

ADAH Prepares for ‘Big Move’ New ‘West Wing’ at Alabama Archives near Completion!

As the west wing addition to the Alabama Department of Archives and History nears completion, ADAH staff and volunteers are gearing up for the long-awaited move into the new facility.

The first floor of the new wing consists of a new Reference Room with staff offices and conference room; patron lounge; and a 113-seat auditorium connected with a central rotunda. Modern storage facilities are located in the basement below with map storage on the mezzanine level.

The second-floor space will remain unfinished at present until approximately six-million dollars in funding for the new “Alabama Voices” museum exhibit is secured through corporate and private donations. Design plans for the new gallery are proceeding with the award of a federal IMLS grant.

The third floor will provide office space for Archives employees, as well a computer server room, copier room, records processing room, staff conference room, and an employee lounge. All third-floor spaces in the original building will be converted to additional meeting rooms, processing, and office spaces for staff. The Coley (east) wing will revert to the purpose for which it was originally designed - storage.

Due to the complexity of the move process, the Archives will be closed to the public for approximately 3 weeks beginning June 13 to allow staff time to move records and equipment into the new reference room, and processing and offices areas into the new facility. All Archives facilities, including reference room, museum, public offices, and records are scheduled to reopen to the public on July 5 at the



Historical researchers will enjoy beautiful surroundings in the new Archives reference room.

start of normal business hours. Regular and handicapped visitor parking facilities will also be available, as well as designated parking and off-loading/loading areas for buses.

After the Archives reopens, staff will begin moving records to the new improved storage area in the west wing. Some records may not be available for research use during this time. Researchers are strongly encouraged to consult the website at www.archives.state.al.us for the latest information or call (334) 242-4435 concerning the availability of specific records.

The original Archives building was constructed from 1938 to 1940 and the Coley wing was completed in the early 1970s. Ground was broken for the new west wing on December 14 (Alabama Day), 2001 by Alabama Governor Don Siegelman. Work on the project commenced in early February, 2002. A public dedication and celebration is scheduled for October 8, 2005. ADAH staff and volunteers look forward to welcoming AAH members to their expanded facility in February, 2006. ■

The President's Corner

by Marty Olliff



Marty Olliff

Changes Afoot

Although we are all disappointed that we were unable to meet in February 2005, the sabbatical has given the AAH an opportunity to regroup and move forward. Pursuant to our Constitution, the Executive Council has appointed Jim Day (University of Montevallo) as Secretary-Treasurer, George Lauderbaugh (Jacksonville State University) as Senior College Representative, and Gwen Patton (Trenholm Technical Community College) as Public History Representative until February 2006. You will learn more about these Executive Council members in this and the following AAH Newsletters.

It is with heartiest good wishes that we say goodbye to Burt Rieff as Secretary-Treasurer. Burt did much of the yeoman's work in the AAH much beyond the call of duty. For this, I am eternally grateful. We bid adieu, too, to Lynne Rieff who served as Senior College Representative. Thank you both for your contributions to the AAH.

Website Address Change: Effective May 1, 2005, the AAH website URL changed to <http://dothan.troy.edu/aah> as a consequence of the Troy University system merging its separately-accredited campuses into a single university. Please update accordingly.

Membership Dues Reminder: Many members have paid their 2005 dues, but many have not. Dues remain at \$15 for individuals, \$50 for Institutions, and \$250 for Lifetime Members. If you have not yet paid, please send a membership form (<http://dothan.troy.edu/aah/membership.htm>) with your dues to Jim Day, Station 6187, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL 35115.

Upcoming Business: The Executive Council will propose a set of constitutional revisions and resolutions authorizing AAH to incorporate

as a non-profit in Alabama and to seek tax-exempt status from the IRS. Specific resolutions and the constitutional changes are posted to the AAH website (<http://dothan.troy.edu/aah>) now, and will appear in the Fall-Winter AAH Newsletter. We will discuss and vote on these at the annual business meeting.

Also, Mary Hubbard chairs the Nominating Committee, and solicits nominees for every office and every representative position. Please contact her at mhubbard@asfa.k12.al.us. ■

Marty

2006 Program Notes

At our executive meeting in April your officers brainstormed ideas for the 2006 meeting program. One idea that we all agreed on was the need for the program to be of value and have appeal to as many members as possible. We hope to accomplish this by offering a variety of sessions that include workshops as well as traditional paper presentations. Several ideas for workshops have surfaced and include using library and museum resources in teaching and detecting and preventing plagiarism. Presentations on Southern History and Latin America have also been proposed. What would you like to see included in the program? Do you have a presentation or a paper that you would like to have included? Please e-mail me at glauderb@jsu.edu with your thoughts and proposals. With your input we can make the 2006 meeting relevant and productive to the needs of our membership. ■

George Lauderbaugh,
2006 Program Chair

AAH Web-Site

If you know of upcoming events of interest to AAH members, please contact Marty Olliff (molliff@troy.edu) so that the Calendar of Events on the AAH web-site (<http://dothan.troy.edu/aah>) can be updated. Readers may also access this issue of the AAH Historic News on the web-site at <http://dothan.troy.edu/aah/news-ss2005.pdf>.

AAH Officers & Council

Meet Your AAH Executive Council

Three new members were appointed to the AAH Executive Council at the Council meeting on April 9, 2005. **Jim Day** will assume the duties of Secretary-Treasurer; **George Lauderbaugh** will be the Senior College Representative; and **Gwen Patton** will be the Public Historians Representative. Following is a short biography of each.

Jim Day, Secretary - Treasurer

A 1975 graduate of Montevallo High School, Jim Day currently, teaches U.S. and world history at the University of Montevallo. He holds a B.S. in engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York; an M.A. in history from the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia; and a Ph.D. in history from Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama.



Jim Day

Commissioned as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army in 1979, Jim served with the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the 1st Armored Division in Illersheim, West Germany, the Department of History at West Point, and the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His leadership assignments have included platoon leader, company executive officer, company commander, battalion operations officer, and battalion executive officer. He completed the Infantry Officer training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and graduated from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Other military training includes Airborne, Ranger, and Pathfinder Schools at Fort Benning, Georgia; Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Since retiring from the Army in 1995, Jim has taught history at Marion Military Institute, Judson College, Auburn University Montgomery, and the University of Montevallo. He now resides in Alabaster with his wife Rene' and their two daughters: Abby (16) and Mary Afton (12).

George Lauderbaugh, Senior College Representative

George Lauderbaugh is Assistant Professor of History at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama where he teaches courses on Latin American, military, and United States History and is the advisor for Phi Alpha Theta. In 1967 he graduated from Davis &



George Lauderbaugh

Elkins College and entered the United States Air Force where he served for 25 years in assignments that included Germany and Panama. Upon his retirement in 1993 he entered the University of Alabama and completed a Ph.D. in history in 1997. George was JSU's coordinator for a federal grant in partnership with the Calhoun County School System named Learning America's Story Through Interesting New Genres (LASTING). The three-year program included monthly workshops for teachers K-12 on American history and summer field trips to historical sites. George hopes to use his experiences from LASTING to assist AAH in offering programs that are of professional value to historians in all aspects of public service.

Gwen Patton, Public Historians Representative



Gwen Patton

Gwen Patton serves as the archivist at Trenholm State Technical College. In addition to maintaining institutional archives, Gwen is responsible for 18 special collections of Black Voting Rights Pioneers from Montgomery and Central Alabama. Because of her direct involvement in the Civil/Voting Rights Movement, Gwen is frequently sought as a primary source for publications, radio and television documentaries. Gwen is coordinator for the Montgomery Friends of the Historic Voting Rights Trail and serves on its National Advisory Council. ■

Awards & Honors

Jefferson County IB Named Top U.S. School

The Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School has been named the top public high school in the nation by Newsweek magazine in rankings released last month. Since the story hit the front page of the news weekly, the school, which is located on the Shades Valley campus in Irondale, Alabama, has received praise from parents, school board officials and political leaders alike. The school is in the Jefferson County School District.

The ranking, based on a formula developed by senior Newsweek contributing editor Jay Matthews, involved taking the number of students who took Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate tests in 2004 and then dividing by the number of graduating seniors.

In an interview on the Today Show, on Monday, May 9, Matthews acknowledged that his 'Challenge Index' was a narrow criteria, which excluded extracurricular activities, but his survey was easily the best indicator of who would survive and graduate from college.

According to International Baccalaureate Coordinator **Linda Mays Jones**, the 58 graduating seniors of the Jefferson County IB School have had more than six-million dollars in scholarships and loans offered to them. Jones, a former history teacher, is an AAH member, and former member of the AAH Executive Council. She presented a program on the Jefferson County IB School at the 1999 AAH annual meeting.

Jefferson County IB School was recognized in January by the College Board for having the best scores in the world for its AP European History courses for IB schools having less than 500 students. Jeffrey Clayton is the teacher of the AP European History course at Jefferson County International Baccalaureate.

Other Alabama schools made the Newsweek list as well, with the Alabama School of Fine Arts ranked 61; Auburn City High School at 211; and Mountain Brook at 248.

"This is a proud day for Alabama and public education. We are just delighted that our own IB school takes its rightful place at the top of the list," said Jefferson County Superintendent of Education Dr. Phil Hammonds. ■

Samford Bestows Macon Award

History professor **Marlene Rikard** received the Samford University's 2004-05 George Macon Award during the opening convocation of the spring semester on January 27. The honor goes annually to a Samford educator who, through outstanding performance as a teacher, counselor and friend to students, demonstrates the ability to inspire students to greatness.

Samford Provost Brad Creed presented the award, citing Dr. Rikard's commitment to students, love for Samford and high standards of professionalism. He also noted her capabilities as a teacher, historian, and director of Samford's London Program. Rikard joined the Samford history faculty in 1973 and directed the London program from 1988 to 2000.

A specialist in American and Alabama economic and labor history, women's history, oral history and the New South, Rikard initiated courses in women's history at Samford.

Rikard is past president of the Alabama Association of Historians. As this year's Macon Award honoree, she received a silver tray and \$1000. ■

In Memoriam

Dr. Kit Carson Carter III

Friends and colleagues have all been saddened by the recent death of **Dr. Kit Carson Carter III**. Dr. Carter passed away at his home in Birmingham, AL, on November 22, 2004. He was Professor of History at Troy University until his death from cancer. Previously he taught at the University of Alabama, Gadsden, and was Professor Emeritus from Mississippi University for Women.

Among numerous accomplishments and awards, Dr. Carter was recently voted Outstanding Faculty Member by the Troy University student body. He is survived by his wife, Marion Person Cooke Carter; two sons, Marcus Palmer Carter (Tracy Michelle Carter) and Christopher Henderson Carter (Leila Habib Carter). Dr. Carter was a former member of AAH. ■

K-12 and Public History News

AANB Calls for Contributors

Editors Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham are seeking contributors to write biographical entries for the African American National Biography, a joint project of the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University and Oxford University Press. The largest African American Studies project ever undertaken covering a broader range of African American lives than ever before, the AANB will present history through a mosaic of the lives of 10,000 individuals, some known throughout the world and others all but forgotten, illuminating the abiding influence of African Americans on the life of this nation through the immediacy of individual experience. The goal is to include not only great and famous African Americans, but a selection of lives that will be representative of the scope of African American experience.

The project will involve commissioning articles on African Americans in all fields, from all periods of North American history, and from all stations of life. While there will be a limited number of entries for living people in AANB, our current priority is to find writers for deceased subjects in order to fill in the historical record.

AANB entries are typically 500 to 1,500 words in length. Each article will be signed by the author and will include a brief bibliography. Authors will receive an honorarium based on the contracted length of each entry.

Entry names and an application to write can be accessed on the AANB Web site, at www.fas.harvard.edu/~aanb. We also welcome suggestions for subjects whose names do not presently appear in our database.

The first publication of the project, *African American Lives* (Oxford University Press, 2004), a collection of 600 biographies of notable African Americans, was published in April 2004.

For more information contact Executive Editor John K. Bollard, *African American National Biography*, W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research, Harvard University, 69 Dunster Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 (617) 496-9547e-mail: aanb@fas.harvard.edu. ■

APAEP Seeks Teachers

The Alabama Prison Arts & Education Project (APAEP) of the Center for the Arts & Humanities at Auburn University is currently recruiting history teachers to lead classes offered in correctional facilities. APAEP has worked in several facilities in central Alabama offering creative writing and drawing classes. Plans are underway to expand class offerings to include history and literature classes as well.

The classes generally run 12-14 weeks, with one meeting per week for two hours. Class sizes are limited to 15 students. These classes are not for credit, so there are no grading requirements. Instructors are paid a modest stipend for their work and travel.

Teaching in the correctional facilities has been an incredible experience for all artists and writers who have participated thus far. If you are interested in being a part of this rewarding program contact Kyes Stevens at stevenmk@auburn.edu or call (334) 844-8946. ■

National History Day

Alabama's state competition for National History Day was held Friday, May 13th at the state capitol. This year's topic was 'Communication in History'. Dr. Karen Riley at AUM served as state director and also coordinated the Northern Region which was represented by Boaz Middle and Intermediate Schools, Floyd Magnet School, and Catholic High School. Barbara Romey worked as the South/Central Regional coordinator and, along with Angel Findlater, coached her own team. Schools in that division included Central High School and South Girard Junior High School. Several home schoolers also competed. Top winners are able to advance to the national level of competition held at the University of Maryland in early summer. ■

News on Alabama Campuses

Auburn University

Wayne Flynt, having served as president of the Southern Historical Association from 2003-04, gave his valedictory address at the 2004 annual meeting in Memphis in November. Upon his impending retirement, the Department would also like to offer its sincere thanks and appreciation to Dr. Flynt for his years of service and dedication to the Auburn History Department, its students, and the profession at large.

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 College in West Virginia and delivered a Mellon Grant presentation at the Virginia Historical Society.

David Carter 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 conducted additional sessions and accompanied 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, Associate Professor of History, lectured on "Napoleonic Strategy and Policy" at the Naval War College in San Diego and Port Hueneme, California and in Seattle, Washington. 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. In May, 2005, he visited Israel as a Foundation for the Defense of Democracies Academic Fellow to study how a nation deals with terrorism.

Donald Prudlo, (Ph.D. University of Virginia) was appointed Assistant Professor. He will teach courses in Ancient and Medieval history.

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*. ■

News on Alabama Campuses

Samford University

Jim Brown gave a presentation on April 5th at the South African Historical Association annual meeting, held this year at Stellenbosch University. The presentation, written in collaboration with Max Baber (Geography), was entitled "Great Roads in World History: A G.I.S. Approach to the Johannesburg to Durban Corridor."

Ginger Frost presented a paper entitled "'Prone to Passion Outbreaks': Emma Byron and the Edwardian Criminal Justice System" at the North American Conference on British Studies on October 30th in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Frost is immediate past president of the Southern Conference on British Studies (SCBS) and serves on its executive Committee. She also presented a paper entitled "'A Silent Scorpion': Illegitimacy in England, 1918-59" for the annual meeting of the Center for Contemporary British History in London, England on March 17th. The conference theme was "Rethinking Mid-Century Britain."

John Mayfield delivered a paper entitled "Spirits of the Times: Violence and Paternalism in the Humor of the Old South" at the Southern Historical Association meeting in Memphis, Tennessee. ■

Troy University Montgomery

Fred Beatty and **Drew Harrington** 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.

Drew Harrington retired from Troy University, Montgomery Campus, at the end of the spring semester after ten years of dedicated service. Before coming to Montgomery, he taught at Western Kentucky University for 28 years, retiring as Emeritus Professor. He and his wife Maria will be relocating to the Atlanta area, where he intends to pursue reading and golf. ■

University of Montevallo

Robert Barone sponsored three students who read papers at the Phi Alpha Theta regional conference at the University of South Alabama on April 16, and Clark Hultquist and **Jim Day** accompanied three others to Lexington, Virginia, for the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (April 20-24).

Ruth Truss and Jim Day worked through the university's Honors Program to offer a critical evaluation of the Civil War battle of Shiloh. Nineteen students participated in the classroom study, and sixteen (each representing a key commander) traveled to Corinth, Mississippi, and Shiloh National Military Park for a terrain walk/staff ride on the battlefield (March 24-26).

Wilson Fallin was on sabbatical during the spring semester while working on his book on black Baptists in Alabama. 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

George Rable has been named president of the Society of Civil War Historians. The organization is a diverse and growing group of scholars and students committed to the study of the American Civil War. Rable is the author of four well-received books on the Civil War and Reconstruction. His most recent book *Fredericksburg! Fredericksburg!* won the 2003 Lincoln Prize. Rable is currently working on a project that will examine the role of religion in the Civil War for the Littlefield History of the Civil War Era.

Graduate student Michael Mansfield won the William S. Coker Award for Best Graduate Paper at the annual meeting of the Gulf South Historical Association in Mobile, Alabama. Mansfield presented his paper, "An Onerous and Unnecessary Burden: Mobile and the Negro Seamen Acts," which was considered for publication in the GSHA journal. ■

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.

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

November 17th **Alabama Women and Prohibition, 1915-1933** - Lisa Lindquist Dorr

December 15th **E.D. Nixon and Antecedents of the Montgomery Bus Boycott: A Panel Discussion** - E.D. Nixon, Jr., Johnnie Carr, moderated by Randall Williams

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



Newsletter Deadline

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

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