



Dear Colleagues,

Let us draw your kind attention (1) to the new members of Microhistory Network (MHN) and (2) to some news concerning microhistory in general or the Network in particular, and (3) asking you to give us information about your professional activities in 2012. (4) We plan to collect links of websites, blogs etc. which deal – one way or another – with microhistory or microhistorical topics, researches etc. We will be grateful if you can help this initiation. (5) It can be good idea to have an own, professional, interesting and motivating presentation at prezi.com about microhistory. If you feel comfortable with the idea, you are warmly welcome to join us in brainstorming and editing.

(1) First of all, let us warmly welcome those who joined us in 2012:

Tonio Andrade,
Christopher D. Cantwell,
Daivy Carneiro,
Lyle Dick,

Gergely Kunt,
Anne Patterson Rodda,
Brian Sarnacki,
Camilo Zambrano.

Tonio Andrade (History, Ph.D., Yale University, 2001) is based at Emory University, where he specializes in the history of Taiwan and maritime Asia, employing microhistorical approaches to illuminate larger questions in global history. His first book, *How Taiwan Became Chinese* (Columbia University Press, 2008; Chinese translation, The Yuanliu Press, 2007) focuses on the early history of Taiwan. His second book, *Lost Colony: The Untold Story of Europe's First War with China* (Princeton University Press, in press, 2011), explores the European military revolution with data from East Asia. He is also author of "A Chinese Farmer, Two African Boys, and a Warlord: Towards a Global Microhistory," *Journal of World History*, 21(4) [2010]: 573–591 (winner of the SECAAS Article Prize, 2012).

Christopher D. Cantwell is the Assistant Director of the Dr. William M. Scholl Center for American History and Culture at the Newberry Library in Chicago where he works on public history and the digital humanities. His research interest American religious history, particular the devotional practices of evangelical and fundamentalist Protestants. He is currently completing a manuscript titled "The Bible Class Teacher: Piety and Politics in the Age of Fundamentalism," which use the life of an American Protestant laymen who simultaneously self-identified as a fundamentalist Christian and Socialist politician.

David Carneiro is professor of Brazilian Historiography at Federal University of Uberlândia, Brazil. His main research focuses are social history of crime and criminal justice in Brazil in the 19th and 20th century with a comparative approach. He also has interest on theoretical problems of Social History and Microhistory, and he is the author of: *Mulheres, insultos, fofocas e reputação sexual: uma breve análise das relações de gênero através de processos criminais de calúnia e injúria (Juiz de Fora 1854/1941)*. *Revista Brasileira de Ciências Criminais*, v. 92; *População e justiça: considerações acerca do papel social da justiça a partir de perspectivas interacionista*. In: Viscardi, C. (dir.) *Trabalho e Proteção: o Brasil além da era Vargas*. Ed. UFJF, 2010. Por uma "história vista de baixo" da imigração alemã em Juiz de Fora. In: Oliveira, M. (dir.) *À margem do caminho novo: experiências populares em Juiz de Fora*. Rio de Janeiro: Ed. Fundação Getúlio Vargas, 2011.

Lyle Dick is a historian and president of Canadian Historian Association. He is the author of 90 publications on topics in Canadian and American history, historiography, and Arctic history, including *Muskox Land: Ellesmere Island in the Age of Contact* (University of Calgary Press, 2001), and *Farmers 'Making Good': The Development of Abernethy District, Saskatchewan, 1880–1920* (University of Calgary Press, 2008). He has presented over 100 papers, public presentations, or named lectures across North America and in Europe.



Gergely Kunt is an assistant lecturer at Department of History at University of Miskolc (Hungary). He wrote his thesis about the social imaginaries and prejudices of fifteen adolescents, who held diaries between 1938 and 1956.

Anne Patterson Rodda, Certified Genealogist, has a Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) degree in Irish Studies from Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, USA. She specializes in tracing to the birthplaces of emigrants from Europe to America. Starting with her own ancestors from Denmark, Germany, and Ireland, she became immersed in Irish genealogy over the years. Her doctoral dissertation at Drew was titled "Trespassers in Time: Genealogists and Microhistorians" and a revised version is now published under that title through Amazon.com and Amazon.co.uk. Anne's research about the way a genealogist may place a family history in its historic context led to her conclusion that microhistory is the most useful methodology for genealogists. Most recently, Anne and her professor at Drew, Christine Kinealy, organized a conference in Tuam, County Galway, Ireland: "The Irish-American Link: People, Places and Culture." The conference brought academics and local historians together to discuss all aspects of the history of emigration from Ireland to America.

Brian Sarnacki is a graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln specializing in the social and urban history of the United States during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. His dissertation expands upon several themes from his Masters' Thesis, *A Small City's Big Scandal: Municipal Corruption, Progressive Reform, and the Grand Rapids, Michigan Water Scandal, 1900–1906*, specifically identity in smaller Midwestern cities.

Camilo Zambrano studied history at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia in Medellín. Then got a Master's degree in history at the University de los Andes in Bogotá (2008). Majors: paleography and colonial history of the Colombian women. Experience as a teacher, lecturer and researcher (organization and systematization of documentation). Since April 2011 is a scholarship holder from the DAAD for a PhD at the University of Cologne under the direction of Prof. Dr. Barbara Pothast.

(2) On 11 May 2012 a special day of studies was organized by Antoine Franzini and Didier Lett at the University of Paris Est – Marne-la-Vallée with the title *Microhistory and historical practices. Scales, actors, narrative forms*.

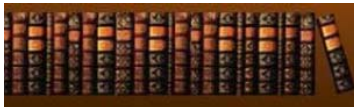
Our member, Thomas Cohen also posted a short letter on the MHN webpage with the title: *The larger uses of microhistory*:

http://www.microhistory.eu/the_larger_uses_of_microhistory.html

See some recently published books and articles on microhistory, including *What is microhistory? Theory and Practice* (Routledge: London – New York, 2013): <http://microhistory.eu/recent.html> You are kindly invited to send us the title and publication data of your **recent works** that represent or are about microhistory. They will certainly be of interest for all the members: <http://microhistory.eu/recent.html>

Some universities offer courses in microhistory, for example the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Missouri, Kansas City offers two tracks in the History MA: Microhistory and Public History. See: <http://cas.umkc.edu/history/programs/documents/History-MA.pdf>, and see also the courses in English offered by the Faculty of Humanities of Eötvös University, Budapest: http://www.btk.elte.hu/en/Courses_and_Instructors.

The Microhistory Network's homepage (<http://www.microhistory.eu>) and our e-mail address (microhistory@microhistory.eu) are the same.



Here follow some statistics about our webpage (since 7th March, 2010). The webpage of MHN has been visited **9431 times** by **5778 unique users**. Our visitors come from more than 100 countries, you can see many of them on the following map:



(3) We would like to ask our members to have a look at their **own personal pages** (<http://microhistory.eu/members.html>), and let us know which changes, amendments and extensions would you prefer there.

Please help us to keep the most popular site of our webpage, the bibliography on microhistory up to date. Let us know about books, articles that we should include into this **bibliography**: <http://microhistory.eu/bibliography.html>

(4) This year we envisage building a site at the webpage where we can **collect and recommend links** (to the members and our readers) of webpages, blogs, online sources concerning to microhistory, microhistorical topics, methods etc. Please feel free to send us links, collections.

(5) Prezi.com is a very modern, interesting, inspiring way of sharing ideas. Why would not we take the opportunity to have an **own, professional and motivating presentation of microhistory** at this site which contains the essence of our main task? If you have any ideas, thoughts on this “project” (for instance which events, books etc. can be the milestones) you are warmly welcome to share it with us via e-mail. It is also welcomed to sign us if you would like to take part of common editing process at prezi.com site.

With best wishes:
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