What Happened to History Since 1962?

On May 3 at 8 p.m. three history majors from our class will talk about some of the changes in teaching and writing about history since we left Swarthmore. Join us virtually at this link:

Judith Markham Hughes earned her graduate degrees from Harvard, joining the faculty of the University of California San Diego in 1975 and retiring in 2016. In 2001 she graduated from the Adult Psychoanalytic Training Program at the San Diego Psychoanalytic Institute. In the past twenty-five years, she has been researching and writing about the history of psychoanalysis. She has published ten books, the most recent being The Perversion of Holocaust Memory: Writing and Rewriting the Past after 1989.

Ronald G. Suny is about to retire after teaching for 55 years at Columbia, Oberlin College, University of Michigan, and the University of Chicago. His two latest books have won prizes: They Can Live in the Desert but Nowhere Else: A History of the Armenian Genocide, and Stalin: Passage to Revolution, both published by Princeton. He is currently working on a book on nationalism, Forging the Nation: The Making and Faking of Nationalisms.

Daniel Headrick retired in 2008 after teaching at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and Roosevelt University in Chicago. He writes: “In the past sixty years, while most historians were taking up the histories of race, class, and gender relations and, more recently, cultural history, I went off in other directions. As a result of teaching at Tuskegee, I became fascinated by world history, especially Western imperialism and colonialism. For this, I found the history of technology, a field much neglected by most historians, particularly relevant. More recently, I have become interested in environmental history, i.e., the interactions between humans and the rest of nature, in particular the history of pandemics.” Among his publications are The Tools of Empire: Technology and European Imperialism in the 19th Century, and Humans Versus Nature: A Global Environmental History.

The panel will be moderated by Evelyn Edson, now retired after teaching for 34 years at Piedmont Virginia Community College in Charlottesville.