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From the Chair's Office

Hindsight is twenty-twenty, they say. But historians know better. It is just as easy to be myopic in studying the past as it is in any other field of endeavor. Since World War II the discipline of history has made itself over, several times. Historical demography and Annales-school-style "total history" were notable developments of the 1950s that dramatically enhanced the historian's range of tools. New social history—history "from the bottom up"—soon followed, with its census samples, social-structural sophistication, and arguments over causation and class. But this approach was soon challenged by the "new cultural history" after 1973, and new cultural history was, by the 1980s, riven by debates over poststructuralism, essentialism, and the relationships among race, class, and gender. Soon, a growing awareness that the history of empire required something other than a purely "culturalist" approach also sparked debate. The 1990s saw rising interest in the history of "sexualities"—a concept all but invisible to the myopic "new cultural historians" of 1973, a mere twenty years before. Diasporas, subalterns, oceans, emotions, intersections, the construction of identities—these and

other concepts, now routine objects of historical research, were beyond the horizon of the discipline only a few years back. The harder we strive to remove the scales from our eyes, it sometimes seems, the more aware we become of our inveterate myopia. But I prefer to be optimistic. The discipline is not drifting from one fashion to another, but advancing toward a steady goal: a dream of culturally and politically neutral comprehension of the past.

The more fervently we challenge previous attempts to realize this dream, the more clearly we reveal our continued commitment to it.

In general, new trends in historical research add themselves to old ones. History is an open discipline. None of these trends have threatened the centrality of time in human affairs, and we do not confront the kind of internal crisis that questions about the existence of "culture" have meant for anthropologists, or questions about the existence of "literature" have meant for

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Director of Graduate Studies

To rephrase the cries of the hawkers at long-ago North American ballparks, "Buy a scorecard! You can't tell who the Director of Graduate Studies is without a scorecard!" It's rookie DGS **John Thompson** writing this, the fifth DGS since spring 2003, and successor to **Ron Witt**, Cyn-

this Herrup, **Ed Balleisen** and **Laura Edwards**. To add to the front-office turnover, **Robin Ennis** succeeded **Revonda Huppert** as Assistant to the DGS in April 2006. Changing management, however, has not slowed our successful team of historians

and history graduate students. To belabor the baseball metaphor, the Duke graduate program continues to create champions on the field—whoops, champions in the classrooms, the archives, and the scholarly presses.

Twelve new Ph.D.'s crossed the stage at the "hooding" ceremony in May 2006, the largest

group of doctoral graduates since the massive class of fifteen in 2001. You'll find their names and dissertation topics on the departmental website, and you can read about their individual achievements elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Faculty News

Edward Balleisen has written an article in this month's issue of *Perspectives*, in the noteworthy section, entitled, "Reshaping Doctoral Education for the next Generation: An Update on History's Participation in the Carnegie Initiative on the Doctorate." He also discussed the history of bankruptcy in the new American Radio Works documentary, "Bankrupt: Maxed Out in America" that aired on many NPR stations in April 2006.

Joel Colton, Professor Emeritus, was the recipient of the Enno Kraehe Distinguished Service Award in November of 2005. He received the award for his career contributions to the teaching and writing of European history and for his service to the European History Section in its formative years.

Sarah Deutsch, last year's History Chair, was named Susan Roth's successor as the dean of social sciences effective July 1, 2006.

Laura Edwards received a fellowship from the Newberry Library in Chicago.

John Hope Franklin's *Mirror to America* received the 26th Annual Robert F. Kennedy Book Award.

John D. French finished a year-long Visiting Fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington D.C. and was awarded a one-semester Visiting Fellowship for Spring 2007 at the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame to work on his book-length manuscript on Brazil's current President: *The Origin of Brazil's Lula: Building Movements in a World Flux, 1950-1980*.

I.B. Holley, Professor Emeritus is still teaching. He offers an undergrad seminar for freshman and a ten hour course on research methods for the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies. He has two book manu-

scripts with publishers awaiting decision and an article off with a journal awaiting the editor's decision.

Margaret Humphreys was selected as one of five recipients of Duke's Thomas Langford Lecture-ship Award. She also spoke at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference in September on her project "Intensely Human: The Health of Black Soldiers in the American Civil War." She has submitted the manuscript of this book to Johns Hopkins University Press.

Reeve Huston won the 2005 Kerr History Prize, which is awarded annually for the best article published in the journal *New York History*. The prize went to his article, "The 'Little Magician' after the Show: Martin Van Buren, County Gentleman and Progressive Farmer," which was published in the July 2004 issue of *New York History*.

Alice Kaplan's book *The Interpreter* has been awarded the Society for History's Henry Adams Prize for 2005 as the outstanding book on some aspect of federal government history written by an author who is not employed by the federal government.

Claudia Koonz wrote a guest commentary in the *CONTRA COSTA TIMES* (Berlin) about the Turkish-made film, "Valley of the Wolves."

Felicia Kornbluh has been selected as a 2006 - 07 Faculty Fellow of Duke's Social Science Research Institute on the subject of "Family Diversity and Social Change." She also had the lead op-ed in the *Raleigh News and Observer* on Friday, August 25, 2006. Her piece, on the 10th anniversary of welfare reform, also appeared in the Fort Lauderdale newspaper.

Anna Krylova has been appointed

the Hunt Assistant Professor of History beginning September 1, 2006.

Gerda Lerner, Visiting Scholar, received an honorary degree at Columbia University on May 17, 2006

Warren Lerner, Professor Emeritus was honored for career achievements at a special session of the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, which met in Columbia, SC, in March of 2006. Papers were introduced and presented by Warren's colleagues, all of whom were his former students at Duke.

Seymour Mauskopf won the 2005 Alumni Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award. He was chosen from among 33 faculty members nominated by Duke Undergraduates. The award was presented to him during Founder's Day ceremony on September 28, 2006. He also participated in an international workshop "The Making of Materials. Science and Technology in the 17th and 18th Centuries," at the Max Plank Institute for the History of Science in Berlin, August 3-5, 2006. His contribution was titled "The Crisis of English Gunpowder in the Eighteenth Century." **Sucheta Mazumdar** was awarded the Arthur F. and Alice E. Adams Foundation Fellowship at the John Carter Brown Library for 3 months.

Martin Miller's book, "Freud and the Bolsheviks: Psychoanalysis in Imperial Russia and the Soviet Union" (Yale, 1998) has been published in a Spanish translation as "Freud y los Boscheviques" (Buenos Aires: Nueva Vision, 2005). It has already appeared in French and is currently being translated into Turkish.

Kristen Neuschel's article "Graphic History: What Readers Knew and Were Taught in the *_Quarante Tableaux_* of Perrissin and Tortorel," *French Historical Studies* 28: 2 (Spring 2005): 175-230 has been honored with the Nancy

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Graduate Students News

Maryam Ali received a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship for Persian for the 2006-2007 Academic Year.

Erin Avots received a teaching fellowship from the Center for Documentary Studies.

Helen Bailitz received one of the International Travel Award from the Graduate School and an Anne Firor Scott award for Democratizing Violation: Women, Workhouses, and Forced Medical Examinations during the British. She also won the Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst Intensive Language Course Scholarship and the Duke University's Graduate School's German Exchange Program's 10-month Fellowship for study at Freie Universität in Berlin.

Michael Crotty received a Bass Instructorship for next year. This is the second Bass Instructorship in the History Department this year.

Katharine French-Fuller received an Anne Firor Scott award for Gender, Consumerism, and Technology: Voices from Authoritarian Argentina, 1976-1983.

Reena Goldthree received one of the International Travel Awards from the Graduate School. She also won two grants, the Provost's Pre-Dissertation International Field Research Grant from the Center for

Latin and the SSRC-Mellon Mays Predoctoral Research Grant for American and Caribbean Studies.

Paula Hastings received one of the International Travel Award from the Graduate School and International research grant from the Center for Canadian Studies.

Kelly Kennington received the Julian Price Dissertation Fellowship. This is the first year the graduate school has offered it. The Price Fellowship is to support students in the research phase of the dissertation.

Catherine Phipps was offered a tenure track position at the University of Memphis.

Jacob Remes received one of the International Travel Awards from the Graduate School.

S. Silvermoon and Michael Ennis published "The View of the Empire from the Altepetl: Renaissance Era Nahua Historical and Global Imagination." In Walter Mignolo, Margaret Greer, and Maureen Quilligan, Eds. *Re-Imagining the Blach legend*. University of Chicago Press, Upcoming 2007.

Elizabeth Shesko won the Mellon fellowship for work in Bolivia and the FLAS fellowship to study Brazilian Portuguese.

Swati Shresth received the Graduate School Summer Research fellowship.

Richard Spencer won the Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst to study German this past summer. He also won a scholarship to study economics & philosophy at Vienna Summer University with the Institute Vienna Circle/Institute Wiener Kreis

Felicity Turner received an Anne Firor Scott award for *Creating the Maternal Instinct: Infanticide and Child Murder in Nineteenth Century America*.

Kristen Wintersteen received one of the International Travel Awards from the Graduate School. She also won the Tinker Pre-dissertation Grant and the Ford Pre-Dissertation Grant from the Center for Latin American Studies.

ANNUAL SHA MEETING

The Southern Historical Association will hold the 72nd annual meeting November 15-18, 2006 in Birmingham, Alabama at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel. Bill Chafe will be hosting and several of our own will be participating in the events at the conference. Karin Shapiro, Anne F. Scott,

2006 Graduates

We wish to congratulate and give our best wishes to our 2005-2006 graduates:

Deborah Breen

Katherine L. Castles

Andrea G. Franzius

Benjamin J. Grob-Fitzgibbon

Seon-Min Kim

Xiaoxiang Luo

John C. Mountcastle

Thomas D. Rogers

Philip F. Rubio

Linda M. Rupert

Arthur C. Smith

Matthew G. Specter

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2006 DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY GRADUATES!!!!

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Michael Bassett (Ph.D. '64) published Roderick Deane: His Life and Times in June 2006, with his wife, Judith, a biography of a significant economist, banker and public servant involved in New Zealand's major economic reforms of the 1980's. (Penguin (NZ).

Leslie Bauzon (Ph.D. '70) was in the Philippines in July and August during which he helped a Japanese colleague in organizing the International Surigao Conference on Cultural Values and Sustainability.

Keith Bird (Ph.D. '72) began his eighth year as Chancellor of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System in 2006. His latest book, Erich Raeder: Admiral of the Third Reich was published by the U.S. naval Institute Press in May.

Jim Bissett (Ph.D. '89) is the William J. Story Professor of History and Chair of the Department of History and Geography at Elon University.

Ronald P. Bobroff (Ph.D. '98) is entering his 6th year as Visiting Assistant Professor in the History Department at Wake Forest University. His first book, Roads to Glory: Russian Foreign Policy and the Turkish Straits was published this spring by the British Press, I.B. Tauris.

Martha Jane Brazy (Ph.D. '98) is an Associate Professor at the University of South Alabama. Her book, An American Planter: Stephen Duncan of Antebellum Natchez and New Orleans was recently published by Louisiana State University Press in 2006. This past fall she was appointed director of graduate studies for her department and now fully understands the meaning of "paperwork."

Adriana Brodsky (Ph.D. '04) is Assistant Professor at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Robert Brown (Ph.D. '79) received the 2006 UNC Board of Governors Award for Teaching Excellence. He has written articles on Claude Monet, Camille Pissarro, and Edgar Degas for the forthcoming Encyclopedia of Europe: 1789-1914 (eds. John Merriman and Jay Winter). His recent book reviews have appeared in Teaching History. In spring 2006, he served as a session chair and commentator for the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850. He continues as Chair of the History Department at UNC Pembroke.

Alexander X. Byrd (Ph.D. '01) was the recipient of the 2006 George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching at Rice University. His essay "Eboe, Country, Nation, and Gustavus Vassa's Interesting Narrative" appeared in the January 2006 issue of the *William and Mary Quarterly*. Another essay "Violence, Migration, and Becoming Igbo in Gustavus Vassa's Interesting Narrative" is in the collection Constructing Borders/Crossing Boundaries: Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration, Ed Caroling Brettell (Lanham, Md: 2006).

Kevin Byrne (Ph.D. '74) has returned to his position as Professor of History at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN. For the past two years he served as editor of the bimonthly "Magazine of History" for the Organization of American Historians, headquartered at Indiana University.

Kathleen Sharp Carter (Ph.D. '79) is a Professor of History at High Point University. Effective this academic year, she is the production editor for the journal, *Historical Geography*. She has also been a participant in a Department of Education "Teaching American History" grant offering content-based instruction to history and social studies teachers in Davidson County, Lexington and Thomasville

school systems.

John C. Cavanagh (Ph.D. '69) is a Professor of History at Suffolk University in Boston. His contributions on aspects of late eighteenth century North Carolina constitutional history will be published this fall by UNC Press in William S. Powell (ed.) Encyclopedia of North Carolina.

Philander D. Chase (Ph.D. '73) is senior editor of *The Papers of George Washington* at the University of Virginia. In April of 2005, he and colleagues had the opportunity to present *Volume 12 of the Washington Press Papers Presidential Series*, to President Bush in the Oval Office.

Jeffrey J. Clarke (Ph.D. '69) is Director of the Center of Military History. He is also working on the Acquisition History Project with Dr. Phil Shiman (Duke PhD).

Matthew Countryman (Ph.D. '96) won the Leaacy Award from the OAH for his book Up South.

Terry Crowley (Ph.D. '75) is Professor and Chair of History at the University of Guelph. He received three awards for his most recent book, Marriage of Minds: Isabel and Oscar Skelton Re-inventing Canada (University of Toronto Press): Clio Award and Sir John A. MacDonald Prize (Honorable Mention) of the Canadian Historical Association and the Floyd S. Chalmers Award of the Champlain Society.

Paul Escott (Ph.D. '74) published Military Necessity (Praeger Security International), a study of the militarization of Confederate society, after completing nine years as Dean at Wake Forest.

Munis Faruqi (Ph.D. '02) has completed his first year at Berkeley. Munis received a number of research grants this past year and also completed a number of encyclo-

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pedia pieced, book reviews, and articles. His latest piece focuses on state formation in the 18th India. Specifically, it examines the first decades of the existence of the princely state of Hyderabad. He continues to work on his monograph on the Mughal Empire.

Elliott Foster (Ph.D. '71) graduated with an accounting degree in 1979 and worked in the same position for a little over 10 years. His last job before retirement was as a teaching assistant in New Hampshire.

Robert H. Fowler (Ph.D. '71) is retired as Emeritus Professor of Education at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada.

Andrea Franzius (Ph.D. '06) received the Mellon Research Fellowship in American History for this year from Cambridge University.

Amy Froide (Ph.D. '96) is now a tenured Associate Professor in the History Department at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County. Her book, Never Married: Singlewomen in Early Modern England (Oxford 2005) was recently short-listed for the Royal Historical Society's Whitfield Prize.

Rosalie Gates (Ph.D. '49) retired from the position of Director, Cooperation Raleigh Colleges (1981-2006) and Administrator, CRC Education Channel (1993-2006) on May 8, 2006, to return after twenty-five years to full-time teaching at Meredith College as Professor of History.

Don Higginbotham (Ph.D. '58) published Revolution on America, a series of essays on the two American Revolutions, 1776 & 1861 (Virginia Press). May 2006, he lectured at a conference on France and the American Revolution which was

held in Paris. HE is the Dowd Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Woody Holton (Ph.D. '90) is Associate Professor at the University of Richmond. His article "Divide et Impera: Federalist 10 in a Wider Sphere" appeared in *William and Mary Quarterly* in April 2005 and was selected by the OAH for the Best American History Essays 2006 which was published in the spring of 2006 by Palgrave.

Ian Lekus (Ph.D. '03) has signed a book contract for "*Queer and Present Dangers; Masculinity, Sexual Revolutions, and the New Left*" with UNC Press. He also published an article, "*The Long Sixties*" in the March 2006 issue of the OAH Magazine of History.

David E. Johnson (Ph.D. '90) joined the RAND Corporation as a Senior Political Scientist in 1998. Most recently in 2005, he was appointed Group Manager for International and Security Policy.

COL. James M. Johnson (Ph.D. '80) continues to serve as the Military Historian of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and as the Executive Director of the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College.

H.G. Jones (Ph.D. '65) has moved to Chatham County but continues as full-time administrator of the North Carolinian Society and part-time Thomas W. Davis Research Historian at UNC-Chapel Hill. He transcribed the European diary of Rose Greenhow for Ann Blackman's biography, Rebel Rose, and he wrote the opening essay for North Carolina Photographers: The First Century, compiled by Stephen Massengill. For the thirty-fifth year, he visited and studied the Arctic, and a

portion of his Inuit art collection was placed on permanent exhibition in the H.G. Jones Reading Lounge at Appalachian State University.

William E. King (Ph.D. '70) received the University Medal, the highest award for meritorious service of Duke University, at the Founders' Day Convocation, September 29, 2005. At the invitation of President Terry Sanford, King founded the University Archives in 1972. He retired in 2002 and now resides at Lake Junaluska, NC.

Sunil Kumar (Ph.D. '92) completed 21 years of service with the History Department at the University of Delhi, India, where he teaches graduate courses and guides research students. He continues to be a member of the editorial collective of the *Indian Economic and Social History Review*. Recent highpoints of his life would be the publication of his book Emergence of the Delhi Sultanate (Delhi: Permanent Black, 2006), a second edition of his collection of essays, *The Present in Delhi's Pasts*, and an edited volume *Destroying Myths or Mosques and Temples: Readings in Medieval History*, both from Delhi: Three Essays Collective.

Wayne E. Lee (Ph.D. '99) accepted a position as Associate Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He will start in the fall of 2006. He recently published "*Fortify, Fight or Flee: Tuscarora and Cherokee Defensive Warfare and Military Culture Adaptation*" in the Journal of Military History and served as an associate editor for the Encyclopedia of War and American Society (2005). His proudest multidisciplinary moment, however, is presenting a paper at the spring 2006 Society for American Archaeology Conference, entitled "*A New Methodology for Rapid, In-Situ*,

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Phosphate Analysis in Survey—A Case from Loudoun County, Virginia: Prospects and Problems.”

Xiaoxiang Luo (Ph.D. '06) went back to China after graduation and got a faculty position in the Department of History of Nanjing University, China.

Luis Martinez-Fernandez (Ph.D. '90) published “1492: *First Encounters, the Invention of America and the Columbian Exchange.*” *Revista Brasileira do Caribe* 6:11 (2005), 13-31; and was featured in the documentary *Lejos de la Isla: A Cuban-American Documentary*. He is currently at work on a book with the working title: The Cuban Revolution: A Concise History.

Charles W. McKinney (Ph.D. '03) attended a seminar sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the Council of Independent Colleges this summer. The four day seminar, led by David Blight of Yale and James Horton of George Washington University, was entitled “*Slavery: Scholarship and Public History.*”

Sally McMillen (Ph.D. '85) has been Chair of the History Department at Davidson College for the past four years. She will resume her position as Chair after taking a sabbatical this year. Last spring, she became the first recipient of a new fellowship at Davidson, the Boswell Family Faculty Fellowship, which gave her a year's sabbatical at full pay plus research funds. Currently she is working on a book on the Seneca Falls Convention of 1848 as a “pivotal moment” in American History for Oxford University Press.

E. Lorraine de Montluzin (Ph.D. '74) retired in May 2005 after teaching for 31 years at Francis Marion University. She recently published two articles, “Attributions of Authorship in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1765-70: A Supplement

to the *Union List*,” *Notes and Queries* n.s. 53, no. 2 (June 2006), 199-209, and “Identifying ‘W.O.’ of Marshfield, Gloucestershire: Williams Oland's Contributions to the *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1747-82,” *ANQ*, 19, no.2 (Spring 2006), 21-31. Lorraine would love to hear from you, her e-mail address is Ede-Montl@fmarion.edu.

Elizabeth Murphrey (Ph.D. '76) works as a librarian at Florida Metropolitan University's South Orlando Campus. She also teaches an upper level course on Contemporary Europe at Columbia College's Orlando Campus.

Paul David Nelson (Ph.D. '70) is retired as Julian-Van Dusen Professor of American History from Berea College in May 2006, after teaching 38 years.

Ronald R. Nelson (Ph.D. '67) retired in late August 2005 to assume the post of Director of Administration at the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague. He supervises 95 staff responsible for finance, general services, information technology personnel, and training. In April 2006 he delivered a paper at the Center for Western Studies at Augustana College “*Herbert Krause as Ornithologist*” to commemorate the 100th birthday of its founder.

Paul Ortiz (Ph.D. '00) is an Associate Professor at the University of California at Santa Cruz. In July of 2006, he spent his time in Durham, NC doing research for a sequel to the award-winning book Remembering Jim Crow: African Americans Tell About Life in the Segregated South. Ortiz is also the author of Emancipation Betrayed: The Hidden History of Black Organizing and White Violence in Florida from Reconstruction to the Bloody Election of 1920. This year he received the Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Book Prize for Emancipation

Betrayed from the Florida Historical Society and the Florida Institute of Technology. In October of this year, he is chairing and commenting on a panel titled “Latinas and Latinos in the South” at the annual Oral History Association meeting in Little Rock.

Al Paddock (Ph.D. '80) and his wife, Theresa, currently reside in Alexandria, VA. He is a retired U.S. Army colonel. The University Press of Kansas published his book, “US Army Special Warfare: Its Origins” (Revised Edition), in 2002. Earlier this year he signed a contract with Praeger Security International to write a book on U.S. psychological operations from World War II to the Iraq War.

Louis Potts (Ph.D. '70) is the Department of History Chair at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He has led the successful recruitment of two new faculty members and established a Center for Regional Studies, which brokers alliances of school districts, historic sites and museums and grantors.

Roberto Rabel (Ph.D. '84) returned to his New Zealand undergraduate alma mater in May 2006. After 20 years at the University of Otago, he has joined the Senior Management Team at Victoria University of Wellington as Pro Vice-Chancellor, International and Professor. Rob has remained active as an historical researcher. He was especially pleased last year to see the publication of an official history which he had been working on for over a decade. Entitled New Zealand and the Vietnam War: Politics and Diplomacy, the book was launched by New Zealand's Prime Minister at Parliament in December, 2005.

Joel Revill passed his oral dissertation with flying colors on August 9! He will be at NCSU this upcoming academic year.

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Mike Richard (Ph.D. '69) retired from Sweet Briar College and moved to Northern Virginia. He published Revolutions in World History with Routledge and along with his co-author published a second edition of Twentieth-Century Europe: A Brief History with Harlan Davidson.

Philip Rubio (Ph.D. '06) has been appointed to a one-year full-time position as a visiting instructor/assistant professor of history for the 2006-2007 academic year at North Carolina Central University in Durham.

Linda Rupert (Ph.D. '06) began a tenure-track position in Atlantic History at UNC- Greensboro in August of 2006. She was the 2006 recipient of the Catherine Prelinger Award, which the Coordinating Council in History gives to one woman historian each year who has not followed a tradition educational or career path.

William Seale (Ph.D. '65) lives in Texas and Washington D.C. The Presidents House: A History is appearing in a new edition, revised and extended, Johns Hopkins University Press 2007. He also has a book in progress on the diplomatic community in Washington 1893-1918.

Thomas Searle (Ph.D. '04) is in the Army writing history for Special Operations Command. He spends time each year in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other places tagging along with Special Operations Forces. The rest of the year he spends in Tampa, FL writing the history of the Global War on Terrorism.

Matthew Specter (Ph.D. '06) is beginning his second year as a post-doctoral fellow in the History department at George Mason University, where he teaches an introductory survey of Western Civilization. He attended a two week summer

school for faculty in Tuscany under the auspices of the Institute for the Human Sciences in Vienna, which brought together nearly forty scholars from the social sciences, history and philosophy for discussions of the concept and practice of solidarity in European history and thought.

John C. Speedy III (Ph.D. '77) currently resides in Texas. The application of his educational experience in the History Department continues through his consulting work.

Marian Strobel (Ph.D. '75) William Montgomery Burnett Professor of History at Furman University is in her third term as Chair of the History Department. In early June 2006, she presented a paper entitled "*Gender, Social Change, and the One South Carolina College: The Experience at Furman University, 1941-1948*" at the Siena College (Loudonville, NY) conference on World War II.

Tim Tyson (Ph.D. '94) won the OAH Erik Barnouw Award for the documentary, "*Negroes with Guns*", based on his book Radio Free Dixie.

John Weaver (Ph.D. '73) became one of eight University Professors at the November 2005 Convocation of McMaster University. Currently he is on research leave writing a study tentatively titled *Society and Psyche: The Meanings and Causes of Suicide, 1800-2000*. It is an analysis of approximately 7000 suicide inquests held in New Zealand and Queensland.

Kenneth P. Werrell (Ph.D. '69) published two pieces: a book, Sabres over MiG Alley: The F-86 and the Battle for Air Superiority in Korea (Naval Institute Press) and an article, "*Those Were the Days: Fling Safety During the Transition to Jets, 1944-1953*:" in Air Power History (winter 2005).

Steven I. Wilkinson (AM '89) is as an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago. He is at work on a new book on the long term effects of colonialism on democracy and ethnic conflict.

Virginia Williams (Ph.D. '80) and Redford Williams' new book, In Control, was published by Rodale Press this spring. Her company, Williams LifeSkills, has just received a grant to produce a video that applies their ten coping skills to situations faced by caregivers of the demented.

Stephanie Yuhl (Ph.D. '98) earned tenure and promotion to Associate Professor of History at Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. Her book, A Golden Haze of Memory: The Making of Historic Charleston (UNC, 2005) won the prize for Best Book in Historic Preservation 2006.

IN LOVING MEMORIUM

Thomas D. Clark (Ph.D. '32) historian of Lexington, Kentucky died on June 28, 2005 at the age of 101. In 1932, Dr. Clark earned his Doctoral degree from Duke University. He headed the Department of History at the University of Kentucky from 1937 to 1968. In 1990 he was appointed Historian Laureate of Kentucky for Life by the State Legislature.

Clark G. Reynolds (Ph.D. '64) passed away December 10, 2005. He was a Professor of History who taught at the U.S. Naval Academy, the University of Maine, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the College of Charleston. At the College of Charleston he received the faculty research award for 1999, and retired as distinguished professor emeritus of history in 2002.

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In August, we welcomed the fifteen first-year doctoral candidates of the class of '06 to the department. This does not mean a return to the very large incoming classes of the early 1990s, but it does indicate the vigor of our graduate program.

The changes that we planned with the help of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching have now been implemented. Each doctoral class studies together in three classes: HST 301, a historiography/theory course; HST 302, a seminar in research methods; and HST 303, a seminar on pedagogy. Our new emphasis on preparing Duke doctoral graduates for careers in the college classroom goes beyond HST 303. We have submitted a proposal to the Graduate School for a Certificate in Teaching; it will be only the second such certificate at Duke. Graduate students who fulfill the requirements will receive the Certificate in Teaching along with their doctorates. The prelimi-

nary examinations that previous generations of Duke Ph.D.s endured are no more. In their place, a candidate collects her/his best work in a cumulative portfolio: historiographical essays, original papers, course syllabi. During a student's third year in the program, a committee of four faculty members examines this portfolio, along with a candidate's dissertation prospectus. The members of the doctoral class of 2004 can choose either the new portfolio system or the "traditional recipe" of a series of exams. Nine of thirteen opted to create a portfolio.

The class of 2004 also launched what we hope will become an annual highlight of departmental intellectual life. On 31 March and 1 April 2006, a workshop organized by doctoral candidate Paula Hastings explored "Method and Meaning" in history. Six sessions on brought together graduate students and history faculty from Duke, UNC-CH, and NCSU, and col-

leagues from other disciplines.

Alumni and friends of the department can find more information about this year's conference, other graduate program activities, and the reforms to graduate curriculum, on the graduate section of the departmental website.

Faculty members and graduate students look forward to meeting alumni and friends of the department at the Duke receptions at the Southern Historical Association in Birmingham, on November 15-18, and at the AHA in Atlanta, 4-7 January 2007. Bill Chafe, will host the event at the SHA. It will be difficult to top our joint Duke-UNC-CH reception at the 2006 AHA meeting in Philadelphia, but we promise to do our best.

John Herd Thompson
Professor of History and

Director of Graduate Studies

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Roelker Prize for the best article in French history published in 2005.

Jocelyn Olcott has been appointed as the Andrew W. Mellon Assistant Professor of History for the 2006/2007 academic year.

Gunther Peck was honored as a new inductee in the Bass Society of Fellows for excellence in undergraduate teaching and research at a dinner Thursday, May 4, at the Washington Duke Inn with other university distinguished professors – current and emeritus – in attendance.

Henry Petroski won the 2006 Washington Award, one of the oldest and most prestigious engineering awards in the country for his accomplishments in making engineering theory and practice understandable to the general public.

William Reddy, William T. LaPrade Professor and Professor of Cultural Anthropology, has been appointed Chair of the History Department.

Thomas Robisheaux has been appointed Director of Undergraduate Studies in the History department. He has also received the Howard D. Johnson Teaching Award for 2005-2006. This is one of only four Trinity College Distinguished Teaching Awards given each year.

Anne Firor Scott, W.K. Bond Professor Emerita, has edited Pauli Murray and Caroline Ware Forty Years of Letters in Black and White. The cross-race friendship of two feminist activists. Scott is author of nine books, including *Making the Invisible Woman Visible* and *Natural Allies: Woman's Associations in American History*.

Karin Shapiro was promoted to Visiting Associate Professor in History.

Joseph Shatzmiller gave a lecture, "Medical Errors in the Middle Ages and their Legal Consequences" at Harvard Medical School Library in the Roles of Jews in History of Medicine Symposium.

Pete Sigal was awarded tenure by the APT and Provost in the History Department.

John Thompson has been appointed Director of Graduate Studies in the History Department. He also presented the keynote address on the theme: "The United States and Canada: Ambivalent Allies" to the 28th annual conference of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Amerikastudien [German Association for American Studies] in Tutzing, Germany earlier this year.

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Susan Thorne has been appointed Associate Chair of the History Department and has been awarded a CIT New Course Design Grant for the new course "Preparing the Portfolio for Preliminary Certification"/HISTORY304 which was designed for Fall 2006.

Ron Witt, Professor Emeritus, was honored by a special issue of Duke's Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies entitled In the Footsteps of Petrarch: Poetry, Music, Art, Culture, ed. Valeria Finucci. He taught an NEH Seminar for Teachers in Avignon in July of this year. He also received a Mellon Research Fellowship for 2005-06. He spent January to March 2006, working on his nearly completed manuscript The Two Latin Cultures of Medieval Italy 800-1250 in Paris, Rome, and Florence.

Peter Wood delivered a paper on

early French exploration of North America at the annual conference of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture in Quebec this June. In Orlando in July, he spoke to the annual conference of high school AP teachers, sponsored by the College Board, on "The New Geography of Early American History." Twice during the summer he addressed workshops in Raleigh, supported by NEH that brought together high school teachers from around the country to discuss issues relating to slavery and freedom in antebellum North Carolina. Dr. Wood is currently serving on President Brodhead's committee concerning the Campus Culture Initiative, and he has been asked by the Arts & Sciences Council to co-chair its Joint Committee on Student Affairs and Athletics.

ANNE FIROR SCOTT AWARD

2006 WINNERS

Helen Bailitz - Democratizing Violation: Women, Workhouses, and Forced Medical Examinations during the British and American Occupation of Germany (\$1650)

Katharine French-Fuller - Gender, Consumerism, and Technology: Voices from Authoritarian Argentina, 1976-1983 (\$2300)

Whitney Laemmli - Feminism and Scientific Development in the 1970s (\$500)

Felicity Turner - Creating the Maternal Instinct: Infanticide and Child Murder in Nineteenth Century America. (\$1900)

CONGRATULATIONS!

WELCOME TO THE DUKE UNIVERSITY HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Dominic Sachsenmaier, Assistant Professor, will be joining us this fall as a result of our Modern East Asia search. He received his Ph.D. in 2000 from Albert-Ludwigs-Universität in Freiburg, Germany, formerly an Assistant Professor of Global History in the Department of Global and International Studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara. He is a native of Germany, who attended the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität in Freiburg for both his B.A. and Ph.D. in History with minors in Sinology and Philosophy. In the course of his education, he also spent a year at St. Andrews, a year in an intensive modern and classical Chinese program at the Mandarin Training Center in Taipei, Taiwan, and a year at Nanjing University, China as a graduate student. While completing his PhD dissertation work, Sachsenmaier spent three years at the Harvard-Yenching Institute as a Teaching Fellow and Research Scholar. Following completion of his degree, he continued to work as a Teaching Fellow at Harvard until Fall 2003, when he joined the faculty at the University of California at Santa Barbara as an Assistant Professor in their Global and International Studies Department. In addition to being a native speaker of German, Sachsenmaier has excellent skills in English (he has published extensively in both languages). He knows both classical and modern Chinese, as well as French and Latin. He has consistently won fellowships and awards for his work, including various prestigious grants from the German National Study Foundation, the *Waldseemüllerpreis* for the best thesis in International History from the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, and a multi-year grant from the German National Research Foundation (together with S. Conrad (Berlin)) for an international research network, including meetings and a major conference, on "Conceptions of World Order, ca. 1880-1935—Global Historical Perspectives." While at UC-Santa Barbara, Sachsenmaier has created a faculty and graduate student exchange program in global studies/history between that university and a consortium of European universities, centered on the University of Leipzig and the London School of Economics, winning funding for the project from the European Union. He has also participated in numerous conferences, and has organized panels at the Congress of Historical Sciences as well as being the main organizer and fundraiser for an international conference on global history. He was also a key organizer of the Multiple Modernities project (conference and resulting book) and the New Global History Initiative (Harvard and MIT).

(From the Chair's Office)

literary critics. Historians confront a different challenge: How to welcome new methods and approaches, new objects and questions, to existing ones. We want to be eclectic. Because of our interpretive bent, we are confident we can learn from research whose methods and questions do not at first seem valid or compelling to us. In reality, practitioners in older, better established subfields end up changing in response to the rise of the new. "Political" history, "economic" history, "military" history—already well established by the 1930s—emerge transformed by reflecting on, and borrowing from, newer approaches.

In this environment, every department of history must constantly strive to transform itself. For a long time, the Department at Duke followed a "space-time-plus" approach to self-transformation. When we sought new colleagues, we defined their fields in terms of space and time (e.g., the antebellum South), *plus some other interdisciplinary or methodological expertise*—economic history, gender history, intellectual history, and so on.

But in recent years, we have become frustrated with this approach. We no longer believe we can be a leading department merely by using the *plus sign to add new subjects and methods—layering them on to older ones*, as if the new left the old unchanged. Instead we have begun defining fields in a more dynamic manner. As Sally Deutsch moves to the office of Dean of Social Sciences, and I step into her shoes as department chair, I see this as a critical feature of our current direction.

A good example is last year's search

for a position in comparative East Asian history. Dominic Sachsenmaier, who joins the Department this fall, is a student of transnational history, who has focused his attention on links between Chinese and European intellectuals and activists of the early twentieth-century. In his work, a shadowy image of global intellectual trends begins to emerge, whose existence and character were beyond the myopic horizon of the discipline only a few years back.

Another good example is our current search for a historian of Mediterranean Europe, 1200-1600, whose work crosses national, cultural or geographical borders. I was surprised to learn last month that UCLA is searching in almost the same "field" this year—a field that we thought we were inventing when we wrote the ad. Our search is open-ended, because we are convinced that exciting research, currently, is research that reaches beyond both time-space boundaries and methodological ones.

Time does not let us stand still. As we work to reinvent ourselves, retirements have left us bereft of gifted colleagues, too numerous to mention. For many of you, they will always be what Duke is all about. In comparison, new arrivals, new curricula, new distinctions seem very pale. But we have no choice. Showing continued signs of life, putting new ideas in play, bringing in exciting new colleagues—these are the only forms of homage we as a Department can make to our colleagues and our students past and present. So we soldier on, grateful to have been associated, and to be associated, with a Department and a university that have had some extraordinary decades recently.

As many of you know, we will be

celebrating the retirement of John Richards with a conference on September 29-30, entitled "Expanding Frontiers in South Asian and World History." Complete details are available on the Department's web site (thank you, Carla). There will be a reception in his honor in the John Hope Franklin Center, from 5:30 to 7 pm on Friday, 29 September. We have also tentatively scheduled a round-table on colonial American history, and a reception to honor Peter Wood, on his retirement, to be held on Friday, May 18, 2007. Tim Borstelmann has volunteered to organize that. Look for more details on the web site, or contact us, if you prefer, a little closer to the time.

Bill Chafe will host a reception for the Department at the meeting of the Southern Historical Association on November 15-18, at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel. Check the web site for precise time and place.

If you are coming to the AHA meeting in Atlanta, please be sure to come by the reception that the Duke and UNC history departments are co-hosting. This worked so well when we tried it last year that we are enthusiastic about repeating the experiment. Lloyd Kramer, who is the new chair at the far end of 15-501, is a historian of France like myself; so we will strive to put on a show with the appropriate *éclat*.

We hope to see many of you at these events.

In any case, we would be delighted to hear from you. In future newsletters, in this place, we would like to include stories from the archives, comments on the discipline, anecdotes. Those that don't fit we can put on the web site. Send them to Carla Rusnak (carla.rusnak@duke.edu).

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