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Retrospective

From The Chair

This has been a year of great achievements, challenges, and some moving goodbyes. Our faculty and our students have continued to demonstrate their stellar quality with all sorts of accomplishments as you will learn in the following pages.

Jeremy Popkin, Bruce Eastwood, Ron Formisano, and Gerald Smith all published new books as did our own Ph.D. and part-time instructor, Melanie Beals Goan. Jeremy has had the great honor of being invited to teach at the Collège de France during May 2009. Abigail Firey, enjoying her first sabbatical after being awarded tenure last year, spent the Fall Semester on a Fulbright fellowship in Germany. *The Trail of Tears*, narrated by James Earl Jones and written by our own Dan Smith, won a 'Nammy' in 2007 for Best Documentary at the Native American Film Festival in San Francisco. Dan Rowland, who is now on phased retirement, was elected to be Hallam Professor of History 2007-2009 by the faculty. Kathi Kern not only won a National Technology Leadership Initiative Award in Social Studies (in collaboration with Linda Levstik and Kathleen Swan) from the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education for 2007-2008, but also has been chosen Princeton University's Stanley Kelley, Jr. Visiting Associate Professor for Distinguished Teaching for 2009-2010. Lien-Hang Nguyen was awarded the two-year John M. Olin Postdoctoral Associate in Military History and Strategic Studies at International Security Studies, Yale University. Jane Calvert joined the editorial board of *Pennsylvania History*. And, yours truly has been designated Distinguished Professor of Arts and Sciences for 2008-2009, only the sixth woman, and the first woman from the Humanities, to be so honored in the 63-year history of the award.

We granted 10 Masters and six Ph.D.'s in history, while another eight students passed their qualifying exams. Jamie Bartek was awarded the 2008-2009 Dissertation Year Scholarship by the Graduate School.

We have said some truly heartfelt goodbyes as longstanding and esteemed faculty retired. Bruce Eastwood, our historian of medieval science, retired in December 2007. In May 2008, Bob Ireland our "eternal" (we thought) undergraduate advisor and specialist on U.S. Constitutional History gave his last class at UK, having taught perhaps more students than any other professor in the history of

the College of Arts and Sciences. We made sure to have some rip roaring parties to send them off. We were also sad to lose our specialist on Africa, Emily Burrill, after only one year at UK. We also said goodbye to Rachelle Green our lively staff person who has landed a job in historic preservation.

In October 2007, in our first department retreat in 10 years, we agreed to renovate the graduate program and include thematic fields of concentration. In order to provide fields that cross geographical and chronological borders and that highlight the strengths of our faculty, we have instituted concentrations in: *Culture, Ideas, and Society*; *Women's and Gender History*; *Religions and History*; and *The Making and Unmaking of Empires*. Their organization is a work in progress. We were able to do this concomitantly with the production of our brand new website that went live in June 2008 (<http://www.as.uky.edu/history>). We also have taken advantage of the website to respond to the insidious internet rumor and consequent numerous nasty emails to the chair and the administration that UK had stopped teaching the history of the Holocaust. So fast and furious did the false information in these emails spread that The New York Times did a story on the issue, which starred Jeremy Popkin's yearly course on the Holocaust, as alive and well at UK. It drove home to us how hard we still have to work to teach our students to be critical thinkers when they use the internet.

The first year as chair is always a challenge, especially when, as in this case, you are not only the first woman to head the department but also the first non-Western historian. But, I am getting the hang of it – of course, I couldn't have done it without our great staff: Carol O'Reilly and Tina Hagee. We started off in the best of times but hit a financial snag in January 2008 with serious budget cuts due to faltering state finances. However, as you will note as you read our newsletter, we haven't let that deter us. We had a banner year!

Saludos,
Francie Chassen-López

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FRONT COVER: Dating to the 1550s, the Muscovite icon "Blessed Host of the Heavenly Tsar" has been at the center of Dan Rowland's recent work. See cover story on page 6.

BACK COVER: East meets West: The central square in the old Portuguese city of Macau on the coast of China—the focus of Erik Myrup's current research.



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LEFT: Francie Chassen-López's prize Day of the Dead 'calavera' (skeleton) behind her is the work of local artist Bob Morgan.

Department News

History Chair Wins Distinguished Professorship

The History Department is delighted to announce that Francie Chassen-López has been awarded the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professorship for the 2008-2009 academic year. First created in 1945, the College's Distinguished Professor counts among its recipients a very select group of UK scientists and scholars. The first woman to head the History Department, Dr. Chassen-López has now also become the first woman from the Humanities to receive the highest honor that the College can bestow on one of its faculty. "The College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor award is given to a faculty member who has conducted outstanding research, has been unusually effective in teaching and has distinguished professional service," former Dean Steven Hoch explained when announcing the award last May. "Professor Chassen-Lopez has excelled at all of these criteria. In her past 20 years at UK, she has become internationally known as a respected historian of Latin America and has excelled as a teacher. Her work has and will continue to make an impact."

A specialist on the social, economic, political, and cultural history of Mexico and Latin America, Chassen-López has produced two single-authored books, two co-authored books, 37 journal articles and book chapters, and numerous smaller pieces. She writes fluently in

both Spanish and English. Her 1998 article, "Maderismo or Mixtec Empire? Class and Ethnicity in the Mexican Revolution (Costa Chica of Oaxaca, 1911)," won the Tibesar Article Prize from the Council on Latin American History. Her 2004 book, *From Liberal to Revolutionary Oaxaca: The View from the South, Mexico 1867-1911*, received the 2004 Thomas McGann Prize for the Best Book on Latin American History from the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies. She is currently at work on a monograph about an extraordinary Oaxacan woman, Juana Catarina Romero, which is tentatively titled *Gender and Power in Nineteenth Century Mexico: Juana Catarina Romero, Cacica of Tehuantepec*.

Arriving at UK for the first time in 1988, Chassen-López had previously taught for ten years in Mexico City, first at the National University and later at the Metropolitan University where she became an associate professor with tenure. In the ensuing twenty years, she has distinguished herself as an internationally respected historian, as the former director of the Latin American Studies Program at UK, as a superlative teacher, as a proponent of university-community relations, and now as the chair of the history department. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Chassen-López as a most worthy recipient of this award!



Retirements

Robert Ireland



After a prolific career that spanned 41 years at the University of Kentucky alone, Robert Ireland, or “Dr. Bob,” taught his last class in legal history on a warm afternoon in late April 2008. A specialist in the history of Kentucky’s legal system,

he leaves the department with an impressive publication record, including numerous articles and four books: *The County Courts in Antebellum Kentucky* (1972), *Little Kingdoms: The Counties of Kentucky, 1850-1891* (1976), *The Legal Career of William Pinkney* (1986), and *The Kentucky State Constitution* (1999). Kurt Metzmeier of the University of Louisville calls Dr. Bob “the unquestioned dean of Kentucky legal history,” noting that no historiographical study on Kentucky’s constitution—or the state, for that matter—could be complete without his work. And yet more than just a research scholar, Dr. Bob leaves behind a rich legacy as an undergraduate advisor and as one of the most revered teachers in the history of UK, who taught likely more students than any other professor in the history of the College of Arts and Sciences. For many years a member of the Arts and Sciences staff asked each graduating senior to name one teacher who stood out or made a difference in their four years at UK. Overwhelmingly, year after year—sometimes with twice as many votes as any other faculty member—Dr. Bob was the name those students wrote down. As Bill Freehling explained after Ireland won a Chancellors Award for Outstanding Teaching in April 2001: “Students and faculty alike call him Dr. Bob, and the two words say it all. He is not Professor Ireland but Bob, for his affectionate warmth for his students is legendary. He is Dr. Bob, because the friendly geniality comes mixed with a professional scholar’s passion for precise accuracy.” Our students are immeasurably better for having known Dr. Bob, as are we. Speaking at Dr. Bob’s retirement party in early May, Professor David Hamilton perhaps summed things up best: “Dr. Bob

is simply as fine a colleague as one could imagine, and he has made our department and our university immeasurably better. We will miss him, but he has had a terrific run and we thank him for each and every one of the forty-one years.”

Bruce Eastwood



After a distinguished career spanning nearly 45 years from his early days as an instructor at Russell Sage College in Troy, New York, Bruce Eastwood has recently opted for the joys and opportunities of retirement. A specialist in

the history of early science and medicine, Bruce first came to UK in 1973, having previously held appointments at Ithaca College, Clarkson University, and Kansas State. He has published a number of seminal monographs, including *Ordering the Heavens: Roman Astronomy and Cosmology in the Carolingian Renaissance* (2007), *Planetary Diagrams for Roman Astronomy in Medieval Europe ca. 800-1500* with Gerd Graßhoff (2004), and *The Elements of Vision: The Micro-Cosmology of Galenic Visual Theory according to Hunayn Ibn Ishaq* (1982). Additionally, he has published over 60 articles and book chapters, many of which have been republished in two volumes of collected works: *Astronomy and Optics from Pliny to Descartes* (1989) and *The Revival of Planetary Astronomy in Carolingian and Post-Carolingian Europe* (2002). Bruce has received some of the most prestigious honors in his field, including grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the American Philosophical Society, as well as visiting appointments at the Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte (Berlin), the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), Cambridge University, the National Science Foundation, and the Institute for Advanced Studies (Princeton, NJ). And yet more than an eminent scholar, Bruce has also been a friend and mentor. “I once had a supervisor who taught me that laughter in the workplace is a sign of good health,”

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Professor Abigail Firey noted when speaking at Bruce's retirement party last January. "Hearing Bruce's laugh ring through the seventeenth floor has reassured me about the health and well-being of our department." An active, lifelong learner, Bruce continues to bicycle to campus each day where—in addition to working on his latest book—he still lifts large weights in the campus gym and has also recently taken to the Chinese language, enrolling in an introductory Mandarin course. The department looks forward to hearing Bruce's laugh in the years ahead and wishes him the very best in his future endeavors!

Making Sense of the Vietnam Wars

Organized by professors Lien-Hang Nguyen and Tracy Campbell, the University of Kentucky hosted a national conference on the Vietnam War from October 10-14, 2007. Entitled "Making Sense of the Vietnam Wars," the conference included presentations by top scholars in the field and a veterans' panel addressing the parallels between Vietnam and Iraq. Held in honor of George Herring's contributions to the field, the conference included remarks by Professor Herring and a special address by former U.S. Senator and 1972 presidential candidate George McGovern who spoke on the legacy of the Vietnam War. The presentations are currently being edited and will be published by Oxford University Press under the title, *Making Sense of the Vietnam Wars: Local, National, and Transnational Perspectives*.



Professors Bob Ireland and Tracy Campbell attended the Making Sense of the Vietnam War Conference.

Dan Rowland and the New Muscovite Cultural History

In May, the University of Kentucky hosted a national conference on "The New Muscovite Cultural History." The conference brought together eighteen leading scholars from a variety of institutions to honor the career of Dan Rowland. Dan's writings on the political, visual, and religious culture of Muscovy have influenced a generation of historians. In her conference remarks, Valerie Kivelson (University of Michigan) highlighted the important role that he has played as a mentor to junior scholars in the field of early Russian and cultural history. "Dan is a person of extraordinary warmth, kindness, modesty, and gentle humor," she said, "an encouraging, positive presence, and a humane influence in an academic world so often riven with competition and discord." In addition to Dan's international academic reputation, he is known locally as a leader of historic preservation. In conjunction with the conference, he was honored by Professor Patrick Snadon of the University of Cincinnati School of Architecture for his successful efforts at preserving historical landmarks in Lexington. Held at the Gaines Center for the Humanities where Dan served as director for almost a decade, the conference was co-organized by Michael Flier (Harvard), Nancy Shields Kollmann (Stanford), Valerie Kivelson, and UK History Department's own Karen Petrone.



Group of out of town Muscovite Culture Conference guests standing in front of the Holly Hill Inn.

Faculty News

Jim Albisetti was on sabbatical for 2007-08. Last summer he had the pleasure of introducing Rebecca Bates (Ph. D. 2006) to numerous foreign colleagues at the annual meeting of the International Standing

Conference for the History of Education in Hamburg, Germany. He also survived a “slow-break” basketball game, complete with cheerleaders, at his 40th high school reunion. He has three articles forthcoming (two in Germany) and another commissioned for publication in England. At the time of writing he has completed about half of a book manuscript, “Eminent Immigrant Victorians: The Nineteenth Century of Salis and Julie Schwabe.”

Jane E. Calvert's book, *Quaker Constitutionalism and the Political Thought of John Dickinson*, appeared in December '08 with Cambridge University Press. In 2007–08, she published several book reviews, an article in *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, and she presented papers at the Kentucky Historical Society and the American Historical Society. She was appointed to the editorial board of *Pennsylvania History* and as historical consultant to the board of the Friends of the John Dickinson Mansion in Dover, DE. She was invited to speak at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, the Dickinson Mansion, and at the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic. This year she has been invited to speak again at the Dickinson Mansion and to the Society for Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In the fall she will have an article in *Annali di Storia dell'Esegesi*. She is currently working on a Dickinson biography and as editor/director of the John Dickinson Project, a scholarly edition of his political writings.

Tracy Campbell delivered a paper at the American Political Science Association in September. He brought George McGovern to UK as part of Hang Nguyen's Vietnam Symposium, and returned the favor by serving as McGovern Visiting Professor of Leadership and Ethics at Dakota Wesleyan University in balmy South Dakota in March. He gave a talk on his new research on the history of the St. Louis Gateway Arch at the Filson Historical Society in April.

Francie Chassen-López is serving as departmental chair as well as faculty advisor for the Latino American Student Organization at UK. She published one article in the *Journal of Women's History* and another in the *Hispanic American Historical Review* as well

as three book chapters in edited volumes in Mexico. In addition to presenting papers at the American Historical Association and the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, she delivered an invited lecture at the Colegio de México, Mexico's premier institution of graduate study. She also received UK's Distinguished Professor of Arts and Sciences award for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Eric Howard Christianson chaired a session on undergraduate research at the Ohio Valley History Conference at Western Kentucky University in October 2007 and presented the keynote paper at a Transylvania University conference in August 2007 to raise funds to preserve its world renowned medical library and apparatus collections. He serves as a section editor for science, medicine, and technology for the *The Kentucky African American Encyclopedia*. With the arrival in January 2008 of the last Chinese steam locomotive, a QJ 2-10-2 No. 7004, at the R.J. Corman Railroad yard just west of Rupp Arena, he will assist the effort to rehabilitate the locomotive and place it in railfan service.

Pat Cooper enjoyed two weeks in Ireland in July and August 2007 learning about early Irish religions and sacred spaces, material she will use in future courses and research. Dr. Cooper's sabbatical leave in the spring of 2008 enabled her to complete a draft of her book “Race, Rule and Republicans at Sun Ship 1933-1946,” which explores the contours of racialized gender during World War II at the Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, owned by the politically powerful Pew family of Pennsylvania (best known today for the Pew Charitable Trusts). She will present a paper from this research at the Labor and the Right Conference at the University of California at Santa Barbara in January 2009. Pat is serving a three year term on the Nominations Committee for LAWCHA (Labor and Working class History Association). She is currently Director of Undergraduate Studies in UK's Gender and Women's Studies Program and is working to make sure its undergraduate major is ready for the Fall 2009 semester.

Ron Eller's new book, *Uneven Ground: Appalachia Since 1945*, was published in September 2008 by the

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University Press of Kentucky. He also appears this winter in the nationally broadcast PBS documentary series “Appalachia: A History of Mountains and People” narrated by Sissy Spacek and produced by the James Agee Film Institute.

Ron Formisano was on sabbatical during the 2007-08 year. His latest book, *For the People: American Populist Movements from the Revolution to the 1850s*, was published on Feb. 25, 2008 by University of North Carolina Press and was an alternate History Book Club and Military Book Club selection. With graduate student Stephen Pickering, Formisano authored “Witness Competency and the Christian Nation Debate,” and submitted the article to *The Journal of the Early Republic*. He lectured at University of Bologna in March, and gave a talk at the semi-annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society in Louisville in April.

Ellen Furlough presented a paper, “Camping, Vacations, and Consumer Society during the Trente Glorieuses” at the 2008 meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies at Rutgers University in April, and will be a commentator at the Western Society for French History in Quebec next spring for a panel on “Transatlantic Relations.” She has submitted an essay on an edited document, the vacation diary of Claudie Beaucarnot, a Franco-Vietnamese woman, that was solicited by the women’s history journal *Genre&histoire*. Her long essay on “Transnational Consumer Cooperation” will appear at the end of this year in the *Palgrave Dictionary of Transnational Relations* edited by Akira Iriye and Pierre-Yves Saunier. She continues to serve on numerous graduate student committees in history as well as in Anthropology, Geography, and Hispanic Studies, and will teach in the Social Theory program again next semester. She also hosted a visit to UK by French history scholar Eric Reed in the spring of 2008.

Phil Harling, contrary to the rather premature report in last year’s newsletter, ended up doing six additional months of hard time as Associate Dean of Faculty in the College of Arts & Sciences. His sentence finally ended on New Year’s Day, 2008. He

then served six months as UK’s inaugural Chellgren Endowed Chair before being incarcerated yet again, this time as Interim Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. Eternal optimist (naïf?) that he is, Phil is hoping to be able to reacquaint himself with scholarship starting on July 1, 2009, by which date, with any luck at all, a new dean will be in place. Phil’s proudest achievement of the year past has been learning to strum a guitar and to sing at the same time (sort of), which he finds even more difficult than simultaneously patting his head and rubbing his belly.

David Hunter became the first holder of the Cottrill-Rolfes Chair of Catholic Studies in the fall of 2007. He holds a joint appointment in the Department of History and the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. In January of 2007 David’s book, *Marriage, Celibacy, and Heresy in Ancient Christianity*, was published by Oxford University Press, which also recently published David’s co-edited *Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Studies* (August 2008). This year he also published three



Professor Mark Summers ready to teach class.

articles: “Entre Joviniano y Jerónimo: Agustín y la interpretación de 1 Cor 7,” *Augustinus* 52 (2007): 107-112; “Sexuality, Marriage, and the Family,” chapter 24 in *The Cambridge History of Christianity: Volume II. Constantine to c. 600* (Cambridge University Press, 2007); and “Marrying and the tabulae nuptiales in Roman North Africa: From Tertullian to Augustine,” in *Marrying in the Middle Ages: The Formation and Documentation of Marriage 400-1600* (Cambridge University Press, 2007).

Erik Myrup has kept very busy in his first year at UK, teaching a number of new courses and being a Dad to four young children. Between grading papers and changing diapers, Erik continues to work on a book manuscript on Portugal’s colonial bureaucracy, tentatively titled, “To Rule from Afar: The Overseas Council and the Portuguese Seaborne Empire.” In addition to delivering an invited lecture at the University of Macau in May, he presented a paper in June at the annual conference of the Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies in Vancouver, and also spent two months in China in May and June working in the local Portuguese archives in Macau. A father with diverse interests, he also volunteered weekly at Glendover Elementary, reading *The Wind and the Willows* and *James and the Giant Peach* to two first grade classes over the course of the year.

Karen Petrone focused intensively on researching and writing her new book, provisionally entitled “Embattled Memory: World War I Remembrance and the Culture of Soviet Military Mobilization,” during her sabbatical in 2007-2008. In connection with this project, Petrone was invited to present a paper in September 2007 at a conference in Southampton England: “Sacrifice and Regeneration: The Legacy of the Great War in Interwar Eastern Europe.” Petrone also traveled to Moscow for the month of March, conducting archival research and visiting with old friends. In May 2008, along with colleagues from the University of Michigan, Harvard, and Stanford, she co-organized a Symposium on Muscovite Culture in honor of her colleague and mentor in the University of Kentucky History Department, Daniel B. Rowland.

Jeremy Popkin’s newest book, *Facing Racial Revolution: Eyewitness Accounts of the Haitian Insurrection* (University of Chicago Press) was published in January 2008. Novelist Madison Smartt Bell, author of a well-reviewed trilogy about the Haitian Revolution, provided a blurb for the cover, calling it “an extremely valuable work” that “engaged me deeply.” Popkin participated in international conferences in Brazil, France, and Germany during the year. In February 2008, his picture appeared in The New York Times in connection with a story about a false rumor on the Internet claiming that the University of Kentucky had banned the teaching of courses on the Holocaust. Popkin, who also co-organized a day-long workshop on issues involved in teaching courses about genocide and the Holocaust at UK in March 2008, has taught an undergraduate course about the Nazi extermination of the Jews since 1979.

Dan Smith and Lorrie Glover co-authored *The Shipwreck that Saved Jamestown: The Sea Venture Castaways and the Fate of America*, published with Henry Holt and released in August 2008 (also available on audio book). Smith also gave a paper based on the book in September at the British Group for Early American History at the University of Swansea in Wales. He gave a paper in May as well, based in part on the book’s narrative qualities, as an invited participant at the Conference on Writing the Narrative in Early America, sponsored by the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and the Early Modern Studies Institute at the Huntington Library. Finally, he also sold his book proposal to Henry Holt for his next book, tentatively titled, “American Tragedy: The Cherokee’s Trail of Tears.”

Gretchen Starr-LeBeau continues to work on a large project comparing inquisitorial records in the sixteenth century. Two summers ago she spent time in the National Historic Archives in Madrid; this summer she spent six weeks exploring the State Archives in Venice. Her children are ready to go back for more gelato!

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Student News

Degrees Awarded

The following students completed the Ph.D.

Nathan Coleman
Jodie Mader
Michael Schwarz
Janice Wood

The following students completed the M.A.

Joshua Farrington
Gerald Goodwin
William A. LaBach
Patrick Lewis
Abigail Mack
Stephen Pickering
John Calvin Rawlins III

Honors and Awards

Dorothy Leathers Fellowship

Christy Bohl
Jeff Keith

Charles P. Roland Fellowship

Eric Weinberg
Amber Fogle-Sergent

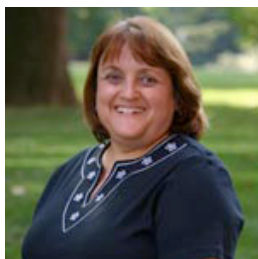
George C. Herring Fellowship

Stephanie Lang
Scott Eidson

Albisetti Dissertation Research Fellowship

John Davis

New Undergraduate Advisor



Beginning in fall 2007, the College of Arts and Sciences instituted a new advising structure that is designed to better serve students. Professional advisors are now housed directly within academic departments, enabling them to work closely with de-

partmental members. Thus, the department is delighted to welcome our new departmental advisor Christine Blank.

Christine earned her bachelor's degree from Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, majoring in sociology with a double minor in business and Spanish. She subsequently worked in a variety of fields before earning a master's degree in higher education administration at UK. She worked previously in admissions at Transylvania University as well as in one of the TRIO programs (Education Talent Search) at what was then Lexington Community College. Additionally, she draws on her own diverse background and experience in counseling students. Well-traveled, she has been to all fifty U.S. states, visiting Oregon—the final state on her list—in October 2002. She has previously coordinated volunteer work in a local hospice program and more recently spent the last nine years as an academic advisor at UK. "I enjoy my time as an advisor," she explains, "and have found I can learn a lot from my students, as well as the other way around." As faculty and staff we are delighted to welcome her to the department!

Undergraduate Honors and Awards

Philo Bennett Prize

Grace Shear

Holman Hamilton Scholarship

John Ghaelian

Phi Alpha Theta Initiates

Catherine Herdman
Carly Geisin
Maggie Phelps

Students Graduating with Honors in History

Kristopher Anderson
Rikki Biggs
Jonathan Evans
John Ghaelian
Steven McQuade
Grace Shear
John Tomasicchio
Evan Underwood

Students Graduating with GPA Honors

Adam Biggs
Jonathan Evans
Charles Finley
John Ghaelian
Leora Gunn
Emily Hazlette
Devon Holmes
Patrick Kothe
Martha Murray
Michael Pierce
Nathan Potts
Grace Shear
Betty Sivis
John Tomasicchio
Jonathon Toms
David Wade



Graduate Student News

Karl Alexander presented two conference papers at the Ohio Valley History Conference in Bowling Green, KY, in October; and another at the 42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, MI, in May. He also worked as a PTI at Eastern Kentucky University.

Christy Bohl served as president of HGSA. Additionally, she received a share of the Dorothy Leathers Graduate Fellowship and won a Project Grant from the Kentucky Oral History Commission.

Liz Caywood completed her qualifying exams in Fall 2007. She is currently working as a TA and doing research for a dissertation exploring the discourse on war

in colonial Pennsylvania. During the summer she worked as an adjunct instructor at Lourdes College in Sylvania, Ohio where she taught the US survey and an American religious history course.

John Davis won a fellowship to conduct research at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. In April he was awarded the History Department's Albisetti Fellowship to conduct research in Russia and was chosen by IREX as an alternate candidate. He presented a paper at the Southern Conference in Slavic Studies in Atlanta and was Co-Coordinator for the 2008 Bluegrass History Symposium.

Patrick Lewis presented at the Bluegrass Symposium, winning the prize for best paper by a Phi Alpha Theta member. He attended the National Council on Public History conference, participating in a working group on "Finding Common Ground Between Interpreters and Historians."

Joanna Lile served as co-coordinator for the History Department's 2008 Bluegrass Symposium and in October defended her thesis: "'Social Service with Soul Service': Origins of Southern Baptist Daily Vacation Bible School." Additionally, she presented a paper at the 2008 Innovative Perspectives in History Conference in Blacksburg, Virginia, where she was awarded the Bertoti Exemplary Paper Award.

Stephanie M. Lang was a co-winner of the History Department's George Herring Graduate Fellowship in 2008. She also published two articles in *Ampersand*, the College of Arts and Sciences magazine, with one article commemorating the centennial anniversary of the College.



History graduate students attending a Lexington Legends game at Applebee's Park.

Alumni News

Alumni

Note: Due to a reduction in allotted page space for this newsletter, we have had to edit alumni contributions.

Chris Bachelder (MA, 2006) is Associate Vice President at Hillsdale College. His article, "Crashing the Party: The Ill Fated 1968 Presidential Campaign of Governor George Romney," appeared in the Fall 2007 issue of *Michigan Historical Review*.

Richard A. Bailey (PhD, 2006) spent the 2007-08 academic year as Visiting Assistant Professor and Postdoctoral Scholar in Honors in UK's Honors Program. This next year promises to be exciting and busy as he finishes the revisions on his book manuscript (contracted with Oxford University Press) and also moves to Buffalo, New York, where he has accepted a position as an assistant professor at Canisius College, teaching early American history.

Monroe Billington (PhD, 1955) has written "New Mexico Clergymen's Perceptions of Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal," forthcoming in the *New Mexico Historical Review*. He has been designated a Paul Harris Fellow by the Las Cruces, New Mexico, Rotary Club.

Dwight Brautigam (MA, 1982) continues as Professor of History and History Department Chair at Huntington University in Indiana. He is also the treasurer and office administrator for the Conference on Faith and History.

Charles J. Bussey (MA 1968, PhD, 1975) is emeritus professor at WKU, Bowling Green, KY. He contributed the opening chapter ("Hope From Southern Voices") to *American Crisis, Southern Solutions: From Where We Stand, Promise and Peril* (NewSouth Books, 2008). This is a follow-up volume to 2004's *Where We Stand: Voices of Southern Dissent*. In addition to travel, he continues to work with the KY Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

David Dalton (PhD, 1991) has just finished his twentieth year at College of the Ozarks, where he holds the Elizabeth Hoyt Clark Chair of Humanities. He has written two articles for the forthcoming "Kentuckians in Gray," to be published in the fall of 2008 by the University Press of Kentucky and is at work on a biography of Confederate General Felix Zollicoffer.

Nelson L. Dawson (PhD, 1975) has worked as director of research and interpretation at the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort since 2004. He has general oversight of *The Register of the Kentucky Histori-*

cal Society and *Kentucky Ancestors*, as well as the Kentucky Historical Highway Marker Program.

Charles Dollar (PhD, 1967) was selected in 2005 as the 35th recipient of the Emmett Leahy Award for his outstanding contributions to the records management and information profession. More recently, he was presented the Thomas C. Bagg Standards Award by the Association of Information and Image Management, recognizing his contributions to standards that promote electronic records archiving. Currently residing in Oxford, MS, he recently completed his tenth year as a Senior Consultant at Cohasset Associates.

George B. Ellenberg (PhD, 1994), will return to his position as Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, University of West Florida, after completing his 2007-2008 American Council on Education (ACE) Fellowship in June. He also will be promoted to Professor of History at the beginning of the fall semester.

Mark "Skip" Elliott (PhD, 1974) continues as coordinator of studies in history at Southern Wesleyan University in Central, SC, and also as editor of the *East-West Church and Ministry Report*. In 2007 he was appointed chair of the academic affairs committee of the Asbury College Board of Trustees and continues as a founding trustee of the Russian-American Institute, Moscow. In May 2008, he gave the commencement address at the Russian-American Institute in Moscow.

Bill Ellis (PhD, 1974) is happily retired from the history faculty at Eastern Kentucky University. He writes a column, "Past Tense/Present Tense," for Kentucky Monthly Magazine and is working on *A History of Education in Kentucky* for the University Press of Kentucky.

Jonathan Erlen (PhD, 1974) recently published *ISIS Current Bibliography of the History of Science and Its Cultural Influences* (University of Chicago Press, 2007). Additionally, he recently accepted a position on the Scholarly Project Initiative at the University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine.

Ron Frankum (MA, 1990) is currently an Associate Professor of History at Millersville University of Pennsylvania. He recently published his fourth book, *Operation Passage to Freedom: The United States in Vietnam, 1954-1955* (Texas Tech University Press, July 2007) and contributed a chapter to *The War That Never Ends: New Perspectives on the Vietnam War*, edited by David L. Anderson and John Ernst (University of Kentucky, 2007). He is currently working on a manuscript that examines Vietnamese-American relations during the tenure of Ambassador Durbrow (1957-1961).

Jason Garcia (MA, 1998) is a vice president with the Northern Trust Company, an international wealth management firm, headquartered in Chicago. His latest endeavor involves the Northern Trust Professional Athlete Division and the Latin American Center in Miami, who are trying to win the business of several Venezuelan baseball players who play for U.S. MLB teams. Jason is an active member of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Chicago Cultural Mile Association.

Lorri Glover (PhD, 1996) is an associate professor at the University of Tennessee. She published *Southern Sons: Becoming Men in the New Nation* in 2007 with Johns Hopkins University Press. Additionally, she and Dan Smith recently co-authored *The Shipwreck that Saved Jamestown: The Sea Venture Castaways and the Fate of America*, published by Henry Holt and released in August 2008.

Tom Hatfield (MA, 1967) recently completed an article on the history of soccer in Cleveland, which is available online at the American Soccer History Archives (<http://www.soccer.net/~spectrum/cleveland.html>).

Rich Holl (PhD, 1996) continues to teach American history at the Lees College Campus of Hazard Community College. Holl was recently appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*. Additionally, he is close to finishing a book on the 2007-2008 Kentucky Wildcats basketball season.

Larry Hood (PhD, 1980) continues to teach both American and Kentucky history. This last year, he lectured at the Elderhostels program at Northern Kentucky University. Additionally, he gave the kick-off lecture for Springfield College's celebration of Kentucky heritage. In 2008, Rowman & Littlefield published his *Restless Heart: Kentucky's Search for Individual Liberty and Community*.

Robert J. Imholt (PhD, 1974) is currently in his thirty-seventh year at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, CT. Besides teaching and administrative responsibilities, he is currently writing a dual biography

of Timothy Dwight and Joel Barlow, entitled "For God, For Country, and For Yale." He delivered a paper on some of this work at the New England Historical Association meeting in October as well as a paper at the SHEAR meeting in Philadelphia this summer.

Troy Jackson (PhD, 2006) is senior pastor at University Christian Church in Cincinnati and a co-editor of *The Papers of Martin Luther King Jr., Volume VI: Advocate of the Social Gospel, September 1948-March 1963* (University of California Press, 2007). He also recently published *Becoming King: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Making of a National Leader* (University Press of Kentucky, 2008).

Judi Jennings (PhD, 1975) recently presented papers at two international conferences celebrating the bicentennial of the abolition of the British slave trade as well as at a conference hosted by the Wilberforce Institute at the University of Hull. Her book on *Gender, Religion, and Radicalism in the Long Eighteenth-Century*, published in 2006 by Ashgate, has generally received positive reviews. She continues to serve as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Foundation for Women, a private philanthropy based in Louisville, supporting feminist art for positive social change.

Patrick Johnston (MA, 2006) is currently employed by the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area, where he supervised a Depression Era mansion and estate, as well as a historic home that was a stop on the Underground Railroad. Five months ago his wife gave birth to their first child, Madeline Jayn Johnston.

Sean Christian Jordan (BA, 2002) received an M.Ed. in Secondary Education from Xavier University in 2005.

Thomas Kiffmeyer (PhD, 1998) is an associate professor of history at Morehead State University. In 2008, he published *Reformers to Radicals: The Appalachian Volunteers and the War on Poverty* (University Press of Kentucky).



Alumni News

John Kleber (PhD, 1969) is an emeritus professor at Morehead State University and currently teaches as an adjunct professor of history and senior fellow at the McConnell Center at the University of Louisville. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Kentucky Historical Society.

James C. Klotter (PhD, 1975) is a professor of history at Georgetown College and the State Historian of Kentucky. He and his wife Freda co-authored *A Concise History of Kentucky* (University Press of Kentucky, 2008), and previously received an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History for their book, *Faces of Kentucky*. He received the Governor's Award in late 2007 for the best book published in Kentucky history during the last four years, for his *Kentucky Justice, Southern Honor, and American Manhood* (LSU Press, 2003), and in 2008 the Midwest Archives Conference honored him with its President's Award for significant contributions to archives.

Kyle Longley (PhD, 1993) just finished his thirteenth year at Arizona State University. He completed a number of projects including an essay in a book dedicated to George Herring, *The War that Never Ends: New Perspectives on the Vietnam War*. He also finished a new book, *Grunts: The American Combat Soldier in Vietnam*, published in August 2008 by M. E. Sharpe. Currently, he is writing *The Houses of the Purple Hearts: A Small Town in the Shadow of the Vietnam War*.

M. Lois Lucas (PhD, 2005) is an Associate Professor of History at West Virginia State University in Institute where she teaches American, African-American, and world history courses. She recently had two articles—"Elizabeth Simpson Drewry" and "Lucile Smallwood Meadows"—published in the *African American National Biography Encyclopedia* (edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham and published by Oxford University Press). Additionally, she recently presented papers at the National Association for African American Studies Conference and at the Appalachian Studies Conference.

Matt Madej (MA, 2004) has finished his third year of high school history teaching and his first experience teaching online classes at the university level. His current research interest lies in the ways in which 20th century American Catholics looked at the relationships between sport and religion.

Paul Douglas Newman (PhD, 1996) recently was promoted to the rank of full professor at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Additionally, he is serving as editor of *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies*. In 2004, he published *Fries's Rebellion: The*

Enduring Struggle for the American Revolution (University of Pennsylvania Press). Additionally, he was recently chosen as the History Channel 2008 "Save Our History" Teacher of the Year!

Greg O'Brien (PhD, 1998) begins a new position as an associate professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in August 2008. He recently published *Pre-removal Choctaw History: Exploring New Paths* with the University of Oklahoma Press.

Oscar C. Page (PhD, 1967) will complete fifteen years as the President of Austin College in Sherman, Texas, on June 30, 2009. His retirement from the Austin College presidency will conclude twenty-one years as a college or university president.

Carl J. Post (PhD, 1976) teaches General Humanities at Montclair State University (NJ) and American immigration history online for Capella University. He published a psychological novel *The Scramble Call* about cumulative stress in emergency care on the web at EMSVillage.com. His novel about the Apocalypse, *The Fiery Red Horse*, and his history of EMS in America, *Omaha Orange*, continue to sell well.

Gerald Roberts (MA, 1962) received his Ph.D. in History from Michigan State in 1970. After teaching for a time at the University of Missouri-Rolla, he studied archival and manuscript administration at Wayne State University. For 26 years he served as Director of Special Collections and Archives at Berea College, retiring in 2001.

Dr. Daniel N. Rolph, (MA, 1985), is currently Historian & Head of Reference Services for The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, as well as an adjunct professor of history at Gwynedd-Mercy College & Montgomery County Community College, outside Philadelphia. Dr. Rolph's work, *My Brother's Keeper: Union & Confederate Soldiers' Acts of Mercy During the Civil War*, recently sold out of print.

James Boyd Seaver (BA, 2004) just finished his fourth year of Ph.D. work at Indiana University and will shortly begin work on his dissertation, which deals with widespread looting that took place during World War II. He interned during the summer in Washington, D.C., in the Curatorial Records and Files Department of the National Gallery of Art, and recently began a new job as an editorial assistant at the *American Historical Review*.

Peter J. Sehlinger (PhD, 1969) continues to be involved in social and community work, recently organizing a group of seventeen teenagers from his parish in Indianapolis to work in the Dominican Republic at a clinic and school run by Episcopal nuns. This summer he contrib-

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uted a chapter on William Preston to *Kentuckians in Gray: Confederate Generals and Field Officers from the Bluegrass State*, edited by Bruce Allardice and Lawrence Hewitt.

James E. Seymour, Jr. (MA, 1975) has been working in the technology field since 1968 working in both public and private corporations. Since 2001, Mr. Seymour has been the corporate senior database administrator and data architect for an international Fortune 500 corporation.

John David Smith (MA, 1973; PhD, 1977) is Charles H. Stone Distinguished Professor of American History at The University of North Carolina at Charlotte. His recent books include *An Old Creed for the New South: Proslavery Ideology and Historiography, 1865-1918* (Southern Illinois University Press, 2008); and editor and introduction, *History Teaches Us to Hope: Reflections on the Civil War and Southern History* by Charles P. Roland (University Press of Kentucky, 2007). He has recently published articles in *Lincoln Lore* no. 1889 (summer 2007), and *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (March 9, 2007).

Melanie-Préjean Sullivan (MA, 1977) has completed her doctorate in ministry from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Her DMin topic was “The Theology of Discernment,” and was based upon research and a course she created for Bellarmine University, where she serves as the Director of Campus Ministry and Service. Melanie has also recently been appointed to the Board of Overseers for St. Meinrad School of Theology and Seminary (Catholic) in southern Indiana.

Paul H. Vaughtner (PhD, 1970) recently decided to tackle Thomas Percy's *Reliques of Ancient Poetry* (3 vols, 1975). Percy was an Oxford graduate, antiquarian, Bishop of Dromore, 1792-1811, and a distant kinsman of the Dukes of Northumberland. The Percy collection was mined by the Romantic writers, English and German, in the late 1700s and early 1800s; it also contains material used much earlier by Chaucer, Shakespeare, Marlowe, and Raleigh. The present writer's interest was the perusal of arcane and archaic words, which have vanished from both English and Lallans.

Mark Vest (BA, 1988; MA, 1992) is currently serving as vice president of student services at Northland Pioneer College in northeastern Arizona, where he also serves as an adjunct member of the history faculty. He continues to draw on the lessons he learned from Dr. Summers—as both a student and teaching assistant—in his current capacities as a teacher and administrator. Last year Mark served as acting President of the College during a period of upheaval—a task he was happy to relinquish.

David F. Wells (PhD, 1957) taught at Georgia Sate University from 1957 until his retirement in 1990, at which time he moved to Panama City, Florida. More recently, he has been involved in Unity Church volunteer work, reading, and sports.

Paul L. Whalen (MA, 1978) recently contributed sixteen articles to the upcoming *Northern Kentucky Encyclopedia* (2008). Additionally, he has served as contributor to WNKU and the Kentucky News Network.

Ron White (PhD, 1984) is still a tenured professor of philosophy at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio. His research remains interdisciplinary, exploring the borderlines between science, history, and economics. Recent articles appear in the journals *Assassination Research* and the *Independent Review*. This summer, he hopes to finish his book on “Human Inquiry.” In 2008, Ron was the recipient of the College of Mount St. Joseph's Distinguished Scholar Award.

David Withers (MA, 1992) has a secondary education teaching certificate from the University of Louisville and an ECE (Special Ed.) certification from Bellarmine College. He is in his eleventh year of teaching ECE at Atherton High School in Louisville, where he is boys and girls cross country coach.

David Wolfford (MA, 2000) has taught various classes in history and government at Mariemont High School in Cincinnati, OH. Since graduate school at UK, he has taken on various projects related to the civil rights era and school desegregation, including two projects with the Kentucky Oral History Commission. Additionally, he has published articles in the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* and *Kentucky Humanities* as well as a teaching unit for classroom teachers. He is a National Board certified teacher and has contributed essays and articles to *Armchair Reader: Civil War* (Westside, 2007) and *Encyclopedia of War: United States & World* (Gale, forthcoming).



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