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AAH ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8 & 9, 2008
AT SAMFORD UNIVERSITY**



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The President's Corner by George Lauderbaugh

Our colleagues at Samford University have organized an annual meeting that promises to be both interesting and informative (see details inside this newsletter). My thanks to John Mayfield, Jason Wallace and Barry Robinson for all their hard work hosting yet another successful meeting.

On Saturday, February 9, the Alabama Region of Phi Alpha Theta (PAT) will also be meeting at Samford. This will be a great opportunity for us to interact with outstanding students who are the future of our profession. Please consider attending a PAT session on Saturday afternoon following our business meeting.

As I complete my two year term as your president I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the membership and the executive council for their support. Our organization has sponsored three consecutive successful meetings since circumstances forced the cancellation of the 2005 event. Moreover, the number of panels has been increasing and this provides an opportunity for our membership to present their work. The decision to go to an electronic format for the *Historic News* has resulted in considerable savings of limited funds. The incorporation of our organization, an effort led by past president Marty Olliff, is important for future viability. On the other hand, I have been dismayed that our membership numbers have remained the same. I think we have a great group of historians and I only wish more would take advantage of the opportunity by joining.

I extend my best wishes to our next president, Larry McQuiston, and his officers for a successful term and future growth of AAH.

George

The **Black Belt African American Genealoical & Historical Society** will hold its **Second Annual Genealogy Conference February 14—17, 2008** in **Selma**. Harvard University Professor **Henry Louis Gates, Jr.** will speak at the February 15 Awards Banquet to be held at Concordia College. For more information, visit the Web site: www.bbaaghs.org.

The **Alabama Women's Hall of Fame (AWHF)** induction ceremony will take place **Thursday, March 6, 2008** at 10:00am in Alumnae Auditorium on the campus of **Judson College** in Marion. For more information, contact Valerie Pope Burns at (334) 683-5100. This year's sole inductee will be **Rosa Parks**.

The **Alabama Historical Association** will hold its Annual Meeting in The **Shoals** on **April 17—19, 2008**. For more information on the meeting, send email to alabamahistory@gmail.com.

The **Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI)** will host an international human rights conference this spring. The conference, *A Single Struggle?: The Global Convergence of Civil and Human Rights*, will take place at BCRI on **April 30—May 2, 2008**. For more information, contact Wayne Coleman at (205) 328-9696, ext. 218 or visit the Web site: www.bcricri.org.

Auburn University

David Carter wrote the foreword to *Prophet from Plains: Jimmy Carter and His Legacy*, a new biography of the former president authored by Frye Gaillard (Gaillard was the AAH's keynote speaker at the 2004 meeting in Enterprise at the time of his publication of *Cradle of Freedom* on the civil rights movement in Alabama). Carter also published an essay on the political battles over Mississippi's Head Start program in the mid-1960s in a new collection entitled *Making a New South: Race, Leadership, and Community after the Civil War*. He made three public appearances in conjunction with the observance of the 2008 Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday, including a January 14 lecture at Auburn University on Lyndon Johnson and civil rights.

Jacksonville State University

The Department hosted and coordinated the Alabama Historical Association Fall Pilgrimage which was held at the former Fort McClellan. **Ted Childress**, Professor Emeritus of History and former Faculty Marshall, returned to take part in the program.

George Lauderbaugh and members of the History Club and Phi Alpha Theta conducted another successful Guatemala Children Shoe Box Program. Shoe boxes were decorated and filled with toys and necessities for needy children in that country.

Jennifer Gross, Associate Professor of History, presented a paper titled "Widows in Confederate Fiction: 'the Lives of the Men Would Be Changed Comparatively Little'" at a Symposium on the 19th Century Press, the Civil War, and Free Expression which will be held in Chattanooga in November. **Phil Koerper**

is presenting a program on "Winston Churchill: The Wilderness Years to Downing Street (1930-1940) as part of the B.B. Comer Memorial Library lecture series "Times Gone By."

Russel Lemmons, Professor of History spoke as part of a lecture series at the University of West Georgia on "The Great War, Weimar and German Nationalism" and at John Carroll University presented a paper titled "Dying for Germany's Glory: The Great War, Weimar, & the Rise of Nazism" as part of a lecture series on "Myths & Heroes: Creating Political Cultures and Missions."

He has been selected to present a paper at the European Social Science History Conference that will be held in Lisbon, Portugal. Finally, **Harvey H. Jackson**, Professor of History, continues to serve on the editorial board of *The Anniston Star* and write a weekly column on southern politics and culture. He is also a regular contributor the magazine *Longleaf Style*. He will speak on "Frontier Alabama: 'It is good to be shifty in a new country'" at a symposium on "Cultural Crossroads: A New Country" which will be held at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts.

2008 Annual Meeting Sessions

Friday February 8, 4:00-5:30 pm

Crime in Twentieth-Century Alabama History

Stephanie Chalifoux - *Public Enemies: Prostitutes and Police in Birmingham, Alabama 1940-1954*

Scotty E. Kirkland — *The Murder and Memory of Michael Donald: A Reconsideration of Mobile's Civil Rights Legacy*

Jonathan Bass — Title to be Determined

Politics and Intrigue in Asian History

Stephen Schwab - *CIA Rescues the Dali Lama*

John E. Van Sant - *The Death of Sakuma Shozan*

Will Womack - *Monks & Politics in Burmese History*

The American South in the Caribbean

Larry Clayton - *Present, But Not There: Joe Shannon and the Alabama Fliers in the Bay of Pigs Invasion, April, 1961*

Jennsen Branscombe — *'Always Cuba is in Your Heart': Cuban Resettlement in Alabama in the 1960s*

Michael Kinney — *He Has Fought a Good Fight: Joseph Wheeler and the Spanish-American War*

Keynote Speech, Banquet, Friday 9, 7:00 pm

Steve Noll

Senior Lecturer, University of Florida
and Dave Tegeder

Associate Professor, Santa Fe Community College

Ditch of Dreams: The Cross-Florida Barge Canal & the Struggle for Florida's Future



Alabama Association of Historians

Saturday February 9, 9:00-10:30 am

Keynote Speakers Panel: Teaching the Ditch of Dreams — The Cross-Florida Barge Canal and the Struggle for Florida's Future

Steve Noll and Dave Tegeder

Power and Religion in the Late Middle Ages

Donald Prudlo - *Mendicancies Contested: Hagiographies of Poverty*

Loren Girman - *Heresy or Politics? The Condemnation of the Spiritual Franciscans*

James Mixon - *Popes, Politics, and Poverty: The Observant Franciscans*

Arts and Humanities Grants in Alabama

Susan Perry, Alabama Humanities Foundation

Joey Brackner, Alabama Center for Traditional Culture

Marty Oliff, Archives of Wiregrass History and Culture

Saturday February 9, 10:30-12:00 pm

Nineteenth and Twentieth Century German History

George Williamson - *The 'Virtuous' Assailant: Carl Sand and His Legacy in Modern Germany History*

James Tent - *The Persecution of the 'Mischlinge' under National Socialism, 1933-1945*

Daniel Rogers—*Myths of Revolutionary Violence in Recent Germany: The Red Army Faction's Challenge to German Liberal Democracy in the 1970s*

From Papyrus to PDF: Online Archives and the Future of Historical Research

Adam Pinson, MA Candidate, UAB

Christopher Null, MA Candidate, UABirmingham

Patty Pinkerton, Associate Librarian, Digital Collections, Mervyn H. Sterne Library, UAB

Cultural History and the American South

Colin Chapell - *'You Might Be A Redneck If . . .'* *Advertising Southern Deviancy, 1960-1990*

Jason Gurner — *There Be Scots Among Us: Scottish Heritage in the Modern South*

Francis Robb - *Mourning and Memorial Photography in the Nineteenth Century*

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The 93rd Annual Convention of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) will be held in Alabama at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel from October 1—5, 2008.

The theme for this year's conference is "Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism." ASALH has begun accepting proposals for papers and sessions. The deadline for submissions is April 30.

Plans for the national convention in Birmingham, being coordinated locally by many partners, including the Birmingham Chapter of ASALH, include an opening plenary by the National Park Service, a Black Heritage Tour, a Birmingham Night Out, a Teachers' Workshop and Luncheon, and youth programs.

For more information or to register for the meeting online, visit the Web site: www.asalh.org.

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