



Department of History

From the Chair



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Greetings from Krakow! I am teaching in Poland for a month to kick off my year-long sabbatical. Professor Tracy Campbell will be leading the History Department during the 2015-2016 academic year. Before I leave the reins in his capable hands, I wanted to share with you some of the highlights of 2014-2015.

I am very pleased to announce that Professor Kathryn Newfont (see profile on p. 3) will be joining us as an Associate Professor in the field of Appalachian History. Working at the intersection of environmental history, oral history and Appalachian history, Professor Newfont brings many new possibilities to our Department while renewing the commitment to Appalachian history begun by Harry M. Caudill and Ron Eller.

This has been a banner year for promotions. The Department proudly announces the promotions of Bruce Holle, Erik Myrup and Akiko Takenaka to Associate Professor with Tenure and the promotions of Abigail Firey and Gerald Smith to the rank of Professor. There have been numerous honors as well: Professor Emeritus George Herring was named to the College of Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame; Tracy Campbell won the 2014 Missouri History Book Award; Kathi Kern was named Chellgren Professor; Hang Nguyen has been appointed general editor of the Cambridge History of the Vietnam War; Jeremy Popkin was named William T. Bryan Chair of History; Gerald Smith received the Charles W. Anderson Laureate Award of the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet for outstanding achievement in the areas of justice and equality. Please see faculty and student news for even more honors and awards!

This year we continued our series of Alumni events with a masterful lecture by Professor Emeritus Robert Ireland who had the audience on the edge of their seats with his tale of adultery, murder, honor and the “unwritten law.” This spring Professor Todd Estes (Ph.D. 1993) presented a lecture in honor of Lance Banning on the occasion of the publication of his posthumous essay collection - *Founding Visions: The Ideas, Individuals, and Intersections that Created America*. Leslee Gilbert (Ph.D. 1998) also shared reminiscences about Lance Banning.

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Mindful of students' concerns about careers, Professor Melanie Goan initiated a new careers course for History majors, helping them to explore possible professional opportunities and helping them to showcase their skills to prospective employers. Many thanks to the History alumni who generously gave of their time to speak to our current students and share their career experiences, and to the alumni who are helping us to develop internship opportunities. Next year, Scott Taylor, the Director of Graduate Studies, will also be developing an internship program for graduate students, building on the model of our extremely successful partnership with the Kentucky Historical Society.

Also in partnership with the Kentucky Historical Society, this year the Department hosted the state competition of National History Day during which 500 elementary, middle, and high school students competed at UK. Professors Erik Myrup and Mark Summers and graduate student and Lipman Fellow Cody Foster captivated them with model lectures and a history "petting zoo" of primary sources.

The Department was ably administered this year by Gretchen Starr-LeBeau, completing her three-year term as Associate Chair and Newsletter Editor; Scott Taylor, our new Director of Graduate Study; Erik Myrup, our new Director of Undergraduate Studies, and our Executive Committee: Tracy Campbell, Jeremy Popkin and Gerald Smith. I cannot thank these superb colleagues enough for their efforts on behalf of the Department this year.

While there were many achievements this year, we have had to say goodbye to two esteemed colleagues. After sixteen years in our Department, during which she worked tirelessly to foster intellectual community and did an outstanding job teaching undergraduates and especially graduate students, Professor Joanne Melish has retired. Associate Chair Professor Gretchen-Starr LeBeau is leaving UK to accept a position at a small liberal arts college much closer to her home in St. Louis. We will miss them both greatly!





MEET OUR NEW HIRE: KATHRYN NEWFONT

Carolina to attend Haverford College, near Philadelphia. After graduating with a degree in History, she returned to her natal territory of UNC Chapel Hill, this time as a PhD student working in US history. Her combined interests in southern history, oral history, and women's history eventually led Kathy to work on the mountains, and especially Appalachian history. She explains, "I have loved southern forests since my girlhood, when I spent many afternoons wading in Deep River's shady pools, cracking hickory nuts with my brothers, and hiking in the mountains near Boone. Western North Carolina has an impressive track record of protecting its magnificent woods, and I wanted to learn more about how mountain people had built that tradition." That interest led her to a research project that culminated in her book, *Blue Ridge Commons: Environmental Activism and Forest History in Western North Carolina*. This impressive work, funded in part by an NEH fellowship, has won both the 2012 Weatherford Award for Non-Fiction from the Appalachian Studies Association and the 2012 Thomas Wolfe Memorial Literary Award from the Western North Carolina Historical Association.

We in the History Department are delighted to welcome Kathryn Newfont to the department to teach Appalachian History. Kathy will be joining us from Mars Hill University, where she has been a member of the History Department and Faculty Chair of the Liston B. Ramsey Center for Regional Studies. Kathy is looking forward to joining us, and sees in the Bluegrass an environment familiar to her from her youth. She notes, "Although I would not want this announced in Rupp Arena on game day, I am literally a Tar Heel born. I first drew breath on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill. I like to think this means I am especially well positioned to recognize a great state university when I see one! My family moved from Chapel Hill when I was a child, and I grew up in the Greensboro area of North Carolina. Like the Kentucky bluegrass, that section is known for the beauty of its rolling countryside."

For college, Kathy moved away from North

More recently, Kathy has been co-editing an anthology tentatively entitled, *The Land Speaks: New Voices at the Intersection of Oral and Environmental History*. She and her co-editor, Debbie Lee of Washington State University, are delighted by the quality of the contributions and the range of disciplines represented, and look forward to its completion.

Now, Kathy is moving across the mountains to Kentucky, where she looks forward to joining the UK History Department and working with the Appalachian Studies Program. Of course, her new job has raised questions among her UNC and Duke fans; but Kathy already has a plan for that as well. "When I get to Lexington I will make a beeline for the campus bookstore: I am planning to swap Heels and Devils alike with UK gear!"

Preparing Our Majors for the World after Graduation: The History Careers Course by Melanie Beals Goan

The History Department has ventured into new waters this semester offering a “Careers in History” course for the first time ever. Providing our students with excellent history training is an obvious goal of the department, but we also want to equip them to land opportunities that will allow them to be successful once they leave UK. Since the recent economic downturn, the liberal arts have taken a hit as students and parents seek out majors that offer a direct, linear career path. Many are looking for a safe bet. In response, defenders of the liberal arts have argued passionately that a liberal arts degree provides flexibility and highly marketable skills. Phil Harling approached me in the spring of 2014 and asked me to spearhead an effort to emphasize career readiness within the Department. This course paired with a new internship initiative is the result.



Eighteen students enrolled in the inaugural Careers course. The majority were juniors, along with four graduating seniors and two sophomores. The course began by allowing students to explore their personal interests as well as to identify their strengths and weaknesses. The class examined many examples of both traditional career paths that history majors often follow and those we would classify as “outside the box.” Nearly every week, students heard from guest speakers who could illustrate the “uses of a history degree” while also sharing very practical lessons they had learned throughout their professional careers. During the semester, students developed resumes, cover letters, LinkedIn pages, thirty-second commercials selling themselves; and wrote a final paper proving that they could articulate clearly and persuasively to potential employers why they also should hire a history major.

I hope to offer this course again and on a regular basis, as it has been one of the most rewarding teaching experiences of my career. I went into the course a bit anxious, having zero career services expertise and not even much personal experience with job hunting. However, I have learned a great deal about strategies that lead to professional success and feel so lucky to be able to serve as coach and cheerleader as students think about their future plans. History major Hillary McGoodwin Smith agrees that the course is valuable. “I think that this course should be a requirement for all majors. It quiets that omnipresent fear of ‘what am I going to do next’ which grows secretly inside each of us. It also helps us realize that we can enjoy what we study in our four years (for some) within the department and also rest assured that we will be an asset to whoever hires us. The skills that this major gives us are invaluable. This course taught me just that!”

The success of this course depends on alumni who are willing to give their time to serve as guest speakers and as mentors. We would like to develop as large a pool of people as possible from which to draw. If you would like to assist in this effort, please email me at melanie.goan@uky.edu.



FACULTY UPDATES

Jim Albisetti has been on sabbatical during this academic year. He experienced a very expensive three weeks in London in late July and early August 2014, during the weakest stretch for the US dollar. He presented a paper at the annual meeting of the International Standing Conference for the History of Education and spent two weeks conducting research on reform activities of the long-time German Crown Princess Victoria. That research included reading some of her letters to her mother Queen Victoria in the Round Tower at Windsor Castle. Jim published three book reviews during this period, two in England and one in France. A slightly revised paperback edition of the anthology he coedited, *Girls' Secondary Education in the Western World*, appeared in summer 2014. More surprising, his old books *Secondary School Reform in Imperial Germany* and *Schooling German Girls and Women* were brought back from the dead as part of the on-demand Princeton Legacy Library. A few libraries have even purchased copies!

Jane E. Calvert was on research leave in 2014–15 to prepare the first volume of *The Complete Writings and Selected Correspondence of John Dickinson* for publication. In addition to several book reviews in scholarly journals, she published “Myth-Making and Myth-Breaking in the Historiography on John Dickinson” in *The Journal of the Early Republic*. Her volume *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” was released. She gave the Delaware Humanities Forum’s Joseph P. del Tufo Annual Lecture.

Tracy Campbell won the 2014 Missouri History Book Award for *The Gateway Arch: A Biography* (Yale, 2013). In August, he spent a week at Princeton University, examining archival collections for his research on the American reaction to Pearl Harbor. In March, he gave a talk at Webster University in St. Louis, and also spoke to his most excited, and intellectually demand-

ing audience when he visited a fifth grade class outside Ferguson. In the summer of 2015, he is giving a paper at the Business History Conference in Miami on the lessons of economic mobilization in 1942 and what it means to our current understanding of inequality. He also hopes to travel to Italy to sample great food and retrace his father’s path as a soldier during World War II.

Paul Chamberlin has been working on a book manuscript on the global history of the Cold War in the Third World, which is due in 2016. This past summer, he hosted the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations as well as a workshop on American empire. He spent the school year co-organizing the Year of the Middle East as part of A&S’s Passport to the World series. In his free time, he has been co-organizing the rearing of two small children, Leila (3 years) and Mia (9 months).



Francie Chassen-López was on research leave in the Fall Semester as University Research Professor for 2014-2015. This enabled her to finish the research for her biography of Juana Catarina Romero, a nineteenth century Mexican entrepreneur and philanthropist, and write the first three chapters (two to go). Her article, “The Traje de Tehuana as National Icon: Gender, Ethnicity, and Fashion in Mexico” finally came out in *The Americas* 71 No. 2 (October 2014), and she submitted two other book chapters for publication. In August, she presented a paper at the 4th Congress of Latin American Economic History in Bogotá, Colombia and in September, as a member of the Program Committee, she participated in the XIV International Meeting of Historians of Mexico in Chicago. In November, she served on a panel at the Center for Humanities of the University of Oaxaca while in March, in Mexico City she was interviewed by Clío TV for a documentary on the life of Porfirio Díaz, who ruled Mexico from 1876 to 1911. She was elected Secretary of the Board of Directors of

the Foundation for Latin American and Latino Culture and Arts, a non-profit here in Lexington. And, she is about to be a grandmother for the second time!



Eric Christianson (Dr. C) was part of a WRFL panel last August on the beginning of WWI and the role of the Influenza Pandemic. He also continues to serve as the Tau chapter advisor for Phi Alpha Theta—six new initiates in 2015.

Anastasia Curwood has enjoyed getting to know her wonderful colleagues in the History department. She has taught African American History 1865-present as well as our majors in the 499 seminar and the HIS 301 workshop. Her article, “Black Feminism on Capitol Hill: Shirley Chisholm and National Politics” will be published this spring in *MERIDIANS*.

Steve Davis finished his manuscript on the history of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the armed wing of the African National Congress. He submitted it for review in October. He also gave a talk titled “The Uses and Misuses of Biography: Mandela, Violence and the Anti-Apartheid Struggle in South Africa” at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. The talk was part of the African Studies Department’s Derrick Lecture Series. He has also spoken about the history of biographical renderings of Nelson Mandela’s life story at several venues in Kentucky including Fort Campbell, Hopkinsville Community College, and the Lexington Senior Center. These lectures are part of a second book project on the publication history of *Long Walk to Freedom*, Mandela’s semi-autobiography. He was also awarded the Hallam Award for best article published by a member of the History Department. Steve and his wife Joanna are also celebrating the birth of their first child, Rose, in December.

In addition to being promoted to full professor, **Abigail Firey** enjoyed a semester-long sabbatical. During that period, she explains, “I am leading a UK team to build two components of vHMML (Virtual Hill Museum and Manuscript Library), funded by an IMLS grant and additional funding from the Arcadia Foundation (totalling \$104,000 for the UK team) that will support collaborative research into manuscript resources. One, called ‘Scriptorium,’ is a new type of collaborative workspace for the study of manuscripts (western, Syriac, Arabic, Ge’ez, etc.) at an advanced level. This workspace can be set up with a high degree of customisation by individuals or teams to resemble a scholar’s study, with readily accessible storage on HMML’s servers for documents (scanned scholarly articles, studies and notes created by team members, etc), with convenient access to whatever external electronic resources are regularly consulted as reference works in any given project, and with a powerful manuscript viewer that provides exceptional zooming and panning functions, as well as elegant means of displaying multiple manuscript images for comparison and study. The second module of vHMML I directed, ‘Folio,’ is a digital exhibit space for visitors to see a range of manuscript images, richly annotated by experts, to learn about the paleographical, textual, and cultural features evident in the selected images. The entire vHMML project is to be launched at the end of August 2015.” She also has the following articles forthcoming or recently published: “Canon Law in the Carolingian Era” in *The Cambridge History of Medieval Canon Law*, edd. Anders Winroth and John Wei (forthcoming); “Canon Law Studies at Corbie” in *Fälschung als Mittel der Politik? Pseudoisidor im Licht der Neuen Forschung*, edd. Karl Ubl and Daniel Ziemann (Monumenta Germaniae Historica, ser. Studien und Texte; Hannover: Hahn, 2015); “Continuing Recourse to Roman Law in the Carolingian Period: the example of ms Wolfenbüttel, Herzog August Bibliothek, Helmst. 1062 (Guelf.)” in *Rechtshandschriften des deutschen Mittelalters. Produktionsorte und Importwege*, edd. Gisela Drossbach and Patrizia Carmassi (in press 2015).

Daniel Gargola has finished a book manuscript on spatial conceptions in Roman law and religion.

Melanie Goan published two articles this year, one in the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* and another in an edited volume, *Kentucky Women* (University of Georgia Press). She has been busy with advising, serving on the Appalachian search committee, and with planning a new Careers in History course.

David Hamilton enjoyed a year on sabbatical working on his most recent book project.

Phil Harling was appointed as the new director of the Gaines Center for the Humanities. That role enabled him to organize a Bale Boone Symposium on “Legacies of the American Civil War” that brought prominent Civil War historians Ed Ayers (President, University of Richmond) and David Blight (Yale) to campus. Phil has an article forthcoming in an edited collection to be published in the fall 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*. Late last spring, Phil was presented with the Provost’s Distinguished Teacher Award. He also currently serves as the Program Director for the North American Conference on British Studies.

Bruce Holle continues to teach Western Civilization, the History of Christianity, and many courses on the ancient world. He also continues to drill English grammar, punctuation, and spelling into his students. This year he was pleased to be promoted to Associate Professor with tenure.

David Hunter, Cottrill-Rolfes Chair of Catholic Studies, spent the fall of 2013 as a senior fellow in the Institute for Advanced Study, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. Following this, he spent the 2014 year as a senior scholar in the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, KU Leuven, Belgium. During his leave he lectured at the universities of Oxford, Edinburgh, Durham, Ghent, and the Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. He also spoke at conferences in Helsinki, Rome, Vienna, Košice (Slovakia), Regensburg, and Santander (Spain).

Kathi Kern has been named Chellgren Chair, where she will continue to work on improving

undergraduate education at UK.

Francis Musoni has enjoyed teaching his classes in History and International Studies this year, and is keeping busy working on his book manuscript.

Erik Myrup has kept very busy this last year directing the undergraduate major and juggling the



responsibilities of being a father to five growing children. Between changing diapers and grading papers, he spent a snow day last semester masquerading for one of his classes as Doctor Who. More important, he finished his book on *Power and Corruption in the Early Modern Portuguese World* (forthcoming by LSU Press)! He was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure this spring. He continues to reach out to local public schools, teaching elementary and secondary students about the conquests of Mexico and Peru, and providing dramatic interpretations of Willy Wonka, James Henry Trotter, and Mole, Toad, and Badger to assorted first graders.

Hang Nguyen returned to the classroom in the spring after giving birth to an adorable baby girl in September. While on parental leave and a month after giving birth, she participated in the Southern Festival of Books in Nashville where she autographed books and gave a brief presentation televised on C-Span. In January, she gave the 2015 Stuart Bernath Lecture at the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) luncheon at the AHA in New York City. With the fiftieth anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War and the fortieth anniversary of the fall of Saigon, Hang’s also been busy giving talks

David Olster enjoyed a productive year on sabbatical working on his most recent book project

In 2014, **Jeremy D. Popkin** was appointed as to the William T. Bryan Chair in History, succeeding colleague Ron Formisano who had held this position until his retirement in spring 2014. In 2015, Popkin and a German colleague, Anja Bandau (University of Hannover) published *Mon Odysee: L'Épopée d'un Colon de Saint-Domingue*, a critical edition of the memoir of a French colonist who was an eyewitness to the slave uprising in Haiti in 1791. Popkin also completed an introductory textbook, *From Herodotus to H-Net: The*

During 2014-2015, **Sophie Roberts** was a visiting scholar at the Taube Center for Jewish Studies at Stanford University. She used her time there to complete revisions to her manuscript and to begin work on her second book project on Jewish responses to Vichy in North Africa.

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Mark Summers remains a key figure in the department's success. His most recent book was awarded the Hallam prize for best book published by a History Department member this past year, and his courses remain among the department's most popular. In part, this is due to his decision to rewrite all his lectures in verse form and set them to tunes from Gilbert and Sullivan.

Amy Murrell Taylor has spent every minute she could find working on her book manuscript, *Embattled Freedom: Journeys Through the Civil War's Slave Refugee Camps*, a project she hopes to wrap up in 2016. She was also recently appointed to a four-year term as a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Southern History*, and will serve as a member of the selection committee for the 2016 Avery Craven Prize given by the Organization of American Historians.

Tammy Whitlock is excited about being a part of the upcoming *Oxford Handbook of the History of Crime and Criminal Justice* edited by Paul Knepper and Anja Johansen. Her article on “Crime and Retail Theft” should prove a handy guide for all the would-be Winonas out there curious about the history of shoplifting. In January she finally learned what the AHA Tuning Project was and crushed on Teddy Roosevelt at the American Museum of Natural History. She spent the rest of the year trying to keep up with the undergraduates of the University of Kentucky Historical Society who went above and beyond the call of duty volunteering at the National History Day judging in April.



EMERITUS FACULTY UPDATES

During 2014-2015, **E. Randolph Daniel** completed his monograph entitled *Bound for the Promised Land*, and sent it to Ashgate Press. He is also finishing his revision of his edition of the *Liber de concordia noui ac ueteris testamenti of Abbot Joachim*, which he hopes to talk Brepols into publishing. Frankie and Randy also flew to Rome on Feb. 2, 2015 and returned to Lexington [and the snow] on 2/15. He taught an Olli class on “Big Changes in Late Antiquity” during late February, March and April. For this he learned how to use PowerPoint.

William Freehling writes: I’m now living in Fredericksburg, Virginia, mostly because son Bill, with children aged 3 and 5, is two blocks away and daughter Alison, with children aged 11 and 14, is only a little over an hour away. While I thoroughly enjoy my grandchildren, I confess that time with my adult children is even more special.

Professionally, I now spend full time writing in my home study. It amazes me, after all those research miles spent on Delta, that research almost always now only requires a stroll to my computer. It doesn’t amaze me that after all those pages written on southern history, I’m now writing a biography of Abraham Lincoln. It is the perfect vehicle for telling the other side of my Civil War story, and besides, I always was a Chicago kid. Hi to everybody; those were special years in Lexington.

Bob Ireland reads a lot (history and movie stuff); watches Great Courses DVDs (early Christianity; Beethoven’s symphonies, piano sonatas; Bach and High Baroque; Big History; the Impressionists; Wagner’s operas); watches old movies at night (black and white thirties movies mostly); tutors reading at Harrison Elementary School. Debates Sandra about the clover in the front yard (he likes; she does not). Visits Aspen Music Festival in the summer. P.S. We continue to subscribe to the Lyric Opera of Chicago season, thereby attending a minimum of six operas annually. The graduations of one or more of the eight grandchildren seem to occur annually (e.g. two this year in Lexington; next year one in Greenville, S.C. and one in Austin, Texas).

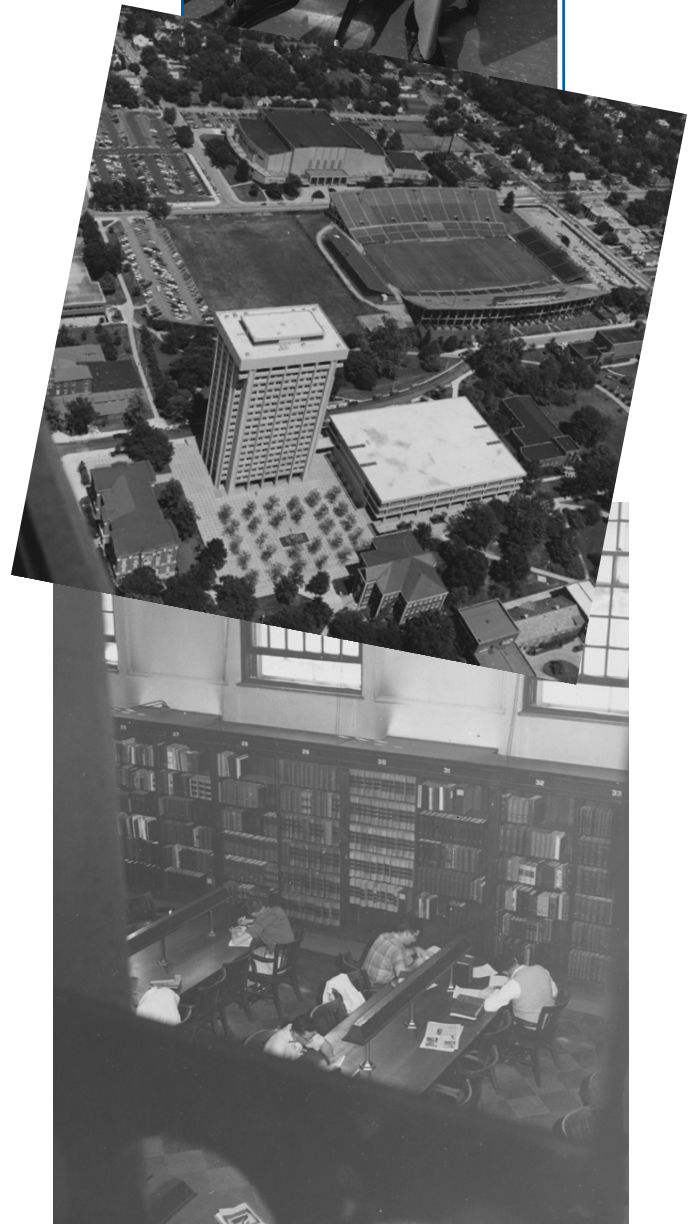
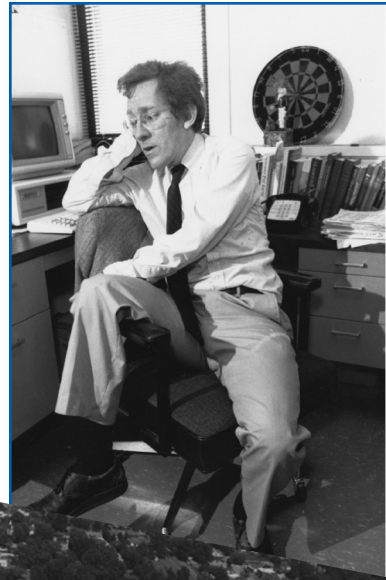
Dottie Leathers and George Herring continue to spend February and March in Florida. This year, they escaped a horrendous Lexington winter while basking in unusually warm weather down south. Last May, they had a most enjoyable trip to New York City where they attended a celebration of the opening of CNN’s series on The Sixties (in which George appeared briefly). While there, they also met up with grandson Andrew and granddaughter Caili, who happened to be in the city at the same time. Thanks mainly to Hang Nguyen, the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations met in Lexington this past June. We had great fun welcoming colleagues to our fair city. A near record number attended, and we heard much praise for Lexington and the conference. George continues to do some writing and give talks. In March, he presented a paper at a conference at Ohio University where he began his teaching career fifty years ago this summer. It was fun to talk with former colleagues, visit familiar haunts, and see enormous changes on the campus. This is a year of graduations for our family: Andrew from Kenyon College; Caili from middle school; and Kennedy and Jonathan from elementary school. Madie will enter college in fall 2016. Seven-year old Emma has a few years to go.



Bob Olson delivered a talk and acted as commentator at “The Future of the Kurds in the Middle East” a closed conference (only for specialists on the Kurds) in Beirut, Lebanon, from 28 November to 31 December 2014. He also was chair and commentator on a panel “The Kurds Ascending” at the Middle East Studies Association in Washington, DC., 21-24 November 2014. A new French edition of *Turkey’s Relations with Iran, Syria, Israel, and Russia, 1991-2000: The Kurdish and Islamist Question* was published in 2014. Bob also wrote a new introduction to a reissuing of *The Kurdish Nationalist Movement in the 1990s: Its Impact on Turkey and the Middle East* (2015). The Arabic translation of *The Emergence of Kurdish Nationalist and the Sheikh Said Rebellion: 1880-1924* is to appear by the University of Texas Press in 2015. Bob continues to write op-eds for *Today’s Zaman* an English language newspaper published in Turkey and Europe and occasionally for the *Lexington Herald-Leader*. In April Bob 2015 gave a talk in “Year of the Middle East” series sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, entitled “Fifty Years with the Kurds: an Historiographical Interpretation and Memoire” in which he also included remarks on his experiences among the Kurds during his Peace Corps stint in Turkey during 1964. Bob is also on the Board of Editors of *Kurd Tarihi* (Kurdish History) and on the Advisory Board of the recently established Turkish Heritage Organization (THO) and the Turkish Institute for Progress (TIP) located respectively in New York and Washington, D.C.

Dan Smith writes: I continue to make movies and write books from my perch here in St. Louis. My most recent film is a narrative, feature film, *TEXAS HEART*, starring John Savage (*THE DEER HUNTER*) and Lin Shaye (*INSIDIOUS*), which I wrote and helped produce. It’s in post-production right now but should be hitting the festival circuit by this fall. (The trailer is available at the project site: texasheartfilm.net). I’m also finishing a book for Macmillan Press, *A FAMILY ADVENTURE: THE FLETCHERS ACROSS 19TH CENTURY AMERICA*, a narrative family saga. Should be out next spring. Otherwise, I work with at-risk kids here in St. Louis, and watch Lorri

continue to sparkle as a great teacher and scholar (she’s an endowed chair at St. Louis University). Oh, and I play as much golf as I can.



ALUMNI UPDATES

James Adams (BA 1976) was unopposed for his sixth term as District Judge. He has been involved in many projects over the years involving local history, including serving for several years as Chairman of the board of the Pennyroyal Area Museum (now the Historic Museum of Hopkinsville).

Michael Birkner (former faculty) is Professor of History and Benjamin Franklin Professor of Liberal Arts at Gettysburg College, where he has taught since 1989. He is currently serving as President of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. Michael's publications have ranged widely across 19th and 20th century political and social history, including scholarship on the nation's 15th and 34th presidents. His most recent book, co-edited with John W. Quist, is *James Buchanan and the Coming of the Civil War* (University Press of Florida, 2013). Michael has happy memories of his two years in the department (1979-1981) and offers best wishes to all.

Nathan Coleman (PhD 2009) Emily and I are working at the University of the Cumberlands, our alma mater. Em is the Vice President of Student Affairs and I'm an Associate Professor. I teach in our PhD Leadership program, but hope to move to the History Department when openings occur. In the next year or so, I will have 2 books coming out! In fact, I just submitted a book review of Todd Estes's collected volume of Dr. Banning's essays.

Carolyn Dupont (PhD 2003), associate professor of History at Eastern Kentucky University, has written a book entitled *Mississippi Praying: Southern White Evangelicals and the Civil Rights Movement, 1945-1975*. Her book was recently awarded the Frank S. and Elizabeth D. Brewer Prize from the American Society of Church History.

Brad Goan (M.A., 1997) completed his Ph.D. this year in Higher Education Policy Studies.



Denise Helton (ABD) has been hired by The Citadel in a tenure-track position as head STEM librarian.

Patrick Lewis (PhD 2008) is now the Director of the Civil War Governors of Kentucky Digital Documentary Edition at the Kentucky Historical Society. The project has secured its second three-year NEH grant and plans to launch an “Early Access” edition of 10,000 imaged documents and transcriptions by the end of 2016. For updates, follow civilwargovernors.org. Patrick’s book, *For Slavery and Union: Benjamin Buckner and Kentucky Loyalties in the Civil War*, has also been published by the University Press of Kentucky. It has been praised by one reviewer as “a gracefully written, beautifully argued reinterpretation of Kentucky’s experience in the Civil War era,” and by another as “a thesis of almost breathtaking clarity.”

Joanna Lile (PhD 2012) recently authored several entries for the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States* and also had a chapter proposal accepted for a forthcoming volume on Baptists and gender to be published by University of Tennessee Press. This summer she will be traveling to Washington, DC and Charlottesville, Virginia to participate in a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on Slavery in the American Republic. She also continues to teach a survey of Church history at Georgetown College.

Jodi Mader (PhD 2008) has been tenured and promoted at Thomas More College.

Nick Sarantakes (MA 1991) is an associate professor of strategy and policy at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He has five books to his name. He is currently writing three books. The first is on the Boy Scouts of America during World War II. The second is on the battle of Manila, which is under advanced contract with Oxford University Press. The third is on Richard Nixon and sports. In between he has written four different historiographical essays for four different anthologies on diverse topics such as international sport, Lyndon Johnson, Dwight Eisenhower, and the occupation of Japan. He also had an article on the 1980 Olympic boycott appear in politico.com. He also runs a blog “In the Service of Clio” (<http://sarantakes.blogspot.com/>) which is for historians and

has resulted in a number of conference appearances and media interviews. In 2015 he became a member of the board of directors for the National Museum of Scouting, which is located in Irving, Texas. He is also the history book review editor for *Presidential Studies Quarterly* and can always use a reviewer or two.

Sandy Slater (PhD 2009) has been awarded tenure at the College of Charleston. She has also published a few articles and has a book manuscript under review.

John David Smith (MA, 1973, Ph.D., 1977) is the Charles H. Stone Distinguished Professor of American History at The University of North Carolina at Charlotte. In 2013 he published the following books: *Lincoln and the U.S. Colored Troops* (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2013); editor, *Race and Recruitment: Civil War History Readers*, Volume 2 (Kent: Kent State University Press, 2013); editor, *The Dunning School: Historians, Race, and the Meaning of Reconstruction* (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2013) (with J. Vincent Lowery); editor, *A Just and Lasting Peace: A Documentary History of Reconstruction* (New York: Signet Classics/ New American Library/Penguin, 2013); and *Seeing the New South: Race and Place in the Photographs of Ulrich B. Phillips* (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2013) (with Patricia B. Bixel). In 2014 he published the following: Finding ‘pax plantation’ at Camp Gordon, Georgia: Historian Ulrich Bonnell Phillips and World War I,” *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 13 (October 2014): 564-99; “What Did the Civil War Smell Like?” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, October 17, 2014, p. B16; “Whither Kentucky Civil War and Reconstruction Scholarship?” *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 112 (Spring 2014): 223-47; “Introduction,” Charles S. Sydnor, *Slavery in Mississippi* (1933; repr., Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2013), pp. xi-xxxix; “Two Stellar Reference Books on Slavery,” *Slavery & Abolition* 34 (March 2013): 166-72; and “‘I was raised poor and hard as any slave’: African American Slavery in Piedmont North Carolina,” *North Carolina Historical Review* 90 (January 2013): 1-25.

Alumni Updates Cont.

After being hired as Lecturer of History at Lees-McRae College this past August, **Robert Turpin** (PhD 2014) has been promoted to Assistant Professor of History. His article about juvenile masculinity and World War I will be available in a special issue of *Women's Studies Quarterly* devoted to the child in June.

Jennifer Walton-Hanley (PhD 2009) has been promoted to Associate Professor at Western Kentucky University.

Scott Eidson (PhD, 2012) currently serves as the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost at Apollos University. He is also the Co-founder of Revolutionary Hop Farm and is a founding Board Member and President of the Kentucky Hop Growers Alliance. He works with the local craft beer industry, regional universities, and a variety of farming cooperatives to further hop production east of the Mississippi. He regularly speaks at workshops and other events on hop production. He is an active volunteer with the Distance Education Accrediting Commission serving on Accreditation On-site Evaluation Teams that visit schools and evaluate their adherence to accreditation standards. He recently served as Chair of the DEAC 89th Annual Conference and was awarded the 2015 DEAC Rising Star Award. His textbook, *Business As Usual: A Brief Overview of Topics in the History of American Business from the Colonial Period to Modern Times* is in its third edition. He is currently overseeing the development of College of Arts at Apollos University and serves as the Dean of the College and is busy developing courses in the Liberal Arts and History. He is also completing his Doctorate of Business Administration and the title of his dissertation is: "Saving the Arts from Irrelevancy: Strategies for University Leadership in Redesigning Liberal Arts Programs for a Modern Workforce."



GRAD STUDENT UPDATES

Jill Abney was awarded a fellowship from the Women's Club of the University of Kentucky.

Juli Gatling Book completed archival research in Paris and Oxford. At the beginning of June she presented a paper at the Canadian Peace Research Association Conference at the University of Ottawa. Also she was part of the Futures of American Studies Institute, which included a paper presentation, at Dartmouth College. In a couple weeks she will be on a research trip to New York.

Amanda Boczar has been appointed to a two-year research and writing position at The United States Military Academy, West Point.

Terri Crocker presented three conference papers:

- "The Great War's Shadow: New Perspectives on the First World War," Calgary, Canada, September 2014
- "A brief window opened into a world of peace: The Christmas truce in British documentaries, 1964-2012" -Southern Conference in Slavic Studies. Lexington, KY, March 2015
- Soviet Citizens and Their Disillusionment with the State: Revisionist History and the Harvard Project Interviews
- The First World War: Local, Global and Imperial Perspectives, Newcastle, Australia, March 2015
- Joyeux Noel, the Christmas Truce and the First World War: False Equivalency in International Remembrance. In addition, her book *The Christmas Truce: Myth, Memory and the First World War* will be published by the University Press of Kentucky in November 2015.

Jonathan Chilcote was awarded a fellowship from the Association of Emeriti Faculty at the University of Kentucky.

Cody Foster attended the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) 2015 annual meeting in Washington, DC.

Christy Pavey attended the conference on Early Medieval Practices of Reading and Writing in June 2015, Den Haag, The Netherlands.

Lacey Sparks conducted research in the National Archives in London, England.

Asa Swan conducted research in Ireland and Scotland during the 2014-2015 school year.

Jeff Stanley was awarded a summer fellowship from the American Philosophical Society.



Awards and Honors

Graduate Student Awards

Leslee Gilbert/Daniel Crowe Award

Danielle Dodson
Mary Osborne
Bethany Sharpe

Dorothy Leathers Fellowship

Jonathan Chilcote
Juli Gatling Book

George C Herring Fellowship

Jacob Glover
Asa Swan

Charles P. Roland Fellowship

Jacob Glover

Lance Banning Fellowship

LeDatta Grimes
Jacob Glover

Bryan Chair Fellowship

Dana Caldemeyer
Jonathan Chilcote

Dissertation Enhancement Award

Jill Abney
Lacey Sparks

Albisetti Dissertation Research Fellowship

Lacey Sparks
Danielle Dodson

MA Degree & Quals Completions

Amber McClure - MA

Lacey Sparks - ABD

Jacob Glover - ABD

Corinne Gressang - MA

Scott Kenkel - MA

Kara Lambert - MA

William Mattingly - ABD

Emma Martin Smith - MA



PHDs Awarded



Anthony J. Miller

“Pioneers in Exile:

The China Inland Mission and Missionary Mobility
in China and Southeast Asia, 1943-1989”

Advisor: Karen Petrone

Amanda C. Boczar

“Foreign Affairs: Policy, Culture,
and the Making of Love and War in Vietnam”

Advisor: Lien-Hang T. Nguyen

Melinda Johnson

“Building Bridges:

Church Women United and Social Reform Work
Across the Mid-Twentieth Century”

Advisor: Karen Petrone

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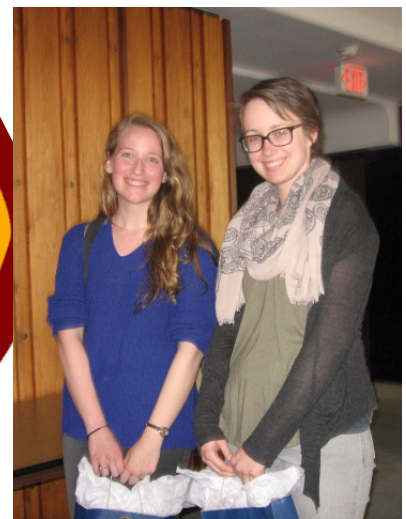
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David Connor Hobbs
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History Honors Seniors and GPA Brent Awards

Dahlia Danielle D'Arge
(2015 Marshall Scholar)
Katharine Ann Elmore
Lauren Farmer
Jared Christopher Gray
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Graybill
Austin T. Henning
Savannah C. Miller Ryan
Douglas Mosley Stefanie
Marie Muller Autumn
Renae Murphy Brynna
Scott Robbins Hannah
Blair Walker Jonathan
Paul York Benjamin
Christian Zaepfel

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CONSTRUCTION

Temporary Facilities and Transitions for Fall 2015

2015 continues the exciting transformation of Kentucky's campus, highlighted by the reinvisioning of the Student Center. During the time of the Student Center Renovation and Expansion project, the Student Center's services and offices will be located in a few alternate locations. Follow below to find a list of the new locations, and what will be housed in each

Bowman's Den

Bowman's Den is the home of many services and retail facilities during our renovation project. If it involves financial transactions, you can find it here.

- ATMs
- Plus Account Office
- Wildcard ID Office
- Student Involvement Ticket Center
- Wildcat Passport Acceptance Facility
- UK Federal Credit Union
- UK Dining Office
- Chick-Fil-A
- Greens to Go
- Panda Express
- Starbucks
- Subway

Blazer Hall

Located near the intersection of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Avenue of Champions, Blazer Hall will house a multitude of Staff and Student Offices during the renovation project

Lower Level of Blazer Hall

- The Cats Den

3rd Floor Blazer Hall

- UK Student Center Executive Director's Office
- Center for Community Outreach
- Commencement Coordination Office
- Leadership Exchange
- Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center
- Office of Student Involvement
- OUTsource
- Student Activities Board
- Student Government

Temporary UK Bookstore

2015 begins our new relationship with Barnes & Noble. The temporary location for the University of Kentucky bookstore is located on Lexington Avenue, next to the Joe Craft center, located behind Memorial Coliseum.



UK Student Center Demolition July 2015

Bosworth Hall

Located just off of South Limestone, on the grounds of the former Lexington Theological Seminary is Bosworth Hall. Bosworth Hall will host the Kaplan Test Prep facility during our renovation.

White Hall Classroom Building

Located between Patterson Office Tower and Lafferty Hall, White Hall Classroom building will host the radio station, WRFL, during our renovation, as well as the Big Blue Pantry.

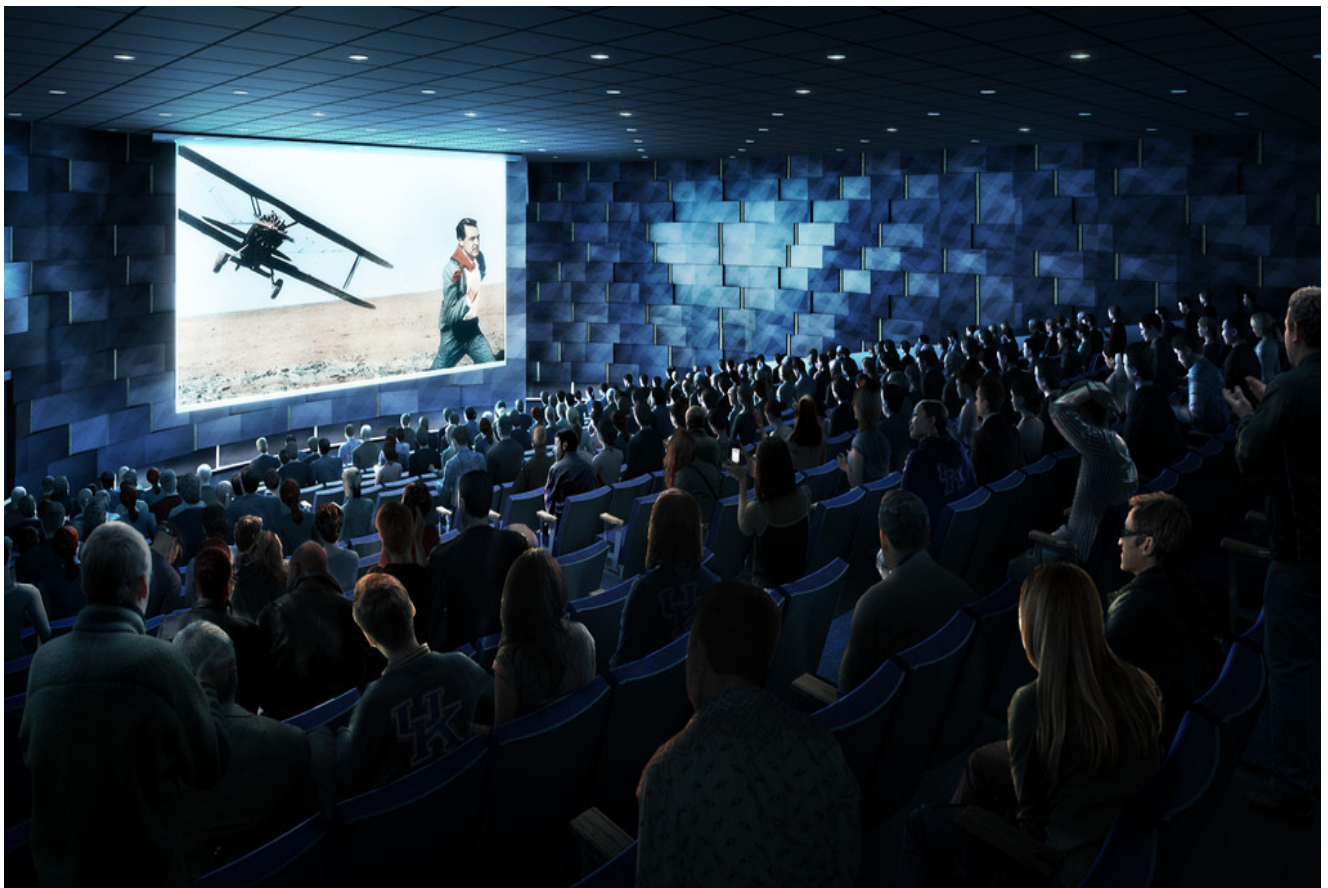
In addition, opening in the fall of 2015 is “**The 90**” -an 80,000-square-foot facility that will house new dining facilities as well as multiple student support and academic enhancement areas. The \$32 million building is part of a 15-year, nearly \$250 million partnership between UK and Aramark.

Dubbed “The 90” — a popular moniker among students describing the 90-degree angle that forms where Hilltop Avenue and Woodland Avenue intersect and where the building will be constructed — the new facility will include: A 1,000 seat dining component with: Kentucky Proud products, sustainable design elements, and home to “la Madeleine”

- a local bakery to a Country French café operating in more than 60 locations throughout the country. The menu has expanded over the years, and includes artisan-baked goods, pastries, along with soups, salads, sandwiches, and other authentic country-French inspired dishes.

A home to Living and Learning support spaces including classrooms and faculty/staff offices A home to the Food Connection, the new institute funded with a \$5 million investment from Aramark to promote the study of Kentucky food in partnership with the College of Food, Agriculture and Environment





<http://www.uky.edu/studentcenter/renovation>



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Alice S. Hallam Fund

Supports yearly awards for best book and best article by department faculty. Also provides discretionary funds for scholarship, invited lecturers, research travel, and other needs.

Susan Bushart and Richard L. Cardwell Endowed Fund

Provides discretionary funds to support a variety of purposes including equipment purchases, lectures, seminars and recruitment of faculty and students.

Albisetti Dissertation Fellowship Fund

Supports dissertation research conducted overseas for students with an approved prospectus.

Lance Banning Graduate Research Fund

Supports stipends, conference expenses and research-related travel for exceptional graduate students working in early American History.

George C. Herring Graduate Fellowship Fund

For recruiting new students or to support current graduate students preparing for their exams, writing a dissertation or undertaking extensive travel research.

Dorothy "Dottie" Leathers Fellowship Fund

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.

