



News from History — Fall 2005

Ron Atkinson writes from Africa, where he is working towards a project dealing with land issues in Acholi in northern Uganda, an area where people have been forced by the government to abandon their land and move into large “protected” camps. Ron is preparing for a large consultative meeting called by the paramount chief (Rwot) of Acholi and other traditional leaders; land use, and Ron’s proposal, are on the agenda. He promises further news after the meeting, so stay tuned.

John Basil published *Church and State in Late Imperial Russia: Critics of the Synodal System of Ecclesiastical Government*. (University of Minnesota Mediterranean and East European Monographs) and “Church-State Relations in Russia: Orthodox and Federation Law, 1990-2004,” in *Religion, State and Society* (June, 2005).

Jake Blosser’s article, “The Annual Meeting: Reflections from a First-Timer” appeared in *Perspectives, the Newsmagazine of the American Historical Association* in September. His piece, “Constructing Modernity: Historical Imagery and Religious Identity in Charleston’s Great Awakening” is being published in the October issue of the *South Carolina Historical Magazine*. Jake received an Isaiah Thomas Stipend from the American Antiquarian Society to attend the Annual Summer Seminar on the History of the Book in American Culture in Worcester, Massachusetts. He also organized a panel and presented a paper at the OIEAHC conference in Santa Barbara, and he was a guest speaker at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Jake has also completed a draft of his dissertation, which he is scheduled to defend in early December.

Tom Brown presented papers on ideas about democracy expressed in Civil War monuments to conferences at the University of Mississippi and the University of Toronto. Tom is also the department’s new graduate program director.

Over the summer, **Dan Carter** joined Harvard Law Professor Lani Guinier and writer Thomas Frank (“What’s the Matter with Kansas”) in a plenary session opening the centennial meeting of the American Sociological Association. In a session that was taped and will be released by the ASA on a DVD, the three scholars discussed the growth of conservative power, politics, and culture in America in the last 30 years. In November Dan presided over the opening night of the Southern Historical Association – a more challenging experience than one might expect since the death of Rosa Parks (and her memorial service in Detroit that day) meant that John Lewis, the opening night speaker, could not be present. Fortunately, four individuals who had known Parks over the course of her long life stepped in and spoke on a panel that was followed by a rousing concert given by the Sea Island Singers in her memory.

Ken Clements delivered a paper entitled “Herbert Hoover as Secretary of Commerce,” at the Hoover Symposium at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon. The session brought together the authors of the final three volumes of the multi-volume Hoover biography to talk about Hoover’s career as Secretary of Commerce, President, and former President. Ken is also the new faculty advisor for a reorganized Phi Alpha Theta, the history honors society.

A paperback edition of **Mike Connelley’s** *On War and Leadership* was published this autumn, and his new book, *The Wars of the French Revolution and Napoleon* (Routledge) almost immediately joined it on the bookstore shelves.

There had been “no real snow” as of late November in Boston, where **Bobby Donaldson** is a Sheila Biddle Ford Foundation Fellow at Harvard’s W. E. B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research. He presented a paper at the Institute on “Surveillance and Censorship: Booker T. Washington, J. Max Barber, and *The Voice of the Negro* Magazine.” He writes that he’s enjoying “the tremendous resources of the library and my able research assistant (a Harvard sophomore from Columbia!!).” Bobby has delivered several other papers: “New Negroes in the New South: Black Intellectuals in Jim Crow Georgia” for the Georgia Consortium on History and ““In Our Own Defense’: Race, Manhood, and the 1906 Georgia Equal Rights Convention” for the University of Mississippi’s Porter L. Fortune History Symposium on “Silences Broken: New Directions in African American Gender History.” Over the summer, Bobby returned to his hometown, Augusta, Georgia, to deliver “A Rope of Sand: Reconstruction and the Nadir in Georgia” for public school teachers and to participate in an interview for the Teaching American History Grant Video Project, sponsored by the Richmond County Board of Education.

Don Doyle directed a NEH Summer Seminar for University Teachers on “Faulkner and Southern History.” Fifteen faculty from all parts of the country came to Columbia for five weeks to read Faulkner and contemplate the South. Don presented “Making Italy, Unmaking America” at the University of Toronto and “America’s Risorgimento, Italy’s Civil War: The Lincoln-Garibaldi Correspondence” for the Browning Society’s meeting in Valambrosa Abbey outside Florence. He also delivered a paper to the American Political Science Association on “American Ethno-Civic Nationalism,” a lecture for the American Antiquarian Society’s faculty seminar on “Internationalizing the Civil War,” and a paper on “The South in the Age of Nationalism” at the Southern Historical Association. Finally, Don is the new director of the Association for Research on Ethnicity and Nationalism in the Americas (ARENA), a new international network of scholars based in the Richard Walker Institute for International Studies. He has been busy organizing ARENA’s board of advisors and planning conferences and other new ARENA initiatives.

Walter Edgar will deliver the commencement address in December at Newberry College and receive his fourth honorary degree since 1999.

Lacy Ford is currently chairing the Search Committee for a biomedical historian.

Karl Gerth received a second Blakemore Foundation Grant to spend the summer at Qinghua University in Beijing where, in addition to buying a lifetime supply of Chinese soap operas, he continued his research on the history of consumerism in twentieth-century China. While there, he gave several lectures but spent much more time buying books and dining out. This fall he was named director of USC’s Center for Asian Studies.

Larry Glickman has had a busy and exciting conference schedule. He co-organized a conference on “The State of Cultural History,” which honored his mentor, Lawrence W. Levine,

and examined where cultural history is going. More than 200 people attended the conference at George Mason University, and he and his co-editors are in the process of turning some of the papers into an edited volume. Larry also attended a Templeton Foundation conference in Portland, Maine on “Thrift and American Culture” and delivered a paper on the “renunciation of thrift” in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Finally, Larry presented a paper on the relationship between consumers and citizens at a conference at Columbia University sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg School of Communications on the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of Paul F. Lazarsfeld and Elihu Katz’ influential *Personal Influence: The Part Played by People in the Flow of Mass Communications*. Finally, Larry signed a contract with the University of Chicago Press for his book-in-progress on American consumer activism.

Editing this newsletter from the antipodes, **Carol Harrison** is a visiting fellow in the History Department at the University of Melbourne. While in Australia, she has given seminars at Melbourne and the University of Adelaide and snorkeled the Great Barrier Reef. Her article, “Protecting Catholic Boys and Forming Catholic Men at the Collège Stanislas in Restoration Paris” appeared in *French History and Civilization: Papers from the George Rudé Seminar*.

Wanda Hendricks was invited to Northwestern University in Evanston to give a presentation for the Conversations with Scholars Program at the Center for African American History. She has also been appointed to the 2007 Southern Historical Association Program Committee.

In August Cambridge University Press published **Bob Herzstein**’s *Henry R. Luce, Time, and the American Crusade in Asia*. The National Press Club selected Bob’s book for its annual Authors Book Fair in Washington DC. Bob is currently writing a book about the anti-Communist counter-subversive network organized by Alfred Kohlberg and preparing a new course on “Communism and anti-Communism in American life, 1917-1965.”

Ann Johnson is part of a USC team that has received a grant of \$1.35 million from the National Science Foundation for a study on the growing role of nanotechnology in society. Ann’s project, “Research Culture and Nanostructured Materials,” focuses on understanding the changes that are happening in science as a result of nano and nano-funding.

Melissa Kupfer joined the History Student Services Office this fall, where she is working with the graduate program. She and her husband John, a professor in the Geography department, and their two-year old Paul come to Columbia from Arizona.

Tom Lekan published *Germany’s Nature: Cultural Landscapes and Environmental History* (Rutgers University Press), which he co-edited with Thomas Zeller of the University of Maryland. The volume includes an introduction, “The Landscape of German Environmental History,” by the editors. Tom’s article “German Landscape: Local Promotion of the Heimat Abroad,” appeared in *The Heimat Abroad: The Boundaries of Germanness*, eds. Krista O’Donnell, Renate Bridenthal, and Nancy Reagin (University of Michigan Press). Tom has also served as consultant for the Museum of Life and the Environment, a new museum of environmental history and historical ecology being built in York County, South Carolina.

Dan Littlefield presented a paper entitled “Carolina Rice and African Know-how” at the Carolina Gold Rice Symposium at Middleton Place Plantation and delivered the keynote address on “African Americans in Southern Small Cities, Towns, and Rural Communities” at the Annual Conference of the Graduate Association for African American History, University of Memphis. He also chaired a session on “Art, Performance, Media” at the American Indian Workshop:

“New Buffaloes’-New Ways? Traditions and Transitions in Native American Culture: What has lasted, what has changed?” at the Amerika Haus in Munich.



Pat Maney sends photos from the History Department reception at the meeting of the Southern Historical Association. Over 150 faculty and graduate students enjoyed the department’s hospitality in Atlanta.

Aaron Marrs presented “Slave Labor and Southern Railroads” at the Southern Historical Association conference in Atlanta.

Becky Miller presented a paper entitled “Rally Around the Flag: White Mississippi’s Defense of the Closed Society in Response to the Lynching of Emmett Till” at The Murder of Emmett Till and the Struggle for Civil Rights Conference at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa. She has been selected for the 2005 Chancellor’s List (the Who’s Who of Graduate Students) and 2005 National Dean’s List

At the Annual General Meeting of the Thomas Cooper Society, **Rob Patterson**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, was elected Vice President of the Society for 2005-2006 and President Elect for 2006-2007.

Eric Plaag presented “‘There is an Abundance of Those Which Are Genuine’: Northern Travelers and Souvenirs of the Antebellum South,” at the Dixie Emporium Symposium, sponsored by the Watson-Brown Foundation and the USC Institute for Southern Studies. The paper will be included in a collection of essays on southern tourism and material culture. Eric also presented “Making Sense of the Old South: Northern Travelers and the Coming of the American Civil War,” at the Cleanth Brooks Graduate Student Forum, St. George Tucker Society Conference in Thomson, Georgia.

Chris Rounds is currently teaching History 111 and 112 for college credit at Cardinal Newman School in Columbia. The courses are being offered through USC-Sumter.

Mark Smith published *Stono: Documenting and Interpreting a Slave Revolt* (USC Press), “Making Scents Make Sense: White Noses, Black Smells, and Desegregation,” in *American Behavioral History: An Introduction*, ed. Peter Stearns (New York University Press), and “Finding Deficiency: On Eugenics, Economics, and Certainty,” in the *American Journal of*

Economics and Sociology (July 2005). He delivered papers on John Elliott Cairnes and Southern Slavery at the Bastiat Society in Columbia, on the Stono Rebellion at the Charleston Collegiate School and St. John's Island Regional Library, gave the keynote address on "Making Sense of Southern Slavery," at the annual meeting of the St. George Tucker Society, Thomson, Georgia, and participated in the NEH Summer Institute on Faulkner and the South. Mark was interviewed by the *State*, the *Charleston Post and Courier* and the *Boston Globe*, and was a participant on Gretchen Helfrich's series, "Odyssey" (Chicago Public Radio) on history and the senses.

Mike Smith was invited to speak to the Business History Seminar at Harvard University on "French Entrepreneurship in the Era of the Second Industrial Revolution: A Reassessment," a paper drawn from his soon-to-appear book on French business.

Pat Sullivan delivered the fall honors lecture at Harrisonburg Community College and was the Constitution Day speaker at Shippensburg State University. She presented a paper on "Taking Brown North: The NAACP and Northern School Desegregation" at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association and served on the SHA's nominating committee. Pat has been appointed a Special Visiting Scholar at the Kluge Center, Library of Congress, for spring 2006.

Marcia Synnott was the lead-off speaker at a "Town Meeting: Affirmative Action Update: the *Grutter v. Bollinger* Decision, Two Years Later," at the History of Education Society Annual Meeting. She discussed Supreme Court affirmative action rulings in higher education from *Regents v. Bakke* (1978) to the University of Michigan Cases (2003).

Tom Terrill lectured on the 2004 American presidential election at the University of Genoa over the summer. He will soon be leaving for Izmir, Turkey, where he has been appointed Fulbright Senior Lecturer at Dokuz Eylul University.

Kelli Cardenas Walsh is adjuncting at Fayetteville State University in North Carolina. She and her husband Tommy just finalized the adoption of their son Jackson, now fourteen months old.

At the heard of our newly-reorganized History Student Services Office, **Micky Ward** writes that "if your classes are feeling stuffed, it's because they ARE!" We now have 490-500 majors, and applications for the graduate program are flowing in. With Melissa Kupfer now working in student services, Micky says, "things couldn't be better."

Bob Weyeneth published an article in the fall issue of *The Public Historian*, entitled "The Architecture of Racial Segregation: The Challenges of Preserving the Problematical Past." The National Park Service and the South Carolina Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places have approved a major nomination from Bob's Historic Preservation course. Twelve students from two classes worked on "Segregation in Columbia Multiple Property Nomination:" **Ruth Bagley-Ayres, Heather Carpini, Elizabeth Coker, Rebekah Dobrasko, Krissy Dunn, J. R. Fennell, Jody Graichen, Lauren Ham, Eric Plaa, Michelle Purvis, Jimmy Steele, and Beth Wiedower.**