

Georgia Association of Historians

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2014 GAH Conference Report

The 2014 meeting of the Georgia Association of Historians, Feb. 27-March 1, was a tremendous success, thanks in large part to the great work of John Inscoe, who handled local arrangements. We began with a Thursday night reception at the lovely historic home of Peggy and Denny Galis. On Friday and Saturday, we moved to the University of Georgia's Richard B. Russell Special Collections Library, a beautiful and inspiring building, which served as conference headquarters. There we had thirty-three sessions (kudos and thanks to Ken Wheeler, who as president-elect put the program together); a Friday afternoon reception before John Morrow's excellent keynote address on "An African American Regiment in the French Army: The 369th on the Western Front in 1918"; and the luncheon on Saturday. Bradley Rice delivered this year's "Lives in History" talk, which he has promised to allow the Association to reprint in its *Journal*. At the business meeting, Executive Secretary-Treasurer David Parker announced that we had a near-record number of registrants (161) for this year's conference. The Linda Piper Award for Service went to the Georgia Humanities Council and was accepted by Laura McCarty. President Lee Ann Caldwell announced the location for next year's meeting: Statesboro, hosted by Georgia Southern University, on the weekend of February 21. The Association approved three new board members: Michael Morris, Patrick Zander, and Mary Rolinson. Laura McCarty was elected president-elect for the coming year. At the end of the meeting Lee Ann turned over the gavel, and the presidency, to Ken Wheeler, who closed the meeting with a rousing "See you in Statesboro in 2015!"



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Member News

Randall Gooden, Associate Professor of History at Clayton State University will be keynote speaker at two public events this spring. The United Daughters of the Confederacy in Griffin has invited him to speak at their Confederate Memorial Day ceremony at Jackson Cemetery. His topic will be "One Day Apart: Before and After Sherman Arrived." On June 10, he will be the featured speaker at the Springfield Township Century Home Reunion and Celebration in Petersburg, Ohio, with the topic "Old Springfield: The Beginnings of the Township." Gooden writes a historical column in *The Postmark*, the local newspaper there.

A history Ph.D. candidate at Georgia State University and faculty member at Atlanta Metropolitan State College, **Kenja McCray**'s research on uses of African-derived religious beliefs in the African-American community has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Black Psychology*. The name of the article, which was co-authored with Ojelade, Meyers, and Ashby, is "Use of Indigenous African Healing Practices as a Mental Health Intervention."

Kathryn Kemp was elected to a second term on the Clayton State University Faculty Senate, representing the College of Arts and Sciences.

Montgomery Wolf, Lecturer of U.S. History at the University of Georgia, received a Fulbright Core Award to teach American studies at L'Université d'Adomey-Calavi and research Béninois popular music of the 1960s-1980s. She currently resides in Cotonou, Bénin, and will return to the States and the University of Georgia in July 2014.



For the third consecutive year, **Clayton State University** was named one of the top 100 places to work in the Atlanta area.

<http://news.clayton.edu/2014/03/clayton-state-named-to-ajcs-top-100-workplaces-in-atlanta-list-for-the-third-consecutive-year>

Meet Our New Archivist!

David Owings, the GAH's new archivist, holds a BA in History from Columbus State University as well as a MA in History with specialization in archival and museum studies from Auburn University. In January 2013, he returned to Columbus State to serve as university archivist. Prior to that he served as archivist at the Alabama Labor Archives in Montgomery, Alabama. His research interests include the World War II era, the experiences of prisoners of war, and memory studies, specifically the role archives, museums, and similar institutions play in the construction of memory.

The Columbus State University Archives is the home for GAH records. It was established in 1975 and collects materials relating to the history and culture of Columbus and the surrounding Chattahoochee Valley region, with holdings estimated at nearly 5,000 linear feet of archival material. The CSU Archives has a strong web presence at archives.columbusstate.edu including digitized past issues of the *Journal of Georgia Association of Historians* that can be found at:

<http://archives.columbusstate.edu/gah/index.php>

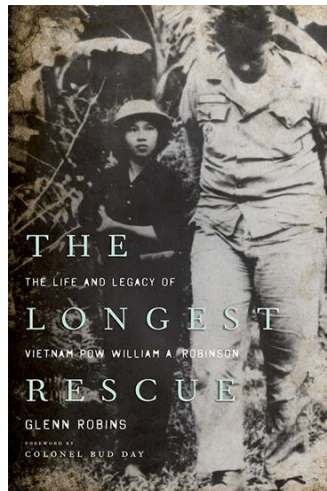


Deadline for UGA Press's Horizon Award Extended

The Loraine Williams Horizon Award for Manuscripts in Georgia History, Culture, and Letters honors Loraine Williams, an Atlanta-based philanthropist and patron of the arts. The winning author receives a cash award of \$500 and, after successful editorial review, a publication contract with the University of Georgia Press. For more details, see <https://georgiapress.submittable.com/submit/27245>

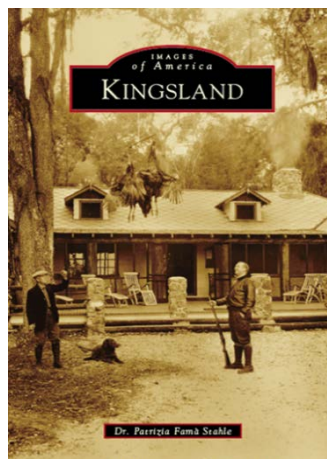
Publications

Dr. Glenn Robins, Professor of History, Georgia Southwestern State University, published *The Longest Rescue: The Life and Legacy of Vietnam POW William A. Robinson* with University Press of Kentucky, 2013.

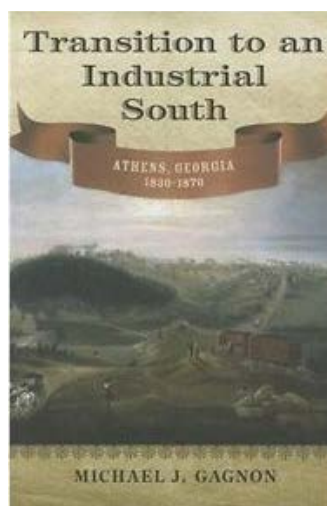


plantation, King envisioned a town and set out to divide his plantation into a well-planned city. As the railroad advanced, people from all areas began to build in and around King's Land, setting a new era in motion. A longtime resident of Kingsland, Patrizia Stahle has a personal and professional interest in the richness of coastal Georgia history as well as the historical preservation of the area and

Patrizia Stahle, Associate Professor of History at the College of Coastal Georgia, has authored a book on the history of Kingsland, in Arcadia's Images of America Series. The book contains more than 200 historic and modern images chronicling the growth of Kingsland from its founding in 1908. Several images were provided by the Georgia Archives in Morrow. Kingsland was named for William Henry King, one of the largest landowners in southeastern Georgia in the late 1800s. As the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad began to push its way Southward through his



Michael J. Gagnon published a scholarly monograph, *Transition to an Industrial South: Athens, Georgia, 1830-1870*, with LSU Press in October 2012. The book has been generally well reviewed, with the best informed reviews appearing in the *Georgia Historical Quarterly* and the *Journal of Southern History*. Michael was promoted to Associate Professor in Fall 2013.



See you in Statesboro, Feb. 19-21, 2015!