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University History Institute Reaches Milestone



The History Institute reached a major milestone this past year. The Institute exists to provide support for the activities of the History Department that are not typically funded by the university. In the past this has included the purchase of books, microfilm, and even on-line data bases for the use of faculty and students in their research. Money is raised through the gifts of individuals and corporate donors to the Institute. The lectures are the Department's gift back to these generous donors. Last year the Institute's gifts, when matched with support from the Ottenheimer Library, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and other donors passed the \$100,000 mark. The Department thanks everyone who has contributed to this effort.

The University History Institute began its twenty-seventh season of lectures this fall. Remaining lectures include Carl Moneyhon on "Civil War Memory and Cultural Divides in Arkansas" on December 6, James Ross, "Some Degree of Separation: The Struggle for Equal Education in Little Rock in the 1960's," on February 7, Brian Mitchell, "Exploring the Diversity of New Orleans' Free Black Community," on March 7, and Jeff Kyong-McClain, "A Wall of Separation between Temple and State? The Communist Party and Religion in Contemporary China," on April 4. All are invited to attend one of these lectures and to look into the History Institute.

Chancellor Rogerson Comes to the Aid of the Faculty Excellence Awards

The Faculty Excellence Awards, which have been given out since 1989 for excellence in teaching, research or creative activities, and service, were in danger of being eliminated this year. Thanks to the intervention of the Chancellor they have been extended for this year. In the past there was even a time when departments were so recognized for excellence. The History Department was the first designated Department of Excellence in 1997 and received in addition to the recognition a onetime cash award of \$35,000 and a permanent addition of \$2,000

to our maintenance budget. Over the years Department members have frequently been the recipients of both College and University awards for excellence.

History Department Faculty Excellence Award Recipients include:

- 1989, Lee Williams, Excellence in Teaching, College and University awards
- 1990, Carl Moneyhon, Excellence in Research, College award
- 1996, Carl Moneyhon, Excellence in Research, College and University awards
- 1998, Charles Bowlus, Excellence in Research, College and University awards
- 2001, Tom Kaiser, Excellence in Research, College and University awards
- 2004, Johanna Miller-Lewis, Excellence in Public Service, College and University awards
- 2006, Carl Moneyhon, Excellence in Teaching, College award
- 2007, Ed Anson, Excellence in Research, College award
- 2007, Lee Williams, Excellence in Teaching, College award
- 2008, C. Fred Williams, Excellence in Public Service, College and University awards
- 2013, Moira Maguire, Excellence in Research, College award
- 2014, Ed Anson, Excellence in Research, College award
- 2015, Kristin Dutcher-Mann, Excellence in Public Service, College and University awards
- 2016, Jess Porter, Excellence in Teaching, College award
- 2016, John Kirk, Excellence in Public Service, College award

The History Department continues to provide UA Little Rock students with opportunities for travel with their home-and-away courses



The Group at Ulsan University



Drs. Kirk, Kyong-McClain, and Porter - "a few steps into North Korea during a visit to the DMZ."

The History Department will offer *Topics in Chinese History and Geography* in the spring 2017 semester. Taught and led by Dr. Jeff Kyong-McClain, the centerpiece of this course is a 10-day trip to China over Spring Break. A few highlights of this year's travel course include visiting the Panda Research Base in Chengdu, exploring the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, and Tiananmen Square in Beijing, trekking along the Great Wall, experiencing rural village life in Leshan, climbing Emei Buddhist mountain, experiencing Chinese university life at Leshan Normal University, and hitting the nightlife of Shanghai. This will be the third History Department trip to China. In 2012 and 2015, Dr. Porter joined Dr. Kyong-McClain as a co-leader on trips to China. In the spring

of 2016, Kyong-McClain and Porter offered Topics in Korean History and Geography, highlighted by a voyage to the Korean Peninsula. The experience included spending a day and night with Buddhist monks in a remote mountain monastery, the sights and sounds of Seoul, and even taking a few steps into North Korea during a visit to the DMZ.

Members of the History Department are busy plotting future study away offerings that will truly ignite their passion for learning and expand their vision to well beyond the local. Destinations in the pike include: Machu Picchu and Peru, a music and history tour across the American South, and southern China-Vietnam.

Public History Students Receive Awards

The Arkansas Museums Association has named a University of Arkansas at Little Rock public history graduate student its “graduate student of the year.” **Jessica Erwin**, a graduate assistant in the UALR Center for Arkansas History and Culture (CAHC) since fall 2014, has been involved with a variety of projects at the center. Erwin took the lead on digitizing and creating metadata for the recently discovered Lucious Christopher (L.C.) Bates oral history tapes, which document his years as owner of the Arkansas State Press. She also collaborated with the center’s staff to create the virtual web exhibit.



In May, the College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences named public history MA student **Stephanie Sims** the college’s graduate student of the year. Ms. Sims completed her MA degree in May, and now works for the Clinton Foundation in Little Rock.

UALR Student Investigates the Restitution of Jewish Property Seized during the Holocaust



Ms. Akshava Garimalla (shown on the left), under the supervision of Dr. Thomas Kaiser, has begun a project dealing with the restitution of confiscated Jewish property in Poland after World War II. Drawing upon a variety of primary and secondary sources, the project attempts to explain why the procedures established in Poland for Jewish property restitution were far more cumbersome and litigious than those set up in other Eastern European

countries. Ms. Garimalla contends that the myth of a Jewish-Bolshevik conspiracy to deprive non-Jews of their property, which the Nazis had fostered during their occupation of Poland in World War II, persisted long after the war, in part because the post-war Polish Communist regime invoked it to shed responsibility for its own less than popular expropriation policies. Hence, when the Polish government was pressured to set up machinery for the restitution of Jewish property after the fall of the Communist regime, it sought to make the process as difficult and drawn-out as it could.

Public History News

In August, the History Department received a renewal of a grant from the National Archives Trust Fund in Washington DC. The grant supports the stipends of two graduate assistants at the Clinton Presidential Library for both the fall and spring semesters. Since 2011, the grant has given \$70,950 to public history graduate students.

The following students have successfully defended their MA theses:

Ashley Darnell, M.A. thesis: “Between Black and White: The Treatment of Japanese Nationals and Japanese Americans in Arkansas Prior to World War II.”

Anthony Rushing, M.A. thesis: “‘They Take the Rags off the Bush’: Arkansas’ Bowie Brigade.”

Jeremy Larson, MA thesis: “Able and Willing: Camp Keating through the Eyes of Able Troop.”

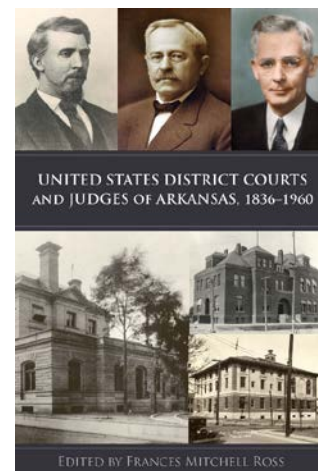
Bridget Wood, MA thesis: “Union County’s Historic El Dorado: More than Black Gold.”

Jessica Erwin, MA thesis: “Illuminating the Ozarks: A View of Ozark Mountain Culture through the Lens of Regional Craft.”

Brad Jordan, MA thesis: “A Path Less Traveled: The Life and Times of Louis Porter Featherston.”

Professor Emeritus Publishes Book

United States District Courts and Judges of Arkansas, 1836-1960, edited by **Frances Mitchell Ross**, was published by the University of Arkansas Press this year. The essays in this volume, one for each judge who was on the bench between 1836 and 1960, form a chronological history of the federal judicial system in Arkansas as it grew from its beginnings in a frontier state to a modern institution. Contributors include judges, practicing attorneys, law clerks and academics who provided biographical background for the judges about whom they wrote and discussions of their cases and decisions. Issues before the courts included Spanish land claims from the 18th Century, complicated relationships in the 19th Century between the Arkansas court and the vast Indian Territory to the state's west, railroads, timber theft, civil rights, quack medicine, gangsters, prisons, school desegregation, the draft, election laws, bankruptcy and more.



Frances Mitchell Ross served in the Department of History from 1963 to 2013 before taking her leave. She is a past president of the Arkansas Historical Association, the Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit and the Arkansas Supreme Court Historical Society, of which she was also a founding member. She conducted oral histories, which are housed in the UALR Center for Arkansas History and Culture at the Arkansas Studies Institute, with many of the more recent U. S. district judges.

Two History Faculty Currently Doing Research in Amsterdam



Susanah Shaw Romney, winner of the 2014 Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Book Prize; the 2013 Jamestown Prize of the Omohundro Institute; and the 2013 Hendricks Manuscript Award of the New Netherland Institute, is currently researching settlement patterns in seventeenth century Dutch colonies in North America, Guiana, Africa, and Java with the support of a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities at the municipal archives of Amsterdam. Her husband **Charles Romney** is on an Off Campus Duty Assignment at the International Institute for Social History (Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis) in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, where he is researching the history of international law and global migration between 1850 and 1920, and is also participating in the computational linguistics seminar convened by University of Amsterdam's Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation.

History Faculty Seek Innovative Ways to Benefit Our Students

Dr. Jess Porter, History Department Chair, the University's sole Geographer, and the 2015 winner of the College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences' Excellence in Teaching Award, inspires his geography students with real world challenges and case studies in his classes. He has published a series of Geography textbooks for Pearson Education Publishers which, along the lines of his interactive approach to teaching, incorporate Google Earth activities. Also, three copies of the National Endowment for the Humanities-funded exhibit, curated with Dr. Charles Romney, "Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry" recently completed touring the US.

With the growth in tuition and fees, higher education is becoming less and less affordable for middle and lower income students. Without state legislatures or the federal government increasing aid to higher education, which

in the current political climate appears unlikely, any way to cut expenses would benefit our students. One solution is to take advantage of the internet which is increasingly making source materials available. **Dr. Edward Anson's** texts for all of his upper-level course are now available on the web and consequently none of these classes requires students to purchase any texts. Dr. Anson has also made available for free to students enrolled in his History of Civilization classes (part of the University's core) the textbook that he and colleagues wrote. Previously all royalties went into a student account to provide a cash award each year to the outstanding graduating history major, but as the price of the text rose from \$26 to over \$100, it was decided that simply giving the text away would benefit the student community far more than placing the royalties in that account. (Dr. Anson has personally contributed to maintain the account for the outstanding graduate.)

Faculty News



Edward M. Anson, Professor of History, continues as an Associate editor of the *Ancient History Bulletin* and Assessor for Classics for the Australian Research Council, an agency of the Australian national government that awards grants to researchers. He has published "Philip's Ambitions," in *Hetairideia: Studies in Honor of W. Lindsay Adams on the Occasion of His Retirement* (Ares Publishers: 2016)," and has in press "The Battles of Philip II" and "The Battles of the Successors" in *The Encyclopedia of Ancient Battles*. Wiley-Blackwell; "Ptolemy and the Destruction of the First Regency," in *Alexander's Legacy*, to be published by L'erma di Bretschneider (Rome). He gave a paper at the AACHT meeting, Little Rock, October 6, and has accepted invitations to give papers next year in Canada and in New Zealand. He currently serves on six university committees and is a faculty senator. This past year he completed his tenth consecutive Little Rock Half Marathon and this coming spring plans on completing his first full Little Rock Marathon.

Michael Heil, Assistant Professor of History, is in his second year of teaching at UALR. His article, "Clerical Disputes and the *Gerichtsort* in Carolingian Lucca," is forthcoming in *Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken* 96 (2016). In July he presented a paper, "The Canonical Career of Bishop Leodoin of Modena, c. 871-891," at the XV International Congress of Medieval Canon Law in Paris. While in Europe he also conducted archival research in Lucca, Florence, Livorno, and Rome. He looks forward to teaching the History of Britain to 1688 in Spring 2017.

Barclay Key, Assistant Professor of History, was recently selected as a Fulbright-García Robles scholar and in that capacity will serve as the U.S. Studies Chair at Universidad Veracruzana in Xalapa, Mexico, next semester. He continued revising a book about race relations in Churches of Christ, embarked upon new research into the desegregation of the Little Rock School District with Dr. Jim Ross, and began a new investigation into the 1919

Elaine massacre with Dr. Brian Mitchell. Key also continued serving as a humanities scholar for two projects: the Arkansas Humanities Council's traveling exhibit, *Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America*, in cooperation with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit Service, and *No Laughing Matter: Political Cartoons and the Arkansas Historical Perspective*, a virtual exhibit hosted by the UALR Center for Arkansas History and Culture at ualrexhibits.org/laughing. This semester he taught the upper-level course, Religious History of the United States

John A. Kirk, George W. Donaghey Distinguished Professor and director of UALR's Joel E. Anderson Institute on Race and Ethnicity, conducted grant-funded research at the Rockefeller Archive Center in Sleepy Hollow, New York over the summer toward his biography of Winthrop Rockefeller; won the 2016 Violet B. Gingles Award from the Arkansas Historical Association for best article on state history for his piece on Rockefeller and the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission; won favorable reviews in major journals for his last book, an edited collection of essays on *Race and Ethnicity in Arkansas: New Perspectives* (Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 2014)—the *Journal of American History* review said “John A. Kirk is currently the foremost authority on the black experience in twentieth-century Arkansas,” while the *Journal of Southern History* review said “This important book brings together recent scholarship spanning a commendable list of time and topics,” and the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* added “[A]n exceptionally strong contribution to the history of Arkansas and the U.S. South. It is rare to find an edited volume that is so superbly structured and that contains uniformly strong contributions”; wrote a couple of pieces for the *Arkansas Times* “The Desegregation of Van Buren Schools: Despite white students staging a strike and burning an effigy of a black student, integration prevailed in 1957,” September 8, 2016, 12-13, and “Accidental Desegregation: Sixty years ago, Little Rock and other cities in Arkansas ended segregated buses because of a mistaken newspaper article,” July 7, 2016, 1, 14-19; was featured on the Central Arkansas Libraries System “Primary Sources” podcast in October 2016; was interviewed by the media on a number of occasions including KARK 4 (Little Rock) evening news story “Hacked Email Shows Clinton Had Eye on AR,” November 8, 2016, and THV 11 (Little Rock) evening news story “UCA student's blackface costume recalls long, troubling history,” October 31, 2016; was a featured guest on Radio CALS (Central Arkansas Library System) on KABF 88.3, September 30, 2016 and October 7, 2016, and Barbershop Radio Show on KABF 88.3, hosted by Zachary Crow and Judge Wendell Griffen, August 20, 2016; delivered conference papers at the European Association of American Studies conference in Constanta, Romania, and at the Christian Scholars' Conference civil rights panel at Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee; and chaired a successful Public History MA thesis by Ashley Darnell on “Between Black and White: The Treatment of Japanese Nationals and Japanese Americans Prior to World War II.” As director of UALR's Joel E. Anderson Institute on Race and Ethnicity he put together a high-powered speaker series in fall 2016 that saw over 200 people attend featured events that included a screening of Curtis Chin's documentary *Tested*, a screening of Douglas Blackmon's documentary *Slavery by Another Name* (both events were followed by questions and answers with the filmmakers) and a talk by Gloria Browne-Marshall on “Voting Rights and Voter Suppression.”

Jeff Kyong-McClain, Associate Professor of Chinese History and Interim Assistant Director of the UALR Honors College, recently presented a paper, "China's Protestant Colleges: Outposts of Global Modernity," at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. Over the summer, he led a group of middle and high school teachers on a 12-day tour of China, under the auspices of the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia. He is now busy making preparations to lead UALR students on a China tour over Spring Break 2017.

Kristin Dutcher Mann, Professor of History, continued her service on the board of the Arkansas Council of the Social Studies, for which she facilitated "unconference" curriculum writing & sharing sessions for teachers around the state over the summer. She also taught teacher workshops for the Arkansas Humanities Council and the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies this summer and fall. Dr. Mann is currently involved in 4 grant projects: the Arkansas Women's Suffrage Centennial Project, the Hometown Teams traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Main Street Museum, an NEA Big Read grant application, and the Arkansas Civil Rights Tour App/ web exhibit. She is in her second year as co-director of the UALR Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence (ATLE), where she organizes and leads faculty and staff professional development. Dr. Mann's co-authored chapter on music in the Ibero-American borderlands will be published by Oxford University Press this fall. She continues research on two topics: music and healing in colonial Latin America, and Little Rock entrepreneur and politician Mifflin W. Gibbs, who was inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame last month.

Carl Moneyhon, Professor of History, published "Conflicting Civil Wars: Historical Memory and Cultural Divides in Arkansas" in Mark Christ's new volume on the legacy of the Civil War in Arkansas, *Competing Memories*. He also published "Lost Cause Myth of the Confederacy" in the on-line *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture*. He gave lectures to the Southwestern Arkansas Historical Association in Magnolia and at the University of North Texas's "Conference on the Teaching of History." He continues to serve on the editorial boards of the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture* and the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*. He is looking forward to being on an off campus duty assignment next spring and returning to teaching the American Civil War and Reconstruction in the fall of 2017.

Jess C. Porter, Chair of History, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Geography, took over from Dr. Clea Hupp as History Department Chair this summer. Jess spent the summer tidying the place up. This fall, Jess has started work on getting more students in the halls of the History Department. For example, new technology has been acquired to facilitate teaching within the department and enhance study and lounge spaces. Dr. Porter is perpetually working on revisions to his Encounter Geography series and working toward publication of a new World Regional Geography textbook. Jess will speak at the spring meeting of the American Association of American Geographers on the topic of surviving as a "stand-alone geographer" and co-present a poster with Dr. Asween Marco on using geospatial technologies to assess public health issues. Dr. Porter was the recipient of the Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching in the College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences for 2016.

Charles Romney, Associate Professor of History, continues to coordinate the M.A. program in public history. His book, *Rights Delayed: The American State and the Defeat of Progressive Unions, 1935-1950*, was published in May by Oxford University Press. He recently delivered papers at the National Humanities Center (in June) and at the University of Helsinki (in September). He will deliver a paper at the American Historical Association annual meeting in Denver (in January). His article, "Using Vector Space Models to Understand the Circulation of Habeas Corpus in Hawai'i, 1852-1892," appears this month in *Law and History Review*. This semester he is on research leave at the International Institute for Social History (Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis) in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Susanah Shaw Romney, Assistant Professor of History, is on leave. She is currently doing research with the support of a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities at the municipal archives of Amsterdam. She recently gave a talk for grad students and faculty at Leiden University. An article of hers appeared in April in the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

Vince Vinikas, Professor of History, has been studying race relations in the United States in the early twentieth century. His latest work focuses on the development of lynching as a folk practice in the New South, and its relationship to efforts to nullify the rights that were extended to black folks after the Civil War. The investigation is entitled, “Thirteen Dead at Saint Charles: Arkansas’s Most Lethal Lynching and the Abrogation of the Fourteenth Amendment.” His essay is about to appear in Bullets and Fire, forthcoming from the University of Arkansas Press.

Katherine Zubovich, Assistant Professor of History, joined the department in fall 2016. An historian of Soviet Russia, she has a chapter forthcoming on urban planning in post-WWII Moscow in the edited volume *Planning Eastern European Capital Cities, 1945-1990* and an article under review with the *Journal of Architecture*. At the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual conference in November, she presented a paper, “From Beauty to Excess: Soviet Skyscrapers and the Moscow Model between Stalin and Khrushchev,” and participated in a roundtable on “The Presence of the Past: Preservation as Practiced and Contested in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia.” Zubovich is currently engaged in a book project titled *Moscow Monumental: Soviet Skyscrapers and Urban Life under High Stalinism*.

UALR History Department Student Scholarships

The UALR History Department each spring semester awards a number of student scholarships provided by the generosity of donors. The department welcomes additions to these endowments that will allow us to make more awards and to help more of our students. We also welcome and encourage new endowed named scholarships. All contributions are tax deductible.

The Ruby M. Duke Ancient History Award. Awarded to a student "majoring in History with a demonstrated interest in Ancient History."

Booker Worthen Scholarship. Awarded to a full-time or part-time UALR History major with a minimum of 80 credit hours. Academic accomplishment and financial need are considered. Booker Worthen founded Worthen National Bank, which became the largest bank holding company in the state. The scholarship was created by his family to honor his memory.

Craig Powell Memorial Scholarship. Awarded to a History major with a minimum of 54 credit hours, the last 15 or more having been taken at UALR. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. The applicant must demonstrate a positive attitude toward learning. Craig Powell was a promising UALR student who was killed in a tragic accident. The scholarship was created in his name by his parents.

David O. Demuth Scholarship. Awarded to a History major with a minimum of 54 credit hours, the last 15 hours or more having been taken at UALR. A minimum GPA of 3.5 is required. The applicant's potential for further study in History is considered. David Demuth was a history major and a graduate of UALR, a prominent businessman, and civic leader.

Richard B. Dixon Scholarship. Awarded to a History major with a minimum of 54 credit hours, the last 15 or more having been taken at UALR. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. The applicant must demonstrate a positive attitude toward learning. A professor in the History Department at UALR for twenty-three years, the scholarship was established in his name by his former students.

Jack Freshour Scholarship. Awarded to a Public History M.A. student with a grade point average of 3.0 undergraduate or 3.25 graduate, taking a minimum of 9 hours per semester. Jack Freshour was a long time supporter of UALR and the History Department.

Little Rock Nine Endowed Scholarship. Awarded to a Public History M.A. student working in the area of race relations and community development. Academic accomplishment and financial need are considered.

Mabel W. Formica and Santo D. Formica History Endowment. Awarded to History students for scholarships and special projects. A portion of the fund also sponsors visiting external speakers in History. Mabel and Santo Formica were a married couple who in their "golden years" returned to college and became both students in the History program and ardent supporters of the department.

C. Fred Williams Endowed Scholarship in Public History. Named in memory of C. Fred Williams a former chair and professor of History.

Dr. Edward Madden and Lucy Dorothy Anson III Award. Awarded to the outstanding graduating History major as selected by the faculty of the History Department. This award was established to honor the parents of a current history faculty member.

I would like to contribute to the following scholarships:

	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1000	Other
Booker Worthen Scholarship					
Craig Powell Memorial Scholarship					
David O. Demuth Scholarship					
Richard B. Dixon Scholarship					
Jack Freshour Scholarship					
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Mabel W. Formica and Santo D. Formica History Endowment					
Ruby M. Duke Ancient History Award					
C. Fred Williams Scholarship in Public History					
Dr. Edward Madden and Lucy Dorothy Anson III Award					

Please make checks out to UALR History Department followed by the relevant scholarship in brackets and mail to c/o Dr. Jess Porter, History Department Chair, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 2801 South University Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72204-1099.