

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF HISTORIANS' 2007 MEETING A SUCCESS!



Jacksonville State University's Houston Cole Library was the site of the 2007 AAH meeting on February 2 and 3, attended by over 70 members. This year saw an increase in the number of panels and a broader range of topics. Following an afternoon of interesting presentations, members moved to the twelfth floor of the Library for a wine and cheese social. Dr. William A. Meehan, President of Jacksonville State University, welcomed attendees with brief remarks.

The Friday evening banquet was a highlight of the event. George Lauderbaugh, AAH President, presented two awards. Marty Olliff (*pictured right with Lauderbaugh*), Troy University Dothan, was the recipient of the President's Award for Executive Service. Marty served as AAH President 2005-2006 and was responsible for our organization's incorporation as a not-for-profit. Incorporation is an important step in insuring the long term viability of the organization, provides it with a legal identity, and will enable AAH to offer additional programs.



George called on Wayne Flynt to present the Mae Ellis Moore Flynt Teaching Excellence Award, which Wayne provides in honor of his mother, a long time fourth-grade Alabama History teacher. Sheryl Sprading Summe (*pictured right with Flynt*), a History teacher and History Department chair at Advent Episcopal School in Birmingham, was selected for the award, which included a plaque and a \$500 honorarium.



The guest speaker for our event was Dr. Vincent Arnold (*pictured left*), Professor of History at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. Vince's talk on "Athletes, Architecture and Authority: The Fascist Cult of Sport and the Construction of Foro Mussolini" featured a visual presentation of the unique architecture of sporting venues built or proposed for construction in Rome during Mussolini's regime.

There were additional presentations on Saturday morning followed by the luncheon business session. Three recommendations of the Executive Council were approved by the membership. For details, see page 5.) Larry Clayton offered a resolution to commend Jacksonville State University for hosting a great conference.

President George Lauderbaugh closed the meeting by announcing that the 2008 meeting will be held at Samford University.

The **Society of Alabama Archivists (SALA)** will hold its annual meeting in Dothan on Thursday and Friday, October 25-26, 2007. Keynote speaker during Friday's luncheon will be Elizabeth Akins, Immediate Past President of the Society of American Archivists and Director of Global Information Management at Ford Motor Company.

Other features of the meeting include a pre-conference workshop on arts and humanities grants opportunities in Alabama and conference sessions on civil rights-related archival collections in Alabama, oral history projects and religious archives, plus a student paper session and an update on the progress of the new state history museum under development at ADAH.

Registration for the conference, which includes the luncheon, is \$25. (Note: *Students may attend free of charge!*) For more information, go to the new and improved SALA web site: <http://www.alarchivists.org>.

The **Alabama Historical Association** announces a call for submissions for the Clinton Jackson Coley Award. The award is given for a publication focusing on local historical concerns, including but not limited to the history of a church, the annals of a community, or the chronicle of a county. Works published since January 2006 are eligible, and those written by lay or amateur historians are welcome.

Please send one copy of the title and a cover letter of nomination to Jay Lamar, Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities, Auburn University, Pebble Hill, Auburn, AL 36849-5637. The deadline for submission is December 31, 2007. The award will be given at the April 2008 AHA meeting in the Shoals. For more information, email lamarja@auburn.edu.

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI)

BCRI Outreach Coordinator **Sylvea Hollis** recently returned from Norwich, England where she presented a paper at the International Conference on Race, Memory and Reclamation at the University of East Anglia. In addition, her article, "*The Black Man Has Almost Disappeared from Our Country*": African American Workers in Cooperstown, New York, 1860-1900, was published in the Winter 2007 issue of the Journal of the New York State Historical Association.



ADAH LAUNCHES NEW HISTORY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Alabama Department of Archives & History (ADAH) has added a new calendar feature to its web site: <http://www.archives.alabama.gov/adahcalendar.html>. The calendar is intended to showcase events open to the public across the state that feature or focus on Alabama history, genealogy, or heritage activities. Examples of the types of events they would like to showcase are pilgrimages, re-enactments, genealogical society meetings, historical society meetings, lectures, etc.

To submit information to the statewide calendar, go to http://www.archives.alabama.gov/calendar_form.pdf. There you will find an easy-to-use, interactive form. Fill it out online *or* print and mail it to Mark Palmer at ADAH. Items for inclusion should be submitted at least one month in advance of the date of the event.

The calendar is a great way to market history-related programs and events across Alabama. Thanks to ADAH for making this tool available to all of us!

College and University News

Auburn University

Having had the good fortune to lead workshops on civil rights history for a Teaching American History (TAH) grant in Auburn and Opelika in years past, in June 2007 **David Carter** of Auburn University crossed the state line to lead a workshop for Troup County, Georgia school teachers, and then later that month found himself in several time zones simultaneously as he led a TAH videoconference workshop with teachers from school systems in areas as far flung as Alaska, California, Indiana, New York, St. Croix, and Texas.

Jacksonville State University

Llew Cook, Associate Professor of History, delivered a paper on "Austria's Alliance with Napoleon for the Invasion of Russia in 1812" at the Consortium on Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850. **Harvey H. Jackson**, Professor of History, delivered the annual Billy G. Hinson Lecture at the University of Mobile. His topic was "It Ain't Easy Being Southern: Some Personal Thoughts on Identifying Regional Identity." He also spoke on "Alabama Waterways" at the Rotary International District 6860 Annual Conference. Jackson continues to serve on the editorial board of *The Anniston Star* and write a weekly column on southern politics and culture. This year one of those columns, "How *As the World Turns* turned my family around," won first place in the Alabama Press Association's "Best Human Interest Column" category. **Paul Beezley** has signed a contract with the University of Mississippi Press for publication of his manuscript, "Exhibiting the New South: Mississippi at the World's Fairs, 1884-1904." **Donald Prudlo**, Assistant Professor of History, was selected "Professor of the Year" by the JSU chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. His book on Peter of Verona will appear later this year from Ashgate Press. Don just returned from a research trip to Italy, studying at libraries in Florence, Milan, and Perugia. While there he gave an invited lecture to students from Georgia State University and the University of West Florida on Medieval Florence.

Wallace State Community College Hanceville

Leigh Ann Courington was one of twenty-five professors chosen nationally to receive a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to attend the workshop on History teaching excellence in San Antonio, Texas, June 17-23. **Robert S. Davis** has published an article on African American aid to escaping federal soldiers during the Civil War in the *Journal of African American History* (formerly the *Journal of Negro History*) and an article on the history of executive clemency in Georgia in the *Journal of Southern Legal History*.

University of South Alabama

In the past three years, the University of South Alabama has lost four faculty members to retirement and gained four new ones. Those who left are **Betty Brandon** (past AAH president, and a faculty member from 1968 to 2006); **Michael Thomason** (USA faculty member 1970-2006, and past president of the Alabama Historical Association); **Larry Holmes** (faculty member from 1968 to 2005); and **Robert Houston** (faculty member from 1968 to 2007). The new faculty members, their graduate programs, and specializations are: **Mara Kozelsky**, Ph.D., University of Rochester, Russia; **Rebecca Williams**, Ph.D., McGill University, Islam; **John Turner**, Ph.D., University of Notre Dame, recent U.S.; and **Michele Strong**, Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Britain.

University of Montevallo

Robert Barone made two presentations on the development of Ancient and English Law to commence a partnership with the Hoover High School Law Academy. Future topics will include the impact of Alabama's geography on state systems and an examination of constitutional development since 1819. **Jim Day** is the new chair of the Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences. He and **Ruth Truss** co-authored an article entitled "The Battle of Shiloh: A Study in Leadership and a Terrain Walk" for the May 2007 edition of *The History Teacher*. **Wilson Fallin's** book, *Uplifting the People: Three Centuries of Black Baptists in Alabama* has been released by the University of Alabama Press as part of the Religion and American Culture series. **Clark Hultquist's** article entitled "Visions of America: *Publicitaires* and the United States, 1900-1968" was selected for the Proceedings of the Conference on Historical Analysis & Research in Marketing (CHARM).

AAH Reports

AAH Treasurer's Report March 1, 2006 – February 28, 2007 JIM DAY

	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Receipts:			
Annual Mtg. (Feb '06)		\$485.00	
Membership Dues ('06)		195.00	
Membership Dues ('07)		3460.00	
Membership Dues (Life)		250.00	
CD Interest		284.78	
Safe Deposit Box			
Reimbursement		25.00	
CD Redemption			
(Goldman-Sachs)		<u>1176.35</u>	
		\$5876.13	
Disbursements:			
Funds Transfer			
(new CD, #2081)	\$5000.00*		(not included in sum)
Checking Account			
Fee (Apr 17)	10.00		
Incorporation Fees (Apr 21)	55.00		
Executive Council			
Lunch (May 20)	96.32		
Friends of the Archives			
(May 31)	25.00		
Safe Deposit Box (Jun 06)	25.00		
Blank Receipts (Jun 30)	66.96		
Tax-Exemption Fees			
(Jun 30/Oct 02)	300.00		
Newsletter Printing			
& Postage (Jul 13)	1215.97		
Envelopes (Nov 17)	9.71		
Stamps (Jan 12)	16.77		
Paper Supplies (Jan 29)	39.93		
Annual Conference	3135.03		
Mae Moore Flynt Award	500.00		
Newsletter Printing/			
Postage (Feb 09)	998.12		
Overpayment			
Reimburse (Feb 22)	<u>10.00</u>		
	\$6503.81		
Checking Account			\$2002.70
Certificates of Deposit:			
CD-9813		\$7000.00	
CD-9805 (Mae Flynt Award)		\$6968.38	
CD-2081		\$5228.97*	
Total Assets			\$ 21,200.05

AAH Executive Council Meeting Minutes August 3, 2007

AAH President George Lauderbaugh called the meeting to order at 12:15 in the Dean's Conference Room of Beeson Hall at Samford University. The following members were in attendance: Jim Day, Amanda Fox, George Lauderbaugh, and Marty Olliff. History Department Chair John Mayfield, Barry Robinson, and Jason Wallace represented Samford. (Agenda at Tab A)

Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting on February 2, 2007 were approved (Tab B), and the Treasurer's Report was accepted (Tab C).

The council approved a previous recommendation to make the Flynt Award Committee a standing committee. The K-12 Representative will serve as chair; the most recent recipient of the award and the past president of AAH will serve as primary members. The chair may appoint one or more at-large members as he/she deems necessary.

The annual meeting will be hosted by Samford University, February 8-9, 2008, and will coincide with the Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference on Saturday. Discussion focused on Friday afternoon/evening activities (reception, dinner, speaker), combined AAH and PAT events on Saturday, and guaranteed hotel rates. Barry Robinson will serve as the PAT coordinator, and Jason Wallace will assist as program co-chair. Possible workshop/presentation/session topics include administering history, grant writing, photography, and the Alabama Constitution. Samford will provide directional signs for all events.

Laura Anderson of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute is the newly-appointed Newsletter Editor. The council agreed to move to an electronic format in order to eliminate rising printing costs. Laura will solicit institutional news in the near future, and the distribution date will determine if annual meeting registration materials will be included. The council agreed to present a certificate to George Jennings for his service as Newsletter Editor.

The council identified Debbie Pendleton as a potential coordinator for the Ramsey Award. A call for nominations may be included with the upcoming newsletter.

The council would like to identify hosts for the 2009 and 2010 annual meetings.

George Lauderbaugh encouraged everyone to continue to solicit new members.

Three executive council positions—Vice-President, Junior College Representative, and K-12 Representative will come up for election in 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10.

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The President's Corner by George Lauderbaugh

First, I want to express my appreciation to all the AAH members who made our 2007 meeting such a success. I am particularly indebted to my colleagues at Jacksonville State who hosted the conference.

I also want to thank Jim Day and Amanda Fox for handling the registration and finances for the conference. A special thanks is due to all the presenters. As a result of their efforts we had a wider range of panels and discussions which fits nicely with our mission to represent historians from a variety of specialties.

AAH is already gearing up for the 2008 meeting, to be held at Samford University in Birmingham on February 8 & 9. John Mayfield and his colleagues have already started planning for the conference. In a few weeks a call for papers and presentations will be sent to each member and institution. Please consider presenting at the 2008 meeting and encourage others as well.

Three offices will be up for election at the next meeting: Vice President, Junior College Representative and K-12 Representative. I encourage any member interested in serving AAH in one of these positions to contact me. Our organization depends on dedicated volunteers and these "jobs" are vital to the future of AAH.

Finally, I would like to welcome Laura Anderson of the Birmingham Civil Rights Museum as the new editor of the *Historic News* and to thank George Jennings of the Alabama Department of Archives for his years of service as newsletter editor.

George



This display was part of Rene Day's presentation at the 2007 AAH meeting in Jacksonville. Her talk was entitled "Unwrapping the Gift: Discovering the Past in the Present: Applying Family History to the Classroom." Rene teaches at Riverchase Middle School in Shelby County.

Approved by the membership, February 2007: Membership dues were revised to include the following categories and rates: Senior/Junior College, \$20; K-12/ Public History, \$10; Students, \$5. Three officers were elected to two year terms. Jim Day, Montevallo University will serve as Secretary-Treasurer; Gwen Patton, Trenholm Technical College Archives, will continue as the Public History Representative, and Larry Clayton, University of Alabama, was elected as the senior College Representative. The membership also approved complimentary one year memberships for student presenters at the Phi Alpha Theta regional conference in March 2007.

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AAH Annual Meeting — February 8-9, 2008 Samford University Campus Birmingham

The 36th annual meeting of the Alabama Association of Historians will be held February 8 and 9, 2008, at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. The Program Committee welcomes proposals from all members of the Association (academic and nonacademic), from affiliated societies, from historians working outside United States and/or Alabama History, and from scholars in related disciplines. The committee wishes to encourage creativity and innovation, both with regard to intellectual content and presentation. All topics and time periods, as befits AAH's role as a meeting ground for History professors and K-12 teachers, are welcome, as are both individual proposals and panel presentations.

All proposals must be submitted by **December 1, 2007**. Proposals for panels must include a list of all presenters (individual proposals may be asked to join a panel presentation befitting the topic). Proposals must include the following:

- **One-page abstract of a 20-minute presentation.**
- **Résumé that includes the author's mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, and academic affiliation, if any.**

Questions about the content of proposals should be directed to the Program Committee co-chairs Jason Wallace (wjwallac@samford.edu) and Larry McQuiston (mcquiston@chambersk12.org). Electronic submissions may be e-mailed to: wjwallac@samford.edu.

**Please submit items for
the next issue of *Historic News*
(including images if you have them!)
to Newsletter Editor Laura Anderson by
November 15, 2007.
Email address: landerson@bcri.org.**

THANK YOU!