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A Note from the President

Greetings, Historians!

Exciting research and thoughts are happening all the time, and I am enthusiastic about our next annual meeting in Statesboro, on the campus of Georgia Southern University, February 19-21, when we will gather to find out what's new. Jonathan Bryant, our local arrangements chair, and Laura McCarty, our program chair, are putting together a stimulating conference that we should all enjoy, including a keynote address from Steven C. Hahn and a "Lives in History" talk from Paul M. Pressly.

The annual conference is always a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, converse with old friends, share and celebrate our intellectual work, and seek out gustatory pleasures. Come, and bring your colleagues!

More information on registration, hotel, etc., is available on the [GAH website](#).

Can't wait to see you and hear the results of your investigations.

Kenneth Wheeler, President



Steven Hahn

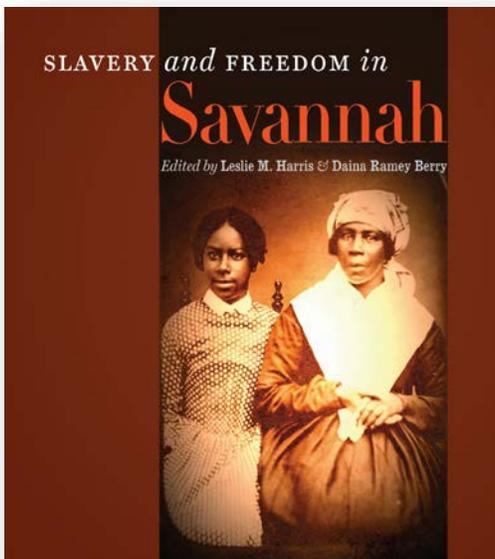


Paul Pressly

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Member News

The Slavery and Freedom in Savannah project, which includes the book with that title (edited by Leslie Harris and Daina Ramey Berry, University of Georgia Press, 2014), an exhibition, and a symposium, has won three awards: the AASLH Excellence Award, the Southern Museums Conference Award, and the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council's Award for Excellence in Documenting Georgia's History. **Jon Bryant** (Georgia Southern) wrote one of the articles in the book, and **Paul Pressly** (Ossabaw Island Foundation), who will be our "Lives in History" speaker for the Saturday luncheon at our 2015 meeting, also contributed. "The project continues," says Jon.



Chris Wilhelm (College of Coastal Georgia) published "For the Birds: Challenging Wilderness in the Everglades," *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* (June 2013).

Barry Whittemore has been promoted from adjunct instructor to Lecturer for the 2014-15 academic year in the Department of History, Anthropology, and Philosophy at the University of North Georgia, Dahlonega campus. Whittemore was also elected to the Steering Committee of the Appalachian Studies Association for a three-year term

Lou Brackett completed her M.A. in History with a concentration in public history from West Georgia in June 2014. The title of her thesis was "Women Take to the Skies in the 1930s: A Case Study of Charlotte Frye." Charlotte Frye of Griffin was one of the first women pilots in Georgia and part of the Ninety-Nines, a group founded in part by Amelia Earhart to encourage women to become pilots.

Patrizia Stahle was granted tenure and was named "Professor of the Year" at Coastal College of Georgia this past year.

In October, **Paul Hudson** (Georgia Perimeter) received a Governor's Award for the Arts and Humanities. "Through teaching, publications, and public programs," said the Governor's announcement, "Paul Hudson has engaged thousands of Georgians in history and the humanities for almost 30 years."

Glenn Eskew (Georgia State University) received the Award for Excellence in Research from the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council for his *Johnny Mercer: Southern Songwriter for the World*.

Spring Civil War Program

This Spring, the Department of History, Anthropology, and Philosophy at the University of North Georgia will hold a 3-part lecture series to mark the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. On February 12, John Inscoe (University of Georgia) will examine the impact of the war in Georgia and Georgia's impact on the Civil War. On March 12, UNG historians will reflect on the war's impact on national politics and southern society, economics, culture, and the environment. On April 9, Dr. J. David Hacker (University of Minnesota) will discuss his work to recalculate war casualties and the significance of this revised figure. All events are open to the public on the UNG-Gainesville Campus. Contact Dr. Dee Gillespie (Dee.Gillespie@ung.edu) for more information.



2015 Annual Conference

As Ken said on the first page, we have an exciting meeting scheduled for February! Jon Bryant, who is in charge of local arrangements, assures us that Statesboro is a wonderful place to visit in February, with a fine Botanical Garden and a Wildlife Education Center on the Georgia Southern Campus. We will have a reception on Thursday evening (details soon), and another on Friday in conjunction with the the keynote address. Laura McCarty has put together a great program--over twenty sessions in American, Georgia, Public, and World history. Something for everyone!

Registration form and hotel information are available on the GAH website (<http://gaassociationhistorians.org>). Early registration is \$50 (\$60 at the conference), with a special graduate student rate of \$30. You can also use the registration form to renew your membership in the GAH. Remember, membership goes from conference to conference, so if you haven't renewed since the Athens meeting, it's time! (Or become a life member and never have to worry about this again.)