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## From the Chair's Office

We are especially fortunate to be able to welcome a number of new colleagues to the department this fall. Appointed in either 2007 or 2008, and arriving in Durham over the course of the summer, are: Sumathi Ramaswamy (South Asia) and John Martin (early modern Europe), who will take up positions as full professors; Bruce Hall (Africa) and Phil Stern (early modern Britain and British empire), who are coming as assistant professors; and Rich Freeman (South Asia), who joins the department as a Visiting Assistant Professor. Engseng Ho (Islamic Studies) begins a joint appointment as full professor with Cultural Anthropology, and will be on leave during his first year. These scholars have an extraordinary range of interests, and will very substantially broaden the department's strengths. Hall's work in Arabic documents from the southern rim of the Sahara will complement Ho's expertise in Arabic documents of the Hadramawt and the Indian Ocean. Ramaswamy's knowledge of South Asian nationalism in the twentieth century will complement Stern's work on the British East India Company in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Rich Freeman's knowledge of popular Hinduism in Kerala

will connect the Department with religious studies and complement other colleagues' interest in popular religion, including John Martin's, who has done path-breaking work on early modern heresy and conceptions of the self.

We are also welcoming, as secondary appointments in History, Mustafa Tuna, who joins Duke as assistant professor in Slavic Studies, and Mona Hassan, who joins the Department of Religion as assistant professor. Tuna works on Islamic consciousness in the late Russian Empire; Hassan's research focuses on concepts of the Caliphate across the centuries.

While these and other recent appointments have boosted the Department's ability to address parts of the world and global trends which we did not cover before, we also recognize that we still have further to go, and that we will still have to confront the dilemma of allocating our energies in such a way that we do not have to sacrifice older areas of strength in order to develop new ones. So far, we have had consider-

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## Director of Graduate Studies

Good news about the graduate program abounds. Duke doctoral graduates continue to enjoy success in the academic job market. Twenty-eight of the forty-six Ph.D.s graduated in the academic years 2002-03 through 2006-07 hold tenure-track academic positions. Eight others are in visiting academic positions, and two hold post-

doctoral fellowships. Four graduates serve in the military or elsewhere in government.

Graduate students play critical roles in the intellectual and administrative life of the department. In the spring semester just past, the second-year doctoral class organized our third

annual Grad Student-faculty research colloquium on the theme "Examining Encounters." The Graduate Committee, made up of four students and four faculty members, meets monthly to consider curricular and programmatic matters. Two students sit as members of the departmental assembly, and a post-prelim student joins four faculty members on

every search committee. This spring for the first time a senior graduate student joined the four faculty members of the Graduate Committee to make admission decisions for our doctoral class of 2008. My faculty colleagues and I strongly believe that these experiences prepare our graduates for the challenges that they will face

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## Faculty News

**Edward Balleisen** received a Tobin Project Fellowship in the Fall of 2007 to support his research on the history of business self-regulation in the United States. In February 2008, he and Harvard Business School professor David Moss served as the lead organizers for a major interdisciplinary conference on economic regulation, sponsored by the Tobin Project -- "Government and Markets: Toward a New Theory of Economic Regulation." He and Moss expect to be the coeditors on a published collection of the conference essays, which is under review by a major academic press.

**Dirk Bonker** has been appointed the Cordelia and William Laverack Family Assistant Professor of History by Dean McLendon beginning July 1, 2008.

**William Chafe** did a one hour radio interview on Australian Broadcasting with Margaret Throsby. The interview was done around five favorite classic music selections he was asked to select. The interview focused on "Private Lives" and his own experiences. The interview is available by going to [www.abc.net.au](http://www.abc.net.au) and find Mornings with Margaret Throsby and clicking on guests in December.

**Peter English** spoke on, "A History of Childhood Obesity in the United States", at the Trent History of Medicine Society DUKE/UNC COLLABORATIVE SPEAKER SERIES.

**Felicia Kornbluh** will be a visiting research scholar at the Center for Documentary Studies and adjunct professor of law at Georgetown Law Center in 2008-09. In 2009-10 she will become the Director of Women's and Gender Studies and Associate

Professor of History at the University of Vermont.

**Sarah Deutsch**, Dean of Social Sciences, gave a talk at the Foundations of Democracy conference at Virginia Tech in September, 2007.

**Laurent Dubois** delivered a plenary lecture, in May 2008, on "The Revolutionary Abolitionists of Haiti" at a conference on "War, Empire and Slavery" at York University, the Charles Bonnier Lecture in French Studies at Liverpool University, on the topic of "Zidane, Thuram, and the Empire of French Football." This summer, he will also be presenting his work on soccer and race in France at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris. Dubois recently received two fellowships – a National Humanities Center Fellowship and a Guggenheim Fellowship – to work on a book on the cultural history of the banjo.

**Laura Edwards** held a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship at the National Humanities Center for the academic year 2007-2008. While at the NHC, she completed her book, *The People and Their Peace: Governance in the Post-Revolutionary South*, which will be published by the University of North Carolina Press in the spring of 2009. Her essay, "Civil War and Reconstruction," appeared in *The Cambridge History of Law in America*, edited by Christopher Tomlins and Michael Grossberg, and she was invited to write the introductory essay for the *Journal of Southern History's* special fiftieth anniversary edition, which will appear in 2010. In addition to invited talks at the New York University Law School and Franklin and Marshall University, Laura presented papers

at two symposiums, "The Perils of Public Homage: Thomas Ruffin and *State v. Mann* in History and Memory" at the Center for the Study of the American South and the Porter L. Fortune Symposium in Honor of Anne Firor Scott at the University of Mississippi. This summer she will be participating in a workshop, "American Democracy in Context," at Oxford University in England. Laura was president of the Southern Association for Women Historians this year. She also served as co-chair of the program committee for the 2008 meeting of American Society for Legal Historians. This spring, she began work on a project, with Rachel Seidman, through the Duke University Program on History, Public Policy and Social Change, that will explore and develop the connections between women's history and public policy.

**Elizabeth Fenn** was promoted to Associate Professor and appointed Director of Undergraduate Studies

**John Hope Franklin** will have a role in the movie based on Timothy Tyson's book, "Blood Done Signed My Name". He is featured in a documentary titled, "Durham: A Self Portrait". The documentary looks back at Durham's post-World War II society, separated by Jim Crow and thriving on the riches of tobacco and textiles.

**John French** spoke at Harvard University as part of the Tuesday Seminar Series sponsored by the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies on "Lula's

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# Graduate Students News

**Anne-Marie Angelo** had an article accepted by the *Radical History Review* for its Winter 2009 issue entitled "Reconceptualizations of the African Diaspora." She presented at the "Photographic Proofs" conference hosted by Yale University's American Studies Department in April and has received FLAS fellowships in Arabic for Summer 2008 and academic year 2008-09.

**Greg Bell** who received his Ph.D. in 2007, has had an article accepted for publication in the *Journal of Medieval Military History*. It is based on a paper on the Fourth Crusade that he presented at Thomas Madden's crusades symposium back in February 2006.

**Heidi Giusto** received a Summer Research Fellowship through the Graduate School.

**Reena Goldthree** received a Fulbright IIE grant for dissertation research in Trinidad and Tobago for the 2008-09 academic year. While in Trinidad, she will be a visiting graduate fellow at the Centre for Gender and Development Studies at the University of the West Indies-St. Augustine. She also received the Ida B. Wells Graduate Student Fellowship from the Coordinating Council for Women in History, a Graduate Merit Scholarship from the Educational Advancement Foundation, a Summer Research Fellowship from the Graduate

School, and an Anne Firor Scott award. She received an award from Canadian Studies to attend a week-long "Transnational Labour, Transnational Methods" Global Labour History Summer Institute" in Toronto this summer.

**Paula Hastings'** article "Fellow British Subjects or Colonial 'Others'? Race, Empire, and Ambivalence in Canadian Representations of India in the Early Twentieth Century," was published in the Spring 2008 (38:1) issue of the *American Review of Canadian Studies*.

**Kelly Kennington** received the Bass Instructorship for 2008-2009.

**Rhonda Lee** who received her Ph.D. in 2007, published "God Alone is Lord of the Conscience: Fellowship of Reconciliation Activists Confront Church and State in Louisville, Kentucky, 1975-1995," *Ohio Valley History* 7 (Fall 2007), 49-67.

**Matthew Specter** recently had his manuscript titled "Hyabermas and the Politics of Law in Germany" accepted for publication by the Board of Syndics of Cambridge University Press.

**Eric Weber** was selected to receive a \$2000 Samuel Flagg Bemis Research Grant for 2008.

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## ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Southern Historical Association will hold the 74<sup>th</sup> annual meeting October 9 — 11, 2008 in New Orleans.

The American Historical Association will hold the 123<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting January 2—5, 2009 in New York.

## 2008 Graduates

### Ph.D.s

Paul Husbands

Amy Johnson

Joanna Kucinski

Jacob Langer

Rhonda Lee

Gordon Mantler

Gail Yoshitani

### Master's

Jonathan Bird

Eric Brandom

Paul Johstono

Max Krochmal

John Byers

Stephan Isernhagen

Willeke Sandler

James Stutler

Orion Teal

# Alumni News

**Ray Ashley** (Ph.D. '01) Director of the San Diego Maritime Museum, was a co-organizer for the Eighth Annual Maritime Heritage Conference held in October, 2007.

**Michael Bassett** (Ph.D. '64) recently published a political memoir on his years as a cabinet minister in New Zealand which is called, Working with David: Inside the Lange Cabinet". This is his eleventh book on New Zealand politics. He won a Qantas Media Award for best political columnist in 2004 while working for New Zealand's Fairfax chain of newspapers, which he did for six years.

**Albert Bell** (MA '69) received his MA in History in 1969 and after a break, received his PhD in Classics from UNC-CH. He has been teaching at Hope College in Holland, MI since 1978 and was chair of the History Department from 1994-2004. Last year, he published a historical novel for middle-schoolers which is titled *The Secret of the Lonely Grave* (Ingalls Publ. Group 2007). This book won the 2008 Evelyn Thurman Young Readers' Award, which was given by the Western Kentucky University Libraries and also a Silver Medal, from the Mom's Choice Awards. He had his second Roman historical mystery published in June 08. The title of the book is *The Blood of Caesar: A Second Case from the Notebooks of Pliny the Younger* (Ingalls Publ. Group).

**Adriana Brodsky** (Ph.D. '04) is starting her fourth year as Assistant Professor at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Two of her recent conference presentations have been published and during the upcoming year, she will finish converting her dissertation on Sephardic Jews in Argentina into a book.

**Robert W. Brown** (Ph.D. '79) serves as Chair of the History Department at UNC Pembroke. A revised version of his essay, "Paris

1900: Exposition Universelle" will appear in *Encyclopedia of World's Fairs and Expositions*, John E. Findling and Kimberly D. Pelle, Eds. Jefferson, NC, McFarland & Company, 2008. He has served as a session chair and/or commentator at meetings of the Consortium of the Revolutionary Era, the North Carolina Association of Historians, and regional meetings of Phi Alpha Theta.

**Alexander Byrd** (Ph.D. '01) was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor at Rice University. His book *Captives and Voyagers: Black Migrants across the Eighteenth-Century British Atlantic World* is scheduled to appear in the winter of 2008 from LSU Press.

**Kevin Byrne** (Ph.D. '74) teaches at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, and spent two years working as an editor for the Organization of American Historians. The College Board recently selected him as one of eight historians to serve on its Curriculum Development & Assessment Committee for the A.P. course in U.S. History.

**Phil Chase** (Ph.D. '73) retired as senior editor of the Papers of George Washington at the University of Virginia in March, 2008. He served there for thirty-five years. He currently lives in Charlottesville, VA and continues to work on his research and writing.

**Jeff Clarke** (Ph.D. '69) is Director of the U.S. Army Center of Military History and Chief of Military History. Dr. Clark is responsible for all Army museum and history programs, including historical publications; direct support to the Army Staff and Secretariat, major Army commands and deployed forces; all unit designations, awards and lineage programs; the Army's art and artifact collections, which includes some 60 certified museums and sup-

port to the services's educational system.

**Adelaide Cole** (MA '47) was listed in Who's Who in America Women Tenth Edition, 1977-1978 and she is a professor emeritus at Ball State University.

**B. Theodore Cole** (MA '51) retired in 1985 as Head of the Biology Department at USC. At 87 years of age, he is enjoying the day to day activities of life.

**Terry Crowley** (Ph.D. '75) is completing a five-year term as chair of the Department of History at the University of Guelph in southern Ontario. During his rein, sixteen new faculty members joined the department. His last book, *Marriage and Minds: Isabel and Oscar Skelton Reinventing Canada*, was published in 2003, and won three national awards.

**Norman Delaney** (Ph.D. '67) received the Outstanding Educator Award from his alma mater, Salem State College in Massachusetts on May 2, 2008. He received the Dan Kilgore Award in Local History from the Nueces County, Texas Historical Association on May 13, 2008.

**John Fair** (Ph.D. '70) received the Research and Publication Award in 2006-2007 at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville where he is a Professor of History and Graduate Coordinator.

**Henry Ferrell** (MA '57) is retired and says it is grand.

**Susan Tweed Goodson** (MA '62) recently celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary. She is married to Raymond Eugene Goodson, who is also a Duke graduate. They have two children and two grandchildren and live in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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**Lance Grahn** (Ph.D. '85) has been named Provost and Dean of Faculty at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, AR.

**Christina Greene** (Ph.D. '96) was awarded the 2006 Julia Cherry Spruill Award from the Southern Association of Women Historians for the Best Book in Southern Women's History for her book, *Our Separate Ways: Women and the Black Freedom Movement in Durham, North Carolina* (UNC Press, 2005). This award was made at the November 2006 Southern Historical Association Conference.

**Steven Greiert** (Ph.D. '76) has been Chair of the Department of History at Missouri Western for the last four years. He enjoys classroom teaching and historical research.

**W. Blair Haworth** (Ph.D. '95) is a Historian with the U.S. Army Center of Military History's History Division. Currently, he is preparing a monographic history of the Army's costly Future Combat System project as well as completing one of the department's annual historical summaries.

**Dave Hogan** (Ph.D. '86) is a Senior historian with the U.S. Army Center of Military History's History Division. He has published several monographs on World War II topics. He is currently preparing a major volume in the Army's Cold War series which centers around the U.S. Army in Europe.

**John Leavell** (MA '63) will be retiring after 41 1/2 years from Drew University on December 31, 2008.

**Jane Mangan** (Ph.D. '99) will be promoted to Associate Professor effective August, 2008. She will be on sabbatical 2008-09 to do research

and write a book, *Transatlantic Obligations: Legal and Cultural Constructions of Family in the Sixteenth-Century Iberian World* which will be funded by a Charles A. Ryskamp Fellowship for Research through the ACLS.

**Luis Martinez-Fernández** (Ph.D. '90) has published numerous chapters including The Cuban Revolution in *A Companion to Latin American History*, Ed. Thomas H. Holloway (Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishers, 2007) and *The Forging of Creole Cuba: Race, Gender and Society in the Sixteenth-Century in Caribe/Caribes: criollización y procesos de cambio*, Ed. Josef Opartrný (Prague, Editorail Karolinum, 2006). He was one of the featured experts and production consultant for *Lejor de la Isla*, which is a documentary on Cuban-Americans) in 2007. He served as program consultant for "Great Masters of Cuban Art, 1800-1958, Daytona Museum of Arts and Sciences during 2007-2008. He is currently working on a book-length survey on the Cuban Revolution, under contract with UNC Press. He is Chair-elect of the Academic Assembly and Academic Assembly Council of the College Board for 2007-2009 and serves in the College Board's History Academic Advisory Committee (2006-2009).

**Michael Mayer** (MA '75) is a professor of History at the University of Montana, where he has been for the past 20 years. He has completed a manuscript of a biographical dictionary of the 1950s for *Facts on File* which will be titled *Political Profiles: The Eisenhower Years*. He currently working on an Eisenhower biography for the Library of American Biography, which will be published by Longman. His wife, Susan Bonar Mayer, who was a his-

tory major at Duke and received her B.A. in 1975, now owns and runs a litigation support company.

**Peter McNulty** (MA '02) currently lives in Washington, DC and practices law at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP.

**Celia Naylor** (Ph.D. '01) was promoted to Associate Professor at Dartmouth College. She had a book published in May 2008 titled *African Cherokees in Indian Territory: From Chattel to Citizen*. It was published by the University of North Carolina Press and is part of the John Hope Franklin Series in African American History and Culture.

**Erik Olssen** (Ph.D. '70) is an Emeritus Professor of the History Department at Otago University. He retired in 2001 at the age of 60. Much of his time has been taken up completing a large collaborative project on geographical and social mobility in a New World urban area, one of the most densely settled in New Zealand. Two books based on the project have been published, one of which he co-authored, and the other on occupational and marital mobility which is due out this year to be titled, *An Accidental Utopia?*

**Robert C. Owen** (Ph.D. '92) continues as a Professor and Director of Advanced Placement Programs in the College of Aviation, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. He is presently working with the Air Force History Office to finish the final edit to his book, *The Rise of Global Air-lift in the United States Air Force*. As the director of AP Programs, he oversees ERAU's Aerospace Institutes, which are micro-campuses in selected high schools. The goal of this program is to introduce stu-

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STEM careers.

**Jody Pavilack** (Ph.D. '03), at the University of Montana, finished revisions for her book entitled *Mining the Nation: The Politics of Chile's Coal Communities from the Popular Front to the Cold War*.

**Harland Pearson** (Ph.D. '79) works as a Principal Software Engineer for Motorola in Minnesota developing broadband wireless networks.

**Craig Pepin** (Ph.D. '01) is an Assistant Professor at Champlain College who will be teaching in the inter-disciplinary core curriculum, a 41 credit course sequence required of all students at Champlain.

**Louis Potts** (Ph.D. '70) retired as chair of the UMKC History Department in November, 2007. He served in an administrative role 12 out of the last 20 years. Will be part of the instructional team in NEH funded (\$150,000 teacher workshops on the topic of the Border Wars) in Summer 2008. Will be the lead scholar for a \$1 million DSDEd grant for teaching American history for public school teachers in his region during 2009-2011.

**Donna Douglas Price** (MA '66) is retired and living in Albuquerque, New Mexico where her two sons live. Her husband of 39 years passed away in 2007. He received a Masters in Forestry from Duke.

**Roberto Rabel** (Ph.D. '84) continues to hold the position of Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) at Victoria University of Wellington, his undergraduate alma mater. In that role, he has been working on a number of new international initiatives over the past year, including a new International Leadership Programme for Victoria students to be launched in July 2008 and a new Institute for Links with Latin America. Although having limited time for scholarly activities, Rob

has co-edited a book of papers on Latin America and New Zealand presented at a 2007 seminar organized by the University's new Latin American Institute. He has also taken on the role of New Zealand Co-Chair of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific.

**William W. Reinhardt** (Ph.D. '69) retired in May, 2008 from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia where he taught India and British Empire/Commonwealth history over the past forty-one years. From 1987 to 1999 he served as the chair of the Randolph-Macon History Department. He lives in Richmond, Virginia.

**Malcolm Richardson** (MA '71, Ph.D. '75) is the lead author of a new book published by Klartext in Germany. The title of the book is *Weimars transatlantischer Mäzen: Die Lincoln-Stiftung 1927-1934, Ein Versuch demokratischer Elitenförderung in der Weimarer Republik*. The book was funded by a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.

**Ronald P. Rinaldi II** (MA '86) was selected from nine candidates who competed for the part in September, 2007, to portray George Washington in the crossing of the Delaware River. The reenactment took place on December 25, 2007. He has participated in the event for the past 32 years. He currently works as a crime scene investigator for the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office.

**Tom D. Rogers** (Ph.D. '05) was awarded the Sturgis Leavitt Prize of \$200 from the South Eastern Conference on Latin American Studies for "I Choose This Means to Be with You Always: Getúlio Vargas's Carta Testamento". In *Vargas and Brazil: New Perspectives*, edited by Jens R. Hentschke (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006),

227-256.

**Alison Rowley** (Ph.D. '00) recently received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor of Russian History at Concordia University in Montreal, Canada. She has published three articles during the past academic year.

**Linda Rupert** (Ph.D. '06) received a Research Grant in Atlantic History from Harvard University last summer and traveled to archives in Venezuela. Received a Summer Stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities to revise two chapters of her book. She also received a Title VI Summer Research Fellowship from the Duke/UNC-CH Consortium in Latin American & Caribbean Studies to develop the syllabus for a new course she will teach in Spring 2009 at UNCG. The title of the course will be "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Real Story". The museum in Curacao put on a small exhibit based on her dissertation and invited her to give a lecture this past May.

**John Salmond** (Ph.D. '64) retired as Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Professor of History at LaTrobe University in Melbourne, Australia in 2002. He has continued to write in the field of Southern history and recently completed a detailed study of the workings of the civil rights legislation of 1964 and 1965 in the South, continuing the story through to 2007. It is expected to be published next year.

**Robert J. Schneller, Jr.** (Ph.D. '91) has recently been promoted head of the Contemporary History Branch of the U.S. Naval Historical Center in Washington, D.C.

**William Seale** (Ph.D. '65) has a revised and extended second edition of his 1986 two volume *The President's House: A History* coming out this fall. He currently lives in Texas and Washington, DC and is

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involved in the restoration of historical buildings. He edits a journal *White House History*, for the White House Historical Association.

**Andrew McDowd (Mac) Secrest** (MA '72, Ph.D. '73) retired in 1985 and returned to teaching at UNC for one year. He wrote his memoirs which were published in 2008 and were well received. He was invited and accepted into the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame in April, 2007.

**Silvermoon** (Ph.D. '06) will begin as a tenure track assistant professor in Latin American History at West Virginia University.

**Hugh Stephens** (MA '69) joined Time Warner in 2001 as Senior Vice President of International Relations and Public Policy to establish the company's first public policy office in the Asia-Pacific region. This office is based in Hong Kong. Before joining Time Warner, he held positions of Assistant Deputy Minister for Policy and Communications in Ottawa, Chief of Mission and Canadian Representative in Taipei and senior Political Officer at the Canadian Embassies in Seoul and Islamabad.

**Lawrence Suid** (MA '62) received a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to complete a biography of Fred Zinnermann, the director of High Noon, *From Here to Eternity*, *The Nun's Story*, *A Man for all Seasons* and *The Day of the Jackal*. He was the keynote speaker at the conference on films and war at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans in April, 2008.

**Samuel A. Syme, Jr.** (MA '59) began his career 50 years ago at Southern High School in Durham, NC, while still in Graduate School. He has taught at Emory, Wake Forest, Coastal Carolina University and St. Leo College, at the Myrtle

Beach Air Force Base. He currently teaches in CCU's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at four locations along the Grand Strand in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

**Mallihai Tambyah** (MA '86) has been a social science teacher in Queensland, Australia for the past ten years. She is currently a Lecturer at Queensland University of Technology and works in the area of secondary pre-service teacher education teaching undergraduate and postgraduates who are studying to be social science teachers. She is currently working on Ph.D. on middle years teachers' conceptions of knowledge in social science.

**Betty M. Unterberger** (Ph.D. '50) is retired but keeps in touch with the activities of her professional association, SHAFR, of which she was the first woman president in 1986.

**Birdsall Viault** (Ph.D. '63) His book, *Modern European History*, was recently published by McGraw-Hill in its 20th printing. The book is used in high school AP European History courses.

**Ivonne Wallace-Fuentes** (Ph.D. '06) is a tenure track assistant professor at Roanoke College. She was designated a Faculty Scholar in November, 2007, which guarantees a reduced load for three years as well as research support while she works to convert her dissertation on a modernist Peruvian poet-turned-revolutionary into a book.

**Kenneth Werrell** (Ph.D. '69) published an article, "Across The Yalu: Rules of Engagement and the Communist Air Sanctuary during the Korean War" in the *Journal of Military History*, April 2008.

**Fulton Wilcox's** (MA '69) career has been mainly in the Computer System field and several years in Army Military Intelligence. In July, 2008, he spoke at MIT's Infor-

mation Quality Industry Symposium on "The Practical Application of Nominalism to Data Management". He authored an article "Intelligence Reform: Winning the 'For Keeps' Game" in the *American Intelligence Journal* in late 2007. He is a member of American Military University's Intelligence Curriculum Advisory Board.

**Virginia Williams** (Ph.D. '80) has been selected to attend the NIH Summer Institute on trials involving behavioral interventions. With the help of a grant from the Hungarian government, the Janos Selye Society of Semmelweis University, she has recently reshot "The Williams Life Skills System for Managing Stress and Anger" video. This is a video for a self-help TV program for national distribution.

### IN LOVING MEMORIUM

**Robert Higginbotham** passed on June 22, 2008 at the age of 77.

**Warren Lerner** passed on December 2, 2007 at the age of 78. He taught at Duke for 45 years and was a leading historian of Russia and Eastern Europe, ethnic relations in the region.

**Cornelia "Neal" Oliver** (MA '51) passed away on January 18, 2007 at the age of 81.

**John Richards** passed away on August 23, 2007 at the age of 68.

**John TePaske** (MA '53, Ph.D. '59) passed on December 1, 2007, just one week shy of his 87th birthday. He joined the Duke faculty in 1967. He was a leading scholar of Spanish colonial America.

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in their careers – and we welcome their help!

You've read in past *Newsletters* about the changes to the doctoral program introduced with the counsel of the Carnegie Foundation – the “Carnegie Initiative.” Those changes have now been fully implemented. Instead of the big, scary, exhausting series of preliminary examinations endured by previous generations of Duke Ph.D.s, this academic year each member of the doctoral class of 2005 sat a two-hour oral to defend a cumulative portfolio covering three or four fields. These prelim portfolios are designed to approximate a junior faculty member's tenure dossier. Each contains historiographical essays, original research papers, course syllabi, grant applications, and a dissertation prospectus. (You'll find a description of the portfolio system on the “Graduate” section of the department's website under the “Ph.D. reqs” link.) Each of the ten candidates defended successfully, and is now ABD – the first time that an entire doctoral class has completed the prelim re-

quirement within three years of entering our program.

These remarkable individual achievements notwithstanding, financing our fully-funded graduate program is never easy. We make ends meet through three departmental sources to which many of you have contributed: the Richard Watson, the Military History, and the Arthur Ferguson endowments. We use these endowments to pay some graduate stipends, to “top-up” external fellowships, and to pay for initiatives that we could not otherwise afford.

As an example of the latter, we began with the doctoral class of 2004 to use funds from the Ferguson endowment to support a research grant competition for first-year grad students. Students write research proposals as an assignment for HST 302S, the “Research Seminar in History.” They earn not simply a grade for the assignment, but an opportunity to win modest sums to fund their research project. I won't pretend that these modest grants are the *cause* of our

students' success in subsequent grant competitions; good historians know that “correlation is not cause.” We will, however, continue the first-year research grant competition if our endowments allow us to do so.

I thus thank each alumna, alumnus, and friend of the Duke History graduate program for her/his past and (we hope) continued support.

Faculty members and graduate students also look forward to meeting alumnae/alumni and friends of the department at the Duke receptions at the Southern Historical Association in New Orleans, 9-11 October 2008, and at the AHA in New York, 4-7 January 2009. At the AHA in New York, we'll again have a joint Duke-UNC-CH reception. Look for details on the departmental website.

John Herd Thompson - DGS

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Politics of Cunning: From Trade Unionism to the Presidency” on November 13, 2007. He had an article published entitled “Learning the Craft: The Role of Graduate Mentoring” in *AHA Perspectives*, Vol. 45 #8 in November, 2007.

**Bill Holley** was recently honored for his 59-year teaching career at Duke. He was presented the first Major General I.B. Holley Award from the Air Force Historical Foundation.

**Margaret Humphreys** was appointed to the Josiah Charles Trent Chair in the History of Medicine (July 2007) and published *Intensely Human: The Health of the Black Soldier in the American Civil War* (John Hop-

kins, 2008).

**Felicia Kornbluh's** book, *The Battle for Welfare Rights: Politics and Poverty in Modern America* (U. Penn. 2007) sold out of its first printing. It appeared in paperback in Spring, 2008, which was a full year ahead of the original plan.

**Alex Roland** discussed the problems NASA has had with insulation covering the shuttle's big orange fuel tanks in the *Tampa Tribune*, August 21, 2007.

**Adrian Lentz-Smith** was profiled in *The Social Science Magazine*, *Gist From The Mill* in Fall, 2007.

**Gerda Lerner** was awarded the degree of Honorary Doctor of Let-

**John Martin** gave a talk entitled, “Breaking the Body: Suffering, Exorcism, and Torture in the Renaissance” at the “Historian the Human” conference held at Columbia University in April, 2008.

**Seymour Mauskopf** recently gave a paper titled “Modelling Chirality” at a conference on “Modelling Matter” at St. Chad's College, Durham University.

**Dominic Sachsenmaier** co-hosted a Harvard/Duke conference entitled, “Global History, Globally” which took place in Cambridge, MA. It was the first convention bringing together global historians from all continents.

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**Anne Firor Scott** (emerita) was the recipient of the award for Scholarly Distinction at the 122nd annual American Historical Association meeting. The 33rd Porter Fortune Jr. Chancellor's Symposium was held in March, 2008 at the University of Mississippi. The symposium placed special emphasis on **Professor Scott's** role in helping to launch the field of American women's history.

**Karin Shapiro** spoke at the opening of the art and history exhibit, "Nelson Mandela: A Light so Powerful" offering historical reflections on the 1994 South African election.

**ANNE FIROR SCOTT AWARD****2008**

**Katharine French-Fuller** for her project, "The Commercialization of Daily Life: A History of Domestic Cultures and Technologies in Post-1960 Argentina"

**Reena Goldthree** for her project, "Shifting Loyalties: War and the Gendered Politics of Patriotism in the British Caribbean, 1900-1938"

**Cynthia Greenlee-Donnell** for her project, "The Geographies of Home"

**Jacob Remes** for his project, "When the State Blew Away: Survival and Organization After Two Progressive-Era Urban Disasters"

**Danielle Terrazas Williams** for her project, "Few But Not So Far Between: Free Black Women of Means in Colonial Veracruz"

**CONGRATULATIONS!****WELCOME TO THE DUKE UNIVERSITY HISTORY DEPARTMENT****New Faculty**

Rich Freeman, Visiting Assistant Professor, South Asia

Bruce Hall, Assistant Professor, Africa

John Martin, Professor, Renaissance

Sumathi Ramaswamy, Professor, South Asia

Phillip Stern, Assistant Professor, Early Modern British Isles

**Secondary Appointments**

Mona Hassan, Assistant Professor, Department of Religion

Gianni Toniolo, Research Professor, Economics

Mustafa Tuna, Assistant Professor, Slavic & Eurasian Studies

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able success. By rethinking each search in relation to shifts in the discipline, and by creatively redrawing temporal and geographical boundaries, we have been able to locate scholars whose interests (and talents) are multidimensional.

I have had some wonderful contacts with Department alumni over the last year. Ross Johnston (Ph.D. 1969) visited us in the spring from his home in Australia, and made a substantial gift to the Department as well. We will soon have some visible tokens of that gift to adorn our walls here in Carr Bldg. Betty M. Unterberger (Ph.D., 1950) dropped me an email in May, in which she recalled some of the ups and downs of being a woman graduate student immediately after World War II. (She is now Regents Professor Emerita, after a distinguished career at Texas A & M.) As a visiting scholar to the Center for Critical Inquiry at UNC-Greensboro, I was lucky enough to give a paper to the History Department there in January. Introducing me was Chuck Bolton (Ph.D., 1989), who is now

chair of History at Greensboro. Chuck made one or two very flattering remarks about my teaching, as the situation required—to my great relief. More flattering to us is his successful career. He looked exactly the same, by the way, except that someone had put a lot of talcum powder on his hair.

John Richards, John TePaske, and Warren Lerner have all passed since I last wrote to you—too much for one year. Our year was punctuated by memorial services that gave us just a few glimpses of the deeply felt human connections which these departed colleagues left behind. Having worked with all three over thirty years at Duke, I find it hard to think of the Department going on without them. This feeling must be part of what growing old is like, I tell myself.

The Department continues to be served by an extremely able staff. Robin Ennis is the staff assistant to the DGS and looks after graduate students and oversees the graduate budget.

Jamie Hardy is our part-time administrative secretary and is always ready to assist faculty with a smile. Cynthia Hoglen ably manages our accounting and visa issues. Vanessa Jackson is the staff assistant to the DUS and looks after our course schedule and majors. Carla Rusnak is the staff assistant to the Chair and is also our web master. Larry Smith is our computer tech and support for faculty and staff. Vivian Jackson continues as our business manager, now completing her 44th year of service to the Department.

Those of you who plan to attend the Southern or the AHA meetings in the coming year, *please be sure to check our web site for details of our receptions*, and be sure to stop in to say hello.

Finally, a happy ninetieth birthday to Joel Colton!

**William M. Reddy**

Chair, Department of History

William T. Laprade Professor of History and Professor of Cultural Anthropology