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UC Los Angeles and UC Santa Cruz Professors Honored with 2009 Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award

The 2009 Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award honoring emeriti professors in the University of California system has been awarded to Daniel Walker Howe, UCLA Professor Emeritus of History, and Thomas F. Pettigrew, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at UC Santa Cruz. Professors Howe and Pettigrew are the twenty-second and twenty-third UC emeriti professors to receive the Constantine Panunzio Award. The late Dr. Panunzio, a professor of sociology at UCLA for many years, has been described as the architect of the UC Retirement System and was particularly active in improving pensions and stipends for his fellow emeriti. The award bearing his name was established in 1983 and includes a \$5,000 prize.

Professor Howe is the author of *What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America 1815–1848*, a masterpiece of historical narrative that won the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for History and the American History Prize of the New York Historical Society. The latter has designated him an American Historical Laureate. Also in retirement, he has presented seminars on history to hundreds of K-12 teachers in the Los Angeles area, increasing their knowledge of U.S. history and enhancing their instructional skills.

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awarded the prestigious Gordon Allport Intergroup Relations Prize from the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. Professor Pettigrew is also a scholar-activist who has influenced public policy and helped to foster and support social change.

Brief accounts of their work in retirement follow.

DANIEL WALKER HOWE

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Taking his title from the message sent to demonstrate the new electric telegraph, “What hath God wrought,” Professor Howe shows how that invention, along with the expanding railroad system, was instrumental in transforming the United States from what would now be called a third world country into a major world power. He offers a new and persuasive vision of this period of sweeping change in politics, the economy, and society, one that will help shape the way people perceive U.S. history for many years to come.

As one of his colleagues says, he managed “to weave different accounts of early 19th-century United States into a rich plaid of colors and textures, enlivened by cameo biographies of participants. Few historians are up to the task of synthesizing so much scholarship, much less do so with real style.” Combining analysis of a high intellectual order to challenge fellow scholars with a lucid prose that

laymen can appreciate, Professor Howe has written the kind of work emeritus professors hope to produce: a big book that is the capstone achievement of a distinguished career.

What Hath God Wrought is a volume in the Oxford History of the United States series. Retiring in 1992 after nearly two decades at UCLA, Professor Howe spent the next decade as Rhodes Professor of American History at Oxford University, where he was founding director of the Rothermere American Institute.

Back in Los Angeles, he participated in the *Teaching American History* program sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation. His presentations were challenging to teachers at both high school and elementary levels and provided a model of what they might do with their own students.

Professor Howe has degrees from Harvard University and Oxford University and a PhD from UC Berkeley. He came to UCLA in 1973, serving as department chair in history from 1983 to 1987.

THOMAS F. PETTIGREW

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In 1999, Professor Pettigrew received a grant from the National Science Foundation to support his meta-analytic study. The final work, published just three years ago, has been cited more than 360 times and is a classic in the field. His papers on this subject were part of an accelerating stream of

scholarly writing in retirement, including 50 book chapters, book reviews, and articles in highly competitive refereed journals. He also works as a consultant and expert witness.

Much of Professor Pettigrew's work in Europe has been conducted since his nominal retirement. As one of the world's foremost scholars in the field of ethnic prejudice and discrimination, he has made important contributions to the study of prejudice and intergroup relations there, a growing concern with the influx of immigrants and guest workers from Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. As witness to the esteem he enjoys in Europe, Professor Pettigrew's legacy was the subject of a *Festschrift* by his international colleagues, presented in South Africa to mark the 50th anniversary of his first visit there and published as a book in 2008.

He has also received lifetime achievement awards from the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues, the Society for Experimental Social Psychology; and the International Academy for Intercultural Research. At the same time, he has been forging new research connections with young scholars, and he is an active member of the editorial board for three academic journals.

Writing about his colleague as "Tom" rather than "Dr. or Professor Pettigrew," one colleague notes that he "engages whomever he is talking to with the same generous enthusiasm . . . neither age nor retirement has diminished the impact he has had on the field or on the people he touches."

Professor Pettigrew has degrees from the University of Virginia and Harvard University. He came to UC Santa Cruz in 1980.

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