There is an old proverb that says “you will never plough a field if you only turn it over in your mind.” In this past year, the History Department has been nothing if not hustling and bustling in a variety of activities to spread the word that knowledge of history is more important now than ever. As you read through this newsletter you’ll see what I mean. As chair, I have been fortunate to witness many of the achievements of the department’s faculty and students, and will highlight just a few here.

This year the department welcomes new faculty member, Dr. Carl Suddler, who will be teaching courses in African American History, the African Diaspora, Sports History, and the Civil Rights Movement, among others. He received his PhD from Indiana University and his current research is on the criminalization of minority youth in the U.S. before the 1960s. We are also happy to have Dr. Heath Mitton coming on board as a full-time Visiting Instructor in Spring 2018, teaching Writing History and History of Civilization I classes. He has a PhD, from Louisiana State University, and had been previously teaching classes at FAU as an adjunct professor.

I encourage you to take note of the Faculty News section of this newsletter for information on the immense scholarly productivity of my colleagues. Several have had significant publications this year, or received prestigious awards and fellowships.

The History Department has been the recipient of a number of generous gifts and endowments from our wonderful donors over the past year. Dr. Gary and Janet SeGall and other members of the SeGall family donated $25,000 to establish the endowed Ed and Jean SeGall Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund in honor of Gary’s father. Each year a merit-based scholarship award in the neighborhood of $1,000 will be given to a deserving first-year history major who has demonstrated academic excellence as well as a passion for historical study.

In addition, this past September 27th the Anderson family invited the college dean and history department faculty to a celebration dinner at the Martin County Library in Stuart to honor Dr. Boyd Breslow’s 45-year career at FAU and the positive impact he has had on his students. One of his former students, Mr. Anthony “Tony” Anderson, and his wife, Delphina, announced there that they would be setting up a $25,000 endowment in Dr. Breslow’s name to be used to support history department faculty research. Mr. Anderson had been recognized in May 2017 as the Dorothy F. Schmidt College’s Alumnus of the Year for his many contributions to the local community since graduating from FAU.

The bounty continues, as Dr. Herbert Weiner and his wife, Sheila, established an annual $1,000 award that would go to help defray the research costs of a student writing a paper on an aspect of history related to the Marvin and Sybil Weiner “Spirit of America” Collection.
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR (continued)

Mrs. Marny Glasser contributed another $1,000 to assist in bringing a lecturer to campus in March 2018 to speak on a topic related to the Harold Glasser Collection which will be on display in the library at that time. And once again, this year the Society of Colonial Wars generously contributed over $2,000 to a fund that its members are working to endow to help promote the study of colonial American history. I am also happy to announce that thanks to the tireless efforts of Dr. Adrian Finucane and Dr. Jason Sharples we have been able to formalize a partnership with the prestigious Huntington Library in San Marino, California, to offer three joint fellowships for ABD students to begin in 2018. Many thanks to Dean Carol Hixson of the University Libraries and Dr. Jason Sharples we have been able to formalize a partnership with the prestigious Huntington Library in San Marino, California, to offer three joint fellowships for ABD students to begin in 2018. Many thanks to Dean Carol Hixson of the University Libraries and Dr. Howard and Judy Horswell to the position in July 2017. Since then, the college and department have been involved in a series of discussions that will result in new five-year strategic plans at both levels. Our faculty have come up with some exciting new initiatives and goals, including adding new tracks to the major, improving advising and engagement with students outside of the classroom, initiating a hands-on archaeological experience for students, developing new public history projects, and exploring new opportunities in digital history and social media. The department plan should be finalized within the year, after which you will begin to see parts of it start to roll out. Stay tuned . . .

Sadly, this year the department also lost one of its most esteemed emeritus professors, Dr. Tsung-I Dow. At the age of 101, Dr. Dow passed away on July 6, 2017 at his daughter’s home in Rye, New York. A scholar of Chinese history and philosophy, Tsung-I had quite a life, extending back to his academic career in pre-revolutionary China, where he earned his PhD in 1946. He witnessed Hiroshima in the aftermath of the atomic bomb and worked for the U.S. government before becoming a professor at FAU in 1967 where he stayed until his retirement in 1987. He wrote many books and articles in his field that were published in both English and Chinese. And he also experienced a brief Hollywood moment when he appeared as Mr. Wang in the comedy film, Caddyshack. Ambassador Skipp Orr was one of his students and elsewhere in the newsletter he has written a moving tribute to his esteemed professor. I could go on but prefer you read further on to learn about the rest of our department’s wide variety of activities. As you can see we are plowing many fields. Please be sure to send us your news and contact information as we strive to expand the alumni section of this newsletter. Let us know what you are doing so we can share with your fellow graduates and faculty.

Ben Lowe, Chair
Department of History

Attention Alumni Department Of History

Please keep us current on where you work, promotions, new history ventures, and any business or academic honors. Please complete this form and send it back to Florida Atlantic University, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, Department of History, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431. If you would like, you may also fax your information to 561-297-2704, or e-mail Zella Linn at zlinn@fau.edu

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Don’t forget to send us photos-wedding photos, baby photos, class reunion photos, etc. (Photos cannot be returned.)

Thank you for sharing your news with FAU and your classmates!
IN MEMORIAM
Dr. Tsung-I Dow (1915-2017)

Tsung-I Dow, 101, of Boca Raton, FL passed away peacefully at his daughter’s home in Rye, NY on July 6. Born on November 6, 1915 in Yushong, Gansu, China, he was predeceased by his loving wife Phyllis Bridge Dow. A scholar of Chinese history and philosophy, he was a dedicated and immensely proud father and grandfather, who closely followed his extended-family’s pursuits. He arrived in the United States via a U.S. Merchant Marine ship delivering supplies to Hiroshima, in 1946 following the end of WWII, and always carried those stark images with him. Active with the Nationalist Party, he served as Secretary to the President of the Control Yuan (China) and took refuge in the District of Columbia following the regime change. He was an intern in the Foreign Officer’s Program at the American Embassy in the Philippines and was always there for me as well as Boeing Japan. Dr. Dow was always there for me as well as later Vice President of Motorola Japan and then President of Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College. I could never have imagined the profound effect he would have on my life. I am honorably be able to say a few words about my beloved Sensei (teacher or master in Japanese).

When I first decided to take a course on Japanese history in 1974 it was mainly to impress my girlfriend who was Japanese who would become my wife! I wanted to show her my knowledge of her homeland when in reality...I knew nothing. So I signed up for Dr. Dow’s course.

In the beginning I will admit that occasionally I found Dr. Dow’s Chinese accent daunting. But the more I was exposed to him and his readings and intellect I could see his great wisdom and ability to open up a whole new world for me. I wound up taking Chinese History, East Asian Philosophy and for the first time in my life my hair stood up on the back of my head. I was astounded at his humanity toward them. He basically said that was the war and we need to move forward. He had great relations with the Japanese. I recall with fascination when my Japanese mother and father in laws came to visit my family in South Florida in the late 70s….my father in law who was a veteran of the Imperial Japanese Army in China….how these two men communicated by trading Chinese characters back and forth. It made a huge impact on me that a man who had endured so much could think the way he did.

After graduating from the FAU History Department I went on. I went to work on Capitol Hill (another wonderful dear professor of mine, the late Heather Frazer who taught me South Asia...helped me on that journey), then grad school at Georgetown and eventually a Ph. D. in Political Science at the University of Tokyo which I did in Japanese. But it all started with Dr. Dow.

I would myself become a professor of Asian studies and later Vice President of Motorola Japan and then President of Boeing Japan. Dr. Dow was always there for me as well as the FAU History Department...the homeland.
Five M.A. students displayed their original historical research in an exhibit of colonial American rare books from the Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection at FAU’s Wimberly Library. The exhibit was open to the public from late February through April. The Weiner Collection contains more than 13,000 titles, largely 17th and 18th centuries, and holds many of the same rare editions that were in the libraries of the likes of Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and John Adams. The students conducted their research by sifting through the Weiner Collection as part of the Professor Sharple’s graduate seminar on liberty and slavery in early America. After the student researchers developed their ideas in professional-length research papers, they were invited by the exhibit’s curators, Victoria Thur and Teresa Van Dyke, to display the fruits of their research alongside one of the rare books on which they relied. One student’s paper is in the pipeline for publication alongside the exhibit’s curators, Victoria Thur and Teresa Van Dyke, to display the fruits of their research alongside one of the rare books on which they relied. One student’s paper is in the pipeline for publication.

Five Students Share Original Research

A dedication to Professor Dow

By Ambassador Robert M. Orr (Ret.)

Who could have imagined the journey he started on would someday lead me, under President Barack Obama, to become the United States Ambassador to the Asian Development Bank, and was his longest serving Ambassador.

A final note.

I was elected as the first American Dean of the Asian Development Bank Board in 2013. In 2015 I had the honor to lead a Mission of my counterparts from 12 countries to China. I was able to take a side trip...to visit Dr. Dow’s place of birth, Yushong in Lanzhou Province. It was a thrill for me. I took so many photos and emailed them to Dr. Dow’s daughter Debbie who passed them on to him. She told me he was very moved that I was there. I was so happy that I could finally...after over 40 years...touch his homeland for him.

I miss Dr. Dow and will be forever grateful to him.

Ambassador Robert M. Orr (Ret.)

Support the Department Of History Annual Department Awards

General donations to the History Department (HUM 200) are always appreciated to further the work of our faculty, students, and general program needs or you can contribute to one of the established funds listed below. For more information, contact the History Department at 561-297-3840 or mail your check payable to the FAU Foundation, Inc. to: Florida Atlantic University - Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, Department of History, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

It is now easy to make donations to any of these accounts by going to this online link and designating where you want your gift to go: https://fauf.fau.edu/arts-and-letters. Choose History Department in the drop down menu. You can further designate your gift to a particular foundation fund by checking the box next to “This gift is in honor, memory, or support of someone” and putting the fund number in the “full name” box. Many thanks to all of you who support us financially.

HUM 200 History Department – The general department account for which we may spend the principal to further the goals of the department. In the past we have used the funds to furnish technological equipment needed for research but not funded by general university support. We have also used the funds to support the activities of Phi Alpha Theta and the department lectureship series.

HUM 200 theDept. of History Award in Honor of Frances Edelman – A monetary award to a Graduate Student Teaching Assistant based upon academic achievement and student evaluations.

HUM 202 St. George’s Society of Palm Beach History Fund – A monetary award to support history faculty research in British History.

HUM 203 Anthony (Tony) Anderson ’79 History Faculty Fund Honoring Dr. Boyd Brindow – This fund is to be used to honor faculty in the Department of History for research funding, conference travel and other needs as defined by the Department Chair to support faculty.

HUM 204 The Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Travel - Study Award – to provide a travel-study award for an outstanding History Major who will write a significant research paper dealing with early American history or European roots that had a direct effect on American History through 1865.

HUM 205 Martin and Sylvia Shaw History Scholarship – A monetary award for a History major with academic merit and financial need. The award will be applied to tuition and fees. Students must enroll following receipt of the award.

HUM 206 The Lady Susan Willis Reickert Fund for British Arts and Culture – This fund has been established to support FAU’s History Department faculty in their interdisciplinary approach to expose students to British Art, Art History, Architecture, History, Music, Literature, and Theater. Additional donations during 2018-2019 will be matched up to $5,000. Go to http://fauf.fau.edu/arts-and-letters to donate.

HUM 220 Francis Edelman Graduate Teaching Award – A monetary award to a Graduate Student based upon academic achievement and student evaluations.

HUM 220 Traic Jill Edelman Memorial Endowed Fund – A monetary award for a History student based upon the best essay/paper in Latin American History; a monetary award for a sophomore or junior with academic merit; a monetary award for the best paper from a history major in women, gender, or sexuality; a monetary award for the best essay/paper in European history; and a monetary award for the best History M.A. thesis.

HUM 235 John O’Sullivan Annual Memorial Lectureship – Allows the Department of History each spring semester to host a distinguished scholar in the 20th century American History to lecture to students, secondary school teachers, faculty and the public.

HUM 240 John O’Sullivan Travel Grant – An award to defray the costs of graduate thesis research; amount varies based upon availability of funds and applications. To be eligible, students must have achieved candidacy and submitted a statement of purpose and budget for their research, as well as a letter of support from their primary thesis advisor.

HUM 290 Levinson Award in East Asian History – A monetary award for a History student based upon the best essay/paper in East Asian History.

HUM 630 Harold L. Glasser Memorial Award – A monetary award to a history graduate or undergraduate student to support research activities related to the Harold L. Glasser Collection.

HUM 650 Percy and Pauline Greenberg Memorial Award in History – A monetary award for an outstanding graduating Senior History Major.

HUM 705 Ed and Jean SeGall Memorial Scholarship in Honor of Gary SeGall – A monetary merit based award recognizing a freshman-level History major who has demonstrated both academic excellence and a passion for historical study.

HUM 715 Society of Colonial Wars – An award to support the history department in undergraduate studies, undergraduate research, and publication.

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HUM 785 Hugh W. Ripley Award – A monetary and book award to a student who has demonstrated their research skills in Historical Methods and Senior Seminar.
CELEBRATING THE FUSION OF JAZZ AND AMERICAN CULTURE

On November 28, 2017, students, faculty and other members of the FAU community were treated to an evening devoted to celebrating the history, music, and cuisine of New Orleans, on the Green (amphitheater) in front of the University Theatre. Those attending heard special performances of the FAU Wind Ensemble, conducted by Dr. Kyle Prescott and the FAU Jazz Orchestra, directed by Dr. Courtney D. Jones, and a historical narration by history professor, Dr. Stephen Engle. The event featured musical works and commentary on the evolution of jazz from its Congo Square beginnings in New Orleans to the present day.

Thanks to the co-sponsorship of the Department of History, Department of Music, Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, the Division of Student Affairs, and Student Government, the celebration was free for attendees and included a delicious authentic menu of jambalaya, red beans and rice, cornbread, beignets, and bananas foster, along with tea and lemonade.

Dr. Engle, who organized the event as an outgrowth of his course, The American South, suggested it could signal more activity on the Green. "It's a wonderful space but has been underutilized, so perhaps this evening could kick off an annual event dedicated to something like this so that students come to appreciate something happening there every fall," an idea echoed by Dr. Andrea Oliver, Associate Vice President, Student Outreach and Diversity at the Division of Student Affairs. Dr. Prescott commended the student-musicians and "sense of campus community inherent in events like this." Those who attended on a perfect South Florida fall evening, came away with full inherent in events like this. Those who attended on a perfect South Florida fall evening, came away with full

PHI ALPHA THETA
ACTIVITIES FOR 2016/17

2016/17 was an active year for Phi Alpha Theta. Vanessa Ramsey took over as president and built a good team of graduate and undergraduate students. There was one book sale, and two students (Mary Gambill and Steve Kreminski) attended the Florida Conference of Historians meeting to present papers. PAT members assisted with the O’Sullivan and Larkin lectures. 23 new members were initiated in the Spring and Fall.

For 2017/18 Robert Mooney has been elevated to President. He brings experience in Student Government, which will help with the tanged paperwork we often face. Students are already talking about signing up for the 2018 Spring conferences, both the Florida Conference of Historians in January and the regional PAT conference in March, which is taking place just up the road at Palm Beach Atlantic.

Undergraduate
Phi Alpha Theta Initiates

Alex Barthowiak
Anjelica Patricia Constantakos
Rachel A. Cummings
Gregory D. Forgione
Allison J. Forster
Mary E. Gambrell
Brendan Joseph Green
Jamar J. Kennedy
Blake Lewend
Kingsley A. McConnell
John R. McNulty
Michael W. Midgette
Robert J. Moore
Howard Matthew Reickert
Paige W. Vaughan

Officers for 2016/17:

Robert Mooney, President
Colton Babbitt, Vice President
Bretta Washington, Sergeant at Arms
Bradley Salzman, Historian

Graduate Phi Alpha Theta Initiates

Courtney B. Darrow
Kaylee L. Howald
Chelsey LeAnn Jeffers

In Memoriam
Sidney Goodman (1933-2017)

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HISTORY STUDENTS ACHIEVE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Students in the History department continue to attain high levels of achievement in academics. This year, the following students received awards for academic and teaching excellence in history: James Turner received the History Award; Lysa Carew received the Traci Jill Edelman Award in Latin America History; Kingsley McConnell received the Hugh Ripley Award; Nayida Ocaiso received the Martin and Sylvia Shaw Award for the Best History Essay; Robert Mooney received the Traci Jill Edelman award in European History; Maria Giraldo received the Percy and Pauline Goldberg Memorial Award in History; Douglas Kenny received the John O’Sullivan Scholarship; Jeffrey Colman-Connor received the Traci Jill Edelman Memorial Award in History; Sean Mallen received the Traci Jill Edelman Memorial Award for Best Graduate M.A. Thesis; and Nicholas Valdes received the Ed and Jean Segall Memorial Scholarship in Honor of Gary Segall and the Martin and Sylvia Shaw History Scholarship. Congratulations to all of them!

LADY SUSAN WILLIS REICKERT ESTABLISHES MATCHING FUND FOR BRITISH ARTS AND CULTURE

Throughout her career in as an art historian and curator emeritus in England and the United States, Lady Susan worked to encourage the awareness and support of British Arts and Culture. This fund has been established to support FAU’s History Department faculty in their interdisciplinary approach to expose students to British Art, Art History, Architecture, History, Music, Literature, and Theater.

Donations made during 2018 will be matched up to $5,000.

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FROM THE GRADUATE DIRECTOR

The graduate program continued to thrive in the 2016-17 academic year on the strength of our outstanding graduate student cohort, the variety and richness of our annual events, and the commitment of our faculty to the training and formation of the next generation of historians. The Graduate Teaching Assistants remain core members of the program, helping to make the department an intellectually vibrant community. I wish to thank Nina Halty, Chelsea Jeffers, Sean Mallen, Andrea Schwab, James Turner, Bradley Williams, Hunter Altschul, Luke Beswick, Kayleigh Howald, Douglas Kenny, Geoffrey Periard, Vanessa Ramsey, and Daniel Ruiz for the hard work and dedication they displayed in the classroooms GTAs. The six of us have returned for the 2017-18 academic year, and they have been joined by Colton Babbitt, Stephen Krazeminski, Robert Mooney, Nayida Ocasio, and Bradley Salzman.

A number of our M.A. students achieved distinction over the past academic year. James Turner received the history department’s Frances Edelman Graduate Teaching Award, Sean Mallen was awarded the department’s Traci Jill Edelman Memorial Award for Best M.A. Thesis, and Douglas Kenny earned history’s O’ Sullivan Travel Grant, which he used to conduct research in the Republic of Ireland for his thesis on the nineteenth-century Irish nationalist, A.M. O’Sullivan. James Turner also received honorable mention for his paper on “Fleeing Tyranny, Finding Coercion,” presented at the 15th annual South Florida Caribbean and Latin American Studies Conference in the spring. Finally, the department was delighted to send to M.A. graduates on to Ph.D. programs. Nina Halty will be attending Harvard University in the 2017-18 academic year, and James Turner will be enrolling at the Ohio State University. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Nina and James.

The department’s annual events play an important role in enriching the education of our graduate students. The annual Faculty-Graduate Student reception, held in October 2016, provided an opportunity to welcome new and returning students back to campus in a convivial environment, and to reconnect with alumni and supporters of the M.A. program. Graduate students also profit from the O’Sullivan Lecture and Larkin Symposium, which provided them with an opportunity to learn from Ambassador Robert “Skip” On (an alumnus of FAU’s history department) and Michael Beschloss.

Sadly the department lost a current M.A. student, Sidney Goodman, in July 2017. Sid was a remarkable member of the graduate cohort, who returned to school in 2009 after having spent more than fifty years in business to pursue his lifelong interest in the history of international relations. Enrolling in the program with a formidable knowledge of his favorite subject, Sid entered the classroom with a zest for learning that made him a genuine pleasure to teach. He enjoyed an excellent relationship with his fellow students, and served as an informal mentor to a number of them.

Graduates of FAU’s M.A. program in History have gone on to pursue successful careers in teaching, business, law and a variety of other fields. The Master of Arts in History has both a thesis and a non-thesis option. The thesis option requires 30 credit hours, with a minimum of 24 hours of graduate course work and the completion of an M.A. thesis, for which a minimum of six additional credits must be earned. The non-thesis option requires a total of 36 credit hours of graduate course work. Those students wishing to pursue the thesis track must submit an “Admission to Candidacy” form after the completion of 18 hours of graduate work. Once students are granted thesis option status, they work in conjunction with the Director of Graduate Studies to create a thesis committee.

A student seeking admission into the graduate program in history should have a bachelor’s degree or equivalent from an accredited institution, or, for international students, an institution recognized in his/her own country as preparing the student for graduate study. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA) for the last 60 undergraduate hours attempted and a combined score of 155 or higher on the verbal and a 4.0 on the analytical sections of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). In addition, the students must submit two letters of recommendation to the department, a five-page typed, double-spaced autobiographical statement indicating the nature of their preparation for graduate work and the reason for seeking the M.A. in history, and a formal research paper. For information contact the Graduate Director, Dr. D. Kanter by e-mail at dkanter1@fau.edu.

Fall 2017 Thesis Deadlines:
- Final copy of thesis to M.A. Committee Sept. 25
- Suggested deadline for thesis defense Oct. 9
- Completed thesis to Chair of Dept. Oct. 30
- Suggested date for thesis to Dean of College Nov. 13
- Thesis due to the Graduate College Nov. 20

Spring 2018 Thesis Deadlines:
- Final copy of thesis to M.A. Committee Feb. 13
- Suggested deadline for thesis defense Feb. 27
- Completed thesis to Chair of Dept. Mar. 20
- Suggested date for thesis to Dean of College Apr. 3
- Thesis due to Graduate College Apr. 10

Dr. Nayida Ocasio
Major: History
Degree: B.S. in Criminal Justice at Nova Southeastern University 2013
Current Position: GSTA at FAU History Department
First Job: Graduate intern at Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library, working on a historical archive digitization project in conjunction with the Oakland Park Historical Society
Biggest Challenge: The biggest challenge I faced during my academic career was realizing my passion did not lie in a law career, and finding my way to the FAU history department
Best FAU Memory: Completing an internship in public history with Susan Gillis at the Boca Raton Historical Society.
Role Department of History Played in Your Career: I first came to the history department after a year in law school, not knowing what the next step would be for me. My first semester at FAU, I took Modern Irish History with Dr. Kanter, and I fell in love with both history and the country of Ireland. The professors in the history department have encouraged and guided me every step of the way.
Goal: To help the next generation understand the past so that they can build a better future.
Favorite Book: I have loved too many to choose just one favorite. S.E. Hinton’s The Outsiders, Harper Lee’s To Kill a Mockingbird, and J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter series were major parts of my childhood. However, Emily Bronte’s Wuthering Heights will always hold a special place in my heart as it was my mother’s favorite book, and whenever I read it I feel closer to her.

Personal: My family has been a constant source of support and inspiration throughout my life. I am eternally grateful for the example my sister has set for me. Everything I do is with her and her little girls in mind, and I want nothing more than to make them proud.
The Goal: truly prepared me for the opportunity to be a graduate teaching assistant, a role they successful in my future research, writing methods, and to create an addition to scholarship, it prepared me to be directing my undergraduate thesis not only challenged me department. The aide I received from the department in and administration work that is required to stimulate the department, I observed and participated in the planning and administration work that is required to stimulate the department. The aide I received from the department in directing my undergraduate thesis not only challenged me to create an addition to scholarship, it prepared me to be successful in my future research, writing methods, and graduate school as well. The department also offered me the opportunity to be a graduate teaching assistant, a role they truly prepared me for.

Role Department of History Played in Your Career: Taking an active role within the history department not only furthered my love for the discipline, it also gave me opportunities to prove myself in the world of academia. By delivering my research on behalf of the university at conferences, I ventured into the professional and scholarly world. As Vice President of Phi Alpha Theta, the honor society within the history department, I observed and participated in the planning and administration work that is required to stimulate the department. The aide I received from the department in directing my undergraduate thesis not only challenged me to create an addition to scholarship, it prepared me to be successful in my future research, writing methods, and graduate school as well. The department also offered me the opportunity to be a graduate teaching assistant, a role they truly prepared me for.

Goal: To stress the importance of historical knowledge and the idea that our interpretations of the past will determine all our future actions.

Favorite Book: The Conquering Tide: War in the Pacific Islands: 1942-1944, by Ian W. Toll. With the Old Breed at Peleliu and Okinawa, by Eugene Sledge, Neptune, the Allied Invasion of Europe and the D-Day Landings, by Craig L. Symonds

Personal: My wife Helen, and my son Cory, have been very supportive throughout the academic climb. Let’s see if the prognostications of friends and colleagues come to fruition. Personal: “The past is only the future with the lights on” – Mark Hoppus

Jeffrey G. Fine, “Magical Transformation or Illusion of Grandeur: The Development of Downtown West Palm Beach, 1985-2015” Advisor: Dr Mark Rose

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South Florida Environmental History

In November 2017, Professor Evan Bennett accompanied a group of students in the Florida Connect Freshman Learning Community to the Everglades National Park for a lesson on the environmental history of South Florida. The Florida Connect program is designed to help out-of-state students gain a greater appreciation of Florida and thus encourage them to remain at FAU until graduation. Professor Bennett also gave an in-class lecture on the history of modern South Florida.

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Nina Halty: “From Slaves to Subjects: Forging Freedom in the Canadian Legal System” Advisor: Dr Stephen Engle

This thesis clarifies recent debates on the problem of territorialized freedom in the Atlantic world by examining several extradition cases involving runaway slaves in Canada, where southern slaveholders attempted to retrieve their lost property by relabeling fugitive slaves as fugitive criminals. In order to combat these efforts and receive the full protections of British subjecthood, self-emancipated people realized that they needed to prove themselves worthy of that status. To achieve this, black refugees formulated predicted upon economic productivity, social respectability, and political loyalty. By actively working to incorporate themselves into the British Empire, Afro-Canadians redefined subjecthood from legal status largely seen as a passively received birthright to a deliberate choice. Therefore, this thesis demonstrates that ways in which formerly enslaved people laid out their own terms for imperial inclusion defined the contours of black social and legal belonging in a partially free Atlantic world.

Andrea Schwab, “Cinematic Portrayals of Ancient Women: Cleopatra, Livia Augusta, Servilia Caepionis and the Three Waves of Feminism” Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Buller

This project examines the modern perception of ancient women through the creative (and often anachronistic) lens of film. All three women, Cleopatra, Livia Augusta, Servilia Caepionis, exemplify the modern influence on interpreting historical sources; all three became agents of feminism in their one times. Each woman did not culminate the probable influence they had in Roman society, but they are instead reflective of the patriarchal paradigms understood by the 20th and 21st century audiences. The burgeoning feminist ideologies of the 20th century would influence the depictions of each character in an anachronistic fashion, distorting the actual control such figures had in history. While Elizabeth Taylor’s Cleopatra capitalized on youth and sexuality as tools of power, Sihl Phillips’ Livia emphasized age and experience to advance in patriarchal Rome. Servilia, however, was an older matron who had both the experience and the sexuality to control those around her. While each figure approached it in very distinct methods, their common goal of changing Roman politics was reflective of the continued (and relatively unchanged) perception of ancient Roman women: as intelligent, yet dangerous, figures that served to derail patriarchal Roman politics.
The History Department has brought national attention to the Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection of rare books by brokering a partnership between The Florida Atlantic University Libraries and the Huntington Library, one of the world’s premier humanities research institutions. The FAU Libraries and the Huntington will offer three joint short-term research fellowships for advanced graduate students. These fellows will spend October of 2018 using the Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America collection in Boca Raton, and one additional month at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California. The complementary collections of both libraries are particularly strong in Anglo-American political philosophy, the American and French revolutions, the English Civil War, religious history, and reform movements. By partnering with the Huntington Library, which hosts approximately two hundred fellows each year, we hope to elevate the scholarly profile of the Weiner Collection. Applications are welcomed from humanities students in a variety of disciplines, including history, art history, English, political philosophy, and American studies.

This exciting opportunity for graduate students from beyond FAU to engage with the Weiner Collection is made possible by a generous donation from Howard and Judy Weiner. Their enthusiasm for bringing the collection to the wider academic community inspired and enabled the development of this program. The fellowship will be administered by Dr. Adrian Finucane and Dr. Jason Sharples from the History Department, and fellows will draw on the expertise of Victoria Thur and Teresa Van Dyke in the Special Collections Department. In addition to providing guidance and support, the Department of History will encourage the three fellows to submit a panel to an academic conference that draws on materials they find during their fellowship period. Being present in the collection at the same time will provide an opportunity for fellows to work with one another as well as to share ideas, sources, and insights with the rest of FAU’s faculty and library staff. More information can be found on the department website.

Image: (Above) Huntington Library in San Marino; (Left) Americans Destroy a Statue of King George, engraving from the Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection.

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**SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS DONATES AGAIN TO THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT**

The FAU History Department was once again the recipient of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Florida’s generosity this year, receiving a total of $2,000 from Deputy Governor General Jim Ward and 1st Lt.-Gov. and Program Chair Jethro Hurt this past year. The general Society of Colonial Wars, a hereditary society founded in New York in 1892, “operates exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes as a 501© (3) non-profit organization...for the purpose of furthering the interest in, and study of, America’s colonial history for the period between the settlement of Jamestown on May 13, 1607 and the Battle of Lexington on April 19, 1775.” In its efforts to carry out these objectives, the Florida society’s donations to FAU have been used to support faculty research in the colonial period. The History Department appreciates this continued support!

Image: Mr. Jim Ward and Dr. Ben Lowe

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Robinson began his journalism career at the San Francisco Chronicle, where he was one of two reporters assigned to cover the trial of kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst. He has been with the Washington Post since 1980, with the exception of the 1987-88 academic year, during which he was a Nieman Fellow in Journalism at Harvard University. Eugene Robinson writes a twice-a-week column on politics and culture, contributes to The Post Partisan blog, and hosts a weekly online chat with readers. In a three-decade career at The Post, Robinson has been city hall reporter, city editor, foreign correspondent in Buenos Aires and London, foreign editor, and assistant managing editor in charge of the paper’s Style. He started writing a column for the Op-Ed page in 2005. In 2009, he received the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary for “his eloquent columns on the 2008 presidential campaign that focus on the election of the first African-American president, showcasing graceful writing and grasp of the larger historic picture.” He has written books about race in Brazil and music in Cuba, covered a heavyweight championship fight, witnessed riots in Philadelphia, and a murder trial in the deepest Amazon, sat with presidents and dictators and the Queen of England, and explored the relevance of hip-hop and American Idol in people’s lives today.


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exhibit. The FAU Libraries’ original rare books from early America’s founding in a one-night book-signing, and audience members will personally encounter in turn transformed the rest of the continent. After the lecture, forged the United States, and how the new nation’s expansion American Revolution unleashed a post-war political crisis that effects in North America. Rare 18th-century books will be on Collection at the FAU Libraries. Marvin Weiner collected rare early American and European books dating to the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries to replicate the libraries national importance, to FAU.

As a Member, you help support: - Preservation and access for this amazing collection about America’s origins - Public exhibitions that make the Spirit of America available to the South Florida community - Public lectures in the library and beyond - Fellowships for scholars visiting and using the collection - Education the next generation about the ideals and struggles of the nation’s founding

Franklin’s Apprentices: - $25/year for students - $100/year for the general public - Invitation to collect events such as lectures

Adam’s Delegates - $250/year - Early invitation to collection events such as lectures and exhibits

Jefferson’s Cabinet - $5,000/year - Preferred seating at lectures and priority status at events. Invitation to guided tour of exhibitions related to the collection

Washington’s Inner Circle - $2,000/year and above - All the above benefits - Invitation to an exclusive yearly salon where patrons can learn from experts and interact with the material more closely

Benefactors can choose a volume to sponsor from our “Adopt-a-Book” Program. Additionally, all associate of the Collection will, with their permission, be recognized on the Weiner Collection website.

Rachel Ahmad (BA 2016) [née Camalani] is in a graduate program in History at CUNY.

Nick Belotto (MA Fall 2014) was named a teacher of the year at Donna Klein Jewish Academy High School

Douglas Breeden (MA Fall 2006) has a blog titled Mr. B’s Blog located at wordpress.com and his book, One in the Same, Journey from Mortal to Soncino is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Books a Million.

Erwin M. Escobar (MA Spring 2013) is a high school Social Studies teacher at Westminster Christian School in Miami. He teaches courses on World History, Philosophy, U.S. Government, and Economics. He and his wife are expecting their third child!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Summer 2017

Betsy, Harris (Minor)
Boulenger, William (Minor)
Ford, Jessica (Minor)
Garstneau, Megan (Minor)
Hughes, Sharon (Minor)
Page, Aaron (Minor)
Quiros, Yariel (Minor)

Spring 2017

Allison Foster (BA 2017) is applying to AmericanCorps and studying for LSAT.

Nina Halty (MA Summer 2017) is in the Ph.D. program at Harvard University.

Garrett Hillyer (BA 2014) received his MA in History from UCF in July 2016 and is currently a PhD student studying Pacific Island History at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Kingly McConnell (BA 2017) graduated with a BA in History and has been accepted into the University of Washington, Law School.

Susan Rosenkranz (MA Spring 2005) was named the Broward County Social Studies Teacher of the Year.

Ryan Ross (MA Fall 2016) has published an article on “John Calvin and the Early French Reformation: Political and Theological Responses to Persecution, 1533-1562” in the spring 2017 issue of the Westminster Theological Journal.

Kristine Sheets (BA 2016) has been accepted into the Middle Eastern Studies Program at King’s College and has moved to London and is currently working on her MA.

James Turner (MA Spring 2017) has received Honorable Mention for his paper “Flying Tyranny, Finding Corrosion” (Buccaneers and Slavery in 17th century Caribbean) at FAU’s 15th annual tri-university Caribbean and Latin American Studies conference, he received a $500 check.

Katie Wolf (MA Summer 2009) completed her PhD in Curriculum & Instruction from FAU. She is currently a visiting professor in the FAU College of Education.
Miriam Sauna Dalin has become a lead interviewer and Academic Adviser for the Jewish Community of Boca Raton Historical Society and Museum; museums are being conducted on videotape at the television studios of Lynn University. If you know of a good subject for an interview or would like to be interviewed yourself, please contact Dr. Dalin through the Department. She is also writing up a review of the 2016 Presidential election of Donald Trump for the American Jewish Yearbook (Springer) which is scheduled to appear in Spring 2018.

Stephen Engle’s latest book entitled Gathering to Save a Nation, which appeared with the University of North Carolina Press in October 2016, received the Barondess-Lincoln Award for 2017. He also honored and invited by the Abraham Lincoln Institute to give a presentation on his new book at Ford’s Theater in March 2018 (which aired on C-Span), and was invited to give a lecture at the Virginia Festival of the Book, as well as the Barondess-Lincoln Award for 2017.

Carolina Press in October 2016, received the Barondess-Lincoln Award for 2017. This first bilingual English and Spanish edition of Peruvian Jesuit Antonio Ruiz de Montoya’s The Spiritual Conquest (settlements). The volume helps scholars understand Paraguay’s rich native past, as well as the Jesuits themselves, especially their struggle against Indian slavery. The volume will lend itself well to use in the classroom for courses on Colonial Latin American History, Anthropology, and Spanish American Colonial Literature. Professor Ganson collaborated with a Paraguayan Scholar, CLINIA M. SAFRI, Ph.D., Professor of Modern Foreign Languages at Presbyterian College and a graduate from University of Miami. Ganson is also curating a special aviation exhibit for the Wimberley Library from March 1-May 15, 2018 on the history of women and flight in Florida since 1913. Her exhibit team includes Dr. Doug McGetchin, Professor John Childrey (retired from the Dept. of English), and STEM science teacher Virginia Kneub of Parkway Middle School of the Arts in Fort Lauderdale.

Ken Holloway gave lectures on Buddhism in Johannesburg South Africa, Yixing China, and Prague on consecutive weekends. In addition he volunteered at the Swaziland Breast and Cervical Cancer Network, Federation for African Educationalists Network, Swaziland, and at the Cancer Charity Workers in South Africa. All three are nonprofit nongovernmental organizations that focus on women’s health and education. His volunteer work mainly centered around helping these organizations develop their technical writing, but it also involved a wide variety of smaller projects. These included identifying funding sources, addressing IT issues, and rethinking their budgets for educational outreach. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn how to apply the fundamental skills we all teach in the History Department in tangible real-world projects. At the end of the summer he traveled to Zurich to lecture in the Vimalakirti Sutra.

Douglas Kanter completed a book chapter on “Post-Famine Politics, 1850-79” for the Cambridge History of Ireland, which will appear in December 2017. He received a Scholarly and Creative Fellowship for the Spring 2018 semester from the College of Arts & Letters, which he will use to complete research on his study of William Gladstone’s Irish Policy. Dr. Kanter continues to serve as the department’s Director of Graduate Studies and welcomes inquiries from prospective students.

Patricia Kollander continues to serve as director of undergraduate studies for the History Department. During the coming academic year, she is scheduled to present papers on the experiences of German and Australian-Jewish emigres in the U.S. army during World War II at the Beyond Camps and Forced Labor Conference in London, and the Jewish Studies Colloquium at FAU. She is also continuing to work on her manuscript: “From Immigration to Liberation: German and Austrian Emigres in the U.S. Army during World War II”, along with a review essay for History, Review of Books, and a book review for the Yearbook of German-American Studies.

Ben Lowe is serving his fifth year as department chair. This past year he obtained a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to conduct research at the Huntington Library and to participate in a seminar entitled “Formation and (Re)formation of the Book, 1450-1650.” In September 2017, he presented a paper at the University of Cambridge entitled “Saving the Reformation: Bishop Hooper and the Uses of Memory in the Evangelical Campaign against Anglo-Catholicism,” as part of the Remembering the Reformation Conference. Keeping with the theme, he served as co-curator of the Wimberley Library’s “The Protestant Reformation: Impacts and Legacies” exhibition that was open from October 23-December 15, 2017, where he presented the lecture “Why the Reformation Still Matters,” on the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther’s posting of the Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 1517.

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**Images Right:** (top) Tony Anderson; (middle) Tony Anderson, Dr. Boyd Breslow, (bottom) Nina Halty, FAU President John Kelly, Tony Anderson, Associate Dean Linda Johnson
The lecture honors Harold Glasser (1918-2009), a special member of the so-called Greatest Generation that lived and fought in the World War II era. Harold’s father escaped the pogroms of the Russian empire for New York and became a successful businessman, married, and had four children. But although the Glassers were prosperous, they could not escape antisemitism—as a youth Harold was denied admission to the Boy Scouts and a summer job because of his Jewish background. Later, he was denied admission to the college of his choice because the Jewish quota had been met. Harold persevered and secured leadership roles in all the schools he attended, and became a lawyer.

Though he could have evaded or postponed service during World War II as he was married, he enlisted because he felt compelled to serve. In the army, Glasser once again confronted antisemitism. A Jewish friend was stunned by Glasser’s appointment as cadet corps commander, and predicted that Glasser would be the “first and last Jewish officer” to serve. In the army, Glasser once again confronted antisemitism. A Jewish friend was stunned by Glasser’s appointment as cadet corps commander, and predicted that Glasser would be the “first and last Jewish officer” to serve. In the army, Glasser once again confronted antisemitism. A Jewish friend was stunned by Glasser’s appointment as cadet corps commander, and predicted that Glasser would be the “first and last Jewish officer” to serve.

After his discharge, Glasser became one of the top executives of the Kayser-Roth Corporation, and subsequently became president and chairman of the board of the Miss Universe Pageant. The injustices he followed his example was said to be “doing a Glasser.”

Despite his rise to the highest levels of corporate America, his philosophy was one of engagement and public service. As an active member of the board of the Minyard Company, Glasser worked to make it an active participant in community affairs. He was a member of the board of the New York Jewish Community Center and was the first Jewish chairman of the board of the Miss Universe Pageant. He also worked on a co-authored book with Professor Benjamin Kurlander (Stetson University) and Bernd-Stefan Grewe (Tübingen University, Germany). His Global History, 1500-present with Oxford University Press. He also continues to work on his book manuscript, “The Boycott or the Bullet: Debates over Nonviolence in Indo-Western Anti-Imperialist Struggles, 1880-1970,” that traces interconnections between movements in Europe, South Asia, and the United States. In 2017-18 he looks forward to co-facilitating the Asian-German Studies seminar at the German Studies Association conference in Atlanta, as well as continuing to serve as Associate Director for the Jupiter campus in the FAU Peace Justice and Human Rights (PJR) Initiative, and as a Faculty Owl Leader with the FAU Weppner Center for LEAS and Service Learning.

Kelly J. Shannon won a 2017 NEH Summer Stipend, which allowed her to spend eight weeks in London this summer doing archival research for her new book on U.S.-Iran relations from 1905-1953. Her book, U. S. Foreign Policy and Muslim Women’s Human Rights, was published by the University of Pennsylvania Press in November 2017.

Some of the highlights are first or early editions of published works by Luther, Philipp Melanchthon, John Calvin, Desiderius Erasumus, Richard Hooker, François Hotman, Philippe de Mornay, Hugo Grotius, and John Locke, as well as several Bibles, prayer books, religious histories, and the proceedings from the Council of Trent. The exhibition was curated by Reformation historian, Dr. Ben Lowe, Professor and Chair of the History Department, and graduate students, Vanessa Ramsey and Luke Beswick. A catalog to accompany the exhibition was prepared by Special Collections Librarians, Vicky Thur and Teresa van Dyke.

On Reformation Sunday, October 29th, many from the community came to visit the exhibition, especially members of local churches (Protestant and Catholic), and Professor Lowe was on hand to answer questions. Dr. Lowe also presented a lecture on the actual 500th anniversary date, October 31st, on “Why the Reformation Still Matters.”

Five hundred years ago, the Augustinian friar, Martin Luther, launched the Protestant Reformation when he posted his ninety-five theses against indulgences on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Saxony (Germany). His subsequent stand in opposition to what he believed to be corruption and theological heresy in the Roman Catholic Church led to a permanent division in Western Christendom but also initiated various religious reform movements (Catholic and Protestant) and helped usher in modern ideas regarding personal freedoms and representative government.

To accompany the exhibition and lecture, the library’s Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts created a letterpress broadside rendition of the Ninety-Five Theses, copies of which are being sold during the exhibition. Both the exhibition and lecture were advertised in the local press and through various community networks. These events proved to be a wonderful way to educate students, faculty and the community about the Reformation period and to introduce some of the latest historical scholarship.
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The 14th Annual John O’Sullivan Memorial Lecture was held at the FAU Theatre on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. Retired Duke University Professor William Chafe regaled more than 250 attendees with his presentation entitled "The Modern Presidency from Kennedy to Trump: Intersections of Politics and Personality." Dr Chafe examined how personality shaped the politics of many of our presidents. He traced the presidencies of John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Bill Clinton and Donald Trump, and explored interactions with crucial issues as varied as the Cuban Missile Crisis, The Vietnam War, Watergate and the Clinton health care bill. A book signing followed the event, and Dr. Sandy Norman hosted the annual O’Sullivan reception at her home where faculty and students gathered to engage Dr. Chafe about his talk and other related research interests. It should be noted that the evening took on a new direction when graduate students assisted Dr. Chafe in making S'mores. Suffice to say that a good time was had by all!

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Above Images: (Left) William Chafe
(Right) Mrs. Marjorie O’Sullivan and John O’Sullivan, Jr.

DR. STEPHEN ENGLE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

His latest book entitled Gathering to Save a Nation, which was published by the University of North Carolina Press in October 2016, received the Barondess-Lincoln Award for 2017. He was also honored and invited by the Abraham Lincoln Institute to give a presentation on his new book at Ford’s Theater in March 2018 (which aired on C-Span: https://www.c-span.org/video/?7453302-3/abraham-lincoln-governors) and was invited to give a lecture at the Virginia Festival of the Book, as well as at Gettysburg College. He also presented a day-long seminar at the Smithsonian Institution entitled Andrew Jackson and the Rise of the Democratic Party, as part of their Smithsonian Associates Program.

DR. PATRICIA KOLLANDER LECTURES ON THE JOURNEY OF THE SS ST. LOUIS IN 1939

On October 6, 2017, Dr. Patricia Kollander delivered a lecture at the FAU Theatre Lab on the 1939 journey of the SS St. Louis, the ill-fated ship that was supposed to ferry over 2000 refugees from Nazi persecution, only to be turned back by Cuban and U.S. authorities. The lecture was presented shortly before a reading presentation of famous playwright Nilo Cruz’s play “Sotto Voce,” a fictional play set in the year 2001 about an 80 year old woman whose lover perished aboard the St. Louis.

Dr. Kollander attempted to provide a historical context for the play. She explained how the passengers obtained papers which, they believed, secured them safe passage to Cuba, where they could wait for visas for entry into the U.S. Unbeknownst to the passenger at the time of departure in late May 1939, however, a recent change in Cuban immigration laws demanded that new Immigrants pay additional fees to disembark in Cuba. Since departing Jews had depleted their funds to secure passage on the ship, they did not have the additional monies now required to land on Cuban shores. They were refused entry into Cuba, and the captain was ordered to sail back from to Germany. The captain, who was anti-Nazi, tried to get the U.S. to take in refugees, but was refused on the grounds that his passengers would be jumping ahead in line of other Jews waiting to enter. In both countries, rising antisemitism, along with the unfounded belief that admitted refugees would deprive citizens of jobs during a time of economic depression – also made them reluctant to admit the St. Louis passengers. The captain still refused to follow orders to return to the ship to Germany. He told the passengers that although the ship was headed back to Europe, he would do everything possible to avoid German shores. Finally on 13 June the captain learned the Belgian, Dutch, French and English governments, encouraged and assisted by American Jewish relief agencies, were returned to the European continent, 36 survived the World War II; most were refugees who landed in England.

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Jewish refugees look out through port holes of a ship while docked in the port of Haifa. Date: Circa 1950 - 1959[2]

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY FACULTY PARTICIPATE IN FORUM ON DEBATING ISLAM AND DEMOCRACY

On the evening of October 24, 2017, History Department faculty members Dr. Eric Hanne and Dr. Kelly J. Shannon participated in a panel discussion on “Debating Islam and Democracy” sponsored by Chastain-Johnson Middle East Studies Program and the Peace, Justice, and Human Rights (PJHR) Initiative at FAU. Dr. Mehmet Gurses from the Political Science Department and current Chastain-Johnson Middle East Studies Distinguished Professor organized the panel and also spoke about lessons learned from the Turkish model of democracy Dr. Hanne spoke about the ways in which key Islamic thinkers have approached the issue of democracy in the Islamic world. The fourth panelist was Dr. Robert Rabil from Political Science, who discussed Lebanon’s experience with democracy since it gained independence. The panel was well-attended and sparked a vibrant discussion with the audience.

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