



Department of History

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Letter from the Chair

Dr. Jonathan Grant

While the dark clouds of budget cuts hang over us, the History Department continues to weather the storm. In particular, this

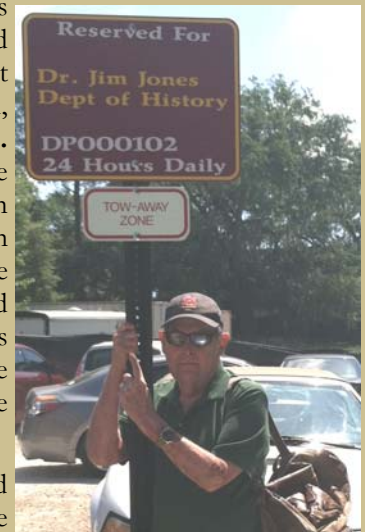
year we have been showered with Fulbright Scholarships at every level from faculty to graduate students to recent undergraduates. We have welcomed a new faculty member, Dr. **G. Kurt Piehler**, who joins us as the new Director of the World War II Institute. Professor Piehler specializes in the American War experience. In addition, Dr. **Jen Koslow** received tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor this year, and Dr. **Pam Robbins** was promoted to the rank of Associate-in-History. We also enjoyed the presence of Dr. **Andy Bruno** as a post-doctoral researcher and teacher in the History of Science. Unfortunately, we also had a loss as **Joan Denman** retired from the World War II Institute.

Collectively, our faculty published four books, two journal articles, and five book chapters during 2011-2012. Of special note, one of the books by Professor **Andrew Frank**, *The Seminoles*, was nominated for the Florida Book Awards in 2011. Also, Professor **Peter Garretson** published his monograph *A Victorian Gentleman and Ethiopian Nationalist: The Life and Times of Hakim Warqenab, Dr. Charles Martin, 1865-1952*.

In terms of bringing in grants and fellowships we had a very successful year. Among the eight faculty who received awards, two are especially noteworthy. First, Professor **Suzy Sinke** has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Austria as the Fulbright-University of Salzburg Visiting Professor for the coming academic year 2012-13. Second, Professor **Will Hanley** earned a year-long fellowship to the Rechtskulturen program in Berlin for 2012-13. Professors **Rick Mizelle**, **Kurt Piehler** and **Andrew Frank** each won summer COFRS funding from FSU for 2012. Professor **Rick Mizelle** also was awarded a one-year research fellowship to the University of Houston. In addition Professor **Alex Aviña** won the Stephen Risley Family Fellowship in the College of Arts and Sciences. Professors **Jen Koslow** and **Kurt Piehler** each were awarded short-term grants from the Rockefeller Archive Center, Sleepy Hollow, New York. Other short-term grants won by our faculty include Professor **Kurt Piehler's** Research Fellowship from the Mary Baker Eddy Library, Boston, Massachusetts, and Professor **Jonathan**

Grant's Title VIII short-term Research Grant from the Kennan Institute in Washington, DC. The Department also merited high praise for our ongoing superior teaching performance. We had five faculty nominated for University Teaching Awards and four of them won awards. Professors **Neil Jumonville**, **Alex Aviña**, and **Pam Robbins** all won Undergraduate Teaching Awards, and Professor **Kristine C. Harper** won a Graduate Teaching Award. Among other nominees, Professor **Darrin McMahon** was nominated for the Graduate Faculty Mentor Award, Professor **Suzy Sinke** was nominated for The Honors Thesis Mentor Award, and Professor **Charles Upchurch** was nominated for the Undergraduate Advising Award. In the realm of service, Professor **Suzy Sinke** was again recognized by the Organization of American Historians as a Distinguished Lecturer. Most impressive of all, Professor **James P. Jones** achieved the highest recognition that this University can bestow when he received a Designated Parking Spot with his name on it in the parking lot near the Bellamy Building!

Our graduate and undergraduate students have brought great credit to our program this year. We have graduated four Ph.D.s, and five M.A.s during the 2011-12 academic year, and among our graduates two were awarded Fulbrights. Dr. **Liz Bryant** (Ph.D. 2012) was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research in Poland and **Kevin Uhler** (M.A. 2011) was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to teach in Poland. Thirteen graduate students presented a total of twenty-one conference papers at venues including three international conferences and eight national conferences. Along



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with presenting two conference papers of his own, **Kevin Kokomoor** also published an article in the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*. **Abe Gibson** has been awarded a Smithsonian Institution Predoctoral Fellowship. **Maureen MacLeod** and **Kevin Kokomoor** were recipients of the History Department's Walbolt Dissertation Fellowship for fall and spring respectively. **Scott Shubitz** was selected as an IHS Summer Graduate Research Fellow for 2012. **Greg Stern** received a West Point Summer Seminar fellowship. We look forward to more great things from them all in the years ahead.

The undergraduate program remains strong. We graduated 155 History majors in the past year. One of our recent undergraduates, **Kate Layton**, was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Brazil for 2012-13 and also the Anna Mae Ford Memorial Fellowship to pursue her M.A. in Latin American Studies at the University of Texas, Austin. **Anthony T. Anderson** has received an invitation to participate in the FBI, IASP (Intelligence Analysis Selection Process). **Ben Baxter** will be attending Law School at Michigan State University. **Laura Fleming** will be attending William and Mary Law School next year and has received a graduate fellowship with the school. **Victoria Fort** has been commissioned as an officer out of FSU's Air Force ROTC program and is going to training

at Vandenberg AFB, CA. **Andrew Ghekas** will be attending Stetson University College of Law in August in hopes to pursue a career in Corporate or Taxation Law. **Richard Irby II** has been commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. **Nicholas Kaloudis** will be teaching secondary science in Colorado Springs through Teach for America. **Alisha Knowles** will be attending Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, for her M.A. **Phillip Marino** will be attending the University of Florida College of Law. **Anastasia Myer** will attend FSU for a Master's Program in Library and Information Studies starting in the fall of this year. **Stephanie Nieset** has been accepted into the International Affairs M.A. Program at FSU. **Shannon M. Richardson** has taken a job with the Florida Retirement Service. **Labrawn Saffold** has taken the position as the General Manager of Macy's in North Miami, Florida. **Justin Sisson** will be serving as an Active Duty Infantry Officer in the 101st Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell, KY. **Chelsey Strawbridge** has been accepted into Teach for America Chicago Corps. **Hannah Volz** has been promoted at the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) in the Communications office. **Amy Whiteford** is applying to graduate school for library and information studies. We wish them and all our graduates much success in their endeavors.

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Meet Our New Faculty

Kurt Piehler

Director of the Institute on WWII and the Human Experience

G. Kurt Piehler is a specialist in U.S. History with an emphasis on the Twentieth Century. He received his bachelor's degree from Drew University (1982) and his Ph.D. from Rutgers University (1990). Dr. Piehler is author of *Remembering War the American Way* (Smithsonian Institution Press, 1995, reprint ed., 2004), *World War II in the American Soldiers' Lives Series* (Greenwood Press, 2007), and co-editor of *Major Problems in American Military History* (Houghton

Mifflin, 1999). He is consulting editor for the *Oxford Companion to American Military History* (1999) and associate editor of *Americans at War: Society, Culture, and the Homefront* (Macmillan Reference/Gale, 2005). His articles have appeared in the *History of Education Quarterly*, *Journal of the Rutgers University Libraries*, and the anthology, *Commemorations: The Politics of National Identity* (Princeton, 1994). Piehler is book series editor for *World War II: The Global, Human, and Ethical Dimension* published by Fordham University Press.

As founding director (1994-1998) of the Rutgers Oral History Archives of World War II, Piehler conducted over 200 interviews with veterans of this

conflict. Many of the interviews conducted by Dr. Piehler can be found on the Internet at: <http://oralhistory.rutgers.edu>. His televised lecture, "The War That Transformed a Generation," which drew on the Rutgers Oral History Archives, appeared on the History Channel in 1997.

Dr. Piehler has also held academic positions at Baruch College of the City University of New York, Drew University, and Rutgers University. He held the National Historical Publications and Records Commission Fellowship at the Peale Family Papers, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution (1988-1989). He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Joining the Department of History This Year

Peter Simons - Received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Chicago in 2012 and joined the department this fall as a postdoctoral fellow in History of Science/Environmental History of the North. He is working with Professor Ronald E. Doel.



Faculty Awards and Recognitions

Rodney D. Anderson Honored by University of Guadalajara

On June 21, 2012 the University of Guadalajara honored Rod Anderson for his decades of commitment to the history of Guadalajara and the Mexican nation, and introduced the Spanish-language edition of Volume II of the Guadalajara Census Project.

Dr. Claudia Rivas (Ph.D. 2008, FSU), a member of the faculty at the University of Guadalajara, organized the event which was brought to order by the University Provost. Dr. Guillermo de la Peña Topete then discussed Dr. Anderson's contribution to the scholarship of the Mexican Revolution, Dr. Sarah Franklin (Ph.D. 2006, FSU) spoke of Rod's commitment to education and teaching and what it was like to have him as a professor.

A roundtable discussion of Guadalajara Census Project then followed. The result of 22 years of work, the Spanish-language edition has recently been published by the Departamento de Políticas Públicas del Centro Universitario de Ciencias Económicas Administrativas (CUCEA) of the Universidad de Guadalajara. Noted Mexican scholars, including Dr. Sonia Pérez Toledo of the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Iztapalapa, remarked on the significant contribution this work will make to the study of family history, Mexican history, and urban history. It was a wonderful day for all who attended and a fitting homage to Rod's life work.

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News from the Department's Institutes & Programs

Historical Administration and Public History from Dr. Jennifer Koslow, Director

Our two Spring graduates, Barrett Codieck and Lauren Giffin, spent the year busily writing and crafting their thesis and capstone research projects. Barrett Codieck completed a thesis, "Keepers of History, Shapers of Memory: The Florida Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, 1895-1930," using the Florida State Archives and the University of Florida. He also spent the semester interning at the Grove, one of the oldest still standing houses built in Florida and the home of two governors (Richard Keith Call and LeRoy Collins.) The Florida Department of State inherited the property a few years ago and is in the process of rehabbing it and creating interpretive programs. Lauren Giffin created the website "Ladies, Welcome to the Southwest Conference," <https://sites.google.com/site/lgcapstoneproject/> which analyzes the impact of Title IX on women's collegiate sports in Texas. Lauren's project was an outgrowth of her internship at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame. We wish Barrett and Lauren well on their future endeavors.

The director of the HAPH program, Dr. Jennifer Koslow, chaired a panel at the annual conference of the Organization of American Historians, which was jointly held with the National Council on Public History's annual conference. While at the conference, Dr. Koslow met with fellow directors of public history programs to discuss ways in which digital technologies are being incorporated into the classroom experience. As a result, Dr. Koslow is developing a new course for graduate (and undergraduates) titled Digital History, which will be an online class available starting in Fall 2012.

Dr. Koslow also sought and was granted University approval to turn Public History into a formal major. Students will now formally receive a Master's in History with a Major in Public History on their diplomas.

Lastly, Dr. Koslow has been involved with several community engagement projects. First, two years ago students under Dr. Koslow's direction researched the history of Meridian Road in the hopes of analyzing and synthesizing the material into a nomination for the National Historic Registrar. (The project was brought to her

attention by a member of the Canopy Roads Citizens Committee of Leon County as a joint project between the Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation and the committee.) Dr. Koslow finished writing the nomination along with help from Robert Jones, Florida's Bureau of Historic Preservation's Historic Sites Specialist, and it is now in the process of being reviewed by the city and county before it can be presented for nomination. In addition, Dr. Koslow worked with a citizen committee to create the Tallahassee-Leon County Civil Rights Heritage Walk, which is a commemorative sidewalk designed by the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department, funded by the Tallahassee-Leon County Community Redevelopment Agency, and fabricated by the FSU-Master Craftsman



Studio. Fifteen sidewalk terrazzo panels, tell the history of the Tallahassee Bus Boycott and the Lunch Counter Sit-

Ins. The sidewalk is designed to sit at the corner of Monroe and Jefferson in downtown Tallahassee and is waiting to be set in the ground. In the Spring, Dr. Koslow became a member of a new citizen committee charged to advise Blueprint 2000 on ways in which to commemorate the

Smokey Hollow community, which was an African American community displaced by urban renewal in the mid-twentieth century, in the new Cascades



Park. Students in the Fall 2012 Public History Theory and Methods class are working on researching this community in preparation for a Historic American Landscapes Survey, which is National Park Service initiative.



Institute on Napoleon and the French Revolution
from Dr. Rafe Blaufarb, Director



2011-2012 was a productive year for the Institute on Napoleon and the French Revolution. Institute graduate students racked up a number of accomplishments:

In October 2011, Matthew Williams defended his MA thesis on the impact of the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars on the British East India Company. Entitled "Imperial Chimera: The Evolution of the British East India Company, 1763-1813," it offered a non-European perspective on the worldwide impact of the Napoleonic wars and received the highest praise from his committee.

Both Jonathan Deverse and Tarah Luke successfully defended their Ph.D. dissertation prospectii in Spring 2012. Tarah also defended her comprehensive examinations in the same meeting. Tarah completed initial archival research (in New Orleans) for her dissertation, on the political uses of the image of Napoleon in 19th century America, last summer. Jonathan spent the summer in France conducting research for his dissertation on the rise and fall of Theophilanthropism.

Thanks to financial support from the Ben Weider fellowships, three other Institute students made great strides toward finishing up their dissertation research during the past year. Cindy Ermus completed her research on European reactions to the plague in Marseille in archives in Aix-en-Provence, Marseille, Paris, Cadiz, Seville, and Madrid. Tim Best completed his research in the Archives Nationales in Paris on the remaking of the French system of tariffs during the Revolutionary and Napoleonic periods. Joshua Meeks carried out his research in London, Paris, and Bastia on the strategic role of the Anglo-Corsican Kingdom in the Western Mediterranean theater, 1793-1796. His research was supported by both a Weider fellowship and a dissertation research grant from the Fondation Napoléon and a teaching assistantship at the FSU London Center. Joshua also passed his comprehensive examination in Fall 2011.

Several Institute students published articles during the past academic year. Cindy Ermus published an article in *Louisiana History* on the great New Orleans fire of 1788 (based on her MA thesis). Tarah Luke published an article on American attitudes toward Napoleon in Napoleonic Scholarship. And Joseph Horan had an article on Napoleon's attempts to cultivate cotton in Southern Europe accepted for a volume of essays on the history of science, which should be coming out in 2013. Finally, Pat Perella gave a paper on Citizen Genet at the annual meeting of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era in Baton Rouge.

In sum, the students who were admitted to the Institute in 2008 have now all passed into the ABD stage and are well

advanced in their doctoral research. We should be seeing a number of dissertation defenses over the next several years.

As the majority of the current group of students has completed its coursework and achieved doctoral candidacy, 2012 was ideal to recruit a new generation of Institute students. And, indeed, it was a banner year for recruitment. Ten students applied for the Institute, of whom six will be attending. The incoming students are Caleb Greincke (who will be the 2nd recipient of the Donald D. Horward graduate fellowship in military history, following the highly successful first year of the original recipient, Arad Gigi, who will be passing on to a departmental assistantship), Christian Juergens, Jesse Pyles, Nicholas Stark, and Andrew Thompson, all of whom will be attending with Weider fellowships. In addition, we will be joined by Patrick Thibault, the department's first French Canadian student, who received financial aid from the Florida-Canada Linkage Institute and a Weider graduate fellowship. We expect great things from this incoming cohort!

During the 2011-12 academic year, Dr. Darrin McMahon had many outstanding achievements. Until December 2011, he was in Berlin on an Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship for Experienced Researchers and also held an appointment as Guest Professor at the Historisches Institut at the University of Potsdam. During his time in Berlin, he completed *Genius: A History* which will be coming out shortly with Basic Books. He also finished another book, *Modern Intellectual History*, a collection of essays co-edited with Samuel Moyn, which will be published by Oxford University Press. In addition, he co-organized a conference with Professor Joyce Chaplin of Harvard, "Genealogies of Genius," which was held at the Huntington Library in Pasadena, California.

During the 2011-12 academic year, Dr. Rafe Blaufarb was on research in London, where he completed the British part of his archival research for a book on the naval history of the wars of Latin American independence and the role of American, British, and French naval veterans in that conflict. He was also a visiting professor at the University of York, and he also gave talks at the University of Oxford, the University of London, the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris, and the University of Amsterdam. In March 2012 his book, *The Politics of Fiscal Privilege* was published with Catholic University Press. He also published articles on aspects of Napoleonic military history in *Military History* and the *Military History Quarterly*.

I thank you all for your continuing support, which makes the Institute's accomplishments possible.



Institute on World War II and the Human Experience

from Dr. G. Kurt Piehler, Director

Preserving the historical record of World War II is a core mission of the Institute since its founding in 1997 by Professor William Oldson. The Institute collection contains letters, diaries, maps, photographs, and artifacts that document the human dimension of World War II. With more than 6600 individual collections, including journalist Tom Brokaw's from his writing *The Great Generation*, our collection includes material representing every branch of the American armed forces: Army, Navy, Army Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard and recently we've reached out to those who served in the Merchant Marines. The Institute is equally strong in documenting the experiences of the home front, especially the role of women. Global in reach, the Institute has several significant collections that document the history of World War II abroad.

The Institute literally saves collections from the dumpster. Often we will receive inquiries from family members cleaning out the attics of loved ones only to discover a trunk of letters written by a GI to his or her family. Do you want them? Yes! A few months ago, we received a telephone call from a woman working in a recycling center who came across a batch of World War II correspondence that was going to be mulched. Thinking quickly, she rescued the correspondence of a junior naval lieutenant serving on a submarine in the Pacific.

The Institute has a long tradition of students using our holdings for their dissertations, master's theses, and undergraduate papers from Florida State. Over the past year, the Institute has begun several initiatives to encourage scholars to use our collection and to present their research.

In Fall 2011, Travis Hardy of the University of Tennessee drew upon our collections for a book examining Australian-American relations in World War II. Kara Vuic of High Point University, an award winning author who has written about the role of American nurses in Vietnam, spoke to the Institute's Advisory Board about her latest project examining the role women played in providing wholesome recreation to American troops in the Twentieth Century. Professor Vuic found our holdings of several women involved in the USO in World War II quite valuable.

G. Kurt Piehler became the second director of the Institute in August 2011 and joined the History Department. Piehler has written extensively on the Second World War and is currently writing a book examining the religious history of the American GI in this conflict. As founding director of the Rutgers Oral History Archives, he has interviewed over 200 members of the World War II generation.

This spring saw the retirement of Joan Denman as Institute Archivist. Joan was with the Institute for over a decade and played a pivotal role in shaping the Institute's collection. Despite the fiscal constraints at the University, the Institute has been authorized to hire an archivist and we expect to bring someone on board in the fall. In the meantime, Anne Marsh, the Institute Administrative Assistant, has stepped into the breach until a new archivist can be hired.

The Institute has a lean staff and depends on graduate and undergraduate students to assist with processing our collection. This past year Lauren Giffen, master's student in the public history program served as the Institute's graduate assistant. Four

undergraduates, Victor Hagenbucher, Timothy Kenyon, Santiago Rodriguez and Brigitte Stephenson, held college work study positions at the Institute. Stefani Mead, Jaryd Spevack, and Vincent Kolb-Lugo served as interns. Their efforts are aided by several volunteers, including Melissa Hughes and Hillary Sebeny. Inez Manuel and Dot Whittle hold the record for volunteering the longest—they have been with the Institute for over a decade. Moreover, they travel the farthest to assist the Institute—from Dothan, Alabama and Gainesville, Florida—on average once a month to spend two days with us.

Our graduate assistants, work-study students, interns, and volunteers help us answer daily inquiries and process an average of 3-5 collections that we receive weekly. When we receive a collection we seek to place all documents into acid free folders and archival boxes, as well as to write a description of the collection. They have also helped us with Institute events, grant writing, and ensure our passion for the history of World War II is preserved for future generations.

The Institute is committed to broadening the understanding of World War II to the wider community. In the spring, the Institute sponsored the first public lecture featuring Dr. Conrad Crane (Colonel, U.S. Army, retired) of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Colonel Crane's lecture examined the air war against Japan attracting an audience of over 70 from FSU and the general community. In June the Institute partnered with the Jacksonville Historical Society for a special Father's Day program that featured a lecture by the distinguished attorney and public servant, Peter Dunbar. Dunbar discussed the editing

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of his father's World War II correspondence for publication by the University Press of Florida. *Before They Were Black Sheep: Marine Fighting Squadron VMF-214 and the Battle of the Solomon Island* tells a remarkable story of service by Carol O. Dunbar.

The Institute Director has represented the Institute at scholarly conferences and lectured to several groups about World War II. In March 2012, Piehler participated in a teacher's workshop organized by the Friends of the National World War II Memorial held for high school teachers at the National Women's Memorial in Arlington, Virginia. As a teacher he has developed a special course examining the global history of World War II that requires students to make extensive use of the Institute's holdings.

On October 11, 2012 the Institute will hold its first fall lecture featuring Professor Judy Barrett Litoff of Bryant University who will discuss her pioneering work examining women's role in World War II. The Institute will sponsor a two and a half day conference, November 30-December 2, 2012 examining Religion and World

War II at the Hotel Duval in Tallahassee. To bring national attention to the Institute, we are sponsoring a special Veteran's Day program in New York City in conjunction with Fordham University Press. Please mark your calendar and look for more information on the Institute's Website (ww2.fsu.edu) in early fall.

Our collection is currently housed in the Bellamy Building and we will soon run out of space to accept new collections. Fortunately, plans are afoot to give the Institute a new permanent home as part of a new Veteran Legacy Complex. Not only will this complex give the Institute a state-of-the-art archival facility, but it will allow the Institute to forge stronger ties with the ROTC program and a new Student Veteran Center. The Veteran Legacy Complex is an initiative that is strongly supported by Florida State University's President Dr. Eric Barron. Dr. Barron is committed to making Florida State University one of the most veteran friendly Universities in America. The University is just beginning to seek contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations to fund

it. If you or someone you know would like more information on ways to recognize a veteran or someone currently serving, please contact the Institute Director, G. Kurt Piehler, at kpiehler@fsu.edu or by telephone at (850) 644-9541.

The Institute receives significant support from the History Department and from the College of Arts and Sciences to fund its operations. But without the generous donations of manuscripts and artifacts from veterans and their families the Institute's collections would not exist. We do **not** have a budget to purchase documents and artifacts and depend entirely on the generosity of private individuals and organizations. Financial gifts for operating expenses and endowments provide critical support allowing the Institute to fund public programs, scholarly conferences, and supplement limited University funds for maintaining our collections. The director and entire staff want to express our appreciation to all who have donated to the Institute financially, as well as by giving us priceless documents and artifacts.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE INSTITUTE ON WORLD WAR II OR ANY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY'S MANY OTHER INSTITUTES AND PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE.

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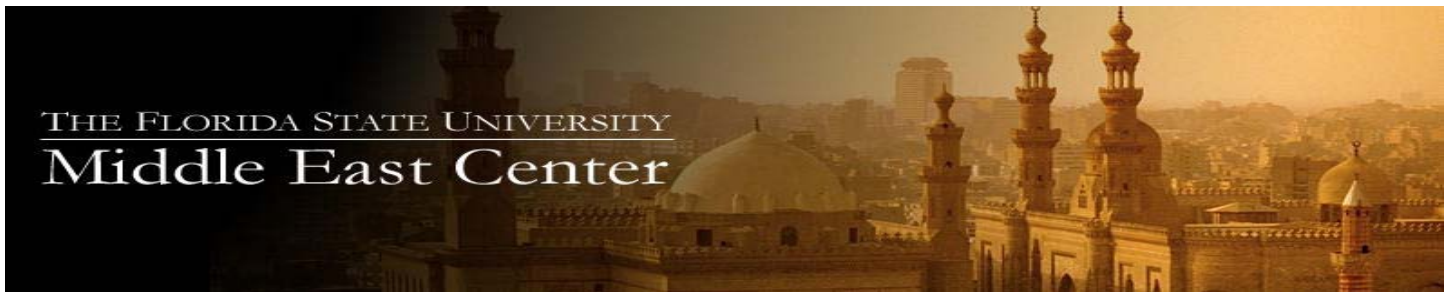
Reichelt Oral History Program

from Dr. Robin Sellers, Director

The Reichelt Oral History Program continues to amass oral histories with residents of the local community and expand our contributions to the FSU Heritage Protocol collection. The Edward F. Keuchel oral history kiosk is available in the new Heritage Museum (Werkmeister Room) in Dodd Hall, and is staffed for all university functions. Visitors to the museum or persons attending receptions or meetings in the museum can record, read a transcript, or listen to an oral history interview in the kiosk.

ROHP has affiliated with FSU's Veterans Center as well, and will be involved with the university's efforts to provide services to all veterans on campus. Our outreach to veterans extends beyond the campus to an affiliation with the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. Once ROHP completes a military interview, the transcript and digital audio are submitted to the VHP and they become part of the Library of Congress archives. To date we have placed more than 400 oral history interviews with veterans of 20th century military conflicts in the public domain.

For more information about our program or projects, or if you or someone you know would like to contribute your memories to our collection, visit us online at <http://ohp.fsu.edu/> or email us at rohpf@fsu.edu.



from Dr. Peter Garretson, Director

This last year has been a most successful one for the Middle East Center. The highlight was a very favorable report by an external evaluator for the Quality Enhancement Review, Prof. John J. Contreni of Purdue University. Among other things he said: "The Middle East Studies Program, the only such degree-granting program in the state, is especially noteworthy and a jewel in the crown of the undergraduate curriculum at FSU. Its students compete successfully for prestigious language and area studies fellowships and have earned admission to the top graduate programs in the field (Georgetown, Princeton, Harvard, Columbia and the University of London)."

This year, instead of a symposium, the Middle East Center was involved in a variety of activities. There were two important lectures in the Spring. First was "Political Microecologies' in the Early Modern Mediterranean: Oran between Spain and North Africa" by Dr. Yuen-Gen Liang of Wheaton College and the second was "The Rise of the

Muslim Brothers in Egypt" by Professor Beth Baron from CUNY. Other activities included a presentation on "Iraq: History, Culture, Country" by visiting Fulbright Scholars from Iraq, a panel on "The Arab World in Transition" with Gleya Maatallah of the University of Manouba, Tunisia, Professor Will Hanley, and Dr. Doris Gray, and the Middle East Festival in March with music, food and dance. Finally, one of our undergraduates, Madison Marks, was invited to attend a prestigious conference in the United Arab Emirates. She was the only undergraduate so honored. Let me quote from one of her emails: "I just returned from The Gulf Exchange Conference in the UAE and Qatar, and had an AMAZING time. I was with 24 students from 12 countries, and we had access to dialogue with major, influential figures like Sheikh Mohamad al Maktoum, the ruler of Dubai. We met with Al Jazeera, Al Arabiyya, the National, DP World, Brookings Doha Institute, the Doha Institute, Emirates Airlines, Sultan al Qassimi, etc." Our students continue to do exceptionally well.



Faculty Awards and Recognitions continued...

Alex Aviña won an Undergraduate Teaching Award and was awarded a Stephen Risley Family Fellowship in the College of Arts and Sciences to pursue research and writing.

Andrew Frank won a COFRS award from the Council on Research and Creativity.

Kris Harper won a Graduate Teaching Award.

Neil Jumonville won an Undergraduate Teaching Award.

Jen Koslow received tenure and has been promoted to associate professor.

Rick Mizelle won a COFRS award from the Council on Research and Creativity.

Kurt Piehler won a COFRS award from the Council on Research and Creativity.

Pam Robbins won an Undergraduate Teaching Award and was promoted to Associate-in History.

Suzy Sinke was nominated for the Honors Thesis Mentor Award and was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship as the Fulbright-University of Salzburg Visiting Professor.

Introducing - Our Students!

Our Outstanding Graduate Students...

Bryan Banks won the London Study Center competition for Spring 2013.

Abe Gibson has been awarded a Smithsonian Institution Predoctoral Fellowship.

Holly Jansen has been offered a job as Curator of Collections for the Museum of Mobile (AL).

Kevin Kokomoor won the Fall Walbolt Dissertation Fellowship. His article, "In the Land of the Tarpon: The Silver King, Sport, and the Development of Southwest Florida, 1885-1915," in the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*.

Kate Layton won a Fulbright for 2012-13 in Brazil and she

won the Anna Mae Ford Memorial Fellowship for a MA in Latin American Studies at the University of Texas, Austin.

Scott Shubitz was selected as an IHS Summer Graduate Research Fellow for 2012.

Greg Stern was offered a West Point Summer Seminar fellowship.

Kevin Uhler won a Fulbright to teach English in Poland.

Joshua Youngblood accepted a tenure-track position with the University of Arkansas as the Research and Outreach Services Librarian for the University Libraries Special Collections Department.

Interested in Supporting the Department of History?

The Department is currently raising funds for two endowed fellowships. The **James P. Jones Fellowship for Teaching Excellence** supports graduate students teaching American History at FSU. The **Joe M. Richardson Fellowship** supports graduate study for outstanding African American Students.

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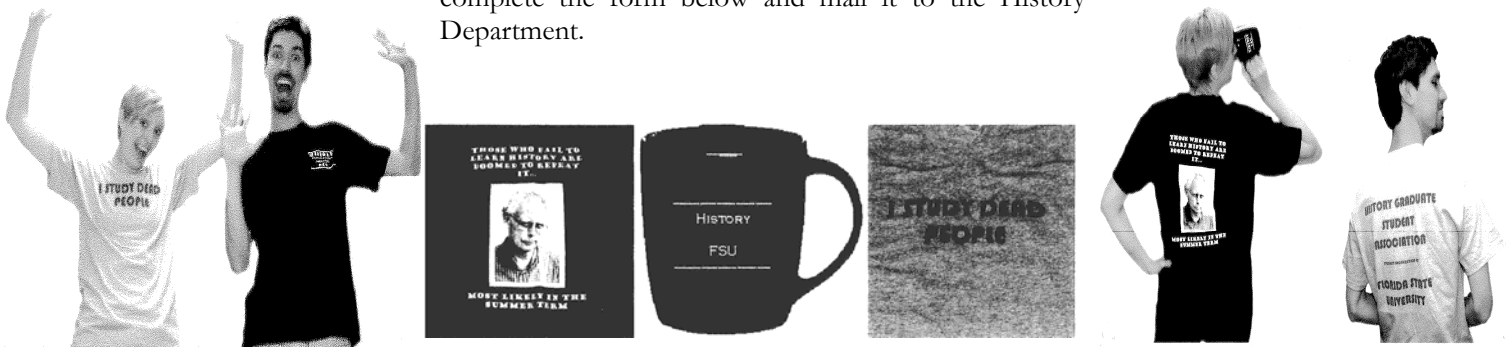


HGSA Update - Kim Beaver

It has been another successful year for HGSA! We once again partnered with the Society for Women's Advancement in Philosophy (SWAP) for the Fourth Annual Southeastern Regional Graduate Student Conference entitled "Power and Subversion: a Multidisciplinary Conference" on March 24, 2012. Students from all across the United States gathered at FSU for an enlightening day to present papers on a number of topics from a wide variety of disciplines. Dr. Michael Bishop from the Philosophy Department delivered the keynote speech entitled "The Science and Philosophy of the Good Life: A Unified Perspective."

New officers were elected at our final meeting: the President is Kim Beaver (ksb10g@my.fsu.edu); Vice President is Jennifer Sullivan (jes08e@my.fsu.edu); the Secretary is Richard Soash (res11j@my.fsu.edu); the Treasurer is Chris Osmar (cmo10@my.fsu.edu).

HGSA also hosted two highly successful book sales throughout the year to raise money for the conference. In addition, we placed our mugs and T-shirts on "fire sale" to help sell them. If you would like to have one of the mugs or T-shirts complete the form below and mail it to the History Department.



HGSA T-shirt/Mug Order Form

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Congratulations To Our Newest Ph.D.s!!

Dr. Elizabeth Bryant—Spring 2012—"Moses Did It, Why Can't You: The Role of Stephen S. Wise during the Holocaust" - directed by Dr. James Jones

Dr. Denise Spivey—Spring 2012—"Why We Fight: The Visual Rhetoric of American Wars, 1860-1918" - directed by Dr. Maxine Jones

Dr. W. Michael McDaniel—Spring 2012—"A History of Eglin Field and Parts of Okaloosa County during World War

Two" - directed by Dr. Michael Creswell

Dr. Dennis Mills—Summer 2012—"Plasma Aerodynamics since the End of the Cold War" - directed by Dr. Jonathan Grant

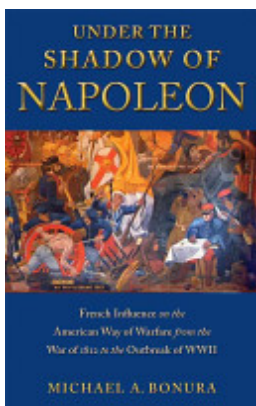
Dr. Samiparna Samanta—Summer 2012—"Cruelty Contested: The British, Bengalis, and Animals in Colonial Bengal, 1850-1920" - directed by Dr. Frederick Davis



Alumni News

William Adams (Ph.D. 1974) was presented an award in February from the Spanish government at an event in St. Augustine. The award, which names its recipient to the Order of Isabella the Catholic, is a Spanish civil order granted in recognition of services to Spain. Now living in Asheville, NC since his retirement in 2009 from his service as director of St. Augustine's Department of Heritage Tourism, Dr. Adams is currently the president of the non-profit organization, the colonial St. Augustine Foundation.

Whitney Bendeck (Ph.D. 2009) accepted a position as assistant instructor of International Affairs (INA) and is the new Director of Undergraduate Studies in INA. Her book, *A Force of Deceit: The Origins of British Military Deception during the Second World War*, is being published with the Naval Institute Press.



Michael Bonura (Ph.D. 2008) published *Under the Shadow of Napoleon: French Influence on the American Way of Warfare from Independence to the Eve of World War II*.

Liz Bryant (Ph.D. 2012) was named a fellow for the International Tracing Service Seminar sponsored by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and won a Fulbright to study the experiences of homosexual men in Auschwitz-Birkenau. She will be affiliated with Jagiellonian

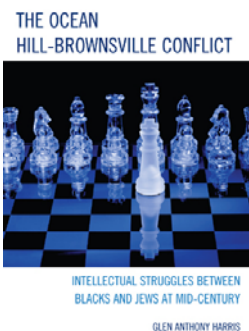
University in Krakow.

Roy Campbell (Ph.D. 2002) is the new Chair of the History Department at Presbyterian College.

Lindsey Churchill (Ph.D. 2010) accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Latin American History at the University of Central Oklahoma.

James Cortada (Ph.D. 1973) published *How Societies Embrace Information Technologies* (Wiley & Sons, 2010), *Information in the Modern Corporation* (MIT Press, 2011), *Modern Warfare in the Iberian Peninsula, 1936-39* (Potomac Books, 2011), and *History Hunting: A Guide for Fellow Adventurers* (M.E. Sharpe, 2012) which includes a chapter on his dissertation.

Glen Harris (Ph.D. 2003) published *The Ocean Hill—Brownsville Conflict: Intellectual Struggles Between Blacks and Jews at Mid-Century* with Rowman and Littlefield Press. He is a tenured associate professor of history at

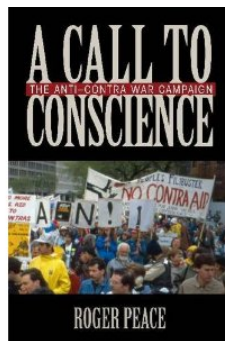


UNC Wilmington.

Douglas Helms (Ph.D. 1997) lives in Arlington, VA and retired last year from the National Resources Conservation Service as their historian.

Kimberly Luke (Ph.D. 2010) has accepted a part-time history instructor position at Colorado Technical University.

Alexander Mikaberidze (Ph.D. 2003) has been named the Hubert H. Humphreys Professor of History at LSU Shreveport. In March he appeared on C-SPAN's Book TV to discuss his book, *The Battle of Berizina: Napoleon's Great Escape*.



Roger Peace (Ph.D. 2007) published *A Call to Conscience: The Anti-Contra War Campaign* (University of Massachusetts Press, 2012).

Samiparna Samanta (Ph.D. 2012) has taken a tenure-track position as assistant professor at Georgia College in Milledgeville, GA.

Suzanne Scott (Ph.D. 2009) accepted a position with the National Archives II in College Park, MD.

Jonathan Sheppard (Ph.D. 2008) published *By the Noble Daring of Her Sons: The Florida Brigade of the Army of Tennessee* (University Alabama Press, 2012).

Donald Stoker (Ph.D. 1997) published a new co-edited volume, *Strategy in the American War of Independence: A Global Approach*, with Routledge.

Chris Wilhelm (Ph.D. 2010) accepted a tenure-track position at the Coastal College of Georgia.





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