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Calling all historians! Annual Meeting "Crossing Boundaries" Feb. 21 - 23, 2008 Fort Valley State University

The Georgia Association of Historians annual meeting will be held at Fort Valley State University on February 22 and 23. A call for papers has been posted on the GAH web site, welcoming proposals from all areas and subfields of history, public history, regional studies, and proposals focused on the teaching of history. Proposals should be no longer than one typewritten page and should include the sender's mailing address and e-mail address. Proposals for sessions with several papers and discussants will be given priority over individual paper proposals. All proposals should be submitted by the deadline of December 3rd, 2007.

As the details of the program develop, they will be posted on the Georgia Association of Historians web site.

Send a one-page panel or paper proposal to the program chairman:

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News from the Executive Board:

New committee chair appointments include: **John Incoe**, Honors and Awards Committee; **Ann McCleary**, Teaching Committee; **Gene Hatfield**, Promotion of History Committee; **Mary Rolinson**, Membership Committee; **Susan McGrath**, Nominating Committee. Also new is a Teaching American History Grants (TAH) task force to advise the Executive Board on how to facilitate partnership between GAH and Georgia groups with Teaching American History grants from the U.S. Department of Education. The New Georgia Encyclopedia currently is undergoing a strategic planning phase, so Georgia Association of Historians will become an Institutional Partner, working with the NGE leadership to facilitate an assessment and evaluation of the encyclopedia. ❖

Dear Members of GAH:

I am the new membership chair for our organization and I would like your help in spreading the news about the GAH. The organization provides some unique services and events for historians in the state of Georgia. If you have attended any of our annual meetings, you know that we visit interesting sites and have a wide variety of stimulating panels on world history, US history, pedagogy, and public history. The GAH is known for being exceptionally inclusive, welcoming, and collegial. Our new date for the annual meeting is February 21-23 and we hope this will make it more convenient for members to participate!

Department heads should be looking for a letter from the GAH asking for institutional memberships in the next month. We would like to have an effective state-wide communication network so that we can fulfill our mission to be the "professional voice for history in Georgia." We also want to increase individual memberships, and an updated membership brochure is in the works. If you would be willing to serve as a site recruiter for your department, please contact me via email ASAP. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Mary G. Robinson

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Award of Excellence To Columbus Museum

The Columbus Museum won the Southeastern Museum Conference's Award of Excellence and the American Association of State and Local History's Award of Merit for our recent exhibition *A Life in Letters: Lt. Col. Robert A. Hardaway in the Civil War and the New South*. The exhibition was based on a collection of Civil War-era letters written by one of the Chattahoochee Valley's foremost military and educational leaders. ❖

Augusta Heroes Overlook Augusta Honors Its Heroes

The Augusta's Heroes' Overlook project, situated at the scenic Riverwalk above the Savannah River, displays a series of bronze plaques honoring local military heroes who have earned the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross or Navy Cross. The Overlook is complemented by a Memory Walk where citizens have placed commemorative bricks to honor loved ones.

ARCHS conducts Veterans Day ceremonies at the Overlook each year. Because the brick wall on the Overlook has no more space, the Augusta city-county commission approved in 2007 the erection of an additional length of wall to mount more plaques. There are already four plaques awaiting display. The Heroes' Overlook, first conceived in 1992, is a joint partnership between the City of Augusta and the Augusta Richmond County Historical Society (ARCHS). ❖



Now Hires....

The Armstrong Atlantic State University History Department has three new hires: **Amanda Pipkin**, Early Modern Europe, Ph. D. Rutgers University 2007, field 17th c. Netherlands; **Liang Cai**, China, Ph. D. Cornell University, 2007, field Chinese intellectual history; **Jason Tatlock**, Middle East, Ph. D. University of Michigan, 2006, field Ancient Middle East. ❖

WORMSLOE HISTORIC SITE

By Lou Brackett

Wormsloe, located on the Isle of Hope outside of Savannah, was built in 1737 by [Noble Jones](#), a doctor and carpenter who accompanied James Oglethorpe on the expedition to establish Georgia. In the new colony, Jones served as commander of the Marines, constable, Indian agent and surveyor. Somewhere between all these duties, he managed to carve Wormsloe plantation out of the Georgia forest, constructing a fortified house out of tabby. Although Jones stayed faithful to the British, Jones's son, Noble Wymerly Jones, fought with the patriots during the American Revolution.



Today, a long avenue of oaks leads to the Wormsloe Historic Site, where the visitor will find tabby ruins, a re-created colonial settlement, and a museum containing many artifacts from the site, along with a 17 minute film on the colonial period in Georgia.

The re-created settlement, located in a clearing not far from the tabby ruins, includes a tiny wattle and daub house with a loft. A small garden was attached to the house and surrounded by a woven fence. Outbuildings included a tool shed containing blacksmith equipment and other farm tools. The re-enactors, all dressed in period clothing, were very knowledgeable about the time period and very enthusiastic. Visitors say that their conversation with the Wormsloe “residents” was the best part of the visit.

Trip Tips:

There is ample parking and easy access to the museum. An unpaved, but level and easy path leads to the ruins and settlement, so wear good walking shoes. And, as anybody who has spent time on the Georgia coast knows, bug repellent is a must almost any time of the year. Re-enactors are volunteers, so call ahead for their availability. For more information, go to <http://www.nps.gov/history/goldcrest/sites/wormsloe.htm>. ❖

New Play Retells a Story of the 1906 Riot

Paul Hudson has co-authored a new play with Wade Marbaugh titled “American Apartheid.” Based on a 1908 novella entitled “The Law of the White Circle,” by **Thornwell Jacobs**, it tells the story of a love triangle complicated by race and set during the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot. **Jacobs** is a research interest of **Hudson**.

The University of Georgia reprinted the Jacobs book for the centennial observance of the riot, and included supplementary readings by **Hudson**, **Walter White**, and **W.E.B. Du Bois**, as well as a Foreword by **W. Fitzhugh Brundage**.

A staged reading was presented before the Coalition to Remember the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot, which is led by Dr. **Cliff Kuhn** of Georgia State University and Dr. **Clarissa Myrick-Harris** of the One World Archive. Other readings of the play were presented in the Auburn Avenue district of Atlanta and at Georgia Perimeter College. Most recently, the play was presented at historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall, the location where Martin Luther King, Jr., was baptized. The National Parks Service supported this presentation. ❖

From the President . . .

The Georgia Association of Historians is an invaluable organization for all historians living in the state of Georgia. It conducts an annual meeting whose program includes all fields of history. It monitors legislation at the national level, and is alert to issues at the state level that may impact the work of historians. GAH is managed by a governing board and with the generous support of Clayton State University, enjoys the services of a professional executive secretary-treasurer.

As the professional voice of history in Georgia, GAH obviously is strengthened by numbers. While the organization has a faithful following and has been blessed with wonderful leadership over the years, we would like to see more historians in our colleges and universities, and teachers in schools, taking part in the association's activities and leadership. This year, and extending through the next, we will be preparing a membership campaign that will make a strong appeal to both individuals and institutions to join our association.

Elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter you will learn about the upcoming annual meeting at Fort Valley State University. We encourage you to come to that meeting, mingle with colleagues and make new acquaintances, enjoy the program sessions, and participate in the association's annual meeting at the day's closing luncheon. And by all means, consider developing a session proposal for our conference committee. This year's program will have a theme, and we will be making a special effort to attract teacher participants in the state's Teaching American History programs to our gathering. I look forward to seeing you in February!

Jamil Zainaldin

The History Department at **North Georgia College & State University** has merged with Philosophy and is now the Department of History & Philosophy. Two philosophers are now closer colleagues of the historians there: Dr. **Sally Wiedmann** and Dr. **Troy Catterson**. ❖

Obituary: Dr. Elizabeth Marshall

Dr. Elizabeth Marshall died on September 26, 2007. According to an announcement from the office of President Thomas K. Harden of Clayton State University, "Dr. Marshall first came to Clayton Junior College in 1971 as an Instructor of History. She retired from Clayton State College as Professor of History in 1985 and was appointed Professor Emerita in 1986. Dr. Marshall continued another 20 years of service to the University through the Board of Trustees of the Clayton State University Foundation."

She was buried at Alta Vista Cemetery in Gainesville, GA on Saturday September 29. A memorial service followed at Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

Gene Hatfield, Chair of the Department of Social Sciences at Clayton State University said "Elizabeth Marshall was an outstanding teacher. She challenged her students to do their best. Many of her students over the years commented that she was both the most demanding and most caring professor they ever had. I also remember her as a warm and gracious colleague, a witty conversationalist, and a person of refinement. Without doubt, Dr. Marshall made a strong impact on our department and our campus. We will miss her." ❖

"Cowboy Mike" Searles co-edited a new anthology: *Buffalo Soldiers in the West: A Black Soldiers Anthology* (Texas A&M University Press, 2007). He also chaired a roundtable, "Buffalo Soldiers Studies at a Crossroad: A Panel Discussion Examining the Past and Assessing a Future" at the Western History Association 47th annual conference in Oklahoma City. Searles has a chapter entitled "In Search of the Black Cowboy in Texas" in *The African American Experience in Texas* (Texas Tech University Press, 2007). In summer 2008, he will lecture at the University of Muenster in Muenster Germany. ❖

Member News

Mark Bauman co-chaired the program committee of the Southern Jewish Historical Society conference in Washington, DC November 1-4, 2007. **Bauman** has edited *Southern Jewish History* since its inception; its tenth issue appeared in October 2007. The paperback edition of an anthology he co-edited, *Quiet Voices: Southern Rabbis and Black Civil Rights* (University of Alabama Press) also appeared this year. He continues to evaluate and participate in Teaching American History grant programs. ❖

Mike Bunn, Associate Curator of History at The Columbus Museum and **Doug Purcell** of the Historic Chattahoochee Commission, have co-authored *Images of America: Lower Chattahoochee River Valley*. They investigate the role of the river in the development of the region. The book features over 200 compelling images of life along the river, some of them not published before. ❖

William P. Head, Chief of the WR-ALC Office of History, wrote *Shadow and Stinger: The History of the Development and Deployment of the AC-119G/K Gunships during the Vietnam War*, (Texas A&M, 2007), which won the 2007 History Book Award from Air Force Materiel Command. He also provided roughly 50 entries for *Dictionary of the Developing World* by ABC Clio, *The Oxford Dictionary of the Modern World* and *New Georgia Encyclopedia*. He was the discussant for Jamil Zainaldin's panel on "One Hundred Years Of Aviation in Georgia" for the GAH meeting last spring. He also spoke on "U.S. Liberalism, Democracy and the Constitution and its Influence on the 21st Century Developing World." at the Third World in Perspective Meeting at Georgia Southwestern University in June. He was President of the Association of Asian Studies SEC, January 2006 to January 2007.

Head appears as an historical expert for the Discovery and Military Channel's documentary "Weaponology," and for Robins AFB Museum of Aviation's documentary "Where Past and Present Meet: Preserving Middle Georgia's Heritage at Robins AFB." ❖

Marianne Holdzkom has joined the faculty of the Southern Polytechnic State University department of Social and International Studies where she gave a speech on Constitution Day for the campus entitled "A Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Constitutional Convention." ❖

The European Commission has awarded Dr. **Charles Johnson** of Valdosta State an Erasmus Mundus Professorship for summer 2008. Dr. Johnson will be a visiting professor at the Univerzita Palacky (Czech Republic), Universität Göttingen (Germany), and Uniwersytet Jagiellonski (Poland). He will be teaching a graduate course in European ethnicity in the United States as well giving a series of lectures at conferences and seminars at all three institutions. ❖

Michael Kirkland, Assistant Professor of History at Bainbridge College has been named Interim Vice President of Student Affairs. ❖

Recently published work by **Timothy May** includes *The Mongol Art of War*. London: Pen and Sword Publications, 2007 & Yardly, Pa: Westholme Publishing, 2007; "Genghis Khan's Secrets of Success" *Military History* 24/5 (July/August, 2007): 42-49; "Dzhungaria", *Supplement to the Modern Encyclopedia of Russian, Soviet and Eurasian History*. Vol. 8. Edited by Bruce Adams, et al. Gulf Breeze, FL: Academic International Press. Pp. 246-248. May also organized a panel and presented a paper, "Resisting Religion: Why Catholicism Failed in the Mongol Empire" for the 16th Annual World History Association Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. ❖

GAH members, **Michael Morris** (Dalton State) and **Lee Ann Caldwell** (Georgia College) took part in "Colonial Georgia: A Summer Course at the Atlanta History Center" this summer. Attending were public school teachers working toward recertification. ❖

Member News (Cont.)

Mohamed **Mukhtar** of Savannah State University has co-authored with **Moalim Ahmed Omar** the first English_Maay dictionary exploring the roots of an African Language called Maay or Af-Maay and its relation to the Kushitic family languages in the Horn of Africa. This dictionary is a vital addition to reference collections supporting undergraduate and graduate programs on African and Middle Eastern Studies. It is equally an essential tool for lawyers, workers and officials dealing with immigration and naturalization issues, particularly with asylum seekers from Somalia. It is handy for interpreters and translators on court cases, hospitals and public school teachers on ESL programs that teach Af-Maay speaking children in English speaking countries.

His article "Somalia: Trampling the Grass", appeared in a British journal *The World Today*, volume 63, number 2, published by the Royal Institute of International Affairs, February 2007. Dr. Mukhtar also contributed a paper entitled: "Slavery in the Indian Ocean Africa in the late 19th Century and early 20th" to an international symposium held in Rabat and Marrakesh, Morocco, entitled: "Cultural Interactions Related to The Slave Trade and Slavery in the Arab-Muslim World". The conference is organized and hosted by UNESCO as part of the commemoration of the 200 years of the abolition of slavery. He presented another paper, "African Solution for African Problems: The End of Mogadishu Syndrome" at a conference entitled: "Post-Conflict Peace-Building in the Horn of Africa" in Lund, Sweden, in August. The conference is organized by Somalia International Rehabilitation Center (SIRC) in co-operation with Horn of Africa scholars in Europe & USA. ❖

Dr. **Will Simson**, was awarded tenure at Georgia Perimeter College in the Spring. ❖

Gregory Mixon served on the Program committee for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, October 3-7, 2007 and is also serving on the William Holmes Prize committee for the Southern Historical Association meeting October 31-November 2, 2007. ❖

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May also has reviewed D.S. Richards, ed. & trans., *The Chronicle of Ibn al-Athir for The Crusading Period from al-Kamil fi'l-Ta'rikh, part 1, the years 491-541/1097-1146: The Coming of the Franks and the Muslim Response*, in *De Re Militari: The Society for Medieval Military History*; Michal Biran, *The Empire of the Qara Khitai in Eurasian History: Between China and the Islamic World* in *The International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 39/3 (2007): 488-489; *Istvan Vasary, Cumans and Tatars: Oriental Military in the Pre-Ottoman Balkans, 1185-1365* in *The International Journal of Turkish Studies* 13 (2007): 253-255; Angelo Rasanayagam. *Afghanistan: A Modern History-Monarchy, Despotism, or Democracy? The Problems of Governance in the Muslim Tradition* in *World History Connected* 4/3 (2007).

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Museum Acquires Historic Sundial

By Russell K. Brown

In April 2007 the Augusta Museum of History acquired the original Augusta Arsenal Sundial from Fort Gordon. Designed by the arsenal commandant and fabricated by a local workman, the sundial was first erected in 1870. When the arsenal closed in 1955, the sundial found its way to nearby Ft. Gordon where it stood, exposed and unmaintained, for 52 years. After more than four years of negotiation, the army agreed to give up the sundial to the museum, where it now stands on display. A replica of the sundial that dates from 1964 stands at Augusta State University, the site of the old arsenal property. ❖



Forthcoming Publications

Kathryn W. Kemp (Clayton State), “‘The Dictograph Hears All:’ An Example of Surveillance Technology in the Progressive Era” in the Winter 2007 issue of the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*. She is also writing an illustrated history of Clayton county to be published on behalf of the Jonesboro/Clayton County Historical Society. ❖

Chris Meyers (Valdosta State University), *The Empire State of the South: Georgia History in Documents and Essays*, Mercer University Press, April 2008 ❖

Michael P. Morris (Dalton State), an article on the Indian Policy of the Andrew Jackson administration in the December issue of the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*. ❖

Catherine Oglesby (Valdosta State University), *Corra Harris and the Divided Mind of the New South*, University Press of Florida, Summer 2008. ❖

David Williams of Valdosta State is finishing work on his seventh book, *Bitterly Divided: The South’s Inner Civil War*, which is scheduled to appear in the Spring 2008 catalogue of the New Press. The book expands on his earlier work on dissent in the Civil War South by investigating the nature, extent, and significance of anti-Confederate sentiment. ❖

Kemp Leads Panel on “Fighting for Jonesborough”

On Friday, Oct. 12, Historical Jonesboro/Clayton County Inc., presented a symposium entitled “Fighting for Jonesborough.” Dr. Kathryn Kemp, assistant professor of History at Clayton State University, led the distinguished panel of speakers. Also included were: Ted Key, retired Clayton County Social Studies educator; Mark Pollard, local historian and author; Dr. Margaret Duncan, a graduate of Clayton County schools and presently co-chair of Social Studies Department at Woodland High School in Henry County; and Brenda Starr Jenkins, head docent at Historical Jonesboro/Clayton County Inc. The panel shared information and concluded with a question and answer session. The “Fighting for Jonesborough” Symposium preceded the Saturday and Sunday re-enactment of the Battle of Jonesboro. For more information about Historical Jonesboro/Clayton or Stately Oaks, contact Carol Cook at grammycjcook@bellsouth.net, or call Historic Jonesboro at (770) 473-0197. ❖

Obituary: Edward Joseph Cashin, Jr.

A celebration of the life of Edward Joseph Cashin, Jr. (1927-2007) took place at St Mary's on the Hill Catholic Church in Augusta, Georgia, on September 11, 2007. A history professor and department chair at Augusta College, he wrote more than twenty books. He also was the founding director of the Center for the Study of Georgia History at Augusta State University, a past president of Historic Augusta Inc. and a longtime benefactor of the Augusta Museum of History.



"He basically was the key to everything that involved this city's history, and we will miss him in many ways," said Erick Montgomery, the executive director of Historic Augusta. Cashin is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Klug Cashin, one son, Edward L. Cashin of Atlanta, and one daughter, Milette Cashin Esposito of Roswell, Ga.; as well as two brothers; three sisters, and three grandchildren.

Speaking at Cashin's memorial service, his fellow historian Lee Ann Caldwell said, "He lived the life he wanted and did it with passion and with great generosity of spirit. And in spite of all his accomplishments and awards, he remained humble, unassuming, and always gracious. People revered Ed Cashin the teacher and intellectual and they loved Ed Cashin the person. He was, and will be remembered as, the embodiment of the phrase 'a scholar and a gentleman.'" ❖

Purdue Appoints Zainaldin as State Liaison To the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission

At the request of Governor **Sonny Perdue**, **Dr. Jamil Zainaldin** will serve as Georgia's State Liaison on the Governor's Council for the national Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (ALBC). The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Act of 2000 created the 15-member commission, with members appointed by the President, the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. Appointees include two U.S. Senators and two U.S. Representatives from states where Lincoln lived, wrote legislation and practiced law.

The ALBC is charged with educating the nation's public about the life and legacy of President Abraham Lincoln on the 200th anniversary of his birth. Each state appoints a liaison to the Commission; liaisons such as Zainaldin will provide a means for communication among states that are adopting official activities, and they will inform gubernatorial offices, museums, and others about activities elsewhere. In addition to serving as a link between the Commission and the state of Georgia, Zainaldin meets with other representatives from the various states who comprise the Governor's Council.

Governor Sonny Perdue said, "We are pleased to have Dr. Zainaldin represent Georgia on the Governor's Council of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. His expertise in American history and his work with Georgia's cultural institutions will prove valuable in helping Georgia participate in this national celebration." The Georgia Humanities Council, which has organized and supported award-winning programs in history and culture across the state since 1971. Dr. Zainaldin has been president of the Georgia Humanities Council since 1997 and is the current President of the GAH. ❖