

Annual Report of **Clay McShane** for calendar year 2008

Courses Taught and Enrollments

Undergraduate:

Summer 2: History of Boston (67)
Fall: History of Boston (160)
History 100 (2 sections) (22)
Undergrad Seminar (Roads) (19)

Five Directed Studies

None of the courses were team taught.

Graduate:

Spring: HSTg217 Modern U.S. Social History (12)

I taught no courses outside the Department for extra compensation

Scholarship

Books:

None

Articles, book chapters, and conference presentations:

Review Essay: "Mind of God"—Not: Google Books for Urban Historians" *Journal of Urban History*, November, 2008 35: 178-185.

With Joel Tarr, "The Horse as an Urban Technology" *Journal of Urban Technology* 15.1 (April, 2008)

"Mobil ohne 01—Da Pferd in der Grosstadt," neuStart: *Das Magazin zur Zukunft der Automobilitat* (March, 2008). In German. Translator unknown

with Joel Tarr, "The Role of the Horse in the Nineteenth Century American City," pp. 285-324 in D.A. Alexandrov and M. A. Laius, *Man and Nature: Environmental History* (St. Petersburg: St. Petersburg University Press, 2008). In Russian, translator unknown.

“Traffic Control Signals,” an encyclopedia article in Akira Iriye and Pierre-Yves Saunier, eds. *The Dictionary of Transnational History* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008)

“Tramways in North America” Tramways Workshop of the Waterstaat (Dutch public works agency), Utrecht, the Netherlands, 2008

“The Relationship Between the Car and Road” Invited lecture at a symposium “The Automobile in Our Culture,” Youngstown State University, April 26, 2008

With Joel Tarr "The Horse in the City: Living Machines in the Nineteenth Century," presentation in the Author's Series at New York Public Library, April 1, 2008.

Service

Undergraduate advisor, History Department
Chair, departmental tenure and promotion committee.
Chair, committee to revise departmental by-laws
Chair, Lely Prize Committee, International Association for the History of Traffic, Transport and Mobility
Editorial Board member, H-Urban
Associate Book Review Editor, H-Urban electronic discussion group
I reviewed manuscripts for the M.I.T. Press, the *Journal of Transport History, Technology and Culture*, and the *Journal of Social History* and the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

I reviewed a tenure and promotion case for George Mason University

Works in Progress

With Dr. Mathieu Flonneau of the Centre d'histoire sociale du XXe siècle, Université de Paris 1 and I have prepared an anthology, tentatively entitled *The Life and Death of Great Urban Highways: A European-American Comparison 1945-1975*. Six of the seven chapters will be based on conference papers already completed. There will be chapters by experts on Paris, Turin, Lyon, Miami, Denver, St. Paul and Houston. My co-author and I still need to write the introduction and conclusion. Finding a publisher has been slow going, since university presses don't like to do anthologies. The manuscript is currently at Brill.

I plan a monograph, tentatively entitled, “The Urban Highway from Olmsted to Moses.” Three quarters of this will be derived from various earlier projects and it should be completed on my next sabbatical.

I have a technical problem reaching some of the archives I need because I don't have a driver's license. This presents particular problems with the Westchester County Park Commission Archives and the New Jersey State Archives, which are in quite inaccessible locations. I hope to do conference papers on the Westchester parkways and/or Storrow Drive at the T2M Conference or the Urban History Association Conference in 2009.

The Automobiliation of the City: This will be a book length work on the global urban impact of the automobile in the 1920-1960 period, with a focus not on industrial history, but on the highway planning, car culture and the rise of traffic. This will be a kind of sequel to my earlier book *Down the Asphalt Path*. Special attention will be paid to the globalization of the car culture. Much of the basic data is found in *The Automobile: A Chronology*. Frankly, completion is far, far away.

Dr. Sandra Swart and I have submitted the conference paper we presented at the 2007 T2M Conference to the *Journal of Transport History* for publication.

Dorothee Brantz and Christof Mauch, the editors of *Tierisches, allzu Tierisches: Beiträge zur Kulturgeschichte* (Paderborn: Schöningh), assure me that their book, which contains a translated essay of mine on the urban horse will be published in 2009. However, they have been promising that for three years now and I have listed it on previous FACS reports. An English language edition will be published by North Carolina, I'm told.

"Governance and Road-Building in Twentieth Century North America" History of Road Policy Workshop of the Waterstaat (Dutch public works agency), Utrecht, the Netherlands, 2009. This paper is completed and will be presented next month.