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With the end of the spring semester in early May and commencement (May 14), the campus has become virtually deserted. Aside from those few who will be teaching in the summer sessions, the faculty have been scattering, leaving on research trips or vacations. Generally speaking, the department had a productive year. Five of our colleagues (King, Koditschek, Smale, Smith, and Worthington) have published books, which are noted elsewhere in this newsletter. Both the faculty and our graduate teaching assistants continue to excel in the classroom, with Lois Huneycutt receiving the campuswide Excellence in Education Award from the Division of Student Affairs, and Steven Smith, a similar campuswide award, the Donald K. Anderson Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, from the Graduate School. And, even though the University of Missouri is officially still under a hiring freeze, our dean was able to persuade the provost to name a few exceptions for strategically important faculty positions, among them our African history

position. The department did a search in late fall and early spring that did not result in a hire but that the dean has reauthorized for the upcoming academic year. The search committee has been preparing for the new search and will accelerate the process in late August.

In keeping with the department's long-standing tradition and well-earned reputation for campus activism, the spring semester provided an opportunity to weigh in on the controversial issue of e-learning. Thus, soon after the appointment by the provost of a campuswide committee to examine e-courses and the possible consolidation of the units responsible for delivering these courses, the department adopted a strongly worded resolution opposing this administration-driven initiative. The history resolution was forwarded to all A&S departments, a number of which ultimately drafted similar resolutions of their own. These were then forwarded to key university administrators. The issue of e-learning has thus been put on hold to be revisited, but with far greater faculty input and participation in the future.

Arts and Science Week was once again celebrated in February. This gave the department an opportunity to welcome back to campus one of our graduates, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ryan Yantis, BA '83, who was honored by the college as one of three recipients of the A&S Distinguished Alumni Award. After a stellar career in the military, Yantis served as executive director of the Pritzker Military Library (Chicago) and then as the executive director of the Korean War National Museum (Springfield, Ill.).

Our undergraduate and graduate programs continue to flourish. This year, more than 90 undergraduate students received their bachelors' degrees in history. A number of these students undertook independent research projects and

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produced impressive honors theses, supervised by individual faculty members (see Page 3 for a list of these students and their thesis titles).

Our undergraduate internship program has grown as well and has expanded in scope to include some new opportunities such as the Missouri Museum of Military History in Jefferson City.

Our master's and doctoral students have shown a great deal of initiative by actively engaging in professional activities that can only enhance their future career prospects. Some have published articles, book reviews, or encyclopedia entries; some have had articles accepted for publication; some have presented papers at professional meetings; with at least two of these being recognized for excellence and awarded prizes. A more-complete description of these graduate and undergraduate student accomplishments as well as updates on our internships appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

A defining event of the spring semester was the late January–early February blizzard that immobilized the city of Columbia and the university campus for several days. Aptly described by *Mizzou: The Magazine of the Mizzou Alumni Association* as “a blizzard of historic proportions,” the snow that accumulated rapidly and in great quantities (14.5 inches at Sanborn Field; 17.5 inches at Columbia Regional Airport), resulted in the cancellation of classes from 4:00 p.m. on Jan. 31, through the end of the day Feb. 3. The three consecutive days of cancelled classes were a first for MU, necessitating an extension of the spring semester by two days and a revision of the final exam schedule. To be sure, students did not let all of that free time go to waste. A call went out for a monumental snowball fight on the Quad, and so, on Feb. 3, opposing teams of combatants assembled on the Jesse Hall lawn to do battle, with the Columns serving as a stately redoubt for both sides.

In closing, I would also like to call your attention to the “call for participation” on Page 8. The link to a survey that was designed for our alumni who received a BA in history since 1970 can be found there. Please do take a moment to complete the career survey using the live link provided.

Some alumni will receive a hard copy in the mail.

This survey, which was done for the first time in 2009, has proved to be an excellent resource for our students. Once the results are in and tabulated, we will share them with you via our newsletter in the fall.

We also learned, just as this newsletter was going to print, that Professor Robert Weems has accepted the position of Willard W. Garvey Distinguished Professor of Business History at Wichita State University in Kansas. Our very best wishes go with Robert as he moves on to a new chapter in his academic career.



Russ Zguta, Chair
Department of History

Undergraduate Recognition



The spring semester brings our annual student recognition event. It is at this time that the department recognizes the publication of books by of our faculty, fellowships and other awards won by our graduate students, and scholarships and awards earned by our undergraduate students.

Because of the generosity of our alumni, the history department is able to offer a number of merit-based scholarships. Brief descriptions of each of the scholarships awarded this year followed by the scholars' names follow.

Glen M. McCaslin Memorial Scholarship

A memorial scholarship honoring Glenn M. McCaslin, BA '49, BJ '49. This gift is awarded to outstanding history majors at MU with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and history GPA of 3.2 or above. This year's McCaslin scholars were Ashleigh Bartlett, Partick Logan, Matthew Quetsch, Matthew Schiffman, and Gretchen Stoll.

Harvey A. & Nellie K. Deweerd Memorial Teaching Award

This memorial scholarship, honoring Harvey and Nellie Deweerd, is awarded to one or more outstanding students in the Department of History who are majoring in history and who show an interest in and aptitude for teaching history. Our Deweerd awardees this year were Rebecca Haden and Megan Roberts.

Tom Berenger Opportunities for Excellence Scholarships

World renowned actor Tom Berenger established this scholarship because of his association with the University of Missouri and his love for world history. The fund is used to promote professional growth for teaching, research, and service that will elevate students to higher levels of achievement. This award is given to students majoring in history with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and a history GPA of 3.2 or above. Our Berenger Scholarship winners this year were Jennifer Apoian, Ariel Morrison, and Bryan Weintrop.

Allen & Maude Clarke McReynolds Scholarship

This endowment was started by Elizabeth McReynolds Rozier and Allen McReynolds Jr. on behalf of their parents, Allen and Maude Clarke McReynolds. Awards are given to one or more outstanding students who are majoring in history. Our McReynolds scholars this year were Margaret Holleman, Jeff Spangler, and Megan Stroup.

Ferd Labrunerie Prize in Greek History

Established by Ferd LaBrunerie, a Columbia businessman, this award is given to the best undergraduate student enrolled in a second- or third-year Greek history course taught in the Department of History. The fall semester LaBrunerie Prize winner is Taylor Bartlett.

Jennifer Apoian, honors thesis.....Adviser: Lois Huneycutt
 Kayla Davis, honors thesisAdviser: Ian Worthington
 Tim Decker, honors thesis.....Adviser: John Bullion
 Doug Genens, honors thesis.....Adviser: John Bullion
 Nick Gerth, honors thesisAdviser: Mark Carroll
 Casey Griggs, honors thesis.....Adviser: Lois Huneycutt
 Zach Miller, honors thesisAdviser: Russ Zguta
 Matt Quetsh, honors thesis.....Adviser: John Bullion

ner sites, which include museums, archives, and libraries in Columbia and Jefferson City. Along with the military museum, students interested in museum work can choose from the Boone County Historical Museum in Columbia or the Missouri State Museum in Jefferson City. Other opportunities include learning research and writing skills at the Supreme Court Library in Jefferson City, where students Rock Gremillion and Bryan Weintrop worked to develop projects that were ultimately presented in a session at the Missouri Conference on History in Kansas City in April 2011. In the past, students interested in the electoral process have worked through the Missouri State Archives internship, assisting in the Office of the Secretary of State during election cycles.

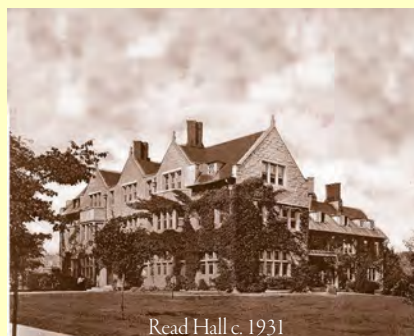
Other opportunities include learning archival preservation and cataloguing techniques at the Missouri State Historical Society, the Missouri Archives in Jefferson City, or closer to home, the University of Missouri Archives.

Internship students who might wish to pursue careers in secondary education are often attracted to the History Day internships at the State Historical Society, supervised by Deborah Luchenbill, where Jacob Glazer worked in the spring semester. History Day is a national competition for sixth through twelfth graders who create projects based on a theme chosen by the national office. The state-level competition is held

in April on the MU campus. Jacob's varied duties included creating a Web site for secondary school students showing how the collections at the Missouri State Historical Society could provide required primary sources for topics keyed to the theme, answering questions from parents, finding qualified judges, and putting together informational packets. He describes competition day as "awesome," and the experience as "more interesting, exciting, and beneficial than I thought it ever could be."

History department internships offer students the opportunity to develop skills that could lead to careers in government agencies, libraries, museums, and private agencies who value the ability to see the big picture, analyze past performances, and predict future trends – abilities that the history major develops and the internship experience allows students to test. Interested students are always encouraged to contact Jenny Morton, director of undergraduate curriculum and advising, who will help the student gain some valuable experience.

— Lois Huneycutt
Director of graduate studies



Graduate Program News

The department's graduate program has an outstanding placement record: over the last 15 years, 65 percent of all MU doctorates have been appointed to tenure track positions, three times the placement rate of peer institutions according to American Historical Association figures; during 2008–09, all three of the department's PhDs found tenure-track positions, as have two of our three 2009–10 graduates. Mark Geiger (PhD '06) was a postdoctoral fellow at the Minnesota Population Center for three years before receiving a UCLA Center for Economic History postdoctoral fellowship for 2008–09 (they only give one). He is now a postdoctoral fellow at the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, Australia

Each year the department holds a reception at which we recognize our faculty, staff, and graduate students for books published and awards won. This year our graduate students did themselves and the department proud.

Joe Beilein

Bonnie Zelenak Excellence in Tutoring Award presented to tutors who have distinguished themselves by their use of innovative ideas, enthusiasm for learning, and outstanding commitment to helping MU students succeed

Joe's adviser is LeeAnn Whites

Daniel Conner

John D. Bies International Travel Scholarship

Daniel's adviser is Ted Koditschek

Rebecca Jacobs-Pollez

John D. Bies International Travel Scholarship

Paper titled "The Role of the Mother in Vincent of Beauvais' *De eruditione filiorum nobilium*" was accepted for publication in the *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History*

Becky's adviser is Lois Huneycutt

Alexis Miller

First prize for the best Phi Alpha Theta graduate paper at the Missouri Valley History Conference for her paper titled, "The Norman Conquest and the Development of the Diocese of St. Asaph: Anglo-Norman Ecclesiastical Influence in Northeastern Wales."

Alexis's adviser is Lois Huneycutt

William Mountz

Robert A. and Barbara Divine Graduate Student Travel Grant from the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relation (SHAFR) Program to present his paper, "The Right (or Left) Way of Thinking: The International Conservative Response to the Kennedy Administration's Foreign Policy in the Congo Crisis, 1961 - 1963," at their annual meeting.

Awarded one of 15 slots in the SHAFR Summer Institute "Freedom and Free Markets: Histories of Globalization and Human Rights," to be held at Emory University in June 2011.

Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Honorable Mention in 2011

Will's adviser is Carol Anderson

Joshua Rice

Essay on George Bancroft, published in *The Encyclopedia of the Early Republic and Antebellum America* (M. E. Sharpe, August 2010).

Book review of *This Violent Empire: The Birth of an American National Identity*, by Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, in *Fides et Historia* (in press).

Josh's adviser is John Wigger

Graduate Program News, con't.

Leroy Rowe

Professional Presentation Travel Fellowship from the Graduate School to present a paper at the Society For the Study of Childhood and Youth sixth biennial conference at Columbia University.

Leroy's adviser is Robert Weems

Roger Robinson

Compiled the materials for But I Forget That I Am A Painter and Not a Politician: The Letters of George Caleb Bingham to be published by State Historical Society of Missouri and Friends of Arrow Rock, Inc., 2011.

Roger's adviser is Jeff Pasley

Jesca Scaevola

Accepted into the American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Summer Sanskrit Program in Pune, India, and received an award covering the full tuition and international airfare from the AIIS.

Jesca's adviser is Michael Bednar

Mark Singer

Mark's paper, "æ georne gebide gece and miltse: Pastoral Care and the Vernacular in Early English Prayer Books," was awarded a conference "exceptional merit" prize from the Medieval Academy of America.

Mark's adviser is Lois Huneycutt

Steven Carl Smith

Donald K. Anderson Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

Short-term research fellowship, The New York Public Library

Anna K. and Mary E. Cunningham Research residency, The New York State Library

Interviewed for, and featured in, "The Research Fellowship that Uncovered a New Story of 19th Century New York" by Angela Montefinise, The Huffington Post, 15 February 2011.

Alfred D. Chandler, Jr. Travel Grant to attend the Business History Conference, held this year in St. Louis (March 31-April 2) to present his paper "Element of Useful Knowledge: Evert Duyckinck and the Publishing Industry in New York City, 1794-1833"

Program in Early American Economy and Society Research Fellowship from The Library Company of Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA).

Awarded a Reese Fellowship in the Print Culture of the Americas from the American Antiquarian Society.

Awarded a 2011 Gilder Lehrman Fellowship

Steven's adviser is Jeff Pasley

Darin Tuck

Review: Robert E. McGlone, John Brown's War on Slavery in the Southern Historian 31. (Spring 2010): 103-4.

Heralding the Call of Populism: Kansas Methodists and the 1896 Presidential Election," Methodist History 49, no. 1 (October 2010): 20-36.

Darin's adviser is John Wigger

Lucas Volkman

Accepted for publication in the Journal of Law and Religion an essay entitled "Church Property Disputes, Religious Freedom, and the Ordeal of African Methodists in Antebellum St. Louis: Farrar v. Finney (1855).

Lucas's adviser is Mark Carroll



Graduate Program News, con't.

The following master's candidates have successfully defended their theses:

Matthew Shouse - Matt's adviser was Assistant Professor Robert Smale

Jenny Wiard - Jenny will be continuing her studies, working toward her doctorate, under the direction of Professor John Wigger.



The following successfully defended their dissertations during the 2010 –11 academic year.

Hearty Congratulations!

Russell L. Goodrich - Teaching at Moberly Area Community College in Moberly, Mo.

Joshua J. McMullen - Tenure-track position as an assistant professor at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va.

Tiffany A. Ziegler
Tenure-track assistant professor at Minot State University in Minot, N.D.

What have our faculty been up to?



Jerry Frank

Our newest colleague Jerry Frank was nominated and was chosen to attend the week-long Wakonse Conference for College Teachers held annually in Shelby, Mich.

The Wakonse fellowship brings together faculty, teaching, and learning professionals from postsecondary institutions who recognize and are devoted to the inspirational aspect of the teaching and learning process.

Wakonse is a word from the Lakota language meaning to teach, to inspire. The Wakonse Foundation brings together people who find inspiring and influencing others is what they want to do for a living.

Wakonse is an organization of individuals dedicated to promoting and sharing with colleagues the excitement and satisfaction of teaching in higher education.

Lois Huneycutt

Associate Professor Lois Huneycutt was the recipient of the Excellence in Education Award from the Division of Student Affairs.

Steven Watts

2011 Faculty Award — University of Missouri Alumni Association

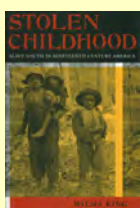
Ian Worthington

William H. Byler Distinguished Professor Award 2011

Classical Association of the Middle West and South Award for Excellence in University Teaching.

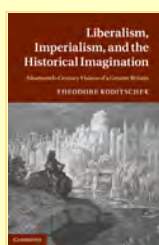
Books-Books-Books

Check out the latest offerings from our faculty authors.



Wilma King: *Stolen Childhood: Slave Youth in Nineteenth-Century America (Blacks in the Diaspora)* (revised and expanded). 1995. [Indiana University Press](#), 2011.

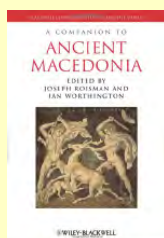
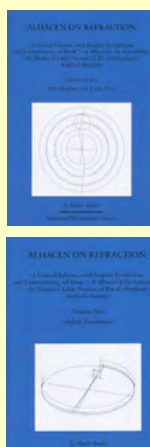
Ted Koditschek: *Liberalism, Imperialism, and the Historical Imagination: Nineteenth-century Visions of a Greater Britain*. [Cambridge University Press](#), 2011.



Robert Smale: *I Sweat the Flavor of Tin: Labor Activism in Early Twentieth-Century Bolivia*. [University of Pittsburgh Press](#), 2010.

A Mark Smith:

Allhacen on Refraction: A Critical Edition, with English Translation and Commentary, of Book 7 of Alhacen's De Aspectibus, the Medieval Latin Version of Ibn al-Haytham's Kitāb al-Manāẓir, Volumes One & Two. [American Philosophical Society](#), 2010.



Ian Worthington: Roisman & Worthington, eds.: *A Companion to Ancient Macedonia*. [Wiley-Blackwell](#), 2010.



Bulletin board in our Undergraduate Center

Career Survey

Some of you may remember that a few years ago, we conducted a survey to discover where your degrees in history had taken you. Our return rate for the surveys was about 30 percent which is considered pretty good.

After the surveys were returned, we put together a spiral-bound book titled *A Degree in History is Just the Beginning*. We also put together a bulletin board display using business cards, graphs and a map of the U.S. to illustrate the many places a history degree can take you. It has been just great to watch our students read through the results of the survey and heartening to hear their exclamations of, "I never thought I could do that with a degree in history!"

Many people, our own students included, are not aware of the many career possibilities that a degree in history presents!

That being said, we're going to do another survey this summer. Please be on the lookout for it and take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it to us (in the return envelope that will be included). Be sure to enclose your business card for our bulletin board.

Another option is for you to complete it online using this handy link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/muhistory>.

However you do it, we appreciate your input and look forward to sharing the results, sans names, with you in our fall newsletter and in a publication that will be made available to our undergraduates.

Read Hall Reflections Tidbits from our Past

CUP FOR BEST STUNT GIVEN TO READ HALL

"The Great Deception" Is Trophy Winner at
Annual W.S.G.A. Party

15 HOUSES IN CONTEST

Zeta Tau Alpha Places
Second and Kappa
Kappa Gamma Is Third

Read Hall was presented with a silver loving cup last night for giving the most appropriate, simple, and original stunt at the W.S.G.S. annual Christmas party for all University women, which was held in the Women's Gymnasium from 7:30 to 10 o'clock. The winning stunt, "The Great Deception," was managed by Isabelle Levi of Read Hall, and had in its case Mary Algermisen, Kathryn Steinburg, Isabelle Levi, and Freddie Lee Ramsey.

Zeta Tau Alpha placed second in the competition, and Kappa Kappa Gamma placed third. Honorable mention was given to Kappa Alpha Theta and Chi Omega. Thirteen sororities, Read Hall, and Hendrix Hall were entered in the competition.

Frances Alexander, president of W.G.S.A. opened the program of the evening by welcoming those who were present and by explaining the basis on which the loving cup was given.

Stunts were limited to five minutes in length and were judged by originality, simplicity, and appropriateness. A sorority or dormitory must win the cup three successive years in order to keep it. Delta Delta Delta, which won the cup permanently last year, has established the precedent of not entering the competition for one year after permanently winning the cup.

About 250 University women attended the party. Apples and popcorn were distributed after the stunts, and Frances Chinn played for dancing.

The Columbia Missourian. Dec. 17, 1926, Page 3, col. 4.

From our Alumni

William Daughtridge, BA '81, MEd '86

Uzbekistan and Honduras are just a couple of the places Bill's life has taken him. He is now in Omaha as an International Baccalaureate Diploma Coordinator for Millard North High School. He reports that he enjoyed corresponding with Dr. Charles Timberlake while in Tashkent, and with Drs. John Bullion and Robert Collins since returning to the Midwest.

Dick Davies, PhD '63, is a professor at the University of Nevada, Reno.

I received my doctorate at MU under the tutelage of Dick Kirkendall and Allen Davis in 1963. In May 2009, I was named the one recipient of the Distinguished Faculty for the University of Nevada for 2009 — a sort of a lifetime achievement award with only one person named each year. Being selected out of a faculty of nearly 1,000 was gratifying. I keep in touch with Dick Kirkendall and Allen Davis at the annual OAH meetings and remain in close contact with Frank Mitchell, PhD '64, who is now retired from USC and living in his home state of Iowa. He and I took our comps together in 1962 and did a readings book together for recent U.S. history courses with John Wiley & Co. in 1969.

After spending 1972–1987 in various high-level administrative positions (college dean at Northern Arizona, provost at Nevada, and interim president of Northern Colorado) I settled into my professorship at Nevada and have continued to teach courses in American history and do engage in my research and writing. By chance I branched out into the emerging field of sports history in the 1990s which has resulted in three books with another one in press. I will retire in June 2011 but will continue with my writing. I was most fortunate to select Missouri for my graduate work and the program in American history in the early '60s was superb. My only regret is not having done any work with Lewis Atherton; I know he would be pleased to know my 1998 book Main Street Blues, The Decline of Small Town America,

used his 1954 Main Street on the Middle Border as a starting point. For additional info, see: <http://www.unr.edu/cla/history/people/davies/index.html>



John Kyle Day, PhD '06

Day, assistant professor of history at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, was recently elected to a national leadership position in Phi Alpha Theta, the national collegiate history honor society. He was elected national councilor for Phi Alpha Theta and will serve on the board of directors while developing policy for the organization and representing the honor society to the academic community.

A member of the UAM faculty since 2007, Day holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Arkansas and a doctorate from the University of Missouri. He is currently the faculty adviser for UAM's Alpha Nu Zeta chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. For the past two years, the UAM chapter has been awarded the Best Chapter Award for institutions with student enrollments from 3,000 to 6,000.

Phi Alpha Theta is one of the largest and most prestigious academic organizations in the U.S. and is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies.

We Want to Hear What's Going on with You!

Our newsletter is one way we can stay connected with you. We enjoy letting you in on what's been happening in the department throughout the year. In return, won't you let us know what you have been up to?

We'd love to hear your news! — Include your name and your degree information (degree and year received). Be sure to let us know if we may include your news here and/or on our alumni page which can be found at <http://history.missouri.edu/alumni.html>. Or, if you like, we can also share it on our FaceBook page (we will not share it there however unless you want us to. Check it out at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/History-at-Mizzou/96467547970>

Drop us a line at: News, Dept. of History, 101 Read Hall, Columbia, MO 65211 or e-mail a message to melinda@missouri.edu. Either way, we look forward to hearing from you!



Don't forget to be on the lookout for your career survey!

Here's to a restful, productive, and peaceful summer for all.

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