "Like" posts on Facebook are in danger of regarding that as the equivalent of charitable giving. I am afraid I have to tell you that it is not! I hope you will find us on Facebook and enjoy reading about Reformation-era events in our "Reformation Chronicle" and tracking Division activities, but I hope you will also include the Division in your charitable giving.



We wish you and your families a happy Holiday Season



The Personal Luther

ESSAYS ON THE REFORMER FROM
A CULTURAL HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Susan C. Karant-Nunn

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The Personal Luther: Essays on the Reformer from a Cultural Historical Perspective

Susan Karant-Nunn's latest book, *The Personal Luther: Essays on the Reformer from a Cultural Historical Perspective*, was published on October 19 by Brill as part of the St. Andrews Studies in Reformation History series. In this book, she explores various aspects and interests of Martin Luther to show the personality of this complex individual. This work approaches Luther from a unique perspective and offers new insights into Luther as a father, friend, and even musician, among other roles he had beyond his work as a theologian and pastor.

Check out the table of contents at:
http://www.brill.com/products/book/personal-luther#TOC_1

Reflections on Religion, War, and the Reformation

by Annie Morpew, doctoral student

On October 4, 2017, Professor Ute Lotz-Heumann presented a lecture on war and religion in the early modern period as part of the Division's series of public lectures marking the five-hundredth anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and analytically assessing its legacies. The Reformation was not solely a theological phenomenon. The questions raised by Martin Luther in 1517, and those put forward by subsequent religious thinkers, had social, cultural, and political implications as well. In the Reformation era, religious conflicts were fought with weapons as well as words. In her lecture on the fascinating topic of religious warfare, Professor Lotz-Heumann explored the inter-Christian religious wars fought in central and western Europe between 1517, the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation, and the Thirty Years' War, which began in 1618. Central to her lecture was the question of how early modern people defined "religious" war? In the early modern period, religion was deeply woven into the fabric of society, culture, and politics and it can be difficult to ascertain which of a multitude of factors was the primary one in any given conflict.

Complicating the matter is the inseparable nature of politics and religion in the early modern period. As Professor Lotz-Heumann illustrated, "toleration" was not a virtue at the time. In the Middle Ages, both secular and religious authorities participated in punishing heretics who strayed from the orthodox doctrines of

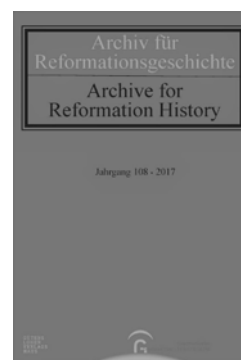


Prof. Lotz-Heumann speaking on "War and Religion in the Reformation Era"

the papal church. Heretics represented a danger to the community of true Christians because their false doctrines, if allowed to spread, threatened the immortal souls of their fellow believers. In this context, it was the duty of secular rulers to preserve the spiritual purity of the community and this mindset persisted into the Reformation era as early modern rulers pursued the ideal of a unified religious community.

Professor Lotz-Heumann illustrated that early modern rulers struggled with enforcing this religious unity, leading to a multitude of civil wars and other conflicts in which religion was a major, but never the only, factor. These wars included the Peasants' War in Germany (1524-1525), the Wars of Kappel in Switzerland (1529 and 1531), the Pilgrimage of Grace in England (1536), the French Wars of Religion (1562-1598), the Nine Year's War in Ireland (1595-1603), and the Dutch Revolt against Spain (1568-1648). Finally, nearly 400

years ago in 1618 the most destructive of these post-Reformation conflicts, the Thirty Years' War, began. Professor Lotz-Heumann's survey of these conflicts demonstrated that war, particularly religious war, was a significant legacy of the Protestant Reformation.



Volume 108 (2017) of the *Archive for Reformation History* also appeared in October. In this special volume, Ute Lotz-Heumann, European editor of the *Archive for Reformation History*, together with her North American co-editors, Brad Gregory and Randall Zachmann, brought together twenty-six essays on the current state of Reformation research written by preeminent scholars from both sides of the Atlantic.

Footnotes: A Journal of History

by Rachel Small, doctoral student

I have had the distinct pleasure of working on a new project in the University of Arizona History Department, *Footnotes: A Journal of History*. One of my most memorable experiences as a Master's student at San Francisco State was working on a student-run journal, *Ex Post Facto*. So last year, when I arrived in Tucson, I was pleased to find other graduate students who were interested in establishing a similar project here at the University of Arizona. Under the guidance of the Director of Graduate Studies, Professor Katherine Morrissey, and with financial support from the then Head of the History Department, Professor Kevin Gosner, my fellow Division student, Annie

Morphew, and I worked together to craft the basis for the journal. We spent the Fall semester of 2016 drumming up interest in the project, creating style sheets, forming an editorial team, and accepting papers from our wonderful graduate colleagues and driven undergraduate students. We worked with the University of Arizona Library to publish our journal on their digital platform, which taught us the trials and tribulations of academia moving into a new era of technology. By the end of the year, we triumphantly published, both in print and online, graduate and undergraduate student research in a wide variety of fields. The first volume included a research paper about nuns confronting the Protestant Reformation in early modern Germany, an analytical biography of

Thaddeus Stevens, and a historiography of the 1917 Russian Revolution. *Footnotes* exhibits some of the best work being produced in the department by our fellow students, and highlights the importance of history and its applications. Before we pass on the torch of managing editorship to another hardworking graduate student next year, we are toiling away to produce a second volume. Please keep an eye out for it in May 2018! We thank the university community, the History Department, and its current Head, Professor Alison Futrell, for their continued support of this endeavor! To view the journal, go to: <https://journals.uair.arizona.edu>.

Introducing Our New Graduate Student, Hannah McClain, B.A. University of Arizona

By Benjamin Miller, Master's student

This Fall, the Division is pleased to welcome its newest Master's student, Hannah McClain. Hannah is a native of Tucson, and so has already developed strategies for coping with one of Southern Arizona's unique trials: its almost Dantean heat. For her undergraduate degree, Hannah went to the University of Arizona to study sociology, and became enamored with comparative historical sociology and the study of religion. During the final years of her degree, however, Hannah began to realize that some of the questions she was interested in asking were more easily answered when encountered through the perspectives and methods offered by the discipline of history proper. I asked Hannah how she became aware of this, and she told me that her interest in history as a discipline

and as a possible career solidified when taking classes in early modern history, among them an undergraduate course on the "History of Christianity" by Cory Davis, doctoral candidate in the Division, and a graduate course on "Healing the Sick: Medicine and Society in Early Modern Europe," taught by Professor Ute Lotz-Heumann. After several years considering her options while working various jobs, Hannah decided to return to her alma mater, and the Division, for an M.A. in history. Hannah is interested in the British Isles during the Reformation, and especially in Catholic links to the Continent. She hopes to bring her expertise in sociology and religious studies into conversation with her newly-gained historical methodology, and to use them both to study the life of religious exiles—



particularly monks and nuns—from the British Isles on the Continent. Of particular interest to Hannah is how these persecuted wanderers were shaped by their feelings of exile. We are excited to have you with us, Hannah!



Obituaries

Farewell To a Friend and Public Servant

Sandra Soto Hatfield, a member of the Division's Board of Advisors and Fund-Raising Committee, died in her home in Huntington, West Virginia, on September 13, 2017. Resident in Tucson, with her husband C. Donald Hatfield, former publisher and editor of the *Tucson Citizen*, Sandy promoted the establishment of the Heiko A. Oberman Endowed Chair in Late Medieval and Reformation History. As a published poet (*Songs from the Night Blooming Garden*) and a pianist who understood the indispensability of the humanities, social sciences, and fine arts to the human soul and livelihood, she lent her energy, imagination, and treasure to Division fund-raising over a period of years. She continued to support the Division in absentia, after her move to West Virginia.

Apart from the Division and the University of Arizona more broadly, Sandy tirelessly served the Tucson community. She strove for, among many others, the Tucson Symphony, the Arizona Theatre Company, the

Tucson Museum of Art, and the Community Food Bank. In West Virginia, she was named to the Governor's Commission on the Disabled and the West Virginia Disabilities Council; she was president of the Huntington chapter of the Alliance Française. She lent herself unstintingly to improving the human condition.

Sandy is survived by her husband Don. She was predeceased by her three children.

In Memoriam

Barbara "Bobbe" Rosenberg, longtime generous benefactor together with her late husband George to the Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies, died on May 17 at her home in Tucson. Originally from Macomb, IL, she attended Bennington College, and moved with her family to a ranch in Oracle, AZ. From there she commuted to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base where she was a wartime secretary for George Rosenberg, the man she would eventually marry. Many will always remember her as the warm and consummate manager of the Gift Shop at the Arizona Inn. Bobbe served on the boards of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona. She is survived by her five children, Barbara, Robert, Emily, Philip, and Debby; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The Division is most fortunate to count her and her husband George among its friends and supporters.



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