History Department Newsletter

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Letter from the Chair

There was a time, nearly twenty years ago now, when members of the Stetson community waited in great anticipation for the History Department's biannual newsletter, composed by long-time Chair Dr. Evans Johnson. Written in an inviting style and replete with humorous anecdotes, political and social commentary, and updates from generations of faculty and alumni, Dr. Johnson's newsletter was a labor of love, which enjoyed an immense readership across the university. Here's a brief excerpt from Dr. Johnson's last Department newsletter, from December 1997:

> This proud little "city on a hill" is basking in the glory of national publicity, attracted by the Mainstreet Association's success in restoring downtown. A recent visitor remarked that in most towns one store after another in the downtown area is boarded up but not in DeLand … Even so, the smallness of most of the mercantile establishments indicates the fragility of the recovery. Merchants sense danger in the proposal of Wal-Mart, the goliath chain, to abandon its North DeLand location for a considerably larger tract further north on property just annexed to the city. … In Stetson terms, the Wal-Mart fight is the War of the Roses with Stetsonites on both sides…"

Folksy, entertaining, even literary in content, Dr. Johnson's newsletters remain a treasure trove of Stetson and local history, which his wife, our recently retired Director of the Stetson Library, Betty Johnson, is in the process of archiving for posterity.

We cannot hope to reproduce here Professor Johnson's birds-eye view of all things Stetson. Nonetheless it is an excellent year to recommence publication of a departmental newsletter, if for no other reason than there is a lot of news to report. As most of you know, Stetson hired Dr. Wendy Libby as president in 2009, replacing Dr. H. Douglas Lee, who retired after twenty-two years in office (and tragically passed away only a few months later). Dr. Libby has introduced a number of ambitious changes, including a multi-million dollar series of campus renovations. A central part of these renovations, Elizabeth Hall has never looked better. From restoring the old hardwood and adding better lighting to introducing refurbished "smart" classrooms throughout the third floor, our students and faculty have a much more pleasant physical environment in which to work.

Letter from the Chair, Cont.

Still, it is Stetson's human resources that have always made this university a special place to pursue scholarship and develop lasting friendships. In this respect, our department is thriving. After a six-year term as Chair— including shepherding the Department through a successful external review and major curriculum reform— Dr. Margaret Venzke passed the baton in 2010. In 2011, we also welcomed three new faculty into the department. Two of our "new" faculty are in fact our "old" colleagues, Paul Croce and Emily Mieras, who join our department as Professors of American History. Of course, both will continue to direct the American Studies Program that Dr. John Hague brought Stetson some sixty years ago. Indeed, it has been two decades— since Evans Johnson ceased full-time teaching— that our Department has had two American historians, including Dr. Kevin O'Keefe, who retired in 2005. Also exciting is the addition of Dr. Leander Seah, who joins us from the University of Pennsylvania with a specialization in Modern Chinese and Southeast Asian History (see below). Dr. Seah is Stetson's first tenure-track Historian of East Asia, an area of study we would like to strengthen in the coming decade.

Among the departmental highlights of the last couple years, of which there are many (see below), two of our seniors, Lauren Eliopoulos and Tim Tully, won first prize at the 2011 Phi Alpha Theta state conference in St. Augustine. With their wins, for papers in Contemporary History and Medieval History respectively, Stetson's History Department took home two of the five first prizes statewide. Meanwhile, one of our recent alumni, Richards Plavnieks, a student of the world's leading Holocaust historian, Christopher Browning (who delivered Stetson's 2010 Weiner Memorial Holocaust Lecture), won a prestigious Revson Fellowship at the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. In 2010 and 2011, Dr. Paul Steeves (entering his 40th year at Stetson!) and his wife Polly hosted their annual Chili Supper, inviting students, faculty, and local alumni who spoke about the diverse careers one can pursue with a History Major. In fact, the department entered 2010-2011 with more majors than it has had in twenty years.

On the faculty front, our colleague, Paul Croce, outgoing President of the William James Society, organized an international conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts in celebration of the 100th anniversary of James' death, co-sponsored by Harvard University's Houghton Library. He also completed his second book, soon to appear with Indiana University Press, and in 2011 won Stetson's prestigious Hand Award for Excellence in Scholarship. Two members of the Department, Emily Mieras and Kimberly Reiter, were nominated for Stetson's highest teaching awards, the McEniry and Hague Awards respectively. Dr. Reiter was also elected president of the International Environmental Association. Finally, Dr. Eric Kurlander published his second book, *Living With Hitler: Liberal Democrats in the Third Reich*, with Yale University Press in 2009 and will be heading to Freiburg, Germany as a Fulbright Scholar in Spring 2012.

Before concluding, we want to thank all our current and former students, retired faculty, and alumni associates for their continued support and dedication over the years. From sending us news of their personal and career highlights to dropping by the department upon return trips to Deland; from providing career advice and networking opportunities for recent graduates to donating money for departmental scholarships, prizes, books, and renovations, we remain extraordinarily grateful. We hope this and subsequent newsletters will help renew and maintain those ties with the Department. If you have any suggestions, news, or would simply like to give to the department, please contact Dr. Eric Kurlander (ekurland@stetson.edu) or our departmental administrator (also a former Stetson History major who is finishing her Master's Thesis in Russian History at the University of Central Florida), Jennifer Snyder Hilderbrandt (jsnyder1@stetson.edu).

Sincerely,
Dr. Eric Kurlander
Associate Professor and Chair
Department of History

History Department Faculty

Dr. Eric Kurlander: Dr. Eric Kurlander (PhD, Harvard University) teaches classes on many aspects of Modern German, European, and World History, including Nazi Germany, The Holocaust, The Second World War: A Global History, The French Revolution, and A History of Baseball. His recent book, *Living With Hitler* (Yale, 2009), examines the ways in which German liberals negotiated, resisted, and in some ways accommodated the Third Reich. His first book, *The Price of Exclusion: Ethnicity, National Identity, and the Decline of German Liberalism*, 1898-1933 (Berghahn, 2006), describes how ethnic nationalist ideology gradually undermined the liberal parties in late-Imperial and Weimar Germany. His articles have appeared in *Central European History*, *The Journal of Contemporary History*, *The Historian*, *The Bulletin of the German Historical Institute*, *Ethnopolitics*, and *European Review of History*, as well as a number of edited collections. Kurlander has held fellowships from the Fulbright Foundation; Alexander von Humboldt Foundation; the German Historical Institute; the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD); the Krupp Foundation; and Harvard University's Program for the Study of Germany and Europe. His current projects include a textbook, with Dr. Kimberly Reiter, titled *The West in Question: Continuity and Change* (forthcoming, Pearson-Longman), and *Nazi Monsters: A Supernatural History of the Third Reich*. In his free time, Kurlander enjoys parenting, reading, travel, sports, Asian food, and American popular culture.

Dr. Paul Steeves: Dr. Paul Steeves (Ph.D., University of Kansas) is a specialist in Russian history, religion, art, and architecture. He has taught at Stetson University since 1972. He was awarded the McInery Prize for Excellence in Teaching in 1979 and the first Hand Research Award in 1992. He has published many items dealing with religion in Russia, including religions of Russian and the former Soviet Union and Russian pacifism. He maintains a current web page reporting news about religion in present-day Russia and other post-soviet countries.

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Dr. Paul Croce: (Ph.D., Brown University) Ever since I was a child, I have been attracted to history because I wanted to understand the future. Learning about the past not only provides stories more exciting than fiction, but also insights into cultural patterns and commitments that give clues about where we might be going. I took these interests with me as an undergraduate at Georgetown where I wrongly believed that a history major would not be practical; so I majored in government with a concentration in political theory and a minor in history. Then I earned a Ph.D. in American Studies at Brown University, went back to Georgetown's History Department to teach history for two years before moving to Florida to teach History and American Studies, first at Rollins and then at Stetson, where I have been teaching since 1988. Most of my courses deal with topics that your grandparents said you should not talk about at the dinner table: courses that deal with deep values issues including War and Peace, History of Health Care, Darwinism and the Divine, Environmental Debates, Nature and the American Marketplace, Campaign Watching, and the 1950s and 1960s. I also direct the Stetson Student Research in Science and Religion (2SR) Program and Stetson American Studies International (SASI).

Dr. Kimberly Reiter: Dr. Kimberly D. S. Reiter (Ph.D. ,University of Virginia) is Associate Professor of Ancient and Medieval History at Stetson University, and President of the Interdisciplinary Environmental Association (IEA). Dr. Reiter has had extensive experience designing and teaching courses in environmental history and environmental issues and has presented and published papers on the teaching of environmental issues from an interdisciplinary perspective. She currently serves as a member of the IEA Roundtable on Curriculum Change, and consults on green curriculum design. She is also directs the Stetson Field Course in Early English History, an on-site interdisciplinary study of the historic English landscape. She advises the Stetson chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the History honors society, is chair of the Stetson Undergraduate Research Committee, and organizes the annual Stetson Undergraduate Research and Creative Arts Symposium (SURCAS), the campus-wide honors day. She also serves as a National Councilor for Undergraduate Research Directors Committee for the Council of Undergraduate Research (CUR) and on the Florida Undergraduate Research Council. Her scholarship focuses on imperialism in the Western Roman Empire, specifically the Aquitaine Basin, and in the differing perceptions of "Romanization", especially its application as a theoretical construct in explaining imperialism, change and continuity in Roman provincial society and art, and has contributed a recent festschrift article on the application of Romanization theories to the teaching of Iron Age European religious thought. She is co-author of the forthcoming textbook in Western Civilization, *The West in Question* with Dr. Eric Kurlander

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Dr. Margaret Venzke: Dr. Margaret Venzke (Ph.D., Columbia University) is a specialist in Middle Eastern history and an internationally recognized expert on the Ottoman Empire in the 16th century. Her research centers on the Syrian lands following the Ottoman conquest in 1516. She has published extensively on Ottoman Syria. Noteworthy among these publications are major articles in the internationally renowned *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*—-"Special Use of the Tithe As a Revenue-Raising Measure in the Sixteenth-Century Sanjaq of Aleppo" (95 pp.) and "The Case of a Dulgadir-Mamluk Iqta`: A Re-Assessment of the Dulgadir Principality and Its Position Within the Ottoman-Mamluk Rivalry" (75 pp.)--, and "Rice Cultivation in the Plain of Antioch in the 16th Century: The Ottoman Fiscal Practice" (101 pp.), published in *Archivum Ottomanicum*. Soon to be published is "Syria's Population in the 16th Century: Population Decline and the Use of the Ottoman Tax Registers in Determining *Longue Durée* Decline." She expects to finish this year a *circa* 800-page manuscript, "The Syrian Lands: Settlements, Cultivators and Tribesmen in Northern Syria in the 16th Century," on which she has been working for quite a few years. Recently she has presented papers at international conferences held in Athens, Greece, and Zagreb, Croatia. She is the recipient of a Fulbright Research Award, and its renewal in Istanbul, Turkey, and a Rockefeller Residency Fellowship, Washington University, in St. Louis. Professor Venzke teaches courses on the Modern and Contemporary Middle East, Medieval Islamic Civilization, and the Ottoman Empire, as well as teaching the Ancient and Medieval Western Civilization survey courses.

Dr. Emily Mieras: Dr. Emily Mieras (Ph. D., The College of William and Mary), Associate Professor of History and American Studies, is an Americanist with specialties in Progressive Era history (c. 1880-1920) and women's and gender history. Dr. Mieras is particularly interested in cultural and social history. As an American Studies scholar, she employs interdisciplinary approaches to understand particular historical moments. In addition to the U. S. survey, courses on women's and gender history, and on the 1900-1940 time period, her courses cover such topics as consumerism in American history and culture, immigration and conceptions of racial identity, and popular culture in the United States. Her research topics in History and American Studies include Progressive Era college students and social service work, historical and contemporary conceptions of community in the United States, and the connections between family, gender, and consumerism in contemporary television. At Stetson, Dr. Mieras directs both the Gender Studies Program and the American Studies Program.

Welcome to the Department!

Dr. Leander Seah

Dr. Leander Seah joins Stetson as Assistant Professor of Asian History from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was Lecturer in the Department of History and where he also completed his Ph.D. in History under the supervision of the eminent historian of China, Arthur Waldron.

An ethnically Chinese native of Singapore, Dr. Seah obtained his Bachelor of Arts with Honors and Master of Arts degrees from the National University of Singapore.

Dr. Seah's research interests include maritime China and maritime Southeast Asia, modern China, modern Japan, migration and diasporas, and transnational and world history. He has published journal articles, has presented his work at conferences in the United States, Singapore, Hong Kong and mainland China, and is currently revising a book manuscript based on his doctoral dissertation, "Conceptualizing the Chinese World: Jinan University, Nanyang Migrants, and Trans-Regionalism, 1900-1941." His accolades include sixteen fellowships, research grants and awards from the Association for Asian Studies, the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, the Center for Chinese Studies in Taiwan, the National Library Board of Singapore, the National University of Singapore and the University of Pennsylvania. Funding from many of these sources has enabled him to carry out research in Hong Kong, mainland China, Taiwan, Singapore, and the United States.

Due to his diverse training, Dr. Seah looks forward to teaching a wide range of courses in Asian history and world history at Stetson. Initially trained in Southeast Asian history for his first graduate degree, he then specialized primarily in modern Chinese history for his Ph.D. studies with secondary specializations in modern Japanese history and migration in world history. He also earned a Graduate Certificate in World History at the University of Pennsylvania and is familiar with historical works that use transnational and trans-regional approaches. For the fall 2011 semester, he will teach courses on modern China and modern world civilizations, and for the spring 2012 semester, he will offer classes on modern Japan and modern world civilizations. Possible themes for future courses include maritime China and Chinese migration, East Asian diplomacy, global migration and diasporas, Chinese identity in historical perspective (both pre-modern and modern), maritime Southeast Asia, and approaches to world history.

His current personal interests in no particular order include travelling, watching football (soccer) (he has been a Liverpool Football Club supporter for about two decades), an increasing interest in watching baseball *sans* Yankees (especially after the Phillies won the 2008 World Series), watching Asian movies and dramas (although he still has a soft spot for Bond movies, Michael Bay films, and similar forms of mindless entertainment), savouring Asian cuisine (particularly Japanese dishes), listening to music (having played the piano, cello, and double bass in the past), and increasing his considerable collection of academic books.

2010-2011 History Department Lectures and Film Series

Phi Beta Kappa Presents
"Deliberating About Things That Matter" Discussion,

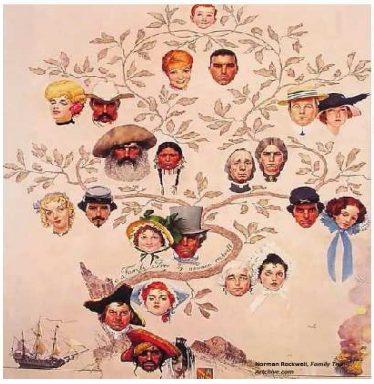
Where Are We Now With Theories of Fascism?

The discussion will be led by The 2011 Bernard Weiner Lecturer, Dr. Geoff Eley, Karl Pohrt Distinguished University Professor of Contemporary History at the University of Michigan.

Prof. Eley has published widely in German and European history of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Thursday, April 14th
10:30-11:45am
Faculty Lounge,
1st Floor of the CUB

Refreshments will be served and Cultural Credit is available.



Exploring your Roots: When and How to Write a Family History

Dr. Bruce Pauley
University of Central Florida

Wednesday, February 23
Flagler 317
7 pm

Cultural Credit Available

Phi Alpha Theta and Hindsight Present a Vampire Movie

Bram Stoker's Dracula
And
1931's *Dracula* with Bela Lugosi

Featuring Dr. Jamil Khader's
"The Pleasurable Pain of the Vampiric Bite: The Perversity of Love and the Pornography of Horror"

Monday, March 21st
Elizabeth Hall Room 315
6:30pm into the dead of night
Pizza and drinks provided—no blood

Cultural Credit Available

BERNARD WEINER MEMORIAL LECTURES
Stetson University
presents

Christopher Browning is the Frank Porter Graham Professor in the History Department at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. His latest book, *Remembering Survival: Inside a Nazi Slave-Labor Camp*, tells the story of the Nazi factory slave labor camp at Starachowice, in central Poland, where thousands of Jews were forced to produce munitions for the Nazis from 1942 to 1944.

CHRISTOPHER BROWNING

Holocaust historian
"Remembering Survival:
The Starachowice Factory
Slave Labor Camps"

Q & A to follow lecture

Tuesday, April 20, 2010
7:30 p.m.

Lynn Business Center,
Rinker Auditorium,
345 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand

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Phi Alpha Theta and Hindsight Present a Lecture

Zombies & Voodoo: The History and Culture

Featuring:
Dr. Kimberly Flint-Hamilton

Wednesday, March 23rd
Library Room 25
7:00pm to 8:15pm

Cultural Credit Available

HIST 321H: EARLY ENGLAND May 15-30, '12!

The Infamous Ancient/Medieval Britain field course!

Alumni welcome!

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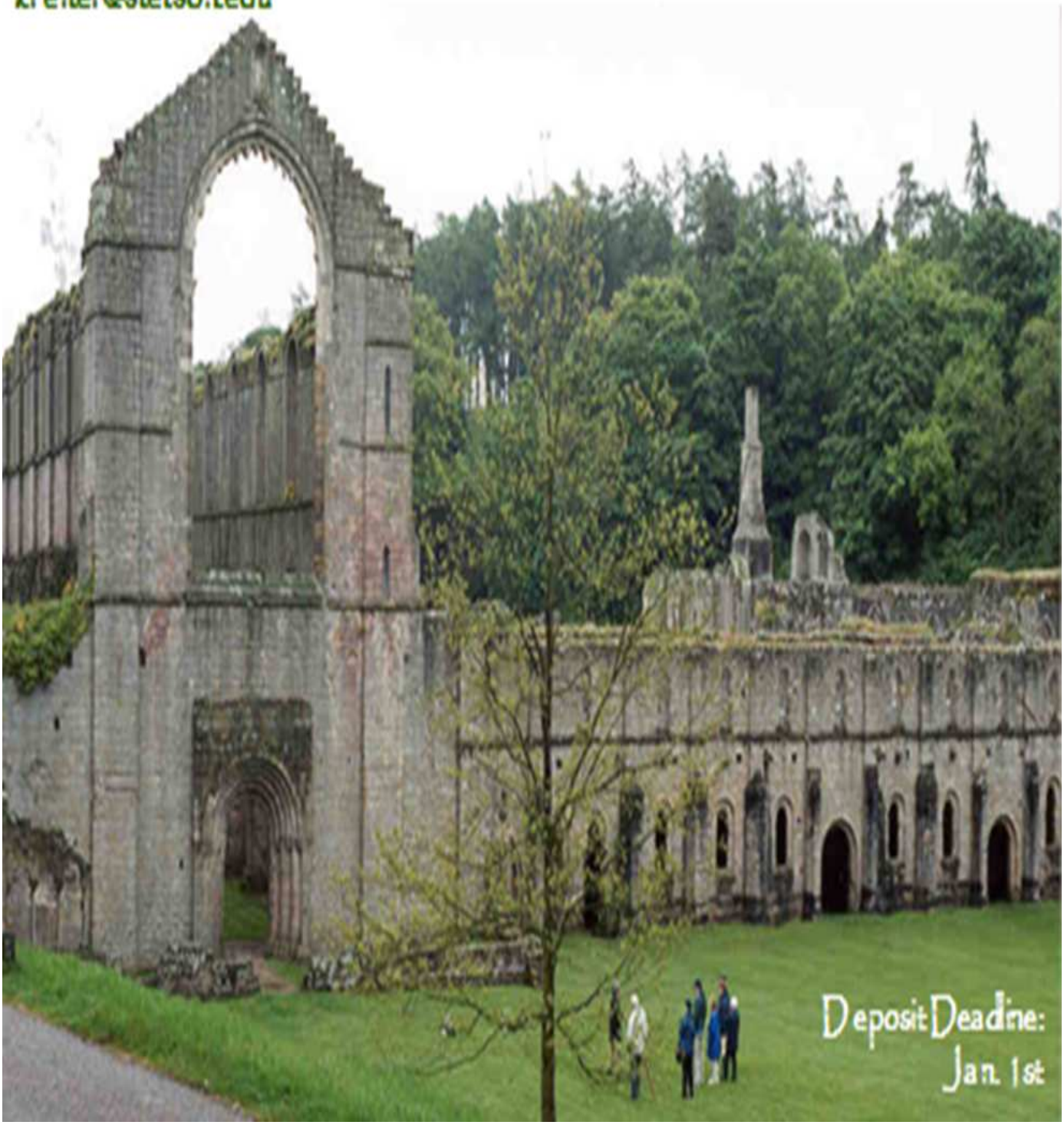


Student Highlights

College of Arts and Science Outstanding Seniors From left to right: Benjamin Hoffman, Jennifer Schwarz, Prof, Margaret Venzke, Lauren Eliopoulos

2011 Department Awards

Gilbert L. Lycan Outstanding Seniors:
Lauren Eliopoulos
Jennifer Schwarz

Gilbert L. Lycan Outstanding Junior:
Kaleb Knoblauch

John T. Rhett Manuscript Award:
Benjamin Hoffman

Gilbert Lycan was a popular and well-respected History professor at Stetson University from the 1950s through the 1970s. He also wrote the first history of the University. An award was established in his name to honor the outstanding junior and senior every year within the Department of History.

The Colonel John Taylor Rhett award is presented to the best research manuscript submitted to the department in the past academic year.

Phi Alpha Theta 2011 Regional Conference Winners

This year, Lauren Eliopoulos, Benjamin Hoffman, Jennifer Schwarz and Tim Tully presented their research at the annual Florida Phi Alpha Theta regionals, held this year at Flagler College, St. Augustine.
Lauren won the state undergraduate award for best paper in US History, while Tim won the state undergraduate award for best paper in pre-modern history.
Congratulations to all our Phi Alpha Theta scholars!

This summer, Rachel Chappell '12 and Stephen Atkinson '12 won places on the Stamford University/Durham University excavation of Binchester Fort, a Roman installation on Hadrian's Wall.

Rachel was funded in part by the Stetson Undergraduate Research Experience grant, and hopes to study Roman archaeology in graduate school.

Stephen hopes to enter graduate school in nautical archaeology.

Senior Research, 2010-2011

Matthew Blair,
Blood on Palatine Hill: Military leaders and the downfall of the Roman Republic

Daniel Dean,
War Crimes in Vietnam: My Lai and Other Atrocities

Lauren Eliopoulos,
Directing the EPA: The Role of the Agency Administrator, 1970 - present

Benjamin Hoffmann,
Postcolonial Ideology, The End of the Cold War, and the Weaponization of International Law:
Human Rights NGOs in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Chris Ferguson,
Villain or Hero? The True Motivations of Pirates off the Coast of Somalia

Lyndsay Fuller,
Serial Killing and The Federal Bureau of Investigations' Behavioral Science Unit in the 1970s and 80s

David Millard,
The Fall of American Socialism in the 1920s

Kellie Ann Pait,
St. Augustine and The 1964 Civil Rights Act

Matthew Parrott,
"Fragile Happiness:" Modern Evolution in the Perception of Homosexuals in late 19th Century France

Jennifer Schwarz,
La Sección Femenina and Women's Rights in 20th Century Spain

Russell Scibetti,
Machinery of Death? The Rifled Musket in the Civil War

Richard Spellman,
Mercenaries, PMCs, and Postwar American Military Strategy, 1945 -present

Timothy Tully,
The Role of Transubstantiation in the Reformation

Alumni Highlights

Richards Plavnieks, History, Class of 2004:
Richards is a Ph.D. candidate in history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, studying under the supervision of Professor Christopher Browning. He received an M.A. in history (2008) at the same institution. He was a Charles H. Revson Foundation Fellow during the 2010–2011 academic year. For his Charles H. Revson Foundation Fellowship, Richards is conducting the concluding phase of research for his dissertation, "The Arajs Kommando: A Case Study of Eastern European Holocaust Perpetrators."

Alexa Clapp, History, Class of 2006:
After graduation, Alexa was attended medical school the University of Florida. She completed her basic science coursework in the summer of 2008 and began clinical rotations seeing patients. She is currently in her residency.

Philip Handyside, History, Class of 2006:
Immediately after graduation, Philip spent a year teaching in Volusia County Schools. Afterwards, he obtained an MA in History from Cardiff University. My MA dissertation was entitled 'The Hospital of St. John in Wales: Donors and Properties'. He is currently doing a PhD at Cardiff University. His dissertation working title is 'New Light on the Old French Translation of William of Tyre'. His research is being funded by an Arts and Humanities Research Council Studentship. Philip has given papers at the Leeds International Medieval Colloqium and the Oxford Crusades Workshop, and he will be presenting a paper at the 2012 Leeds International Medieval Colloqium that will present the final findings of his research. He is currently in the writing up stage and hopes to be completed by the end of the 2011-12 academic year.

Ryan Lynch, History, Class of 2009:
Ryan graduated from the University of St Andrews in November 2010 with a Master of Letters (M.Litt) in Middle Eastern History. After graduation, he became a research student at Pembroke College, University of Oxford on a Master of Philosophy degree (M.Phil) in Islamic Studies and History. Ryan intends to stay on to finish my D.Phil (Ph.D) in the same subject, which would finish in summer of 2014. His work primarily focuses on early Islamic community formation and Arab identity, and how later Muslims perceive(d) and wrote stories of the origin of their communities.

Tasha Ramos, History, Class of 2010:
Since graduation, Tasha has been working for a nonprofit Americorps program called City Year. The organization's mission is to promote democracy through citizen service and civic engagement, and its focus is on ending the high school dropout crisis. Serving as a behavioral and academic interventionist with third through fifth grade students, however, allowed her to build upon her love of mentoring and educating. Rather than continuing her own education this Fall, Tasha decided to give another year in service. This year, though, she is a Team Leader at an urban high school where she can better contribute to ensuring our high school students stay on track towards both high school and college graduation. Nonetheless, Tasha has taken a couple Arabic classes to stay on her track of eventually pursuing a graduate education in Middle Eastern History.

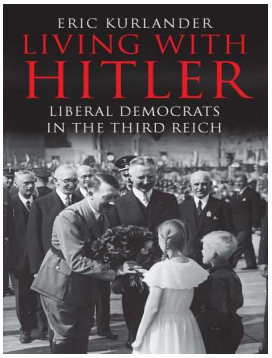
Faculty Professional Highlights

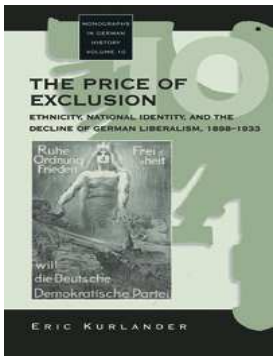
Dr. Paul Croce

I served as President of the William James Society, 2009-2010, and organized of the society's symposium, In the Footsteps of William James, August 13-16, 2010, which brought speakers from four continents and many disciplines. The conference, remembering James on the hundredth anniversary of his death in Chocorua, NH, was cosponsored with the Chocorua Community Association and Harvard's Houghton library in conjunction with its James Centennial Exhibition, "Life is in the Transitions."
For virtual visits, go to http://www.flickr.com/photos/wjsymposium/
for photos of the event, http://www.flickr.com/people/wjsymposium/
for more information, and to http://www.hcl.harvard.edu/libraries/houghton/exhibits/james/ for the Harvard exhibition.
I've also published a number of articles on James in his historical and theoretical contexts, including "Calming the Screaming Eagle: William James as Brother and Friend to Warriors in the Civil War," New England Quarterly 76 (March 2003); "Nature's Providence: From Swedenborgian Philosophy of Use to William James's Pragmatism" Transactions of the Charles Sanders Peirce Society 43 (Summer 2007); "Reaching Beyond Uncle William: A Century of William James in Theory and in Life," History of Psychology 13 (2010); "M/o/r/e at the Core: William James at the Root of Religion," Dialogue, a journal of philosophy and religious studies for young people, forthcoming; and there are a few full-text articles available on the American Studies web page: http://stetson.edu/artsci/americanstudies/pcresearch.php; meanwhile, my book Young William James: Science, Religion, and Philosophy in Formation is due out with Indiana University Press in fall of 2012.

Dr. Eric Kurlander

In Fall 2009, Dr. Kurlander published his second book, Living With Hitler: Liberal Democrats in the Third Reich (http://yalepress.yale.edu/reviews.asp?isbn=9780300116663):

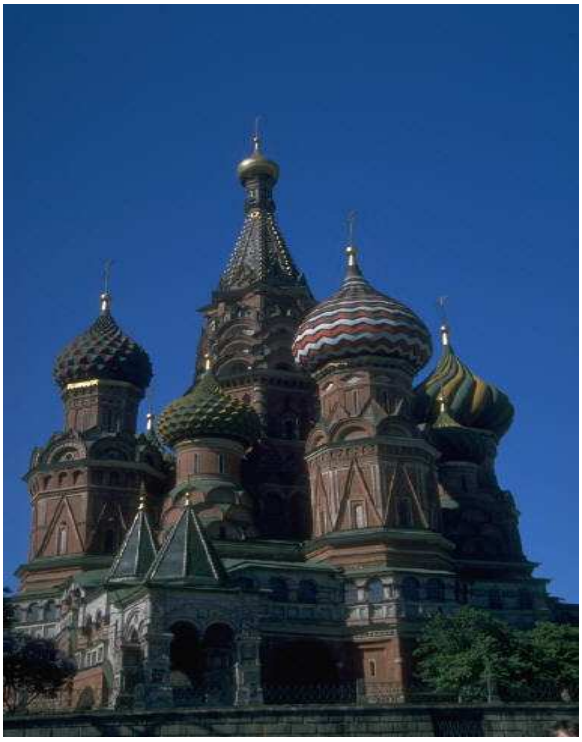




Its publication led to a number of invited lectures and talks in Germany and the United States, including "'A Space for Compassion.' Liberal Women and Progressive Social Policy in the Racial State," at the conference, "Beyond the Racial State: Rethinking Nazi Germany" at the University of Indiana, Bloomington (October 2009); "Between 'Assimilation' and 'Elimination': Liberal 'Anti-Anti-Semitism' in the Third Reich" at the Convention of the *American Jewish Studies Association* in Los Angeles (December 2009); University of Central Florida's annual *Pauley Lecture*, "Living With Hitler: The Janus-Face of Liberal Resistance and Accommodation in the Third Reich." (January 2010); and "Mit Hitler leben. Liberale Demokraten zwischen Anpassung und Widerstand," at the *Theodor-Heuss Foundation* Presidential Library in Stuttgart, Germany (June 2010). During the past year, Kurlander has been completing a draft of his co-authored textbook, *The West in Question: Continuity and Change* (Pearson, 2012), while finishing the article "Between Detroit and Moscow: A Left Liberal Third Way in the Third Reich," *Central European History*, v. 44 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011) pp. 279-307 (http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=8277660). Finally, Kurlander recently received a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research on his next book in Freiburg, Germany during the Spring Semester 2012.

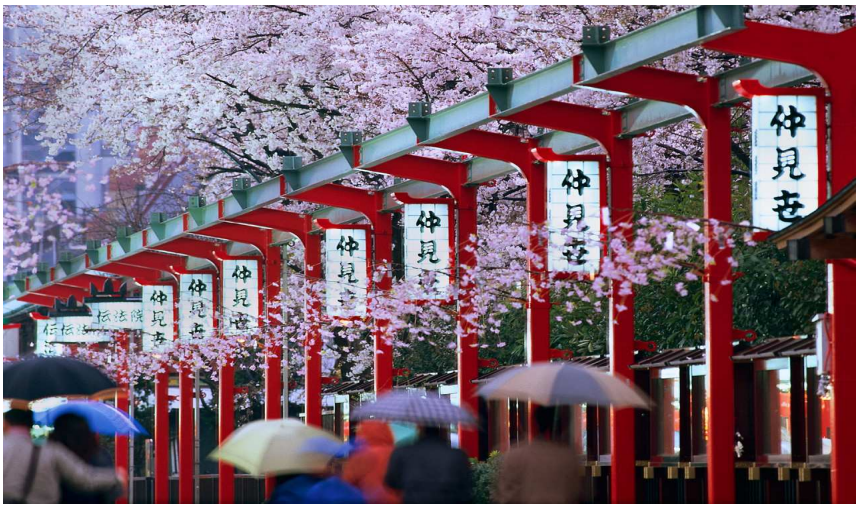
Fall 2011 Courses:

Western Civilization:
Medieval to Exploration
Early World Civilizations
Modern World Civilizations
American History I
American History II
History of Russia
United States Since WWII
The Far East: China
History of Ancient Greece
The Fall of the Roman Empire
Early English History
World War II: A Global History
Darwinism and the Divine
The 1950's and 1960's
American Women's History



Spring 2012 Courses:

Western Civilization to 1000CE
Western Civilization:
Medieval to Exploration
Early World Civilizations
Modern World Civilizations
American History II
Eastern Europe Since 1648
Special Topics: Modern Japan
Environmental and Social Collapse
The Ottomans
King Arthur
The Birth of Modern America, 1890-1940
War and Peace in American History
Special Topics: The Reformation



Over the last couple years, a number of renovations have been made to the Third Floor of Elizabeth Hall, due in part to generous donations from alumni.

In addition to the renovations to Elizabeth 315, the John E. Johns Room (upper left) and Elizabeth 314, the Lycan Seminar Room (lower left), the third floor of Elizabeth Hall also has a new student lounge (upper right), equipped with chairs, couches and tables, perfect for studying or socializing.

History lies at the heart of the liberal arts education. By combining the methods of the social sciences with those of the humanities, our discipline seeks to reconstruct the past in order to better understand the present. We visit times and places both distant and familiar. We accompany Muhammad on his journey from Mecca to Medina. We follow Sojourner Truth as she escapes from slavery. We read the German Kaiser's letters to his cousin, the Russian Czar. And we ask bold questions. Why did America invade Vietnam? Does King Arthur really exist? Who planned the Holocaust? By reading historical studies and novels, documents and newspapers, by analyzing art and architecture, by discussing politics and economics, and by conducting research and writing, we try to answer these questions, but we also discover new questions. The study of history, after all, never ends.

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