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Department Chair: Clarence L. Mohr

Public Service and Outreach Activity

Community Conversation on Race

During the fall semester of 2004 the History Department participated in a series of events, cosponsored by Mobile United and the USA History Department and the College of Arts and Sciences to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Brown decision and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Known collectively as the Mobile "Community Conversation on Race," the events included a talk by Dr. Susan Youngblood Ashmore of Emory University on the War on Poverty in Mobile and a follow up meeting of community leaders at the Museum of Mobile. History chair Clarence Mohr introduced Dr. Ashmore when she spoke on the USA campus and he also participated in the day long meeting at the Museum.

Howard Mahan Lecture

On March 9, 2005 the History Department sponsored the fifth annual Howard Mahan Lecture in the Laidlaw Performing Arts Center Auditorium on the University of South Alabama Campus.

A near capacity audience was on hand to hear this year's speaker, CAROL GLUCK, George Sansom Professor of History at Columbia University, spoke on the subject of her latest book, "Past Obsessions: War and Memory in the Twentieth-Century."

Nearly sixty years after the defeat of the Axis powers, Professor Gluck noted, the Second World War remains a contested issue in history and memory in many countries. Whether it is public controversy over the firebombing of German cities, the long shadow of the Vichy regime in France, the memory shock of Jews killed by their neighbors in a Polish village, the claims of former "comfort women" in Asia, or the World War II memorial completed last year in Washington, the war continues to hold a significant place in the political and cultural agendas of the present.

International lawsuits seek compensation for Holocaust survivors and Chinese victims of the Rape of Nanking. Right-wing nationalists in a number of countries use war memory to stir up patriotic sentiment for political purposes. New monuments, memorials, and museums spring up everywhere. And World War II stands as a referent for contemporary issues that range from crimes against humanity in the former Yugoslavia to the efforts of postcommunist nations in Eastern Europe to recast their national histories. Why war? Why now? And why the obsession with memory itself?

Professor Gluck's lecture took a broad comparative approach to these questions, drawing on examples from Europe, North America, and Asia in order to understand how public memory works in different national settings.

Gluck holds the B.A degree from Wellesley College, the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University, and has also studied at the Universities of Munich and Tokyo. She was Visiting Professor of History at Harvard University (1991), at the Institute of Social Science, Tokyo University (1993), and at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris (1995, 1998). She was Visiting Research Associate at the Faculty of Law, Tokyo University in 1978-9, 1985-6, and 1992; and Fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University in 1999-2000.

Professor Gluck's special field is the history of modern Japan from the mid-nineteenth century to the present. Her books include *Japan's Modern Myths: Ideology in the Late Meiji Period* (1985), described by one reviewer as "one of the most important books on modern Japanese history in recent years that sets new standards, both methodologically and stylistically." Professor Gluck has co-edited *Showa: The Japan of Hirohito* (1992) and *Asia in Western and World History* (1997). She has also written *Toward Autonomy in US-Japan Relations* [in Japanese] (with Wada Haruki and Kang Sangjung, 2003). Her new book, *Past Obsessions: War and Memory in the Twentieth Century*, will be published by Columbia University Press in 2005. She writes a regular column for *Newsweek Japan*, lectures in the United States and abroad, and is active in efforts to improve the teaching of Asian culture and history in schools.

Professor Gluck's honors and awards include the Fulbright 50th Anniversary Distinguished Scholar Award (2002), the John King Fairbank Prize of the American Historical Association, and Great Teacher Award at Columbia University. She was president of the Association for Asian Studies, 1996-97, and has been the recipient of Ford Foundation, Fulbright, Japan Foundation, and other grants.

Phi Alpha Theta Events

History Career Night

On March 23, 2005 the History Department hosted its second annual Career Night for USA undergraduates. Approximately 45 students and faculty attended a panel discussion featuring Ms. Maxey Roberts of the USA Foundation, Mr. George Ewert of the Museum of Mobile, and Mr. Don Stringfellow of the Mobile County Public School System. The panelists discussed the value of

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historical study for their respective fields and answered questions from the audience during an extended discussion period.

Regional Meeting

On April 16, 2005 the USA History Department hosted the regional conference of the Phi Alpha Theta professional honor society on the USA campus. The event featured a total of 23 student papers by presenters from UAB, UAH, the University of Montevallo, Judson College, Auburn University, Troy State, USA, and other schools. The conference featured remarks by a representative of the national Phi Alpha Theta organization and brought our graduate program to the attention of students from across the state and beyond.

Activities of Faculty and Students

Invited Lectures

In February, 2005 Dr. Marsha Hamilton, University of South Alabama Assistant Professor of History, visited Oxford and Cambridge to make research presentations to each university's Post-Graduate Seminar in American History. To my knowledge this is the first appearance of a South Alabama historian in the 'Oxbridge' American history venue, and only the second time that one of our colleagues has participated in an academic program at Oxford. (Larry Holmes' 2001 Oxford lecture as a Fulbright scholar being the first.)

On March 24, 2005 Clarence Mohr presented an invited paper to the Houston Area Southern History Seminar at Rice University. His subject was "Minds of the New South: Higher Education in Black and White, 1880-1915."

Awards

On February 21, 2005 Dr. W. Robert Houston was recognized by the Gold Key Chapter of Mortar Board as a USA "Top Prof." The award is in recognition of "Exceptional Contributions to the University of South Alabama and Services to its Students."

On April 14, 2005 Carol Ellis, received the Outstanding Masters Thesis Award from the Graduate School of University of South Alabama. Ellis' thesis, completed in 2002, is entitled "The Tragedy of the White Moderate': Father Albert Foley and Alabama Civil Rights, 1963-1967." Ms. Ellis is currently a Ph.D. candidate in American history at Rice University.

Instructional Improvements and Innovations

Technology

With support from the Arts and Sciences Technology Fund the department was able to equip two classrooms with computers and

ceiling mounted LCD projectors. This has resulted in increased use of digital technology by faculty, including the preparation of "virtual lectures" for use when instructors are absent to attend professional meetings. During the summer of 2005 two additional classrooms will be technologically upgraded.

Peer Tutoring

During the spring, 2005 semester the History Department employed Mr. Sean Scarcliff, an undergraduate major, as a peer tutor for introductory classes. The results were sufficiently promising to justify a major expansion of the program next year. We hope to assign one peer tutor to each full time faculty member teaching an introductory class in U. S. History or Western Civilization. Peer tutors-essentially junior TAs-will attend lectures and work closely with our existing study skills program.

Scholarships

This year the History Department awarded two (2) tuition scholarships to the co-recipients of the Richard M. Meikle Award and Tuition Scholarship for Outstanding Junior History Majors. The recipients of the scholarships were Nancy Vaughn and Lauren Evans.

History: Articles, Books, Reviews

Betty Brandon

Brandon, B., & Lamphier, P. A. (2004, December). Kate Chase and William Sprague: Politics and Gender in a Civil War Marriage. *American Historical Review* (pp. 1571-1572).

Brandon, B., & Roberts, G. (2004, June). *The Confederate Belle*. *American Historical Review*, (pp. 916-917).

Brandon, B., & Phipps, S. R. (2005, February). *Genteel Rebel: The Life of Mery Greenhow Lee*. *The Journal of Southern History* (pp. 158-159).

Brandon, B., & Walker, M. (2004, December). *Southern Women at the Millennium: A Historical Perspective*. *The Journal of American History* (pp. 1114-1115).

Richmond F. Brown

Brown, R. F. (2004, November). Elite Maintenance in Nineteenth-Century Guatemala: The Aycinena Family, 1796-1840. *SECOLAS Annals* 36 (pp. 5-21).

Brown, R. F., & Herrera, R. A. (2005, February). Natives, Europeans, and Africans in Sixteenth Century Santiago de Guatemala (Austin, University of Texas Press, 2003). *The American Historical Review* 110:1 (pp.194-5).

Robert E. Faust

Faust, R. E. (2005). The Farm Holiday Association & Off-Farm Labor. *The Encyclopedia of the Midwest*, Indiana University Press.

Faust, R. E. (2005). Mothers and Patrons: Middle-Class Women and Reform in Missouri Mining Communities, 1890-1930. *The Other Missouri History: Populists, Prostitutes and Regular Folk*, University of Missouri Press.

Marsha Hamilton

Hamilton, M. L. (2005). [Review of the book *Crossing the sound: The rise of atlantic-american communities on seventeenth-century eastern Long Island*]. New York: NYU Press, for H-Atlantic@h-net.msu.edu .

Hamilton, M. L. (2005). [Review of the book *Elizabeth Murray: A woman's pursuit of independence in eighteenth-century America*]. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, in Itinerario. In *The Journal of the Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction*, University of Leiden, Netherlands, 29:1.

Larry E. Holmes

Holmes, L. E., Eklof, B., & Kaplan, V. (2005). Educational Reform in Post-Soviet Russia. *Legacies and Prospects*. New York: Frank Cass.

Holmes, L. E. (2004). Ascent into Darkness: Escalating Negativity in the Administration of Schools in the Kirov Region, 1931-1941. *The British Journal, History of Education*.

Holmes, L. E., Eklof, B., & Kaplan, V. (2005). School and Schooling under Stalin, 1931-1953. *Educational Reform in Post-Soviet Russia: Legacies and Prospects*. New York: Frank Cass. (pp. 56-101).

W. Robert Houston

Houston, W. R. (2005, April). [Review of book 1914: The Men Who Went to War]. London: Sidgwick and Jackson, *The Journal of Military History*, Vol. LXIX, No. 2 (pp.582-583).

Henry McKiven

McKiven, H. (2005). Southern Tenant Farmers' Union. In *Encyclopedia of Social Protests*.

Clarence L. Mohr

Mohr, C. L. (2004, April). [Review of Essay *A history of the University of South Carolina, 1940-2000*]. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, 105 (pp.135-138).

Michael L. Monheit

Monheit, M. L. (2004). [Review of book *Christ's churches purely reformed: A social history of calvinism*]. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, *The Renaissance Quarterly*, Vol. 57, No. 2 (pp. 181-183).

Joseph A. Nigota

Nigota, J. A. (2004). Vernon Family (per. 1411-1515). *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, Oxford University Press.

Nigota, J. A. (2004). James Fiennes, First Baron Saye and Sele (c. 1390-1450). *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, Oxford University Press.

Daniel E. Rogers

Rogers, D. E., & Levy, R. S. (2005). *German Neo-Nazism, in Antisemitism: A Historical Encyclopedia of Prejudice and Persecution*. Santa Barbara, CA. ABC-CLIO. (pp. 497-498).

Rogers, D. E., & Granieri, R. J. (2004). *The Ambivalent Alliance: Konrad Adenauer, the CDU/CSU, and the West, 1949-1966*. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2003. *American Historical Review* 109, 3 (pp. 992-993).

Rogers, D. E. & Levy, R. S. (2005). *Historians' Controversy in Antisemitism: A Historical Encyclopedia of Prejudice and Persecution*. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO. (pp. 303-304).

Rogers, D. E. (2005). *Zivilisationsbruch und Gedächtniskultur: Das 20. Uhl, Heidemarie (Ed.) Jahrhundert in der Erinnerung des beginnenden 21. Jahrhunderts*. Innsbruck: Studien Verlag, 2003. *Contemporary Austrian Studies* 13 (pp. 268-271).

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History: Abstracts

Betty Brandon

Brandon, B., Schulz, C. B., & Turner, E. H. (2004). *Clio's Southern Sisters: Interviews with Leaders of the Southern Association for Women Historians*. Chapter in book: oral interview as president of the Southern Association for Women Historians [Abstract]. *University of Missouri Press*.

History: Grants

Marsha Hamilton

USARC. (2005). *Scottish-American Commercial Connections, 1650-1700*. \$2840. Funded.

College of Arts & Sciences Summer Research. (2005). *As Good Englishmen: The Development of British and Atlantic Communities in Early Massachusetts*. \$4386. Funded.

Michael L. Monheit

National Endowment for the Humanities. (2004). *Summer Seminar on John Calvin*. \$3250. Funded.

Daniel E. Rogers

USA Research Council. (2005). *Elite Formation in Post-Nazi Germany, 1944-1945: The Resurgence of Hans Globke*. \$3680. Funded.

Michael Thomason

College of Arts & Sciences & History Department. (2005). *African-American Newspapers in Mobile*. \$1350. Funded.

History: Presentations

Betty Brandon

Brandon, B. (Session Chair). (2005, April). Alabama Historical Association meeting, Montgomery, AL.

Richmond F. Brown

Brown, R. F. (2005, April). *Revolutionary Mexico*. Paper presented to at the SECOLAS Meeting, Nashville, TN.

Larry E. Holmes

Holmes, L. E. (2004, May). *Study, Study and Study! Theories and Practices of Education in Imperial and Soviet Russia, 1861-1991*. Paper presented at the Wofson College, Oxford University, England.

Leonard A. Macaluso

Macaluso, L. A. (2004, June). *L'Horreur du Vide: The Representatives on Mission and the Political Acculturation of the Midi, 1793-1795*. Paper presented to the Society for French Historical Studies, Paris, France.

Macaluso, L. A. (2005, February). *The Reconstruction of Italy during the Napoleonic and Restoration Eras*. Paper presented at the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, Lakeland, FL.

Henry McKiven

McKiven, H. M. (2005, May). *Beyond the Gutman-Hill Debate: Some Thoughts on the Origins of the Languages of Race and Class*. Paper presented at Policy Studies Conference in St. Louis, MO.

Harrison Stewart Miller

Miller, H. S. (2005, April). *A Reign of Great Significance: Recasting Wanli and his Era from an Interdisciplinary Perspective*. Participant in roundtable discussion session, Association of Asian Studies annual meeting, Chicago, IL.

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Mohr, C. L. (2005, March). *Minds of the New South: Higher Education in Black and White, 1880-1915*. Paper presented at Rice University-Houston Area Southern History Seminar, Houston, TX.

Michael L. Monheit

Monheit, M. L. (2005, April). *Word Against Image: A Reconsideration of Calvin's View on the Role of Art in Worship*. Paper presented at plenary session of the Calvin Studies Society Colloquium, as invited speaker. Grand Rapids, MI.

Michael Thomason

Thomason, M. V. (2004, October). *Mobile in World War I*. Paper presented at the Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Mobile, AL.