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Greetings!

It's that time of year when the chair gets to brag about the many accomplishments of the history department. And this year is no exception: many of our faculty have distinguished themselves with their research, teaching, and service.

But before getting to all the upbeat news, I want to stop and reflect on how this past year was crossed with grief: on January 31 we lost our dear friend and colleague Lance Banning. We are still dealing with that loss—and likely will be for some time to come—but as noted in the “In Memoriam” piece that’s reprinted elsewhere in this newsletter, there are a few positive legacies from the pain in Lance’s passing: we have set up a Lance Banning Graduate Fellowship Fund. We urge everyone to make a contribution. Also, it’s worth noting that SHEAR, the Society for the History of the Early American Republic, will devote a special session to Lance and his work in its July 2006 an-

nual meeting in Montreal: “The Contested Republic: Lance Banning and Jeffersonian America.” Panelists will include Jack Rakove, John Murrin, Drew McCoy, and Todd Estes. And the department plans to organize a symposium to be held on the UK campus for the fall of 2007 in honor of Lance.

Now to the honorable and productive efforts of many folks in the department this past year. Here are some of the highlights: Three books were authored: Tracy Campbell’s *Deliver the Vote: A History of Election Fraud, an American Political Tradition, 1742-2004* (Carrol & Graf), which got Tracy on the talk show and book-signing circuit, most notably the “Bob Edwards Show” on XM Satellite radio. Jeremy Popkin’s exploration into what makes historians tick, *History, Historians and Autobiography* (University of Chicago Press), has already garnered strong reviews. And Bob Olson continues his prolific work, publishing another vol-



ume with Mazda Press, *The Goat and the Butcher: Nationalism and State Formation in Kurdistan-Iraq Since the Iraq War*.

Our department continues to be ‘Award Central’: thanks to an National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) summer stipend, Ron Eller is completing his book on poverty and the politics of development in Appalachia. Also benefiting from NEH support is Jeremy Popkin who will direct an NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers at the Newberry Library in Chicago on revolutions in France and Haiti. Next year Fay Yarbrough will be on leave courtesy of a Career Enhancement Fellowship for Junior Faculty from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. Francie Chassen-Lopez won the Thomas McGann Prize for the Best Book on Latin America with her book *From Liberal to Revolutionary Oaxaca: The View from the South, Mexico, 1867-1911* (Penn State Press). And yours truly recently learned that February One: The Story of the Greensboro Four, has been nominated for an Emmy. So I’ll soon be picking out my stretch limo.

One departmental initiative deserves a mention: the creative team (Ron Eller, Kathi Kern, Tracy Campbell, and me) behind “Kentucky—An American Story,” a three-hour documentary film project (that includes a companion volume to be published by the University Press of Kentucky, and an ambitious educational outreach component) continues to raise money after receiving an initial grant from the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s Commerce Cabinet. Some initial filming will take place this summer under the guidance of Academy Award-winning producer-director Paul Wagner. This past year we have been able to fund with this project four very able, hard-working research assistants—Jeff Keith, Amber Sergeant, Carlyle Thacker, and Jeremiah Taylor.

Finally, I want to note an important hiring success this past year: we are pleased that Hang Nguyen, a specialist in U.S. diplomatic history who is finishing her Ph.D. at Yale, joins the history faculty this fall. Welcome to Kentucky, Hang!

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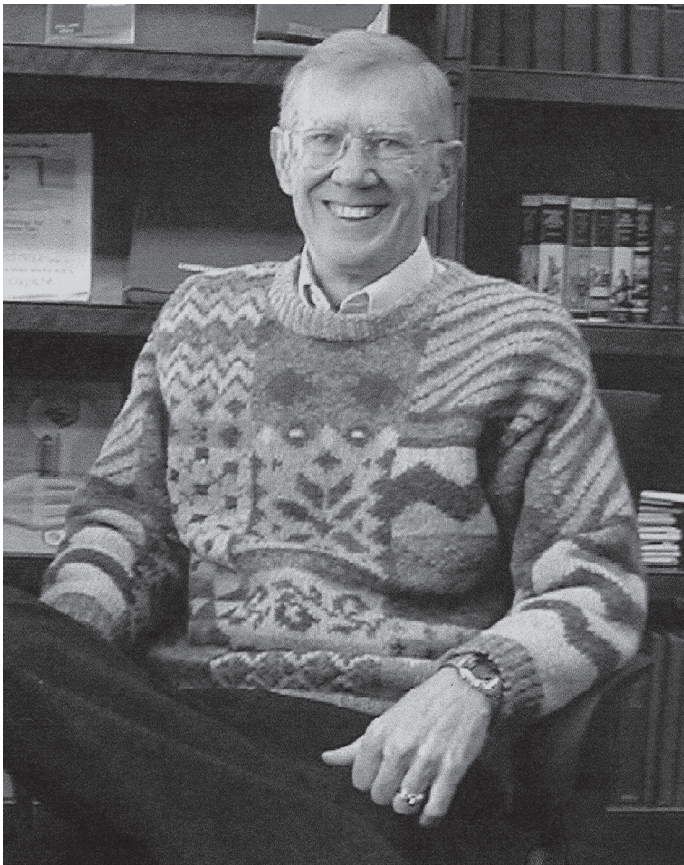
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Remembering Lance Banning

**Daniel
Blake Smith**

University of Kentucky
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Lance Banning, one of the leading interpreters of America's founding generation, died January 31, 2006, at age 64, after complications from lung surgery. A professor of history at the University of Kentucky since 1973, Lance built a distinguished career exploring how political ideology evolved from the American Revolution through the creation of the Constitution and beyond. He broke new ground in 1978 with his first book, *The Jeffersonian Persuasion: Evolution of a Party Ideology*, which opened up a new perspective on the critical conflict between Republicans and Federalists in the 1790s.

When it came to understanding the intellectual touchstones of the creation of the Republic, Lance had few peers. He grabbed national attention with his penetrating analysis of James Madison. His book, *The Sacred Fire of Liberty: James Madison and the*

Founding of the Federal Republic, published in 1995, became a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, and won the Merle Curti Award in Intellectual History.

In addition to three dozen articles and essays that ranged from meditations on republicanism to the Jefferson-Sally Hemings affair, he published two other books that helped map the intellectual terrain of the early Re-



public: Jefferson and Madison: Three Conversations from the Founding (1995) and *Conceived in Liberty: The Struggle to Define the New Republic, 1789-1793* (2004).

A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Lance received a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City, and master's and Ph.D. degrees from Washington University in St. Louis. Over the years he held fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the National Humanities Center, and a Fulbright at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. He served as the Leverhulme Visiting Professor at the University of Edinburgh, and as a Visiting Scholar at the Liberty Fund. Prior to coming to the University of Kentucky, Lance was a lecturer and executive director of the American Civilization Program at Brown University.

While at UK, Lance won honors as a University Research Professor and a Distinguished Professor in the College of Arts & Sciences. He directed more than two dozen doctoral dissertations and placed many of his students in successful college and university teaching positions. While all of them showed a telltale love for the history of the founding generation, none became simply a Lance Banning clone. As a mentor, Lance insisted on originality in thinking and style and grace in writing—the very trademarks of his own work. He loved his graduate stu-

dents, opening his home to them for countless cook-outs and his heart to their individual needs.

Known for his wry smile and clever, soft-spoken wit, Lance will be remembered as truly special because of his willingness to tolerate opposing views of the world. Lance was no moral or intellectual relativist—far from it. He was a man of firm, carefully-considered convictions. He had a keen analytic mind, which, in part, explains why Lance could so brilliantly understand James Madison. But as certain as he could be about his own interpretations of history or particular positions to take in departmental matters, he always courteously granted others the right to disagree. As he said to me with a smile on more than one occasion, “Dan’l, you have every right to be completely wrong.” He reveled in the honest give and take of ideas. Like most of us, he tended to think his ideas were better than most, but he insisted that we were all entitled, even encouraged, to see things differently. Academic freedom is a frequently-invoked mantra on campuses everywhere but rarely lived. Lance lived it. He was a rare colleague, a close friend, and a good man. He will be deeply missed.

Lance is survived by his wife, Lana; son, Clinton; and his mother and brother. Contributions can be made in honor of Lance to the Lance Banning Graduate Research Fellowship Fund in the History Department, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0027.

2006 Bluegrass Symposium

Patrick Johnston
Graduate Student



The 15th Annual Bluegrass Symposium concluded on Saturday, April 8, after two days of spirited presentations. The conference was highlighted by a keynote address from Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Dr. Edward J. Larson of the University of Georgia. Larson's presentation, "From Dayton to Dover: The Legal Assault on Teaching Evolution," chronicled the changing status and socio-religious implications of evolution's place in the high school classroom.

The 2006 Bluegrass Symposium, titled "Who's/Whose History?: Evolution, Possession, Meaning," featured 11 panels presenting topics that covered European, U.S., and African history from an ancient to modern perspective. Co-coordinators Christy Bohl and Carlye Thacker gathered an impressive array of participants that hailed from no less than 10 universities covering six states. Topics included race, gender, sports, law, and religion, which assured presenters and attendees that a wide variety of interests would be represented.

Three papers were awarded prizes at the Symposium. Sandra Slater of the University of Kentucky earned the Phi Alpha Theta Outstanding Paper award for her work, "Transition and Trade: Pierre Gaultier de Varennes de La Verendrye and the Economic Masculinity of Seventeenth-Century New France." The Kentucky Historical Society award went to Jacob Lee of the University of Louisville for his paper "'Between Two Fires': Cassius M. Clay, Slavery, and Antislavery in Kentucky Borderlands." Finally, the Bluegrass Symposium Outstanding Paper award went to the University of Kentucky's James Cousins for his piece, "Theodoret of Cyrrhus and the Syrian Episcopate."

Student Awards

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Spring 2005-2006 Awards Recognition



Hallam Article Award
Fay Yarbrough

Hallam Book Award
Tracy Campbell

Philo Bennett Prize
(best paper)
George B. Younger III

Holman Hamilton Scholarship
(Outstanding Senior Student)
Stephen P. Pickering

Dorothy Leathers Fellowship
Amber Fogle Sergent
and Janice E. Wood

Albisetti Dissertation Research Fellowship
Jodie N. Mader



Degrees Awarded

PhDs Awarded

2005

Beckum, Linda Ray

"The Fourth Lateran Council of 1215: Church Reform, Exclusivity, and the Jews" (Chair: E. Randolph Daniel)

Booker, Clyde G.

"Dying for a Job: African Americans, Industrial Hegemony, and the Hawk's Nest Tunnel, 1930-1936" (Chair: Ronald D. Eller)

Mullins, John Patrick

"Father of Libery: Jonathan Mayhew and the Intellectual Origins of the American Revolution" (Chair: Lance G. Banning)

Lucas, M. Lois

"African American Women's Activism in West Virginia" (Chair: Patricia Cooper)

Burch, John Russell

"The Dammed: Imagining the American Dream in Appalachian Kentucky" (Chair: Ron Eller)

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Antonio Thompson

"Men in German Uniform: German Prisoners of War Held in the United States During World War II" (Chair: George Herring)

Troy Jackson

"Born in Montgomery: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Struggle for Civil Rights in Montgomery, 1948-1960" (Chair: Gerald Smith)

Richard A. Bailey

"A World of Contradiction: Race and Redemption in the 'City on a Hill'" (Chair: Daniel Smith/Joanne Melish)



MA Degrees 2005-06

Christopher Bachelder

Christopher Chase

David Duke

John P. Davis

Sara Ford

Matthew Hall

Jeffrey Keith

Robert Kirschenbaum

Patrick Johnston

Shelby Lynn

Nicholas Miles

Sandra Slater

Philip Travis

Janice Wood

Alumni News

John R. Bell (B.A., 1985) is still a Foreign Service Officer working for the U.S. Department of state. He and his family returned from their latest overseas posting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in June 2004. Since their return to the U.S., John and his spouse have been working in New York City. John's follow-on assignment is uncertain at this juncture, but he hopes to travel and work abroad again soon.

Monroe Billington (Ph.D., 1955) has been instrumental in the establishment of the Edward and Lydie Hull Endowed Fund at New Mexico State University, to provide in perpetuity scholarships for graduate history students. The fund's original principle is over a quarter of a million dollars. After residing for a decade in the mountain resort community of Ruidoso, he and his wife have returned to live near the New Mexico State University campus in Las Cruces. His volume entitled *African Americans in the West, 1900-1950* is scheduled to be published by the University Press of Colorado next year.

Deborah L. Blackwell (Ph.D., 1998) was promoted to associate professor in 2004 and awarded tenure in 2005 at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas, where she teaches women's and southern history and participates in the Honors Program.

Lieutenant Colonel John "Jay" Boyd (Ph.D., 1999) recently returned from a year tour in Iraq as the Multi-National Force Historian. During this time LTC Boyd conducted 180 interviews and collected over 700,000 documents to be used by Army historians at the Center of Military History. Traveling to 27 different locations throughout Iraq and participating in dozens of combat oper-

ations and patrols, LTC Boyd (after kissing the ground) is pleased to be back in the USA. He is considering publishing a book about Iraq entitled "Fighting for History."

John M. Carroll (Ph.D., 1973) is Regents Professor of History at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. He gave a presentation at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, on the occasion of Fritz Pollard's induction into the Pro Hall of Fame. Carroll is the author of *Fritz Pollard: Pioneer in Radical Advancement*. A revised edition of *The American Military Tradition*, eds., Carroll and Colin Baxtor, will be published by Rowman-Littlefield in August. He will begin his 34th year of teaching at Lamar in August.

Philip M. Cochran (Ph.D., 1984) lives in Austin, Texas, and currently is employed in the Department of Support Services for the Texas Education Agency (State Department of Education). In that capacity he serves as the primary contact for the 20 regional education service centers, which provide administrative, technical, and staff support to the states 1,300 school districts and charter schools. Cochran also oversees the state's consideration and approval of waivers of state law as it applies to Texas's school districts. Additionally, he serves as the state director for Adult Education Programs. Since August 2005, Cochran has coordinated the effort of the State of Texas to intake approximately 45,000 student evacuees from Louisiana and Mississippi following the landfall of Hurricane Katrina and has coordinated assistance to Texas public schools recovering from the impact of Hurricane Rita. The agency recently promoted Cochran to the position of senior director for the Division of Education Services. Cochran is also employed at Austin Community

College as adjunct professor of history. At Austin Community College, Cochran teaches nine hours per semester of United States history and/or the history of western civilizations. He also gives time to various volunteer activities, especially those dealing with young people, serving in various capacities including volunteer, volunteer coordinator, and as a member and officer of the board of directors. Additionally, Cochran has been involved in volunteer work with local and national elections.

David H. Corcoran (Ph.D., 1977) is the publisher-editor-owner of two weekly newspapers in Glenville, WV—The Glenville Democrat and Glenville Pathfinder. Last year he won first place in a journalism writing award for his business/labor reporting from the West Virginia Press Association, one of the eight awards received by the newspapers—their best showing in history. In addition, he is a board member of the Press Association and vice president of the Gilmer County Historical Society, an organization to which he presented a paper on "The History of Glenville: A Gem on the Little Kanawha River." Dave's email is glenvilnewsad@rtol.com, and he would enjoy hearing from former students of Dr. Holman Hamilton and Dr. Carl Cone.

Charles Czarski (Ph.D., 1983) has completed 11 years as a cataloger at Book Wholesalers, Inc., located in Lexington, Kentucky.

David Dalton (Ph.D., 1991) continues to enjoy academic success in the Ozarks. He holds the Elizabeth Hoyt Clark Chair of Humanities at the College of the Ozarks and helped write a "Teaching American History" grant entitled "Echoes of the Past, Prelude to the Future" which was funded by the U.S. Department of

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Education for three years. The nearly \$1 million grant focuses on post-Civil War America at both national and local (Ozarks) levels. Dalton also serves as lead facilitator for teachers in grades 4-12 from southwest Missouri, with the goal to improve content knowledge and teaching strategies for the Gilded Age and Progressive Era. His age is showing, though, as his hair is not only thinner, but has become a lovely, distinguished shade of gray. Perhaps sending his firstborn, Benjamin, off to college to study Japanese has something to do with it.

James Dantic (M.A., 1991) is a faculty member in Eastern Kentucky University's College of Education where he serves as a director of Model Laboratory School. He is currently working on his Ed.D. through the University of Kentucky.

Stephanie K. DeLong-Smith (M.A., 1996) resides in Harlan, KY, with husband, Carl E. Smith, M.D., and daughters Laura Eden, age 6, and Eliza, 12 months. Stephanie is a master teacher with American Legacies, a TAH (Teaching American History) Grant Program. After teaching at Cawood High School for several years she has been an adjunct faculty member for Southeast Community College since 2000.

Charles Dollar (Ph.D., 1966) recently relocated to Oxford, Mississippi, from Gig Harbor, Washington. He continues his records management and archiving consulting as a senior consultant for Cohasset Associates, a national records management consulting firm. Dollar is chair of the Standards Board of the Association of Information and

Image Management. In September 2005, the Institute of Certified Records Managers named Dollar as the recipient of the Emmett J. Leahy Award for his "Outstanding contributions to the information and records management profession."

Mark R. (Skip) Elliot (Ph.D., 1974) is professor of history and coordinator of studies in history, Southern Wesleyan University, Central, South Carolina. He also is in his 14th year as editor of the East-West Church and Ministry Report, a 16-page quarterly focused on Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant church life and missions in post-Soviet states. In the past six years Skip and his wife, Darlene, have led three groups ranging in size from 18 to 27 people to work in summer camps for orphans in the Vladimir and Kostroma regions of Russia. Skip's current research on international prostitution grew out of concern for the sad fate of the majority of girls "graduating" from Russian orphanages at age 16. See Mark Elliott, "Reaktsiia Khrisian na togovliu zhenshchinami iz stran vostochnoi Evropy/Faith-Based Responses to Trafficking in Women from Eastern Europe," *Bogoslovskie razmyshleniia/Theological Reflections* No. 5 (2005): 147-91, published in Russian and English. Skip continues to serve on the board of trustees of his alma mater, Asbury College, and on the board of the Russian-American Christian University, Moscow.

Jonathon Erlen (Ph.D., 1973) received his Ph.D. from the UK Department of History in 1973. He currently is an assistant professor in the Graduate School

of Public Health and also teaches out of the Departments of History and Sociology, the University Honors College, and the School of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. He is teaching nine courses on aspects of the history of medicine and public health. He is an ongoing contributor to over a dozen major journals, including the *ISIS Current Bibliography on the History of Science*, *Journal of the History of Medicine*, *Pharmacy in History*, and *Nursing History Review*. He also is a regular contributor to several international historical databases, including ITER and BIUM. The past two years he has published two major monographic/journal items: *Federal Drug Control: Origins and Evolution 1875-2001* (The Haworth Press) with Joseph Spillane, and, with Kathleen Jones, a special issue of the *Organization of American Historians Magazine of History*, September 2005, that explains how American history survey courses can incorporate history of medicine materials into their lectures/presentations.

Todd Estes (Ph.D., 1995) has just published his book, *The Jay Treaty Debate, Public Opinion, and the Evolution of Early American Political Culture*, with the University of Massachusetts Press. His next book project is a study of the debate over ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

Ty Flanagan (M.A., 1994) began working for the National Ground Intelligence Center in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2004. Previously he worked as an officer and civilian at the Headquarters, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command on Fort Belvoir. He serves

as the strategic planner, operations officer, and a deputy division chief for the Information Technology Directorate. He, his wife Danith, daughter Molly, and son Jack live in Earlysville, Virginia.

Nolan Fowler (M.A., 1950; Ph.D., 1955) In September, 2005, Fowler provided \$150,000 to endow an annual lectureship on the United States Constitution at Tennessee Tech where he taught for 17 years (1962-79).

Paul E. Fuller (Ph.D., 1971) was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters at Transylvania University in May 2005 in recognition of his excellence in teaching and leadership during his 27-year tenure as a history professor at Transy and his important scholarship in Southern history and the women's rights movement.

Jason Garcia (M.A., 1998) and his wife, Denise, have just welcomed their fourth child into the world, on February 25, 2006. Her name is Ana Maria. Sonia Alicia (age 1), Diego Dionicio (age 3) and Maria Guadalupe (age 7) are thrilled to have another baby sister. Yes, the Garcia Family Dynasty is well on its way, folks. Anyway, Jason is making a transition from regional vice president for U.S. Trust to senior vice president at Harris Wealth Management in Chicago. The Bank of Montreal is Harris' parent company. He will be responsible for managing Harris Trust officers, portfolio managers, private bankers, financial planners, tax planners, business development officers and administrative staff. Jason will also be finishing work on his Certified

Financial Planning designation in the summer of 2006.

Mitchell Hall (Ph.D., 1987) is completing his 17th year at Central Michigan University, where he is a professor of history. His latest book, *Crossroads: American Popular Culture and the Vietnam Generation*, was published in October by Rowman & Littlefield. He is in his second year as president of the Peace History Society, and presented "The Vietnam Era Peace Movement at Central Michigan University" at the society's conference last November in Rock Hill, South Carolina. In his fifth year as coach of the Beal City eighth grade girls' basketball team, he guided the Aggies to a perfect 17-0 record.

Charles Harber (M.A., 1967): News provided by Nancy J. (Mrs. Charles) Harber: "My husband Charles C. Harber received his master's degree from UK. He went on to receive a Ph.D. in Modern Middle East History from Ohio State University in 1970. Over the years, he was fortunate to be able to live and teach in Tunisia, Cairo, and Beirut, Lebanon. Unfortunately, Charlie died on January 2, 2006, following a courageous 11 year battle with a rare muscle disease. Because of his disease, he was forced to retire from teaching at the University of San Diego and at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, CA, in 1995, but continued to present short overview classes on the Middle East at local churches, civic groups and senior centers. I would very much appreciate continuing to receive the newsletter, since I also attended UK and have a strong interest there. Charlie and I

were both born and raised in Lexington, and UK will always be special to our family. Best wishes to you and to the department."

Jesse Drew Harrington (Ph.D., 1970) retired from the chairmanship of History and Social Sciences at Troy University, Montgomery campus on June 1, 2005. He and his wife, Maria, relocated to Cumming, Georgia. Harrington taught at Western Kentucky University from 1968 to 1994.

Charles Hartford (M.A., 1994) "Greetings from San Pedro California! We are doing well – still serving in the Army. After nearly three years of deployment to the Middle East, it is nice to have some time as a family. Our family has grown! William is now 5, Katherine is 3, and John Wesley Hartford was born February 16th of the year."

Timothy Holder (M.A., 1998; Ph.D., 2002) lives in Knoxville, Tennessee, and works as an assistant professor of history at Walters State Community College. He has co-authored *The Western Dream of Civilization* (a Western Civ. Textbook) and *Public Pillars/Private Lives* (a look at the last 12 U.S. presidents). His wife, Angela, is an associate professor of music at Carson-Newman College.

Robert J. Imholt (M.A., 1969; Ph.D., 1974) is in his 35th year of teaching at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut, where he also serves as chair of the department. In 2004-2005, he was president of the New England Historical Association. His presidential address was entitled

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“CLIOnc Conundrums, or Metaethical MUSings.” He also authored two articles in *The Encyclopedia of New England* (Yale, 2005). In February, he gave the keynote address at a University of Connecticut conference on “Heroism, Nationalism, and Human Rights.” He continues to research the life of Rev. Timothy Dwight (1752-1817), his role in education, letters, religion, and politics in the early republic.

Judi Jennings (Ph.D., 1975) continues as director of the Kentucky Foundation for Women, a private foundation based in Louisville that supports feminist art promoting positive social change. In July 2006, she will travel to The Hague to present a paper at the international conference of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publication (SHARP). She has recently completed her second book, to be published in September by Ashgate, an international publishing company. *Gender, Religion and Radicalism in the Long Eighteenth Century: An “Ingenious Quaker”* and *Her Connections* examines these three important themes through a close examination of the life story of Mary Morris Knowles. Knowles gained fame in her lifetime as a needle work artist and went on to confront Samuel Johnson and publicly defy James Boswell concerning his presentation of her in his *Life of Samuel Johnson*. Research for the book included a guide tour inside Buckingham Palace conducted by the Keeper of the Queen’s Collections. Contact Judi for further details.

Cyrus B. King (M.A., 1949) 2005 was a tough year with numerous health

problems that accrue to those born in 1922. But the really good news was that after many years of thinking about it and searching for an address, I found Dr. Merton England, advisor for my M.A. thesis, and I was able to thank him for his patience and inspiration. There were others, Shelby McCoy, Carl Cone, Jasper Shannon in Political Science, Bennett Wall, and Tom Clark among them, but it was Merton England who saw me through. There have been no scholarly publications to report but there have been letters to the editor and demonstrations at Ft. Bragg and elsewhere protesting the wretched war that our nation has perpetrated. An endowment in my name for the purchase of materials to support study and research in peace studies was established at the North Carolina State University Library where I worked for 23 years. This was most gratifying. Moving to a retirement community was hard but a good idea providing time to read such good books as *Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwin and to watch C-Span. Retirement is wonderful! ‘Keep Hope Alive.’”

John Kleber (Ph.D., 1969) During the past year, Kleber continued as member of the Kentucky Humanities Council’s Speakers Bureau. He had an article appear in the *Louisville Courier-Journal* on the Bloody Monday events of August 1855 and was one of the panelists in Louisville’s Bloody Monday Symposium. He is now Commonwealth Fellow with the McConnell Center for Political Leadership at the University of Louisville.

James C. Klotter (Ph.D., 1975) is the State Historian of Kentucky and professor of history at Georgetown College. He and his wife co-authored *Faces of Kentucky* (University Press of Kentucky, 2006), a text for schools, and he edited *The Human Tradition in the New South* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2005), a reader for Southern history classes. Two of his articles appeared in *Kentucky’s Civil War* and another in *The Kentucky Almanac*. Over the past year, he has given over two dozen talks to a variety of groups and continues to serve on a half-dozen nonprofit or editorial boards. For the third time he received an award bearing Tom Clark’s name, in this case the Thomas D. Clark Kentucky Archives Award. At the college, he teaches the senior seminar, *Kentucky History*, *Modern Kentucky Politics*, the *Gilded Age*, recent U.S., *Public History*, and various tutorials for students going to Oxford, while researching a book on Henry Clay and the American presidency and counting grandchildren (up to seven now).

James K. Libbey (PhD., 1976) The big news for Jim is that he retired as professor emeritus from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where he taught diplomatic history and Russian-American Relations, among other courses. He left the university with a flourish, receiving the Teacher of the Year Award at the Spring 2005 Commencement. Since the last newsletter, Jim published a review in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* and an entry in a supplement of *The Modern Encyclopedia of Russian and Soviet History*. Moreover, he just finished reading page proofs and preparing and

index for his fifth book, *Documents of Soviet-American Relations: The Cold War Begins, 1946-1949*. Finally, he received a grant from the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars to do research on a Russian-American who has had a significant impact on American military aviation, Alexander P. de Seversky. As a result of the grant, Jim spent major portions of the summer in the archives of the Library of Congress, National Air & Space Museum, Hofstra University, and the Cradle of Aviation Museum.

Hart T. Megibben (B.A., 1989) was appointed Shelby County Attorney by Shelby County Judge Executive Rob Rothenburger in February 2005. Megibben will serve out the unexpired term of his predecessor, Charles Hickman, who was appointed Circuit Court Judge for the 53rd Judicial Circuit. Prior to his appointment, Megibben served as an assistant Shelby County Attorney for approximately six years. Before joining the county attorney's office, Megibben had been an assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for the 53rd Judicial Circuit for almost five years. Megibben also maintains a private law practice in Shelbyville, Megibben & Robinson, PLLC. He lives in Shelbyville with his wife, Angie (B.A. English, 1989), and their two daughters, Elizabeth ("Eli"), age 9, and Mary-Clare, age 5.

Patrick Mullins (Ph.D., 2005) completed his doctorate last spring under the direction of Professor Lance Banning. He is currently serving as a resident scholar at Liberty Fund, a private edu-

cational foundation in Indianapolis. Patrick's main project at Liberty Fund has been the revision of his dissertation for submission as a book manuscript. The book-in-progress is called *Father of Liberty: Jonathan Mayhew and the American Revolution*. He has given two conference papers this year and has two journal articles currently under review. With his Liberty Fund contract ending this summer, Patrick hopes to secure a teaching position at a university for the fall semester.

David Nichols (Ph.D., 2000) is in his second year as a tenure-track assistant professor at Indiana State University. His first book, *Red Gentlemen and White Savages*, is under review by the University of Virginia Press. He is currently researching and writing a second book, on the U.S. Indian trading factories of the early nineteenth century. He is also compiling a volume of scholarly essays in honor of the late Lance Banning.

Greg O'Brien (Ph.D., 1998) received a 2006 Dianne Woest Fellowship in the Arts and Humanities from the Historic New Orleans Collection to complete research on the New Orleans Flood of 1849 and the role of engineer George Towers Dunbar in saving the city.

Oscar C. Page, (Ph.D., 1967) is in his 12th year as President of Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and over the past year has taken on some new responsibilities that are national in scope. He has been appointed to the Board of Directors of APCURM (a non-profit insurance consortium) and

has also been named to the Board of Directors of IES (International Education for Students Abroad). This, too, is a non-profit consortium of colleges that has created and manages nearly 30 educational centers around the world. Finally, he has been appointed for a second term on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and is serving on the executive committee of that organization.

Dag Ryen (M.A., 1992) After serving as adjunct professor at UK's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce (where he shares an office with the Chief emeritus, Dr. George Herring) and at the Department of Government at Eastern Kentucky University, Ryen will be moving to New Mexico this fall to spend more time with family and focus on some writing projects. Ryen retired as director of research at the Kentucky League of Cities last fall.

Nick Sarantakes (M.A., 1991) has been busy of late. He was a campus visiting fellow at the University of Salford in Greater Manchester, England, in the Spring of 2004. While in the United Kingdom he was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Historical Society. He then held visiting positions at the U.S. Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, and at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, arriving just in time for Hurricane Katrina. During this time he finished a book manuscript on Anglo-American relations in World War II and got a number of articles accepted for academic pub-

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lications on both sides of the Atlantic, including *English Historical Review*, *Diplomacy & Statecraft*, *White House Studies*, and *Pennsylvania History* (edited by fellow UK alum Paul Newman). He also got articles published in professional military magazines, including *Joint Forces Quarterly* and *The Royal United Services Institute Journal* (a publication the Duke of Wellington founded). He also did the research and has written half of the manuscript for a book on the boycott of the 1980 Olympics. In 2006 he started a new position at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College as an associate professor of joint and international operations.

Nicholas Evan Sarantakes (M.A., 1991) has moved...again...and is no longer in Alabama. He is now in Conference USA territory since he holds the Vice Admiral Prince Evan von Sarantakes Visiting Chair of History A Go-Go at the University of Southern Mississippi. (Okay, he made that title up...the "a go-go" part). He is still refusing to cheer for the Alabama Crimson Tide since they defeated the USM Golden Eagles.

Peter Sehlinger (Ph.D., 1969) continues to enjoy retirement with wife, Sabine, spending winters at their condominium in the Florida Keys and summers in Indianapolis. In November he gave a talk to the Madison County Civil War Round Table in Berea on William Preston, the Kentucky diplomat and Confederate general who is the subject of a biography Peter published two years ago. His hosts were Charles Hay, head of the round table, and his

wife Melba Porter Hay.

Mark Spencer (Ph.D., 1996) Since leaving UK, Spencer has published his dissertation on the medieval historian Thomas Basin with a scholarly press in the Netherlands, earned a third M.A. in Latin at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and a second Ph.D. in Comparative Literature at the University of Arkansas, and is currently in his fifth year of teaching humanities and literature as an assistant professor at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He is also the principal current organizer of the Native American Symposium, a biennial conference on all aspects of Native American studies held at SOSU, and he edits the published proceedings. His primary scholarly interest lies in modern historical novels set during the Middle Ages and Renaissance. He lives in Durant, Oklahoma, near the Texas border about 90 miles north of Dallas, where he has family and friends.

Brit Storey (Ph.D., 1968) continues as senior historian at the Bureau of Reclamation in Denver. He continues to attend professional meetings, do oral history interviews with Reclamation staff and retirees, supervise historical research and writing in the office, and contract for and publish historical studies on Reclamation. His e-mail is: bstorey@do.usbr.gov

Kristen Streater (Ph.D., 2001) and her husband, Roger, celebrated the birth of their first child, Clark Daniel, on October 15, 2005. Kristen is finishing her tenure as the chair of the History Department at Collin County Community

College in Plano, Texas, this summer, and will return to teaching there part-time in the fall.

Craig Thompson Friend (Ph.D., 1995) just completed his first year at North Carolina State University as associate professor and director of Public History. His first monograph, *Along the Maysville Road: The Early Republic in the Trans-Appalachian West* (University of Tennessee Press), arrived on bookshelves in July 2005. He is currently completing the Kentucky volume for Indiana University Press's *Trans-Appalachian Frontier Series* and is researching a new project on the evolution of death rituals and attitudes in 19th century America. *Southern Manhood: Perspectives on Masculinity in the Old South*, his 2004 collaboration with Lorri Glover, has been very well received, and he is now collaborating on a sequel for the New South and another collection on Old South families. He and his partner, Rod Turner, live in Raleigh.

Jason "Zeb" Weese (M.A., 2003) Since 2002, Weese has been the naturalist at Natural Bridge State Park in Eastern Kentucky. He is responsible for the management and protection of all natural, historical, and cultural resources on the park, as well as developing educational programs focusing on Appalachian human and natural history. Prior to joining Kentucky State Parks, Weese worked for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife and Raven Run Nature Sanctuary, among other agencies. In addition to his degrees from the history department he has a B.S. in zoology from UK and is

currently finishing an M.S. in forestry with research on the restoration of native Kentucky ecosystems.

Aaron Weinacht (M.A., 2005) passed his qualifying exams last December, in Russian/Soviet History, European Intellectual History, World History, and the Philosophy of History, emerging from his oral defense having sustained only minor injuries. He ended 2005 by getting married on December 28, 2005, and moving to Las Vegas, where his wife Kelly teaches music at the Andre Agassi Preparatory Academy. Aaron is currently engaged in plans for a trip to archives in Irvine, California, and is writing a dissertation prospectus, in which he hopes to convince his doctoral committee of the improbable thesis that Ayn Rand really was a Russian nihilist. Really, she was. Aaron is also adjusting to the recent news that he is going to be a father, sometime this coming October. This small "specter haunting Europe" will no doubt assure that his dissertation gets finished rather sooner than it would have, had responsibility in the form of a baby not managed to sneak up on him when he wasn't looking. 2006 looks to be a busy and productive year, as was 2005.

Joe Westerfield (Ph.D., 1969) retired in 2002 after 33 years in education. Joe taught most of those years at Apollo High School where he taught American Government, served as the chairman of the Social Studies Department, and was a member of the Apollo High School Site-Based Council. Joe has lived in Owensboro since he graduated from UK. In 2004 he received the Liberty Bell award from the Daviess

County Bar Association. Joe serves as a board member of the Owensboro Family YMCA, volunteers one day a week at the local Help Office, and is president of the Daviess Co.-Owensboro Retired Teachers Association. He and his wife Jan like to travel.

Paul L. Whalen (B.A., 1978) is the father of three children and attorney for the Department of Energy, Cincinnati. He is a contributing writer for the Northern Kentucky Encyclopedia which will be published in 2007 and was recently appointed to the Fort Thomas Education Foundation Board.

Kat D. Williams (Ph.D., 2001) is currently associate professor of history and director of Women's Studies at Marshall University in Huntington, WV. Her book *Life After the League: Life and Work After Playing in the All-American Girl's Professional Baseball League* is forthcoming. She is also the author of "Women's Baseball and Beyond," and "From Bloomers to Sports Bras: the Historical Connection Between Women's Sports and Leadership."

Former Faculty

Randolph Daniel (Professor Emeritus): Angelo Clareno's *A Chronicle or History of the Seven Tribulations of the Order of the Brothers Minor*, translated by Randolph Daniel and David Burr, was published in April 2005. Daniel's other research included a paper to be published by the University of the South and a book review for *Speculum*. His trips included one to the Czech Republic, Croatia, Slovenia and Hungary and a tour led by Prof. Charles Roland of the Normandy beachheads and the areas where Roland's 99th Division fought during the Bulge.

Steven A. Channing continues to be involved in more projects than a sane man would pursue, but has never been accused of an excess of moderation, at least in his work life! His primary focus is on Bull City, a documentary film on the history of race and work in Durham, North Carolina, a city that is both unusual in its significant African American business class, and also one whose history mirrors that of many American cities. He is assisting others (fortunately!) in developing a variety of film projects, including *The Power of Change*, on the life of Virginia Satir, a pioneer in the field of family therapy, *Down Home: Jewish Life in North Carolina*, and *Holding on By a Thread*, on the rise, fall and rebirth of the textile industry. His darling wife Nancy has thrown down the gauntlet by announcing her timetable for retirement from a long research career at the Duke Medical Center, and she'll probably beat Steve to it!

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Tracy Campbell published his book, *Deliver the Vote: A History of Election Fraud, an American Political Tradition, 1742-2004*, in October 2005. It will appear in trade paperback in the summer of 2006. For promotion of the book, he appeared on several television and radio shows, including the "Bob Edwards Show" on XM Satellite radio. He also wrote a guide for journalists working on elections for Harvard's Nieman Foundation and was interviewed by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission for their final report. While on sabbatical in the fall of 2005, he visited New Haven and St. Louis for research on his new project, a history of the St. Louis Gateway Arch.



Francie Chassen-Lopez (pictured above) was awarded the Thomas McGann Prize for the Best Book on Latin America published with a 2004 copyright by the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies for her book *From Liberal to Revolutionary Oaxaca: The View from the South, Mexico 1867 -1911* (Penn State University Press, 2004). Chassen-Lopez, who currently serves as the Hallam Professor of History, has also been involved in the Bicentennial of nineteenth century

Mexican President Benito Juárez, born March 21, 1806. She delivered the inaugural lecture for these celebrations at the Benito Juárez University of Oaxaca in March 2005. Thanks to the award of a Summer Faculty Research Grant from the College of Arts and Sciences, she served as Visiting Researcher, Instituto en Investigaciones Sociológicas, Universidad Autónoma "Benito Juárez" de Oaxaca, Oaxaca, México, May 1- August 1, 2005.

Eric Howard Christianson served as a panelist for an April UK Medical School Bioethics Program, "The Next Flu Pandemic: Ethical Considerations"; presented a paper at the Ohio Valley History Conference at Murray State in October; reviewed a monograph for ISIS; began preparation of a paper to be read at the 2006 Bale Boone Symposium in the Humanities (October 2006 - The Rise, Fall, and Future of 'The Athens of the West' - Kentucky & American Culture, 1792-1852) at Transylvania. This will be his last year as DGS, for a total of nine years (1994-99, 2003-07).

Pat Cooper spent June 2005 in northwest India and Delhi visiting Buddhist and Hindu sacred sites in preparation for a new course she developed for the Program in Gender and Women's Studies, entitled "Women and Spirit." She taught the course in the fall of 2005 and will teach it again in fall 2006 along with a relatively new course on the history of sexuality in the United States. In January 2006, she commented on a panel at the AHA entitled "Gender, Age, and Labor: Masculinities in the Twentieth Century U.S.," and she continues work on her book about Sun Ship, labor and race between 1930 and 1960.

Ron Eller was on sabbatical in the fall of 2005, completing a book on poverty and the politics of development in Appalachia, for which he was awarded an NEH Summer Stipend. His articles appeared

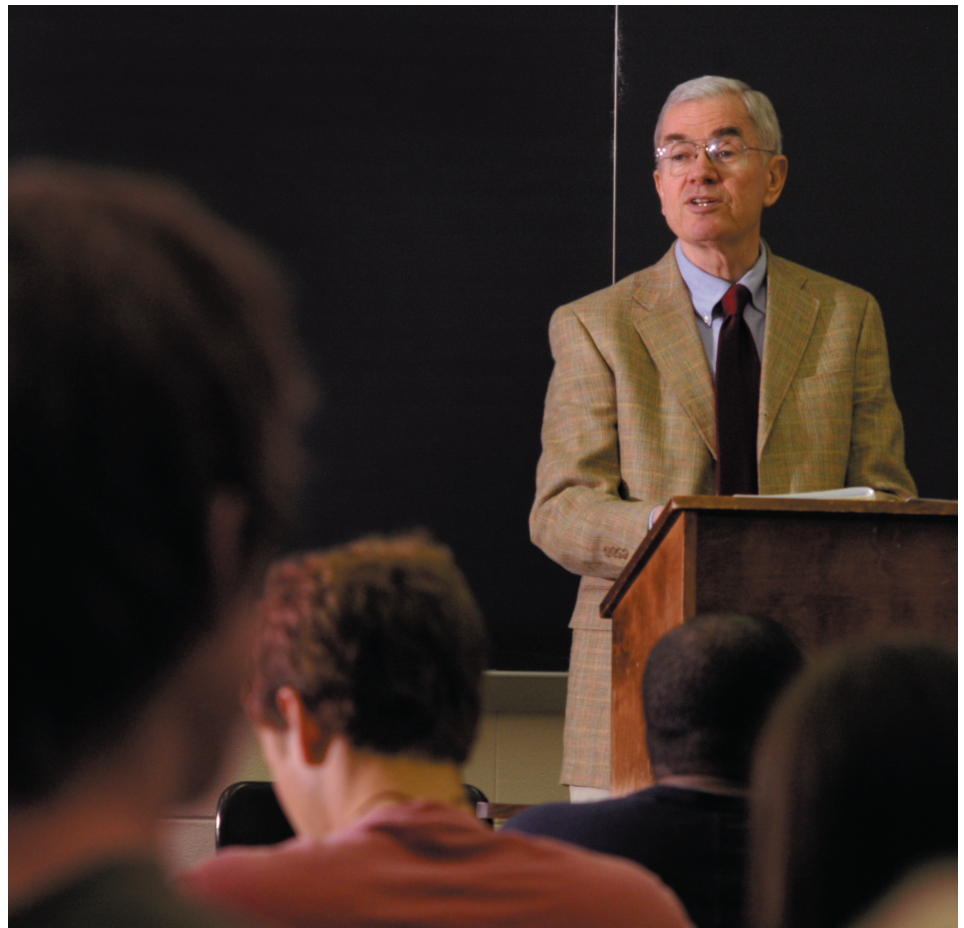
in two regional encyclopedias and an anthology, *High Mountains Rising*, published by the University of Illinois Press, and he was a featured scholar in an award-winning PBS documentary, *The Appalachians*. Professor Eller served as the keynote speaker for a conference on the War on Poverty in Appalachia at Eastern Kentucky University and also lectured at Morehead State University and Wake Forest University. He continues to relish his release from the politics of university administration and to enjoy his many graduate and undergraduate students.

Ron Formisano delivered a paper at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association in November 2005, published several book reviews during the past year, and has completed a first draft of a project book on populist movements from the Revolution to the 1850s. In March, his invited guest lecturer, Professor John Weiss, spoke to an audience of some 80 persons from on and off campus on the topic of why the Holocaust happened in Germany.

Phil Harling continues his stint as associate dean of faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences. In other words, as his waggish colleagues insist, he remains a mouse in training to be a rat. Phil has a couple of articles forthcoming – ‘A Tale of Two Conflicts: Critiques of the British War Effort 1793-1815,’ in Mark Philp (ed.), *Resisting Napoleon: The British Response to the Threat of Invasion 1789-1815* (Ashgate), and ‘The Powers of the Victorian State,’ in Peter Mandler (ed.), *Liberty and Authority in Victorian Britain* (Oxford University Press) – and still regularly teaches graduate seminars on 18th and 19th century Britain and the British Empire. When last we saw him, Phil’s main objective was to complete the Louisville marathon, a goal that came to him when he woke up one morning to find that he was not simply a bureaucrat, not simply well over

40, and not simply thick in the middle, but all three at once. Should he survive the coming ordeal, a sports car is likely in his future, as he has rather belatedly concluded that this is a more efficient means of covering 26.2 miles.

Bob Ireland (*pictured below*) continues to advise 165 undergraduate majors as director of undergraduate advising. Dr. Bob’s article ‘Capital Question: Efforts to Relocate Kentucky’s Seat of Government’ will be published in the *Register* of the Kentucky Historical Society. In January 2005 he spoke to a meeting of the Federalist Society chapter of the University of Kentucky College of Law on ‘The Problem of Local, Private, and Special Legislation in 19th Century Kentucky.’



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Kathi Kern (pictured above) was the keynote speaker in March 2006 at Hamline University's Symposium on the Humanities, an event that introduces the university community to the work of an "emerging" scholar. The symposium featured Kern's book, *Mrs. Stanton's Bible*, and included a panel discussion of reactions to the book by scholars in history and religious studies. Kern continues to write about the women's rights movement, particularly about the political and personal partnership between Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. She has also begun a project that considers American suffragists' confrontation with world religions, particularly Hinduism. She is slated to present new work this year at the Susan B. Anthony Conference, and next year at the OAH and AHA. Kern has also been engaged in a number of public history projects over the past year. With colleagues Dan Smith, Ron Eller, Tracy Campbell and Kathy Swan (Education), as well as four gifted and hardworking UK history graduate students, Kern has been working on "Kentucky: An American Story," a documentary film and book project. Kern's particular interest is in developing a K-12 educational outreach component to help teachers use Kentucky history and sources to teach American history. This interest grows out of the work Kern has been doing with public schoolteachers in Eastern Kentucky. Through a partnership established with the College of Education (and particularly Linda Levs-tik), the Kentucky Historical Society (UK alum Rebecca Hanly and Carrie Dowdy) and two school districts in Eastern Kentucky (Harlan Independent and Letcher), Kern and her colleagues have garnered nearly \$3 million in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Education's Teaching American History initiative. While the grants have temporarily reduced Kern's course offerings at UK, they have also transformed her teaching in exciting ways. Kern has now begun to use digital history projects with her students. Stu-

dents in History 404 (Women in the U.S., 1600-1900) are creating their own digital documentary films. Because she did not have enough to do, Kern also took on the job of chairing the OAH Lerner-Scott Prize committee, which awards a prize to the best dissertation in U.S. women's history.

David Olster received a Fulbright grant to Germany, where he studied the origins of church-state conflict during the period immediately preceding the religious controversy of Iconoclasm (650-700 A.D.). He also published two articles: the first on the claims of ecclesiastical authority by the emperor Constantine IV (667-85), and the second on the transformation of religious identity the second century A.D., a period of religious syncretism.

Karen Petrone presented her research at an international conference in Berlin and conducted archival research in Moscow during the summer of 2005, as the recipient of a University of Kentucky Summer Faculty Research Fellowship. She has been hard at work this year on a scholarly monograph tentatively entitled *The Memory of World War I and the Culture of Soviet Militarism, 1914-1945*. This work reveals the anti-heroic, anti-war, and internationalist rhetoric of Soviet public representations of World War I and demonstrates how this rhetoric challenged dominant Soviet myths of heroism and patriotism. In October 2005, she gave an address at the Kentucky Association of Teachers of History Annual Conference. In Spring 2006, she took part in the UK Committee on Social Theory Spring Seminar on the topic of "Emotion."

Jeremy D. Popkin's latest book, *History, Historians and Autobiography* was published by the University of Chicago Press in May 2005. Popkin spent the fall semester at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, as the Charles Watts II Visiting Professor; in spring 2006 he was a member of the School for Historical Stud-

ies at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey, where he worked on several projects related to the impact of the French Revolution in France's colonies. In the summer of 2006, Professor Popkin will direct an NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers on "Revolution and the Making of Identities: France and Haiti, 1787-1804," at the Newberry Library in Chicago.

Dan Smith (*pictured right*) has focused the past year primarily on shepherding two film projects: 1) "The Trail of Tears," which has just been released for a likely PBS broadcast. It's narrated by James Earl Jones, hosted by Cherokee star Wes Studi, and among its 'celebrity voices' are Jim Garner and Crystal Gale (all part Cherokees). (By the way, our colleague Fay Yarbrough makes an impressive on-screen presence as a scholarly commentator.) 2) "Kentucky—An American Story," a three-hour documentary about Kentucky history for KET. Smith is also working on a book, *American Tempest: The Ordeal of the Sea Venture*, about the supply ship sent to save Jamestown during the 'starving time' of 1609 that shipwrecked off the coast of Bermuda. Alas, research trips to London and Bermuda were necessary, but Smith did not shun his duty.

Dan Rowland has just completed an essay on the history of political thought in Russia, 1450-1700, prepared for an international consortium of scholars from the universities of Hull in England and Rotterdam in Holland. The scholars involved have been meeting for the last several years, and the resulting volume is scheduled to appear with Yale University Press (London). An essay entitled "The Memory of St. Sergius in Sixteenth-Century Russia" was published a few months ago in a collection entitled *The Trinity-Sergius Lavra in Russian History and Culture*, Vladimir Tsurikov, ed. (Jordanville, New York: The Holy Trinity Seminary Press, 2005.) The Gaines Center (where he serves as direc-

tor) was awarded a Challenge Grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities in December of 2005.

Kristin Stapleton was on leave from UK during the 2005-2006 academic year, teaching modern Chinese history at Princeton University. She continues to be involved in the development of the UK Asia Center, and led an Asia Center study tour to China in May 2005 for 16 UK undergraduates and A&S Dean Steven Hoch (for pictures and student diaries from the trip, see the 2005 issue of *Ampersand*, the A&S alumni magazine). Her scholarly work continues to explore social and cultural change in early 20th-century China, and she finished an article on the female Chinese Nationalist soldier Hu Lanqi that will shortly appear in *The Human Tradition in Modern China* (Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming), which she is co-editing with a colleague. Over the past year, she has given presentations on her research at the University of Michigan, Columbia University, and the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies.

In the past year, **Fay Yarbrough** saw the publication of her article "Power, Perception, and Interracial Sex: Former Slaves

Recall a Multiracial South" in the *Journal of Southern History* (August, 2005). Yarbrough also presented a paper at the American Studies Association annual meeting in Washington, D.C. She has recently signed a contract with the University of Pennsylvania Press for the publication of her book manuscript, 'Those Disgracefull and Unnatural Matches:' Interracial Sex and the Cherokee Nation in the Nineteenth Century.



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