

toria y Geografía de la Universidad. Las clases tienen una finalidad práctica y se han planeado a base de lecturas de documentos fotografiados en el Archivo Nacional de Santiago, que se complementarán con uno o dos meses de práctica en el mismo Archivo.

The Role of the Church in Contemporary Latin America. A series of lectures on this topic was presented last July by Mundelein College and Loyola University in association with the Festival of the Americas. Sister Mary Crescentia, Luis Gálvez, Paul S. Leitz, Francis E. McMahon, and W. Eugene Shiels were among those participating.

William P. Lyons Masters Essay Award. The history department of Loyola University announces this national competition to recognize the best essay in any field of history submitted in manuscript form by students who receive their master's degree during the academic year, 1959-1960. A committee of scholars drawn from Loyola University and other universities in various fields of history will make the selection on the basis of style, method, use of original sources, and interpretation. The winning essay will be printed by Loyola University Press. The closing date for submission of manuscripts for the William P. Lyons Master's Essay Award will be July 15, 1960. It is planned to issue this award annually hereafter from 1960. Requests for further details and application should be submitted to Prof. Edward T. Gargan, Loyola University, Department of History, 6525 Sheridan Road, Chicago 26, Illinois.

Personal News. Harry Bernstein, Brooklyn College, has been appointed lecturer in Spanish at Columbia for 1959-1960 to give the graduate course on the history of Spanish American civilization.

Charles Gibson, State University of Iowa, has received a joint grant from the Rockefeller Foundation and the State University of Iowa for research on the colonial history of the Valley of

Mexico. He will have a leave of absence next year for archival work in Spain, France, Mexico, and the United States.

Jack D. L. Holmes was appointed assistant professor of history at McNeese State College, Lake Charles, Louisiana, on the completion of his doctorate at the University of Texas in June, 1959.

William Jeffrey, University of Maine, has been promoted to the rank of full professor.

Frederick E. Kidder has returned to the University of Florida, as assistant librarian. He is again editing the *Southeastern Latin Americanist*, organ of the Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies.

Eugene H. Korth, S. J., has been serving as chairman of the history department at Marquette University since September 1, 1959. Dr. Korth has established a Latin American Institute there, and has also introduced a minor in Latin American studies.

Lyle N. McAlister has been serving since last September as chairman of the department of history at the University of Florida.

Thomas F. McGann has received a summer research grant from the University of Texas for work on the social and economic aspects of the viceroyalty of Peru, 1542-1569.

Richard M. Morse, University of Puerto Rico, will serve as visiting lecturer on history at Harvard in March, and will deliver three lectures on Latin America as well as conduct two seminars on Brazil for the new Center for International Affairs.

Julian Nava has been elected Area Representative (in effect, department chairman) at San Fernando Valley State College, Northridge, California.

Theodore E. Nichols, Long Beach State College, has been promoted to the rank of associate professor.

John Rydjord, University of Wichita, is teaching during the spring semester at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Robert S. Smith, professor of economics, Duke University, is on leave for 1959-1960, with a Ford Faculty Research Fellowship to study "Central American Economic Integration."

Arthur R. Steele, University of Toledo, spent the summer of 1959 working in Spanish archives on the Ruiz-Pavón botanical expedition to Peru and Chile,

by means of a newly established program at Toledo for research grants.

Charles Verlinden, associate editor of this review for Belgium, has become director of the Belgian Academy in Rome. His present address is: *Accademia Belgica*, via Omero 8, Rome, Italy.

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Word has just been received from Brazil of the disastrous airplane accident on December 22 which took the lives of Otávio Tarquinio de Souza, Lucia Miguel Pereira, and José Antonio do Prado Valadares.