



Department of History

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2014-2015 Annual Newsletter



Letter from the Chair *Professor Edward Gray*



The History Department had another terrific year. We continue to bring new colleagues to the department. This year's additions were two. James Palmer, a historian of Medieval Europe, comes to us from Washington University in St. Louis, where he received his Ph.D. Dr. Palmer is the first dedicated medievalist the department has had since the retirement of Dr. Ralph Turner, more than a decade ago. We also welcomed our first two-year post-doctoral teaching fellow, Dr. Robin Bates, an historian of eighteenth and nineteenth-century France. During the 2015-16 academic year, we look forward to filling our Ben Weider Professorship in French Revolutionary and Napoleonic History, formerly held by Professor Darrin McMahon.

In March, Professor Brian Delay, an Associate Professor of History at the University of California, Berkeley, delivered the department's first annual James P. Jones Lecture in American history. Professor Delay spoke about the rise of an American arms industry and its impact on American foreign affairs in the decades following the American Revolution.

As you'll see elsewhere in the newsletter, our faculty had a busy and productive year. They published prize-winning books, received sought-after fellowships and grants, were honored by the University for their teaching, and otherwise distinguished themselves. We look forward to another wonderful year.

Under the leadership of our Director of Graduate Studies, Professor Suzanne Sinke, the Graduate Program has also had a very good year. Twelve students graduated with their Ph.D.'s and twelve more received Masters degrees. Graduate students

were also awarded a number of distinguished fellowships and research grants. Among the highlights, Arad Gigi, a student of Professor Rafe Blaufarb's, was the recipient of a Chateaubriand Fellowship in the Humanities, awarded by the French Embassy; Chris Juergens, also a student of Professor Blaufarb, was the recipient of an Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship; and Rebecca Shriver, who studies with Professor Nathan Stoltzfus, was awarded an International Dissertation Research Fellowship from the FSU Graduate School.

The History Graduate Student Association's spring conference, "Ugly Truths and Glorious Lies: The Politics of Culture and Memory," was a smashing success drawing speakers from around the country. The department is indebted to Logan Edwards, and committee members Rebecca Shriver, Gregory Sterns, and Zachary Stoltzfus, for their hard work on this event.

Our undergraduate program remains strong, despite the many challenges facing the humanities. We still have among the highest numbers of majors in the College of Arts and Sciences and we continue the hard work of revising our curriculum to meet new state and university-mandated curricular changes.

In sum, we have had a very good 2014-15 and look forward to another strong year in 2015-16.

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Dr. William Oldson, the founding director of the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience, passed away in October 2014 after a long illness. Under Professor Oldson's leadership, the Institute acquired one of the largest collections held by an American university documenting the history of the Second World War.



Our Newest Position and Faculty Member



Dr. James Palmer received his Ph.D. in 2015 from Washington University in St. Louis and joins our department this fall as Assistant Professor of Medieval Europe. He specializes in medieval history, especially the history of Italy's communes, or city-states. His current book project focuses on early Rome and how the Roman elites built strong social solidarity among themselves.

He will be teaching Earlier Middle Ages Fall 2015 and Later Middle Ages and Urbanization and Transformation in Medieval Italy Spring 2016.

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Congratulations To Our Newest Ph.D.s!!

Bryan Banks—Fall 2014 "Progressive Protestants: Representation and Remembrance in France, 1685-1815"

Kathaleen Boche—Fall 2014 "Dancing Americana: Choreographing Visions of American Identity from the Stage to the Screen, 1936-1958"

Scott Craig—Fall 2014 "Bonds of Empire: The Politics of Penal Colonies in the Founding of America and Australia"

Willard Edmonds—Fall 2014 "Resisting the Civil Rights Movement: Race, Community and the Southern White Press"

Yanela McLeod—Fall 2014 "The Miami Times: A Driving Force for Social Change, 1948-1958"

Sean Klimek—Spring 2015 "Strategic Bombardment as an Obstacle to Airpower: Why the Early American Airborne was Shortchanged"

Joshua Meeks—Spring 2015 "Coalitions and Kingdoms: Revolutionary Statecraft in the Western Mediterranean"

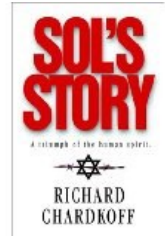
Jesse Pyles—Spring 2015 "Scapegoats No More: A History of the Portuguese Expeditionary Corps, British Myths and Cover-ups, and the Battle of the Lys, 1914-1918"

Lauren Thompson—Spring 2015 "Escaping the Mechanism: Soldier Fraternization through the American Civil War"

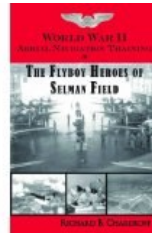


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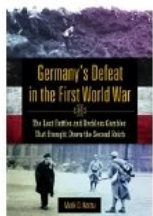
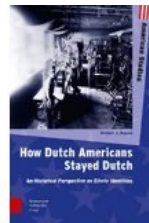
Richard Chardkoff, who received his Ph.D. in 1967, published *Sol's Story* (2002) which recounts the saga of a Holocaust survivor who survived four death camps, two slave labor camps, the Warsaw ghetto uprising and the Dachau death march., and *World War II Aerial Navigation Training & the Flyboy Heroes of Selman Field* (2008) the history of the



single largest aerial navigation training facility in the United States during World War II. Dr. Chardkoff recently retired as an emeritus professor of history at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.



Michael Douma, who received his Ph.D. in 2011, published *How Dutch Americans Stayed Dutch* (2014), a book based on his FSU dissertation.

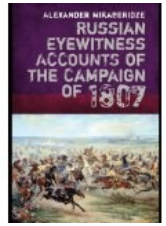


Mark Karau, who received his Ph.D. in 2000, has been promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at the University of Wisconsin-Sheboygan. His book, *Germany's Defeat in the First World War*, has been published by Praeger.

Richard Lukas who received his Ph.D. in 1963 and was one of Earl Beck's first Ph.D. students, has authored eight books, one of which was published in Polish in 2012. He taught at universities in Florida, Ohio, and Tennessee. After retirement from teaching in 1995, he became a freelance writer and has published both historical articles and fiction pieces.

Maureen MacLeod, who received her Ph.D. in 2014, has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of European History at Mercy College in New York.

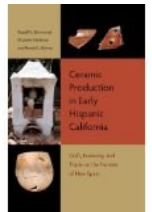
Alexander Mikaberidze, who received his Ph.D. in 2003, published *Russian Eyewitnesses of the Campaign of 1807*.



Alex Shelby, who received his Ph.D. in 2014, has accepted a tenure-track position at Indian River State College in Ft. Pierce, FL

Tommy Sheppard, who received his M.A. in 2010, has successfully defended his dissertation at UNC Chapel Hill.

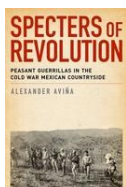
Russell K. Skowronek, who received his MA in 1983 under the direction of J. Leitch Wright, is now Professor of Anthropology and History at the University of Texas-Pan American, where he serves as the Director of the CHAPS Program. He was the recipient of The University of Texas System Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award for 2014. His book, *Ceramic Production in Early Hispanic California: Craft, Economy and Trade on the Frontier of New Spain*, was published in 2014 by the University Press of Florida. As the Director of the CHAPS Program he has overseen the creation of the Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail, the first trail in Texas dealing specifically with the American Civil War and focusing on the region between Laredo and Brownsville. To learn more visit them online at: www.utpa.edu/chaps.



Denise Spivey, who received her Ph.D. in 2012, has accepted a full-time faculty position in the History Department at Tallahassee Community College.

Eric G. Tenbus, who received his Ph.D. in 2001, is a Professor of History and begins his fourth year as chair of the Department of History and Anthropology at the University of Central Missouri. He has served as Secretary-Treasurer for the Midwest Conference on British Studies since 2009.

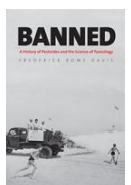
Faculty Accomplishments



Alex Aviña's book *Specters of Revolution: Peasant Guerrillas in the Cold War Mexican Countryside* was published by Oxford University Press.

Annika Culver received a University COFRS grant for her summer research.

Fritz Davis's new book, *Banned: A History of Pesticides and the Science of Toxicology*, has been published by Yale University Press.





News from the Department's Institutes & Programs

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

Our Department's Historical Administration and Public History program congratulates Brandi Burns and Rebecca Woofter, who graduated this academic year. Brandi completed a capstone project in the Fall semester. Her website "Although He Sleeps: A Study of Old City Cemetery and St. John's Episcopal Cemetery in Tallahassee, Florida" (http://tallahassee_cemeteries.weebly.com) analyzed tangible markers of mourning as rituals of death transformed over time. Rebecca's virtual exhibit "Creating Tribes in Florida: How Autonomous Camps Became the Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes" (<https://seminolemiccosukeepolitics.omeka.net/exhibits>) analyzes the question of sovereignty in the mid-twentieth century as it relates to the development of the Seminole and Miccosukee's political identities. We wish Brandi and Rebecca the best in their future endeavors!

This past academic year, the program's participation in researching the Smokey Hollow community came to a close with the publication of the Historic American Landscapes Survey at the Library of Congress. HAPH began working in the Spring of 2012 with Blueprint 2000, an intergovernmental agency (city of Tallahassee and Leon County) authorized to "preserve, protect, and enhance the community's quality of life through the implementation of holistic and coordinated planning, transportation, water quality, environmental and green space projects." Blueprint had formed a Smokey Hollow Citizen Committee and had charged it with creating a set of recommendations for how to commemorate the Smokey Hollow community within the new Cascades Park. One of the outcomes of those meetings was the movement to create a Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) for Smokey Hollow, which is a National Park Services program. The committee asked Prof. Koslow to take the lead in writing the historic narrative aspect of the HALS project (another aspect is architectural drawings.) Graduate students in HIS 5067 Fall 2012 were the first to help. They learned about a HALS and conducted background research for it by creating oral histories with former residents, ferreting out materials at the State Archives of Florida, and by conducting newspaper research. In addition, an undergraduate student participated through the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program

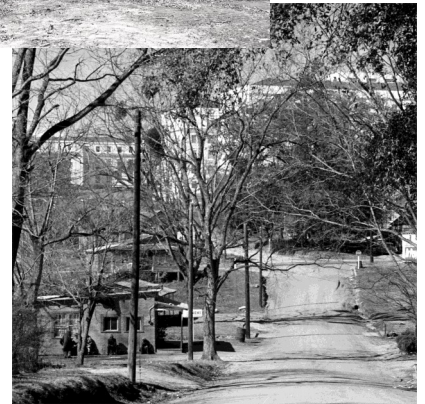
to help transcribe census material throughout the 2012-2013 academic year. Prof. Koslow continued the project with a research assistant's help through 2014, upon which time she completed writing the HALS, submitted it to NPS, made revisions, and submitted a final version. The final HALS was approved by NPS and transmitted to the Library of Congress in November of 2014. The full project can be found at: <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fl0781/>.

In other news, two doctoral students minoring in Public History, Richard Davis and Amy Coale interned at City Hall helping to process and organize the city's archival records. In addition, Rebecca Woofter interned at the Florida Historic Capitol Museum.

Lastly, Prof. Koslow represented the program at the International Federation of Public History's first annual conference held at the University of Amsterdam in October of 2014.



The Tallahassee Democrat printed images of Smokey Hollow designed to sway voters to approve an urban renewal law (State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory).



HGSA - Joshua Meeks

The new HGSA officers for the 2015-2016 school year are Kent Peacock, President; James McAllister, Vice President; Chris Crenshaw, Secretary; and Amy Coale, Treasurer.



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



This year was a productive one for the Napoleon Institute grad students. Two of them, Bryan Banks and Joshua Meeks, received their Ph.D.s and one, Richard Siegler, his M.A.

Three new students will be joining us in the coming year: **Benjamin Goff, Erik Lewis, and Marina Ortiz.** Benjamin will hold the Donald D. Horward Fellowship, Erik will hold a Ben Weider Fellowship, and Marina will hold the Anabel Horward Graduate Fellowship.

In January 2015, the Joe Weider Foundation made a generous donation to fund a new invited speaker and conference series. Thanks to this gift, the Institute was able to host the first in a series of Weider History lectures and workshops. Our first speakers were Dr. Doina Harsanyi (University of Central Michigan) who spoke on the plunder of Italian art objects during Napoleon's First Italian Campaign, and Dr. Patrice Gueniffy (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales) who spoke about popular perceptions of Napoleon as a hero. Our first annual Weider History conference was a two-day workshop on French Revolutionary economic practice that brought together twelve Canadian, French, and American scholars from institutions such as Harvard, Stanford, the Sorbonne, and the University of Chicago. The meeting was co-

sponsored by the Sorbonne and the Institute of Modern and Contemporary History in Paris. We look forward to having similar events annually.

Dr. Rafe Blaufarb published a co-edited volume of essays by his former doctoral advisor, Dr. David Bien, entitled *Interpreting the Old Regime* (Oxford), and several articles in the journal *Histoire, Économie, Société*. During the first six weeks of 2015, he taught in France as an invited professor at the University of Franche-Comté, where he taught courses designed to teach French high school teachers how to teach the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic areas.

The Anabel Horward Graduate Fellowship

At the annual banquet of the Massena Society, held at High Point University this past February, a new graduate fellowship in the Institute was established by Ilana and Skip Vichness. Founded to recognize the vital role Anabel Horward played in the life of the Institute and the unflagging support she gave to all of its activities, it will provide an annual stipend to graduate students working on any aspect of French Revolutionary and Napoleonic history. The fellowship is accepting new gifts. Anyone interested in contributing to this award can contact Jeffrey Ereckson at jereckson@foundation.fsu.edu.



Institute on World War II and the Human Experience *from Dr. G. Kurt Piehler, Director*

The Institute continues to collaborate with Fordham University Press on several initiatives. The Institute Director, Kurt Piehler, has edited a World War II series with Fordham since 2003. Beginning in 2012, the Institute has sponsored an annual Veteran's Day program with the Press at Fordham's University Lincoln Center campus in New York City. This year's program was co-sponsored by the Friends of the National World War II Memorial and featured the noted naval historian, Craig Symonds.

The Institute joined with Fordham University Press to staff a booth at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in January 2015.

Kurt Piehler, Anne Marsh, the Institute's Administrative Assistant, and Jordan Bolan, the Institute's Undergraduate Assistant, distributed our new brochure outlining our holdings and spoke with several hundred scholars and graduate who stopped by learn more about our mission. On the first day the book fair was open we hosted a champagne and coffee toast to celebrate Panteleymon Anastasakis, an FSU alumnus, and the publication of his first monograph, *The Church of Greece Under Axis Occupation*.

The Institute, together with Oxford University Press, hosted a one-day Writer's Conference on January 4, 2015 bringing together scholars who

are contributing to the Oxford Handbook of World War that is being edited by Kurt Piehler.

At the behest of Professor Annika Culver, the Institute supported the visit of Dr. Sheldon Garon, a distinguished scholar of Japanese history from Princeton University, to discuss his work on civil defense and aerial bombing.

The Institute organized a show at the FSU Museum of Fine Arts highlighting the collections of the Institute along with the private collection of an FSU alumnus, Pat Rowe. From February 13 to March 30, nearly 9400 members of



Accomplishments since retirement

Paul Halpern edited *The Mediterranean Fleet, 1919-1929* (Farnham, Surrey: Ashgate for The Navy Records Society, 2011). He wrote “Handelskrieg mit U-Booten’: The German Submarine Offensive in World War I” in Bruce A. Elleman and S.C.M. Pain (eds), *Commerce Raiding: Historical Case Studies, 1755-2009* (Newport, RI: Naval War College Press, 2013), and “The French and Italian Navies” in John H. Maurer and Christopher M. Bell, *At the Crossroads between Peace and War: The London Naval Conference of 1930* (Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2014). In October 2014, he presented a paper at The First World War at Sea conference at the German Naval Museum in Wilhelmshaven.

First Annual James P. Jones Lecture in American History

On April 2, 2015, Dr. Brian Delay, Associate Professor at UC Berkeley, spoke on “Dambreaking: Mercantilism, Armaments, and the Demolition of Europe’s America” at the first annual James P. Jones Lecture in American History. Dr. Delay is the author of *War of a Thousand Deserts: Indian Raids and the U.S.-Mexican War* (2008).



Institute on World War II continued from page 5...

the FSU and wider community attended the exhibit. As part of the exhibit, the Institute hosted a World War II Writers’ Weekend that included talks by seven authors, including Whitney Bendeck, Marcus Cox, Robert Gellately, Pieter Kohnstam, Jack H. McCall, and Michael Neiberg. Funds provided by the FSU Arts and Humanities Program Enhancement Grant supported the publication of a lavishly illustrated catalogue to accompany the exhibit featuring several essays, including one jointly authored by Kurt Piehler and Richard Siegler, a graduate assistant in the Summer 2014.

Fortunately, the Institute does have a small endowment that allows us to

provide limited support for graduate students to travel to academic conferences to present papers related to the Second World War. Whenever visiting scholars sponsored by the Institute come to campus, selected students are regularly invited to have lunch or dinner with them. This offers a chance for undergraduate and graduate students to gain insights about scholarship and the profession that can be best conveyed in an informal setting. For instance, one undergraduate student, Shelby Blankinship, who is working with the Institute on digitizing and annotating collections related to Nazi war crimes, had an opportunity to have lunch with the Professor Michael Bryant of Bryant University (Smithfield, Rhode Island).

Bryant is the author of the prize winning, *Eyewitnesses to Genocide: The Operation Reinhard Death Camp Trials, 1955-1966* (University of Tennessee Press) and was the Institute’s fall lecturer.

Dr. Piehler serves as an advisor to eight graduate students. In May 2014, Lt. Colonel Sean Klimek completed a doctorate under Professor Piehler and wrote a dissertation focusing on the development of airborne doctrine. Colonel Klimek received funding from the U.S. Force to complete his doctorate and will return to teaching at the Air University in June 2015.



Introducing - Our Outstanding Students!

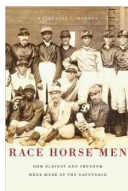
Kristen Forehand won the Edward H. and Marie Kingsbury Undergraduate Writing Award for her honors thesis. **Arad Gigi** is one of 15 U.S. recipients of a 2015/16 Chateaubriand Humanities and Social Sciences Fellowship. **Hakan Gungor** received a Truman Library Institute Research Grant and an FDR Library grant for dissertation research. **Melissa Hughes** won the Ermine M. Owenby, Jr. Travel Award from the College of Arts & Sciences. This award provides funds toward travel to present a paper at a professional conference. The Fall 2015 Walbolt Fellowship was awarded to **Chris Juergens** who also received a one-month residential fellowship at the Fred W. Smith Library at George Washington's Mount Vernon and a 2015-2016 Humane Studies Fellowship from the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. He also gained a

slot at the German Historical Institute's sponsored Summer Research Seminar. He will receive training in reading old script as well as attending archival workshops in Germany. **Hendry Miller** won the "Peoples' Choice" Award at the Annual FSU Three-Minute Thesis competition. **Rebecca Shriver** was awarded the International Dissertation Semester Research Fellowship for Fall 2015 by the FSU Graduate School. **Scott Shubitz** will be spending a month this summer at the Massachusetts Historical Society on an Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship. The Spring 2015 Walbolt Dissertation Fellowship was awarded to **Ryan Stackhouse**. **Allyson Stanton** received a fellowship for the West Point Summer Seminar in Military History. **Lauren Thompson** will be a Visiting Assistant Professor of History at Marietta College in Ohio next year.

Faculty Accomplishments continued from page 3...

Jonathan Grant and **Robinson Herrera** were awarded University Undergraduate Teaching Awards.

Jen Koslow was the April 2015 featured spotlight AHA Member. <http://blog.historians.org/2015/04/aha-member-spotlight-jennifer-lisa-koslow/>

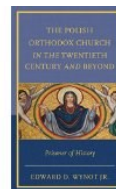


Katherine Mooney's book *Racehorse Men: How Slavery and Freedom were made at the Racetrack* received honorable mention for the Frederick Jackson Turner Prize of the OAH. She also received a First Year Assistant Professor grant from the Office of Research.

Chuck Upchurch is this year's recipient of the Center for Undergraduate Research & Academic Engagement's Undergraduate Research Mentor Award.

Laurie Wood was awarded a CRC Planning Grant to pursue her work on the French Legal Archipelago. She also received a First Year Assistant Professor grant from the Office of Research.

Ed Wynot published *The Polish Orthodox Church in the Twentieth Century and Beyond: Prisoner of History*.



You Can Support 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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