

Enterprise-Ozark Community College Hosts AAH Annual Meeting held in Wiregrass Region

The **2004 AAH Annual Meeting** kicked off Friday, February 6 with sessions held at Enterprise-Ozark Community College. An intriguing history of Fort Rucker presented by **Judge Val McGee** opened the sessions, followed by a discussion on Alabama's contribution to the building of the Panama Canal presented by **George Lauderbaugh, Sarah Wiggins, and Linda York.**

Later that evening, the historic 1902 Rawls Hotel in downtown Enterprise provided the perfect backdrop for the Friday night banquet. **Frye Gaillard**, keynote speaker and author of *Cradle of Freedom*, related some of his own personal experiences growing up in the South, as



Frye Gaillard



Susan DuBose

well as Alabama's role in the national Civil Rights movement.

Saturday morning attendees were treated to a 'super' breakfast prepared to perfection by the local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The opening session included a discussion on the legacy of the Brown v. Board of Education decision by **Lacy Ward** (Tuskegee University) and **Walter Gowan**. A session on academic freedom featured **Marsha Hamilton, Clarence Mohr** (University of South Alabama), and **George Ewert**, Director of the Museum of Mobile. State Department of Education



George Ewert discusses the controversy following his review of the Civil War film, Gods and Generals.

representative, **Susan DuBose** gave an update on the state course of study in social studies.

The annual business meeting was held during Saturday's lunch and the new slate of officers elected. Our thanks go to Program Committee co-chairs **Betty Brandon** and **David Carter** and to Local Arrangements Committee co-chairs **Jack Oden** and **Sam Covington** for putting together this wonderful event. ■



Phi Theta Kappa students 'sling the hash' for attendees during the Saturday morning breakfast.

The President's Corner

by Marty Olliff



Marty Olliff

Taking the Torch

As your newly-elected president, I should open my first message with warm wishes and thanks to past AAH presidents, particularly my two immediate predecessors **Debbie Pendleton** and **Hardy Jackson**. They've left large shoes that I will strive mightily to fill.

I believe I speak for us all in expressing our deepest thanks to **Leona Stemple** too. Leona recently retired from the Alabama Archives and as the AAH newsletter editor. But she mentored her replacement, **George Jennings**, whom we welcome aboard as editor with this issue. We also welcome our new officers and representatives: **Mary Hubbard** as President-Elect, **Gwen Patton** as Public History representative, **Sam Covington** for Community Colleges, and **Larry McQuiston** as K-12 representative.

The AAH Executive Council met on March 11 at ADAH to plan an agenda for this year and beyond. In a break from past practice, Mary Hubbard's Time-and-Place Committee will attempt to arrange meeting hosts for three to five years in advance. We also decided to create program committees for the next two annual meetings and to increase publicity for those events.

Other results from the March 11 meeting include commissioning a history of the AAH to be used as a recruiting tool, establishing an association archives, and beginning an "Each One Reach One" policy for membership recruitment and retention. Consequently, I challenge all of us to recruit one new or former member for AAH and bring that person to the 2005 Annual Meeting to be held at the newly-expanded Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery.

Two important issues require attention from the Executive Council and you, the AAH members.

The first is incorporation and the AAH's tax status. The AAH has existed since 1973 but has never secured the formal existence afforded by incorporating, nor has it applied for tax-exempt status. Is it time to move forward on these things? The Executive Council will study and report to the membership by the 2005 meeting.

Second is the politicization of the K-12 Course of Study. Every six years, the Alabama State Board of Education revamps the Social Studies Course of Study. Although always surrounded by controversy, this year's revision drew a direct attack from the Eagle Forum and a self-appointed group of academic allies. Rather than work with the appointed Course of Study Committee as did all other groups, they presented at a Board of Education working session, a set of revisions and a polemic attacking the "leftist" agenda hidden in the Course of Study. The resulting hubbub delayed passage of the Course of Study. As you know, the AAH passed a resolution at the 2004 meeting in support of the Course of Study (available at our website: <http://www.tsud.edu/aah>), and Debbie Pendleton has agreed to chair a committee to monitor developments and prepare for the next revision in 2010.

Finally, members familiar with the National Council on History Education have encouraged the AAH to work more closely with it, for our purpose and theirs are so similar. AAH member **Jim Gatling** is the NCHE's membership chair for Alabama, and Mary Hubbard has agreed to become a liaison between the two organizations.

I look forward to an active term and hope you all will join me and the Executive Council in carrying on and even improving our Association.

Marty

AAH Web-Site

If you know of upcoming events of interest to AAH members, please contact Marty Olliff (molliff@troyst.edu) so that the Calendar of Events on the AAH web-site (www.tsud.edu/aah) can be updated. Readers may also access this issue of the AAH Historic News on the web-site at www.tsud.edu/aah/news-ss2004.pdf.

Awards & Grants

Patricia Cleino Receives Flynt Award

The Alabama Association of Historians has awarded the **2004 Mae Ellis Moore Flynt Teaching Excellence Award** to **Patricia K. Cleino** of the Hewitt-Trussville Middle School in Trussville.

A teacher with over 28 years experience, Ms. Cleino strives to mold her students into "better, more thoughtful citizens of their nation and the world." She stresses that history is not static, but forever changing through reinterpretation. In teaching her lesson on the Declaration of Independence, for example, Ms. Cleino uses the analogy of a tree which "has long roots, but also constantly sprouts new leaves, which lead us to grow and change as our understanding of liberty evolves."

"If my students understand that these changes have been occurring throughout the history of the country, they will not be unsettled by future changes as the society becomes more multicultural. Acceptance of change is a natural outgrowth of the study of history."

"There is not a single way to understand the past," Ms. Cleino asserts. "I hope that I encourage my students to look at the past from many points of view and learn from each of them."

The Flynt award was presented to Ms. Cleino by previous honoree **Pam Moulton** during the AAH Annual Meeting in Enterprise.

The AAH also awarded three teachers with honorable mention certificates for teaching excellence. They were **Edward Dravecky, Jr.** of Grissom High School, Huntsville; **David Kilpatrick** of Decatur High School, Decatur; and **Margaret (Peggy) Patton** of Bluff Park Elementary, Birmingham. Our congratulations to these wonderful teachers! Keep up the good work!

By bestowing the Mae Ellis Moore Flynt Teaching Excellence Award, the AAH seeks to recognize K - 12 teachers for their contributions to education and to encourage excellence in the teaching of history. ■



Wayne Flynt and Patricia Cleino after the presentation of the Mae Ellis Moore Flynt Award

Ramsey Award goes to Harriet Amos Doss

The **John F. Ramsey Award of Merit**, given for outstanding contributions to the history profession in Alabama, was awarded to **Harriet Amos Doss**, University of Alabama at Birmingham. **Hardy Jackson** presented the award at the AAH Annual Meeting in Enterprise.

Dr. Doss' work as a teacher and scholar is well known. Her article, "Religious Reconstruction in Microcosm at Faunsdale Plantation," won the 1990 Milo B. Howard Award of the Alabama Historical Association. She is also the author of *Cotton City: Urban Development in Antebellum Mobile* (1985, reprinted 2001) and is currently researching and writing a history of frontier Alabama.

Dr. Doss' commitment to education and to Alabama is evident through the generous sacrifice

of her time and effort to promote the study of Alabama history at all levels of education. She has worked tirelessly with legislators, academic historians, and lay people interested in Alabama history to keep Alabama history in the state education curriculum and to secure funding for continuing publication of the *Alabama Review*. She has served as president of both the AAH and AHA and is currently a member of the executive council of the Southern Historical Association. ■



Hardy Jackson presents Harriet Amos Doss with the Ramsey Award at Friday night banquet.

News on Alabama Campuses

Auburn University

As always, the Department of History at Auburn has been active in local and state history. **Wayne Flynt's** book, *Alabama in the Twentieth Century*, will be published by the University of Alabama Press in September. Wayne will also be installed as the president of the Southern Historical Association in November. He is the first member of Auburn's faculty to earn this singular honor. Wayne also participated in the American Heritage Academy, a summer workshop series at the Auburn and Opelika city schools.

Kathryn Braund completed a monograph, "Warriors and Society in the Creek War and the Battle of Horsehoe Bend," as part of a grant she received from the National Park Service for updating and adding to the collections at the Horsehoe Bend National Military Park. Her edited and annotated edition of James Adair's *History of the American Indians* will be out in the fall, as well as an article on John Bartram and the Creek Congress at Picolata in an edited volume, *John Bartram, King's Botanist*. Like Wayne, Kathryn was a participant in the American Heritage Academy.

Thanks to the hard work of **Jeff Jakeman**, Wayne Flynt, and many others in the university, we have moved ahead with the on-line Encyclopedia of Alabama. This major project, which will result in a comprehensive, continuously updated reference work on all aspects of Alabama history, industry, agriculture, and culture, will be an invaluable tool for history teachers, business, and government, in addition to serving as a vehicle for state economic development.

Department chair **Bill Trimble** was guest editor of a special issue of the *Alabama Review* earlier this year focusing on state aeronautical history in commemoration of the centennial of flight. Included in the issue are articles surveying the development of aviation in Birmingham, civil aviation in Montgomery and Huntsville, and a World War II glider training base in Mobile. ■

Auburn University Montgomery

Lee Farrow has recently been promoted to Associate Professor and has been granted tenure. Her book on Russian inheritance law during the 17th and 18th centuries, *Between Crown and Clan: The Struggle to Define Noble Property Rights in Imperial Russia*, is being published by University of Delaware Press and

will appear later this year. This summer Lee will spend two weeks out west conducting research for her second book which will chronicle the journey of Russian Grand Duke Alexis through America in 1871-72.

Wyatt Wells has been promoted to full Professor.

Keith Krawczynski and **Tim Henderson** have each been named Distinguished Research Professor.

Steve Gish will have a biography of Desmond Tutu coming out with Greenwood Press later this year. ■

Jacksonville State University

Llewellyn Cook, Assistant Professor of History, contributed ten entries to the *International Encyclopedia of Military History*. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe.

Jennifer Gross, Assistant Professor of History, published a study guide for *America: Past and Present*. In April she presented her paper, "The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Confederate Widows, and the Lost Cause" at a conference at Rutgers University. She also made four presentations on Civil War widows for the Alabama Humanities Foundation.

Russel Lemmons, Professor of History, has been selected to attend the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies Seminar on Using Primary Sources for Teaching the Holocaust which will be held in Washington, D.C. in June.

Harvey H. Jackson, Professor of History, published *Inside Alabama: A Personal History of My State* (University of Alabama Press). He continues to serve on the editorial board of the *Anniston Star* and write a weekly column on southern politics and culture.

Michael Morris, Assistant Professor of History, participated in a conference on the Southern Colonies that was held at Augusta University in Augusta, Georgia.

With the help of a major grant from the Department of Education, the History Department continues to provide support for the LASTING program which, in cooperation with the Calhoun County School Board, helps local teachers develop new and more effective ways of teaching. **George Lauderbaugh** coordinates the program and **Jennifer Gross** made two presentations to the group during the past three months. ■

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Samford University

Donald Wilson is retiring at the end of the year after 25 years at Samford. He is working on his history of Alabamians in the 8th Air Force in WWII.

Ginger Frost recently stepped down as President of the Southern Conference on British Studies. Her latest article, "She is but a Woman: Kitty Byron and Edwardian Criminal Justice System" was accepted for a special issue of *Gender and History*. She also gave a paper, "A Silent Scorpion: Illegitimacy in Mid-Twentieth Century England," for the annual meeting in March of the Center for Contemporary British History, London, England.

Jim Brown continues to work on a modern world history based on an examination of six regional 'great roads'. He recently gave a presentation to the South African Historical Association meeting in Stellenbosch on using the Jo'burg-to-Durban corridor to teach key themes of modern South African history.

Jonathan Bass is on leave and working on a book on Caliph Washington, a Birmingham African-American who was accused of murdering a white policeman in the 1950s and whose case attracted national attention. ■

University of Alabama Huntsville

UAH will hold its annual History Forum in October 2004 with "Sports and American Culture" as this year's theme. All presentations will take place in Roberts Hall on the UAH campus.

Topics will include "Baseball in Blue and Gray: The National Pastime during the Civil War" to be presented by **George Kirsch** of Manhattan College on Tuesday, October 12.

Independent scholar, **Pamela Grundy** will present, "Amazons or Glamazons: Womanhood and Woman's Basketball" on Thursday, October 21.

Charles Ross of the University of Mississippi will speak on "Race and Sport: The Struggle for Equality On and Off the Field" on Thursday, October 28.

UAH and Alabama A&M University are co-hosting the annual conference of the Southeast World History Association. Sessions will be held on Friday, October 22 at Alabama A&M and on Saturday, October 23 at UAH. ■

University of Alabama

The University of Alabama History Department has been busy. **Guy Ward Hubbs** recently had two books published with the University of Georgia Press. He is the author of *Guarding Greensboro: A Confederate Company in the Making of a Southern Community* (2003) and the editor of *Voices from Company D: Diaries by the Greensboro Guards, Fifth Alabama Infantry Regiment, Army of Northern Virginia* (2003). Both books were prominently featured at the recent Southern Historical Association Conference in Houston.

Eric Emerson has had his dissertation, "Privileged Sons: The Charleston Light Dragoons and the Civil War" accepted for publication by the University of South Carolina Press. It tells the story of a group of soldiers from wealthy families who sought initially to avoid serious action but eventually became involved in some of the most bitter fighting of the war.

George S. Williamson, Associate Professor, received the award for Best Article in Central European History for the years 1999 and 2000 for "What Killed August von Kotzebue? The Temptations of Virtue and the Political Theology of German Nationalism, 1789-1819" in *Journal of Modern History* 72:4 (2000). The award is given by the Conference Group for Central European History of the American Historical Association at the annual AHA conference.

Professor of History and Law, **Tony Freyer** recently had published *Defending Constitutional Rights, Frank M. Johnson*. He has also published a review of Larson "Internal Improvement: National Public Works and the Promise of Popular Government in the Early United States," (UNC Press, 2001), *XLV American Journal of Legal History* 105 (2001).

The UA Honors College, Department of History, and the Capstone International Center are pleased to welcome visiting scholar **Haifaa Jawad** to the UA campus. A native of Iraq, Jawad comes to UA via the Understanding Contemporary Islam (UCI) initiative, a joint effort of the Fulbright Commission and the American University of Beirut. She is scheduled to teach during the 2004 spring semester. ■

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University of Montevallo

The University of Montevallo History Department hosted the Phi Alpha Theta regional conference on Saturday, April 3, 2004. Keynote speaker at the luncheon was **David Morgan**, past national president of Phi Alpha Theta and professor emeritus at the University of Montevallo. UM undergraduate history majors Jared Blake, Kelly Kilpatrick, Brittnay McMillian, and John Orr also presented papers at this conference.

In addition, the History Department hosted the Third Annual History Day on April 8, 2004. The events included a student roundtable with history majors April Bjurman, Chris Cardwell, Patricia Herrin, and John Orr discussing research rewards and pitfalls; a presentation by student Joel Harris on the re-creation of a Native American house in Bankhead National Forest; a reception; and a panel discussion on the Brown decision. The panel speaker was **Lacy Ward** of Tuskegee. **Jim Day** and **Wilson Fallin** were panel participants.

The Department was also pleased to have eight UM history students accepted to present research projects at the National Conference on

Undergraduate Research held in Indianapolis in April of this year. The students attending were April Bjurman, Kari Cotney, Mary Elizabeth Day, Brittnay McMillian, Stacey Nichols, John Orr, Adam Smith, and Dennis Spears. They were accompanied by history professors **Clark Hultquist** and Jim Day. ■

Wallace State College

Robert S. Davis has just had published "Yankee Gone South: The Georgia Odyssey of 'Colonel Spencer of Andersonville,'" in the *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 88 (2004): 50-65. He has given presentations on the Kettle Creek (Georgia) Revolutionary War battle and battlefield at the 225th anniversary commemoration of the battle; the Southeastern Association for the Study of the Eighteenth-Century meeting; and the Georgia Association of Historians meeting. The Sons of the American Revolution has given Davis its Good Citizenship Medal in recognition of thirty years of research and publication on the battle of Kettle Creek. ■

K-12 and Public History News

Alabama National Guard Museum Offers Outreach Programs

The Alabama National Guard Museum recently presented a living history program on Confederate Cavalry as a part of Brierfield Ironworks State Park's annual school days. Over 4,000 school children from Shelby and Bibb Counties learned about Confederate cavalry equipment and tactics from the Museum's director, Kenneth E. Morrison and two volunteers.

The Museum has also continued to take history out into classrooms around the state through its very successful outreach programs. "Civil War 101" and the "Alabama Militia in the Creek Indian War" have over the past six years

been presented over 100 times around the state. Due to budget cuts, the Museum has had to scale back the number of presentations, but that has not slowed requests from schools looking for viable, hands-on, educational programs. With an improvement in the budget, the Museum hopes to be able to present two new programs, "The Alabama National Guard in World War I" and "The Alabama National Guard in World War II" in the near future.

The Alabama National Guard Museum is located at the National Guard Training Site at Fort McClellan, Alabama ■

Church Bombing Case a Lesson in History

Forty years ago, a dynamite bomb rocked the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, killing four little girls and sending shock waves around the world. This episode of hatred remained an open wound until at last, in 2001, the last chapter was closed when then-U.S. Attorney **Doug Jones** re-opened the case. The new evidence led to the conviction of the last living suspects and proved to the world that at last, Birmingham's long nightmare had come to a close.

It is a wonderful opportunity when students are able to interact with someone who has lived history. Benjamin Russell High School students had a chance to do this when former federal prosecutor Doug Jones spoke to them about his experience in prosecuting this bombing nearly 40 years after it happened. Mr. Jones secured the convictions of two of the church bombers. As he presented a slide presentation to an audience of about 45 high school juniors and seniors, not only did he teach them about his role in the trial, but he also taught them about a way of life that many of them never knew existed. Most of these students are too young to remember the days of segregation, having attended integrated schools all of their lives. They could, however, relate to the pain of losing a child and knowing that the people responsible had gone unpunished for many years.

Mr. Jones explained the existence of segregation in Birmingham as it was in 1963 as background to the story of the bombing. He showed the students slides of the church, the damage at the time of the bombing, and of people involved in the trial nearly forty years later. This put a human face on a part of Alabama history that needs to be fully understood. ■

by **Leigh Martin**,
Benjamin Russell
High School

Social Studies Course of Study Approved

The Alabama State Board of Education adopted the new Social Studies Course of Studies at its April 8, 2004 meeting. The new course of study will go into effect in the 2005-2006 school year. A textbook committee has been selected and has begun work choosing textbooks to be used in public schools to implement the new course of study. Textbooks adopted this year are scheduled to be used in classrooms in 2005 - 2011. ■



Former federal prosecutor Doug Jones discusses his role in re-opening the Sixteenth Street Church bombing case with Benjamin Russell High School students.

Backburner

ADAH ArchiTreats Program

The ArchiTreats: Food for Thought lecture series continues on the **third Thursday** of each month in the Milo B. Howard, Jr. auditorium. Beginning at **12:05 PM**, the public is invited to bring a sack lunch and to participate in these hour-long sessions on various aspects of Alabama history. Sponsored by the Friends of the Alabama Archives, the lectures and refreshments are provided **free** to the public.

June 17th “**Three Alabama Sports Legends: Satchel Paige, Joe Lewis, and Jesse Owens**” - Richard Bailey*

July 15th “**Mapping Alabama**” - W. Craig Remington

Aug. 19th “**Alabama’s Borders: A Primer in Early History**” - David Robb

Sept. 16th “**James Mitchell and the Early Years of the Alabama Power Company**” - Leah Rawls Atkins

Oct. 21st “**A Conquering Spirit: How the Battle at Fort Mims Changed the Course of American History**” - Greg Waselkov

Nov. 18th “**Julia S. Tutwiler: A Lifetime of Reform**” - Paul Pruitt

Dec. 16th “**Women as Social Glue in Antebellum Dallas County**” - Linda Derry

* Provided by the **Speaker in the House Program** of the **Alabama Humanities Foundation**, the state affiliate of the **National Endowment for the Humanities**.

ADAH Address Change

As a result of a change in state E-mail systems in May 2004, E-mail addresses for the Alabama Department of Archives and History have changed to the following format: firstname.lastname@archives.alabama.gov. Although E-mails will be forwarded from the old addresses for some time, please make note of these changes in your address book.

Newsletter Deadline

Please remember to submit your news for the Fall-Winter 2004 issue to **George Jennings** (george.jennings@archives.alabama.gov) on or before **October 15, 2004**.

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