

## ***Make Plans Now to Attend!*** ***Jacksonville State to Host*** ***2007 AAH Annual Meeting!***

Jacksonville State University will host the AAH Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Alabama on February 2-3, 2007. JSU's Houston Cole Library, which will serve as the site of the meeting, is ideally suited for conferences with multiple meeting rooms and banquet facilities. The panoramic views of the surrounding countryside (including Mt. Cheha, the highest point in the state) afforded from the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the library are sure to be an added bonus.

Keynote speaker for the Friday night banquet will be noted scholar and author Vincent Arnold, Professor of History at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota. Throughout his career Arnold has specialized in the study of Italian, German, and Russian history with an emphasis on Fascist Italy. Arnold's book, *The Illusion of Victory: Fascist War Propaganda and the Second World War*, was published in 1998. His current research focuses on athletics in Fascist Italy.

Arnold earned his B.A. in History from Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Ohio in 1981 and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Modern European History from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio in 1983 and 1990,



**Vincent Arnold**

respectively. He taught at Miami University (1983-1986); spent a year as a Visiting Research Fellow at the Università degli studi di Roma - Sapienza, Rome, Italy (1987-1988); and was Assistant Professor of History at Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Illinois (1986-1991).

Arnold has a number of academic honors to his credit including the Flatt Distinguished Teaching Award (1998-2001) and Visiting Scholar at the American Academy in Rome (2006).



***The Houston Cole Library on the JSU campus will be the site of this year's annual meeting.***

Other AAH events will include a tour of historic sites in and around Jacksonville including Janey Furnace in Ohatchee and the gravesite monument of Lt. Col. John Pelham. Activities will conclude with the annual business meeting, which will be conducted during lunch on Saturday.

Located in northeast Alabama, approximately 13 miles north of Anniston, Jacksonville is easily accessible from I-20 via Alabama route 21. A registration form is included with this newsletter. Make arrangements today to join us for an exciting and informative meeting. See you in Jacksonville! ■

## **The President's Corner**

by George Lauderbaugh



*George Lauderbaugh*

### **Wecome All!**

Jacksonville State University has a reputation for being “the friendliest campus in the South,” and we hope to live up to this description as your hosts for the 2007 AAH annual meeting on February 2 and 3. One panel has already been formed on “Patterns of Martyrdom: Cross-Cultural Contexts,” and Paul Beezley, our program chair, reports that other panels will soon be announced. It is not too late, however, to be a presenter and I also would encourage students to present. If you would like to participate, please contact Paul via e-mail ([pbeezley@jsu.edu](mailto:pbeezley@jsu.edu)). As headlined in this edition, we will have a dynamic speaker at our Friday night banquet in the person of Vince Arnold, a renowned scholar on the role of sport in fascist Italy.

On Saturday afternoon members of JSUs Phi Alpha Theta chapter will be available to conduct tours of local historic sites including Janey Furnace in Ohatchee and the monument to the “Gallant Pelham”, Lt. Col. John Pelham, CSA, who was Robert E. Lee’s artillery officer and one of Jacksonville’s favorite sons from the Civil War. Other attractions will include the Anniston Museum of Natural History and the Berman Museum of Military History.

## **AAH Website**

If you know of upcoming events of interest to AAH members, please contact Marty Olliff ([molliff@troy.edu](mailto:molliff@troy.edu)) so that the Calendar of Events on the AAH website (<http://dothan.troy.edu/aah>) can be updated.

This issue of the AAH Historic News may be accessed on the AAH website at <http://dothan.troy.edu/aah/news-fw2006.pdf>.

In addition to interesting presentations, speakers and tours, we will also conduct our annual business meeting. The membership will be asked to discuss and vote on a new dues schedule that will be proposed by the executive committee. We also hope to announce the recipient of the Mae Ellis Moore Flynt Teaching Excellence Award that recognizes outstanding contributions to the teaching of history in grades K-12.

If you have an issue that you would like to present at the business meeting, forward it to me and I will add it to the agenda. The annual meeting is also an excellent time to introduce AAH to students and colleagues by encouraging them to accompany you to Jacksonville. I hope to visit with you in February.

George

## **Flynt Award Nominations Sought**

AAH is currently soliciting applications for its biennial Mae Ellis Moore Flynt Teaching Excellence Award. This award recognizes an outstanding K-12 classroom teacher who has at least five years experience and has contributed significantly to the teaching of history in Alabama. Individuals may nominate any history or social studies teacher in Alabama who meets these criteria, including themselves. The winner will be chosen by committee and presented with a certificate and \$500 at the AAH annual conference to be held February 2-3 at Jacksonville State University. This award is endowed by J. Wayne Flynt in honor of his mother, a longtime fourth-grade Alabama history teacher.

Application forms have been mailed to Alabama’s regional in-service centers as well as private schools. Anyone interested may also receive an application by contacting: Mary Hubbard, AAH K-12 Teacher Representative, 520 Mayfair Circle, Homewood, AL 35209 (205-871-9096).

## Map Dedication Marks Alabama Day at ADAH

The **Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH)** celebrated the State's birthday this year with the dedication of a bronze map of the state of Alabama. The festivities were held on December 14<sup>th</sup> on the front lawn of the Archives building. Fourth-grade school children from Blount Elementary School in Montgomery helped Archives Board of Trustees member and famed Civil Rights attorney Fred Gray unveil the monumental 12' x 18' bas relief sculpture, which was made possible through anonymous donation. New York artist and map designer Gregg LeFevre made a few remarks regarding the difficulty of producing a work this large. Advanced choral students from Montgomery's Booker T. Washington Magnet High School were also on hand to sing the state song.

The bronze map is a geographically accurate representation of the state of Alabama featuring mountain ranges, rivers, and interstate highways, as well as historic points of interest throughout the state. The location and placement of the map allow school children (and adults) visiting the Archives to "walk across Alabama" from end to end and corner to corner in just a few steps. The bronze map dedication and other Alabama Day-related activities were open to the public. Refreshments were served immediately following the ceremony, courtesy of the **Friends of the Alabama Archives**, a non-profit organization which helps support the ADAH.

In 1817, the growing region to be known as Alabama was declared separate from the old Mississippi Territory. Following the Alabama Constitutional Convention in 1819 at the temporary capitol of Huntsville, Territorial Governor William W. Bibb took the oath of office as the state's first Governor in November (the original 1819 Constitution and the official records of Governor Bibb are now part of the ADAH collection). President James Monroe officially signed Alabama into statehood on December 14, 1819, making it the 22<sup>nd</sup> state to enter the Union. This date was first celebrated as the State's birthday in 1903 and formally adopted as "Alabama Day" by resolution of the Alabama Legislature in 1923. This marks the 187<sup>th</sup> anniversary of statehood. ■

## AHA Annual Meeting

The 60th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Historical Association will be held in Opelika, Alabama on April 12-14, 2007. Details of the meeting will appear in the Spring AHA newsletter. Membership forms for the AHA can be found on the web site: [www.archives.alabama.gov/aha/aha.html](http://www.archives.alabama.gov/aha/aha.html). Benefits of membership include a subscription to the quarterly *Alabama Review*, the scholarly journal of Alabama history, and the bi-annual newsletter which features essays on historic Alabama sites visited during the Fall Pilgrimage and the Spring Annual Meeting.

The AHA 2006 Fall Pilgrimage was held October 14 in Marion, Alabama in the heart of the Black Belt. Historic homes, a working plantation, the Lincoln School, Judson College, and Marion Military Institute were toured by 216 Association members and guests. Hosts for the meeting included Judson College, Women Entrepreneurs of Marion, and the Perry County Historical and Preservation Society. ■



*Fourth-graders from Blount Elementary School in Montgomery help unveil the new bronze map at the ADAH.*

## Patton to Serve on Civil Rights Committee

Gwen Patton of the Trenholm State Technical College Archives in Montgomery has been nominated to serve on the Alabama Advisory Committee for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Patton was chosen for the position due to her background as a Civil Rights activist and her experience as a Civil Rights archivist/historian. ■

# News on Alabama Campuses

## Auburn University

Jennifer Brooks joined the History Department faculty as Associate Professor of History in August 2006. A native of East Tennessee, Brooks graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Massachusetts-Boston in 1987, with a B.A. in history and received a Ph.D. in history from the University of Tennessee in 1997. Her book on the impact of the Second World War in shaping the modern South, *Defining the Peace: Race, World War Two Veterans, and the Remaking of Southern Political Tradition* was published by the University of North Carolina Press (2004). Brooks currently teaches a graduate seminar on southern labor history and will begin teaching undergraduate courses in the New South and Contemporary History in the spring of 2007.

Also joining the faculty as Assistant Professor of History is B. Mairéad Pratschke. Pratschke received a B.A. with honors in European Studies (1996) from the University of Guelph (Guelph, Ontario, Canada); an M.A. in European Studies (1997) from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Leuven, Belgium); and a Ph.D. in British and Irish History (2005) from McMaster University (Hamilton, Ontario, Canada). She is the author of "A Look at (Irish) Ireland: *Amharc Éireann* series, 1956-64;" and an article in the *New Hibernia Review* (vol. 9, no. 3). She has two other publications forthcoming – an essay in *Ireland in Focus: Visual Representation and Ireland* and an article in the *National Identities* journal. Pratschke teaches courses in Irish, British, European, and World History. ■

## Enterprise-Ozark Community College

The History and Social Sciences Division sponsored a 'Constitution Day' this past September to increase knowledge about the U.S. Constitution. One major aspect of the day's activities was a scholar bowl tournament with EOCC students competing as contestants on opposing teams. Questions covered different aspects of the Constitution and its history, and prizes were awarded to the winning team. EOCC students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the local community and press attended the event.

**Tommy Hartzog**, EOCC adjunct history instructor, is in the process of developing a World History II course which will focus on modern world history. The course will be offered Spring semester 2007. ■

## Jacksonville State University

Jennifer Gross was selected "Professor of the Year" by the JSU chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, history honorary. She has prepared pre-tests and post-tests for the on-line study guide for *America Past and Present*, one of the major texts in the field.

Russel Lemmons, Professor of History, was invited to serve on the National Endowment for the Humanities panel that evaluates applications for European history fellowships.

**George Lauderbaugh**, Associate Professor of History, presented "German and American Rivalry in Ecuador During World War II" at the South Eastern Conference of Latin American Studies. He also contributed a chapter, "The Bolivarian Nations: Securing the Northern Frontier," to *Latin America in World War II* recently published by Rowman and Littlefield. George began his tenure as president of the Alabama Association of Historians earlier this year.

**Harvey H. Jackson**, Professor of History, won the C.J. Coley Award for his book, *Inside Alabama: A Personal History of My State*. The award is given by the Alabama Historical Association for the best book on Alabama with a local focus. He made presentations to the East Montgomery County Historical Society and at the first "Alabama Festival of the Book." 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 become a regular contributor to the magazine *Longleaf* which focuses on life in Northeast Alabama.

Timothy Pitts, visiting Instructor of History, received a Scharnagle Dissertation Fellowship from the History Department at Auburn University.

Donald Prudlo, Assistant Professor of History, presented "Mothers and the Martyr: The Unlikely Patronage of a Dominican Preacher" at the Medieval Academy of America Annual Meeting in Boston, and "Martyrs on the Move: The Spread of Martyrs Cults in the Middle Ages," at a conference on Saints' Cults in Holar, Iceland. He published "Scripture and Theology in Early Modern Catholicism" in *Christian Theologies of Scripture*. ■

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## Troy University

Troy University's Iota-Mu Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta will be hosting the next Alabama Regional Meeting on March 3, 2007 at our main campus in Troy.

The deadline for submission of proposals is January 19, 2007 and final papers should be submitted by February 16, 2007. Papers should be no more than 10-12 double-spaced typewritten pages to be read in a maximum of 20-25 minutes. Audio/visual equipment is available for presentations that require them, but advanced notice of this need would be appreciated. Proposals from undergraduates and graduate students are welcomed and encouraged in either electronic or print form.

In addition, we welcome faculty members willing to serve as chairs/commentators on panels. Session chairs will preside during the session and introduce presenters and the commentator. Commentators will read and evaluate three to four papers and provide constructive commentary at the session.

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## University of Montevallo

Robert Barone is working on a biography of John Dee, Elizabethan mathematician, astronomer, and philosopher, entitled "John Dee: A Reputation Through Time."

**Wilson Fallin** is moving toward publication of *Uplifting the People: Three Centuries of Black Baptists in Alabama* with the University of Alabama Press.

Clark Hultquist is teaching again after a year-long sabbatical that included three months of research in Paris.

**Ruth Truss** and **Jim Day** accompanied 13 students to the Chickamauga battlefield November 10-12. Their article about a similar excursion to Shiloh (Spring 2005) will be published in *The History Teacher* next spring. ■

## University of Alabama

Three new assistant professors have joined the ranks of the History Department. Margaret Abruzzo comes from the University of Notre Dame, where she received her Ph.D. in 2005. She is a specialist in Early American cultural and intellectual history and is currently working on a study of how attitudes toward pain and suffering influenced attitudes toward slavery in the eighteenth century.

Andrew Huebner is from Brown University, where he received his Ph.D. in 2004. His specialty is 20th-century American cultural and intellectual history, and he has a book forthcoming on images of American veterans in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

Steven Bunker received his Ph.D. in 2006 from Texas Christian University. He is a specialist in Latin American history and is working on a book about advertising and commercial culture in 19th-century Mexico.

Meanwhile the department bids a fond farewell to Court Carney, who has accepted a position at Texas A&M University. ■

## Wallace State University

The Family & Regional History Program at Wallace State College, Hanceville, has received the Award of Merit in History Leadership from the American Association for State and Local History for its innovative combination of classes, a library, and field trips in local history. It became the first non-LDS library to be allowed to borrow microfilm from the great genealogical library in Salt Lake and has been cited by the Archivist of the United States for a cooperative project undertaken with the National Archives and Records Administration.

Robert S. Davis, the director of the F&RHP, has published an article on minority communities as Loyalists and Tories on the southern frontier in the first issue of *Journal of Backcountry Studies* and "A Frontier for Pioneer Revolutionaries: John Dooly and the Beginnings of Popular Democracy in Original Wilkes County" in the current issue of the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*. His latest book, *Ghosts and Shadows of Andersonville: Essays on the Secret Social Histories of America's Deadliest Prison* has just been published by Mercer University Press. ■

# Backburner

## ADAH ArchiTreats

The **Alabama Department of Archives and History's** lecture series, **ArchiTreats: Food for Thought**, continues on the third Thursday of each month beginning at 12:00 noon. The public is invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy these 50-minute 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. The following programs are scheduled for the first eight months of 2007.

- January 18**     **A White Preacher's Message on Race and Reconciliation: Based on His Experiences Beginning with the Montgomery Bus Boycott**  
Rev. Robert S. Graetz
- February 15**     **Art at the Archives\***  
Robert Cason
- March 15**     **The South Did This To Me**  
Rheta Grimsley Johnson
- April 19**     **Alabama Traditions: An Overview of Alabama Folk Culture\***  
Joyce Cauthen
- May 17**     **Discovering Alabama Forests**  
Doug Phillips
- June 21**     **The Experience of Creek Indian Removal**  
Christopher Haveman
- July 19**     **Fishing For Gold: The Story of Alabama's Catfish Industry**  
Karni R. Perez
- August 16**     **Fallen Prince: William James Edwards, Black Education, and the Quest for Afro-American Nationality**  
Donald P. Stone

\* This program presented in conjunction with the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel's Year of Alabama Arts campaign.

## Newsletter Deadline

Please submit your news for the Spring-Summer 2007 issue via e-mail to Newsletter Editor **George Jennings** ([george.jennings@archives.alabama.gov](mailto:george.jennings@archives.alabama.gov)) on or before **April 15, 2007**. Remember, this is *your* newsletter - its only as good as you make it.

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