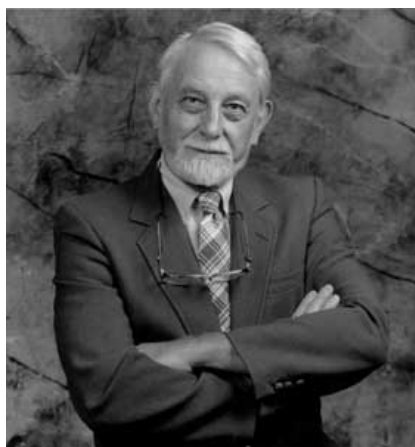


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**Prof. Rudolph J. Vecoli**

## Director Rudolph Vecoli to retire in 2005 after 38 years leading IHRC

Professor of History and Director of the IHRC Rudolph J. Vecoli has announced his retirement, effective July 2005. He has headed the Immigration History Research Center for 38 years. During his tenure, its research collections and outreach programs have grown manifold, especially since its 2000 move to the new Elmer L. Andersen Library on the West Bank campus.

At the time of the IHRC's inception in 1965, Vecoli served on a national advisory board. In 1967 he took the reins, and, as his stature grew as a scholar and teacher of immigration history, particularly that of Italian Americans, so did the prominence of the IHRC as a resource for researchers from around the world for the study of immigrant and ethnic life.

Under Vecoli's leadership, the Center has undertaken a wide array of research initiatives, conferences and seminars, publications, exhibits, and programs for educators and the public. Among the IHRC's noted endeavors over the years:

- A Center-sponsored national preservation project, begun in 1977, to help **save the records of ethnic fraternal benefit associations**. Two useful publications resulted in 1981: *Archival Care for Fraternal Records: Administrative and Policy Basics* and *Records of Ethnic Fraternal Benefit Associations in the United States: Essays and Inventories*.

- The **Philip K. Hitti Symposium** on Near Eastern American Studies: "The Arabic-Speaking Immigration to North America to World War II," held in 1983. A collection of essays was published by the Smithsonian Institution Press in 1987, *Crossing the Waters: Arabic-Speaking Immigrants to the United States before 1940*.

- A **landmark international symposium in 1986** attended by scholars from 10 countries. Selected papers were published in *A Century of European Migrations* (Urbana, Chicago: U of Illinois Press, 1991), coedited by Vecoli and Suzanne Sinke.

- The 1990 conference "**Documenting the Immigrant Experience**," which brought historians, archivists, and documentary editors together to develop a national strategy to gather, preserve, and make accessible documents for the study of immigration history. A report, *Documenting Diversity*, was distributed widely to scholars and archivists.

- The IHRC **celebrated its 30th anniversary** in 1996 with five activities, all relating to the theme "immigrant cultures and the performing arts": a film series, teachers' workshop, international conference, exhibit of arts-related archival materials, and variety show, "Echoes from the Immigrant Stage," based on music, plays, and memoirs in the archives and performed by professional actors.

- The three-year, U of MN-funded, interdisciplinary **Seminar on Race, Ethnicity, and Migration** began in 1998, cochaired by Vecoli. The seminar brought many speakers to campus and organized the international conference "Race, Ethnicity, and Migration: The United States in a Global Context," held in November 2000.

### Search for a new director

A search is under way to fill the Rudolph J. Vecoli Chair in Immigration History. The new history professor / IHRC director is expected to be named soon and assume the position in summer 2005.

### Conference next May

On May 13–14, 2005, the History Department and IHRC will host a conference on the status of immigration history research that honors Professor Vecoli's career. It will look at the past, present, and future of immigration scholarship, with a particular focus on the contributions of scholars from the U of MN to this field.

Each conference session will be structured to include attention to previous migrations of the period through the mid-20th century and the "new" migration of the late 20th century through the present..

Both graduate students and established scholars will participate. Watch for details

Tentative session titles:

Friday, May 13, 2005

- 1: "Against the Melting Pot," Immigration History and Historiography
- 2: Gender and Family in Immigrant Communities
- 3: Transnational Identities and Communities

Saturday, May 14, 2005

Roundtable 1: Immigrant Community Organizing

Roundtable 2: Language, Literature, and Bilingualism

Workshop: Documenting the Immigrant Experience

*Best wishes  
for 2005  
from the staff  
of the IHRC*

## Collection Development

Two extraordinary collections donated recently:

**The papers and library of Prof. A. William Høglund**, scholar of Finnish American history and professor emeritus at the U of Connecticut, Storrs.

The over-400 linear feet of books, pamphlet, newspapers, periodicals, correspondence, and research files will be described more fully in a future issue of *IHRC News Online*; the scope and depth of its information on the Finnish experience in America is unparalleled.

**American Fund for Czechoslovak Refugees** (New York, N.Y.), Records, 1948–1990, 65-lin.-ft. addition to 20 lin. ft of predominantly case files accumulated by the organization in 1948–1970.

The American Fund for Czechoslovak Refugees (AFCR), formed in 1948 following the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia, assisted refugees with their immediate needs and aided in their resettlement in and adjustment to their new homes.

Records consist of organizational correspondence, meeting minutes, annual reports, and materials generated by the US and European field offices. The materials also include documentation of AFRC resettlement work with refugees from Southeast Asia in the late 1970s and the 1980s.

### **William C. Davini papers**

William C. Davini was the founder of the UNICO scholarship program both locally and nationally, the president of UNICO national in 1947, and a St. Paul educator and coach. The first set of Davini papers, including several scrap-books of his life and accomplishments, was donated by his widow, Vera, a few years ago. His son Ralph has recently donated several supplements to the original collection.



W. C. Davini

On August 16, 2004, the Twin Cities Metro Chapter of UNICO National presented college scholarship awards to area high school seniors of Italian heritage. In June, Eugene Scartozzi of the chapter did research in the Davini papers for information on the history of the organization's scholarship program, which was used in a media presentation at the dinner on this 50th anniversary of William Davini's death.

## Announcements/Events

### **First Karni Scholarships for research aid awarded**

The IHRC made its first awards this fall of the Michael G. Karni Scholarship, established to help defray travel and research-related expenses of visiting professors, lecturers, or graduate students who will use IHRC collections in their research. The first two winners are PhD candidates **Tom Mackaman** and **Johanna Leinonen**.

**Thomas Mackaman**, PhD student at U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, is working on a comparison of strike activity, radicalism, and worker consciousness of several different immigrant groups, 1916–1924.

**Johanna Leinonen**, MA from U of Turku, Finland, is researching families in which the women were born in Finland and the men, in America. The study explores whether "Finnishness" has endured in these multicultural marriages and, if it has, how it shows up in everyday life.

For complete information on the scholarship, see <[www.ihrc.umn.edu/about/Karnischolarship.pdf](http://www.ihrc.umn.edu/about/Karnischolarship.pdf)> or contact the office.

### **Recent books researched at IHRC:**

**June Granatir Alexander**, a U of MN PhD and "one of our own star researchers," according to her former professor, Rudolph Vecoli, has published *Ethnic Pride, American Patriotism: Slovaks and other New Immigrants in the Interwar Era* (Temple U Press, July 2004). The study challenges generalizations that show conflict between tradition-bound immigrants and their American-born children. Alexander teaches Russian and East European studies at the U of Cincinnati.

**Anna Jaroszynska-Kirchmann**, who worked as a research assistant at the IHRC while pursuing her PhD in history from the U of MN, has published *The Exile Mission; The Polish Political Diaspora and Polish Americans, 1939–1956* (Athens, OH: Ohio U Press, 2004). She thanks IHRC staff for their help, in particular Professor Vecoli, who is her "mentor and friend." Jaroszynska-Kirchmann currently teaches history at Eastern Connecticut State U.

### **2005 book on Finnish-American radicalism based on IHRC collection**

The IHRC is cooperating in the publication and sale of "The Nelson Brothers; Finnish-American Radicals from the Mendocino Coast" by Allan Nelson (Mendocino, CA: Mendocino County Historical Society, forthcoming 2005).

Materials donated to the IHRC by Allan Nelson (his father, Arvid's, papers), Allan's Master's thesis about his father's life as a laborer and journalist, along with information gleaned from the exchange of letters between brothers Arvid and Enoch, when Enoch lived in Soviet Karelia, form the foundation of the book.



Contributions to the book from the IHRC are a preface by Joel Wurl and photographs from the Finnish American collection as displayed in COLLAGE (the Center's online database resource). A pre-order form is available from the IHRC.

### **Finn Forum VII, "Cultural Encounters," held October 27–30 at U of MN**

Finn Forum VII, an Interdisciplinary Conference in Finnish and Finnish-North American Studies, "Cultural Encounters: Migration, Ethnicity, and Identities," was held Oct. 27–30, 2004, at the U of MN Twin Cities. The IHRC was a sponsor.

A gala musical cabaret evening that benefitted the IHRC's endowment closed the conference on Saturday, October 30. Held at the U's Humphrey Center, the gala featured performances by a variety of talented local Finnish musicians and dancers, and an international buffet. The gala raised almost \$3,000 for the Timo Riippa Fund for Finnish American Studies.

Another highlight of the conference was the knighting and presentation to Professor A. William Høglund (wearing medal in photo, below) of Finland's White Rose medal by Consul General of Finland Osmo Lipponen (left, with wife, Cheryl) on Oct. 29, 2004, at Andersen Library.



## Update on endowment fund raising

The IHRC continues to make progress on its endowment campaign. The most recent funds established are the Louis P. Novak Fellowship in Croatian American Studies (see memorial on page 4) and the Fellowship in Finnish American Studies. The immediate overall goal is \$2 million, which will be augmented by \$500,000 from a Challenge Grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Major gifts received during the last NEH fiscal year (ended July 31, 2004) and a graph showing the funds raised through that date are in the Center's online newsletter for August, at <<http://www.ihrc.umn.edu/news/2004news/040816>>. The IHRC must still raise \$1,100,000 to reach the \$2 million goal, with a final deadline of July 31, 2006.

Gifts made to the endowment fund during the IHRC fiscal years July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2004, will be listed in the IHRC's next report on activities, to be published soon.

## Explore special collection resources at "First Friday" talks

THURS	FRI	SAT
	First Fridays at Andersen Library	

At "First Fridays" events, curators and archivists provide an insider's look at U of MN special

collections. The free and open sessions are held noon to 1 p.m., in Rm. 120 Andersen Library. Light refreshments are served.

The series is made possible by a gift from the late Gov. and Mrs. Elmer L. Andersen in honor of Dr. Edward B. Stanford, a former University Librarian. For more information, contact Dave Klaassen at <[d-klaa@umn.edu](mailto:d-klaa@umn.edu)> or 612-624-4377.

Remaining sessions in the current series:

**Feb. 4, 2005:** *History Mysteries: Finding Clues in Unexpected Places*

**March 4:** *Documents of Truth, Documents of Shame*

**April 1:** *April Fools: Hoaxes, Frauds and Tricksters*

**May 6:** *Beyond the Stereotype: Documenting Mothers and Motherhood*

## IHRC Special Presentation Oct. 12

### "Southeast Asian Families in the United States: Using a Life History Approach to Study Elders and Families"

Daniel Detzner, associate dean, academic affairs, General College; professor of Family Social Science; and former director of the Refugee Studies Center, U of MN,



spoke at Andersen Library to a large crowd on Oct. 12, 2004. Detzner is author of *Elder Voices: Southeast Asian Families in the United States* (Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press, 2004). From a reviewer: "*Elder Voices*. . . captures the vitality of spirit, resiliency, and adaptation to the severe hardships experienced in migration and living in the United States by elders from Southeast Asian families."

The talk was sponsored by the IHRC, made possible in part by the Friends of the IHRC. Cosponsors were the U of MN Asian American Studies Program and the Hmong Resource Center (a unit of the Hmong Cultural Center in St. Paul).

### Italian American immigration scholar discusses "Leaving Little Italy"



Fred Gardaphé, program director for Italian American Studies at SUNY-Stony Brook, spoke to a Twin Cities area audience on Sept. 9, 2004, at the International Institute in St. Paul. The presentation, titled "Leaving Little Italy: Legacies Real and Imagined," was hosted by the new local organization *Italcultura* (a member of the Friends of IHRC) and cosponsored by the IHRC. Gardaphé also visited the Center and met with U faculty and students of Italian programs during his stay in the Twin Cities.

Gardaphé is associate editor of *Fra Noi*, an Italian American monthly newspaper, editor of the Series in Italian American Studies at SUNY Press, and cofounding co-editor of *VIA: Voices in Italian Americana*, a literary journal and cultural review. He is also immediate past president of the American Italian Historical Association. He received a grant-in-aid to do research at the IHRC almost two decades ago.

## Staff Outreach

• Director **Rudolph Vecoli** was a member of the panel addressing "Migration, Urbanization and Immigration" at a Town meeting sponsored by Twin Cities Public TV and the Minnesota International Center held on campus Sept. 23, 2004. It was the latest in the TPT series "Small World: Population in Perspective." The event included airing of three videos that examine why people move from rural to urban areas (Haiti), results of urbanization (Bombay), and immigration (Hmong refugees in Minnesota). Two of the videos may be viewed on the TPT Web site, <<http://www.tpt.org/smallworld/urbanization.html>>.

Director Vecoli participated in the plenary session of the First Annual Italian Cultural Center Book Fair, Stone Park, IL, on Sept. 18, 2004. He spoke about the book *Rosa, the Life of an Italian Immigrant Woman*. (See feature story about the book in the June 2003 *News Online*).

• On Aug. 3-7, 2004, Curator and Asst. Director **Joel Wurl** participated in the annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists in Boston, chairing a session entitled "Diversity of Method, Unity of Purpose."

Wurl attended the 15th International Congress on Archives in Vienna, Austria, Aug. 22-27, 2004. His presentation was "Transplanted Heritage: The Legacy and Lessons of Documenting the American Immigrant Experience." He was one of some 150 participants from North America, joining over 3,000 colleagues from all parts of the world.

• Sr. Asst. Curator **Halyna Myroniuk** attended the 23rd Annual *Conference on Ukrainian Subjects* at the U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, June 16-19, 2004, "Contemporary Ukraine and Its Diaspora as Seen by Scholars in Ukraine and Abroad." Some 60 scholars from Ukraine, Europe, and North America participated.

During the meetings of the World Scholarly Council of the World Congress of Ukrainians and the American-Ukrainian Association of University Professors at the conference, historian **Lubomyr Wynar** informed the members about the rich archival resources at the IHRC and introduced Myroniuk, who spoke briefly about the Center's collections and the importance of supporting the IHRC's Ukrainian American Studies Fund.

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**Friends of IHRC**

**Annual Meeting "International Adventure"  
held Saturday, November 13, at Andersen Library**

The 27th annual meeting of the Friends of the IHRC, with an international buffet, was held Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, at the Andersen Library. The 73 members and guests who attended had a wonderful time (according to comments made to the Planning Committee afterwards). The present officers have agreed to serve another year, to provide continuity as the IHRC transitions to a new director. Pres. Don Pafko presented certificates of appreciation to four individuals who have recently left the board of directors, Mary and Homer Mantis, Ruta Praulins, and posthumously to Lou Novak (see below). For a detailed article on the event, see the November-December issue of the online newsletter.



**Louis P. Novak**  
(died July 12, 2004, at age 77)

Lou Novak, president of the Croatian Cultural Society of Minnesota and its representative on the Friends Board of Directors for 10 years (1994-2004), died of complications following heart surgery. Devoted to preserving his Croatian American heritage, he served very actively as cultural attaché for the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Croatia in Minnesota. He and his wife, Mary Ann, helped make the 2001 Friends gala Annual Meeting and silent auction fund raiser for the IHRC endowment an outstanding success. His congenial personality will be missed at board meetings.

Mary Ann Novak has established the Louis P. Novak Fellowship in Croatian American Studies at the IHRC and asked that memorials to Lou be contributed to the fund.

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