

PROGRAM

Astrik L. Gabriel
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana

The Unpublished Records of the Faculty of Arts
of the University of Paris

Leslie S. Domonkos
Youngstown State University
Youngstown, Ohio

Unpublished Sources of Some Paris Colleges of
the French Nation

James K. Farge
University of St. Thomas
Houston, Texas

Unpublished Sources of the Faculty of Theology
of the University of Paris

Jacques Verger
Ecole Normale Superieure
Paris, France

Unpublished Sources of Southern French Universities

August 1, 1986

Professor Jacques Verger
Vice President, International Commission
for the History of Universities
34 Rue Gambetta
F-92260 Fontenay-aux-Roses, France

Dear Professor Verger and Esteemed Friend:

I recently tried to call you at 7:00 p.m. Paris time, however, you must have been with your lovely family on a well-deserved vacation. Therefore, with your permission I am writing you in English.

I want to discuss your topic for the 1987 Medieval Academy Meeting in Toronto which is under the auspices and supervision of Professor Dr. John Leyerle. The title of our session would be:

Unpublished Sources of Medieval French Universities:
Paris and the South

You may discuss in 20-30 minutes, *helas*, whatever you want including the publication of non-specific primary sources of French universities, but as you wrote in your letter of July 9, 1986, sources of notorial, judicial and municipal natures. Please see the program as listed on the attached sheet.

It seems that I will be in Paris some time in October. Unfortunately, my hotel where I used to stay (Hotel St. Romain) is under construction and has been sold to a new owner who plans to make it into a three-star hotel. Tentatively, I may give you the dates of September 27 to October 6. I would greatly appreciate it if you would notify me if you would be in Paris during that time. It would be best if you would address your letter to my European addresses.

I will be attending the Congress of the Monumenta Germaniae Historica in Munchen from September 13 to September 19. The address is Hotel Carlton, Furstenstrasse 12, D-8000 Munchen 2, telephone: 49-89-28-20-61. From September 22 to September 25, I will be at the Hotel National, Baselerstrasse 50, D-6000 Frankfurt-am-Main, telephone: 49-69-23-48-41.

June 26, 1986

Ms. Deanna E. Beachley
Bethany Theological Seminary, Butterfield & Meyers
Oak Brook, Illinois 60521

Dear Ms. Beachley:

We are pleased to tell you that your application for admission to the Graduate School of Youngstown State University has been approved.

Your legal resident status for tuition purposes is resident.

You have been accepted for the Fall Quarter, 1986, in the Master of Arts/History program as a regular student.

Your advisor is Dr. Domanos, DeBartolo Hall. You will receive from the Registrar's Office information on registration time and procedure.

If you have any questions, or if you have not received a catalog, please call Norma Jean at the office of the Graduate School, 742-3092.

Yours truly,

Sally M. Hotchkiss
Sally M. Hotchkiss, Ph.D.
Associate Provost and
Dean of Graduate Studies

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March 18, 1986

State Teachers Retirement System
275 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Colleagues:

In 1967, Youngstown University became a part of the State system of higher education and as faculty members we were subsequently covered by the STRS.

During the academic year 1970-1971, I was on a sabbatical from the University and received only .77 credit toward my retirement for that period. (See attached copy of statement.)

Based on information received from your newsletters, it is possible for university faculty to purchase credit for absences which occurred prior to July 1, 1982, if this is done before April 3, 1986.

I am definitely interested in purchasing .23 years of credit for the year 1970-1971.

Would you please provide me with the following information?

- a. What would be the dollar amount to purchase the missing credit for the 1970-1971 academic year?
- b. Is it possible for me to purchase additional credit for the period 1964 to 1967 when I was teaching at Youngstown University and when this institution was still a private school? If yes, what would be the cost for those three years.

Please write to me or phone at your earliest convenience since the April 3rd deadline is fast approaching. My office telephone number is: (216) 742-3451; home phone: (216) 533-2771. Your help in solving this problem will be greatly appreciated. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Dmonkos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

History Department

March ~~March 1986~~ 1986

Ms. Janet Rabinowitch
Senior Sponsoring Editor
Indiana University Press
10th and Morton Streets
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Dear Ms. Rabinowitch:

Enclosed you will find the Table of Contents as well as six chapters of my Matthias Corvinus monograph. I chose these parts of the manuscript because they do represent a variety of writing, i.e., narrative description of events, analysis of diplomatic developments, war, peace, etc.

Each text page is followed by a sheet with the footnotes. This is obviously a temporary solution and when the copy editing process takes place, the footnotes will be numbered in sequence within each chapter. In the present condition, I do ~~note~~ have the advantage of adding or dropping notes without having to re-number the whole chapter.

I sincerely hope that the readers, especially Dr. Sinor, will like the enclosed chapters. No major monograph on Matthias Corvinus has been published in almost a century. The work of V. Fraknoi, which appeared in 1890, is obviously dated and a new interpretation is needed. My completed study will give a good overview of Hungarian political and cultural developments in the second half of the fifteenth century.

As I indicated to you in our recent telephone conversation, there is a good chance that I will be in Budapest from May 2 to 14. It would be excellent if I could receive at least a preliminary indication about your reaction to the manuscript before my departure. I will be in touch with the Akademiai Kiado while there, and naturally, it would be marvelous if I could tell them of the interest of Indiana University Press in a joint publication venture.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain,

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

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Enclosure

April 9, 1986

Consular Section
Embassy of the Hungarian People's Republic
3910 Shoemaker Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Consul General:

Enclosed you will find two Visa application forms along with the required photographs and fee.

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Sincerely yours,

L.S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

LSD/lp

April 9, 1986

Mr. Douglas J. Hudak
1216 48th Street NW
Canton, OH 44709

Dear Mr. Hudak:

Dr. Taylor Alderman, Vice President for Personnel Services has forwarded your letter in which you expressed interest in a faculty position at YSU.

Unfortunately the Department of History would be unable to use your services at this time. For over two decades our policy has been to hire faculty members with Ph.D. in hand. We do use a number of limited service faculty in our survey courses and employ individuals with Master's Degrees in History.

During the 1986-1987 academic year the number of limited service faculty we intend to use will be rather small.

We certainly hope that you will be able to use your considerable skills in the academic area. It might be advisable to apply at community or technical colleges, where there is a considerable turnover of faculty.

Sincerely,

L.S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

LSD/lp

Department of History

April 28, 1986

TO: Dr. Bernard Yozwiak
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

FROM: L. S. Domonkos
Acting Chairman
Department of History

MEMORANDUM

In accordance with your instructions and in compliance with University regulations, I have made the following provisions to cover my teaching and administrative duties while I will be in Europe.

As I have indicated to you in our recent conversations, I will be in Budapest, Hungary, for editorial consultation on my book, which will be published by the Press of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

A personal meeting with the readers of the manuscript will facilitate and greatly expedite the publication of the volume. I will be absent from the University from Friday, May 2, to Wednesday, May 14.

A. Provisions for coverage of classes:

During my absence I will miss only three class periods since I am on a Tuesday-Thursday schedule. On Tuesday, May 6, the students will have a research-library day, and will review materials for the mid-term examination. Thursday, May 8, is exam day, to be administered by Professor Lowell Satre. Tuesday, May 13, the students will view a two-hour video presentation on the life and times of the prophet Mohammed, which is the first topic to be covered in the course following the mid-term examinations. The video presentation will be under the supervision of Mr. Aziz Alhadi, a Graduate Assistant in our Department.

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B. Provisions for coverage of administrative functions:

Most of the major administrative tasks for the 1985-1986 academic year have been completed. Our History Day on April 26 was a major success and is now behind us. What is left is the day-to-day operation of the Department, which at this point seems to be running smoothly. Mrs. Mary Belloto is extremely conscientious and most capable. She will be able to keep the office functioning in my absence. Prof. George D. Beelen has promised to handle any any all emergencies, should they arise.

Thank you for your kind cooperation in this matter. Your understanding and support is greatly appreciated.

If you have any suggestions or need further clarification, please contact me before my departure so that I can take the appropriate steps.

LSD/mb

To: Dr. Timothy J. Lyons, Dean
College of Fine & Performing Arts.

From: L-S. Drumkes, Acting Chairman
Department of History.

The Department of History requests that the Special Lectures Committee ~~sub~~ ⁱⁿ ~~side~~ ^{side} consider setting aside the sum of \$250.00 which would enable us to cover the expenses of bringing a noted historian to our campus.

Dr. Gabor Klaniczay is an Associate Professor at the University of Budapest and is at present doing research at Columbia University in New York.

The topic of Prof. Klaniczay's lecture is: "Sacral Kingship in Medieval Europe, 6th to 12th Centuries"
The lecture would be open to the public and would be of interest to historians, political scientists and members of the Philosophy-Religious Studies Department.

We have tentatively scheduled the lecture for Tuesday April 8, 1986 at 12:00 noon in the Arts & Sciences Faculty Lounge.

We sincerely hope that the Special Lectures Committee will be able to support this program.

March 3, 1986

Dr. Robert H. Jones, Chairman
Department of History
University of Akron
Akron, OH 44325

Dear Dr. Jones:

One of our former graduate students, Mr. David Whitacre, has applied to your department in order to pursue a Ph.D. degree next September. It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation in his behalf.

I have known Mr. Whitacre for several years and have observed his intellectual development and maturation. He is an extremely bright young man who is definitely Ph.D. material. He has been a student in several of my classes and seminars and his performance has always been excellent.

Recently Mr. Whitacre has been teaching survey classes in our department on a part-time basis. The reaction of students to his classroom performance has been positive.

Based on everything that I know about this candidate I feel certain that he will succeed in a Ph.D. program and therefore recommend him enthusiastically. Mr. Whitacre has the intellectual ability, the necessary discipline as well as a scholarly orientation which should enable him to become a valuable member of our profession.

With many thanks for your interest in this deserving student, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

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February 25, 1986

Ms. Marla S. Creager
106 East Main Street
Canfield, OH 44406

Dear Ms. Creager:

We are pleased to tell you that your application for admission to the Graduate School of Youngstown State University has been approved.

Your legal resident status for tuition purposes is resident.

You have been accepted for the Spring Quarter, 1986, in the Master of Arts in History program as a regular student. The transcripts showing final grades and your Baccalaureate Degree must be received by this office prior to your attendance in Graduate School.

Your advisor is Dr. Domonkos, DeBartolo Hall. You will receive from the Registrar's Office information on registration time and procedure.

If you have any questions, or if you have not received a catalog, please call Norma Jean at the office of the Graduate School, 742-3092.

Yours truly,

Sally Hotchkiss

Sally M. Hotchkiss, Ph.D.
Associate Provost and
Dean of Graduate Studies

SMH/oz

January 30, 1986

Dr. Ronald Lora
Professor of History
University of Toledo
Toledo, OH 43606

Dear Professor Lora:

It is with greatest pleasure that I nominate a dear friend and colleague for the Ohio Academy of History Distinguished Service Award.

Professor Friedman joined our faculty in 1969 and has been one of the outstanding members of the Department. He is a dedicated teacher and his students have responded to him most enthusiastically. In the yearly evaluations done by the students, Professor Friedman ranks among the very best in the whole university. He has the reputation of being fair minded, dedicated and caring individual. He has developed a number of new courses and expanded the curriculum. His classes are known for their intellectual rigour and for the excellence of the presentation. Dr. Friedman is dedicated both to his discipline as well as his students.

The author of six books and a large number of articles, Friedman has demonstrated that he is a first rate scholar. His work has received favorable reviews in the major journals and Professor Friedman's name is well known in professional circles. His scholarly output is even more impressive if one realizes that Dr. Friedman has carried a teaching load of 12 quarter hours during most of the time since he joined the YSU faculty.

Since 1979, Friedman has served as the Director of the Graduate Program in History. He has shown himself to be a competent administrator and has guided the program with sensitivity and intelligence.

Dr. Friedman is a respected member of the YSU academic community. He has served on a number of important University, College and Departmental committees and is recognized as a thoughtful and hard working individual.

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Finally, a few words about Friedman the person. There are not many people in academia who are as good and decent as Saul Friedman. He is a helpful colleague, a compassionate friend, and a fine human being. If your institution values these characteristics, you can not find a better candidate.

His record of activities in the Jewish Community speaks for itself. Professor Friedman is dedicated in the best sense of the word without ever being obsessed. He has devoted much of his life and energy to the service of his people and has gained in the process the admiration of both Jews and Gentiles.

If your committee is looking for a candidate who has offered distinguished service to the profession, the university and the community, Dr. Saul Friedman is an excellent choice. I recommend him enthusiastically for this award.

Cordially

L.S. Domonkos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

LSD/lp

January 31, 1986

Dr. Richard M. Jellison, CHairman
Department of History
Miami University
Oxford, Ohio 45056

Dear Professor Jellison:

Thank you for your letter of invitation concerning the Hueston Woods XIX meeting in March hosted by your University.

My dear friend and colleague George Beelen is on sabbatical this year and is enjoying the good life at Guadalajara Mexico while we are freezing our various parts in Youngstown. While George is away I have been appointed Acting Chairman for this academic year. I am looking forward to meeting you and the other chairmen on March 14-15.

Our Graduate Studies Director Saul Friedman will also be abroad at the time of the meeting. I have asked Professor Lowell Satre to accompany me as Acting Director. Lowell was chairman of the department a few years ago and knows quite a few of the people who will assemble at Miami.

Enclosed you will find the information you requested.

Looking forward to meeting you personally in March. Please convey my warm regards to Dave Fahey. We were graduate students at Notre Dame in the early 1960s, and I have a high opinion of his intellectual abilities.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours

L.S. Domonkos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

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January 9, 1986

Dr. Christina Roberts-v. Oordt
Research Grants Officer
Social Sciences and Humanities
Research Council of Canada
255 Albert Street
P.O. Box 1610
Ottawa, Canada K1P6G4

Dear Colleague:

Thank you for sending me the application of Professor Paul Keresztes in which he requests additional funds for his project entitled, "Greek Culture in Sixteenth Century Hungary."

About five years ago, this project was sent to me for evaluation at which time I wrote an enthusiastic report and urged the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to fund Professor Keresztes' proposal.

On the basis of what Dr. Keresztes has done and what he proposes to do, I have serious reservations about the whole proposal and my initial enthusiasm has largely evaporated.

There are a number of things which bother me about the direction this project has taken which I will try to summarize in the following points:

1. The study of printed volumes, especially dedicatory prefaces or letters is a marvellous idea. Unfortunately Professor Keresztes seems to have concentrated on this aspect and somehow lost the main aim of the project which was to place the influx of Greek culture in Sixteenth century Hungary in a wider context. Going from one library to another and looking at the dedicatory letters or prefaces is ~~in~~ insufficient to draw any major conclusions concerning the nature, character and sources of the Greek orientation in 16th century Hungary nor would this give enough information about the motivation of humanists and reformers to publish Greek books, as Keresztes originally proposed.

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The fact that Professor Keresztes has published some material based on his research is praiseworthy. The recognition that the Electra of Bornemisza is basically a morality play in the medieval tradition is an interesting by-product of his research, but is not central to the whole problem of Greek culture in sixteenth century Hungary.

2. Dr. Keresztes is trained in classical studies, as his vita and publications clearly indicate. I do, however, doubt on the basis of his report that he has a thorough understanding of the complexities of sixteenth century Hungarian cultural history. He indicates that he still has to obtain 20 to 30 articles and monographs to complete his study. This secondary source material should have been consulted before the trips to Hungarian and other libraries, and not this late in the research process.
3. The request to spend another \$4,524 seems to be excessive. Professor Keresztes has looked at about 80 printed volumes and needs to see about ten more. One has to ask the question whether the examination of ten more volumes will greatly alter the conclusions he can draw from the 80 already consulted. If Keresztes feels that there are a few volumes that must be examined, it is far more reasonable to request microfilm or Xerox copies of the dedicatory preface or other pertinent section of the volumes in question than to spend another \$4,500. I do not feel that the expected results of this research justify the expenditure. A far more modest request which would allow Professor Keresztes to complete the project without leaving the North American continent should be funded.

As you can see, I have serious reservations about the project. The research of Professor Keresztes did not proceed in the direction I had originally expected, and the description of what he has accomplished this far seems disappointing. I really wish I could be more positive about his proposal, but it would be academically dishonest to endorse something which has such major flaws.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

January 14, 1986

Dr. Carla Lucente, Chair
Search Committee
c/o Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Duquesne University
Pittsburgh, PA 15282

Dear Dr. Lucente:

Dr. Agnes A. Várdy has asked me to write a letter of recommendation in her behalf. She is a candidate for the Chairmanship of the Department of Modern Languages of Duquesne University. It is with great pleasure that I respond to her request because I am convinced that she is a superb candidate.

I have known Dr. Várdy for over thirty years and have observed her intellectual development and maturation. Based on the qualifications set forth in the position announcement, Professor Várdy is the ideal candidate for the Chairmanship.

Dr. Várdy, an Associate Professor of Literature at Robert Morris College, earned her Ph.D. at the University of Budapest in German and Literature. She has a native proficiency in German as well as Hungarian, and some knowledge of a number of other languages. As a result of extensive research related travel in Europe, her proficiency has been maintained at the highest level possible. I have, on occasion, heard her speak German and found it to be excellent.

Ever since her undergraduate studies at Ohio State University, Dr. Várdy has shown a keen interest in literature ~~AND~~ comparative literature. Both her MA thesis and her doctoral dissertation were in these areas. Since 1971 she has been on the faculty of Robert Morris College where her teaching has been primarily in the field of literature. Dr. Várdy is an extremely well read individual who is not only familiar with the "classics" of the Western literary tradition, but is also versed in the newer trends in prose, poetry, and the stage.

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My knowledge of her teaching is based on second hand information, namely, comments by some of her former students. She has a reputation of being a very fine instructor, respected for her dedication and her fairness. Professor Várdy has always set high standards for her own self and expects excellence from her pupils. She seems to be particularly effective with highly motivated students. In the more rigorous and selective environment provided by an institution such as Duquesne, Dr. Várdy would thrive.

As a scholar, Professor Várdy has few equals. Considering the fact that she has been teaching a heavy load of courses at Robert Morris College, has been a devoted wife and mother, her scholarly accomplishments are extraordinary. She has authored co-edited four books as well as numerous articles. The work she has produced through the years has been of uniformly high quality, reflecting a wide spectrum of interests. Her writing shows depth of understanding of literary and historical problems, the style is always precise and elegant. On numerous occasions, I have had the opportunity to hear her deliver scholarly papers at conferences and symposia. Her performance was always flawless. She was invariably well prepared, her delivery is relaxed, effortless, and poised. Professor Várdy is a true professional in whatever she does.

The requirements for the Chairmanship indicate the desirability of experience with International Programs. Dr. Várdy has ~~immense amount~~ of expertise in this area. She has traveled extensively, lived abroad for extended periods of time. She has studied in Europe, has done research in foreign archives and libraries, has taught at different institutions, organized and conducted international tours for American students. The recipient of a variety of study, research, teaching and travel grants, she knows the possibilities of international education and is familiar with the major sources of funding that can be utilized both by students and faculty. In her capacity of Chair of the Modern Language Department she could draw upon her extensive experience and her excellent contacts in the international area.

The hiring of an Associate or Full Professor, and especially filling of a Chairmanship implies a long-term commitment on the part of the University to a faculty member and thus the choice must be made with great care. I believe that Professor Agnes H. Várdy would be able to fill the position with distinction and to provide the academic leadership you are seeking. She has all of the attributes of a successful department head. If you are looking for a first

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rate scholar, an organizer and innovator who will motivate the Department and will be a vital force in University affairs, seek no further.

There is one more factor, rather intangible, which must be touched upon. The image a Chairman projects is always of great importance. Dr. Várdy has the poise, the charm and "savoir faire" which is an essential ingredient for the position. She is a cultured lady in the best sense of the work, able to function in any given situation.

To sum up: if Duquesne University is interested in a first rate candidate to fill the Chairmanship of the Modern Language Department, Dr. Agnes H. Várdy should be your choice. She has all of the qualifications you are seeking and would add strength to your program. I recommend her enthusiastically and without reservations.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

LSD|mb

April 23, 1986

Nedves Tibor:

Enclosed you will find a note Gabor and I wrote to you when he was here in Youngstown earlier this month. I was shocked to hear about your accident and sincerely hope that your leg is mending quickly and well.

Gabor gave an excellent presentation on the problem of Sacral Kingship in the Middle Ages. Unfortunately, his stay with us was very short. He arrived on Monday afternoon, stayed with us that evening; next day he gave his lecture, returned to our home and we awaited the arrival of cousin Sunil from Columbus who did finally materialize late at night and took Gabor with him.

Unless some major world crisis intervenes, I will be in Budapest and will call you upon arrival either Sunday or Monday, May 4-5. Eva will be going to Debrecen to deliver her lecture and I will remain behind in Budapest in order to meet with you, Erik and others. We will be returning to the U.S. on Wednesday, morning, May 14.

With warm personal regards and best wishes for continued recovery, I remain,

Department of History
April 23, 1986
April 23, 1986

Collin County Community College
Personnel Department
2200 W. University
McKinney, Texas 75069

Dear Madame/Sir:

Mr. Joseph Drobney is seeking employment at Collin County Community College as an Instructor of History and has asked me to write a letter of recommendation in his behalf.

I have known Mr. Drobney for about five years and have observed his academic development. He has been in a number of my classes, both survey and upper division, and graduate, and his performance has been exemplary.

The last two years Mr. Drobney has been enrolled in our Graduate Program and will receive his MA in History at the end of this academic year. He is regarded by the faculty as one of the best graduate students we have produced in the past decade. Drobney has depth of knowledge, an analytical mind, and a good ability to communicate his ideas to diverse audiences. His skills have been utilized with excellent results by the faculty of our department who have used Mr. Drobney in a variety of classroom situations.

Mr. Drobney has the skills that you are seeking. He has the mastery of the subject matter and the ability to arouse the interest of the students. He is effective in the classroom and is a born teacher.

The long range plans of Joseph Drobney are to receive a Ph.D. degree and to enter the academic world as a teacher-scholar. The opportunity offered by your institution would enable him to ultimately achieve his goal. After teaching a few years at Collin County Community College, he could pursue additional graduate work leading to the doctorate.

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It is with great enthusiasm and without any reservations that I recommend Mr. Joseph Drobney to you. He is a young man with excellent abilities, eager and willing to be an effective teacher. You could not find a better candidate.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

LSD/mb

Department of History

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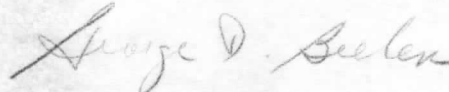
April 3, 1986

Dr. Sally Hotchkiss
~~Graduate~~ Provost
Dean of Graduate Studies
Youngstown State University
Youngstown, OH 44555

Dear Dr. Hotchkiss:

I strongly endorse Dr. Les Damonkos' request for a Research Professorship (1986-87). As one of our University's more prolific scholars, we should continue to encourage his fine work. After serving as Acting Chair of the History Department (1985-86), I know that he is eager to devote more of his energy to research. In his words: "I have the sources at my disposal, the material in my mind. What I need is time to write." Let's give Dr. Damonkos a little more time.

Cordially,



George D. Beelen
Professor of History

GDB/mb



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44555

April 9, 1986

The College of Arts and Sciences

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Sincerely yours,

L.S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

LSD/lp

Mrs. Eva Domonkos
Parent Education Department
St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center
1044 Belmont Avenue. P.O. Box 1970
Youngstown, Ohio. 44501-1790. U.S.A.

February 24, 1986

Dear Mrs. Eva Domonkos:

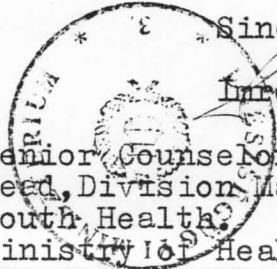
I have the pleasure to refer to the discussions we had about the future in the summer of 1985 when you visited me in the Ministry of Health of the Hungarian People's Republic. I am now reconfirming my appreciation of the developing collaboration between the Saint Elizabeth Medical Center Ohio and the Hungarian Obstetric Clinics.

At the same time I have the honour to invite you to come to Hungary in May 1986 to give lectures and to actively participate in the "Course of Preparation for Childbirth." The one week long Course will be organized for professionals by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology University Medical School of Debrecen, Hungary. The Course from 5 to 10 May 1986 will be the first step of the nationwide program of preparing for childbirth. I do believe that your active participation the course and your expertize will promote the country programme in Hungary.

An official letter of invitation will be sent to Sr. Susan Schorsten Executive Director of St. Elisabeth Hospital simultaneously with this letter. If you are given permission by the director it seems to be practical to get her instructions about her conceptions and conditions concerning the future collaboration between USA and Hungary.

I am looking forward to your forthcoming visit to Hungary.

Sincerely,


Imre Öry M.D.

Senior Counselor to the Minister.
Head, Division Maternal, Child and
Youth Health,
Ministry of Health of the Hungarian
People's Republic.

Recd. Mar. 20, 1986

To: Dr. Sally Holchkiss, Assoc. Provost

From: L. S. Dinkers

Dear Sally,

Just a brief note to thank you for your response to my request for \$300.00 ^{to do} research and editorial work in Budget. As I indicated to you, my plans are tentative but they do look promising. The grant from the Graduate School would be of immense help in the completion of an important project. Your goodwill and kindness is greatly appreciated.

If and when my plans are finalized, I will make formal application for the grant.

On a completely different matter: It was with great interest that I read the report of the Graduate Curriculum Committee concerning the possibility of a Master of Health Services program at YSH. When I took the description home, ~~for~~ my wife Eva studied it and was most impressed by the description. She has a Bachelor of ^{Science in} Nursing Degree from St. John's College (Cleveland) and is a Child Birth Educator at St. Eliz. Hospital Medical Center, teaching the courses in natural ~~child birth~~ delivery. She feels that

February 18, 1986

Ms. Janet Rabinowitch
Senior Sponsoring Editor
Indiana University Press
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Dear Ms. Rabinowitch:

It was a pleasure to see you again at the American Historical Association meeting in New York last December. I was very surprised that you recognized me since our previous meetings in Bloomington had always been brief and often years apart.

At the time of our New York encounter, I mentioned to you the fact that I am currently working on a book about Matthias Corvius and the Renaissance in Hungary, and that I would like to explore the possibility that the volume could be published as a cooperative venture between the Press of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Indiana University Press.

The status of the project can be summarized as follows:

1. I have been working on this monograph for over a decade and have spent considerable time in Budapest doing research under the auspices of IREX. The book is now about 80 percent complete with 20 of the projected chapters finished. The first chapter, still unfinished, gives a "bird's eye" view of the Hungarian kingdom in mid-fifteenth century, in order that readers can place the subsequent events in proper perspective. The following 22 chapters trace the rise of the Hunyadi Family, the reign of Matthias Corvinus from 1458 to 1490. The last three chapters discuss the Renaissance and late Gothic period in Hungarian cultural history. The projected length of the book is approximately 620 typed pages, plus notes, bibliography, etc. . .
2. In 1979 when I was in Budapest, Dr. Tibor Klaniczay, Director of the Institute for Literary Studies, took me to the Hungarian Academy Press to discuss publication. Dr. Klaniczay had read some of the chapters, had consulted with another scholar and expressed enthusiastic support for the publication of the volume, as soon as it was finished. I talked with Mrs. Edith Roth at the

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Academy Press and it was she who brought up the desirability of a joint publication with an American university press. Mrs. Roth believed that the most ideal situation would be if the book could be printed in Hungary, with two title pages. One version, with the Academy logo, would be for the European market and the other version would carry the name of a university press, such as Indiana, and would be advertised and distributed in the U.S.

3. Last September, I visited Budapest after delivering a lecture at the International Congress of Historical Sciences at Stuttgart. I took the 20 completed chapters with me to Dr. Klaniczay, who gave the manuscript to a reader for comments and critique. The study is being read by Professor Erik Fügedi, considered by many to be the foremost authority on Late Medieval Hungarian History. According to my latest information, Dr. Fügedi will have a report on the chapters he has read in early May. There is a possibility that I will go to Budapest at that time for consultation with Fügedi.
4. Because of administrative responsibilities, (I am Acting Chairman of the History Department this year), as well as the need to complete a number of scholarly commitments, I have been unable to finish the remaining five chapters of the book. I plan to use the summer months to write and hope to be ready with everything by Fall. As the chapters are completed, I will send them to Dr. Fügedi for critical reading and will make the necessary corrections which he suggests.

Based upon the information presented above, would you be interested in pursuing the possibility of a joint publication with the Press of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences? If yes, how could we proceed? Naturally, there are probably many questions that need to be answered, difficulties overcome before such a project could be brought to fruition. I am very much interested in your reaction and value your great expertise and good judgment in these matters. Please write or call at your earliest convenience. I am usually in my office Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 - 2 p.m. (216) 742-3451). My home telephone number is (216) 533-2771.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

February 17, 1986

Dr. Saul Friedman
The Zionist Organization of America
c/o Youngstown State University
Youngstown, OH 44555

Dear Professor Friedman:

As you know, I am involved in a major research project concerning the history of the Renaissance in fifteenth century Hungary. I am in the process of finishing the last five of twenty five chapters. This past fall when I was in Europe attending the International Congress of Historical Sciences in Stuttgart, I took the completed twenty chapters of the book, some 500 typed pages, to Budapest and delivered them to the Press of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. The book is accepted for publication and has been given to a reader for scholarly evaluation and criticism.

According to my latest information the reading of the manuscript is progressing well and should be completed by late April. Because of the length of the study and the highly technical nature of the subject matter, it would be most desirable if I could have an editorial meeting with the reader as well as representatives of the Academy Press. Such a personal encounter would have a number of distinct advantages:

1. Questions, problems or differences of interpretation could be discussed in a series of personal meetings and would eliminate the necessity of lengthy Trans-Atlantic exchanges of mail, thus expediting the publication process.
2. Having discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the completed chapters, it will be much easier for me to finish the remaining parts of the monograph since I will have a clearer direction in which to proceed.
3. A brief trip to Budapest will enable me to gather additional information for one of the major chapters of my book on the ethnic and religious composition of late Mediaeval Hungary, with special emphasis on the condition of the Jewish community in the second half of the fifteenth century.

4. I will have the opportunity to discuss, with the representatives of the Academy press the results of my recent meeting with Mrs. Janet Rabinowitch, Senior Editor, Indiana University Press, concerning a joint, collaborative publication of my book.

During a lengthy research leave in Hungary in 1979, I had the opportunity to visit the Institute of Rabbinical Studies in Budapest and made the acquaintance of its distinguished director, Dr. Bandor Scheiber. Professor Scheiber, who unfortunately died last year, provided me with some printed primary sources which I have already incorporated into my study. I do, however, need more detailed information on the location of the major Jewish centers in Mediaeval Hungary as well as an evaluation of the size, composition and influence of these communities. In the course of a brief trip to Budapest, I plan to meet with Dr. Robert Dán, Associate Professor at the University of Budapest. Professor Dán, who is a personal friend, and a distinguished scholar, will be able to direct me in my search for materials about the state of Jewish culture and society in the fifteenth century. Upon my return from Hungary and the completion of the project, I would be more than willing to develop a lecture on Jewish life in Hungary prior to the Battle of Mohacs, as a small token of my appreciation for your assistance in this project.

Based on the figures provided by my travel agent, the air fair, Pittsburgh-Budapest-Pittsburgh, is \$918. (British Airline: Pitts.-London-Budapest; Pan Am: Budapest-Munich-New York-Pitts). The Graduate School at YSU has already promised \$300 toward the project. Any assistance that your Fund can provide will be greatly appreciated.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, and thanking you for your consideration, I remain,

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD/mb

Department of History

December 11, 1986

Committee on Service Awards
Office of the Dean of Faculties
Bryan Hall 109
Indiana University
Bloomington, IN 47405

Dear Members of the Awards Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I received the announcement that Professor Ian Thomson has been nominated to receive an award in recognition of outstanding service to the University. I feel honored to have been asked to write this letter of support in his behalf for I regard him to be a superb scholar and a most respected colleague and friend.

In the course of the past decade, I have been at Indiana University on numerous occasions, usually as a guest of the Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies, or of the Hungarian Chair. This is how I met Dr. Ian Thomson and developed the deep respect that I have for his scholarship and intellectual abilities. There were three specific conferences where Professor Thomson's contributions were invaluable. He was one of the organizers of the Central Renaissance Conference held in 1983, as well as an active participant in the meeting on Medieval Latin Texts from Hungary in the fall of 1985 and the recently concluded symposium on New Perspectives on the Hungarian Renaissance. Ian Thomson is one of the few scholars in the United States who is familiar with the penetration of the Italian Renaissance into the regions of Central Europe. His work on the Humanist poet-bishop Janus Pannonius is known to all specialists in the field. Thomson has a well earned reputation for sound scholarship, fresh interpretations, and witty presentation. Indiana University can be proud to have a professor of Dr. Thomson's national and international prestige on its faculty. In the past few years, I have had the opportunity to discuss Ian's work with several colleagues both here and abroad. The universal consensus is that he has made major contributions to scholarship and is extremely highly regarded within the profession.

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In the course of the past years, Dr. Thomson and I have had the opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss problems of mutual interest. I have not always agreed with his interpretations, but at the same time, it is also true that he has inspired me to rethink some of my own positions. I greatly value his judgment and his intellectual integrity. It is equally important to note that Ian is not only a fine scholar, but also a warm human being. He is a man of charm and wit, whose pleasant manner makes the development of bonds of friendship easy.

Dr. Ian Thomson has all the outstanding characteristics which were so much valued in a Humanist Scholar of the Renaissance period. It is, therefore, with enthusiasm and great pleasure that I recommend Professor Ian Thomson to your Committee. He is an outstanding scholar who has brought respect and international recognition to Indiana University. By honoring him, you will honor yourselves.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of Medieval and
Renaissance Studies

LSD/mb

Department of History

December 11, 1986

Dr. James W. Halporn, Chairman
Department of Classical Studies
Ballantine Hall 547
Indiana University
Bloomington, IN 47405

Dear Professor Halporn:

It was with great delight that I read about your intention to nominate my friend Ian Thomson for an award. He is a most deserving candidate.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter I wrote to the Committee on Service Awards. I hope that I emphasized the right things and that the Committee will act favorably in this matter. I have been most impressed by Ian and have great respect for his abilities.

Please let me know when the award is made so that I can congratulate Ian personally.

With best wishes for the holiday season, I remain,

Sincerely,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD/mb



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44555

Dept. of History

9 Dec. 1986

*JSD -
I sent this
out. MB*

The College of Arts and Sciences

Jerry:

The new edition of McKay is received, somewhat oddly packaged. We have copies addressed to Deborah Pearl and Lenore O'Boyle at YSU, and I know that O'Boyle is at Cleveland State. We have gone ahead and opened the packages, as Lowell Satre and I received no texts under our own names.

We had a brief discussion about switching over to the new edition now, but decided to stick with the 2d ed. through Spring Quarter so as to delay the fuss required by changing syllabi around and to preserve resale value for students. We are assuming that there are enough 2d ed. copies in stock to carry us through Spring.

You might want to check into the computer program that ships out the examination copies. So far as I know, only George Kulchytsky got a copy under his right name here; others who teach Western Civ are Pei Huang, Leslie Domonkos, and (limited service) Dave Costello, John Axe, Frank Whitney, Kay Slocum, and probably Verena Viehe.

Thanks. The new edition looks good to Satre and me, on first glance.

Yours,

Martin Berger

Department of History

December 5, 1986

Dr. Jozsef Jankovics
Nemzetközi Magyar Filológiai Társaság
Országhas u. 30.I.41
H-1250 Budapest I
Hungary, Europe

Kedves Joskam!

Thank you for your kind note and please excuse the fact that I had not made my yearly contribution to the NMFT. Enclosed you will find a check for \$20.00 to cover the membership for the past and the present year. I do promise to send my fee more faithfully in the future. As you well know, I consider your work to be of major importance and am most grateful for the shipments of books you have sent me in the past.

I was very sorry that you were not in Budapest last May when I was there for a brief visit of less than two weeks. How was your research excursion to Sweden? Did you find any new and interesting material? It would have been nice to sit down and to talk to you again about scholarly as well as family matters. A few weeks ago, P. Aron was here and I fondly recalled the time when you visited Youngstown and spent several days with us.

The conference at Bloomington was interesting. It was also delightful to meet with colleagues from Hungary as well as various parts of this continent. I do hope that the plan to publish the papers will in fact materialize. It would be a welcome addition to scholarly literature in the Renaissance era.

With the approaching Christmas and New Year, we think more often about our distant friends. We wish you and your family a blessed holyday and the very best in the coming year.

Please write when you can. Until then, I remain,

Cordially,

Department of History

April 28, 1986

Professor György Ránki
Hungarian Chair
Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies
Goodbody Hall
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Dear Professor Ránki:

Thank you for your letter of April 23, 1986. I am looking forward to the Renaissance Conference this fall and would like to offer a paper which is tentatively entitled:

"Matthias Corvinus - Some Reconsiderations"

Before this topic is finalized, I will have the opportunity to consult with you in Budapest about the direction of my presentation.

Please extend my warm regards to professor Ian Thomson.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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Department of History

October 16, 1986

Dr. Tibor Klaniczay, Akadémikus
MTA Irodalomtudományi Intézet
Ménesi ut 11-13
H-1118 Budapest XI
Hungary, Europe

Kedves Tibor:

Almost six months have passed since we saw each other briefly in Budapest, and I am sorry that I have not written sooner. Finally, I am free of administrative obligation and have more time to devote to research. From January 1 to the end of March, I will be on leave from teaching duties as well and so I can finally finish the last chapters of Matthias.

Looking forward to seeing you at Bloomington. I was delighted that you were able to get P. Aron to come to Indiana University as well. He never dreamed that one day he will travel to America. As you probably know, he will stay with us for a week. It would also be nice if next time we could make arrangements for you to visit us and give a lecture at the University. To do that, we would need to make appropriate plans several months ahead of time, but since you have been to the U.S. several times before, there is a good chance that this would materialize.

I am looking forward with great eagerness to our meeting at Indiana University in late October.

With warmest personal regards, I remain,

Cordially,

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Department of History

October 6, 1986

Dr. Allen H. Kassof
Executive Director
International Research and Exchange Board
126 Alexander Street
Princeton, NJ 08940-7102

Dear Dr. Kassof:

In reply to your request for help I am enclosing my reasonably up-to-date curriculum vitae with those items marked which were the result of my IREX experiences in Hungary. Without any exaggeration, I can state the majority of my publications are the direct result of the research and consultation as well as collection of sources which have been made possible by grants from IREX. I sincerely hope that this information will be of some help to you in your quest for funds from the NEH.

I also need a favor from you. I am applying for a sabbatical from Youngstown State University for the 1987-1988 academic years. In the spring of 1988, I would like to spend 3-4 months in Budapest and prepare a monograph on the Intellectual and Cultural Life of Medieval Buda. Please be so kind and have your staff send me all pertinent information on application of IREX grants, as well as the exchange program with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Any suggestions, recommendations that you have, which would facilitate my project will be greatly appreciated.

Wishing you the best of luck in your search for funds, and in the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain,

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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Enclosure

Department of History

October 16, 1986

Prof. Dr. Szekely György, Főigazgató
Budapest Történeti Muzeum
Szent György tér 2
H-1250 Budapest I
Hungary, Europe

Dear and Most Distinguished Colleague:

It was with great delight that I received the news that you will be at the Bloomington Conference on October 27-30, 1986. It will give us an opportunity to talk about a variety of subjects and problems. I am very disappointed that I will not be able to invite you to our university on this occasion but sincerely hope that on your next visit to the USA you will honor us with a lecture.

Last May when I visited Budapest, I came to see you at your office while at the National Library to check on a few items, but found that you were gone. I left a message of greetings with your able secretary, but did not expect to see you so soon.

I was particularly interested in the presentation you made on "Sigismund of Luxemburg and Academic Life" delivered on September 11 at Budapest. If at all possible, I would be most grateful if you could bring a copy of the lecture to Bloomington, so I can read it. It obviously would have been nicer to hear it in person in Budapest.

In the hope of seeing you soon, I remain,

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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Department of History

October 16, 1986

Dr. Janos M. Bak
Department of History
2075 Westbrook Hall
The University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia V6T 1W5

Janoskam!

Thank you for your kind note. I am looking forward to seeing you again at the Renaissance Conference at Bloomington.

I will be arriving on Monday evening (X,27) and will return via Indianapolis, Cleveland on Thursday. Petneki is going to stay with me for about a week and will accompany me on the trip back to Youngstown.

Sorry that you will be arriving on Tuesday night. Would have been happy to have you there during my presentation on Matthias. I will be saying a number of rather negative things about him and will probably receive strong criticism from our Hungarian colleagues.

There should be ample time to talk about our various projects in the course of the meetings, or preferably over a drink at an "academic tavern."

With warmest regards,

December 11, 1986

Professor Thomas M. Finn
Dean of Undergraduate Studies
The College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

Dear Professor Finn:

At the request of Dr. Steven B. Vardy of Duquesne University I am writing to you supporting his application for the William Cannon Distinguished Professorship in the Humanities which you intend to fill this year. It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter because Professor Vardy is a distinguished scholar who would be an excellent addition to your famous department.

I have known Dr. Vardy for over twenty-five years and have the highest regards for his intellectual abilities. He is a mature scholar in the best sense of the word, with an impressive list of achievements and great potential for further growth in the profession.

Your institution plans to appoint an established scholar with an extensive publication record. Steven B. Vardy has been a publishing scholar since his first appointment to a university faculty years ago. He has written, co-authored and edited an impressive number of volumes, published by respected university presses. His shorter studies and articles have appeared in a wide range of professional journals, both here and abroad. What is significant, however, is not the number but the quality of the writings! Professor Vardy has made important contributions to the historical profession and a number of his studies, especially in the area of East Central European historiography, are seminal works which have become indispensable for the understanding of that troubled area of the world. His writings are characterized by a thorough understanding of the sources, great interpretive skills and a pleasant style. Guided by the highest standards of historical accuracy, he is never polemical or partisan. This is particularly noteworthy in view of the often emotionally supercharged interpretations of East Central European history frequently evident in the publications of other scholars.

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Professor Vardy enjoys an international reputation based upon extensive study, research teaching, and travel abroad, as well as his publications. He has been the recipient of a number of grants which enabled him and his family to spend longer periods of time in Europe. He has facility in several languages and is a true cosmopolitan. He would add an important international dimension to any department and would be instrumental in attracting more world class visiting scholars or lecturers to the university. This was quite evident during the years when Dr. Vardy was Director of the Duquesne University History Forum. Under his able leadership, the Forum was greatly expanded in scope and became international in character.

The excellent academic connections of Vardy would also be useful in attracting foundation monies and outside research grants to the department. He is an organizer of great skill and inexhaustible energy. As chairman of the Duquesne University History Department he has also demonstrated his considerable administrative abilities.

Dr. Vardy is not only a fine scholar but also a first-rate teacher. His former students speak with enthusiasm about his classes, praise the quality of the lectures and the intellectual honesty of the presentation. Both at Duquesne and at the University of Pittsburgh, where Vardy is an Adjunct Professor, he is recognized for his excellence in the classroom or seminar. He is at his best with highly motivated, intellectually curious students, those who are eager to immerse themselves into the subject matter. I am convinced that the academic atmosphere at the College of William and Mary would be particularly suitable to him.

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Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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Professor Thomas M. Finn
Dean of Undergraduate Studies
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Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

December 11, 1986
~~January 30, 1986~~

Professor Michael B. Katz
Search Committee
Department of History
University of Pennsylvania
207 College Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

Dear Professor ~~Katz~~: Finn:

At the request of Dr. Steven B. Vardy of Duquesne University I am writing to you supporting his application for the ~~senior scholar position~~ which you intend to fill this year. It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter because Professor Vardy is a distinguished scholar who would be an excellent addition to your famous department.

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Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History
~~Acting Chairman~~

LSD/mb

March 26, 1986

Mr. Robert Sweeney, President
The Buick Youngstown Co.
1021 Wick Avenue
Youngstown, OH 44505

Dear Mr. Sweeney:

About three weeks ago, I was making the rounds of Youngstown area car dealerships looking for a vehicle to purchase for business and personal use. After considerable amount of comparison shopping, I did buy a car from the Buick Youngstown Co. In the brief time that I have driven the newly acquired vehicle, it has performed excellently and I am a most satisfied customer.

What prompts me to write this letter is the desire to praise one of the members of your sales staff, Mr. Dick Nickel. Throughout the whole purchase process, Mr. Nickel was sensitive to my needs, was always polite and considerate. He was never pushy, aggressive or condescending. He listened attentively to my concerns and provided accurate information to the questions I raised. The fact that I purchased a car from Buick Youngstown was due not only to the good selection of vehicles in your lot, but also to the excellent salesmanship and pleasant personality of Mr. Nickel. It was a pleasure to do business with him and I will recommend Mr. Nickel and Buick Youngstown to my friends and colleagues.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerelyyyours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History

LSD/lp

March 18, 1986

Dr. Tibor Klaniczay, Director
MTA Irodalomtudományi Intézet
Menesi ut 11-13
H-1118-, Budapest XI
Hungary, Europe

Kedves Tibor:

Just a brief note to thank you for your letter. My plans are still indefinite but I hope that all the problems will resolve themselves and I shall be able to make the trip to Budapest in early May. The two major difficulties are in connection with my chairmanship and naturally finances. I still have to convince the Dean that all of the major projects for the year will be complete by the end of April and that the History Department can function smoothly for two weeks without my presence. I do have tentative promises for some travel funds from the two sources which should cover some of my airline expenses. If all goes well, I will be in Budapest from May 3 to 14. I hope that Erik will have given my manuscript at least a cursory reading and can tell me if I am proceeding in the correct way. This would certainly facilitate the completion of the remaining five chapters of the manuscript.

In the meantime I have also explored the possibilities of joint publication with Indiana University Press. By the time I see you, I should have a definite answer whether they are interested in such a project or not.

Thank you for your kind report on my article on Mariology which I submitted to the Hung. Studies. I have been able to consult two of the three studies which you recommended, i.e., Tarnai's article on the Dominican Michael de Hungaria in the Ikk (1974) and Sanyi V. Kovacs' introduction to Syongyosi. Unfortunately, I have not been able to get my hands on Tarnai A magyar nyelvet irni kezdik (Bp. 1984), although I have called Indiana and tried to get it Interlibrary Loan. Nobody seems to have it. If my trip to Hungary materializes, the required corrections could be accomplished in an afternoon and the article would be ready for publication.

I have been in touch with Gabor at Columbia and he will be here at our university on March 31-April 1 to give a lecture on "Sacral Kingship." We are looking forward to his visit and hope to welcome him into our home. He will

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be on his way to Indiana and will stop here briefly. I have been able to secure a modest (\$250) honorarium for him so that he can have a little spending money on his subsequent trip to California. I wish it could be more but finances in academia are not healthy.

Eva is feverishly preparing for her presentation at the Medical Clinic of the University of Debrecen where she is a participant in a seminar on natural childbirth. It would be excellent if my own travel plans also materialized and we could travel together. While she will be in Debrecen for a week, I could take care of a number of things in Budapest.

In the hope of seeing you in May, I remain,

March 11, 1986

Dr. Steven B. Vardy, Chairman
Department of History
Duquesne University
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15282

Kedves Belam:

Enclosed you will find the article I promised for the Somogyi Festschrift. Please substitute this for the study I originally submitted on "Mariology and Vernacular Literature," which is being published in Budapest.

This second article on the "Royal Chancery" is far more appropriate for the Festschrift anyway, since Feri Bacsi was a legal-constitutional historian and the subject matter fits his area of interest more closely.

What is the status of the Somogyi Festschrift? Do you have hope of being able to publish it in the near future? If yes, when and by whom? Please let me know.

I presume that there is nothing new on the "Nagy Lajos Project" since you have not sent me the revised proofs. Hopefully, the printer will get it back to you soon, and we can finish our part of the job.

Warm greetings to Agi and the children, Is there anything new on either her or your quest for a better position? Please let me know the outcome.

With best wishes, I remain,

P.S. A few days ago, the Columbia University Press catalogue arrived. On page 18 the Louis the Great book is advertised as part of the East European Monographs. I was very surprised to see that the name of Bela G. and my name was not indicated, although it is obvious from other listings that multiple editors and authors are given. I do not know the origin of this curious omission, nor do I care, but I would like this matter corrected. Since it would be rather awkward for me to write to Columbia, could I please urge you to immediately take the necessary steps to have this problem resolved by the time that their next catalogue goes to print.

Department of History

April 17, 1986

Professor Dr. Erik Fugedi
Corvin ter 6
H-1011 Budapest I
Hungary, Europe

Kedves Erik:

Thank you for the quick response to my telephone call, both on your part as well as by Tibor. The letters were excellent and have had the desired effect. The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences has been most cooperative and gracious and has not raised any problems concerning my departure for Budapest in the middle of the academic quarter. Fortunately, most of the major administrative tasks such as budgets, schedules for Summer and Fall are already done and so my absence will not create difficulties.

Unless the international situation deteriorates completely or Lybian terrorists blow our plane out of the sky, we should be in Budapest by Saturday evening, May 3rd. Eva will leave for Dobrecen the following afternoon and I will have the opportunity to discuss Matthias Rex with you at length during the course of the subsequent week. On Wednesday morning, May 14, we will be on our way back to the U.S.A. I am very much looking forward to our meeting. Please convey our warmest greetings to the two lovely ladies.

Will call you in Budapest, shortly after our arrival. Until then, vale!

L. S. Domankos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

LSD/mb

April 29, 1986

Dr. Fred W. Viehe
Department of History
U N I V E R S I T Y

Dear Dr. Viehe:

I am pleased to inform you that your application for a Research Professorship for 1986-87 was approved. We hope that your work on "The Impact of the Petroleum Industry on Metropolitan Los Angeles" will prove to be successful.

Yours sincerely,

Sally M. Hotchkiss

Sally M. Hotchkiss, Ph.D.
Associate Provost and
Dean of Graduate Studies

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cc: Dr. Domonkos ✓
Dean Yozwiak

April 29, 1986

Dr. George Kulchytsky
Department of History
U N I V E R S I T Y

Dear Dr. Kulchytsky:

The Committee on Research Professorships has completed its review of the 24 applications that were received. I regret that your application was not one of the 12 approved for 1985-86.

The quality of the applications generally was very high and this made the task of selection particularly difficult. Even though you were not selected this year, we hope that you'll still have the opportunity over the year to make progress on your work.

Thank you for submitting a proposal, and I hope you will not be discouraged from seeking a Research Professorship in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Sally M. Hotchkiss

Sally M. Hotchkiss, Ph.D.
Associate Provost and
Dean of Graduate Studies

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cc: Dr. Domonkos, Chairman
Dean Yozwiak

Department of History

May 22, 1986

Dr. James D. Bilotta
399 Fredericka Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Dr. Bilotta:

Thank you for your letter of inquiry concerning the possibility of teaching at Youngstown State University. Unfortunately, we are not authorized to hire replacements for the three faculty members who have retired in the past few years.

It is indeed tragic that a scholar with such excellent credentials as yours can not find a suitable academic position. I wish I could give you some words of encouragement or indicate that the situation here is hopeful, but that would be unfair to you. We do not see the possibility of additional faculty positions in our department in the next few years.

Wishing you success in your quest, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

LSD/mb

Department of History

May 21, 1986

Dr. Sally M. Hotchkiss
Dean of Graduate Studies
Youngstown State University
Youngstown, OH 44555

Dear Dean Hotchkiss:

Just a brief report on my recent research trip to Budapest.

I am happy to report that the twelve days I spent in Hungary were most successful and rewarding.

On two occasions I had lengthy editorial meetings with the scholar who has been reading the manuscript of my book in behalf of the Press of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Professor Fugedi was most complimentary in his editorial remarks and summarized his report on my work in the following two points:

1. Based on what they had known of my previous work, they did expect a good manuscript. What they received far exceeded their expectation.
2. My study on the Political and Cultural History of Hungary in the 15th Century is the best work written on the subject in the last one hundred years.

As you can imagine, I was most pleased with this report.

The reader, Professor Fugedi, had a number of minor queries which I was able to resolve by quick trips to the Hungarian National Archives and the National Library. One completely unexpected bonus is the discovery of an unpublished eight-page letter written by a Venetian envoy to Hungary to his father back home, in 1476. I immediately ordered a microfilm of the letter and hope to edit and publish it, possibly with the help of Dr. Mario Vecchia of the Foreign Language Department.

As always, I was also able to make some good rare book purchases, and am particularly pleased that I found one volume

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of diplomatic correspondence, published in 1892, which I only had on microfilm. Having it in book form is far more convenient to me and easier to read.

Thank you again for your kind support and for the money provided through the University Research Council. It certainly helped in defraying some of the expenses.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

LSD/mb

Department of History

May 16, 1986

Dr. Robert H. Jones, Chairman
Department of History
University of Akron
Akron, OH 44325

Dear Dr. Jones:

One of our outstanding graduate students, Mr. Scott Van Horn, has asked me to write a letter of recommendation in his behalf to support his application for an Assistantship at Akron.

Mr. Van Horn is a candidate for a Master of Arts degree in our department and is interested in pursuing further graduate work toward the doctorate. His primary area of interest is Ancient History.

Members of our department who have had Mr. Van Horn in courses or seminars have the highest regard for his intellectual abilities. He is among the best graduate students in recent years. We are firmly convinced that he has those qualities which are necessary for a successful doctoral candidate. Scott has great potential as a future teacher-scholar and would be a valuable addition to our profession.

Mr. Van Horn is a very pleasant, charming young man who has established an excellent rapport with both the faculty as well as his fellow graduate students. He is genuinely liked by everybody.

Any assistance that you can give to help Mr. Van Horn will be greatly appreciated. He is a most deserving candidate and we recommend him enthusiastically and without reservation.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

LSD/mb

May 20, 1986

Monsignor Bela Varga
225 East 72nd Street
New York, NY 10021

Dear Monsignor Varga:

Last week while in Budapest a friend of mine, Dr. István Vida gave me the enclosed book with instructions to mail it to you upon arrival in the U.S. Since I have known Pista for over fifteen years, I was glad to respond to his wish.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L.S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

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Department of History

May 19, 1986

Ms. Janet Rabinowitch
Senior Editor
Indiana University Press
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Dear Ms. Rabinowitch:

Just returned from a brief trip to Hungary and wanted to bring you up to date on a few matters.

Tried to call you before my departure to find out what your initial reaction was to the sample chapters I had sent you in March. Unfortunately, I did not have the chance to talk to you before I took off for Budapest.

The major aim of my trip was to have editorial meetings with Dr. Erik Fügedi and Dr. Tibor Klaniczay concerning the twenty chapters of my Matthias Corvinus study I left in Hungary in September. Dr. Fügedi is probably the most respected authority on the history of the fifteenth century in Hungary and Dr. Klaniczay is a renowned Renaissance specialist. Klaniczay is the individual who is guiding the project through the publication phase in Budapest.

Dr. Fügedi has read the manuscript with care and has critiqued the work from the point of historical accuracy and interpretation. Klaniczay has given the text a cursory reading and will concentrate more on the chapters dealing with cultural history, not yet completed.

I met on two separate occasions for several hours with Professor Fügedi and twice for shorter periods with Dr. Klaniczay. The number of questions or problems raised by Fügedi are all minor and he recommended no substantive changes. The number of queries for a manuscript of 400 pages was miniscule.

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The opinion expressed by Professor Fügedi and Dr. Klaniczay concerning the study can be summarized in two sentences:

"We had expected a good, solid study based upon what we know about your work. This book, however, far exceeds all of our expectations."

"There is no doubt that this will be the best study published on this topic in the last one hundred years. With the approach of the 500th anniversary of the death of Matthias Corvinus (1490), this will be a major addition to our understanding of that age."

Both readers will also explore the possibility of having the book translated into Hungarian, thus making it available to a large native audience.

As you can imagine, I was on cloud nine (non-radioactive) after my meetings in Budapest. This will also spur me on to finish most of the remaining chapters (5) before the beginning of the Fall Quarter.

It is with great anticipation that I await some word from you concerning the possibility of copublication between the Akademiai Kiado and Indiana University Press. Dr. Klaniczay who has excellent connections with the Academy Press reacted most most enthusiastically to the news of the possibility of this cooperative venture.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

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Dr. Bernard Yozwiak, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

May 16, 1986

L. S. Domonkos, Acting Chairman, History Dept.

Justification of Small Classes
Spring Quarter 1986

The Department of History has only one regularly scheduled on-campus class which is slightly below the required minimum. Another class taught at Boardman High School under the Education Outreach Program is also below the required limit.

The two courses are as follows:

Hist. 801 (Course Code 2249) U.S. Popular Culture
Professor Sidney I. Roberts

This class, unfortunately, is scheduled at 8:00 a.m., a time period when it is difficult to fill upper division classes. It is also important to note that the Popular Culture class is a relatively new offering of our department and because it is offered as an 801 course has not developed the kind of following one would expect. We hope that this situation will improve in the future.

Hist. 656 - (Course Code 2238) Western Civilization II
Mr. Frank Whitney - Boardman High School
Education Outreach

These courses are difficult to predict how successful we will be in filling them. This particular course has 12 students, although at one time (2/26/86) there were 15 registered.

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Department of History

April 17, 1986

Professor Jurgen Herbst
Department of History
University of Wisconsin-Madison
3211 Humanities Building
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

Dear Professor Herbst:

Thank you for your letter of inquiry concerning my article which appeared in Poland. It is not surprising that you could not find it in the Acta Scientiarum of the Jagellonian University simply because it was not published there. The study appeared in a special volume edited at the University of Warsaw entitled, Universitates Studiorum saec. XVIII et XIX., pp. 185-206.

The above volume was published by the Poles on such poor quality paper and in such unappealing format that I had it subsequently reset by our print shop at the university here and reprinted.

Enclosed you will find two copies of the reprint, one for you personally, the other to be used as you like. I am familiar with your fine scholarship and have admired the work you have done in the past in the area of educational history. I do hope that we will someday have the opportunity to meet in person.

With best wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

LSD/mb

Enclosures

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In the determination of what is included or excluded in a basic university curriculum, the primary consideration should always be the intellectual development of our students and not an effort to build "academic empires" or to "protect our turf." A requirement that students take at least one history course is an intellectually sound proposal.

It is interesting to note that Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, Stanford and other first rate institutions which draw on the best high school graduates in the country, students who are usually widely traveled and highly literate, still require that their graduates take history courses. Many of our students whose academic preparation is less extensive, who come from a culturally deprived environment, would benefit greatly from exposure to the discipline of History. It would open up new horizons and decrease the provincialism of many of our pupils. A history requirement at Youngstown State University is far more vital to the educational development of our students than the same requirement at an "Ivy League" institution.

The most incomprehensible part of Professor Binning's argument is his insistence that history is the least typical of the social sciences and is not representative of its methodology or its content. First of all, we have to ask the question: On what authority Binning bases his assertion. Just because we say something, does not necessarily make it true. While Dr. Binning's statement might have had some validity as a critique of the methodology of history as it was practiced a hundred years ago, it is certainly not true today. History has in fact been influenced by and has adopted much of the methodology of the other social sciences. For example, many historians regularly use the tools of anthropology and geography. Psycho-history is not a passing fad, but has become a respected part of the profession. Quantification, population movements, sociological insights into history are all aspects of our discipline. Marxist as well as non-Marxist historians have made giant strides in the study of economic factors in the development of historical trends and events. Historians have learned much from their colleagues in the other social sciences and by incorporating some of this methodology into their own discipline, have strengthened the profession. History is in fact an excellent introduction to what social scientists do. The statement that it is the least typical discipline is obviously fallacious.

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The members of the Academic Standards Committee should be commended for including a history course in their recommendation. Not only is this in harmony with the general educational trend evident in the United States, but it is an academically and intellectually sound proposal.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

LSD/mb

cc Dean B. Yozwiak
Assistant Dean G. Mapley
Chairmen, College of Arts and Sciences

June 25, 1986

Mr. Jerome J. Hiznay
13055 Unity Road
New Springfield, Ohio 44443

Dear Mr. Hiznay:

In signing your "Certification for Graduation" sheet, I noted with pleasure that you have completed your demanding Master's program with a 4.0 average. That is indeed an exemplary accomplishment, and I extend to you my sincere congratulations and those of the Graduate School.

Our best wishes go with you as you move on to new challenges.

Sincerely,

Sally M. Hotchkiss
Sally M. Hotchkiss, Ph.D.
Associate Provost and
Dean of Graduate Studies

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cc: Dr. Friedman
Dr. Domonkos ✓ *Hiznay*
Dean Yozwiak

June 16, 1986

Mr. Edward J. Crepage
4831 Westchester Drive, #315
Youngstown, Ohio 44515

Dear Mr. Crepage:

We are pleased to tell you that your application for admission to the Graduate School of Youngstown State University has been approved.

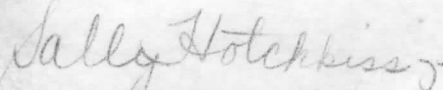
Your legal resident status for tuition purposes is resident.

You have been accepted for the Fall Quarter, 1986, in the Master of Arts/History program as a provisional student. The provisional classification is given because of a low undergraduate grade point average. The transcripts showing final grades and your Baccalaureate Degree must be received by this office prior to your attendance in Graduate School.

Your advisor is Dr. Domonkos, DeBartolo Hall. You will receive from the Registrar's Office information on registration time and procedure.

If you have any questions, or if you have not received a catalog, please call Norma Jean at the office of the Graduate School, 742-3092.

Yours truly,



Sally M. Hotchkiss, Ph.D.
Associate Provost and
Dean of Graduate Studies

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Department of History

September 10, 1986

The Book Loft
In German Village
631 S. Third Street
Columbus, OH 43206

Dear Madam/Sir:

Last Saturday, September 6, 1986, my wife and I visited Columbus and discovered The Book Loft. We spent several pleasant hours browsing in your marvelous book store.

I purchased the enclosed book, The Middle Ages, (Horizon Publ.) as a gift for a friend. Unfortunately, I found that he already has this volume and would like to exchange it for another book which I saw at your store.

Please send me the following title from your collection:
The Late Middle Ages: Art and Architecture. The book was located in the Art section of your store and was priced at \$18.98 or \$19.98.

Enclosed you will find a check for \$5.00 to cover the price difference and mailing charges. In case the amount is insufficient, you can be assured that I will immediately send you the balance.

Your kind assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

In the hope of receiving the requested volume soon, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History

LSD/mb

Department of History

June 13, 1986

Ms. Carol Yova
Office of the Assistant Dean
Kent State University
Trumbull Campus
4314 Mahoning Ave., N.W.
Warren, OH 44483

Dear Ms. Yova:

One of my former students, Ms. Kay Slocum, has asked me to write a letter of recommendation on her behalf. She is an applicant for a faculty position at your institution.

I have known Kay Slocum for about a decade and have the highest opinion of her abilities and intellect. She was in several of my lower and upper-division history classes and her performance has always been exemplary. Subsequent to her graduation, she was enrolled in our graduate program and did her Master's Thesis in under my guidance. She produced a fascinating and mature essay which combines her knowledge of Medieval History with her musical skills. Her thesis is, in fact, publishable, something which is most unusual on a master's level.

Following the completion of the MA at Youngstown State University, Ms. Slocum entered the Ph.D. program at Kent and is in the final phase of her work. Several chapters of her dissertation have been accepted and she will get her degree in the 1986-1987 academic year.

Ms. Slocum has the potential for becoming an outstanding historian. She has mastered the material, has excellent interpretive skills and is able to communicate her ideas in a lucid manner. She is also a musician of considerable talent and has combined her historical and musical knowledge in a remarkable fashion.

There is no doubt in my mind that Kay Slocum is going to be an excellent teacher-scholar. During the past quarter, she has taught at our University on a limited service contract and has done a very fine job in the classroom.

Ms. Carol Yova
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There are few people I would recommend with as much enthusiasm as I do in the case of Ms. Slocum. She is an extraordinarily well-qualified candidate and a charming colleague. She will be a marvelous addition to any faculty.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History
Acting Chairman

LSD/mb

Department of History

October 7, 1986

Dr. Neil D. Humphrey
President
Youngstown State University
Youngstown, OH 44555

Dear Neil:

Thank you very much for your gracious dinner invitation for Friday, October 17, 1986, at your home in Poland.

Eva and I are very sorry but it will be impossible for us to join you on that evening. In early September, we made plans with two other couples to visit Toronto on October 17-19. WE have confirmed hotel reservations and other plans for that weekend.

We are truly sorry that we can not accept your kind invitation because both Eva and I would have been delighted and honored to join you and Mary on this occasion.

Unfortunately, our previous commitment forces us to reluctantly decline.

We sincerely hope that the opportunity will arise when we can get together.

With many thanks and warm greetings,

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History