After several years of budget stress, things are looking up for the History Department. We have hired a new faculty member, Dr. Annika Culver, who will join us as the new Assistant Professor in East Asian History. Professor Culver specializes in Japanese history. In addition, Dr. Peter Simon spent the year with us as a post-doctoral researcher and teacher in the History of Science. Unfortunately, we also had a loss as Dr. Rick Mizelle left FSU to take a position at the University of Houston. Collectively, our faculty published five books (two monographs and three edited volumes), eight journal articles, and eleven book chapters during 2012-2013. Administratively, the Department will have new leadership as I will step down and Professor Ed Gray will become the new Chair in August.

In terms of bringing in grants and awards we had a very successful year. Professor Alex Avina won a summer COFRS and Professor George Williamson won a CRC Small Planning Grant from FSU for 2013. Beyond the university, Professor Michael Creswell was selected to attend the NEH Summer Institute at Duke University, and Professor Neil Jumonville received the Political Research Quarterly’s 2012 Outstanding Reviewer Award. The Department continued to gain recognition for our ongoing superior teaching performance. Professors Robinson Herrera, Jim Jones, Rick Mizelle were all nominated for a 2012-13 University Teaching Award and Dr. Jonathan Sheppard won a teaching award. Additionally, Neil Jumonville and Pam Robbins received nominations for the Distinguished Teaching Award, and Nathan Stoltzfus was nominated for the Graduate Faculty Mentor Award.

Our graduate students have brought great credit to our program this year. Ten graduate students presented a total of seventeen conference papers at venues including international conferences and national conferences. Of special note, two graduate students published journal articles. DJ Kinney's article, "The Otters of Amchitka: Alaskan Nuclear Testing and the Birth of the Environmental Movement," was published in The Polar Journal, and Chris Gunn's article, "The 1960 Coup in Turkey: A U.S. Intelligence Failure or a Successful 'Intervention'" was accepted for publication in the Journal of Cold War Studies. Katy Boche and Weston Nunn were recipients of the History Department’s Walbolt Dissertation Fellowship for fall and spring respectively. The Virginia Historical Society’s 2013 Mellon Research Fellowships and Awards committee awarded Lauren Thompson a fellowship in support of her research at the VHS library, located in Richmond, VA. Tarah Luke was named as a Teaching Associate for the Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) for the Academic Year 2013-14. Finally, thanks to the hard work of FSU’s public history students, Meridian Road is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Fourteen graduate students earned their MA degrees including: Jennifer Amy, Rachel Christian, Kelly Duda, April Gibbs, Holly...

**New Faculty Member**

Dr. Annika Culver received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 2007 and joins the department this fall as Assistant Professor of East Asian History. She taught at the University of Chicago, Beijing University, Skidmore College, and the University of North Carolina. Her book *Glorify the Empire: Japanese Avant-Garde Propaganda in Manchukuo* was published by the University of British Columbia Press (February 2013).
Jansen, Jared McBee, Eric Miller, Jamie Peeters, Amanda Rowlands, Julie Sawnor, Rebecca Shriver, Allyce Smith, Richard Soash, and Rachel Wacks.

Our Undergraduate Students…

The undergraduate program continues to produce very strong students. From summer 2012 through spring 2013 a total of 143 History Majors graduated. Among our 69 majors who graduated in spring 2013 some 25 earned distinction honors (9 summa cum laude, 5 magna cum laude, 11 cum laude). Morgan Abrahamson plans to attend Florida Coastal school of law next year. Tyler M. Aldrich is moving to Paris, France in August to begin his graduate studies. Sarah Logan Beasley will attend FSU Law School in the fall. Kristopher Bonnejonne will be pursuing his MA degree in International Affairs at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Matthew Cartabuke is pursuing a Masters in Industrial Organizational Psychology Human Resources Management at Appalachian State University. Kathryn Davis will be attending the University of Alabama School of Law to pursue her JD. Jaime A. Garcia De Paredes will be attending American University- Washington College of Law in the fall. Amanda Dugan will be starting a Political Science PhD program at Duke University. Melanie Godsey will be attending the University of Colorado- Boulder working toward her Master's in Classical Archaeology. Corie Greenberg will attend the Culinary Institute of America this fall 2013. Megan Griffin will attend the University of St. Andrews MA program in Scotland concentrating in Modern History. Robert Kimbrough is pursuing his MA in English Literature at FSU. Andrew Long will be starting Law School at Stetson in fall 2013. Jessica Lopez is currently enrolled in FSU's College of Medicine and plans on graduating with her MD and hopes to become either a primary care or emergency care physician. David Morris will be attending Stetson University College of Law in beginning in the Fall of 2013. Claire Pierre just accepted a job with ING Financial Partners as a financial adviser in Boca Raton. Jason Porrata is currently working as a summer education intern for The Coterie Theatre in Kansas City, MO (one of the top 5 children's theatres in the country). After the summer he has a 9 month apprenticeship with the Cleveland Playhouse in Cleveland, OH, where he will be working with their education department developing curriculum to workshop in schools. Aaron Powell is beginning his studies to attain an MDiv at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary this August. Roger Roche will be attending FSU's law school this August. Kenny Roundy will be attending the University of Georgia in Athens this Fall, working towards his MA degree in History. We wish them and all our graduates much success in their endeavors.

Faculty Publications

Robert Gellately published Stalin's Curse: Battling for Communism in War and Cold War with Oxford University Press (March 2013.)


Dr. John Hebron Moore passed away in October 2012. Dr. Moore was chair of the History Department from 1975 to 1980 and taught until 1992.
Congratulations To Our Newest Ph.D.s!!

Dr. Al Dorsey - Fall 2012 “Vicksburg’s Troubles: Black Participation in the Body Politic and Landownership in the Age of Redeemer Violence, 1870-1874”

Dr. Christopher Griffin - Fall 2012 "Veterans at War: The American Legion and the Civilian Mobilization in World War II"

Dr. Erica Johnson - Fall 2012 “The Revolution from Within: Abolitionists and the Revolution in Saint-Domingue”

Dr. Daria Willis - Fall 2012 “The Life and Times of Adella Hunt Logan: Educator, Mother, Wife, and Suffragist, 1863-1915”

Dr. Christine Caney - Summer 2013 “Patronage, Public Spheres and the Problem of Female Rule: Henry Howard and the Politics of Writing in Sixteenth century England”

Dr. Kevin Kokomoor - Summer 2013 “Let Us Try to Make Each Other Happy, and not Wretched: Creeks and Georgians, 1776-1796”

Dr. Jonathan Weber - Summer 2013 "Hustling the Old Mexico Aside: Creating a Modern Mexico City through Medicine, Public Health, and Technology in the Porfiriato, 1887-1913"

Alumni News


Lindsey Churchill, who received her Ph.D. in May 2010 under the direction of Robinson Herrera, recently accepted a position as an Assistant Professor of Latin American History at the University of Central Oklahoma.

James W. Cortada, who received his Ph.D. in 1973, retired from IBM after 38 years and was appointed Senior Research Fellow within the College of Science and Engineering at the University of Minnesota—Minneapolis. He published The Digital Flood: The Diffusion of Information Technology Across the U.S., Europe, and Asia with Oxford University Press (2012.)

Lt. Col, Brian De Toy, who received his Ph.D. in 1997, retired in April 2013 as the director of the Defense and Strategic Studies program at the United States Military Academy, concluding 28 years of service.

Sarah L. Franklin, who received her Ph.D in 2006 under the direction of Matt Childs, has just published Women and Slavery in Nineteenth-Century Colonial Cuba (University of Rochester Press, June 2012).

Rebecca K. Hayes, who received her M.A. and Ph.D in Early Modern British History at FSU, has been named Assistant Dean for Social Sciences & Honors at Northern Virginia Community College (Annandale Campus).

Erica Johnson, who received her PhD in December 2012 under the direction of Rafe Blaufarb, has accepted a tenure-track assistant professorship at Gordon State College in Georgia.

Kevin McCranie, who received his Ph.D in 2001 under Professor Donald Horward, has just been promoted to full professor in the Department of Strategy at the U.S. Naval War College.

Alexander Mikaberidze, who received his Ph.D in 2003 under the direction of Donald Horward, has just been named Associate Professor of History at Louisiana State University Shreveport.

Samiparna Samanta has taken a tenure-track job as assistant professor at Georgia College in Milledgeville, GA.

Jonathan Sheppard’s book, By the Noble Daring of Her Sons: The Florida Brigade of the Army of Tennessee (University of Alabama Press, 2012) has received the 2012 Nathan Bedford Forrest History Award given by the Forrest Cavalry Corps. He also won a 2012 Undergraduate Teaching Award.

Tommie Sheppard, a Ph.D. candidate at UNC Chapel Hill who earned his MA in 2010 under the direction of Sally Hadden, has received a fellowship from the David Library of the American Revolution to conduct research on his dissertation, “Petty Despots and Executive Officials: Civil-Military Relations in the Early American Navy, 1793-1820.”

Chris Wilhelm has accepted a tenure-track position at the Coastal College of Georgia starting this fall.
In 2009, a member of the Leon County Canopy Roads Citizens Committee approached Dr. Koslow about the possibility of nominating one or more of the canopy roads in Leon County to the National Register of Historic Places. Working with HAPH Master’s students Kristen Norton, Nicole Hockstra, Jennifer Amy Brock, Katie Adams, and Shelby Smith, Dr. Koslow began researching the history of Meridian Road. As a result of their findings and efforts, on March 20, 2013, the National Park Service listed Meridian Road on the register as a linear resource from roughly John Hancock Drive to the Georgia State line. Meridian Road was nominated to the National Register for significance on the local level under criterion A in the area of Transportation. Meridian Road is associated with the growth and development of Leon County, Florida, which for a time in the nineteenth century and into the early twentieth, was the center of cotton production in the state. The road served as one of the major local conduits to move agricultural products from the county's plantations and farms to market in the capital city of Tallahassee and to shipping points on the Gulf of Mexico. In 1824, as a new territory of the United States, a Prime Meridian Marker was placed at the southeast corner of Tallahassee, from which all land surveys in Florida derive their origin. Originating at the Meridian Marker, Benjamin Clements surveyed the longitudinal north/south Meridian Road in 1824. This was one of the first roads surveyed in Florida. This major thoroughfare continues to connect the rural areas of Leon County to the City of Tallahassee. To read the full register, please see http://www.nps.gov/nr/feature/places/13000081.htm

In the past year, four students have graduated with a Master's in History with a Major in Public History. In the Fall, Jennifer Amy Brock, whose capstone project was titled “K-12 Curriculum Projects: Florida History,” completed her degree and is now the Museum Education Program Representative at the Museum of Florida History. In the Spring, Philip Davis, Julie Sawnor, and Rachel Christian successfully defended their capstone projects. Philip created a bicycle tour “The Founding Fathers in Paris: A Tour through the Romantic Nostalgia.” Currently, Philip resides in Paris and if you or someone you know is interested in doing a tour of the city’s historic sites and spaces, please give him an email at pwd11@my.fsu.edu. Currently he works for Fat Tire Bike Tours, fattirebiketours.com/paris. Julie Sawnor prepared a draft nomination to place the Historic Jefferson County Jail on the National Register of Historic Places. She has given her draft to Florida’s State Historic Preservation officer and will continue to work on the project as it proceeds through the process to be placed on the National Register. Rachel Christian’s capstone project involved transcribing the personal correspondence of the Drew Family Papers, descendants of Governor George F. Drew, from World War I to look at how one Florida family experienced the war.

In January 2013, Dr. Koslow discussed issues related to Public History positions as one of the “interviewers” in a workshop titled “Interviewing in the Job Market in the Twenty-First Century,” sponsored by the American Historical Association at the organization’s Annual Conference held in New Orleans. At the same conference, Dr. Koslow also offered critical commentary on a panel titled “Revisiting Maternalism and Its Legacy: Gender, Power, Health Policy, and Place in the United States, 1912-55.” She also presented a paper titled “Forced Out: The Dispute over Displaying Birth Control Information at the Parents’ Exposition in New York City in 1928,” at the National Council on Public History’s annual conference, which was held in Ottawa, Ontario in April 2013.
2012-2013 was a very productive year for the Institute on Napoleon and the French Revolution. The graduate students passed many key milestones, having success on the job market, and being very active on the conference circuit. Altogether, they presented 17 papers at 9 different conferences in the U.S. and abroad.

There are now 20 active graduate students in the INFR: 5 at the MA level and 15 pursuing Ph.Ds. Of these 20 students, 8 were completing their coursework this year, while the remainder were conducting dissertation research or writing their dissertations.

There is no doubt that this year's top news concerns Erica Johnson. In December 2012, Erica successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, "The Revolution from Within: Abolitionists and the Revolution in Saint Domingue," and received her Ph.D. She then went on the job market and was offered a tenure-track position at Gordon State College, a four-year public college in Georgia.

Allyce Smith also deserves a special mention. Allyce defended her MA thesis, "Revolutionary Marriage: Family, State, and Natalism from the Ancien Regime to the Napoleonic Empire," in March 2013. She received her Master's degree at FSU's spring commencement. Just a few weeks later, on June 15th, she married Joe Horan, another INFR graduate student, who is teaching at the Colorado School of Mines.

Thirdly, Richard Byington passed his comprehensive exams this spring and is now beginning research for his doctorate, a social history of the seamen of the navy of the early U.S. Republic.

And last but not least, the more advanced ABD students wrote many, many chapters of their respective dissertations this year. Among these were Tim Best, Jonathan Deverse, Cindy Ermus, Tim Fitzpatrick, Shane Rockin, Joe Horan, and Joshua Meeks. I expect that the INFR will be very well represented in the hooding phase of next year's commencement exercises.

On a special, international note: Morten Ottosen, the doctoral student from the University of Oslo who spent part of the fall 2010 semester in Tallahassee both in the INFR's seminar on war and society and conducting research in the Napoleon Collection at the Strozier Library, recently defended his dissertation on the Scandinavian theater of the Napoleonic wars. Dr. Blaufarb served as one of his outside readers and is proud to announce that his dissertation will soon be published in the Palgrave-MacMillan series "War, Culture, and Society."

Given the large number of students currently in the program, we have slowed down on new admissions for the 2013-2014 academic year. Only two new students will be joining us, Nicholas Altunian and Richard Siegler, both on the MA level.

These students all received funding thanks to your generosity (particularly the new Donald D. Horward Graduate Fellowship), through the Ben Weider Endowment, and through extra financial help generously made available by the College of Arts and Sciences.

During the 2011-2012 academic year, Drs. McMahon and Blaufarb made a concerted effort to bring awareness of Revolutionary and Napoleonic history to the FSU student body. Between Dr. McMahon’s large lecture course on the French Revolution and Dr. Blaufarb’s two large lectures (in both Fall 2012 and Spring 2013) on Napoleonic Europe, they introduced about 350 students to these exciting subjects. In addition, Dr. Blaufarb taught two graduate courses on the revolutionary Atlantic in fall 2012, and Drs. McMahon and Blaufarb co-taught a graduate seminar on the French Revolution in spring 2013. At the same time, they also pursued their own research and writing.

Dr. McMahon finished his new book, Divine Fury: A History of Genius, which will be published in October by Basic Books, New York. He also put the finishing touches on an important edited collection on methodologies in intellectual history. Co-edited with Samuel Moyn, it is entitled Rethinking Modern European Intellectual History and will be coming out with Oxford, New York, in late 2013 or early 2014. In addition to these major achievements, Dr. McMahon published two chapters in edited volumes and gave six public talks, including a major address in Rome to a crowd of over 800.

Dr. Blaufarb spent the academic year working on one of his new projects, a history of the revolutionary transformation of property, from 1789 to the Napoleonic Code. Between August 2012 and April 2013, he managed to draft six chapters, about 280 pages. He also published a chapter in a collective work on the global impact of the French Revolution and gave a talk at the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era in Fort Worth. This summer he gave talks in London and Budapest.

Donald D. Horward Graduate Fellowship in Napoleonic Military History

This fund is still accepting new gifts. Anyone interested in contributing to this award, which honors Dr. Horward while advancing historical inquiry, can contact Jeffrey Erekson at jereckson@foundation.fsu.edu.
The Institute on World War II and the Human Experience continues to encourage the study of the Second World War with a special emphasis on the human dimension of this conflict. The Institute maintains one of the largest collections of letters, diaries, photographs, and artifacts documenting World War II found at any American university.

We have begun to catalogue portions of our holdings in a new centrally maintained database that is used by Florida State University Libraries and used by libraries throughout Florida. Cataloguing our records in Archon will make our collection more easily accessible in Worldcat and other databases that have a global outreach.

As part of our global outreach, the Institute hosted Ruiheng Wang, a visiting graduate student from Peking University, who participated in the Chinese Residency Program sponsored by the Organization of American Historians (OAH) and funded by the Ford Foundation. The Institute was able to supplement Ruiheng's stipend from the OAH allowing her to spend ten days in residence at Florida State at the end of April 2013. During her visit, Ruiheng drew extensively upon the holdings related to American involvement in World War II, made a presentation about her research about American propaganda efforts in China in the 1940s to students and History Department faculty, toured the Florida State Capitol, and met informally with students, faculty, and members of the general community.

Judy Barrett Litoff of Bryant University delivered the annual fall lecture examining the services of Red Cross women in China during World War II. While in residence in Tallahassee, Professor Litoff met with the Advisory Board of the Institute and discussed her compilation of an archive documenting the role of women in World War II. Mark Wilson of the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, previewed the major findings of his current book project examining the economic mobilization for World War II. While in residence, Professor Wilson drew extensively on the holdings of the Claude Pepper Library and made a presentation to Pielhler’s graduate seminar.

The Institute sought to increase its national visibility by hosting the first annual Veteran's Day program in New York City. Partnering with Fordham University Press, the Institute sponsored a roundtable discussion on the future direction of World War II studies that included Scott Bennett, J. Garry Clifford, Anne Pfau, and Sidney Pash. The Ringling Museum of Art served as the site of the Institute’s first Annual Pearl Harbor Day program sponsored by the Institute and Iwo Jim veteran Harold Ronson of Sarasota. Peter Dunbar gave the keynote lecture where he talked about his discovery of the wartime service of his late father through a series of letters given to him by his mother. Out of the letters emerged a remarkable tale of war-time heroism that served as the basis for the book Before They Were The Black Sheep: Marine Fighting Squadron VMF-214 and the Battle for the Solomon Islands (University Press of Florida).

A four-day conference examining Religion and World War II (November 29-December 2, 2012) was an ambitious project undertaken by the Institute and organized in partnership with the Department of Religion. Held at the Hotel Duval in Tallahassee, this conference drew participants from as far away as Japan and Denmark. Co-organizers Kurt Pielhler and John Corrigan of the Religion Department plan to edit an anthology based on the conference proceedings.

The Institute maintains an extensive collection of photographs, including a number of collections by official combat photographers who served in the U.S. Army, Army Air Force, and U.S. Navy. Highlights of these collections are on view as part of an exhibit Witness to War at the Ringling Museum of Art that opened June 24, 2013 and runs through October 27, 2013. In July, Institute Director, G. Kurt Pielhler and Ringling Museum Curator Chris Jones gave a gallery talk attended by over 75 individuals including a number of World War II veterans. Interest in the exhibit by veterans and their families in finding a home for their photographs and other war-time artifacts have prompted the Ringling and the Institute to organize a day long program. Tentatively set for October 19, 2013, Ringling Curators and Institute staff will explore ways that veterans, families, and others can ensure their stories, history, and artifacts are preserved.

In Fall 2012, six new students entered the graduate program and came to work with Kurt Pielhler. All are interested in questions of war, peace, and society and a number plan to write master's theses or dissertations focusing on World War II.

To reach a larger number of undergraduates in Spring 2013, Pielhler offered a large lecture class focusing on World War II and Film. Most of the films viewed and analyzed in this class were classics, many from the wartime era. This course was a rewarding one for Pielhler in part because it exposed students to a whole genre of films they have never viewed. For instance, only half the class had ever seen Casablanca and only a handful had ever watched such classics as In Which We Serve, Mission to Moscow, Battle of San Pietro, Sands of Iwo Jima and From Here to Eternity, and Let There Be Light.

In March 2013, the Board of Trustees of the Society for Military History
approved the Institute's proposal to host the annual meeting of the Society for Military History in 2017. We are bringing the meeting to Jacksonville, Florida and the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront will serve as the convention hotel.

For those who have supported the Institute over the years, we want to express our gratitude for your generosity. The Institute is always eager to hear from you. If you have any questions about programs, holdings, and other activities please feel to contact Kurt Piehler at kpiehler@fsu.edu. If you would like a tour of the Institute or want to make an appointment to access our holdings, please contact Anne Marsh, Administrative Assistant at amarsh@fsu.edu.

The Reichelt Oral History Program's collection continues to grow. We currently have 2000-plus interviews and have added more than 500 to the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. The Veteran's History Project makes personal accounts of American veterans available to the public through audio and video interviews, written correspondence, photographs and more. You can search that database at http://www.loc.gov/vets/.

On June 1, 2013, we welcomed Vincent Mikkelsen (Ph.D. 2007, FSU Department of History under the direction of Dr. Maxine Jones) to our staff as Assistant Director of the ROHP. He has worked with the program since 2003 as a research assistant and interviewer. His expertise on America in Vietnam fits nicely with the ROHP focus on 20th and 21st century military conflicts, and his outgoing personality lends itself well to interviewing and community outreach.

During the 2013-14 scholastic year, ROHP will refine its website and create a workable search engine for use by researchers. We hope to have transcripts of all qualified interviews accessible online by next June.

If you would like more information about the Oral History Program or if you or someone you know would like to contribute your memories to our collection, visit our web site at http://ohp.fsu.edu or email us at rohp@fsu.edu. We are especially interested in FSU Alumni who graduated prior to 1990.

In March, the FSU History Graduate Student Association hosted the fifth annual Southeast Regional Graduate Student Conference to rousing success. Following the theme “Innovation and the Exchange of Knowledge,” twenty-four students from across campus presented on topics as varied as satire in the Weimar Republic to the treatment of insanity in the South. Many stayed to enjoy the keynote speaker, Dr. Larry Friedman, who spoke about the struggles academics face in trying to balance writing, teaching, and the pressures of the administration. Plans are currently in the works to push this graduate run conference to new heights.

In April, the HGSA held their annual officer elections. Voter turnout was the largest in recent memory thanks to a highly competitive selection of candidates. The new officers for the 2013-2014 school year are Allyson Stanton, Secretary; Caleb Grinke, Treasurer; Logan Edwards, Vice-President; and Andrew Thompson, President. New officers will be sworn in at the next HGSA meeting in September.

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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