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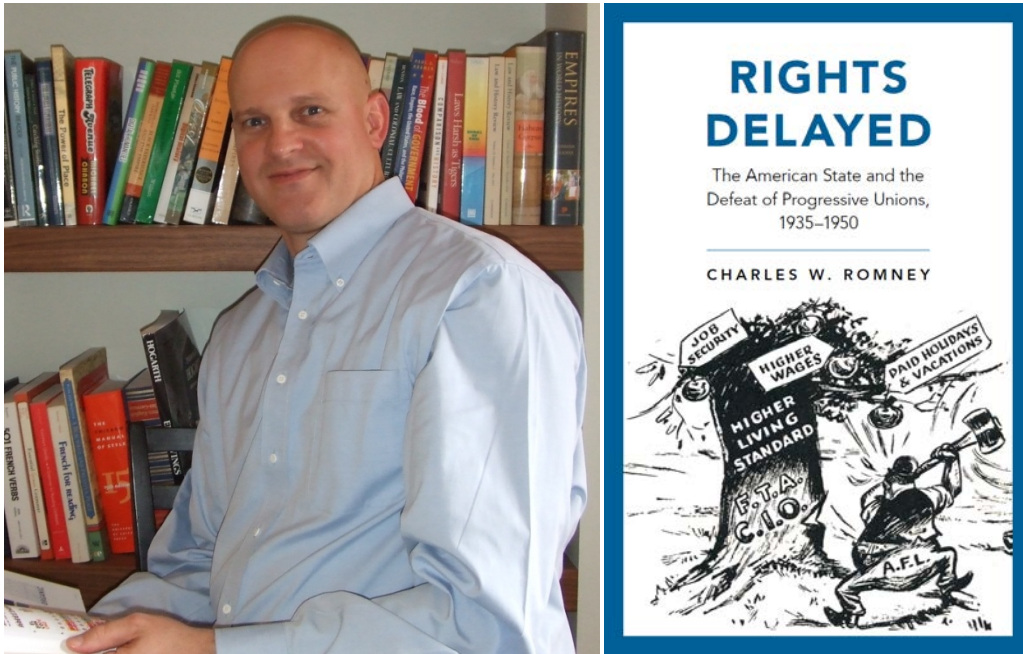
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Dr. Carl Moneyhon honored with the Arkansas Historical Association's "Lifetime Achievement Award"



Professor Carl Moneyhon, a former recipient of the University's Faculty Excellence in Research award, was honored at the annual meeting of the Arkansas Historical Association this spring with a Lifetime Achievement Award. The Award is given by the Association's Board of Trustees for "excellence in research, teaching, and outreach to the public." In the presentation of the award Bobby Roberts mentioned in particular Moneyhon's important contributions to the history of Arkansas, particularly his books *Impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction on Arkansas*, *Arkansas in the New South*, and *Portraits of Conflict: A Photographic History of the Civil War in Arkansas*, numerous articles and book chapters, and service on the boards of the Association, the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture*, and other organizations.

**Dr. Charles W. Romney Has A Very Good Semester:
Promoted to Associate Professor and tenured, and Oxford University Press publishes his book on
American Progressive Unions**



Dr. Charles Romney came to UALR in 2010 with Ph.D. in history from UCLA as our new Coordinator of Public History, a position he still holds, having worked in public history on documentary films and digital history projects and teaching at Whittier College in California. His new book focuses on the progressive unions that flourished in the 1930s by working alongside federal agencies created during the New Deal. Yet in 1950, few progressive unions remained. While most scholars point to domestic anti-communism and southern conservatives in Congress as the forces that diminished the New Deal state, eliminated progressive unions, and destroyed the radical potential of American liberalism, *Rights Delayed* argues that anti-communism and Congressional conservatism merely intensified the main reason for the decline of progressive unions: the New Deal state's focus on legal procedure. Initially, progressive unions thrived by embracing the procedural culture of New Deal agencies and the wartime American state. Between 1935 and 1945, unions mastered the complex rules of the NLRB and other federal entities by working with government officials. In 1946 and 1947, however, the emphasis on legal procedure made the federal state too slow to combat potentially illegal cooperation between employers and the Teamsters. Workers who supported progressive unions rallied around procedural language to stop what they considered Teamster collusion, but found themselves dependent on an ineffective federal state. The state became even less able to protect employees belonging to left-led unions after the Taft-Hartley Act's anti-communist provisions-and decisions by union leaders-limited access to the NLRB's procedures. From 1946 until 1950, progressive unions withered and eventually disappeared from the Pacific canneries as the unions failed to pay the cost of legal representation before the NLRB. Workers supporting progressive unions had embraced procedural language to claim their rights, but by 1950, those workers discovered that their rights had vanished in an endless legal discourse.

New Hire



Dr. Katherine Zubovich will join the history faculty at UALR as an assistant professor of Modern European History in the Fall of 2016. Her research focuses on urban development and culture in Soviet Russia. She grew up in Victoria, Canada, receiving her BA from the University of Victoria. She has earned MAs from the University of Toronto and the University of California at Berkeley, and her PhD from UC Berkeley as well. The title of her dissertation was *Moscow Monumental: Soviet Skyscrapers and Urban Life under High Stalinism*. Dr. Zubovich has taught courses on the Socialist City, Modern European History, and Soviet History. In Fall 2016, Dr. Zubovich will be teaching History of Civilization II and a course on Totalitarian Europe that explores and compares the histories of fascist Italy, Soviet Russia, and Nazi Germany.

Dr. Jess Porter named new Chair of History



Dr. Jess Porter, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Geography, will assume the position of Chair, July 1.

Dr. Porter came to UALR in 2009 and holds a PhD from Oklahoma State University where he was awarded with the Susan Shaul Medal for Excellence in Teaching Geography. He was also the College of Arts, Letters and Sciences' winner of the Faculty Excellence in Teaching award for 2016. Prior to UALR, Dr. Porter taught at Oklahoma State University, developed and implemented geospatial curriculum for rural schools, worked as an environmental analyst and mapping specialist in the oil and gas industry, and was employed by an adventure tourism company in Colorado. Though but a geographer, Dr. Porter has ingratiated himself sufficiently with his historian colleagues to be given the mantle of leadership.

Historians win two College Awards



Dr. Jess Porter this Spring won the College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences 2016 Award for E.xcellence in Teaching and Dr. John Kirk, the College 2016 Award for Excellence in Service.

Professors escort students on a ten-day tour of South Korea



For 10-days, over Spring Break, Drs. Kyong-McClain, Porter, and Kirk traveled across South Korea with seventeen UALR students, for the travel portion of a course called The History and Geography of Korea. The large group first visited many museums and historical sites in and near the ancient capital of Gyeongju, before spending a day in Ulsan, where they were introduced to Korean university life at Ulsan University, followed by a tour of the Hyundai Heavy Industries shipbuilding facility, which produces the world's largest container ships. The group then tried to escape the modern world by retreating to Haeinsa Temple, where they spent almost a full day, which included waking up at 3 am for drum ritual, prostrations, quiet meditation, and vegetarian breakfast. Most were relieved, after a day with the monks, to return to modernity in the form of Seoul, the megacity of some 20 million inhabitants. Here the group visited museums dedicated to traditional and modern Korean history, including Seodaemun Prison Museum, commemorating those who suffered under Japanese and then South Korean dictatorial regimes. On the last day, the group visited that Cold War vestige extraordinaire, the Demilitarized Zone, and listened to North and South Korean propaganda speakers blaring at each other across a pristine (don't mind the land mines) natural area of diverse flora and fauna. By the end of the 10 days, participants were exhausted but well-informed about and fascinated by Korean history and culture. The trip was made possible in part by a contribution from the Mabel and Santo Formica Endowment.

History Institute News

The University History Institute had a successful season of its Evenings With History series, with lectures by Professors Anson, Hupp, Vinikas, Kaiser, and Charles Romney. The series ended with a lecture by Professor Kirk on his research into the career of Governor Winthrop Rockefeller and a particular focus on his election in 1966. Guests for his lecture included members of the Rockefeller family. The program for the 2016-2017 series is now available, with presentations by professors Kristin Mann on "Music and Healing in Latin America," Carl Moneyhon, "Civil War Memory and Cultural Divides in Arkansas," Jim Ross on "The Struggle for Equal Education in Little Rock in the 1960s," and Jeff Kyong-McClain, "A Wall of Separation between Temple and State? The Communist Party and Religion in Contemporary China." Two newcomers to the department also will be featured in next season's offerings. Professor Michael Heil will present "Argument, Proof, and the Judgment of God: The Ordeal in Medieval Theory and Practice," and Professor Brian Mitchell, "Exploring the Diversity of New Orleans' Free Black Community." If you are interested in being a part of next year's series contact Professor Moneyhon at chmoneyhon@ualr.edu.

The Institute's year will end with the annual Fellows Reception on May 5. That event will feature a guest lecture by Professor Randall B. Woods of the University of Arkansas. He will talk about his new book, *Prisoners of Hope: Lyndon B. Johnson, the Great Society, and the Limits of Liberalism*.

Phi Alpha Theta



New Members

The Iota Zeta Chapter of the History Honorary Society, Phi Alpha Theta, is pleased to announce and congratulate our newest members for their scholarly achievements: Jessica F. Erwin, Nancy Tell-Hall, Joe K. Lackey, Christopher Sean McCoy, Brandon L. Bagwell, Ryam M. Gleason, Anna Christine Howell, Alexa Grant, Amy Gragert, Morgan Murphy Guzman, Billy D. Paschal, Jr., Shelby Linck, Briget C. Wood, Linda Calloway, Kathryn A. Thompson, Brandon James Berkham, Sheila Speer. Initiates were inducted at a ceremony hosted by Chapter President Randall Crawford. The reception was held at the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum on April 8, 2016. Professors S. Romney, Mann, Kaiser, Heil, C. Romney, Porter, Vinikas, Kyong-McClain, Mitchell, Key and Kirk were on hand to welcome the honorees to our fellowship.

Public History Program

Jessica Erwin was named the “Graduate Student of the Year” for 2016 by the Arkansas Museum Association at the AMA’s annual meeting in March.

The following MA students will have thesis defenses this spring.

On Monday, April 18, Bridget Wood will defend her MA thesis, “Union County’s Historic El Dorado: More than Black Gold,” at 2pm in the History Department conference room in Stabler Hall.

On Tuesday, April 19, Jessica Erwin will defend her MA thesis, “Illuminating the Ozarks: A View of Ozark Mountain Culture through the Lens of Regional Craft,” at 10am in room 110 at the Arkansas Studies Institute.

On Monday, April 25, Brad Jordan will defend his MA thesis, “A Path Less Traveled: The Life and Times of Louis Porter Featherston,” at 2pm in room 204 at the Arkansas Studies Institute.

On Monday, April 25, Jeremy Larson will defend his MA thesis, “Willing and Able: Camp Keating through the Eyes of Able Troop,” at 3.30pm in room 204 at the Arkansas Studies Institute.

On Friday, April 29, Danielle Butler will defend her MA thesis, “The Heart of the Home: Changes in Arkansas Kitchens since 1900,” at 2pm in room 204 at the Arkansas Studies Institute.

On Friday, April 29, Joseph Alley will defend his MA thesis on an exhibit of Arkansas railroad maps at 3.30pm in room 204 at the Arkansas Studies Institute.

On Monday, May 2, Stephanie Sims will defend her MA thesis on the cultural history of hair styles at 3pm in room 204 at the Arkansas Studies Institute.

In May, Cody Berry will defend his MA thesis, “Frontier Capitalism: Early Arkansas Banking and Indian Removal.”

History Day News

The UALR History Department sponsored the District 7 History Day competition on Saturday, March 5. Approximately 300 students from Little Rock, North Little Rock, Sheridan and Jacksonville competed with projects related to this year's theme, "Exploration, Encounter and Exchange in History." Awards were given in the junior and senior divisions for websites, papers, exhibits, documentaries and performances. Special thanks to our department members, alumni, the Ottenheimer Library, UALR Center for Arkansas History & Culture and friends of the department who volunteered as judges. Next year's theme will be Taking a Stand in History. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 4, 2017, so you can join us!

Faculty News



History Faculty participate in the Spring UALR Step It Up Team Challenge

The History Department team of Barclay Key, Michael Heil, Clea Hupp, Kristin Mann, and Ed Anson are participating in the University’s Wellness Program. Team standings are based on MILEAGE accumulated by walking, jogging, swimming, group exercise classes, cycling, elliptical machine workouts, and daily activities. At the conclusion of the first week *Clio’s Calisthenics* (our team’s name) was in fifth place among thirty-six teams, but fell to seventh place after week two, but back to fifth in week three, thanks especially to Michael who clocked in this past week with 57 miles. With two more weeks to go we are putting Michael on his bike and are giving him oxygen during his breaks.

Other Faculty News

Edward M. Anson, Professor of History, published “Philip’s Ambitions,” in *Hetairideia: Studies in Honor of W. Lindsay Adams on the Occasion of His Retirement*; in press, “Ptolemy and the Destruction of the First

Regency,” in a yet untitled collection, and is performing a pre-publication review of a new History of Ancient Macedonia. He is currently working on a biography of Philip II of Macedonia, father of Alexander the Great. He continues as Associate editor for *Ancient History Bulletin*, and as an Assessor for Classics for the Australian Research Council, an agency of the Australian national government that awards grants to researchers. On campus he is a member of the Scholars Policy Council, the Campus Governance Committee, and serves as a faculty Senator.

Michael Heil, Assistant Professor of History, is completing his first year of teaching at UALR. In July he will present a paper on practical legal expertise in ninth-century Modena at the International Congress of Medieval Canon Law in Paris. While in Europe he will also conduct archival research in Northern Italy.

Barclay Key, Assistant Professor, taught the upper-level Recent American history course for the first time this semester, after a special topics course in the fall that examined the history of sports in the U.S. He submitted a book manuscript about his research on race relations in Churches of Christ to Louisiana State University Press and assisted with a grant application to the National Endowment for the Humanities related to a documentary film that will mark the sixtieth anniversary of the Central High crisis and assess the current state of public education in the U.S. As a member of the community advisory board for the Arkansas Juvenile Assessment and Treatment Center, Barclay is helping create internship opportunities for UALR students and, hopefully, opportunities for AJATC residents to take college courses. Finally, he helped create the department's team, Clio's Calisthenics, for the 2016 UALR Step It Up Challenge. Team members also include Clea Hupp, Ed Anson, Kristin Mann, and Michael Heil. After two weeks of competition, Clio's Calisthenics was ranked seventh out of thirty-six teams.

John A. Kirk, George W. Donaghey Distinguished Professor of History and Director of UALR's Institute on Race and Ethnicity had another busy semester doing the usual things: teaching the U.S. since 1877 survey class; winning awards, such as the College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences Faculty Excellence Award in Service, a Rockefeller Archive Center Grant-in-Aid, and a Diamond Award for the Arkansas Civil Rights Heritage Trail, an Award of Merit for the Arkansas Civil Rights History Tour App, and the Violet B. Gingles Award for best article on state history from the Arkansas Historical Association; writing articles like “Ninth Street Matters: The killing of a black army sergeant by a white city policeman on West Ninth Street in 1942 led to the appointment of black police officers.” *Arkansas Times*, March 17, 2016, 12-13; “Why Black History Month?” *The Forum*, February 10, 2016, 2, and “Black Power in Arkansas: A history of the leaders—including Eldridge Cleaver—and events that were tied to the state,” *Arkansas Times*, February 4, 2016, 1, 12-16; doing interviews on KATV 7 (Little Rock) for night news feature “Freedom Riders: The 5 who forever changed Arkansas,” February 23, 2016 <http://katv.com/news/local/freedom-riders-the-5-who-changed-arkansas> and on KARK 4 (Little Rock) for evening news story “New Calls for Ending Dual Holiday [on MLK Day and Robert Lee Day],” January 19, 2016 <http://www.arkansasmatters.com/video?videoId=331419712>; organizing conferences, like the 13th Annual Racial Attitudes in Pulaski County conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, April 13, 2016; delivering conference papers and invited talks at Constanta, Romania for the European Association of American Studies biennial conference; at Little Rock, Arkansas for Evenings with History; at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, for the Arkansas Delta: Why It Still Matters conference sponsored by Simmons Bank; at Little Rock, Arkansas, for Paving the Road Home: 2016 Arkansas Fair Housing Conference, with Dr. Jess C. Porter; at Ulsan, South Korea, for the University of Ulsan; at Fayetteville, Arkansas, for the University of Arkansas Timothy P. Donovan lecture series; at Little Rock, Arkansas for Mega KingFest, “A Day On not a Day Off”—the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission Day of Service event; and at Little Rock, Arkansas for the University of Arkansas Medical School (UAMS); giving community talks at “Campus Conversation on Race: A Talk Worth Having?” UALR Bowen Law School; keynote speaker at the campus life Excellence in Service Award presentation for Black History Month at Arkansas States Capitol; at a community forum on “Little Rock School Desegregation: From Then to Now,” organized by the Arkansas Black History Commission at the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center; at a “Black History Town Hall: Arkansas’s Past-N-Motion,” organized by National Parks Service, held

at Mosaic Templars Cultural Center; and “Little Rock, Race and Housing,” followed by panel discussion, at Hendrix College Institute for Clergy and Civic Engagement meeting in Hot Springs.

Kristin Mann, Professor, enjoyed spending much of the spring semester outside of traditional classroom settings. Her Community History class for the public history program met throughout the city with outreach professionals in local museums, archives, and government buildings. She also spent time with our six History/Secondary Education graduating seniors - Brandon Bagwell, Rebekah Grissom, Jared Halbert, Alex Harbison, Jacob Hickey & Tara Smith - in their field placements at Dunbar and Mabelvale Middle Schools and Central, Maumelle and Parkview High Schools. She is currently serving on the university's Diversity and Inclusion Initiative team and the search committee for UALR's next chancellor.

Jeff Kyong-McClain, Associate Professor of Chinese History, co-led a home-and-away course on Korean history and geography, which included 10 days, over Spring Break, spent in South Korea. Seventeen UALR students visited the ancient Silla Dynasty capital of Gyeongju, Ulsan University, Hyundai Heavy Industries, Haeinsa Temple, the DMZ and Seoul. He also continued in his position as Interim Assistant Director of the UALR Honors College.

Carl Moneyhon, Professor, continues at his post. He taught the usual United States History, surveys, "Civil War and Reconstruction" and graduate seminar on "Historical Methods" in the fall, and "Seminar on Race and Ethnicity: Reconstruction and the Freedmen's Bureau" in the spring. "History of the Old South" is on the schedule for next fall for anyone who needs a refresher on their Southern identity. His article, "George T. Ruby and African American Politics," was republished in Sam Haynes & Cary Wintz, eds., *Major Problems in Texas History*. Boston: Cengage, 2017, and a book chapter, "Edmund J. Davis -- Unlikely Radical," in Jesús F. de la Teja, ed., *Lone Star Unionism, Dissent, and Reistance*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2016. He received the Arkansas Historical Association's "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the organization's April meeting.

Jess Porter, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Geography will transition to Chair of the Department of History over the summer. “Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry,” the National Endowment for the Humanities-funded exhibit he curated with Dr. Charles Romney completed its nationwide tour this spring. One copy of the exhibit moves to the Oklahoma History Center while another will be on permanent display at the Cimarron Heritage Center in Boise City, Oklahoma. Jess traveled to Boise City to formally donate the exhibit and provide the keynote address at the Center’s annual fundraiser. En route, Dr. Porter revisited a number of Dust Bowl locations and captured aerial photography for a nascent multimedia project on the Arkansas River. Jess was an invited speaker at Oklahoma State University’s Department of Geography Colloquium where he presented the talk, “Collaborative Opportunities for a Stand-Alone Geographer: Adding Place to the Story of Little Rock Housing and Race.” Dr. Porter and Dr. Kirk also presented their housing research to the Arkansas Fair Housing Alliance. Dr. Porter published research on the Dust Bowl in a co-authored article in the journal, *The Holocene*. “The 1930s Dust Bowl: Geoarchaeological Lessons from a 20th Century Environmental Crisis” explores the extent that the Dust Bowl will be evident in the geoarchaeological record. Dr. Porter is also the 2016 winner of the College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences Faculty Excellence award for Teaching.

Charles Romney, Assistant Professor, 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*, has just been published by Oxford University Press. This summer Charles will be at the National Humanities Center in Raleigh, North Carolina, as a member of the Center’s Institute in Digital Textual Studies. At the National Humanities Center he will present a pre-circulated paper on “Using Vector Space Models to Understand the Circulation of Habeas Corpus in Hawai’i, 1852-1892.” During the fall semester he will be on research leave at the International Institute for Social History (Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis) in Amsterdam, in the Netherlands.

Susanah Shaw Romney, Assistant Professor of History, recently received a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the academic year 2016-2017. With the support of the NEH, she will spend the year doing research at the Huntington Library, the municipal archives of Amsterdam, and the National Archives in Jakarta. An article based on research for this same project appears in the April, 2016, issue of *The William and Mary Quarterly*

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