

# Georgia Association of Historians Newsletter



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## Georgia Historians to Meet in Savannah

The Georgia Association of Historians will gather at the De Soto Hilton in Savannah on February 25-26, where about fifty papers or roundtables will be offered under the general theme: **CONFLICT, COMMEMORATION, AND CONSERVATION: Explorations across Time and Place.** Those who arrive on Thursday night are invited to an event at the one of Savannah's premier historic houses, the Davenport House. The program will present conversations between local (hypothetical) residents about real events and protocols in the 1820s, the time period interpreted at the Davenport. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Davenport House.



*The "Waving Girl"  
Photo: Georgia Department of Economic  
Development*

After Friday's sessions a wine and cheese reception will be held in the DeSoto Hilton. A plenary session will follow in the 1880s Cotton Exchange meeting room. (This is about a 10-minute walk down to the river.) Robbie Porter, our host, will give a brief overview of the building's history as an introduction to our speaker, Dan Flores, the A. B. Hammond Professor of Western History at the University of Montana.

Saturday's luncheon business meeting will convene in the hotel's Skyline Dining Room. An afternoon tour of the Gordon House will be available for \$6; Jeb Bush, an Armstrong Atlantic State University master's candidate whose research is on the Gordon family, will lead the tour. Chris Hendricks, also of Armstrong Atlantic, will lead a free walking tour of historic Savannah. ❖

### For more information about Savannah, explore:

<http://savannahvisit.com/> Savannah Visitor Information Center

<http://www.officialsavannahguide.com/> The Official Savannah Guide

<http://www.savannahchamber.com/about-savannah> Chamber of Commerce site



### Where to stay . . .

We have negotiated a room rate of \$135 per night with the **Savannah DeSoto Hilton** with a reservation cutoff date of Monday, January 24, 2011. They are holding 10 rooms for Thursday night, February 24th, 50 rooms for Friday night, February 25th, and 10 rooms for Saturday night, February 26th. Self parking is \$13 per day. Their web address is [www.desotohilton.com](http://www.desotohilton.com). ❖

### *From our members . . .*

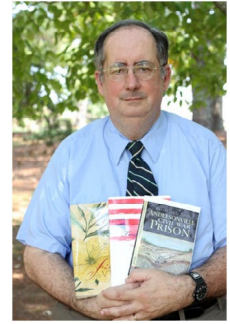
In January 2010, *Secular Missionaries: Americans and African Development in the 1960s*, by **Larry Grubbs** of Georgia State, was published by the University of Massachusetts Press.

**Julian L. Mims** Ph.D., history professor at Georgia Perimeter College and Morehouse College, is the Project Editor for the National Historic Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) grant-funded effort to produce sixteen records and Information management manuals for local government officials. Dr. Mims is the author of the best-selling International City/County Management Association (ICMA) publication, *Records Management for Cities and Counties*.

**Ken Fenster**, Georgia Perimeter College, co-edited *The National Pastime: Baseball in the Peach State* published by the Society for American Baseball Research and distributed by the University of Nebraska Press. He published an article, "The 1954 Dixie Series" in this anthology. His article, "It's Not Fiction: The Great Race to Host the 1954 Southern Association All-Star Game," is scheduled for publication in December 2010 in *The Baseball Research Journal*.

On November 8 and 9, 2010, **Dr. Joseph Robert White**, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, spoke to more than four hundred students, faculty, and invited guests in three formal and informal talks at Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tennessee, as part of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies' university outreach program. His formal lectures involved the ongoing camps and ghettos encyclopedia project and a Power Point lecture, "Not Just 'Nazis at Play': Contextualizing the Hoecker Album." White will present his paper, "The Emsland Project: An Early Case Study in Nazi Gigantomania, 1933-1942" at the February GAH meeting.

**Robert Davis**, of Wallace State Community College in Hanceville AL, published *Andersonville Civil War Prison* through The History Press of Charleston. He also has reprinted his articles on "Col. John Dooly and the Kettle Creek Loyalists" in the latest edition of Dr. Robert Cal-



houn's *Tory Insurgents* (University of South Carolina Press). His article on "William Bartram in Georgia" appears in Kathryn E. Holland Brand's and Charlotte M. Potter's *Fields of Vision: Essays on the Travels of William Bartram* (University of Alabama Press); he also has an article on the Wrightsborough Georgia Quakers in the current *Quaker History* and on slavery in the social history of early Georgia in *Journal of Backcountry Studies*.

**Patrick G. Zander** was recently awarded the Oxford University Press Prize for Postgraduate Research for the year 2009. Sponsored by the journal *Twentieth Century British History* at Oxford University in the U.K. The paper, published in the August 2010 edition of *Twentieth Century British History*, is titled "(Right) Wings over Everest: High Adventure, High Technology, and High Nationalism on the Roof of the World, 1932-34."

Zander's paper examines the political implications of the first air flights over Mount Everest (April 1933) conducted by a British expedition that had connections to Britain's extreme right wing community. Supporters of the flights believed that such a feat would remind the indigenous people of India of the supposed superiority of the British race and convince them to put away their thoughts of independence.

Zander is scheduled to present another paper at the Savannah conference of the GAH; it is "Hitler's Wonderland: Britain's Extreme Right and Admiration for Nazi and Fascist Modernization, 1919 – 1939."

*From our members (cont.) . . .*

**Patrizia A. Stahle** of the College of Coastal Georgia, was elected new President of the Guale Historical Society, St. Marys, Georgia. Founded in 1976, the Guale Historical Society aims at promoting the study of the history of Camden County as well as the history of the State of Georgia. The society is involved in historical preservation and supports the Bryan-Lang Historical Archives, Woodbine, GA. It organizes visits to historical sites, travels throughout the area on rambles, and publishes a newsletter which is sent to members. Stahle has been an active member of the Guale society since the year 2000. She is also designing a new course on the history of Georgia for Teacher's Education majors at the College of Coastal Georgia.



*L-R: Patrizia Stahle, Sudie Leavy, and Eloise Thompson, one of the founders of the Guale Historical Society.*

**Ronald Bobroff** of Oglethorpe University was recently promoted to Associate Professor and has also been appointed as Oglethorpe's Director of Curricular Development in Service Learning. In connection with the latter, he attended the annual meeting of the International Association of Research on Service Learning and Community Engagement, in Indianapolis, IN. He also attended the national meeting of the newly renamed Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, in Los Angeles, CA, where he served as discussant for a panel on the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-78.

**Marianne Holdzkom** will publish "An Inconvenient Founding Father: John Adams in Popular Culture" in the collected anthology *Adapting America/America Adapted* due out in early 2010. This is an expansion of a paper delivered at a conference in Istanbul sponsored by the American Studies Association of Turkey. Her paper "The Reluctant Adventurer: The depiction of John Wesley Powell in Disney's "Ten Who Dared" will appear in the proceedings of the 2008 Film and History conference. In addition, she gave a paper entitled "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea: The Salem Witchcraft Trials in Film, Television and Fiction" by special invitation at the Southwest/Texas regional meeting of the Popular Culture and American Culture Associations.

**Brad Smith** of Oglethorpe University took four undergraduates to the Third Annual Undergraduate Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, held in October at Arizona State University (Tempe, AZ), at which Oglethorpe was the best represented department after the host institution.

The inaugural meeting of the new Georgia chapter of the National Council for History Education (GCHE) took place on October 16 at the Southeast Branch of the National Archives in Morrow, GA. Staff member **Joel Walker**, who had been helpful in the group's start-up, chaired a program that offered Georgia history teachers information on the decision to use the first Atom bombs. GAH member **Kathryn W. Kemp**, of Clayton State University, presented a PowerPoint lecture on the topic and Walker provided information on the extensive primary sources on the Manhattan Project and related matters that are held by the Archives. The GCHE organization hopes to offer similar programs on a regular basis. ❖

**Don't forget! The deadline for early GAH conference registration is Feb. 10th! For your convenience, use the registration form on the next page.**

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## Meeting & Membership Registration

Please type or write clearly

<b>Name</b>	Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Prof. or other:	
<b>Title</b>		
<b>Affiliation</b>		
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Please check the appropriate boxes for dues and registration choices

<b>Early bird registration \$45</b> <b>Late registration (after 2/10) \$55</b> <b>I won't be able to attend this year.</b>	\$	Please place the total here:
<b>Annual dues \$10</b> <b>Life member (no dues required)</b>	\$	
<b>Enroll me as a Life member \$100</b>	\$	Thank you!

### Optional questions:

Are you interested in: Chairing Presenting Commenting – at a future meeting?  
What is your area (areas?) of research or teaching?

<b>INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2011</b>	
Institution Name:	
Please enter contact person's information in the spaces at the top of this form. Please use a separate form for personal registrations.	
University \$75	Two-year college \$25
Four-year college \$50	Supporting organization \$35

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