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IHRC moves to Andersen Library,

The IHRC temporarily suspended services to all patrons (on-site, phone, mail, and e-mail requests) for over a month while the library, archives, and office contents were packed and moved. Preparations for the move proceeded rapidly, thanks largely to the assistance of many volunteers and all staff members. Hundreds of cardboard boxes and trays were assembled for the books and papers. Movers began transporting material to Andersen Library February 9 and the staff moved over February 21.

The Center reopened March 1. During the initial weeks of operation in the new building, collections have been open on-site by appointment only. Full service will be restored on April 10.

Grand opening weekend for the Andersen Library, sponsored by the University Libraries, is April 7-9. The public is invited to attend on Sunday, April 9, 1:30-5:30 p.m.

The IHRC's new address :

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See parking map on page 2

See photographs on page 11

PRESS RELEASE ENCLOSED

Included with this *News* is a press release about the IHRC's move and its Endowment Campaign. Please use the release in your ethnic organization newsletter. Also submit it to a regional or national ethnic newspaper or magazine. Send copies of any published articles to the IHRC, please. For specific information about the IHRC's holdings for your ethnic community, contact the Center.



Photo courtesy of MINITEX

December 3, 1999: Construction is almost finished on the Elmer L. Andersen Library, named for the former Minnesota governor, businessman, and rare book collector. It houses eight UM archival units, including the IHRC.

...announces Endowment Campaign

The IHRC has begun a three-year campaign to raise \$4 million for a permanent endowment that will enhance the Center's efforts to preserve and promote the US immigrant and ethnic heritage. This effort is part of a \$1.3 billion campaign launched last October to raise funds for the University of Minnesota as a whole. The Center's move into its new state-of-the-art archives building in the heart of the University's main campus, combined with the campus-wide campaign, provides an extraordinary opportunity for expanding services and creating innovative programs.

The legacy of immigration cannot be underestimated as a defining feature of the United States. Over 20 million immigrants entered the country between 1891 and 1924, for example. Since 1965, 20 million more newcomers have arrived. Helping to make sense of this history is a major aspect of the IHRC's mission. For preservation, interpretation, appreciation of the value of our diversity, the IHRC seeks support to continue and expand its role.

More about the campaign on page 3

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Myroniuk locates and collects materials on East Coast trip

Senior Asst. Curator **Halyna Myroniuk** spent the first half of October on a very busy collection development trip to the East Coast. She reports considerable success in following up on earlier contacts, making new ones, and locating newspapers for the second phase of the Ukrainian Microfilming Project. At 3 a.m. on October 16, Myroniuk and **Alexander Lushnycky**, her collaborator on the Microfilming Project, arrived back at the IHRC and unloaded a cargo van filled with collected records.

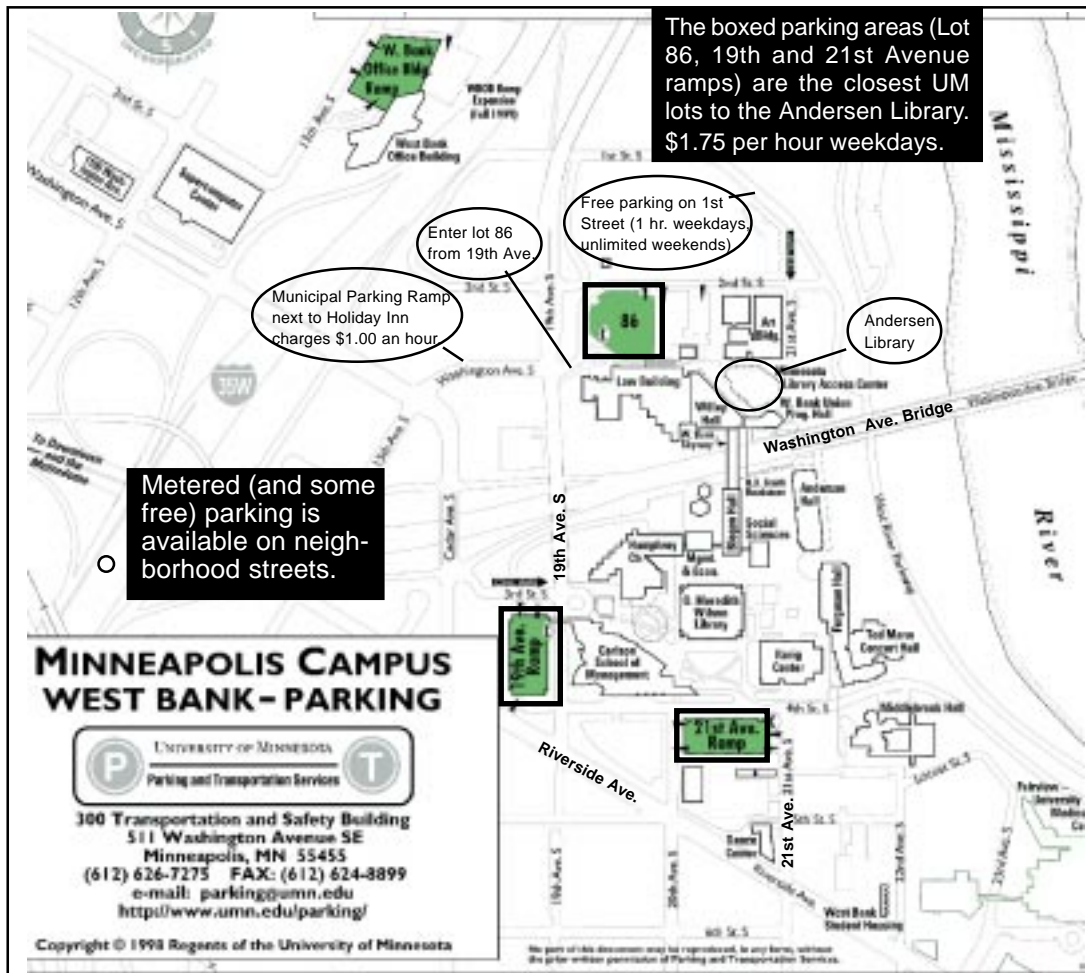
Materials packed and transported include records of the Ukrainian American League, seven boxes of records from the Ukrainian Workers' Club Library, and the *Ukrainian News*, from Manhattan; 37 boxes of records from the Washington office of the Ukrainian National Association; supplemental papers of Michael Mychalvyeh and a new collection of post-World War II émigré Mykola Ijaszenko, from Philadelphia; 18 boxes of records of the Providence of Ukrainian Catholics of America, the second largest US Ukrainian fraternal organization, from Philadelphia; and two boxes of supplemental materials for the Orest Horodyskyj

collection, from Chicago. Materials promised include 50 or more boxes of records from the Ukrainian National Women's League of America.

Collected or promised for the second phase of the Microfilming Project, a collaboration between the Shevchenko Scientific Society and the IHRC, were new titles and fill-in years from the Slavic and Baltic Division of the NY Public Library; some 20 volumes of the newspaper *America*, published by the Providence of Ukrainian Catholics of America; newspapers from the Ukrainian Museum and Archives in Cleveland; and newspapers/serials from the Ukrainian Cultural Center (Warren, MI) and the Ukrainian American Archives, Museum and Library (Hamtramck, MI).

On the evening of October 12, Myroniuk spoke in Philadelphia to the St. Sophia Religious Association of Ukrainian Catholics about Ukrainians in Minnesota, with special emphasis on the IHRC, its Ukrainian American collection, and the Ukrainian Microfilming Project.

Public Parking for the IHRC at Elmer L. Andersen Library



From the Director

Activities advance Endowment Campaign

IHRC highlighted as an American Treasure

Recognized in June among significant cultural heritage projects nationwide as an Official Project of Save America's Treasures, the IHRC's "Documentation of the Immigrant Experience" was highlighted at the 1999 National Preservation Conference in Washington, D.C., Oct. 19-24. Ariane McCarthy, program manager of Save America's Treasures (SAT), a public-private partnership between the White House Millennium Council and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, included the IHRC's project as an example in her conference presentation.



Find more information about SAT at its Web site, <www.saveamericastreasures.org>, which has activated a link to the IHRC Web site. Visitors can search by state under "Projects," click on "Minnesota," and then access the IHRC. The link provides national, even international, exposure for the IHRC's efforts to document the immigrant experience.

Designation helps Endowment Campaign

The designation as an American Treasure is aiding the IHRC's just-launched \$4 million endowment campaign. It has received appreciative notice in University publications as well as in local media and ethnic group circles. The IHRC and its Endowment Campaign Committee have called attention to the designation while forming an honorary advisory committee and the first fundraising task forces among supporters in six of the immigrant groups whose histories are documented at the IHRC (Armenians, Croats, Czechs, Finns, Greeks, and Italians). Additional ethnic group task forces are being formed as the campaign progresses. The task forces are planning activities and communications to reach their fellow ethnic group members with the message that it is important to support the IHRC and its new initiatives.

Having a secure endowment will enable the Center to provide ongoing support for the promotion of community outreach and scholarly work on immigration and related areas such as ethnicity, race, and global diaspora studies. Funds will be targeted to four areas:

- (1) **an endowed professorship/directorship** in American immigration history.
- (2) **staff** to acquire, organize, and preserve collections, including curatorial associate and graduate research assistant positions;
- (3) **research and scholarship support**, such as grants-in-aid and summer fellowships; yearly publication of the IHRC's research journal *Spectrum*; and an annual symposium to assess research trends and chart new directions for immigration and ethnic history; and
- (4) **community outreach** to promote heritage preservation by ethnic organizations and to provide information about immigration history to K-12 teachers and students.

Supporters enjoy tour of new building, buffet dinner, and conversation



Stalwart supporters of the IHRC toured an underground storage cavern in the Andersen Library Dec. 1, 1999. The shelves shown here are now filled with trays of books.



From left, clockwise: Mary Lufkin-Batinich, Alex Batinich, Mary Hicks (CLA Director of External Relations), Millie Vaccarella, and Jill Vecoli.

Following a tour of the Andersen Library Dec. 1, 1999, guests gathered at the apartment of Stephanie Van D'Elden (on the West Bank, overlooking the Mississippi River and the new building) for a buffet dinner and conversation with IHRC and College of Liberal Arts staff. Informational get-togethers will be held with other groups as the campaign progresses. We are grateful to Stephanie, former associate administrator of the IHRC, who graciously lent her home for the event.

If you would like to help organize and carry out the IHRC's Endowment Campaign, please contact JoAnn Hanson-Stone, 612-626-0897, e-mail: hanso107@tc.umn.edu.

RESEARCHERS AND VISITORS

JENNIFER GULBRANDSON, assistant coordinator for the International Humphrey Fellowship Program at UM's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, visited October 26 with one of the 13 1999–2000 Fellows, **Lawrence Kwaku Lartey**. They discussed immigration to Minnesota with Curator Joel Wurl. In his home country of Ghana, Lartey is principal investigator for the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, Accra.

ALEXANDER LUSHNYCKY, independent Ukrainian American scholar, visited last fall to confer with Senior Asst. Curator **Halyna Myroniuk** about filming and cataloging of additional Ukrainian American newspapers. They co-compiled *A Guide to Ukrainian American Newspapers in Microform* in 1998. See the online Publications Catalog at www.umn.edu/ihrc or the printed version, available from the IHRC, for more on this booklet.

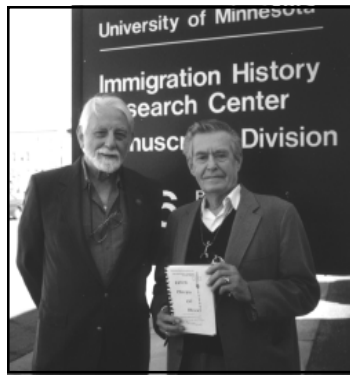
MARIA ALEXOPOULOU, a PhD student in history at the Free University of Berlin, spent several weeks at the IHRC researching the influence of ethnic Americans, particularly Greek Americans, on U.S. foreign policy.

DANILO ROMEO, a student working on his *Laurea* in political science at the University of Milan, Italy (adviser, Prof. Patrizia Audenino), spent August and September 1999 researching expressions of ethnicity by third- and fourth-generation Italian Americans in the 1980s and 1990s. He is investigating contradictions between Italian American assertions of “whiteness” and the movement against prejudice exemplified by the activities of the Commission for Social Justice of the Order Sons of Italy in America. He used primarily materials in the Sons of Italy Archive and many newspapers. In an e-mail to Director Vecoli after he returned to Italy, Romeo noted “...(T)he reception, the willingness to help, and the seriousness of the Center has permitted me to work much and well and I think I have collected very interesting material for my thesis....The IHRC has been an important experience for me which I will always remember.”

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

During this academic year, Research in Progress presentations are part of the Seminar on Race, Ethnicity, and Migration (REM, see page 8). They are open to anyone interested in attending. In addition, the IHRC is sponsoring occasional special presentations.

To suggest a topic or speaker, contact Joel Wurl at the IHRC. To find out about scheduled speakers, consult the calendar and other information at the IHRC Web site, <www.umn.edu/ihrc>, or the UM Events Calendar, <events.tc.umn.edu>. If you would like to be on the mailing list (e-mail or paper) for notices, contact the IHRC.



Rudy Vecoli and Rob Hanson

Signature Press, 1999). It includes US Department of Justice investigative files on the IWW. The title echoes William D. (“Big Bill”) Haywood, hard-rock miner and union leader, who said, “With drops of blood the history of the Industrial Workers of the World has been written.” Hanson recalled that when he did research at the IHRC, “Timo Riippa was a marvelous fellow. Without his assistance, I never would have finished my book.”

FOLLOWING IS MORE NEWS from IHRC “alumni” about immigration history-related activities:

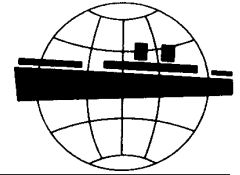
EDWARD A. MARUGGI, PhD, membership chair of the American Italian Historical Association, visited the IHRC in June 1999. In 1998 he donated to the Center a copy of his book *Mushrooms, Saugage, and Wine: Life with an Immigrant Father*, about growing up in Rochester, NY. He is “currently working on a book ... related to Italian culture, customs, behavior, and aspects of Italian life as viewed by Italian Americans.”

ANITA HOKKANEN MIDDLETON, who has done research at the IHRC off and on for 15 years, notes the 1991 publication of the book *Karelia: A Finnish-American Couple in Stalin's Russia* by Lawrence and Sylvia Hokkanen and Anita Middleton (St. Cloud, MN: North Star Press) and a new, one-hour video: *The Survivors: North American Finns in Stalin's Russia*, which she produced with grants from the Minnesota Historical Society and the National Finlandia Foundation.

[The Twin Cities premiere of the video took place March 12, to an overflow audience at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul. The events were put in historical context by **Marianne Wargelin**, scholar, Finnish honorary consul, and president of the local Finlandia Foundation chapter. A reception followed.]

JUHA and **NADINE NIEMELÄ** faxed a reminder from the Migration Institute in Turku, Finland, that they are continuing their investigations of Finnish American music and French in the USA, respectively. They did research at the IHRC in 1994.

MARK WYMAN, professor at Illinois State U, gave a paper Jan. 16, 2000, on “Non-Jewish Displaced Persons” at the conference *Life Reborn: Jewish Displaced Persons 1945–1951*, sponsored by the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. Wyman contributed an essay to the IHRC's *Spectrum* on displaced persons about how he did the research for his book on DPs.



WELCOME to the following members, who became Friends between June 30 and December 31, 1999:

James Andre, Roseville, MN
Mary Bush, Pasadena, CA
Frank Cannata, Glastonbury, CT
Catherine Coggan, Santa Fe, NM
Melvin Dario, St. Paul, MN
Kelly Teske Denzer, Hudson, WI
Betsy Flaten, Edina, MN
Andrea Geiger-Adams, Burnaby, BC, Canada
Joseph Govednik, Orinda, CA
D. J. Guerrero, Fargo, ND
Stephen Hallick, Jr., Duluth, GA
Arlene Harris, Missoula, MT
Orest & Dariia Horodyskyj, Chicago, IL
Carol McKibben, Carmel, CA
Rita Koziol, Scottsdale, AZ
Vienna Laine, Grand Junction, CO
Karen Lane, East Calais, VT
George Latimer, St. Paul, MN
Michael LeMay, Highland, CA
Maija Maki-Laurila, Madison, WI
Edward & Carolyn Maruggi, Pittsford, NY
Boris Miksic, White Bear Lake, MN
Nina Mjagkij, Muncie, IN
Daniel O'Neill, Minneapolis, MN
Carole Rogel Poirier, Columbus, OH
Katherine & Steve Popowich, Parma Heights, OH
Olga Ragusa, New York, NY
Frances Rello, Bronx, NY
Al Richie, Wayzata, MN
Morton Ryweck, Minneapolis, MN
Judith Santacaterina, Dekalb, IL
William Serchak, Rockville, MD
Angie Speliopoulos, Edina, MN
George Thompson, Jr., Glenside, PA

Save June 4 for IHRC open house

The Friends of the IHRC will host an IHRC open house and tour at the Elmer L. Andersen Library on Sunday, June 4. Save this date. Invitations will be sent once plans are finalized. If you live outside the Twin Cities area but know you will be in town on June 4, contact the Friends at the IHRC for an invitation.

AN ARTICLE by Friends of the IHRC Vice President **Lou Ann Matossian**, "Politics in Translation: The Letters of Alice Stone Blackwell and Bedros Arakel Keljik, 1894–1898," based on her dissertation research, was published in *ararat* XL:2 (Spring 1999). The quarterly magazine, published by the Armenian General Benevolent Union, features literature, history, popular culture, and the arts.

Matossian, president of the Armenian Cultural Organization of Minnesota (ACOM), represented ACOM at the first ever Armenia-Diaspora Conference, held in September 1999 in Yerevan, Armenia's capital.

THE REV. ILIE MOTU, who retired August 8, 1999, after 51 years as priest at St. Stefan's Romanian Orthodox Church in South St. Paul, and who was a former member of the Friends Board of Directors, died Nov. 4, 1999, at age 80. The Friends of IHRC and IHRC staff mourn his loss.

On behalf of the IHRC and the Friends, Rudy Vecoli and Judy Rosenblatt sent a letter of welcome to the incoming priest at St. Stefan's, the Rev. Fr. **Timothy Sas**, who responded, indicating his wish to continue the relationship with the IHRC established by Father Motu. The IHRC and St. Stefan's will continue to promote the preservation and appreciation of Romanian American heritage.

LOUIS NOVAK, a member of the Friends Board of Directors and president of the Croatian Cultural Society of Minnesota, and his wife, **Mary Ann**, led a tour to Croatia at the end of September 1999. While there, they helped establish a Friendship Force Club. At the Dec. 3–5, 1999, annual conference of the Friendship Force in London, England, the Novaks received the FF Volunteer of the Year Award. Croatian FF Club members will visit Minnesota in May 2000.

\$4,000 MHC grant renewed

The Minnesota Humanities Commission has awarded a \$4,000 grant to the Friends of the IHRC for the Center's humanities programming in 1999–2000. This is the second year that such a Network Grant has been awarded. The 1998–99 grant helped to support the IHRC's Research in Progress colloquia; Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Symposium; and publication of the IHRC's *Two-Year Report, July 1, 1996–June 30, 1998*.

News of the
Friends of the
Immigration History Research Center
—a nonprofit support group—

President: Christian Skjervold
Vice President: Lou Ann Matossian
Secretary: JoAnn Hanson-Stone
Treasurer/IHRC Liaison: Judith Rosenblatt

Treasurer's Report
August 20– December 20, 1999

Bank Balance 8/20/99	\$ 599.70
In cash box	201.94
<i>Income:</i>	
Memberships	85.00
Donations	25.00
Sales of Magocsi <i>Atlas</i> (11)	383.12
90% MN Humanities Comm. grant	3,600.00
10% 98–99 MHC grant	400.00
Interest on checking account	6.89
From cash box to bank	20.00
TOTAL	\$5,119.71
<i>Disbursements:</i>	
RIP, Board, Endowment Campaign	
Task Force meeting refreshments	90.83
U of Washington Press (<i>Atlas</i>)	270.31
To IHRC from MHC grant	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,361.14
Bank Balance 12/20/99	3,758.57
In Cash box (+ \$4 don., + 34.20 book, – \$20 to IHRC in exchange for check)	220.14
TOTAL	\$ 3,978.71

Highlights of Board Meetings
September 1999 –January 2000

1. The Friends made a small profit from ticket sales for the play *Swede Hollow* at the History Theatre. (9/18/99)
2. Work on the Endowment Campaign is continuing on many fronts: recruiting for the honorary committee, ethnic-based task force leaders and members, and volunteers for data entry and research; production of a video introduction to the Center; writing of promotional materials, etc. (9/18, 10/16, 11/20/99, 1/15/00)
3. Board members were invited to join Endowment Campaign Task Force members in touring the new building Oct. 7 or 13, 1999. (9/18/99) *See photo at right.*
4. **Judy Rosenblatt** noted that Friends member organizations can submit announcements to be included in *Headline News* on the IHRC Web site. (10/16/99)
5. Many board members were enticed by a “free lunch” to stay after the 11/20/99 meeting to help with move preparations.
6. Postcards showing the new building and announcing the IHRC’s new address were authorized, for board members to send to interested ethnic friends. (11/20/99) Members picked up cards in December and at the 1/15 meeting.
7. **Tessie Bourdamis** is now representing the Daughters of Penelope, Minneapolis chapter, on the Board. (11/20/99)
8. The 1/15/00 meeting will be combined with a potluck “Farewell to the Old Building” and volunteer session to help with move preparation. (11/20/99)
9. The Board voted to transfer to the IHRC \$1,000 in “excess” funds. (1/15/00)
10. The IHRC’s old home (the coffee warehouse) has been sold to the City of St. Paul. They have not disclosed what it will be used for. (1/15/00)

Join the Friends of the IHRC

To **renew** a membership or **join the Friends**, use the following payment schedule (year begins when money is received):

Individual	\$15	Sponsor	\$ 100
Family	25	Patron	500
Senior (62+)	10	Benefactor	1,000
Student (f-t)	10	Org., small	25
Supporter	50	Org., 50+ memb.	50
		Org., 500+	200

Make check payable to Friends of the IHRC. Include name, address, phone number(s), and ethnic group interest (or multi-ethnic). Organizational members are entitled to name a representative to the Friends Council. A contribution to the IHRC of at least as much as dues would cost also entitles you to one year of membership in the Friends. The names of members are listed in the IHRC Annual Report.

Note: For your check to be deposited in the Friends bank account, it should be made payable to “Friends of IHRC,” not to the University Foundation or the IHRC.

Only a few copies left!
Historical Atlas of East Central Europe
by **Paul R. Magocsi**
Professor of History, University of Toronto
20% discount off list — \$31.96 each
See order form in a previous issue
or call for information



Friends Board members (and former board members who now serve on the Endowment Campaign Task Force) tour the Andersen Library under construction in October 1999. As they stand in the third floor circular corridor across from the IHRC’s office suite, Don Kelsey (far right), the Library’s coordinator/tour guide, points to the reading room on the other side of the atrium .

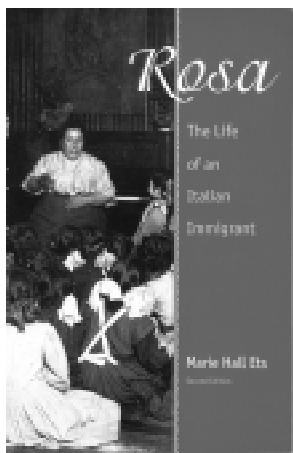
11. **Don Pafko**, who represents Sokol Minnesota, noted at the October 1999 board meeting that his parents were born in the Slovak community known as “Slovak/Bohemian Flats,” located near the present-day entrance to the new building’s storage caverns. On behalf of the Friends, Pafko is looking into getting for the site a plaque or monument recognizing it as a former home to immigrants.

PUBLICATIONS AND EVENTS

A **PROFILE OF THE IHRC** celebrating its 35th anniversary and its move to the Andersen Library is featured in the winter issue (February) of *M*, the system-wide magazine for UM alumni. A shorter version appears in the March *Kiosk*, the magazine for UM faculty and staff.

A **1999 REVISION** of Prof. **Rudolph Vecoli's** *Selected Bibliography on American Immigration and Ethnicity* is now available from the IHRC. See the IHRC electronic Publications Catalog at the Web site, www.umn.edu/ihrc, or call/write for information on purchasing the 33-page bibliography.

U.S. IMMIGRATION and Naturalization Laws and Issues, A Documentary History, edited by **Michael LeMay** and **Elliott R. Barkan** (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1999) has been published. The book of primary documents in American history and contemporary issues was researched in part at the IHRC. Curator and Asst. Dir. **Joel Wurl** was on the advisory board.



ROSA: The Life of an Italian Immigrant, the classic immigrant story by Marie Hall Ets (see November 2 Headline News on the IHRC Web site or Spring 1999 IHRC News, page 9, for more information) may now be ordered from the IHRC. Cost is \$16.95 (plus sales tax for MN residents only of \$1.10/copy; Minneapolis residents add .08/copy), plus shipping (\$2.00/copy), and handling fee (\$1.50 per order [not per book]).

ROBERT S. JASTER, author of *Russian Voices on the Kennebec: The Story of Maine's Unlikely Colony* (Orono, ME: U of Maine Press, 1999), donated a copy to the IHRC collection in September. The 201-page book (42 photos) includes the personal stories of a group of Russian Orthodox immigrants who settled in Maine's Kennebec valley in the 1950s and were joined by other Eastern European immigrants, making this settlement the largest rural Russian-speaking community in the United States.

THE IHRC HAS RECEIVED a copy of *Broadcasting Freedom: Radio, War, and the Politics of Race, 1938-1948* (Chapel Hill: U of North Carolina Press, 1999), researched in part at the IHRC by author **Barbara Savage** of the Dept. of History at the U of Pennsylvania. Savage used the IHRC's collection on Rachel Davis DuBois, an advocate of intercultural education during the first half of the 20th century.

IHRC AND STAFF NEWS

IHRC receives grant for fellowships and assistantship

The IHRC gratefully acknowledges a grant of \$5,000 from the Ingber & Aronson Immigration Law Firm, Minneapolis. Half will fund two \$1,250 fellowships for pre- or post-doctoral researchers. They will spend at least a month at the IHRC researching topics in immigration law and policy during spring/summer 2000. Applications for the fellowships were required by March 15, and the winners will be notified by March 31.

The other \$2,500 will partially fund an assistantship, the holder of which will help arrange and describe IHRC materials useful for research on immigration law and policy. For more information, contact the IHRC.

IHRC documentary videotaped by Metronet

With a grant provided by the State Legislature, videographers from Metronet, a service agency for all academic, public, and government libraries in the Twin Cities Metro Area, have produced a series of documentaries to promote selected special collections, including the IHRC's. The edited tape produced last fall will be available through the Office of Library Development and Services of the MN Department of Children, Families, and Learning. Excerpts from the tapes of the dozen or so special collections highlighted will also be accessible at the Metronet Web site (www.metronet.lib.mn.us) as of the end of March, with links to the Web sites of the featured collections.

UM STUDENT SUSAN TORNTORE did research at the IHRC for her recently completed Master of Arts thesis, "The Italian Coral Horn As an Object of Intimate Cultural Expression and Meaning." Director Vecoli, who served on her committee, is cited: "(his) own work has provided an important intellectual touchstone for me and my study." Torntore was notified in October that she has received a fellowship for doctoral research in Italy from the National Italian American Foundation.

SUPPORT THE IHRC

Annual Appeal letters to Center constituents were mailed last November. Many friends have sent contributions, which are greatly appreciated. The Center relies on your gift to supplement UM funding. If you did not receive the appeal or have misplaced your mailing—or would like to give more, please do one of the following:

1. Contact the IHRC to ask for an envelope (by phone, mail, fax, or e-mail, all listed on page 1).
2. Use the envelope that came with a previous IHRC News.
3. Send a contribution to the IHRC in your own envelope, **payable to U of M Foundation**, indicating your ethnic group and any special instructions.

You will become a member of the Friends of the IHRC if your gift equals or is greater than Friends dues would be (see page 5). Many thanks for your support.

R.e.M.

Race, Ethnicity, & Migration

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

A variety of activities have been initiated by the Seminar on Race, Ethnicity, and Migration (REM), now in its second year of programming events and bringing students, faculty, and community members together. For more information about any of the REM activities, please contact **Rachel Leatham**, Research Assistant, at the IHRC at 612-626-7973 or via e-mail at rem@tc.umn.edu.

Co-directors Rudy Vecoli (IHRC) and Dave Roediger (American Studies) received a two-year grant of \$100,000 from the UM Graduate School's New Initiatives in Interdisciplinary Research and Post-Baccalaureate Education to fund Seminar activities in 1999–2001. Additional support has been provided by the Minnesota Humanities Commission in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Minnesota State Legislature.

Activities:

- 1) **Grants to Students.** Five grants of up to \$1,000 will provide support for pre-dissertation and dissertation research by advanced graduate students at UM. Applications were due Feb. 15, 2000. Winners will be announced soon.
- 2) **Conference.** A fall 2000 international conference is being planned, entitled *Race, Ethnicity, and Migration: The United States in a Global Context*, to be held November 16–18. Cosponsors are the REM Seminar and the Immigration and Ethnic History Society. It will include comparative and interdisciplinary discussions on race, ethnicity, and migration in communities, past and present. The conference seeks to address the urgent need for a more comprehensive and transnational research agenda. Proposals were due March 1; over 80 were submitted.
- 3) **Student Journal.** An interdisciplinary journal on race, ethnicity, and migration is in the planning stage. The on-line journal will be managed and edited by UM graduate students.
- 4) The REM seminar currently publishes a **biweekly newsletter** via e-mail, *REM News*. Updates on the REM Seminar, regional events of interest, as well as research tools are posted. A **Web site** is under construction to provide more tools and the means for Seminar participants to stay connected.

On October 21, 1999, **Robin Cohen**, sociology professor at the University of Warwick, England, presented a lecture, "Migration and Identity," to an audience of over 50 people. Dr. Cohen explored issues that affect identity, such as diasporas, the development of the nation-state, and transnationalism.

Audiotapes of the presentation may be purchased from the IHRC. The 90-minute tape includes an introduction by Rudy Vecoli, the 60-minute Cohen lecture, and the question and answer session. Cost of the cassette is \$5.00 plus \$1.50 shipping and a handling fee of \$1.50, for a total of \$8. (Minnesota residents add 6.5% sales tax; Minneapolis residents add .05% more.)

REM Lecture

"Lost in Translation? Language and Identity among Children of Immigrants"

Rubén G. Rumbaut

Professor of Sociology, Michigan State University

–has published widely about Asian and Latin American immigrants in the United States–

Thursday, April 13, 2000, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Andersen Lib., Givens Conference Room (120)

Call or see the IHRC Web site ("projects") for more info

On December 8, UM History Professor **Steven Ruggles** conducted a workshop entitled "Enhancing Your Research with the IPUMS Project." IPUMS (Integrated Public Use Microdata Series) is a national census database developed at UM for 1850–1990 social and economic information about individuals and households. Ruggles and other project members also described a new initiative to internationalize the IPUMS database by adding data from other countries. To find out more about the IPUMS project, go to their Web site at <http://www.ipums.umn.edu/>.

See page 11 for a photograph of the February 25 speaker, Prof. **Gulnara Mendikulova** from Kazakhstan.

Changes on the IHRC Web site: style and substance

The last issue of *IHRC News* announced the development of a new and improved look to the IHRC WorldWideWeb site. The Web team, consisting of **Joel Wurl, Cindy Herring, Judy Rosenblatt, Heather Muir, and Rachel Leatham**, has developed a consistent look, incorporating UM's maroon and gold colors. They have also added more information and some navigational buttons to help visitors better locate the section they need. In the first month from the launch on November 1, nearly 6,000 people visited the site. If you have not seen it, please check out <http://www1.umn.edu/ihrc/index.htm>.

One of the new features is **Headline News**, posted to the Web site by Judy Rosenblatt approximately every two weeks. She compiles these postings to include in the printed newsletter. The news briefs are not meant to replace the printed *News*, but they help track activities as they happen. Click on the **News** button from the IHRC home page.

Researchers will find three new areas of information. First, Asst. Curator Heather Muir is converting the book *The Immigration History Research Center: A Guide to Collections* into Web pages. Sections of the *Guide*, along with brief profiles of the collections (and later, information about additions), are being posted. From the IHRC home page, click on Research Collections to gain access to the new, on-line **IHRC Guide to Collections**. The conversion process from print to electronic information is time-consuming, but profiles for the general collection and all 24 ethnic group collections should be completed this spring.

The second new area is the **Family History Research** section. Some IHRC holdings are helpful for family historians, *(continued on next page)*

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but the curatorial staff also refers inquiries to genealogical societies, the National Archives, or other repositories. From the IHRC home page, click on Family History Research to learn more about resources at IHRC and at other sites on the Internet.

The final area of interest for researchers is the new **Frequently Asked Questions** page, answering questions often asked of staff members. From the IHRC home page, click on Frequently Asked Questions to read through the current list.

IHRC and Staff News, continued

Outreach

DIR. RUDY VECOLI presented a paper at the annual meeting of the American Italian Historical Association in San Francisco November 11–15. At a session on the IHRC, he gave a brief overview of the Center's history and current endowment campaign. Several researchers spoke about their experiences at the IHRC.

During a trip to New Jersey/New York in which he connected with colleagues and friends of the IHRC, Vecoli gave the keynote address on Italian American history at a conference held at Rutgers University-Newark on Oct. 30, 1999, *The Italians of Newark: Spirit & Memory, Past & Present*.

Vecoli spoke October 4 at Furman University, Greenville, SC, one of three lecturers in a series entitled *Still the Open Door? Historical and Contemporary Views of American Immigration*. His lecture was "The Immigrant: Promise or Peril?"

CUR. & ASST. DIR. JOEL WURL met with several individuals in Chicago on November 23 to discuss Lithuanian American archival concerns. At the meeting were Vidas Grigoraitytis, director general of the Archives of the Republic of Lithuania; Dalius Zizys, director of the Lithuanian Archives of Image and Sound; and Thomas Remeikis, president of the Archives Committee of the Lithuanian American Community. Wurl also met with staff of the printing office for *Draugas*, the Lithuanian American daily newspaper, and toured the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture.

Wurl spent the week that ended October 5 in Slovenia. He participated in a meeting of the Association of European Migration Institutions Sept. 29–Oct. 2 in Potoroz, Slovenia. He then met with colleagues in Ljubljana and visited the Institute of Slovene Emigration Studies to discuss the IHRC's Race, Ethnicity, and Migration initiative and other opportunities for collaboration. He received a grant from the UM Office of International Programs in support of his participation in the AEMI meeting.

Wurl has been appointed to the board of directors of the International Institute of Minnesota, located in St. Paul. The Institute provides services to immigrants and sponsors the yearly Festival of Nations. He attended his first board meeting in December 1999, at which he presented a brief history of the International Institute movement.

Personnel

WILLIAM BEYER joined the IHRC staff part-time for 1999–2000 as special associate to the director. Among other duties, he coordinates work with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and other organizations in promoting the IHRC's designation as an Official Project of Save America's Treasures. He is also investigating foundation funding for the Center's Endowment Campaign.

Beyer has a PhD in American studies with focus on immigration history. His dissertation and several of his publications draw upon the IHRC's collections. A member of the graduate faculty of the U of M American Studies Program and a regular consultant for the US Department of Education, he has just stepped down after 12 years as Coordinator of Premajor Advising for the College of Liberal Arts.

MAI PHAM, a U of M junior (marketing major), has been hired as the IHRC's part-time student accounts assistant. She works closely with Cindy Herring, executive secretary.

TWO NEW work/study students combine for a total of 18 hours of curatorial assistance each week. **Mai-Khanh Do** and **Melissa Armstrong** photocopy resources for researchers, check in newspapers and serials, and do other library tasks.

CONGRATULATIONS to Assistant Curator **Heather Muir**, who passed the exam of the Academy of Certified Archivists (ACA) and is a pre-approved candidate for the distinction of Certified Archivist. She must complete a full year of professional experience before officially joining the academy and qualifying to use the "CA" after her name.

A SMALL GATHERING of staff and colleagues was held at the IHRC November 16 to remember curatorial assistant and Finnish American history specialist **Timo Riippa**, who died October 31, 1998. The IHRC continues to receive messages of condolence from researchers who remember how knowledgeable, kind, and helpful Timo was.

Volunteers

DANIEL NECAS, a Ph.D. student in the Czech Department of Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, is a volunteer library assistant at the IHRC weekly. He has had experience cataloging manuscripts in Czech museums and working on other curatorial projects in the Czech Republic.

Since the Center moved to Andersen Library, Necas has begun six weeks on staff to help make sure all the research materials are properly labeled and arranged.

MEMBERS of the board of directors of Friends of the IHRC helped pack up books in the IHRC's duplicate collection for the move to Andersen library after the board meeting on Sat., November 20. Thanks to **Walter Anastas**, **Edit Horvath**, **Don Pafko**, **John Radzilowski**, **Celeste Raspanti**, and **Kes Tautvydas** (and Friends member **Joyce Hakala**).

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SEVEN volunteer high school students from Upward Bound at Century College spent the morning of national Make-a-Difference Day, October 23, moving boxes at the IHRC. Under the direction of Sr. Asst. Curator **Halyna Myroniuk**, they rearranged materials to open up space on shelves for collections that have come in recently. Thanks to **Liz Aram, Trang Dang, Phoua Kong, Wa Lee, Cha Moua, Chue Long Moua, and Paly Vang**.

On Martin Luther King, Jr., Service Day, January 17, high school students who helped with packing were **Mai Ly Vang, Nina Yang, Tong Vang, Pa Yang, and See Lee**, with their teacher, **Ann Oyen**.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with database information entry and research on the Internet, both in connection with the IHRC's Endowment Campaign, and to help with the Library-sponsored grand opening events for the new building, April 7-9. Contact the staffmembers indicated by phone (see list on page 11) or e-mail:

- 1) **database information entry** for the IHRC's Endowment Campaign. Contact **Cindy Herring** (herri003@tc.umn.edu) or **JoAnn Hanson-Stone** (hanso107@tc.umn.edu) to find out more about the task.
- 2) **Internet research on prospective givers**; training provided. Must have access to the Internet. Contact JoAnn Hanson-Stone or **Judy Rosenblatt** (rosen015@tc.umn.edu).
- 3) **Andersen Library grand opening**: many volunteers needed for various tasks, particularly on Sunday afternoon, April 9, 1:30-5:30. Contact Judy Rosenblatt.

THANKS TO JANUARY 15 VOLUNTEERS—In connection with the Friends of the IHRC board meeting on January 15, the Center sponsored a "goodbye to the old building" potluck lunch/volunteer day for staff, former staff, board and former board members, and volunteers from member organizations. Many thanks to the following. More move volunteers will be recognized in the next issue.

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Meeting features dialogue on current immigration and the IHRC

Current immigration in relation to the IHRC's collections and community connections was the topic of a lively discussion among immigrant service agency representatives, University faculty, and IHRC staff on December 10. The group met at the UM Law School, next door to the IHRC's new home, the Andersen Library.

Immigration attorney and IHRC supporter **Jerome Ingber** hosted the lunch and moderated the meeting. Agency and faculty participants included **Therese Gales**, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights; **Robert Hoyle**, International Institute of Minnesota; **Douglas Johnson**, Center for Victims of Torture; **Thomas Kosel**, Catholic Charities Migrant and Refugee Services; **Erika Lee**, University of Minnesota History Department; **Barbara Levine**, Jewish Community Center of Greater St. Paul; **Charles Samuelson**, Minnesota Civil Liberties Union; and **David Weissbrodt**, University of Minnesota Law School. **Rudy Vecoli, Joel Wurl, and Bill Beyer** represented the IHRC. **Clayton Tenquist** represented the College.

Ingber invited the agency and faculty participants to sketch their interests in current immigration. IHRC Director Rudolph Vecoli then characterized the IHRC's activities and resources that promote an understanding of contemporary immigration issues and an appreciation of immigrant experiences past and present among the larger public. Vecoli noted that over the past three decades, the United States has experienced levels of immigration comparable to the great influx of the late-19th to early-20th centuries, which has been the focus of the IHRC's collections and activities. He also noted that since 1965, over 18 million newcomers have arrived and that the nation's population is now nearing the mark of 10% foreign born for the first time since the early 1900s.

Mutual interests surfaced as the conversation unfolded. Forums are needed for discussion and joint activities between older immigrant groups and newcomers that could reveal parallels between earlier and current immigrations. Agencies can use student interns that faculty and university staff, including those at the IHRC, could recruit and guide. The IHRC's Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Seminar could help agency professionals gain perspective on the groups they are assisting; the agencies, for their part, could help shape the teaching and research agendas of university researchers and the IHRC. Rather than conclusions and specific initiatives, this initial conversation offered the perspective of practice to the scholars and of scholarship to the practitioners.

Bill Beyer, Special Associate to the Director

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Twin Cities UNICO (Italians)

Kathy Labriola Gruette, Jeff Rossi, Pat Tucci, Stephanie & Tracy Wilkins

Apologies for any misspellings or if anyone was inadvertently omitted—JR.



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IHRC staff members wave goodbye to 826 Berry Street on their last day in the old warehouse. From left: Assistant Curator Heather Muir, Executive Secretary Cindy Herring, Senior Assistant Curator Halyna Myroniuk, Public Relations/Friends Liaison Judy Rosenblatt, Secretary Sarah Bodley, Curator and Assistant Director Joel Wurl, and Director Rudy Vecoli.

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The shelves that held the book and newspaper collections at 826 Berry Street stand empty. The materials were loaded into cardboard trays or boxes and then placed on carts by the movers for their journey by truck to an underground storage cavern of the Andersen Library. Staff and volunteers spent many days preparing the collections for the move.



One of the first events held in the conference room next to the IHRC's new office suite was a Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Seminar workshop on February 25. Gulnara Mendikulova (at head of table), visiting Fulbright professor at UW-Madison, spoke on the "Kazakh Diaspora: Migration from Central Asia to the West." She is professor of history at the Institute of History and Ethnology, Ministry of Science – Academy of Sciences of Kazakhstan, at Almaty.

The next issue of the News will have photographs of the new office suite.



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*Note: The IHRC is open to researchers
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DEADLINE for the spring issue is **April 24**. Send news to Judy Rosenblatt. The IHRC publishes two *News* issues a year, spring and fall/winter.