Greetings from the Chair,

Indeed these are changing times! In August 2009, the Department of History and Geography left the Faculty Office Building on Main Campus and moved to new offices at Yancey Center One Arsenal on the Riverpark Campus. Our new offices are on the third floor of the south side of the building. This semester we have begun offering most of our courses in the major and some survey classes at the Riverpark location. The adjustment to teaching on two campuses has been challenging but the new space places us in close proximity to museums, historical sites and institutions with which we hope to continue to grow collaborative partnerships. In 2009, we also began offering courses at our new teaching site in West Point, GA and at Fort Benning. Columbus State University is now offering history courses at four different teaching sites!

We are very pleased to welcome two new faculty to the Department, Dr. Tyler Fleming, an historian with expertise in African history and Dr. Daniel Gullo who will teach courses in medieval European history. Dr. Fleming comes to us from University of Texas at Austin and will teach the world history survey as well as courses in popular culture and South African History. Dr. Gullo completed his dissertation at the University of Chicago and will teach medieval history surveys for undergraduates as well as topics courses in Medieval Europe along with courses in World History to 1500.

In Fall 2009, three of our students received funding from the Provost for Undergraduate Research. Eric McRoberts and Christopher Kaluzienski are working with Gary Spraberry on modern American history projects. Mark Sciacchetti will complete oral histories of Native Americans guided by Dr. Becky Matthews.

Friends of History offered a number of public programs in Columbus last year. In April, David Williams presented his research from Bitterly Divided: The South’s Inner Civil War at Port Columbus Naval Museum. Last November, Doug Tompson gave a public lecture on the History of the School of Americas and the protest at Fort Benning. Friends is planning events for this spring and the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War in 2011. To become a Friend of History and learn more about their activities contact Dr. Virginia Causey at 706-507-8630.

Columbus State University has plans to create a Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Center. Geographical Systems uses data (maps, globes, reports and other data) to determine relationships and patterns about space and location. To learn more about GIS visit http://www.gis.com/ As part of this project the Department of History and Geography hopes to hire a new geographer with expertise in GIS. Students could then learn to use geographical information systems in history and historical resource management.

Please send us any news about your accomplishments, both personal and professional, using the form on the back of this newsletter. We hope you will come by and visit the Department or visit our webpage for updates!

Sincerely,

Alice Pate, Chair History and Geography

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**Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Visiting Scholar in European Studies**

The Center for International Education selected Dr. Mario Kessler has the CSU’s Mildred Miller Fort Foundation visiting Scholar in European Studies for the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 semesters. He will be housed in the Department of History and Geography. Dr. Kessler serves on the faculty at the University of Potsdam, Germany and as a research fellow for the Potsdam-based Center for Contemporary Historical Research.

Dr. Kessler taught "The History of Europe since 1914" and "The History of Modern Anti-Semitism" in Fall 2009. During the spring, he is scheduled to teach "The History of the Two Germanies, 1945-1990" and "Labor History since 1848." He will also make public speaking appearances during his appointment. For more information on Dr. Kessler’s speaking engagements please contact the Center for International Education at 706-565-4036.
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**Dr. Virginia Causey**

Dr. Causey is currently completing research on the history of Columbus. The last comprehensive history of Columbus was published more than a half century ago. It’s time for a new edition, and Dr. Virginia Causey is taking on that task. Awarded a sabbatical for fall 2009 and a Faculty Development grant, she is researching the history of Columbus in the Library of Congress; the National Archives; the Perkins Library at Duke University; the Wilson Library at the University of North Carolina; the Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library at Emory University; the Southern Labor Archives at Georgia State University; the Georgia Department of Archives and History; the Alabama Department of Archives and History; the Georgia Historical Society in Savannah; and the Hargrett Library at the University of Georgia, in addition to the rich local collections in the CSU Archives.

Dr. Causey will write the first analytical history of Columbus, focusing on social, political, intellectual, and economic trends and issues. Primary source research often turns up quirky information. For example, Louis Hamburger of Muscogee Manufacturing was in New York on business in 1867, reporting to his wife that “Trade here is very brisk, the whole City is full of Southerners” (sort of carpetbaggers in reverse). Oddly, a woman friend of the family wanted him to get his hair dyed before going home, but he assured his wife, “I told her I never would do it.”

Solving local mysteries is one aim of Dr. Causey’s research. One is why the founder of the Georgia Woman Suffrage Association, Augusta Howard, who gave her life to the movement from 1890-1895, even bringing the national suffrage convention to Atlanta in 1895, disappeared from the records without any explanation. In the Susan B. Anthony papers at the Library of Congress, Dr. Causey gathered a few clues. Anthony, an antislavery activist and advocate of rights for the freedmen, visited Augusta Howard, her suffragist mother and three sisters at Sherwood Hall in Columbus for a few days in February 1895 after the Atlanta convention. Though she described the Howard home as “a veritable old slave-holders mansion” where the small fireplaces “hardly touched the frigid air of the rooms,” she found the Howards’ hearts warm. Still, in her diary Anthony noted, “Over this dear conscientious family hangs a heavy cloud—a sadness reigns over the house. . . . [T]here are three other girls married—and two sons—all opposed to [Women’s] Rights and all the reforms that the mother & four home girls have espoused.” The prominent Howard men likely found it too scandalous that their sister not only was an outspoken radical reformer but brought the Yankee Anthony to Columbus, and they forced her to withdraw from the fray.

Dr. Causey’s research will continue for another year or so before she focuses on the writing and publication of the book. She is seeking help in that research from anyone who has untold family stories and especially letters, journals, photographs, and family memorabilia to share. Please contact her at 706-327-5932 (home) or causey_virginia@colstate.edu (e-mail).

**John Ellisor**

During the past year Dr. Ellisor taught an upper division course, The History of the American Frontier, at CSU for the first time. In addition, he added a host of new audio-visual materials to his American history survey courses; acted at faculty advisor for Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society; addressed several civic groups on local history as well as the meaning of the United States Constitution; and chaired a panel on the arts of resistance among Native American women at the annual meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory. In addition, Dr. Ellisor worked on the final editing of two significant publications. The University of Nebraska Press will publish his book on the Second Creek War in the fall of 2010, and Kent State University Press will publish his historiography of Indian Removal as part of a collection of historiographies on all the major events of the Age of Jackson. This last publication is scheduled for the fall of 2011.

**Tyler Fleming**

Dr. Fleming joined CSU’s faculty as an assistant professor of history after completing his doctorate at the University of Texas at Austin in 2009. With a specialty in South African popular cultures during the apartheid era, Dr. Fleming teaches African and world history courses. In his brief time as CSU, he has become active in African Studies across the campus, as he led a discussion about child soldiers in Uganda at CSU’s Center of International Education, aided in the rejuvenation of CSU’s African Studies certificate program, and even arranged for his students to meet with renowned Sierra Leonean author Ishmael Beah.

Throughout the fall semester, Dr. Fleming also worked on a journal article, entitled “‘Now the African Reigns Supreme’: The Rise of African Boxing on the Witwatersrand, 1924-1959,” that explores the popularity of boxing amongst Johannesburg’s African population during the first half of the 20th century. This article will appear in The International Journal of the History of Sport in 2010. Additionally, Dr. Fleming was invited to present his research at the University of Florida’s Baraza lecture series and presented two papers at the annual meetings of the Southeast World History Association and the African Studies Association. After receiving a CSU faculty research grant to conduct research in Britain for this upcoming summer, Fleming plans on spending 2010 revising his doctoral dissertation into a book manuscript.

**Daniel Gullo**

Dr. Gullo recently joined the history faculty as a full-time professor. He recently completed his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago on religious reform at the Monastery of Santa Maria de Montserrat. Dr. Gullo taught at the University of Chicago and as a full-time lecturer at Northeastern Illinois University prior to coming to CSU. His current research focuses on the history of the medieval Spanish Kingdoms and the history of Christian monasticism. Dr. Gullo will be presenting at the forthcoming International Congress on Medieval
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on the role of indulgences in church reform in late medieval Catalunya. Recently, he received a Loudermilk Grant to conduct research at the Newberry Library in Chicago. Next summer, he will be conducting research for a short biographical study on the first missionary to the Caribbean, Bernat Boyl, with funds from the CSU Faculty Development Grant.

**Becky Matthews**

During the past year, Dr. Matthews has traveled to California and to New Orleans to present papers at conferences, and to Oxford, U.K. to serve as site director of Spencer House during a summer term. She will return to Spencer House in January and work as site director until June.

**Alice Pate**

In Fall 2009, Alice Pate’s article, “May Day in Imperial Russia; Workers Voices, 1891-1914,” appeared in Making of Russian History Society, Culture and the Politics of Modern Russia Essays in Honor of Allan K. Wildman Slavica, 2009. Alice presented her paper “Nikoli Bukharin and the ABC of Communism” at the Study Group of the Russian Revolution in Belfast, Ireland in January 2010. In November 2009, she participated in a Roundtable on Russian Revolutionary Culture at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Meeting in Boston, MA. She hopes to travel to Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia this year to continue her research on Workers’ and Society in Late Imperial Russia and to develop a CSU Study Abroad Program in Russian History and Literature.

In 2008-9, Alice served as Chair for the Regents’ Academic Advisory Board for History and she is currently President of the Georgia Association of Historians. On a personal note, she qualified for the Boston Marathon (yes that’s 26.2 miles) in April 2008, and completed Boston in April 2009.

**Amanda Rees**

In the summer of 2008 Dr. Rees took part in the Oxford-Berkely program in Oxford where she completed research on the role of Prince Charles in British urban development. She delivered a research paper on the subject to the Association of American Geographers in spring 2009 and she is presently writing a journal article on this topic. Having been born about 40 miles north of Oxford, Dr Rees is excited to take a group of students to CSU’s Spencer House in Oxford in the summer 2010 where they will take her course on urban history and geography from the Medieval to the Future. There is still room left if you are interested contact mccrillis_neal@colstate.edu deadline March 13, 2010.

In Maymester 2009, Dr Rees developed a new course that asked students to become interpreters of history. Students developed elements of an interpretive plan for the community of Bibb City in Columbus, GA. Dr. Rees’s Geography and History classes developed a history exhibit displayed at the mill and the auditorium in Bibb City as well as at the RiverCenter campus. The exhibit accompanied an oral history play about the community that was developed in tandem with Dr. Becker’s Theatre Performance class. Over 40 students in four classes worked on this project and over 300 people saw the performance, and 80 people took one of four “in character” walking tours of Bibb City. To support the public engagement with this historic district students developed a new map of the community identifying major historical locations, a printable walking tour of Bibb City, an extensive audio podcast tour and other educational materials. In addition to the materials above the various “in character” walking tour scripts are available along with the script of the oral history performance at the following web site: [http://archives.colstate.edu/digital_collections/bibb_city.php](http://archives.colstate.edu/digital_collections/bibb_city.php). Dr. Rees is working on an article about teaching the interpretation of local history for a geography journal.

**Gary Sprayberry**

Dr. Gary Sprayberry continues to teach the post-1865 American history survey and courses in African American history. In 2009, he introduced two new courses: Films of the Cold War & the US in the 1960s. Dr. Sprayberry continues to serve as the faculty advisor for the CSU Historical Society. In August 2008, he became the editor of the Muscogiana: Journal of the Muscogee Genealogical Society, which publishes local history and genealogy.

Over the past two years, Dr. Sprayberry has presented his research at a number of academic conferences, including the annual meeting of the Georgia Association of Historians and the Historians Against the War National Conference in Atlanta. In April 2008, his essay, “One Doesn’t Integrate on Sunday”: The Creation of the Human Relations Council & the Origins of Desegregation in Anniston, Alabama, 1961-1963,” appeared in the Alabama Review. He has published other articles in the online Encyclopedia of Alabama and in the International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest.

**Doug Tompson**

Dr. Tompson has published two essays since the last edition of the newsletter. He has a chapter in the book Politics, Economy, and Society in Bourbon Central America, 1759-1821 (University Press of Colorado, 2007), which discusses Spain’s late and unsuccessful efforts to colonize the so-called “Mosquito Coast.” In 2008 a translation of Dr. Tompson’s article, “Freed Refugees and Salaried Slaves: Between Slavery and Freedom on the Atlantic Coast of Honduras, c. 1800,” was published in the Spanish-language journal Mesoamérica. This essay concerns the unusual rights and privileges that slaves enjoyed in Spanish Honduras, a theme Tompson continues to explore in his most recent work. He also published a book review in the most recent issue of Mesoamérica (2009).
In July 2008, Dr. Tompson attended the Congreso Centroamericano de Historia which was held at the Universidad de Costa Rica in San José. There he presented (in Spanish) a paper entitled "African Slaves and the Law in 17th- and 18th-Century Colonial Honduras." In November 2008 he traveled to Honduras to take part in the International Symposium Slavery, Citizenship, and Memory: Minor Ports in the Caribbean and the Atlantic. Dr. Tompson’s presentation at this symposium addressed the subject of "Mobility of Slaves within the Caribbean Colonies: the Honduran Coast in the 18th Century." Most recently, in November 2009 he gave a lecture for the Friends of History entitled "Hemispheric Hegemony: U.S. Power and the School of the Americas."

Adjunct Faculty News

Richard Hall — Mr. Hall has been asked to submit another four articles for the forthcoming Encyclopedia of Movies and American Culture, which should be out sometime late next year.

Student Awards

Amanda Rodwell was recognized as the outstanding History Student at the Scholastic Honors Convocation in May 2009.

Kristen Patterson a graduate of Columbus High is the recipient of the Alonzo Biggs Scholarship for 2009-2010.

Eric McRoberts, Christopher Kaluzienski, and Mark Scuchetti received funding from the Provost for Undergraduate Research in Fall 2009.

2008 Phi Alpha Theta Inductees:
(L-R) Anjelica Rosario, Amanda Rodwell, Stanley Hayes, Eric McRoberts, Jared Scarbrough, Marcus Sands, Jay Jasper, Advisor-Dr. John Ellisor
(Not Present) Chelsie Ingersoll, Joshua Morris

News

Dr. Virginia Causey was awarded the Roger K. Warwick Local History Award from the Georgia Historical Society.

Dr. Alice Pate was elected President of the Georgia Association of Historians for 2009-10.
Friends and Alumni,

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FRIENDS OF HISTORY

The Department of History & Geography has built a reputation over the past few years for diverse and engaging public programs. We want to build on and expand that tradition through the Friends of History, and we are asking for your help.

The Friends of History is a community group that assists the Department of History and Geography by providing support for community programming, enrichment of student learning, and enhancement of faculty development. The Friends provide support to promote excellence in the teaching and study of history and strive to increase awareness and knowledge of history in the Columbus metropolitan region.

The Columbus metropolitan region will benefit from public programming that enriches our understanding of the past – locally, nationally and globally. Friends of History events will include speakers, field trips and opportunities to socialize with like-minded history lovers. The Department of History & Geography is committed to developing a public history program that offers speakers and trips that feature local, regional, national and international history. For example, in spring 2010 we anticipate offering a speaker on the Civil War, a tour of a local historic home, and possibly even a Chattahoochee River boat tour.

With support from the Friends of History students in the Department of History and Geography will take advantage of learning opportunities such as research in local and regional archives, field trips to local and national historic sites, and participation in student conferences and workshops. The Friends will support History Club events such as field trips to Washington D.C. and New Orleans. Students will also receive support in study abroad programs.

Columbus State University’s faculty will have an increased opportunity to develop their teaching and scholarship through presentations at regional and national conferences, faculty workshops, retreats, field work, and travel to regional and national archives and libraries.

Check out the Friends of History page at the Department of History and Geography website http://history.colstate.edu for more information.

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