I hope this newsletter finds all of you enjoying a peaceful and productive summer. Despite the icy-cold weather last winter, we have achieved a great deal in the History Department this academic year. First of all, I am extremely pleased to announce that Professor Anastasia Curwood (Ph.D., Princeton) will join the faculty as an Assistant Professor in African American History (see profile on p. 2.) Three faculty members have received promotions: Melanie Goan and Tammy Whitlock have been promoted to Assistant Professors of History and Bruce Holle has been promoted to Associate Professor of History.

We have created a new History Advisory Board this year to help the History Department excel and meet future challenges. In particular, our Board is assisting us in promoting the benefits of the History major, and aiding us in developing internship and career opportunities for our students. Dr. Melanie Goan is developing a new one-credit career-readiness course for majors, and last spring she organized a panel entitled “A History Degree in the Twenty-First Century.” This event featured several History Department alumni discussing how the major has helped them in their careers.

We have also initiated a new series of Alumni events. Professor Emeritus George Herring gave a compelling talk on the uses of History in American foreign policy in October. There was a reception in honor of the premiere of an episode of Civil War: The Untold Story, a television series for which Dr. Amy Taylor served as a consultant. We continued our partnership with Keeneland Library by co-sponsoring a talk by two University of Kentucky Alumni who are specialists on the horse industry, Dr. Maryjean Wall and Dr. Jamie Nicholson. We will be organizing several alumni events next year as well, so be sure to be on the lookout for invitations!

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The History Department is delighted to welcome our new faculty member, Anastasia Curwood. Dr. Curwood joins us from Emory University, where she has been a visiting scholar at the James Weldon Johnson Institute for Race and Difference. But she originally hails from Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she spent almost all her childhood. “My parents were attracted to Cambridge’s openness and famously outspoken politics in the late 1960s and 1970s,” she notes.

After graduating from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, she decided to attend Bryn Mawr, rather than Harvard University, where she’d also been accepted. It was her classes at Bryn Mawr, she says, that led her to a career in history. “I was exposed to the interpretive work of historians and faculty who were in the process of creating new historical knowledge,” notes Dr. Curwood.

It was also at Bryn Mawr that Anastasia Curwood began her own historical investigations. This work ultimately led to her graduate career in history at Princeton University and her first book, Stormy Weather: Middle-Class African American Marriages between the Two World Wars (University of North Carolina Press, 2010).

“IT is based on research that was inspired by my paternal grandparents, a couple that was trying to build a family during the Great Depression and the era of Jim Crow. The book is both an intellectual history and a social history of marriage,” states Dr. Curwood.

More recently, Dr. Curwood has become interested in Shirley Chisholm, who was the first black congresswoman, as well as the first black American and the first woman to seek the Democratic Party nomination for President. Despite Chisholm’s importance in the history of gender and of African Americans in the United States, there is no scholarly account of her life available.

Dr. Curwood plans to rectify this with a biography of this key figure, tentatively entitled Aim High: The Life and Times of Shirley Chisholm. Retracing Chisholm’s life has led Dr. Curwood to a deeper understanding of mid- to late-twentieth-century social movements; it has also brought her back to her own family’s history, since her mother served as campaign treasurer for Shirley Chisholm’s Massachusetts presidential campaign in 1972.

Yet despite Dr. Curwood’s deep ties to the Eastern Seaboard, she couldn’t be happier to be settling in Lexington, Kentucky. Dr. Curwood has been a devoted horsewoman since her youth, and competes in Eventing and Dressage. She has also been coming to Lexington for several years now to volunteer and assist at the Rolex Three-Day Event. She, her partner, their two dogs, their three cats, and her off-track Thoroughbred, Taco, are all looking forward to life in the Bluegrass!

**UK History on LinkedIn!**

Why not join with University of Kentucky History Department students, alumni, and faculty on the University of Kentucky History Department’s LinkedIn group? It’s a great way to build contacts and networks in and out of Lexington. You can find us as “University of Kentucky History Alumni” on LinkedIn.
One of the biggest events at UK this spring was the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, held in early April. Undergraduates from around the country descended on Lexington to present their original research. Included in these participants were several History majors. Our majors were unanimous in their enthusiasm for the experience. Rebecca Renfroe, a Lexington native who graduated this May, wrote about the influence of the Haitian Revolution on slave holders in the US south. Rebecca was surprised at the amount of evidence she found on the Haitian Revolution in US newspapers at the time, given that the subject does not receive much attention in high schools today. In all, Renfroe was grateful for her experience. “I was extremely happy I presented at NCUR,” said Renfroe. “It was an excellent confidence boost.”

Hannah Grant, a Nancy, Kentucky, sophomore, presented a paper on Confederate emigration to Brazil after the Civil War. “Having working at the Mill Springs Battlefield Museum for five years, I typically focus on Civil War history. However, after taking Dr. Myrup’s class on Brazil I chose this topic as a unique perspective on the Civil War and Reconstruction that is typically not considered,” Grant explained. She was particularly pleased to find the diary of General Edward Porter Alexander, in which he describes in detail his interest in emigrating to Brazil. For Hannah, one of the benefits of participating was gaining insight on her own work from listening to the presentations and comments of others, and she hopes to continue to research this topic in the future.

A third UK History major who participated was Matt O’Neal, a December 2013 graduate who spent his youth in various cities in Kentucky and Tennessee. O’Neal examined how Andrew Johnson employed historical memories of Andrew Jackson not only to guide his own political decisions, but also to help promote them to others, to his detriment. O’Neal began this research in Prof. Abigail Firey’s HIS 499 course by considering why Johnson’s impeachment and the Reconstruction period are not more central in our understanding of American history. O’Neal found that presenting at NCUR reassured him about his decision to continue studying history. “I would urge every aspiring historian to present at NCUR. First of all, there is free gear and food. More importantly, NCUR is a positive environment that fosters a bond between fellow participants. I presented to an audience that was primarily composed of fellow presenters, and all were attentive and engaged.” Congratulations to Rebecca Renfroe, Hannah Grant, Matt O’Neal, and all the UK participants in NCUR!

This year’s Passport to the World Program “Viva Mexico,” sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and co-chaired by Dr. Francie Chassen-López and Dr. Chris Pool (Anthropology), explored the history and culture of our southern neighbor. The logo included the “axolotl” because UK has the largest collection of these smiling pre-Columbian lizards in the U.S. The highlight of the first semester was the Day of the Dead Ballet presented by the Bluegrass Youth Ballet at the Opera House.

The college paid for the performance, so not only faculty, staff, and students, but also, thanks to the collaboration with the Foundation for Latino and Latin American Culture and Arts in Lexington, many members, and especially children, of the local Latino community also attended for free. Dr. Chassen-López taught the Spring Semester course entitled “Viva Mexico! A Century of War and Peace” to 70 students. She brought in various experts to speak to the class including Dr. Howard Campbell, a specialist on (continued on p. 20)
Ellen is a native of Roanoke, Virginia. A high school summer trip to Europe was a life-changing event. She fell in love with the people, sites, and history of Europe. History was a natural choice for a college major during her undergraduate days at Meredith College and Lander College. Ellen was a member of the Meredith tennis team and spent a year as a spirit girl for coach Lou Holtz’s football team at nearby North Carolina State University. After graduation, she briefly taught history to middle school students. Love of learning and a desire to work with more mature students led her to graduate school. Ellen received a M.A. from University of South Carolina, and then enrolled in the doctoral program at University of North Carolina. She loved Chapel Hill, but decided to transfer to Brown University, when her advisor Joan Scott accepted a position with the provision she could bring her most promising student. Providence winters were brutal, but the intellectual environment was wonderful as were the ethnic bakeries.

Doctorate diploma in hand, Dr. Furlough took a position in the History Department at Kenyon College in Ohio in 1987. Son Andrew was born during her second year at Kenyon.

Ellen also published her first book, several journal articles, was an active conference participant, and served as Chair of the History Department. She loved the people at Kenyon, but desired a warmer climate, ideally in a bigger and more diverse city close to her beloved Appalachian Mountains. Lexington was an ideal choice and Ellen was happy to join UK’s History Department in 1999.

Ellen was an early leader in writing about the history of tourism and consumer cooperatives. Her research has been cited more than 250 times. The interdisciplinary reach of her work is amazing. History, anthropology, geography, political science, sociology, ecology, economics, marketing, and journalism are a subset of the areas where she is cited. French, Italian, Spanish, Swedish, German, and Czech language publications have cited Ellen’s work. She presented research papers in Canada, France, Hungary, Italy, Spain, and Sweden. During a conference in Stockholm, she shared a luncheon table with the Prime Minister of Sweden.

Teaching has given Ellen the greatest personal satisfaction. She won campus-wide teaching awards at both University of Kentucky and Kenyon College. She has had a positive influence over countless students. Several former students have kept in touch with Ellen. They talk about fond memories from her classes and how she influenced their career paths. Their personal statements offer the accolades that mean the most to Ellen.

Ellen intends to get back to playing tennis, work on her garden (or goad husband Frank into the grunt work), plus investigate volunteering at some local service agencies. Her love of travel remains strong. She has a wish list of new places to visit and wants to get reacquainted with some old favorites.

There will always be time for friends. She hopes to keep in contact with her UK colleagues.
Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, we are in the process of awarding several new scholarships. The first class recruited with Robert Lipman Graduate Fellowships in History will arrive at UK in August 2014. History alumni Dr. Leslee K. Gilbert and Dr. Daniel E. Crowe have created new fellowships in History that were awarded for the first time this spring to two doctoral students, Jonathan Chilcote and David Lai, to defray the costs of conducting archival research for their dissertations.

This year, because of a generous donation from Dr. Audrey Rooney in honor of emeritus professor Daniel Rowland, we also awarded the first ever Daniel B. Rowland Community Fellowship to an undergraduate student with a summer internship in the community.

The first award went to Taylor Adams, a History major with a minor in Appalachian Studies, who is using the funds to travel to Elkhorn City, KY, to inventory and catalogue the artifacts of the Elkhorn City Railroad Museum. As always, we are grateful for fellowships with which our former students and faculty support our future graduates. We have continued our traditions of teaching, research, and service excellence as well. Paul Glasser received a College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, and doctoral student Ashley Sorrell and Dr. Phil Harling received Provost's Teaching Awards. Jeremy Popkin won the Graduate School's Kirwan Prize; Francie Chassen-Lopez was named a University Research Professor; Phil Harling was named the Gaines Professor of the Humanities and Director of the Gaines Center.

Jim Albisetti received the Terry B. Mobley Development Service Award. I would also like to recognize the superb departmental leadership team for helping the department to run smoothly this year: David Hamilton, Director of Graduate Studies; Phil Harling, Director of Undergraduate Studies; Gretchen Starr-LeBeau, Associate Chair; Paul Chamberlin, Amy Taylor and Tracy Campbell, Executive Committee. I am very proud of our faculty and student achievements.

Although we have much to be happy about, we are also sad to say goodbye to some dear friends. Denise Ho has accepted a position at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Jakobi Williams is now teaching at Indiana University. Three deeply-respected and beloved faculty have retired: Ron Eller, Ron Formisano, and Ellen Furlough. Although we will miss them all, we wish them the very best in their new endeavors.

In Spring, 2014 both Professor Ron Eller and Professor Ron Formisano retired. Conferences marked the achievements of both professors. Dr. Formisano hosted the two-day Conference of Economic and Political Inequality at UK in March. The conference highlighted the growing gap between rich and poor and the shrinking of the middle class.

In November, 2013 the University of Kentucky Special Collections hosted a symposium to celebrate the donation of the Ronald D. Eller papers to the Margaret King Library. The celebration honored Dr. Eller’s career as an Appalachian scholar.
The highlight of Jim Albisetti’s year was receiving the Terry Mobley Development Service Award in December. This is the one annual award that goes to a faculty or staff member who does not work in development, and even it has often gone to deans and directors who have fund-raising as part of their duties. In a related matter, one of the endowments Jim has established, the Albisetti Exhibition Fund at the Art Museum, made a modest contribution last summer to bringing a wonderful show of “old master” European paintings to UK from the Speed Museum in Louisville (which is currently closed for massive renovation and expansion). Jim is looking forward to taking part in the annual meeting of the International Standing Conference for the History of Education in London this July. It will mark his first appearance at ISCHE, and his first transatlantic flight, since 2010. Jim recently completed his eighth gallon of blood donations since his sister’s illness in 2000.

During the fall she researched in Philadelphia and raised nearly $100,000 from private donors to produce Volume One of The Complete Writings and Selected Correspondence of John Dickinson. She published “The ‘Documentary Democracy’ of the Writings of John Dickinson, Then and Now” in the journal Scholarly Editing, “John Dickinson’s Quaker Contributions to the Creation of the American Republic” in Faith and the Founders of the American Republic (Oxford, 2014), and book reviews for The Journal of American History, The American Historical Review, and H-Law. She completed work as co-editor of The Selected Writings of Thomas Paine (Yale, 2014), in which she also has an essay, “Thomas Paine, Quakerism, and the Limits of Religious Liberty during the American Revolution.” In addition to giving invited talks in Philadelphia and Delaware, she gave the Constitution Day address at George Fox University in Oregon.

Jane E. Calvert was on sabbatical in the academic year 2013-14. In July she appeared on C-SPAN discussing her book, Quaker Constitutionalism and the Political Thought of John Dickinson (Cambridge, 2009) and the John Dickinson Writings Project, of which she is founding director and chief editor. In May 2013, Tracy Campbell appeared on NPR’s “Weekend Edition” with Scott Simon, XM Sirius Radio’s “The Bob Edwards Show,” and a number of other radio shows in St. Louis to discuss his new book, The Gateway Arch: A Biography, which was published by Yale University Press. It was a selection of the History Book Club as well as the Book-of-the-Month Club, and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch named it one of the “Best Books of 2013.” He gave talks at the Missouri History Museum, Left Bank Books, Sculpture City St. Louis, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and was a featured speaker at the National Council for the Social Studies meeting. He was also interviewed for stories that appeared in newspapers and magazines in St. Louis, Chicago, Louisville, Tampa, and New York. In November, he wrote an op-ed that appeared in the Louisville Courier-Journal marking the 50th anniversary of the JFK assassination. During the summer, he is looking forward to visiting Great Britain, and to continuing his new project on the American home front in 1942.

Paul Chamberlin had a busy and enjoyable year. He received a contract with HarperCollins to publish his second book, The Cold War's Killing Fields, due in 2016. He also joined Hang Nguyen as a co-editor for a new book series with Cambridge University Press, "Cambridge Studies in U.S. Foreign Relations." An audio version of his first book, The Global Offensive (OUP, 2012) appeared as well. He was also invited to join the editorial board of the Diplomatic History, peer-reviewed journal of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR). He also began serving as co-organizer for A&S's "Passport to the World: Year of the Middle East" series, which will be held in 2014-15. In addition, he has co-organizing a workshop on American empire, which was held in June 2014.

Profs Petrone, Campbell, and Eller
Paul also served on the local arrangements committee for SHAFR’s 2014 annual meeting which was held in Lexington. He published an op-ed in the Christian Science Monitor on U.S. intervention in Syria in August. In June, he will be participating in the Basin Harbor Workshop on Teaching Grand Strategy, hosted by the Merrill Center of Johns Hopkins University. Most significantly, he collaborated with Hang Nguyen in concerted but largely failed efforts to outwit Leila Nguyen Chamberlin as she entered her terrible twos.

During the 2013-2014 academic year, Francie Chassen-López served as Co-chair of the College of Arts and Sciences’ Passport to the World Program: Viva Mexico! This entailed organizing numerous events both cultural and academic sponsored by different departments in the college. As part of Viva Mexico, she taught a special course for first year students in the Spring Semester: A&S 100 Viva Mexico! A Century of War and Peace. Dr. Chassen-López continues to work on her biography of a nineteenth century Mexican female entrepreneur and political boss. In the Fall, she taught a new graduate course “Biography, Gender, and History” which brought in students not only from history but from various other departments. She continues to participate in an ongoing seminar on the theory and methodology of biography in Mexico, composed of Mexican and U.S. historians. The seminar published its first edited volume this year, Biografías: Métodos, metodologías y enfoques in which Dr. Chassen-López published a chapter entitled “Mitos, mentiras y estereotipos: El reto de la biografía feminista” (Myths, Lies, and Stereotypes: The Challenge of Feminist Biography). She was thrilled to be named University Research Professor for the 2014-2015 academic year, which affords her a semester off to finish this manuscript. Dr. Chassen-López was also elected Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Latino and Latin American Culture and Arts of Lexington, a non-profit organization which sponsors Latino and Latin American cultural and artistic activities in the Bluegrass.

To add to the excitement of the beginning of his fortieth year in the department, Eric Christianson (Dr. C) will once again serve as the chapter advisor to Phi Alpha Theta. He also organized and chaired a panel on health history topics on North Atlantic nations for 19th & 20th centuries at the 2013 OVHC in which three of our past and present students participated.

Stephen Davis was invited by the History Department at the College of the Holy Cross to give a talk as part of the Derrick Lecture Series. His talk was titled “The Uses and Misuses of Biography: Mandela, Violence and the Anti-Apartheid Struggle in South Africa”. This talk was based on ongoing research into Nelson Mandela’s many biographies which was the subject of one of his most recent publications, an article titled “Struggle History and Self-Help; The Parallel Lives of Nelson Mandela in Conventional and Figurative Biography” which will appear in the next issue of African Studies. He is currently completing revisions on his book manuscript on everyday life in the rank-and-file of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the armed wing of the African National Congress.

Two students from Abigail Firey’s HIS 499 class (theme: “History and Memory”) presented their papers at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research. [see full story on p. 3] She reports that she also had excellent students in her Carolingian Empire and Medieval Law courses, and she had fun teaching a new graduate seminar on Digital History. She wrote an essay on Canon Law in the Carolingian Period for the forthcoming Cambridge History of Medieval Canon Law, and also an article on “Canon Law at Corbie” for a collection of essays from a symposium she attended in Germany on the Pseudo-Isidorian Forgeries. She continues to work on the collaborative project to create a digital environment for manuscript studies for the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library.
Ron Formisano hosted a conference March 27-28 on Economic and Political Inequality in the United States beginning with an Ellen Goodman lecture the evening of the 27th and then a mix of speakers all day on the 28th from academia, journalism, labor, and politics: local participants included our own Ron Eller, Jamie Lucke of the Lexington Herald-Leader, Mike Matuszak (former negotiator for the UFCW), and Judge Kathy Stein, former state legislator. At the Organization of American Historians annual meeting in Atlanta, Ron gave a paper comparing the original and current Tea Parties. He is near completing a book manuscript “Inequality in the United States: ‘The Root of Social Ills’” for submission to an interested university press. In early May he will give a lecture at the University of Genoa on the topic of U.S. Inequality.

In addition to her normal teaching duties and research efforts that will lead to the publication of two articles in the upcoming year, Melanie Goan has been busy in her new role as Director of Internships for the Department. She is working to find opportunities for our undergraduates to gain real-life experience and has organized several events focused on career planning. She encourages all of the Department’s alumni to consider ways they can help in these efforts.

Phil Harling has recently been appointed director of UK’s Gaines Center for the Humanities. He continues his work on “Seas of Trouble: Victorian Values and British Imperial Governance, 1840-1860.” Within the last year he has presented papers in Portland and Montreal. A major article of his was published in the January 2014 issue of the Journal of British Studies: “The Trouble with Convicts: From Transportation to Penal Servitude, 1840-1867.” Another article is forthcoming in an edited collection to be published by the University of Manchester Press: “Sugar Wars: The Culture of Free Trade versus the Culture of Antislavery in Britain and the British Caribbean, 1840-1850,” in Barry Crosbie and Mark Hampton (eds.), The Cultural Construction of the British World.

This April, Phil was recognized as a Teacher who made a Difference by the UK College of Education. He also won the Provost’s Award for Outstanding Teaching in the category of tenure-track faculty. Phil was recently elected to a 3-year term on the University Senate Council, and this June he will be stepping down after three years of service as Director of Undergraduate Studies. This coming fall, Phil will begin a 3-year term as Program Director for the North American Conference on British Studies.

David Hunter had the privilege of an extended sabbatical year because of fellowships received from different sources. From August to December of 2013 he was a Senior Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study at Central European University in Budapest. From January 2014 until December 2014 he is a Visiting Scholar at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies of the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. Living in Europe has provided an opportunity to travel and lecture in different countries and venues, from the Faculty of Theology of the Catholic University of Ružomberok in Košice, Slovakia to the School of History, Classics, and Archaeology of the University of Edinburgh, as well as in Budapest and Leuven. The coming months include lectures at Durham and Oxford in England, and talks at conferences in Rome, Vienna, Regensburg (the theology faculty of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI). Obviously, sabbaticals are not for “rest!” But the most important aspect of this year is the opportunity for sustained research and writing. He is working on a new history of the origins of priestly celibacy in the early church, which will be published by Oxford University Press. He hopes to have the text largely completed by the end of his sabbatical. He also recently completed a lengthy chapter on “Married Priests in Eastern and Western Christianity” to appear soon in the Brill Companion to Medieval Priesthood.

Erik Myrup has kept very busy this last year, finishing his book and juggling the responsibilities of parenthood. In May he journeyed to Lisbon to deliver a paper at an international conference on Portuguese Asia, and thereafter spent much of the summer in Utah writing. He continues to reach out to local schools, teaching elementary and secondary students about the conquest of Mexico and Peru. Additionally, he recently signed a contract with LSU Press for the publication of his manuscript on social networks in the Portuguese colonial world.

Hang Nguyen taught her first lecture course on the Vietnam War this year, and she greatly enjoyed it. In addition to teaching, she was invited to give talks at Duke, Ohio State University, University of New Hampshire, Yale University, and Australian National University as well as interviews with the BBC, The Straits Times, Voice of America, and Bloomberg News regarding her book and current events in Vietnam. In September, she co-organized Vietnam, 1963, a conference that took place at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, DC. In addition to teaching, presenting, and granting interviews, Hang has been active in her field. She and Paul Chamberlin have signed on as general co-editors of the “Cambridge Studies in U.S. Foreign Relations” series with Cambridge University Press (CUP). In January 2014, Hang was awarded the Stuart Bernath Lecture Prize by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR). Finally, Hang, Paul, and George Herring hosted the 2014 SHAFR Annual Meeting here in Lexington, KY where 500 of their closest U.S. diplomatic historians friends were in attendance. In the realm of service and academic leadership, Hang was chosen to attend the first Bluegrass Academic Leadership Academy and has agreed to serve as the Director of Graduate Studies. But most importantly, Hang enjoyed watching Leila enter her terrible twos (that began somewhere around 18 months) alongside Paul.

In June 2013, Karen Petrone taught a Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS) course on "War and Memory in Eastern Europe" in Lviv, Ukraine, and in Poland. Western Ukraine, with its long history of ethnic conflicts, was a fascinating place to explore the connections between war, memory, forgetting, and the construction of national identity. She and her husband Ken Slepyan are planning to co-teach in Ukraine again in June 2015, political conditions permitting. Petrone’s book *The Great War in Russian Memory* (Indiana University Press, 2011) won the Association for Women in Slavic Studies’s 2013 Heldt Prize for the best book by a woman in Slavic Studies. With the hundredth anniversary of World War I approaching and with Russia and Ukraine in the news, Petrone has given several talks in the region on Russian World War I memory and on the contemporary political situation in Ukraine. She has also just completed an article on the upcoming Russian celebration of the centenary of World War I. Having now finished three years of her four-year term as chair, Petrone can almost see the light at the end of the tunnel, and is looking forward to her sabbatical and to working on her book on Soviet (and Russian) war memory from 1979 to the present.

Jeremy Popkin has been named as the winner of this year’s A. B. Kirwan award, given every year to an outstanding scholar at UK. In June 2013, Jeremy Popkin was the Christian Wolff visiting professor at the Martin-Luther Universität Halle, where he delivered a series of lectures on his work on the French Revolution and the issue of slavery. Popkin also participated in a conference on autobiography and life-writing at Tartu University in Estonia. During the 2013-14 academic year, Popkin gave invited lectures at the two Miamis—Miami of Ohio and Miami, Florida—and at Harvard, Brandeis, City University of New York, and Hampden-Sydney College.
Popkin made his debut as a scholar of World War I with a paper on French prisoners of war in Germany, given at the Society for French Historical Studies meeting in Montreal. His articles appeared in the *William and Mary Quarterly* and the *Romanic Review*.

This year, **Sophie Roberts** very eagerly got back into her teaching. She developed a new graduate level course on Teaching World History. She had a great time teaching it and hopes that her students are now eager to teach their own world history courses. She continues to work on her manuscript and has begun to organize all of her research that she collected while a fellow at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

**Gerald Smith** is the University of Kentucky Martin Luther King Center Scholar-in-Residence for 2013-15. His assignment is to assist the director of the King Center in enhancing scholarly programming and moving the center more closely to the academic sphere of university life. This year he taught an undergraduate course on "The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr." in the King Center. In addition, he was one of the speakers following this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Vigil on campus. He also served as the keynote speaker for the Lyman T. Johnson banquet at UK this past spring; was the keynote speaker for this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Area. Additionally, he gave lectures at Berea College and Campbellsville University. Last, but not least, the Kentucky African American Encyclopedia, co-edited by John Hardin, Karen McDaniel, and Gerald Smith, is now in production at the University Press of Kentucky, and is scheduled for publication next year.

**Mark Summers** has completed *Order of the Reunion*—a history of Reconstruction, due out by University of North Carolina Press this fall. He is working on the third edition of the textbook from Oxford, *Of the People* (the second edition is now out). He continues to teach loudly and futilely, advise high school kids on their National History Day projects, ride a bike even in miserable winter weather, and count the days till death.

**Akiko Takenaka** is spending the year 2014 in Tokyo as a Japan Foundation Fellow affiliated with the University of Tokyo. In the last year, she has given research presentations at a number of institutions near and far, including the University of Louisville, Penn State University, University of Delhi, and the German Institute of Tokyo. She has multiple publications forthcoming: her first book entitled *Yasukuni Shrine: History, Memory, and Japan's Unending Post-war* will be published by the University of Hawaii Press. Also forthcoming are an article in *The Public Historian* (May 2014) and a chapter in an edited volume on Japanese aesthetics. She is currently enjoying the four seasons of Tokyo, as well as the amazing food the city has to offer.

**Gretchen Starr-LeBeau** continues to enjoy keeping in touch with alumni and friends of the History Department through her work as Newsletter editor. The book she co-edited, *Judging Faith, Punishing Sin*, comparing early modern Catholic inquisitions and Calvinist consistories, is currently under review for publication, and she continues to research defense strategies available to women tried by early modern inquisitions.

**Dr. Roberts at the annual History Department outing to watch a Lexington Legends game**

**Dr. Takenaka enjoying the department chili luncheon**
Among the highlights of a busy year delivering talks on the Civil War and emancipation, **Amy Taylor** presented a lecture and two workshops as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar in the Humanities at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and served as the keynote speaker for the Tennessee State Sesquicentennial Commission’s Signature Event in Chattanooga. She also enjoyed serving as a member of the scholarly site visit team for the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument in Cambrige, Maryland. During the next academic year, though, she looks forward to speaking less and writing more.

**Scott K. Taylor** created a new course for undergraduates, “HIS 130: Drugs & Alcohol in Western History, 1492 to the Present.” The course was difficult to teach, thanks to the lack of any kind of textbook to bring the subject matter together, but very rewarding. He hopes to continue teaching the course every year and to see enrollment climb even higher.


**Tammy Whitlock** nearly wept when she realized she was old enough to be asked to chair a panel on material culture at the Southern Conference on British Studies this November. She definitely wept when she saw that her long (in process) Oxford Handbook article on masculinity and crime was at last making it into print this Spring. When she received a recent missive from her other Oxford Handbook editor that he was looking forward to receiving her article on Retail Crime by June 1st, she sighed with relief that he lives in Sheffield, England. She also was named a finalist for the Provost’s Award for Outstanding Teaching in the category of lecturers.

History Club continues to march on this semester despite the fact that we are losing so many of our awesome seniors to the big, wide world as they graduate this Spring. Dr. Whitlock wants to especially thank Dr. Jonathan Coleman for the club’s private tour of Helm Place, the Greek Revival mansion associated with the Todd and Lincoln families. Please continue to keep in touch with us at [https://www.facebook.com/groups/ukhistoryclub/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ukhistoryclub/).
Amanda Boczar (ABD) has been awarded the Dissertation Year Fellowship for 2014-2015 and a 2014 Samuel F. Bemis Research Grant from the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. This year she has presented papers at Film and History, the UCSB-GWU-LSE International Graduate Student Conference on the Cold War, and will present later this year at the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual meeting in Lexington and the Women’s History Network 23rd Annual Conference in Worcester, England. Her chapter “Economics, Empathy, and Expectation: History and the Representation of Bar Girls and Prostitutes in American Vietnam War Films” has been accepted for publication in the edited collection Selling Sex on Screen: Commodification, Desire, Prostitution and Promiscuity in Film and Television to be published by Rowman and Littlefield.

Paul Glasser (MA 2014) received the Arts & Sciences Certificate for Outstanding Teaching by a Teaching Assistant in April 2014.

Mary Osborne (ABD) won the George C. Herring Graduate Student Writing Award from the Kentucky Association of Teachers of History (KATH) for her article-length essay, “Keeping the Faith: The American and Canadian Legions Construct Memories of the First World War, 1919-1941.”

Bethany Sharpe (Doctoral Student) won the George C. Herring Graduate Student Writing Award from the Kentucky Association of Teachers of History (KATH) for her article-length essay, “Humanity Begins at Home: America’s First Refugees and the Roots of U.S. Humanitarianism.”

Ashley Sorrell (ABD) received the Provost’s Award for an Outstanding Teaching Assistant in April 2014.

Ryan Voogt (ABD) presented at the Boston College Biennial Conference on the History of Religion in March 2014 on “The Limits to Acceptable Religiosity in Communist Romania and the Soviet Union, 1945-1991.” He also recently received a Fulbright to study in Romania, and so he plans to complete his doctoral dissertation in Romania from January - September 2015.

Ryan Voogt with his wife and children

In March, Jason Warren (doctoral student) presented at the Graduate Conference on International History at Harvard University. The theme for this year’s conference was “Sources in International History” and his presentation focused on the utilization of social and other digital media as a method of locating and collecting primary sources that might otherwise be inaccessible due to location and/or time constraints.

Graduate Student Greg Seltzer helping out with the History Department Book Sale to raise money for History Graduate Student Association.

**Dottie Leathers** and **George Herring** continue to enjoy their time spent as snowbirds in Florida. This year they escaped a thoroughly nasty winter up north. The trip south was especially memorable in that they managed to slip through Atlanta just ahead of the massive storm that shut the city down for several days. A high point of the Florida stay was a visit by former UK colleague Theda Perdue, a day trip to the Big Cypress National Preserve, and an air boat ride amidst all kinds of interesting swamp critters.

After working for thirty-seven years, part of the time at two jobs, Dottie is quite happy to take it easy. She is an avid reader and enjoys meeting friends for lunch and dinner. Invitations are welcome!

A fifth edition of *America’s Longest War*, appeared in September 2013. George also chairs a committee of scholars advising the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund on the content of an education center to be built on Washington’s Mall. Thanks to U.K. history M.A. and now Dean of Libraries Terry Birdwhistell, George was recognized by the College of Education as a “Teacher Who Made a Difference.”

We both continue to be busy with our five local grandchildren (21-year-old Andrew is finishing his junior year at Kenyon College). We look forward to seeing friends and former students at the SHAFR meeting this June in Lexington.


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Rebecca Bates (PhD, 2006) returned from sabbatical to become Chair of the History program (and it is NOT exciting nor conducive to scholarship). However, I did receive an NEH Fellowship to participate in the NEH Summer Institute (last July 2013) entitled "India’s Past and the Making of the Present". It was an amazing experience.

James Duane Bolin (PhD, 1988) is professor of history at Murray State University. Bolin has three books under contract, two near completion: Adolph Rupp and the Rise of Big-Time College Basketball in America with the University Press of Kentucky, and Home and Away: A Professor’s Journal, a collection of 100 of Bolin's newspaper columns to be published with Accliam Press in Missouri. Bolin’s “Home and Away” column is published in newspapers across Kentucky including his hometown newspaper, the Murray Ledger & Times and the Advocate-Messenger in Danville. Bosses of the Bluegrass: Political Bosses and Their Machines in Kentucky History is also under contract with the University Press of Kentucky. In August, 2014, Bolin will travel to Regensburg, Germany to present a paper on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's theology of "calling." Flossenburg, the site of Bonhoeffer's execution, is just north of Regensburg. Bolin is married to Evelyn. Their 25-year-old son, Wesley, is running for the United States Congress from Kentucky's First District. Their daughter, Cammie Jo, a History and Political Science major at Centre College, holds Centre's long jump record and is currently ranked first in the Southern Athletic Association in the long jump. Cammie Jo is also a member of Centre's 4 x 100 meter school record-holding relay team.

Tom Booker (MA, 1984) approaches retirement age of 60 (for bankers and some golf pros) with no prospects for a late-in-life career, but with hope to produce a publishable Bible commentary within a few years. Should I succeed, I expect my standing in the academic community to approach that of a demigod, since it would signify the miraculous vision of my publishing anything—at least in the eyes of some former history colleagues. Yet I also manage to “publish” anonymous sage advice on a variety of topics regularly in a personal blog—http://allofmetb.talkspotblogs.com—to be read only through the lens of objectivity, not those of any supposed benefactor.

Joe Brown (BA, 2013) was awarded the Thomas D. Clark Student Writing Award by the Kentucky Association of Teachers of History for his essay, “Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power?: Politics of the Antebellum Baptist Schism in Kentucky.”

Matthew Burnett (BA, 2013) has been accepted at and will attend the University of Louisville Law School beginning in the fall of 2014.

Anyone looking for a fun and informative way to explore Lexington should join one of Jonathan Coleman’s (PhD, 2014) new walking tours of downtown Lexington! Dr. Coleman’s The Grand Tour begins at 6pm and the Spirits! Scandals! Sordid Secrets! Tour begins at 8pm every Saturday (both start outside the Lexington Visitors Center). For more information, visit Jon’s website at www.drcolemanwalks.com

Carolyn Dupont (PhD, 2003) is on the history faculty at Eastern Kentucky University. Her book, Mississippi Praying: Southern White Evangelicals and the Civil Rights
Movement, 1945-1975, was published last year with New York University Press. She has also recently authored an essay about Georgia Davis Powers, the first African American woman to serve in the Kentucky Senate, that will appear in Kentucky Women: Their Lives and Times, Thomas H. Appleton and Melissa McEuen, eds., forthcoming with University of Georgia Press. Dupont has recently been named Book Review Editor of The Journal of Southern Religion (online) and she is the director of KIIS Denmark, a four-week summer study abroad program.

Joshua Farrington (PhD 2013) In happy news, I have signed a contract with the University of Pennsylvania Press, and a revised version of my dissertation will be published next year in their Politics and Culture in Modern America series. The work does not yet have a title, but my dissertation’s title was "Fighting from the Inside: Black Republicans in the Civil Rights Era." I also have a chapter that has been accepted in an edited book (eds. Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson and Anna von der Goltz). The article is entitled "African American Conservatism and 'Black Capitalism' in the Age of Richard Nixon," and the title of the book is Inventing the ‘Silent Majority’: Conservative Mobilization in Western Europe and the United States in the 1960s and 1970s. The book is currently under review with Cambridge University Press and will be affiliated with the German Historical Institute.

Jared Flanery (BA, 2013) won the Thomas D. Clark Student Writing Award from the Kentucky Association of Teachers of History for his essay, "From the Treaty Port to the Village: Intellectuals and Peasants in the Chinese Communist Revolution."

Jessica (Flinchum) Madison (PhD, 2007) is publishing her first book, In Subjection: Church Discipline in the Early American South, 1760-1830 (Mercer University Press 2014). She is teaching online history courses for Eastern Kentucky University and KCTCS. She lives in Southeast Kentucky with her husband Michael and their three sons.

Karen Gauthier (PhD, 2012) was promoted from instructor to Assistant Professor at BCTC.

Betty J. (Mitchell) Gorin-Smith (B.A. 1963, M.A. 1967) coordinated the 150th Memorial Ceremony for Tebbs Bend Civil War Battlefield in 2013; president of the Hiestand House-Taylor County Museum which dedicated restored Servants' Quarters; chair, restoration of Toll House at Tebbs Bend in 2013; chair, Tebbs Bend-Green River Nature Area which is opening 5 miles of trails in 2014.

Martha Groppo (BA, 2012) was awarded the NACBS Undergraduate Essay Prize from the North American Conference on British Studies for her essay, "The Rise of Maternal Healthcare in Britain and around the World" in November.

Judi Jennings (Ph.D., 1975) retired this June from her position as executive director of the Kentucky Foundation for Women. Jennings first gained experience exploring the relationships between art, gender, and economics through her work as a professor at Union College in Barbourville, a grant-maker with the Kentucky Humanities Council, and the first leader of the University of Louisville’s Women’s Center. Jennings began leading the Kentucky Foundation for Women in 1998, where she instated grant programs to fund community-based projects aiming to advance feminist messages and enact social change around the state. She also advocated for more inclusion of rural women and communities across the state in these projects. Thanks largely to Jennings’s work, the KFW has awarded $3 million in grants to over 1,750 women and organizations across Kentucky. This year Jennings was honored for her impact on art in rural Kentucky with the Milner Award, the top annual award given by the Kentucky Arts Council. Jennings plans to continue writing, researching, and traveling during her retirement.

James Pruitt (MA, 1994) graduated with my Master of Arts degree in History from the University of Kentucky in 1994. After several years away from the field, I completed a Ph.D. in History at Texas A&M University in College Station in May 2011. I currently have a manuscript under consideration and am working as an adjunct faculty member for Texas A&M University Corpus Christi.

Angelia Pulley (BA, 2013) is currently a graduate student in Library and Information Science. Her website and blog on the WPA in Kentucky, [http://kywpa.wordpress.com](http://kywpa.wordpress.com), has been recognized by Dr. Richard Walker of the University of California, Berkeley. He has asked permission to incorporate her site into a larger research project at Berkeley entitled The Living New Deal.

Kevin Walters (PhD, 2013) has accepted a job as Director of the Center for Leadership at the Central Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, TX.

Andrea Watkins (MA 1993, PhD 1999) was awarded tenure and promotion to Associate Professor at Northern Kentucky University in August 2013, and she was the winner of the NKU Online Faculty of the Year 2013. In addition, Northern Kentucky Regional History Day, of which she is the director, was awarded a Kentucky History Award in the Education category by the Kentucky Historical Society in November 2013.

Clarence Wyatt (MA 1984, PHD 1990) has been named president of Monmouth College, a private liberal arts college in Illinois. Wyatt leaves a distinguished career as a professor and administrator at his alma mater, Centre College. Wyatt, who held the Pottinger Distinguished Professorship of History, received numerous teaching and service awards and also led Centre students on annual study abroad trips to Vietnam. Wyatt was also the Chief Planning Officer and Special Assistant to the President. He was also integral in bringing the presidential and vice presidential debates to the college (in 2000 and 2012, respectively). Wyatt was also the campus director of the Governor's Scholars Program at Centre for nearly two decades.
Awards and Honors

Graduate Student Awards

**SHAFR – Bemis Dissertation Grant**
Amanda Boczar

**Sophia Smith Collection Research Grant**
Dana Johnson

**National Society of the Colonial Dames of America**
Dana Caldemeyer

**Fulbright Scholar to Romania**
Ryan Voogt

**Outstanding TA Award**
Paul Glasser

**Dissertation Enhancement Award**
Ryan Voogt and Juli Gatling Book

**Provost’s Outstanding Teaching Assistant**
Ashley Sorrell

**Dissertation Year Fellowship**
Amanda Boczar

**Leslie K. Gilbert & Daniel E. Crowe Fellowship**
Jonathan Chilcote and David Lai

**Dorothy Leathers Fellowship**
Ryan Voogt

**George C. Herring Fellowship**
Dana Johnson

**Albisetti Dissertation Research Fellowship**
Gregory Seltzer

**Charles P. Roland Fellowship**
Le Datta Grimes and Ashley Sorrell

**Lance Banning Fellowship**
Dana Caldemeyer and Mary Osborne

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**Phi Alpha Theta Initiates – Graduate Students**

Jeffrey D. Carruthers
Patrick Hall
Jeffrey R. Witt

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Dr. Harling and Dr. Jon Coleman at Jon's graduation ceremony
Awards and Honors Cont.

Phi Alpha Theta Initiates –

Undergraduates
Zachary T. Ausmus
Andra Collins
Austin Roby Henning
Hillary Holman McGoodwin
Cristian Ashleigh McGuire
Ian M. McManus
Michael D. Perry
Kaci M. Smith

Undergraduate Awards

Philo Bennett Prize
Stephanie Muller

Holman Hamilton Scholarship
Christian Tyler Ruth

Senior Honors
Charles Brent GPA Award

Andra Collins
Hamzah Khan
Christopher M. Meier
Ryan Philip Pitts
Chassidy Paige Ratliff
Clifton Layvon Rogers
Christian Tyler Ruth
Shelley Elizabeth Troutman
Hannah E. Shultz
Grace Elizabeth McCall
Morgan Aaron Jasko
Joshua D. Richardson
Rafael Rodriguez

Professors Petrone, Goan, and Whitlock with the undergraduate award recipients at the History Awards Ceremony
Awards and Honors Continued: Degrees

**PHDs Awarded**


Jonathan Coleman, “Rent: Same-Sex Prostitution in Modern Britain, 1885-1957.” Advisor: Phil Harling

Julie Fox, “Sacred, Suspect, Forbidden: The Use of Space in Early Modern Venice.” Advisor: Gretchen Starr-LeBeau

Christopher Essing, “The Prophets/Profits of Pleasure: The Development of Florida from the Civil War to 1905.” Advisor: Joanne Melish


Catherine Herdman, “Appalshop Genesis: Appalachians Speaking for themselves in the 1970s and 80s.” Advisor: Ron Eller


James Savage, “Save Our Republic: Battling John Birch in California’s Conservative Cradle.” Advisor: Tracy Campbell


Kevin Walters, “Beyond the Battle: Religion and American Troops in World War II.” Advisor: Kathi Kern

John Wickre, “Indiana’s Southern Senator: Jesse Bright and the Hoosier Democracy.” Advisor: David Hamilton
the drug war (whose lecture was jam packed) and Dr. Lorenzo Meyer, Mexican historian, newspaper columnist, and TV commentator who addressed Mexico’s present political dilemmas. The Library invited historian and archivist Dr. Linda Arnold to UK who lectured on archives in Mexico. Dr. Chassen-López collaborated with Dara Vance, History Ph.D. student, and Viva Mexico! teaching assistant, and Toni Greider of the UK library, to organize three exhibits at Young Library on huipiles (Zapotec blouses), alebrijes (painted wooden animals), and a photographic history of the Mexican Revolution. It was a lot of work but hopefully a positive experience for the UK community.

¡Viva Mexico! Continued

A ticket from the Día De Los Muertos Ballet and a photo of Dr. Chassen-López at the opening event for ¡Viva Mexico!
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For recruiting new students or to support current graduate students preparing for their exams, writing a dissertation or undertaking extensive travel research.

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Award for outstanding graduate students to pursue scholarship.

**Mary Wilma Hargreaves Memorial Fellowship**
Supports conference expenses and research-related travel expenses for graduate students.

**Charles P. Roland Fellowship**
Provides research and travel support to graduate students in American History.

**Philo Bennett Award**
Established in 1915. Encourages excellence in writing of history through a prize given to the author of the best undergraduate essay in a History course.

**Charles Scott Brent Award**
Established in 1926. Encourages excellence in the study of American History through an award given to the students with the highest GPA who have completed the honors sequence in History.

**Holman Hamilton Scholarship**
Provides tuition assistance for an undergraduate senior who is majoring in American History

**Daniel B. Rowland Community Fellowship**
Provides assistance to students who want to pursue summer internships, particularly in community service, historical education, or historic preservation.


Dr. Mark Summers, “Northern Honor and the Crime Against Summer.” March 12, 2014

Dr. Ron Formisano, “Inequality in the US: Consequences.” April 16, 2014.