

History Department Newsletter

Spring 2007

Faculty Alternatives to Grading

Department members traveled far and wide to share their latest research in the past few months. **Elizabeth Schmidt** presented a paper at the University of Cape Town (South Africa) in December 2006. Her article, "Cold War in Guinea: The Rassemblement Démocratique Africain and the Struggle over Communism," will be published in the March 2007 issue of the *Journal of African History*. While leading a group of nine Loyola College students to India (December 29, 2006 - January 14, 2007), **Fr. Charles Borges** presented a paper at the international conference on "Jesuits and Modern Science." His article on "Christianity in South and South-East Asia" just appeared in *The Cambridge History of Christianity*, (2007), and a new collection of essays that he co-edited entitled *Metahistory: History questioning History* will be released in Lisbon in late March.

Keith Schoppa spent a good part of late January wrestling with the footnotes for his new Modern East Asia textbook. Although the footnotes kept renumbering themselves, Keith finally pinned them down and sent the book off to his publisher Prentice Hall. The book will be published later this spring. He will serving as a panel discussant and chairing the annual meeting of the Historical Society for Twentieth Century China in April and presenting a paper at a conference on "Changing Understandings of Twentieth Century China" at the University of California, San Diego.

Unlikely twins, **Steve Hughes** and **Matt Mulcahy** found themselves in Minneapolis for the Social Science History annual meeting in November. Steve participated in two panels dealing with

Independent Summer Study Opportunities (Get Paid to Do Research!)

History Students should be aware that there are numerous opportunities to pursue independent summer research projects funded by various parts of the College. The Center for the Humanities Center has \$3,000 grants available for student researchers. The student applicant does not have to be majoring in a humanities discipline but his or her project must be in the humanities. Students work under the supervision of a faculty member. Interested students should go to the Center's website (www.loyola.edu/humanities) and also talk to individual professors about projects. Catholic Studies has a \$4,000 fellowship opportunity available. The money is intended to subsidize student "scholarly research, writing, or artistic production that give expression to the Roman Catholic intellectual tradition or its artistic heritage." **Professor Breihan** has indicated that he might supervise work by a student who wants to investigate the history of Catholic parishes of Baltimore.

crime and criminals (but no actual crimes). Matt's book *Hurricanes and Society in the British Greater Caribbean* (2006) was one of three in a roundtable discussion of "New Directions in the Study of Plantation Societies." Homebody **Tom Pegram** published two short pieces ("Politics in Cities" and "Bosses and Machines") last December in David Goldfield, ed., *Encyclopedia of American Urban History*. After an uncomfortably long gestation, a much longer article, "Hoodwinked: The Anti-Saloon League and the Ku Klux Klan in 1920s Prohibition enforcement," has been accepted for publication by the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* (with a special dispensation for its 1920s subject matter). He is getting nowhere fast on his contracted history of the KKK in the 1920s, but is feeling guilty enough to start working any time now.

Maintaining a prudent speed, **Jack Breihan** presented a paper entitled "Curving Streets, Cul-de-sacs, and Superblocks: World War II Suburbs in the USA." at the 5th Architectural History Symposium. When not at the conference, he reported wandering through the warm air and beautiful squares of Savannah, worsening another bleak winter day for everyone else here in Charm City. **Bradley Naranch** is preparing for some overseas travel this summer in pursuit of *Gross Deutschland*. He will present a paper in July in Amsterdam, "Covering the Colonies: Hugo Zöller, Comparative Colonial Studies, and German Overseas Journalism, 1878-1880," and a second paper at a conference on "Germany's Colonialism in International Perspective," in San Francisco in September. **Kelly DeVries**, now on sabbatical, has only rarely appeared on the hallway this year, but has been hanging out with barbarians during the Dark Ages on the History Channel (don't ask him about the Bloody Eagle).

Upcoming Event

History 101 Non-Western Lecture
(all welcome)

"Lawrence of Arabia: Honor and Reputation in the Middle East."

Bertram Wyatt-Brown, Professor Emeritus
University of Florida

March 26, 2007 at 4:00 PM in Knott Hall B03.

Professor Bertram Wyatt-Brown is the Richard J. Milbauer Emeritus Professor of History, University of Florida, and a Visiting Scholar, Johns Hopkins University. He is the author of numerous books, including: *Lewis Tappan and the War against Slavery* (1969, 1996); *Southern Honor: Ethics and Behavior in the Old South* (1982); and *The House of Percy: Honor, Melancholy, and Imagination in a Southern Family* (1994). His book, *Southern Honor*, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award.

Upcoming Event

Humanities Symposium Lecture

“The Road to Hell: Race, Suburbanization, and the Changing Fortune of Baltimore.”

*Professor Kenneth Jackson
Columbia University*

Thursday April 12, 2007 at 7:30 P.M in
McGuire Hall East

Kenneth Jackson, the Jacques Barzun Professor of History and Social Sciences at Columbia University, is America's preeminent urban historian. His 1985 book, *Crabgrass Frontier: The Suburbanization of the United States* (Oxford University Press) won the Francis Parkman and Bancroft Prizes and was named a “notable book of the year” by the *New York Times*. In 1994 the *Journal of Urban History* named it the most influential book in the field published during previous 25 years. Jackson has authored or edited a number of other books, including *The Ku Klux Klan in the City* (1967), *Cities in American History* (1992), and *The Encyclopedia of New York City* (1995). In addition to his work at Columbia, Jackson served as President of the New York Historical Society from 2001 to 2004.

Rearranging chairs

Katherine Brennan has finished her tenure as chair of the history department and slipped out of the country. She is currently enjoying life in Paris and in the archives. Katherine reports that her walking commute through the Luxembourg Gardens is a dreadful ordeal. Steve Hughes has stepped in as interim chair until June, when he departs for his sabbatical, some of which will be spent wandering through archives in Switzerland and Italy. Matt Mulcahy will take over as chair in June and will go nowhere for three years.

Phi Alpha Theta News – Snakes in a Restaurant

Phi Alpha Theta, the History honors society, has scheduled a full slate of events for March and April. Things begin on Wednesday March 21 at 6-7 pm when the society will sponsor a workshop on “Writing & Research for History Students.” The workshop is designed for all students in HS101 or 300 level classes. Instead of listening to the professors talk (again) about writing, the panelists will be real live history majors/minors. Room will be announced later.

Then on Saturday March 24, Phi Alpha Theta will lead a trip to the Walters Museum, from 12pm-4pm. Admission is free & transportation will be provided. Students should gather in Jenkins Lot at noon. On Wednesday, March 28, the group will host their first News & Nuance for this term in the Sellinger V.I. P. room from 6-7 pm. This popular event is a student-led roundtable discussion of events in the news. All are welcome.

On Wednesday, April, 11, from 6-8 pm, the group has organized a new event, a Fact/Fallacy game night (perhaps based on the daily White House press briefings?). The planned chaos will take place in the department lounge. All are invited. Most importantly, refreshments will be provided.

Finally, and most importantly, Phi Alpha Theta will hold its induction ceremony and banquet for new members at the renowned Ambassador Restaurant on Tuesday April 24. Odds are good that snakes, capes, and Jane Edwards will be involved. Dishwashing chores will be decided later.

All events subject to last minute changes, so contact Professor Edwards (x2018) for more information on any of these events,

The Bachelor(ette) (of Arts)

We are happy to announce that after 20 years of courses, Joanne Dabney will be graduating this spring with an interdisciplinary degree in Sociology and Psychology, after which she will be qualified to comment even more authoritatively on our disorganization and neuroses. Joanne celebrated 21 years as the department’s administrative assistance this past February. She says she has no plans to change jobs, which is a relief to all of us. Congratulations to Joanne. To paraphrase William Faulkner, “she endured.”

(The return of the Pig of Knowledge!)