Changing of Times

In 2009-10, the department completed a search for a new geographer with expertise in Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and announced a major gift in military history. Three students received undergraduate research awards and two presented their research at Tower Day in April. Last spring, we were able to offer most of the courses for our major on the Riverpark campus. Faculty presented at twelve national and international conferences and delivered several local talks in their areas of expertise.

The Col. Richard R. Hallock Distinguished University Chair in Military History has been created by a legacy gift in the amount of $2 million by the Hallock Foundation. An additional gift by Mrs. Myriam L. Hallock has made it possible to begin a search to fill the position immediately. The Chair will teach courses in military history, actively pursue research opportunities, and collaborate with local institutions such as Port Columbus Civil War Naval Museum and the National Infantry Museum. Mrs. Hallock also provided funds for the Hallock at the Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania. Colonel Crane is the author of the new counterinsurgency manual designed to address the need for change in military strategy and tactics since 2001. His talk addressed how history has been used to influence decision making in counterinsurgency tactics in the US military.

Our newest geographer, Timothy Hawthorne, came to Columbus, Georgia from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio where he successfully defended his dissertation last spring. Dr. Hawthorne will offer courses in Geographical Information Systems (GIS). GIS uses geospatial technologies to collect, manage, analyze and display geographically referenced data. GIS skills are used in business, health and social services, planning and resource management. Historians, sociologists, anthropologists and other scholars also use GIS in their research.

The Department continues to offer community programming in history. For Women’s History Month last March, a number of local “Rosies” spoke about their activities during World War II. This fall, we offered a geo-caching event where students, faculty and friends used GPS (Global Positioning Systems) to locate historical sites in downtown and uptown Columbus.

Dr. Amanda Rees taught a Study Abroad class in Oxford, England last summer and Dr. Gary Sprayberry is busy recruiting students for summer 2011. The Department is also developing plans to establish a program in Belize for 2012.

Dr. Becky Matthews will be retiring in Spring 2012. An alum of Columbus College, Becky taught high school and then returned to her studies to complete a Ph.D. She has served the department well through mentoring of junior faculty, excellence in advising and engaged scholarship. Even though Becky is retiring we know she will continue her contributions to Columbus State University. We wish her all the best!

Dr. Alice Pate, Chair
Virginia Causey
Dr. Virginia Causey continues her research for a book on the history of Columbus. Last year, Dr. Causey visited archives at the Library of Congress, The University of North Carolina, Duke University, Emory University, and the University of Georgia, among others. At the Library of Congress, she read George Foster Peabody’s letters written during the building of the marble YMCA in downtown Columbus. Peabody had given $35,000 for the building of the “Y,” and he sometimes micromanaged the construction, insisting, for example, on buff-colored bricks for the back of the building rather than the cheaper red bricks available locally.

Susan B. Anthony’s papers also reside at the Library of Congress. When she visited Columbus in February 1895 after the National American Woman Suffrage Association’s annual meeting in Atlanta, Anthony stayed with the Howard sisters at Sherwood Hall, near present-day Jordan High School. The house may have been cold, she wrote in her diary, “but the hearts of the Howards are great and gave us a cordial welcome—” However, a “heavy cloud. . . of sadness reigns over the house,” wrote Anthony. The Howard sisters were persecuted locally for their support of women’s rights and lived in genteel poverty because their brothers refused to support them.

Some funny episodes related to these collections may not find their way into the book. For example, Columbus textile owner Louis Hamburger was in New York on business in 1867 and reported to his wife that “trade here is very brisk, the whole City is full of Southerners” (sort of carpetbaggers in reverse). A woman friend of the family wanted him to get his hair dyed before going home (in 1867!), “but I told her I never would do it.”

Dr. Causey’s research will likely take another year. She hopes to seek publication of the book in late 2011.

John Ellisor
During the course of the 2009-10 school year, Dr. Ellisor published a book on the Second Creek War (Nov. 1), began a second book on the social history of the Second Seminole War, and collected two fascinating Seminole War era diaries to edit for publication. In addition, Dr. Ellisor organized a session and presented a paper on the resistance tactics of Creek women at the annual meeting of the American Association of Ethnohistorians in New Orleans. He submitted a paper proposal for the 2011 annual meeting of Southern historians, spoke to local geneological societies and church groups on Creek Indian history, and taught two new courses on the American frontier and Native American history at CSU. Professor Ellisor also turned in the final proofs of a historiography of Indian Removal, to be published as one chapter in a book of Jacksonian Era historiographies by Kent State University Press in the fall of 2011.

Tyler Fleming
As a recent hire, Dr. Fleming spent much of 2010 settling into Columbus and joining the tight-knit CSU community. He taught a variety of classes on World and African history courses, including an upper-level seminar, entitled “Popular Cultures of the Black Atlantic,” where students explored how ideas and beliefs spread between black peoples along the Atlantic Ocean through popular mediums like music, cinema, literature, dance, sport and theatre.

Aside from his teaching, Dr. Fleming worked on various research projects.

Much of this work centered on a book manuscript dealing with South African popular culture under apartheid. With a CSU faculty research grant, Fleming spent the month of June doing archival work in the United Kingdom. He also presented papers at the annual meetings for the Association of Third World Studies, the African Studies Association and the Northeastern Workshop for Southern African Studies in addition to kicking off the History & Geography Department’s new “brown bag” lecture series in March 2010.
Daniel Gullo

Dr. Gullo joined the department last fall and offered two new courses for history majors: Medieval Women for the fall semester and Medieval Social and Intellectual History, 300 to 1100 for the spring semester. In addition to these new courses, he completed and defended his dissertation, *Eremitic Reform at Fifteenth-Century Montserrat, 1472-1497* in October and graduated from the University of Chicago in December. In the spring, Dr. Gullo conducted research at the Newberry Library in Chicago towards his presentation, Devotion, Woodcuts and Reform of the Confraternity of Montserrat, at the International Congress on Medieval Studies held at Kalamazoo, MI in May 2010. With the help of a CSU Faculty Development Grant, Dr. Gullo spent June in Spain and Catalunya conducting research for a forthcoming article on the history of the early indulgences at Montserrat and their use in the religious reform of the members of the confraternity. As part of this research, he found two new references to Bernat Boyl, the earliest official missionary to the Americas, and a lost fragment from Bonaventure's *Sententia* in the library of the Biblioteca de Catalunya.

Timothy Hawthorne

Tim Hawthorne, our newest geography faculty member, will be creating a variety of new initiatives at CSU this year. He will be creating a new sequence of courses in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Last fall, he taught 21 students in the first offering of Intro GIS, and continued teaching this class in the spring along with the second course: Intermediate GIS. In the courses, students learn spatial thinking skills for geographic analysis and mapping that can be applied to their interests and also benefit local communities. Students engage in lecture, discussion, lab and fieldwork in local neighborhoods. Tim and his students are engaging in a variety of community-university partnerships with the City Planning Office and Midtown, Inc to analyze complex geographic and historical issues such as zoning and development of Midtown, planning and future visioning for Uptown, and planning of historical districts with the expected arrival of new residents related to the Ft. Benning expansion. All of the GIS work and teaching will be housed in the new GIS lab downtown in the Dillingham Center. In addition to teaching, Tim is writing a major grant proposal to the National Science Foundation to develop a series of GIS and spatial thinking workshops for CSU students, faculty, local teachers and community residents. By offering these workshops, Tim hopes to develop geographic learning opportunities for youth in local middle and high schools. Tim also had two peer-reviewed journal articles accepted for publication in premier geography journals. He is currently working on the submission of two other peer-reviewed articles about healthcare and GIS from his dissertation. Along with Dr. Amanda Rees, Tim is engaging history and geography students in fieldwork experiences outside of class, including a fall trip to Seaside, Florida and a spring trip to New Orleans, LA. Finally, Tim is exploring the possibilities of study abroad opportunities for students to apply GIS in international settings. The hope is to offer a spring break 2012 GIS trip to Belize and a future course in Spain co-taught with Dr. Gullo where students explore the history and geographies of religion and development in Spanish communities.

Neal McCrillis

Dr. McCrillis continues to offer courses in British history for majors while also directing the Center for International Education. In this capacity, he has encouraged Department faculty to participate in the organization of International Learning Communities, which engage students in activities designed to improve their global literacy. The Department is also developing a strategic plan for International Education.

Becky Matthews

During spring semester of 2010, Dr. Becky Matthews served as site director for Spencer House, the CSU “home” for students and faculty who study in Oxford, England. Her many adventures there included visits to the Isle of Iona and other historic places in Scotland as well as a journey through the “channel” to France. Because of these and other experiences, she is a strong advocate for international education; expressing the hope that many CSU students will take advantage of opportunities to study abroad.

Also, Dr. Matthews has recently completed an article entitled "Changing Lives, the Interaction of Crow People and Missionaries. During the Early Reservation Years," which has been accepted by *Montana, the Magazine of Western History*, a publication of the Montana Historical Society.
Alice Pate
Dr. Pate offered online sections of World History and a topics course on World Communism in the last academic year. In 2009, she completed her service as president of the Georgia Association of Historians and was elected to the Executive Committee of the Regents’ Academic Advisory Committee on History. She was also elected as Secretary of the Chairs’ Assembly at CSU.

Dr. Pate presented her article “Bukharin and the ABC of Communism” in Belfast, Ireland at the Workshop of the Russian Revolution. She also participated in a roundtable, “Russian Revolutionary Culture before and after 1917” at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in November and presented a paper “Workers and Working Lives: Expectations, 1906-1917” at the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies in April. Her article on May Day leaflets appeared in Fall 2009. She read this paper at the International May Day Conference in Chicago.

Amanda Rees
Last fall Dr. Rees was granted tenure and promotion to Associate Professor of Geography. During spring she completed the Regional Economic and Leadership Development Program organized by the Georgia Academy for Economic Development. She also travelled to Apalachicola to the RiverWays South Annual Conference and hopes to work with this organization along with her students as it focuses on cultural tourism in the region. Amanda’s spring Cultural Landscapes class interviewed community members in the Wynnton District and she curated their exhibition ‘Wynnton: On the Line’. This exhibition was in collaboration with the Department of Theatre’s performance of Perspectives: The Human Factor directed by Dr. Becky Becker. Amanda travelled to Washington D.C. to present a paper to the Association of American Geographers international conference: ‘Bibb City, Collected Lives from a Mill Town: Interpreting a Community and a Cultural Landscape’. While there she also completed research on dude ranch popular literature at the Library of Congress. During Maymester Amanda had two students collecting data for a project exploring urban revitalization in Columbus. Last summer Amanda led a class exploring British Urban Spaces: From the Medieval to the Future at Oxford with a mix of history and geography students. While in Britain she travelled to Cornwall to complete research for a project on HRH Prince Charles and the role of religion in new urban developments. This year Dr. Rees submitted two peer-reviewed journal articles for publication: dude ranch tourism and Hollywood (1920-1950), and the future of the American Great Plains. Her article on C19th industrial utopian communities and architectural determinism was accepted for publication in a well-known cultural geography journal.

Gary Sprayberry
In September 2010, Dr. Sprayberry participated in a week-long study abroad faculty workshop in Oxford, England, with five other CSU colleagues. The workshop participants stayed at the Spencer House in Oxford and traveled to various cities, including London, Liverpool, and Cambridge, to conduct research for future study abroad courses. In the summer of 2011, Dr. Sprayberry will offer a course in the “CSU in Oxford” program called “Hippies, Mods, Freaks, and Campus Radicals: The 1960’s Youth Revolutions in England and the United States.”

In March 2010, Dr. Sprayberry presented a paper on anti-war activism at the University of Alabama in the 1960s and 1970s at the “Student Activism, Southern Style” conference in Columbia, South Carolina. He plans to expand this research into a book-length study of student radicalism and anti-Vietnam War activism at southern colleges and universities. Dr. Sprayberry also presented a paper on 1960s desegregation efforts in Anniston, Alabama, at the 17th Annual Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics in Charleston, South Carolina, in March.

Doug Tompson
In 2009, Dr. Tompson wrote and published a review, in Spanish, of the book Confronting the American Dream: Nicaragua under U.S. Imperial Rule by Michel Gobat. The review appeared in Mesoamérica No. 51 (enero-diciembre 2009), pp. 183-186.

He also continued his research on slavery and the African presence in colonial Central America. He submitted a proposal to present a conference paper at the Congreso Centroamericano de Historia, held in Managua, Nicaragua during July. The proposed paper (“The Black Population of Realejo, Nicaragua in the Razón of 1682”) was accepted; unfortunately, however, Dr. Tompson was unable to attend the conference due to limited travel funding.
Part-Time Faculty News

Richard Hall - In the last year, the Oxford U.S. History text Of The People, for which Richard reviewed three chapters, went to press. He also completed a book review of Bloodshed at Little Bighorn: Sitting Bull, Custer, and the Destinies of Nations by Tim Lehan for Western Historical Quarterly, which appeared in print in the Spring. Also, he completed three more articles (bringing the total to seven) for the book Movies in American History: An Encyclopedia through ABC-CLIO, which will be released in June 2011. Lastly, he’s putting the finishing touches on my PhD dissertation -- “The Captain America Conundrum: Issues of Patriotism, Race, and Gender in Captain America Comic Books, 1941-2001” -- and have already sent it in as a proposal to the University of Mississippi Press which specializes in comic book scholarship.

Student News

Joshua Morris was recognized as the outstanding History Student at the Scholastic Honors Convocation in April 2010.

Tarrique Henry, of Powder Springs, Georgia, is the recipient of the Alonzo Biggs Scholarship for 2010-11.

Zack Thomas, received an Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity Grant from CSU for his project; Bib City, Georgia: Interpretive Strategies for a Mill Village Cultural Landscape. His poster will be presented at the SEEDAG conference in Birmingham, Alabama in November 2010.

Christopher Kalusienki, Mark Schietti and Eric McRoberts also received undergraduate Research Awards in Spring 2009. Chris and Eric presented on Tower Day.

Lisa Cheatham (Fall 1998) is teaching World History at Kendrick High School and is the Social Studies Department Head. Her Academic Decathlon team came in 2nd place in Super Quiz (this year’s subject was Geology). Her youngest daughter Rachel was just accepted in the UGA Study Abroad program and is going to Costa Rica and her other daughter Eloisae was on Extreme Home Makeover with her Roller Derby team.

Ted Penton (Spring 2000) has been living in Northern Virginia for almost 7 years now. He and his wife are both teachers in Fairfax County. He teaches Philosophy, World Religions and Psychology to high school juniors and seniors. He is also the Speech and Debate coach and his team has won the Concorde District Championship in Speech for five consecutive years.

Lauren Robesky (Spring 1996) lives in Littleton, CO and works for Clifton Gunderson’s Government Consulting Services Division. She is a manager of Special Districts, which are quasi-municipal entities.

Rebekah Atkinson (Spring 2010) is still knee deep in history as she is now teaching at Jordan High. She loves her job! Explaining everything from Ancient Egypt to the New Deal and helping young people discover their own inner appreciation for history while having fun is her most rewarding experience. She’s been trying to spend $1,000 for her classroom thanks to the Georgia Power New Teachers Grant. She was overwhelmed and grateful to receive this honor for her first year of teaching. It continues to be a reminder of all of the hard work and good times she had at CSU that have put her on this lifelong path of doing what she loves!
Vicki Vorhees Condrey (Summer 2001) since earning her degree is now certified in Middle Grades Social Science and currently volunteers at the Adult Learning Center of Lanier Tech in Dawsonville, GA. She teaches the Language Arts portion of the GED. She and her husband, James, own North Georgia Hair Cutters in Dahlonega, GA. She works as a stylist within the salon also having the responsibilities of management, promotion, and advertisement. She’s a mother of two adult children, Brittany and John-Paul. On November 24, 2010, she became a first time grandmother to a beautiful baby boy named Luca.

Dirk Riggenberg (Fall 2000) is now retired after finishing his third tour of duty with the army. He completed his master’s degree and is currently teaching in the Department of Army Tactics at the Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He wrote an article on the Battle of Bulac Kalay for Army History: Issue 71 http://www.history.army.mil/armyhistory/issues2000-2009.html#2008. He has a four-year-old son.

John Lyles (Fall 2000) currently works (since Aug 2010) for the United States Marine Corps Archives and Special Collections as an Archivist at Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia. Recently published (July 2010), “Images of America, Phenix City” from the Arcadia series.

Kim Stokes (Fall 2002) has just been hired by Kaplan University to teach online history courses. She recently taught a course on 20th Century African-American Leaders. Also, she is in her second year teaching for Georgia Virtual School (the State of Georgia’s online high school). Her primary teaching is as a social social studies teacher and her course load consists of AP Comparative Government and Politics, American Government, Constitutional Theory and US and World Affairs.

Eric McRoberts (Spring 2010) attended a Summer Workshop at the Prague Film School, in the Czech Republic after graduating. One of 25 individuals to attend, he worked with people from all over the globe, including Saudi Arabia, India, Vietnam, the United Kingdom and others.

Currently, he is applying to graduate programs in Film Studies, with the intention of eventually moving forward for a PhD. He hopes to analyze and write on the feminist image represented in the works of Leni Riefenstahl and Sam Peckinpah.

Craig Cotton (Spring 1997) is a trial lawyer and partner with Cotton Law Firm, P.C., in Cordele, Georgia. He’s a member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, Chairman of the Wiregrass Trial Lawyers Association, Secretary/Treasurer of the Cordele Bar Association and a member of the William Augustus Bootle American Inn of Court. He practices in State and Federal Courts all over Georgia. His practice focuses on civil litigation, primarily the prosecution of cases for injured citizens, but he also dord some criminal defense work. His wife Nancy and he lives in Vienna with youngest son, Calvin.
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