

# Georgia Association of Historians Newsletter



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## McCall Award to Brad Rice

Because he was unable to attend this year's meeting in Savannah, **Dr. Bradley Rice** (Clayton State University, retired Clayton State University Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of History) received the Georgia Historians' Hugh McCall Award in the office of CSU President Thomas "Tim" Hines. The presentation was made by his colleagues Gene Hatfield and John Kohler, both long-time members of the GAH.



Rice is a former President of the GAH, and was editor of *Atlanta History* magazine, published by the Atlanta History Center, and the co-author (with Harvey Jackson) of *Georgia, the Empire State of the*



Be ready to submit your proposal for the 2012 meeting in Macon when the CFP is issued! It's coming soon!

## Thanks for your support . . .

After being removed from the House and Senate state budget (for the second consecutive year), the Georgia Humanities Council was returned after public protests. The GAH was among those who issued a call for support of Georgia Humanities. Director **Jamil Zainaldin** said that "some of its members were crucial to this victory. This means much to GHC's continuing capacity to conduct programs, and on behalf of the Board and our public audiences, we say thank you to GAH and all of our history-minded colleagues for your support."

## Georgia Archives Month October 2011

The sponsors of **Georgia Archives Month** October 2011 want to encourage the preservation of Georgia's documentary heritage. To assist organization to participate in Georgia Archives Month, the Society of American Archivists (SAA) has created a web site with several resources including a sample press release. They also have offered to help publicize your event on the Georgia Archives Month new Facebook page and web site. To submit information about your planned event, please send them to [ga.archivesmonth@gmail.com](mailto:ga.archivesmonth@gmail.com).

For further information, contact co-chair Bridget Lurette at 404-920-7693.

### *From our members . . .*

Mercer University Press has recently released *Breaking the Heartland: The Civil War in Georgia*, a collection of eleven essays edited by **David Parker** (Kennesaw State University) and **John Fowler** (Dalton State University).

**John Incoe** (University of Georgia) has two books out this year. Writing the South through the South: Explorations in Southern Autobiography, based on a course on the subject that he has long taught at UGA; and *The Civil War in Georgia*, which is a compilation of all articles related to the war and its legacy drawn from the New Georgia Encyclopedia. Both are published by UGA Press and both sponsored by the Georgia Humanities Council.

**Robert Davis** (Wallace State College) appeared on the History Channel in a program (Brad Meltzer's "Decoded") about the Georgia part of the odyssey of the lost Confederate gold. Davis also has been interviewed for the Georgia News Network's radio program on his new books *Civil War Atlanta* and *Andersonville Civil War Prison*, both published by The History Press.

*Atlanta's Stone Mountain: A Multicultural History*, an "illustrated multicultural history of a legendary landmark." by **Paul Hudson** and **Lora Mirza** (Georgia Perimeter College), was published this spring by the History Press

GAH members **Mary Rolinson** and **Glenn Eskew** were among a group of Georgia State University faculty and students interested in historic preservation who participated in "Landscapes of Memory: History, Culture and Historic Preservation in Cuba," a 15-day study abroad program (May 5-20) that visited the cities of Havana, Trinidad, Cienfuegos, and Santiago de Cuba. They visited locations as diverse as Morro Castle, a fort that has guarded the Havana harbor since colonial times, and the Moncada Barracks, where the Castro revolution had its beginnings. **Dr. Richard Laub**, conducted the course.

### *Before there was air conditioning...*

Where did Georgians go during the hot summer months to cool off before air conditioning became readily available? Many headed to the north Georgia



Mountains and Tallulah Falls in Rabun County. At the end of the nineteenth century, tourists could ride the Tallulah Falls Railroad from Cornelia and stay at one of nearly twenty hotels and resorts that ringed the gorge. Visitors spent their time hiking into the gorge to see what was called "the Niagara of the South." Ladies, of course, hiked in long, full skirts and hats, as shown in this photo.



When Georgia Power dammed the Tallulah River in the early twentieth century to create hydroelectric power, the tourist industry dried up. Today visitors go to the northeast Georgia Mountains and the Tallulah Falls State Park area for hiking, camping, and boating on Lakes Rabun and Burton. Georgia Power opens the dam several times a year to restore the falls to their original roar, much to the delight of kayakers. Moccasin Creek State Park on Lake Burton bills itself as the place "where spring spends the summer." Black Rock State Park, just a few miles north of Tallulah Falls and the highest state park in Georgia, is always several degrees cooler than the surrounding lowlands. So if you're looking for "cooler climes" in Georgia, head to the northeast Georgia mountains!

**Travel tip:** *If you're traveling with kids or are a kid at heart, stop by "Goats on the Roof" in Tiger, Georgia on Hwy. 441.*

*Photos: Georgia's Virtual Vault*