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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

The view from the Chair is still a bit unfamiliar at this point: I took over as Acting Chair when Professor Tracy K'Meyer stepped down as Chair in January, and will take up the reins officially in July. I would like to thank Tracy for her years of dedicated service in an always demanding and often thankless job. The Department enjoys a long tradition of outstanding leadership from the Chair's office; as I continue to learn the lay of the land, I will certainly strive to live up to the standards set by my predecessors.

The History Department underwent some big changes in the past year. Having lost a number of valued colleagues to retirement in recent years, the Department now bids farewell to Professor Randall Dills, who is returning to the Pacific Northwest to be closer to his family. Randy was an excellent teacher and a most congenial colleague; he will be greatly missed. At the same time, Professor Brad Bowman is moving from a term position to a tenure-track line in early Islamic history. The Department also looks forward to the arrival of two new colleagues

who will be joining us in July: Dr. Katherine Massoth, a specialist in the history of the U.S./ Mexican border region, and Dr. Rebecca Devlin, a specialist in late antique Mediterranean history, who will replace Professor Bowman as a term instructor.

The Department prides itself on a faculty that includes some of the most active and productive scholars at the University of Louisville; the scholarly achievements of the past year bear up that pride. The details can be found in the pages of this newsletter; I will simply note here that Professors Mark Blum, Genevieve Carlton, Christine Ehrick, and Justin McCarthy all published new books in the past year, and Professor Daniel Vivian produced a co-edited volume. Professors Lara Kelland and Daniel Krebs received fellowships from the Commonwealth Center for the Humanities to pursue ambitious new research projects. Nearly every member of the Department can lay claim to a journal article, book chapter, revised edition, or online publication, and many delivered scholarly papers in venues all across the globe.

Finally, I would remark on the success of this year's Gottschalk Lecture, a venerable tradition that brings prominent historians to UofL to present their research. This year's speaker was Columba Stewart, Executive Director of the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library. Father Stewart's talk, "Outracing Ignorance: Preserving Manuscripts Threatened by War and Cultural Trafficking," highlighted the Library's ongoing efforts to produce top-tier digital copies of priceless manuscripts in hot-spots around the globe. It was not only a fascinating (and sobering) talk; it was also one of the best-attended Gottschalk Lectures in many years, thanks in no small part to the unstinting labors of the Lecture's organizer, Professor Jennifer Westerfeld. We hope you'll join us next spring, on the centenary of the U.S. entry into World War I, when Dr. Jennifer Keene will deliver what promises to be another superb talk on – appropriately enough – the Great War.

Blake R. Beattie
Chair

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

The following History majors graduated from UofL in 2015-2016:

Summer 2015

Eli Brown
Anthony Caruso
Sara Minogue
Andrew Polson
Richard Thurman

Christopher Burns
Eric Cassell
Bridgette Castille
Olivia Cooksey
Ross Foy
Katherine Gann

Ashley Ray
Garrett Receveur
Kayla Reddington
Benjamin Reece
Robert Robey
Jared Ruhl

Fall 2015

Adam Craig
Ashley Crutcher
Steven Flaherty
Morgan Franklin

Dakota Gill
Nicholas Gipson
Kevin Grout
Allen Hatton
Christopher Herde

Nicholas Stevenson
Josh Traylor
Chad White
Ian White
Travis Wilson
Justin Worthington

Spring 2016

Victoria Allen
Kimberly Burnley

Mary Kennedy
Joseph Koester
Danielle Litrell
Mark Maloney

GRADUATE PROGRAM

The Department of History is pleased to announce that the following students earned their Master's degrees in History in 2015-2016. Join us in congratulating these outstanding young men and women:

Francisco Javier Bonilla

Thesis : *An Environmental History of the Rio Grande in the Panama Canal Zone, 1521-1950*

Eric Brumfield

Thesis: *A Nativist Upsurge: Kentucky's Know Nothing Party in the 1850s*

Jacob Burress

Thesis: *The Colored Librarian: Thomas F. Blue and the Louisville Free Public Library's Colored Department*

Carl Creason

Thesis: *"Puritan Hypocrisy" and "Conservative Catholicity:" How Roman Catholic Clergy in the Border States Interpreted the U.S. Civil War*

Benjamin Gies

Thesis: *Kentucky's First Statesman: George Nichols and the Founding of the Commonwealth*

Susan Gifford

Examination

Tommy Skaggs

Thesis: *The Czech-Egyptian Arms Deal of 1955: a TurningPoint in Middle Eastern Cold War History*

Student Awards and Scholarships

Congratulations to the following undergraduate and graduate students who have received departmental awards and scholarships:

Jacob Abrahams Harry L. and Cecilia H. Smith Endowed Scholarship in 2016-2017

Joseph Baumstarck Jurdem Graduate Scholarship in 2016-2017

Sara Bornemann Thomas Hamilton Graduate Scholarship in 2016-2017

Mark Brown Harry L. and Cecilia H. Smith Endowed Scholarship in 2016-2017

Christian Bush Harry L. and Cecilia H. Smith Endowed Scholarship in 2016-2017

Angelica Chase Graduate Teaching Assistant in 2016-2017

Jessica Craig Ryant Memorial Award in 2016-2017 and Departmental Assistant in 2016-2017

Carl Creason Outstanding Graduate Student in History, 2016

Sarah Dunn Graduate Teaching Assistant in 2016-2017

Kevin Grout Mary Katherine Bonsteel Tachau Award for Excellence in History, 2016

Deserae Lane Harry L. and Cecilia H. Smith Endowed Scholarship in 2016-2017

Travis Lasley Harry L. and Cecilia H. Smith Endowed Scholarship in 2016-2017

Raymond Myer Harry L. and Cecilia H. Smith Endowed Scholarship in 2016-2017

Nathan Napier Distance Education Graduate Assistant in 2016-2017

Anna Pepper Harry L. and Cecilia H. Smith Endowed Scholarship in 2016-2017

Ellen Rich Public History Graduate Assistant in 2016-2017

Kyle Schroader Harry L. and Cecilia H. Smith Endowed Scholarship in 2016-2017

In addition, a number of graduate students published or worked on other history projects over the last year. **Eric Brumfield** wrote an op-ed in the Lexington-Herald Leader on the elections in Kentucky. **Jacob Burress** and **Katy Morrison** presented on digital communities at the National Council on Public History Conference in Nashville. **Carl Creason** spoke at the Queen City Colloquium at the University of Cincinnati about his research. **Wes Cunningham** researched, designed, and presented an exhibit on the U.S. Navy's V-12 (Officer Training) Program at the University of Louisville during World War II. **Hannah O'Daniel** talked about her recent research on free blacks in Mercer County at the Ohio Valley History Conference. **James Rooney** discussed German imperial policy and strategy on the eve of World War I at the Graduate History Conference of the University of Alabama.

Considering such achievements, we are already looking forward to working with another promising group of M.A. students next year.

Daniel Krebs

Director of Graduate Studies

Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Alpha Theta and its members have done wonderfully in the 2015-2016 academic year. We initiated several outstanding members who will, without a doubt, carry on the success of Phi Alpha Theta. This year, Phi Alpha Theta held two book sales instead of our usual one, raising a combined total of more than \$400. This was triple the amount we have raised in previous years. We also organized an amazing lecture by Dr. Beattie. In addition to succeeding as an organization, several of our members have also found success in the post graduate life. We have members who will be attending Northwestern University, the University of York, and Vanderbilt University for graduate degrees. One member accepted a full time position at the Filson Historical Society and another will be teaching abroad in Asia. Overall, Phi Alpha Theta had a wonderful academic year, which could not have been possible without the help of Dr. Carlton, our faculty advisor. Thank you to Dr. Carlton and all of the other faculty who helped us succeed.

Benjamin Reece

Phi Alpha Theta President 2015-2016

News from our Alumni

What ever happened to your classmates from U of L? Past and Present would like to hear from History alumni. Please send a note about yourself to john.mcleod@louisville.edu or Dr. John McLeod, Department of History, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky 40292.

Matt Church (MA 2004), who is coordinator of the Humanities Division for Arts and Sciences Advising at UofL, is the 2016 winner of the National Academic Advising Association's Outstanding Advising Award.

Jennie Cole (MA 2003) is Associate Curator of Special Collections at the Filson Historical Society.

Nathan Coleman (MA 2003) is Associate Professor of History at the University of the Cumberlands. His first book, *The American Revolution, State Sovereignty, and the American Constitutional Settlement, 1765-1800*, will be published shortly.

This fall, **Carl Creason (MA 2016)** will start the Ph.D. program in nineteenth century United States History at Northwestern University in Chicago, which has awarded him a full scholarship.

In November 2015, **Savannah Darr (MA 2013)** became a historic preservation specialist with the Louisville Metro Department of Planning and Design.

Zac Distel (graduate certificate in public history, 2013) was recently selected to attend the Sixth Annual Yale Public History Institute, a week-long seminar on interpretation of slavery at historic sites and museums. Distel is one of a small number of public history professionals selected to attend.

Benjamin Gies (MA 2016) will be teaching history and civic education in Jefferson County Public Schools, as part of his support from the James Madison Foundation. Ben received both the Virginia "Jenny" Madden Award for Graduate Student Leadership and Service and a Dean's Citation.

Kevin Grout (BA 2016) has accepted a job with the United States Senate in Washington, D.C.

Matthew Haddock (BA 2014) is studying History in the graduate program at Columbia University.

Seabrook Jones (BA 2003) is an Instructor in History at Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas.

Janae Lewis (BA 2014) is starting the graduate program in Pan-African Studies at UofL.

Tommy Skaggs (MA 2015) is working full time at SolidLight, a successful company in Louisville that designs exhibits. One of his current projects is an exhibit for the new headquarters of the Sons of the American Revolution in downtown Louisville.

In 2015, **Whitney Todd (MA 2014)** was promoted to Education Services Administrator at the Kentucky Historical Society.

Timothy L. Wood (MA 1997) has been appointed as the first Roy Blount Professor of History at Southwest Baptist University. **Robert Keblic's** paper that first identifies the Roman Emperor Augustus'

WELCOME TO PROFESSORS

REBECCA DEVLIN AND KATHERINE MASSOTH

Two new faculty members will be joining the Department this fall: Rebecca Devlin, who is completing her Ph.D. in Late Antique and Early Medieval history at the University of Florida; and Katherine Massoth, who has just finished her Ph.D. at the University of Iowa. Let them introduce themselves:



Rebecca Devlin: I will complete my doctorate in History from the University of Florida in August, where I also was the instructor for courses on the Roman Empire, the Middle Ages and world Christianity. While pursuing my Masters in History at San Francisco State University, I taught filmmaking, newswriting and Spanish to middle and high school students. My research examines the social, political and cultural transformations associated with the collapse of the Western Roman Empire, expansion of Christianity and emergence of medieval society. In particular, I employ an interdisciplinary approach to study the increasing role bishops and the church played in society after the conversion of the emperor Constantine. My geographic focus is the Iberian Peninsula and I have participated in archaeological excavations of Roman and medieval sites in Portugal. I currently am working on an article about bishops and their slaves and freedmen in Visigothic Spain and hope to complete the historically based screenplay set in Kentucky that I started when I lived in Lexington. I am excited by the opportunity to return to Kentucky and am looking forward to meeting and working with the faculty, staff and students at the University of Louisville.

Katherine Massoth: I was born and raised in Northern California. Then I moved to Southern California where I received my undergraduate degrees in History and Social Science/Secondary Education at the University of California, Irvine. After that, I headed to the Midwest for graduate school at the University of Iowa, where I completed both my Master's and my Ph.D. in History. I specialize in the history of the U.S.-Mexico borderlands, U.S. gender and women's history, and cultural history during the long nineteenth century. My research focuses on transborder foodways, ethnic identity, and domesticity in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands as well as Chicana/o history and culture. I focus on the present-day states of New Mexico and Arizona and the Mexican states of Chihuahua and Sonora. My research tends to blend into my hobbies as I am a collector of cookbooks, advertisements related to Southwestern food, and photographs of women cooking. For me, the most



fascinating history happens in the kitchen and around the dinner table. I am looking forward to coming to Louisville because the city has a vibrant food culture, the campus is beautiful, and all the people I have met have been welcoming and warm.

News from the Department

The Gottschalk Lecture

Each year, the Department of History hosts the Louis R. Gottschalk Lecture series, which promotes the study of History by inviting distinguished historians to U of L. Gottschalk (1899-1975) was a noted historian of the American and French Revolutions. He authored seven books, and served as president of the American Historical Association in 1953. Dr. Gottschalk taught at UofL from 1923 to 1927, when he moved to the University of Chicago.

On April 5, 2016, Columba Stewart, OSB, delivered the fifty-third Gottschalk Lecture in History. Father Columba is a Benedictine monk of Saint John's Abbey and Executive Director of the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. In his lecture, "Outracing Ignorance: Preserving Manuscripts Threatened by War and Cultural Trafficking," he discussed the Hill Museum's ongoing project of digitizing manuscripts in Ethiopia, the Middle East, India, and Mali that are threatened by terrorism and war..



Other Programs

Over the last year, the Department of History has sponsored or co-sponsored a number of other campus programs:

Four talks in the "Women in the Ancient Mediterranean" lecture series: "The Feminine Mystique: Women in the Ancient World," by Jenifer Neils (Case Western Reserve University), on September 10; "Cleopatra: An Archaeological Perspective on Egypt's Last Pharaoh," by John Hale (UofL), on October 8; "Life and the 'Good Death' at Torre de Palma, Portugal," by Mary Lucas Powell (University of Kentucky), on October 22; and "Crossing the Corrupting Sea: Women on the Move in the Ancient Mediterranean," by Sheila Dillon (Duke University), on November 12.

The 2015 Environmental History Conference was held at UofL from October 8 to 10 and focused on the theme "New Paths in the Environmental History of North America and the Ohio Valley."

"Transitional justice and reconciliation in Zimbabwe: A case study on tradition-based approaches in two local communities," a lecture given by Ruth Murambadoro (African Studies Association 2015 Presidential Fellow) on November 11.

Public History

Public history students have enjoyed a productive year. During the summer of 2015, Carol Bolton and Hannah O'Daniel worked as interns at the Heritage Center of the Loretto Community near Bardstown, where they cataloged artifacts and archival materials and conducted research on the Sisters of Loretto, a community of Catholic nuns and lay co-members founded in 1812. Hannah and Wes Cunningham also worked under contract for the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS). The pair spent most of their time digitizing oral histories relating to the civil rights movement in Kentucky. Wes also evaluated interactive exhibits at the Kentucky Military History Museum in Frankfort for the KHS. Jacob Burress continued to develop his expertise with podcasting and audio production for online media. Burress developed audio for the Louisville Civil Rights Walking Tour and for an exhibit, "Black Freedom, White Allies, and Red Scare: Louisville 1954," displayed in the Bernheim Gallery of the Louisville Free Public Library from September-November 2015. Both are projects of the Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice. Jacob also created podcasts as part of his thesis on the history of the Colored Department of the Louisville Free Public Library, which he defended in April 2016. Daniel Michael is currently working as a curatorial assistant at the Frazier History Museum while finishing his thesis on U.S. Army General James Franklin

Bell's service in the U.S.-Philippine War.

Dr. Lara Kelland received one of six 2016-17 faculty fellowships from the Commonwealth Center for the Humanities and Society. The award will allow her to explore digital mapping tools for visualizing civil rights struggles in Louisville. Students in her fall 2015 Introduction to Public History class developed an exhibit on the history of the Parkland neighborhood that was displayed in Ekstrom Library from November 2015 to March 2016. Student research also provided the basis for thirty histories of sites significant in the history of New Albany and Floyd County, Indiana that are now available as part of the "Discover Indiana" project, a set of interactive historical tours available online at <http://indyhist.iupui.edu/> and through iOS and Android apps for smartphones and tablets. Students in Dr. Vivian's 2014 Introduction to Public History class conducted research for the tours, which he subsequently refined with assistance from Hannah O'Daniel and Jacob Burress. Dr. Vivian served as chair of Curriculum and Training Committee of the National Council on Public History in 2015-16 and continues to co-chair the Joint Task Force on Public History Education and Employment.

Daniel Vivian
 Director, Public History Program

Faculty News

Mark Blum co-edited *Austro-Marxism: The Ideology of Unity*, a text of translations of Austro-Marxist writings that was published by Brill in 2015; a second volume will appear this year. In addition, Mark helped re-start the UofL chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

On April 23, 2016, **Genevieve Carlton** welcomed her second daughter, Vera Lucille Carlton (8 lbs. 4 oz.). Genevieve reports that "She is a happy and sleepy baby so far, and big sister Ramona is excited to play with her in the future. We are all doing well and I'm happy to report that I submitted grades the day before she was born. Talk about timing!"

Christine Ehrick's second book *Radio and the Gendered Soundscape: Women and Broadcasting in Argentina and Uruguay, 1930-1950*, was published in 2015 by Cambridge University Press. In addition, Christine was co-editor and author (with Alejandra Bronfman) of a research forum on "Listening for History" that was published in the May 2016 issue of the *Hispanic American Historical Review*.

At the end of 2015, **Tracy K'Meyer** stepped down after six and a half years as Chair of the Department of History. She is happily celebrating the occasion by writing her book on the American Friends Service Committee and housing activism.

Robert Kebric's paper that first identifies the Roman Emperor Augustus' deceased nephew and heir, Marcellus, as one of the sculpted figures on the south side of the *Ara Pacis* (Altar of Peace) at Rome, has been selected for publication in the volume, *Saeculum Augustum: New Approaches to the Age of Augustus on the Bimillennium of his Death*. It is to be published by Georg Olms Verlag (Hildesheim, Zürich, and New York). Bob's findings were presented at the Universidade de Lisboa in Lisbon, Portugal, at the Congresso Augusto Lisboa, the only international conference held in Europe (one of two in the world), honoring the 2000th anniversary of the death of the first Roman Emperor. On an archaeological tour of Roman sites in Portugal arranged by conference organizers, Bob also spent an enjoyable day with the conference's keynote speaker, Professor Peter Wiseman of the University of Exeter in England, who was J.K. Rowling's Classics Professor while she was a student there and is frequently identified as the inspiration for Professor Albus Dumbledore in the Harry Potter Series. While Wiseman insists he was too young at the time to have been her model, he has assured Bob that if true, there will always be a position for him at Hogwarts (wand included)....

Ed McInnis has found time during his busy teach schedule to publish several articles over the last few years. His essay "'The Spartan Woman: Symbol for an Age?' Antebellum-Era Images of the Ideal Female Citizen in the North and South" will appear later this summer in volume 43 of the *American Educational History Journal*. This past year he has also published "The Antebellum American Textbook Authors' Populist History of Roman Land Reform and the Gracchi Brothers" in *Journal of Education Media, Memory, and Society*, and "A Spartan Education for Antebellum America? Conflicting Views on the Use of Sports and Exercise in a Modern Republic" in *Journal of Sporting Cultures and Identities*. Ed also finds time to mentor his 13 year old son who aspires to a career in public history and who competed in this year's National History Day competition at the state level in Lexington.

Daniel Vivian published *Leisure, Plantations, and the Making of a New South: The Sporting Plantations of the South Carolina Lowcountry and Red Hills Regions, 1900-1940* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2015), a collection of essays that he co-edited with Julia Brock of West Georgia University. He presented papers on Louisville's iconic Kaden Tower at the 31st Ohio Valley History Conference and the 2015 meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians. Dan also chaired the Curriculum and Training Committee of the National Council on Public History for 2015-16.

Farewell to Professor Randall Dills

After five years of teaching Russian and Soviet History and environmental history at UofL, Randall Dills is leaving us to move back to the Pacific Northwest. We wish Randy all the best.

Thank you to Our Donors

The Department of History depends on the generosity of our alumni and friends. We greatly appreciate your support in the past, and hope that you can continue to help us in the future. Donations can be big or small and may be directed to anything of your choosing, from the costs associated with this newsletter, to scholarships for promising students, to renovations in Gottschalk Hall, to the creation of endowed professorships in special fields. You can make a one-time gift, an annual pledge, or a planned or deferred gift. All gifts are tax-deductible within the guidelines of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you would like to support the History Department, please contact Patricia White of the UofL Development Office, (502) 852-1541, or patricia.white@louisville.edu. You can also visit the Development Department's website at www.give.louisville.edu. Please be sure to tell them that you want to direct your gift to the History Department.

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