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From the Chair's Office

The Department has had a very busy and very fruitful year. With a lot of colleagues on the road, for research or teaching abroad, a reduced number of us pitched in and kept the ship afloat. Perhaps most significantly, we asked three historians to join the Department. Adriane Lentz-Smith is joining us this fall as an assistant professor. Her field is African-American history; her current project focuses on the experiences of African Americans in the military during World War I, and their postwar lives. She comes to us from Yale via a postdoc at UNC. John Jeffries Martin will join the Department as a full professor; he will be arriving in Durham in fall 2008, from Trinity University. His field is Renaissance Italy; he is the

author of innovative works, among others, a book on the Inquisition in Venice, and a sweeping reconsideration the kinds of self that emerged in Early Modern Europe. Sumathi Ramaswamy comes as full professor, from the University of Michigan. During her first year, she will be on a Guggenheim Fellowship, located in London. She is a distinguished historian of South Asia, and has written on twentieth-century attitudes towards language and geography in the Tamil-speaking region. Most recently, she is working on images of maps, and the symbolic and emotional implications of cartography in the development of nationalist commitments. With Sumathi Ramaswamy, we are also welcoming Rich Freeman,

her partner, and an expert on popular Hindu practices of the Kerala region. August will also bring Laurent Dubois to campus (who takes up a joint appointment in History and Romance Studies) and Katie Dubois (who will be helping us cover medieval history).

We welcome these exciting new colleagues and look forward to collaborating with them.

In addition, last year saw intellectual activities on a number of fronts—too many to list. But I will mention some highlights. The Triangle Legal History Seminar was launched in fall 2006 by co-conveners Edward Balleisen and Adrienne Davis. Dirk Bönker has been helping with the organization of the Trian
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It's been a quiet week in the Carr Building, home to the Duke graduate program in history. As always, things calmed down in mid-June after the end-of-semester flurry of prelim orals, master's meetings, and dissertation defenses. For the graduation weekend on which four JDMA's, four MA's, and nine Ph.D.s received their degrees, DGS Assistant Robin Ennis organized a splendid reception to honor the grads and their families; she

bought engraved letter openers and Duke clocks, which I presented to the master's and the doctoral grads respectively. Everything went without a hitch. No one dropped a clock or was stabbed by a stray letter opener, and the chocolate desserts transformed the dozen children into angels. A massive thunderstorm trapped guests in their rented automobiles in the flooded parking lot behind Carr, but Robin figured out that we could

use the blue plastic tablecloths as umbrellas, so that the Ph.D. grads were able to wade to Baldwin Auditorium for the second annual "hooding" ceremony. (I will reserve comment on the appropriateness of something called a "hooding" ceremony in a former Confederate state.)

Robin took Monday through Wednesday of this past week as vacation to spend time with her
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Faculty News

Edward Balleisen inaugurated the Triangle Legal History Seminar in 2006-07, a new group of faculty and graduate students that meets regularly to discuss precirculated work-in-progress. Balleisen also presented work on the history of commercial fraud in the U.S. at Drew University and in New York City, and chaired the Newcomen Prize Committee for the Business History Conference. His essay "Bankruptcy and Bondage: The Ambiguities of Economic Freedom in the Civil War Era," appeared in Steven Mintz, Robert Forbes, and John Stauffer, eds., *The Problem of Evil: Slavery, Freedom, and the Ambiguities of American Reform* (2007). This fall, Balleisen will be on leave with a fellowship from the Tobin Project, organizing an interdisciplinary conference on the past, present, and future of economic regulation in America.

William Chafe's OP-ED: HOPE FOR NEW ORLEANS appeared in the Washington Post on December 27, 2006. Chafe said, "a remarkable resiliency of spirit remains in New Orleans." He recently volunteered there for a weekend.

Sarah Deutsch was appointed to Dean of the Social Sciences on July 1, 2006.

Laura Edwards gave the Millbauer Seminar at the University of Florida in February 2007 and a lecture at Park University as part of the OAH distinguished lectureship series. In April 2007, Edwards was featured on The History Channel's first episode of "The States," which explored North Carolina's tobacco fields and the mystery of Roanoke. In May 2007, Edwards gave the Low Lecture at the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

John Hope Franklin (emeritus) got America thinking about the role of African Americans in an article

for Voice of America on January 8, 2007. On January 14, 2007, he was the guest on UNC-TV's "North Carolina Bookwatch," where he discussed his memoir, *"Mirror to America,"* and he kicked off a Durham project intended to pump new life into the heart of the area once known as America's "Black Wall Street." In February 2007, an article about Franklin's childhood memories of the Tulsa Race Riot were published in the Washington Post. In April 2007, Franklin received the "Here I Stand" award for his leadership at the Lincoln Theatre and he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Philosophical Society at a gala at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Franklin was presented with the Public Good Award along with former Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor and Librarian of the Congress, James H. Billington.

John French gave an invited paper entitled, "The Origin of Brazil's Lula: From Trade Unionism to the Presidency," as part of an international conference entitled, "Genealogy of Political Imaginaries in Latin America: Reverberations on the Contemporary Left," May 4-5, 2007 sponsored by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at Indiana University Bloomington. Also, as an expert on Latin American labor and contemporary Brazil, French was invited to participate in the first workshop of an international research collaboration entitled, "Left Turn or Left Turns," held May 25-27, 2007 in Vancouver, with co-sponsorship by the Latin American Studies programs in the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University. The following co-authored piece came out in May 2007: Co-authored with Daniel James (Indiana University), "The Travails

of Doing Labor History: The Restless Wanderings of John Womack Jr." *Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas*, Volume 4 # 2 (2007), 95-116. French was promoted to Full Professor of History on July 1, 2007.

Margaret Humphreys was awarded the following named chair effective July 1, 2007: Josiah Charles Trent Professor in the History of Medicine in the School of Medicine.

Claudia Koonz has received the Howard D. Johnson teaching award from the Trinity College of Arts and Sciences and has also been named to the Peabody Family Chair of History effective July 1, 2007.

Seymour Mauskopf gave a talk at the American Chemical Society meeting in Chicago on March 26, 2007 entitled, "Do Historians or Chemists Write Better History of Chemistry?"

Martin Miller presented the lead paper at the 2007 North American Conference on Radicalism, "Terrorology: Myths and Realities in the History of Political Violence, or, How the State Gets Away with Murder," on January 25-27, 2007 at Michigan State University. His article, "The Concept of Revolutionary Madness in Russian History," was published in *Madness and The Mad in Russian Culture*, edited by Angela Brintlinger and Ilya Vinitzky (University of Toronto Press, 2007): 105-115. Miller presented a paper at a conference of historians of terrorism organized in Washington, D.C., June 14-17, 2007, titled, "Dance Macabre: Conceptualizing Terrorism.:" Another article, "Terrorism: 'The Great Game,'" will appear in *Playing Politics with Terrorism: A User's Guide*, edited by George Kasseris (Columbia University Press, Sept. 2007). (*Faculty News continued on page 4*)

Graduate Student News

Anne-Marie Angelo received her Master's degree and an Anne Scott Award.

Gregory D. Bell received his PhD.

Courtney S. Brown (JD/MA) received her Master's Degree.

Ryan R. Crosswell received his Master's degree.

Matthew R. Fearnside received his Master's degree.

Arthur M. Fraas received an International Pre-Dissertation/ Dissertation Research Travel Award for Summer 2007.

Heidi S. Giusto received an International Pre-Dissertation/ Dissertation Research Travel Award for Summer 2007.

Reena N. Goldthree was awarded a multi-year Harvey Fellowship from the Mustard Seed Foundation and an Advanced International Fellowship from the Graduate School to support ten months of dissertation research in England, Jamaica, and Trinidad. She also received a Mellon Mays University Fellows Travel and Research Grant from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation and a research grant from Duke's Department of African and African American Studies to support summer research. Goldthree will present a paper entitled, "Engendering Afro-Caribbean Militancy: Amy Jacques Garvey and Claudia Jones in Transnational Perspective," at the 2007 Caribbean Studies Association conference in Salvador, Brazil. She received a Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant from the Social Science Research Council and a Conference Travel Grant from the Graduate School to help defray the cost of attending the conference.

Benjamin Grob-Fitzgibbon (PhD 2006) published an article in the

Journal of Intelligence History 6 (Summer 2006), formerly IIHSG Newsletter, published by the International Intelligence History Association entitled, "Neglected Intelligence: How the British Government Failed to Quell the Ulster Volunteer Force, 1912-1914." He has accepted a tenure-track assistant professorship in British History at the University of Arkansas.

Paula S. Hastings received an International Pre-Dissertation/ Dissertation Research Travel Award for Summer 2007.

Stephan Isernhagen received an Anne Scott Award.

Joshua D. Kaye (JD/MA) received his Master's degree.

Kelly M. Kennington held the Julien Price Endowed Research Fellowship this year and has the Library Reference Internship for next.

Anastasia Lazakis received her PhD.

Gordon K. Mantler received the Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship.

Catherine L. Phipps received her PhD.

Montie B. Pitts received an International Pre-Dissertation/ Dissertation Research Travel Award for Summer 2007.

Jacob A. Remes received his Master's Degree.

William R. Ryan received his PhD and has accepted a one-year visiting assistant professorship at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Willeke H. Sandler received an Anne Scott Award and a DAAD scholarship to attend an Intensive Language course in Germany.

Timothy P. Schultz received his

PhD.

Silvermoon received her PhD and published, "The View of the Empire from the Altepetl: Renaissance Era Nahua Historical and Global Imagination." Co-authored with Michael Ennis. *Rereading the Black Legend*. Ed. Greer, Mignolo, Quilligan. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007.

Gregory Smolyne received his PhD.

Danielle L. Terrazas Williams received the Race and Gender Award from Women's Studies and an International Pre-Dissertation/ Dissertation Research Travel Award for Summer 2007. Williams also received an Anne Scott award.

Daniel J. Tortora presented "A Faithful Ambassador': The Ministry and Life of Rev. William Huston, Pastor of the Independent Meeting in Charleston, 1756-1761," at the American Society for Church History meeting in Atlanta, GA on January 5, 2007.

Alejandro Velasco accepted a tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor of Latin American Studies at NYU's Gallatin School of Individualized Study.

Myrna I. Wallace-Fuentes received her PhD.

Jennifer L. Welsh won a Aleane Webb Dissertation Fellowship.

Amy L. Williams received a DAAD scholarship to attend an Intensive Language Course in Germany.

Kristin A. Wintersteen received an International Pre-Dissertation/ Dissertation Research Travel Award for Summer 2007.

Jenette Wood Crowley received her Master's Degree.

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His article, "Exile's Vengeance: Trotsky and the Morality of Terrorism," will appear in the anthology *Just Assassins: The Culture of Russian Terrorism*, edited by Tony Anemone (Routledge, 2007). Martin will also present a paper at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in November 2007 in New Orleans titled, "The Diagnostics of Terrorism in St. Petersburg during the 1905 Revolution."

Jocelyn Olcott has won a fellowship at the Center for U.S. and the Cold War at NYU and the History News Network named her "Top Young Historian."

Gunther Peck delivered a lecture through the OAH Distinguished Lectureship program entitled, "Immigrants and Free Labor in North America," on February 23, 2007 at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. 300 high school teachers attended.

William Reddy's interview with Deborah Harper, President of Psychjourney on January 18, 2007, touched on the clinical implications of his last book, *The Navigation of Feeling: A Framework for the History of Emotions* (2001). The audio was downloaded over 800 times in its first week (<http://www.psychjourneypodcasts.com/>).

John Richards was presented the Association for Asian Studies Award for Distinguished Contributions to Asian Studies at a ceremony held in Boston at the Annual Meeting of the AAS on March 23, 2007 in recognition of his lifetime service to Asian Studies as a scholar and a teacher. He will officially retire on August 31, 2007.

Dominic Sachsenmaier hosted an international conference on "Imperialist Order Transformed: Global Perspectives on the Legacies Of World War I," on March 3-4,

2007 at the Sanford Institute. In April 2007, Sachsenmaier and Sebastian Conrad (Berlin) co-edited, *Competing Visions by World Order: Global Moments and Movements, 1880s-1930s*, published by Palgrave. Sachsenmaier has also been invited to serve on the Program Committee for the 2009 American Historical Association annual meeting.

Anne Scott (emerita) was interviewed on February 7, 2007 by Frank Stacio about her new book, *Pauli Murray and Caroline Ware*, on his NPR Program called The State of Things. She was interviewed three times that day! She read and signed copies of her book at the Regulator Bookstore in March 2007. Scott spoke to the annual banquet of the Pittsburg Junta, an organization modeled on Benjamin Franklin's famous Junto. Since nobody there had any idea that Benjamin had a talented sister to whom he wrote more letters than to any other single person, she had a fine time astonishing them. Her article, "Not Forgotten: Gertrude Weil," appeared in the spring issue of *Southern Cultures*. A profile focused on Scott's career at Duke appeared in the spring issue of the *Duke Magazine*. The third edition of *The Academic's Handbook* edited by A. Leigh DeNeef and Craufurd D. Goodwyn was published (Duke University Press, 2007). Of the thirty-one chapters, one is by Scott and one by Joel Colton (emeritus). Scott received an honorary degree from Wake Forest University on May 21, 2007.

Susan Thorne commented on two panels at a conference on "European Religion/American Religion: Why The Difference?" at the University of Iowa on April 20-21, 2007.

Peter Wood took part in a symposium on Native American History at Harvard in February, and in April

he presented a paper at the University of Georgia. In May, he took part in a public history symposium in Petersburg, Virginia. In June, he led a seminar on artist Winslow Homer at Duke's Nasher Museum. In July he is giving a lecture on black history to a summer workshop in Durham and a public talk on Native American history to accompany an exhibit at Wake Forest University in Winston Salem. Professor Wood, who arrived in 1975, taught his final Duke classes last December, and is on academic leave this calendar year, before he becomes an emeritus professor next winter. The week after Duke graduation in May 2007, the department honored him with a retirement reception in East Duke Building. Many of his former graduate students returned for the occasion and took time to discuss his work in early American history and his role as a teacher and mentor. They also presented him with a handsome (expandable) "Memory Book" filled with recollections of his Duke teaching career.

Secondary/Adjunct

Elizabeth Clark (Religion) delivered two lectures over Duke's spring break as part of a symposium at the University of Oslo on her book, *History, Theory, Text: Historians and the Linguistic Turn*.

Robert Korstad (PPS) has been named Kevin D. Gorter Associate Professor of Public Policy Studies and History.

Gerda Lerner (Visiting Scholar) has been awarded the Bruno-Kreisky Prize of the Renner Institute of the Social Democratic Party of Austria. The prize is in honor of her life's work. It has been previously awarded, among others, to Amos Oz, Jorge Semprun, and Jürgen Habermas. She received the prize in a public ceremony in Vienna, Austria on May 21, 2007.

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Henry Petroski (Civil Engineering) delivered the tenth annual Trent Dames Lecture at the Huntington Library on March 2, 2007.

Laura Schlosberg (Adjunct Asst.) has accepted a position as Allston Burr Resident Dean and Lecturer at Harvard University.

Timothy Tyson (Doc Studies) taught *The South in Black and White* to students at Duke, UNC and Central as well as community members that explored the history, politics, art and music of the south.

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GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

ANNE SCOTT AWARD WINNERS

Anne-Marie Angelo was awarded for her project, "Routes of Revolution: The Politics of the Black Panther Party of Israel, 1971-75."

Stephan Isernhagen was awarded for his project, "Come Back To Life" Wounded Bodies in WWII and Postwar Germany.

Willeke Sandler was awarded for her project, "Creating Future Colonists: Colonial Discourse, National Socialism, and the Rendsburg Colonial School for Women."

Danielle Terrazas Williams was awarded for her project, "Bound by Language: Excavating the Legal Bonds of Free Blacks in New Spain."

INTERNATIONAL PRE-DISSERTATION/ DISSERTATION RESEARCH TRAVEL AWARD FOR SUMMER 07

Arthur Fraas

Montie Pitts

Heidi Guisto

Danielle Terrazas Williams

Paula Hastings

Kristin Wintersteen

ALEANE WEBB DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

Jennifer Welsh

MELLON/ACLS DISSERTATION COMPLETION AWARD

Gordon Mantler

2006—07 DEGREE RECIPIENTS

PhD

Gregory D. Bell

Anastasia Lazakis

Catherine L. Phipps

Joel Revill

William R. Ryan

Timothy P. Schultz

Silvermoon

Karen Sivertsen

Gregory Smolynech

Ivonne Wallace Fuentes

Master

Anne Marie Angelo

Courtney Brown (JD/MA)

Ryan Crosswell (JD/MA)

Matthew Fearnside (JD/MA)

Joshua Kaye (JD/MA)

Jacob Remes

Jenette Wood Crowley

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Alumni News

Carlos S. Alvarado (MA '89) Assistant Professor of Research in Psychiatric Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Neurobehavioral Sciences, University of Virginia, Adjunct Research Faculty, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, and Consulting Editor of the *Journal of Near-Death Studies* has the 2007 Bial Foundation Grant from Portugal for his research on Out-of-Body and Depersonalization Experiences.

Leslie E. Bauzon (Ph.D. '70) has reached the mandatory age limit of 63 for service at the national University of Tsukuba. Therefore, after a total of eight years and four months of joyfully teaching the cream of the youth of Japan, Asia and the planet, he will retire from Tsukuba following the completion in July 2007 of his present commitment and return to the Philippines to resume his academic career there.

Albert Bell (MA '69) served as chair of the History Department at Hope College in Holland, Michigan from 1994-2004 and has two mystery novels out: "*All Roads Lead to Murder*," set in ancient Rome (2002), and "*Death Goes Dutch*," set in West Michigan (2006). In October 2006, he published "*Perfect Game, Imperfect Lives: A Memior Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Don Larsen's Perfect Game*." In August 2007, he has a children's historical mystery coming out called, "*The Secret of the Lonely Grave*" connecting modern kids with the Civil War and the Underground Railroad.

John A. Bonin (MA '82) taught military history at West Point until 1985. From 1985-1994 served in a variety of military positions in Germany and state-side to include battalion commander at Fort Knox, KY. Attended the Army War College

from 1994-1995 at Carlisle, PA and upon graduation joined the faculty. 1995-2002 served as the Director of Army Planning and held the GEN George Marshall Chair of Military Studies. He retired from active duty in 2002 as a Colonel after 30 years in the Army. The following year, he served as the Scholar-in-Residence for the Army Heritage Center Foundation also at Carlisle. In 2003, he returned to government service as the Associate Professor, Concepts and Doctrine for the Army War College. From 1996 to 2006, he participated in the Temple University History Program and was awarded a Ph.D. in military history in May 2006.

Thomas (Tim) Borstelmann (PhD '90), Thomas Professor of Modern World History at the University of Nebraska, recently gave a couple of talks at Harvard. Borstelmann is a coauthor with Peter Wood of *Created Equal: A Social and Political History of the United States*, which will soon be published by Pearson Longman in a third edition. Borstelmann is currently working on a book on the United States and the world in the 1970s.

Tracy Campbell (PhD '88) published "*Deliver the Vote: A History of Election Fraud, an American Political Tradition, 1742-2004*," in 2005. He was promoted to Full Professor at the University of Kentucky in 2006 where he also serves as Co-Director of the Ford Public Policy Research Center. In September 2006, he organized and moderated a panel discussion with former Vice President Walter Mondale on the history of the Church Committee and the legal methods of domestic intelligence gathering, which was broadcast on C-span.

Paul Chestnut (PhD '74) retired at the end of 2005 after serving as Assistant Curator for Reader Services in the Manuscript Department of

the Perkins Library at Duke, Assistant State Archivist for Archives at the Virginia State Library and Archives in Richmond, and as head of the Reference and Readers Services and the Preparation sections of the Manuscript Division at the Library of Congress in Washington. He remains in Washington but travels to London every year and elsewhere as much as possible.

Carolyn A. Conley (PhD '84) has just published *Certain Other Countries: Homicide, Gender and National Identity in Late Nineteenth Century England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales* by Ohio State University Press.

Henry C. Ferrell (MA '57) will retire this September following forty-five academic years as a historian in the History Department of East Carolina University. As the University was in its centennial year, two of his books were published: *No Time For Ivy: East Carolina University, 1907-2007* (2006) and *Promises Kept: East Carolina University, 1980-2007* (2006). This summer he will publish a two volume study, *The U.S. Congress and National Defense, 1915-1939*. He also concludes a role of active participation in faculty shared governance that included serving as chair of the East Carolina Faculty Senate and the University of North Carolina Faculty Assembly.

Jessica L. Harland-Jacobs (PhD '00) Assistant Professor of History at the University of Florida published *Builders of Empire: Freemasons and British Imperialism, 1717-1927*.

David Holdt (MA '67) has been teaching American, African, Indian and Chinese history since earning his MA in British Colonial history. He taught at Germantown Friends School in Philadelphia, Westledge School in West Simsbury, CT, and for nearly 30 years at Watkinson

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School in Hartford, CT, where he has been History Department Chair, Principal, Dean, and currently, Writer in Residence. He has published over 140 poems, many essays, and has had 2 plays produced. In 1993, he earned a Certificate of Advanced Study (30 hrs beyond the Masters) at Wesleyan, in Writing.

Alphine W. Jefferson (PhD '79) has recently accepted an appointment as Professor of History and Black Studies at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia after sixteen years at the College of Wooster in Ohio, five years at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and six years at Northern Illinois University outside Chicago. Jefferson gave a paper entitled: "Becoming 'Black': The Term 'Africa' and the History of a New Racial Vocabulary" at the Oxford Round Table in March 2006. At its Fortieth Anniversary Convention in Little Rock Arkansas, Jefferson became President of the Oral History Association. In a twist of irony, Jefferson lives on Virginia's famed "Confederate Row" (Monument Avenue) and teaches a course on The Antebellum South.

Hagan Kwame Jeffries (PhD '02) published "SNCC, Black Power, and Independent Political Party Organizing in Alabama, 1964-1966" in the *Journal of African American History* Vol. 91, No. 2 (Spring 2006), 171-193. He also received a Ford Foundation Fellowship for 2007-2008 to complete his book project "*Freedom Rights: Civil Rights and Black Power in Lowndes County, Alabama.*"

Howard Killion (PhD '72) is the editor for the National Training Team of International Students, Inc., a Christian Organization that serves international students, in collaboration with local churches, on hundreds of American colleges

and universities, including Duke. He is also the coach for candidates as they go through ISI's staff application process. He joined ISI in 1989 and served international students in Eugene, OR and Denver, CO before moving to Oceanside CA in 2003. In 2004, he published a book, *Jesus Christ: A Bible Study in Simple English*. This ESL text is available free and downloadable at www.isionline; select in turn "Resources," "Free Materials," and "Bible Studies."

John Perry Leavell (PhD '75) is planning to retire in 2008 after 42 years at Drew University and four terms as Chair of the History Department.

James A. Lewis (PhD '75) is retiring at the end of this year and entering a three-year phased-retirement arrangement with Western Carolina University. He has been Department Head since 1998.

Jane E. Mangan (PhD '99) has been awarded a pre-tenure chair at Davidson College. She joined the faculty in 2004 as the first full-time Latin American historian and was an assistant professor at Harvard University from 2000 to 2004.

Kenneth Margerison (PhD '73) is a Professor of History at Texas State University insane Marcos and has published "The Shareholders' Revolt at the Compagnie des Indes: Commerce and Political Culture in Old Regime France," in *French History* in 2006.

Michael S. Mayer (MA '75) is a Professor of History and DGS at the University of Montana and recently presented a paper at a conference held by the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University titled, "The Politics of Judicial Nomination: The Haynsworth Confirmation Battle (and Not the One You Think)."

Bruce McNair (PhD '91) has been granted tenure at Campbell University, Buies Creek, NC.

John McNeill (PhD '81) still teaches environmental, international, and world history at Georgetown University. For his sins, he was appointed University Professor on 1 September 2006, which means he teaches what he pleases, when he pleases, and in whatever unit of the University he pleases. So far he has abused the honor and privilege by teaching the same old stuff.

Charles Middleton (PhD '69) has been reappointed President of Roosevelt University in Chicago for another five-year term. He serves on the Chicago Olympics 2016 Committee as well as many other civic organizations in the City of Chicago. In October 2006, he was elected to the City of Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame. He also Chairs the Commission on Institutional Effectiveness of the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.

Judith Miller (PhD '87) has received a research fellowship from the Center for Humanistic Inquiry at Emory University for 2007-2008 and will use it to complete her next book project, "*The Political Uses of Fear in the Late French Revolution, 1795-1815.*" For the past two years, she has been a co-director for Emory's new European Studies Project and continues to go back and forth between Atlanta and Paris as often as possible.

Paul David Nelson (PhD '70) contributed two articles for *The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia* (Indiana University Press, 2006), eight for the *Encyclopedia of the American Revolution: Library of Military History* (Charles Scribner's Sons, 2006), and 116 for *The Encyclopedia of the American Revolutionary War: A Political, Social, and*

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Military History (5 vols., ABC-Cleo, 2006).

L. Jackson Newell (MA '64) served as dean of liberal education from 1974 to 1990 at the University of Utah and returned to full-time teaching and research. In 1995, accepted the presidency of his alma mater, Deep Springs College in California, where he remained until 2004. Now University Professor Emeritus at the University of Utah, he continues to teach a capstone course in the Honors College and is writing the history of Deep Springs College—a radical experiment in progressive education—which is now in its 90th year and thriving.

Jerry Prout (MA '72) is VP of Government and Public Affairs for the FMC Corporation in Washington, DC and is enrolled in George Mason University Ph.D. program after a 34 year hiatus.

Roberto Rabel (PhD '84) has now been back for a year at his New Zealand undergraduate alma mater, Victoria University of Wellington. Since assuming his position there as Pro Vice-Chancellor (International), he has been working with his colleagues on the Senior Management Team to fine-tune a new international strategy for the University, which will include a flagship internationalization initiative for undergraduate students to be launched in 2008—the Victoria International Leadership Programme. He has just completed a chapter on the historical impact of war on New Zealand national identity for the forthcoming *New Oxford History of New Zealand*.

Alison Rowley (PhD '00) has been an Assistant Professor of Russian History at Concordia University in Montreal Canada since 2003. Rowley's most recent publication is "Sport in the Service of the State: Images of Physical Culture and Soviet Women, 1917-1941," *The International Journal of the History of Sport*, Vol.23, No. 8 (2006), pp. 1314-1340.

Linda Rupert (PhD '06) is now Assistant Professor (Atlantic World) at UNC Greensboro. She was Guest Editor of a special edition of the journal *Itinerario*, "Geographies of Empire," (30:3, November 2006) which included her article, "Contraband Trade and the Formation of Colonial Societies." In January, she attended the AHA to receive the Catherine Prelinger Award, which the Coordinating Council for Women in History gives annually to one woman historian who has not followed a traditional career path and whose work contributes to women in the profession.

Barbara Brandon Schnorrenberg (PhD '58) published "Mrs. Montagu and the Architects." *Eighteenth-Century Women*, ed. Linda V. Troost, 4 (New York: AMS Press, 2006): 287-311. She read a paper at the 2006 Southern Conference on British Studies and served as the 2005-06 Chair of the Adams Prize Committee of the Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies. She again taught in the Arlington Learning in Retirement program in the fall of 2006.

Sandra E. Small (MA '67) is a training specialist at Florida Institute of Phosphate Research in Bartow and developed K-12 classroom programs drawing on phosphate information. "Florida's Ancient Oceans" is a role-play showing how Florida's footprint changed over

geologic time. "Plant to Reclaim" is a board game featuring TinkerToys to model decision-making in the reclamation of formerly mined land.

Mallihai Tambyah (MA '86) is teaching social education curriculum studies in the pre-service teacher education program at the School of Cultural and Language Studies in Education, Queensland University of Technology. This school is part of the largest Faculty of Education in Australia.

Michael Marilyn Thomason (PhD '68) retired in May 2006 after 36 years at the University of South Alabama (plus 2 more earlier at Appalachian State). He has no plans for further academic work, preferring to restore and ride JAWA motorcycles.

Jason Trumbour (MA '91) teaches law at the University of Maryland School of Law and in a master's program in legal and ethical studies at the University of Baltimore. He is also spokesperson for Friends of Duke University.

Fred Turner (PhD '88) teaches at UNC-Asheville. This past year he taught two language courses (Conversational Spanish and Intermediate Russian) and two lecture courses (Spanish Culture and Russian Culture), both of which are heavy in history. Next year, he expects to be teaching a new course about Latin countries (Spanish-Portuguese- and French-speaking) in the Americas, which will also be heavy in history.

Peter T. Underwood (MA '84) is currently an active duty Colonel in the USMC and is serving as the deputy chairman of the Strategy and Policy Department at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

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beautiful granddaughter Kylie [born 20 December 2006] and I puttered with a few administrative matters in her absence. Things ran smoothly even without Robin – but then, it was only for three days.

Duke's STORM software allows the DGS to keep on-line track of every student in the program. Ph.D. graduates reading this will be surprised by things that I discovered. I had already known that all twelve members of the doctoral class that arrived in 2004 had taken their prelim exams in the 2006-07 academic year. Nine of them passed, including all seven who used the new portfolio system that I described in my last letter; three who used the traditional prelim recipe will complete the prelim process early in the fall semester.

But STORM also told me the exciting news – astounding is perhaps the appropriate adjective – that only *one* of the twenty-one students in the doctoral classes of '05 and '06 had received an incomplete grade in a course! To repeat, an unprecedented *one* incomplete grade reported among a total of sixty-three courses taken. Some Ph.D. graduates will grumble that it's easier now to avoid incomplete grades than it was in the old days, when grad students took four courses a semester instead of the current three, and had to walk uphill both to and from the Perkins Library. I nonetheless cite the success of the class of '04 in completing prelims, and the success of the classes of '05 and '06 in completing their courses, as evidence of the success of the Carnegie reforms to the graduate program that we've been describing in the past half-dozen DGS letters.

There was other good news for the DGS last week. I opened my Monday *New York Times* to find Class of 2000 member Alejandro Velasco extensively quoted in a story about

radical groups who support Venezuelan president Hugo Chávez. Alejandro will take up a tenure-track position at NYU in the fall. On Tuesday, Ben Grob-Fitzgibbon (Ph.D. 2006) dropped by with a copy of his book *Turning Points of the Irish Revolution*. Ben also said goodbye; he's leaving Durham to become a tenure track assistant professor at the University of Arkansas. Wednesday's mail brought *Builders of Empire: Freemasonry and British Imperialism* by Jessica Harland-Jacobs (Ph.D. 2001). Jessica is a member of the history department at the University of Florida. Alejandro, Ben, and Jessica are but three of the young scholars who make being DGS in history at Duke a great job. (Or as Robin puts it, "stressful but rewarding.") You'll read about the achievements of other Duke Ph.D. alumni and current graduate students in history elsewhere in this newsletter. I know that my colleagues enjoy (almost) as much as I do basking in the glory of these historians prepared for their career at Duke.

Robin Ennis was back in the office today, getting ready to welcome the nine members of the new doctoral class of '07 in August. Robin is also helping Vivian Jackson plan joint Duke-UNC receptions at the Southern Historical Association in Richmond in November and at the AHA in Washington DC in January 2008. Watch the department website maintained by Carla Rusnak for details.

And that's the news from the history graduate program in the Carr Building, where the staff is strong, the faculty is brilliant, and all of the graduate students are above average.

John Herd Thompson
Professor of History and
still DGS for a while longer

IN MEMORIUM

Robert L. Harris (PhD '56)
passed on March 14, 2005.

Ruth M. Irvin (MA '41) passed
on March 12, 2007 at the age of
92.

William Bean Kennedy (MA '48)
passed in October 2006 while he
was Mayor of Black Mountain.

Richard Preston (PhD '36)
passed at age 96 on November 17,
2006. He authored more than a
dozen books and many articles on
the British Commonwealth, Canadian, and Kingston history. Among these he co-authored with Alex Roland and Sydney Wise, *Men in Arms*, on the relation of war to the development of Western society. This book has appeared in five editions and still serves as a primary text for students of military history. His beloved wife of 67 years, Marjorie, passed in October 2006.

Don Reid (PhD '87) passed February 8, 2007 after a long illness.

WELCOME TO OUR FACULTY

Katie Dubois, Visiting Assistant
Professor in Medieval History.

Laurent Dubois, Professor in History
and Romance Studies.

Rich Freeman, Visiting Assistant
Professor on popular Hindu practices
of the Kerala region.

Adriane Lentz-Smith, Assistant
Professor of African-American history.

John Jeffries Martin, Professor of
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From the Chair's Office

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gle Seminar in the History of the Military, War, and Society. Margaret Humphreys coordinated a very successful Alumni Speaker Series event, last spring, in the form of a one-day conference entitled "Still Fighting the Civil War?" We welcomed Valerie Traub from the University of Michigan, to give our annual Anne Firor Scott Lecture; Traub is a pioneering researcher on early modern sexualities. Her talk was entitled "Historicizing the Normal." With the help of Jan Ewald and Charlie Piot, the Department sponsored two speakers in African history. Jean Allman, of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, gave a talk in December entitled "Ritual Commerce and Modern Traditions: Lessons in the Vernacular from West Africa." Steve Feierman

of Penn came in March, and spoke on "The Local in African History: The Case of the Disappearing Object." Pete Sigal helped to organize a conference in March on the intersecting concerns of sexualities and empires, entitled "Ethnopornography: Sexuality, Colonialism and Anthropological Knowing." A number of us have gotten together with colleagues in the Department of Cultural Anthropology to propose a graduate certificate in Anthropology and History; with the approval of both departments, this proposal is going forward to the Graduate School in September. Finally, Simon Partner graciously volunteered to convene a revived Department Colloquium, and we heard papers from Sucheta Mazumdar, Jared Diamond, Jocelyn Olcott, Dominic Sachsenmeier, and Gunther Peck.

Because this was my first year as Chair, I have nothing to compare it with. However, it seemed to me our schedule was unusually full, and that the Department is working well together, both as a community who share a discipline, and as a crossroads where a wide variety of interdisciplinary research interests meet.

We will be co-sponsoring receptions with the UNC History Department at the meetings of both the Southern Historical Association and the American Historical Association. Please look for details on our web page, and be sure to drop by.

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