

Alabama Archives & History to Host Capital City Welcomes 2005 AAH Annual Meeting

The **2005 AAH Annual Meeting** will be hosted on **February 4-5th** by the **Department of Archives and History** in Montgomery. A reception will be held Friday evening at the Archives allowing AAH members an exclusive opportunity to preview the newly constructed Archives addition which will include a state of the art records storage area, a new reference room and space for a new museum of Alabama history which is still in development.

The traditional Friday evening dinner and address will take place at the RSA Plaza, a block away from the Archives. The focus of this year's meeting is "**Alabama and the World.**" **Dr. Wayne Flynt**, Distinguished Professor at Auburn University and immediate past president of the Southern Historical Association, will deliver the keynote address and discuss Alabama and the world in the twentieth century.

Friday afternoon sessions will be held in the auditorium of the Alabama Archives with the first session exploring history that has been made at the Alabama State Capitol. Paul Beezley of Jacksonville State University will present a paper on the second funeral procession of Confederate President Jefferson Davis; **Gwen Patton** of Trenholm Technical College Archives will update members on the progress of the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights Trail; and Jim Carnes will introduce members to the Alabama tradition of shape-note singing.

Later in the day a panel on Latin America will include **Larry Clayton**, University of Alabama; **George Lauderbaugh**, Jacksonville State University; and Ed Moseley, University of Alabama, retired. Each will speak on travels to Cuba, Nicaragua and Guatemala.



Tours of the new West Wing of the Department of Archives and History will be available during the meeting.

In a break from tradition the AAH business meeting will be held on Saturday morning in order to allow AAH members the opportunity to join shape-note singers for barbeque during their lunch break. Each February shape-note singers from around Alabama gather in Montgomery for an all-day singing in the capitol rotunda. The world was introduced to sacred harp or shape-note singing in the movie *Cold Mountain*. AAH members can learn more about this tradition by going online to www.arts.state.al.us/actc/1/20020202rotunda/rotunda2002.htm or to www.folkstreams.net/film,44.

Following the business meeting, a "point/counter-point" session on the adoption of the 2004 Alabama Social Science Course of Study will take place in the auditorium of the Alabama State Capitol. Featured panelists include Susan Santoli of the University of South Alabama; **Leigh Martin** of the Baldwin County School System; and David Bieto from the University of Alabama. The session will be moderated by AAH president, **Martin Olliff** of Troy University Dothan. ■

The President's Corner

by Marty Olliff

A Time for Work



Marty Olliff

Pop psychologists speak of "Life Passages." Astrologers talk of the "Saturn Return." Hippies and Yuppies said "Don't trust anyone over 30." Those of us who have been around for a while know that though the law recognizes us as adults at age 21, our real transition to adulthood comes in our third decade. My wife sums up this transition nicely, while optimistically granting us more than the biblical lifespan of three-score-and-ten years. She says, "Your first thirty years are for study, your second thirty for work, and your third thirty for teaching."

Thus it is with the AAH. We passed our thirtieth anniversary in 2003 and finished our studies. It is time for us to work. To do so we must marshal our resources, the most vital of which is our own organizational structure. Right now, the AAH stands in limbo between the small, informal group of colleagues of its past and the large, formal organization that it must become to ensure that it adequately represents our profession in the State of Alabama. To move forward, we must act.

I believe the AAH can secure its future by achieving several goals. For two of these, incorporating and gaining tax-exempt status, I will introduce resolutions at the 2005 Annual Meeting. In accordance with our bylaws that require prior notification, these resolutions are published elsewhere in this newsletter. They also appear on the website at <http://www.tsud.edu/aah>. I hope we will have a full discussion on this important issue via both our e-mail list and in person at the meeting. Feel free to contact me directly at molliff@troyst.edu.

Let me explain the process for gaining incorporation and tax-exempt status, in bulleted

points:

- AAH resolves to alter its constitution and pursue incorporation and tax-exempt status.

- Executive Council chooses a Designated Agent.

- Executive Council files incorporation papers with Probate Judge in home county of Designated Agent. Cost: \$30-40

- Probate Judge registers AAH name and files locally-processed application for incorporation with Alabama Secretary of State. Cost: \$20

- AAH files for tax-exempt status determination with the US Internal Revenue Service. Cost \$150

- IRS grants temporary status under applicable law, AAH re-files for permanent status in four years.

The third goal we should pursue is long-range planning. Regardless of our decisions in February, we will begin this process in 2005.

But that's a column for another time . . . ■

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-fw2004.pdf.

Upcoming Business for Annual Meeting

The 2005 Annual Business Meeting of the AAH will tackle an important issue—incorporation. Below are four resolutions for your consideration. Three of these will empower the AAH Executive Council to pursue incorporation and tax-exempt status. The fourth adds a bylaw to clarify how members are notified of constitutional amendments (in accordance with Article IX, Section B).

Finally, please note the article on **page 4** of this Newsletter. It contains changes that the Executive Council feels are needed to the AAH Constitution to allow us to file incorporation and IRS tax-status papers.

Resolution 1: RESOLVED that the Membership instructs the Executive Council to pursue legal incorporation of the Alabama Association of Historians as a not-for-profit corporation in the State of Alabama, and to pursue tax-exempt status for the Association with the United States Internal Revenue Service.

Resolution 2: RESOLVED that the Executive Council be empowered to appoint a Designated Agent and to file incorporation papers in the County of its choosing; and that the newly-adopted Constitution and Bylaws be filed as the Articles of Incorporation as required by law.

Resolution 3: RESOLVED that the Membership instructs the Executive Council to expend funds up to a total of \$500 in payment of necessary fees for incorporating the AAH and securing its tax-exempt status. FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Council solicit voluntary funds from the membership and other sources to help pay for the costs of incorporation and gaining tax-exempt status; and that any funds collected in excess of the total required to pay such filing fees be delivered to the General Fund of the AAH.

Resolution 4: RESOLVED that the follow-

ing bylaw be adopted.

Adequate notification of proposed constitutional amendments (pursuant to Article IX, Sec. B of the 1991 Constitution and its successor articles) is provided by posting such proposed amendments to the official AAH website and directing members to the proposals either through A) publishing an article in the AAH Newsletter that prominently includes the exact and full URL, or B) mailing a letter to each member directing them to the URL. Nothing herein precludes publishing proposed amendments in the AAH Newsletter or mailing paper copies of proposed amendments to each member.

You can find all of these resolutions and proposed amendments on the AAH website at <http://www.tsud.edu/aah/2005resolutions.pdf>. ■

2005 Annual Meeting Accommodation Information

The official hotel for the Montgomery meeting is the Hampton Inn, located at 1401 Eastern Blvd. We have reserved a block of rooms at the rate of \$71, double or king. This price includes a free breakfast bar. Please book before January 25 to receive this special rate and be sure to mention the AAH or group confirmation number 83999497. You can book on-line at www.hamptoninn.com or by calling 1-800-HAMPTON, or 334-277-2400.

To reach the Hampton Inn if traveling from Birmingham or Mobile, exit off I-65 onto I-85. Take Exit 6 (Eastern Blvd.) off I-85 and turn right. If traveling south on I-85, exit at Eastern Blvd. and turn left. The hotel is on the left immediately after Carmichael Road.

Other hotels, in all price ranges, are located at the I-85/Eastern Boulevard exit along Carmichael Road and Monticello Drive. For a complete list of alternative lodging see www.visiting_montgomery.com.

Proposed Constitutional Ammendments

Article IX, Section B, of the AAH Constitution requires that proposed constitutional amendments be submitted to the membership in writing 30 days or more prior to the Annual Business Meeting. This notice constitutes such notice. President Marty Olliff will bring this forward on February 5, 2005.

RESOLVED that the Constitution be amended as indicated, and that the numerical designation of unamended Articles be altered to reflect these changes.

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

~~Sec. B. The purpose of the Association is to establish closer relations among all persons and institutions interested in promoting the study of history and to stimulate and improve the work of historians in research, service, and teaching at all levels within the State of Alabama.~~

Sec. B. The principal office of the Association shall be located in the city of _____, county of _____, but the Association may establish other places of business and other offices elsewhere within the State of Alabama.

Sec. C. The name and address of the designated agent of the Association is _____.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association is to transact any and all lawful business for which nonprofit corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Alabama, as amended, specifically:

To establish closer relations among all persons and institutions interested in the study of history and,

To stimulate and improve the research, service, and teaching conducted by histo-

rians at all levels and in all fields of history within the State of Alabama.

ARTICLE XI: TAX EXEMPT STATUS

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, Executive Council, or other private persons, except to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding sections of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the IRC or its successors.

ARTICLE XII: DISSOLUTION

Sec. A. The Association exists in perpetuity unless earlier dissolved by the same procedure for amending this constitution.

Sec. B. Upon dissolution of the Association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of IRC Section 501(c)(3) or its successors, or shall be distributed to the federal, state, or local government, for a public purpose. Any assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s) as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. ■

Teaching American History Grant Approved

The U.S. Department of Education has approved a grant of nearly \$1 million to improve the teaching of American history in Birmingham City Schools. The \$991,279 Teaching American History grant is one of 122 being awarded nationwide.

American history is a core subject identified under the 2002 No Child Left Behind Act signed by President George W. Bush. The act seeks to encourage teachers to improve their understanding of the subjects they teach. The grants fund three-year projects aimed at increasing teachers' knowledge and appreciation for the country's history by partnering with organizations such as museums and libraries.

Birmingham District teachers who teach American history in grades 5, 6, 7, 10, and 11 will participate in a professional development program designed to improve content knowledge of American history and pedagogical skills in partnership with University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham Southern College, and Miles College. Primary source expertise will be provided by additional partners, including the Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Birmingham Historical Society, and Sloss Furnaces Historic Site.

Summer institutes, school-year seminars, and field trips to historic sites focus on historical content covering Formation of Our Nation: 1763-1900 (Gaining Independence, Forming and Growth of a Nation, Civil War, Reconstruction, Westward Expansion); and Becoming a World Power: 1877-Present (Emergence of Modern America, Great Depression and World War II, Post-War U.S., and Contemporary U.S.). A wide range of primary sources is incorporated throughout.

The program also includes mentoring and coaching, and the creation of a website offering historical resources, as well as a means of communication among participants. The program is set to begin in summer 2005. ■

Landmarks Foundation to Host Symposium

Landmarks Foundation, in cooperation with the Alabama Humanities Foundation and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, will present "The Creek War", fourth of a five-part series entitled, "Alabama Frontier; Cultural Crossroads," at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts on **January 29, 2005**.

These five symposiums cover the history of the Alabama Frontier from the mid-18th century to the removal of the Native Americans in the 1830s. This installment will focus on the warring elements within Creek society and the early encounters that led to the horrific attack on Fort Mims, the critical battle, and its catastrophic effects on the Creek nation. The series will conclude with the 2006 program on the tragedy of Indian Removal.

This program will bring together a dynamic group of speakers including **Dr. Kathryn Braund**, Auburn University; Dr. Jeanne Heidler, U.S. Air Force Academy, who, with her husband, Dr. David Heidler, are editors of the *Encyclopedia of the War of 1812*; Dr. John Hall, Museum of Natural History; Dr. Greg Waselkov, University of South Alabama; Jim Parker, Director of Fort Toulouse; and Ove Jensen, U.S. National Park Service, Horseshoe Bend National Military Park. There will be a book signing by the speakers and authors afterwards.

The day's activities will be enhanced by the visual component of several McKenney and Hall prints of significant Creek leaders on display along with prints of events that took place during the Creek War.

Registration rates for the symposium are \$35.00 for general public; \$30.00 for Landmarks members; \$20 for faculty; and \$15.00 for students. This includes lunch, morning, and afternoon refreshments. **Pre-registration** is required for lunch and is due by January 22. **Same-day registration** begins at 8:30 a.m. with program times from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. All registration is by check and should be made payable to Landmarks Foundation. ■

News on Alabama Campuses

Auburn University

Wayne Flynt was installed as president of the Southern Historical Association at its annual meeting in Memphis on November 4th.

Kathryn Braund participated in a symposium devoted to the Federal Road, held in Monroeville in October, and is serving as a lead scholar for the Alabama Humanities Foundation/Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition "Key Ingredients: America by Food." This exhibit explores the connections between Americans and the cultural and historical aspects of food production, consumption, marketing and celebration and is scheduled to visit six Alabama towns in 2004-2005. In conjunction with that, she has provided docent and teacher training for sites where the exhibit is on display, as well as public programs on southeastern Indian foodways. Her book, an edited edition of James Adair's *History of the American Indians*, will be out in December.

Ken Noe spoke on the Battle of Perryville to groups in New York City and Stamford, Connecticut last fall, and over the summer was a guest lecturer at Shepherdstown Collge in West Virginia and delivered a Mellon Grant presentation at the Virginia Historical Society.

David Carter received a contract from the University of North Carolina Press in August for his book manuscript on civil rights and Lyndon Johnson in the years 1965-1968. In April he received the Department's Phi Alpha Theta Robert Reid Outstanding Professor Award.

He continues his collaboration with Auburn Education Professor John Saye, working with high school social studies teachers to implement "problem-based historical inquiry" with their students by using a multimedia database on civil rights history. This summer he again led workshops on civil rights history for Auburn and Opelika public school teachers as part of the "Teaching American History" grant, and in January he will conduct additional sessions and accompany area high school teachers on a field trip to tour civil rights landmarks in the historic Auburn Avenue district of Atlanta. ■

Jacksonville State University

Llewellyn Cook, Assistant Professor of History, has been invited to lecture on "Napoleonic Strategy and Policy" at the Naval War College. Lectures will be delivered in San Diego and Port Hueneme, California and Seattle, Washington, October 25-28. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe.

Jennifer Gross, Assistant Professor of History, presented a paper entitled, "The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Confederate Widows, and the Lost Cause" at the "Widows Might" international conference on widowhood held at the Research Center for Historical Analysis at Rutgers University. She is creating an on-line Study Guide for *American Past and Present* (Longman Press, 7th Edition).

George Lauderbaugh, Assistant Professor of History, finished a successful three-year tour as the coordinator of LASTING. His work involved JSU in a major federal program to improve the teaching of history in Calhoun County public schools. In October he delivered a paper entitled, "The Bolivarian Nations in World War II: Issues and Perspectives" at the annual Congress of the Latin American Studies Association.

Russel Lemmons, Professor of History, attended the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies Seminar on Using Primary Sources for Teaching the Holocaust in Washington, D.C.

Harvey H. Jackson, Professor of History, is President of the Alabama Historical Association. He co-authored (with Leah Rawls Atkins) *Alabama: The History, Geography, Economics and Civics of an American State*, a 4th grade text book published by Crystal Clear Press. He continues to serve on the editorial board of the *Anniston Star* and write a weekly column on southern politics and culture. He has also been named editor of the "Recreation" section of the new edition of the *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*.

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

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Troy University Montgomery

Troy University Montgomery historians, **Drew Harrington** and **Fred Beatty**, have had a relatively productive fall. Dr. Harrington reviewed *The Economy of Prostitution in the Roman World* by Thomas A. J. McGinn (University of Michigan Press, 2004) for *History: Reviews of New Books* and *When Slavery was Called Freedom* by John Patrick Daly (University Press of Kentucky, 2002) for the *Park City Daily News* (Bowling Green, Kentucky).

Both historians journeyed to Memphis for the Southern Historical Association's annual meeting, which was quite worthwhile and also afforded them an opportunity to visit the Civil Rights Museum there to gather material for the Troy Montgomery undergraduate civil rights history program.

Additionally, in October Dr. Beatty presented a paper, "Antislavery, Abolition, and the Southern Response, 1820-1840," at the annual Ohio Valley History Conference meeting in Cookeville, Tennessee. He also recently completed a review for *History Reviews* of Professor Wayne Flynt's latest work, *Alabama in the Twentieth Century*, (which he highly recommends) which was released this fall by the University of Alabama Press. ■

University of Montevallo

Wilson Fallin will be on sabbatical in the spring semester, working on his research on black Baptists in Alabama and completing his book on the same topic. Dr. Fallin also recently completed supervision of a research project with one of our students (Ashley Pittman) through the McNair Scholars Program. Her project focused on black women and the historical roots of their roles in today's society. ■

University of Alabama

Damon Freeman will be a National Institute for Mental Health postdoctoral fellow at the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research at Rutgers University in Camden, New Jersey. He will spend the year developing his dissertation, which examines the career of the psychologist and Civil Rights pioneer Kenneth Clark, into a publishable manuscript.

Paul Hagenloh will be a Kennan Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington D.C. He is currently completing revisions to his book manuscript, "Police, Crime, and Public Order in Stalin's Russia, 1928-1940."

Kate Haulman is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, which will support her during a five-month stay at the Winterthur Museum and Library in Delaware. She is currently working on a book manuscript, entitled, "Political Modes: The Politics of Fashion in Eighteenth-Century America."

Graduate student Michael Mansfield won the William S. Coker Award for the Best Graduate Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gulf South Historical Association in Mobile, Alabama the weekend of October 7-9. The paper, entitled "An Onerous and Unnecessary Burden: Mobile and the Negro Seamen Acts," is currently being considered for publication in the Spring edition of the GSHA journal. Also presenting at the conference were UA PhDs Gary Sprayberry and Edward Combs, as well as UA Professor John Beeler.

On July 4th, UA History Professor Forrest McDonald appeared on the cable channel C-Span 2 to discuss his career as a historian. Forrest has just published a new book, entitled *Recovering the Past: A Historian's Memoir* (University of Kansas Press, 2004).

UA History Ph.D. Derek Frisby has published an article, "'Remember Fort Pillow!': Politics, Propaganda, and the Evolution of Total War," in *Black Flag over Dixie: Racial Atrocities and Reprisals in the Civil War*, ed. Gregory J. W. Urwin (Southern Illinois University Press, 2004). Frisby's article examines the political uses of the Fort Pillow massacre during and after the Civil War. Frisby is currently teaching at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. ■

Backburner

ADAH ArchiTreats

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.

January 20th **From Sacred Harp to Hank Williams: The Intersection of Black and White Culture in 20th-Century Alabama** - Wayne Flynt

February 17th **Big Jim Folsom and Alabama's Response to Brown vs. Board of Education** - Derryn E. Moten

March 17th **Thomas Abthorpe Cooper: Father of the American Stage, 1775-1849** - F. Arant Maginnes

April 21st **Confederates, Community, and the Origins of Southern Identity** - Guy Hubbs

May 19th **Imaging the Civil War: Alabama Photography in the 1860s** - Frances Robb*

June 16th **Mobile's Whiskey Wars, 1923-1926** - Sam Webb

July 21th **Bartram Canoe Trail through the Mobile-Tensaw Delta** - Gregory M. Lein

August 18th **Bridging Deep South Rivers: The Life and Legend of Horace King** - John Lupold

Sept. 15th **Yellow Jack and Other 19th-Century Scourges** - Mary Ann Neeley*

October 20th **Creek Indian Life: Behind the Scenes** - Craig Sheldon

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

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Newsletter Deadline

Please remember to submit your news for the Spring-Summer 2005 issue to **George Jennings** (george.jennings@archives.alabama.gov) on or before **May 15, 2005**.

