Letter from the Chair

As I begin my fourth year as chair I can’t help but invoke the old cliché about how time flies. So much has happened during my tenure in this job, including many changes and redirections both at the department and university level. Most of these developments have been positive, and it is only because of the dedication and hard work of faculty and students that the History Department continues to thrive and prosper. Rather than recounting in a long narrative all of what has happened over the past year, I will note a few highlights that have affected me most directly, and then direct you to the rest of this newsletter for more information on the wide variety of activities and scholarly pursuits in which faculty and students have been engaged, as well on those exciting ones yet to come.

2015 marked the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta by England’s King John on the field of Runnymede, near London. To commemorate this event and its importance for modern ideas of democracy and individual rights, the History Department sponsored a two-day event in November that included a visit and talk by the British Consul, a lecture by a leading scholar, and a panel by FAU British historians (Drs. Boyd Breslow, Douglas Kanter and Ben Lowe), along with a library exhibit drawn from our unrivaled Marvin and Sybil Weiner “Spirit of the American” Special Collection. The kick-off event was standing room only and I am very appreciative of Dean Carol Hixson and the library’s support in hosting it.

Our affiliation with this one-of-a-kind collection/repository of early modern imprints has been enhanced by the addition of two new faculty members, Dr. Adrian Finucane (PhD, Harvard University) and Dr. Jason Sharples (PhD, Princeton University), both of whom are early American and Atlantic World historians with a special interest in promoting the Weiner Collection and – in coordination with the Wimberly Library -- raising its academic profile nationally. In addition, new faculty member Dr. Byron McCane (PhD Duke University) brings expertise in World and Ancient Religions. I am excited to have them join the department and they are happy to be here sharing their multiple talents with us. We also welcome Dr. Albert Donery, Jr. (PhD Florida State University) as a visiting instructor for 2016/17. He will enrich the undergraduate experience for FAU students with his courses in African American and modern U.S. History.

There have been a number of distinctions earned by our other faculty members worth noting. Congratulations to Dr. Barbara Ganson who was promoted to the rank of Professor. Dr. Ganson will be away in Spring 2017 on a fellowship awarded by the Institute of Advanced Jesuit Studies at Boston College working on a translation of an early history of the Jesuit mission to Paraguay. The university’s Distinguished Teacher of the Year for 2015/16 was Dr. Stephen Engle. This is the highest teaching award conferred by the university, chosen by the students, and it requires the recipient to give a lecture, which Dr. Engle presented in stirring fashion at the Spring Honors Convocation.
Dr. Heather Frazer, Emerita (1940-2016)

On May 15, 2016, our friend, colleague and mentor, Dr. Heather Frazer, passed away peacefully after a long struggle with cancer, surrounded by family and friends, including Sandy Kollander. The funeral was held on May 23rd at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Delray Beach, followed by a reception at the Ocean Club in Ocean Ridge. Born in Honolulu on November 25, 1940, one year before the attack on Pearl Harbor, where her father’s construction company was building installations. In fact, she was building sandcastles on the beach as the Japanese planes roared overhead. She grew up in Massachusetts, graduating from Connecticut College before receiving her M.A. and Ph.D. in South Asian History from Duke University.

In 1971 she became the first female faculty member in the FAU History department where she taught for 35 years before retiring in 2006. She served part of that time as Department Chair and Director of Graduate Studies. She also pioneered the study of women’s history at FAU, helping establish the Women’s Studies program, which is now the Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Her former colleague and the program’s co-founder, Dr. Helen Bannas, remembers that “Heather was a wonderful person and a most loyal friend.”

While at FAU Heather taught courses in women’s history, modern British and British empire, Indian history, and oral history. She researched and published in the fields of India and women’s history, and co-authored with her colleague, Dr. John O’Sullivan, the groundbreaking oral history, “We Have Just Begun To Not Fight”: An Oral History of Conscientious Objectors in Civilian Public Service during World War II (1996). In 1988, she spent part of the year in India on a Fulbright Fellowship.

Her many awards included being selected FAU’s Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 1990, the highest teaching award conferred by the university, and one selected exclusively by the students. Upon her retirement she was named Professor Emerita of History. Heather was an active member of the community both in Ocean Ridge and at her summer home in Northeast Harbor, Maine. She served on the boards of Gulf Stream School, Old School Square in Delray Beach, the Ocean Club of Florida, the vestries at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church (Delray Beach) and St. Mary’s and St. Jude’s Episcopal Church (Mount Desert, Maine), and as a trustee of the Northeast Harbor Library. Heather was one of the true pillars of the history department, giving shape to and holding up the edifice that exists today. She had a way of solving problems without raising her voice or becoming confrontational. Always gracious and generous, she was known for hosting dinners for candidates and department get-togethers. Former graduate students fondly remember the Indian and British dinners at her home. One of them, Dr. Phil Guerty, now a professor of history at the University of North Georgia had this to say: “Heather was a wonderful person who had such a profound influence over the path my life has taken. I enjoyed studying history mostly under her guidance and will always cherish the time we spent together.” Her younger colleagues can recall her gentle encouragement and sound advice as they moved forward in their careers. Being naturally curious about many areas of history, she took a personal interest in their work. When copies of my first book arrived Heather was there when I opened the box and I think she was more excited than I was! The strong emphasis on scholarship, the devotion to teaching and mentoring students, and the commitment to institutional service – not to mention the personal qualities of integrity, humility, kindness and collegiality – are what defined her and will remain the traits for which she will most be remembered, especially among the many colleagues and students who were privileged to know her. Heather held her students to a high but not impossible standard, helping them become the best they could be, being always available to lend a helping hand. She is survived by her three children, Kimberly Gilmour, Devon Coughlan and Carter Coughlan, and six grandchildren. Donations may be made in her name to any of these organizations: the FAU History Department; St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Delray Beach; St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Northeast Harbor, Maine; the Northeast Harbor Library Scholarship Fund; and the Gulf Stream School here.

Mark B. Pickering (1973-2016)

Mark Pickering (M.A. 2015) was a wonderful human being that made friends easily and was always willing to help out when the need arose. He will be greatly missed. We extend condolences to his parents, Rita and John, and his sister, Shannon. A memorial service was held on Friday, August 5th at 5pm at the Sanctuary on the campus of Lynn University.
students in the department continue to earn high levels of achievement in academics. This year, the following students received awards for academic and teaching excellence in History: Tim Johansen received the Hugh Ripley Award; Maria Theodosiou received the Percy and Pauline Greenberg Memorial Award in History; Kristine Sheets received the Martin and Sylvia Shaw Award for the Best History Essay; Stephen Krezeminski received the Martin and Sylvia Shaw History Scholarship; Siddharth Satishchandran received the Traci Jill Edelman Award in European History; Devin Weinberg received the Traci Jill Edelman Memorial Award in Latin American History; Daniel Jones received the Traci Jill Edelman Memorial Award for the Best Graduate M.A, Thesis; and Luke Beswick received the Levinson Award in East Asian History. As for teaching assistants, Douglas Provenzano received the Frances Edelman Graduate Teaching Award; Nina Halty was awarded the John O’Sullivan Travel Research Grant; and Sean Mallen was awarded the CLAS Faculty Award. Congratulations to all of them!

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The Master of Arts in History

FROM THE GRADUATE DIRECTOR
The graduate program continued to serve as a vibrant intellectual home to approximately thirty graduate students in the 2015-16 academic year. Thank you, Rhonda Clione, as well as the entire department staff, including Rhonda Clione, Gino Galli, Natasja Graske, Douglas Provenzano, Matt Salcito, Luke Beswick, Nita Hally, Sean Mallen, Andrea Schwab, and James Turner for their hard work last year. The last five are returning in 2016-17, to be joined by assistant professor, Zella Linn. The fall schedule included 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 students for further study at the graduate level. 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 section 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 dkanter@fau.edu.

Fall 2016 Thesis Deadlines:
- Suggested deadline for thesis defense Oct. 10.
- Suggested date for thesis to Dean of College Nov. 14.
- Thesis due to the Graduate College Nov. 21.

Spring 2017 Thesis Deadlines:
- 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.

2015-2016 M.A. THESIS ABSTRACTS
Daniel A. Jones: “William Vaughan: Liberal Education and Voluntary Societies in the Age of Revolution”
Advisor: Dr. Douglas Kanter. This study examines the life of William Vaughan, a merchant in London during the revolutionary era, and the product of a network of liberal education developed by men like Joseph Priestly, Vaughan, as a professional, was able to wield social and political influence on behalf of a new merchant class previously excluded from the halls of power. Vaughan’s success as governor of the Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation and promoter of the English shipping industry, as well as his service as a member of numerous civic and philanthropic organizations, demonstrates a commitment to gradual improvements in the material and moral circumstances of the British Empire that had relatively little to do with partisan political categories typically associated with the revolutionary era.

Lauren Selisky (BA, ’10) is the off-air campaign embed reporter for the Cable News Network (CNN).
Tara Hagan (BA, ’13) graduated in April 2016 from Florida State University with a Master’s Degree in Library and Information Science, and a Certificate in Information Resources and Technical Services Assistant at the Maguire Medical Library at the FSU College of Medicine.
Siddharth Sathichandra (BA, ’15) received full funding to attend the graduate program in History of Science at the University of Oregon.
Shellie Labell (MA, ’15), has been hired as Archives Librarian at the Wisconsin Historical Society. Her first project there was to help with the installation of the new exhibit on Fishing in Florida.
Antonio Elera (BA, ’10, MA ’13) after suffering a stroke from which he is almost fully recovered, was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army with the rank of First Lieutenant. A final assessment and performance review of his service resulted in his being awarded the Army Achievement Medal and Army Commendation Medal, specifically for leadership as an Infantry Platoon Leader. He is currently in his first semester at the University of California Hastings College of Law in San Francisco on a full scholarship.
Aaron Alcorn (MA, ’01), after receiving his PhD in History from Case Western Reserve University in 2009, served as a Guggenheim Fellow at the National Air and Space Museum, and as a NASA-AIAH Fellow in Aerospace History, and also taught at George Mason University. After working several years at the Smithsonian Institution, he is currently Historian and Curator of the Living Computer Museum, Washington, D.C. His article “Flying into Modernity: Model Airplanes, Consumer Culture, and the Making of Modern Boyhood in the Early Twentieth Century,” based on his dissertation was published in History and Technology: An International Journal. He is working on a related book manuscript entitled Inventing the Inventive Boy: Growing Up with the Airplane in America, 1900-1950.
Corey Tribble (MA, ’13) is about to start his first year teaching 8th grade U.S. History at Western Academy Charter School in Royal Palm Beach.

Matt Salcito: “From Farm to Market: The Political Economy of the Antebellum American West”
Advisor: Dr. Stephen D. Engle. This thesis examines the dynamic change the market revolution had on social and cultural institutions in the American West. Specifically, it investigates how market forces influenced rural life patterns for farmers, urban mercantile culture and regional commercial interests. Dayton, Iowa is the focus for the narrative’s hedge, as this mid-sized western marketplace represented a link between its farmers and the regional markets in Chicago. This project uses wheat and the prairie region in antebellum Iowa and Illinois as a case study and examines the cultural and social development of farmers and merchants in the Abchul, Rayleigh Howard, Chelsey Jeffers, Douglas Kenny, Vanessa Ramsey, and Bradley Williams.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Robert Feyen (MA, ’16) recently gave a presentation on secret codes and communication during WWII at the Broward County Main Library.
Ruth McWeen (BA, ’04) gained skills as a history major at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) which have proven invaluable for her professional career. She continues to utilize the knowledge that the history department provided; including critical thinking, research abilities, and communication skills. FAU’s History program served as the motivation for her career choice, opening doors in the educational and professional realms. After graduating from Florida Atlantic University with a degree in History, she was accepted into the Master of Arts program at Newcastle University, United Kingdom where she earned a Master in Museum Studies. Shortly after returning state-side, she accepted the curator position with the National Naval SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, FL.

Michael Goodwin (MA, ’15) has had two part-time jobs in Northern Virginia as a History Interpreter at both Mount Vernon and as Tour Guide at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria. He is also engaged to his fiancee, Faith Oyel. He proposed to her on July 4th at Mt. Vernon, and will be getting married on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at McLean Presbyterian Church in McLean, VA.
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 $845 from Deputy Governor General Jim Ward and 1st Lt.-Gov. and Program Chair Jethro Hurt this past year. In addition, the society’s president and FAU alumna, Susan Oyer, has given lectures on various topics in British history at the Palm Beach chapter’s annual meetings for many years. The nearly 100 fundraiser attendees were treated to a delicious traditional British lunch, followed by a fashion show that spotlighted items from several Palm Beach boutiques. sponsors, many of whom contributed to the accompanying silent auction, included Etihad Airways, Carpe Mundo Adventure Travel, Jolly Goods, My Palm Beach Travel, The Vera Bradley Outlet Stores, Julian Lennon’s White Feather Foundation, UKy~Everywhere, Brooks Brothers, and the English National Opera, among others.

(continued) Greetings were received from the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall, and a presentation by the Goodman Foundation of a replica of J.M.V. Turner’s painting, Fighting Temeraire, to Countess Patricia Mountbatten, also marked the occasion. The event was presided over by Vice President Lady Susan Willis-Reickert who, with her husband, Errik, a leader in the cosponsoring Circumnavigator’s Club, serve as special event chairs for the society.

The St. George’s Society is a non-profit, charitable and social organization that seeks to “foster a love of the history of England, the English language and the English culture, tradition and heritage that have influenced the unity between the United States and England.” It also “promotes fellowship among its members as well as providing support for educational, social and cultural efforts in England through activities and fundraising in Palm Beach County.” Anyone interested in joining can find more information on the society’s website: http://www.stgeorgessocietyofpalmbeach.org/ and also contact President Susan Oyer at info@stgeorgessocietyofpalmbeach.org.

Donations in support of the student of British history and research at FAU can be made to the St. George’s Society of Palm Beach History Fund (HUM 202) through the FAU Foundation.

Dr. Sandra Norman at the FAU Internship Fair in Boca Raton on September 1, 2015

Dr. Douglas Kanter and Ben Lowe with St. George’s Society of Palm Beach President Susan Oyer.

St. George’s Society of Palm Beach Fashion Show Raises $7,000 for British History

The St. George’s Society of Palm Beach held a Fashion Show and Luncheon Fundraiser at the Chesterfield Hotel in Palm Beach on March 21, 2016, raising $7,000 for the History Department to support research in British history. The event was attended by FAU British historians Dr. Douglas Kanter and Dr. Ben Lowe, as well as Ms. Laurie Carney, Senior Director of Development for the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters. “We were so happy we could support FAU’s Department of History,” said local society president and FAU alumna, Susan Oyer. All three FAU British historians, Drs. Kanter, Lowe, and Boyd Breslow, have given lectures on various topics in British history at the Palm Beach chapter’s annual meetings for many years. The nearly 100 fundraiser attendees were treated to a delicious traditional British lunch, followed by a fashion show that spotlighted items from several Palm Beach boutiques. Sponsors, many of whom contributed to the accompanying silent auction, included Etihad Airways, Carpe Mundo Adventure Travel, Jolly Goods, My Palm Beach Travel, The Vera Bradley Outlet Stores, Julian Lennon’s White Feather Foundation, UKy~Everywhere, Brooks Brothers, and the English National Opera, among others.

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Fall 2015

Augustin, Reniel
Axler, Jonathan
Beswick, Luke
Botha, Lorant
Conlon, David
Darrow, Courtney
Evans, Samantha
Henry, Kerdia
Jones, Daniel
Labelle, Shellei
Leyden, Sean
Lozandier, David

Spring 2016

Andre, Christine
Arazi, Joseph
Ashkenis, Justin
Barthe, Maxine
Blackbourne, Shaddei
Burns, Kaileyn
Camajani, Rachel
Castine, Natalie
Coltman-Cornier, Jeffrey
Elsenbein, Matthew Art
Esteva, Anthony
Evans, Samantha
Fields, Jasmin
Freedman, Ian
Henry, Kerdia
Herrman, William
Jacs, Daniel
Johansen, Timothy
Joseph, Harry

Summer 2016

Betancourt, Giovanni
Dell, Matthew
Feeney, Robert
Fortier, Anthony Joseph
Jones, Daniel

Mangus, Alexander
Pauletta, Bruce
Perez, Yareliz
Pickering, Mark
Pratt, Jessica
Quinn, Michael
Rivera-Soto, Giovanni
Schreiber, Troy
Sciuolo, Kelly
Uy, Patrick
Zicaro, Nicholas
Kastin, Zachary
Lemcke, Connor William
Lentz, Rich
Lewis, Carter
Lippincott, Brian
Manor, Yuval
Martin, Casey
Martin, Kristin
Massana, Christopher
Moore, Chelsea
Moni, Javier
Ramsey, Vanessa
Satishchandran, Siddarth
Savage, Michael
Simms, Jason
Theodosiou, Maria
Thomas, Tyler
Weinberg, Devin Reid
Wilson, Amanda

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Dr. Boyd Breslow presented a paper to the New College Medieval and Renaissance Conference, March 2016. His paper considered the career of John de Bauquell, London politician and royal servant.

Dr. Stephen Engle gave a paper at the Organization of American Historians Conference in Providence, RI, reappointed to the OAH Distinguished Lecturer Program, and gave a day-long seminar at the Smithsonian Institution entitled “Recovering the Turning Points of the American Civil War at 150.” He was awarded an Andrew Mellon Fellowship at the Massachusetts Historical Society for 2016-2017, and was named FAU’s Distinguished Teacher of the Year for 2016.

Ronald Feinman’s book signing for Assassinations, Threats, and the American Presidency From Andrew Jackson to Barack Obama along with his lifelong Learning Jupiter Lecture took place on December 8, 2015 which has been taped for airing on C-Span.org website for this Fall, he has turned his attention to the early Mazyadid amirate and its role in the early 1880-1970, that traces interactions between networks in Europe, South Asia, and the United States. He gave several public talks in the community on Mohandas “Mahatma” Gandhi as well as history courses on FAU at the Indian nonviolence leader. In 2016-17 he looks forward to presenting new research at the German Studies Association conference in San Diego and serving as Associate Director in the FAU Peace Justice and Human Rights Initiative (PJHR). Mark H. Rose served this past year as co-editor of the book series “American Business, Politics, and Society,” published by the University of Pennsylvania Press, which he is using to develop a new course on the history of human rights.

Adrian Finucane published her first book, The Temptations of Trade: Britain, Spain, and the Struggle for Empire with the University of Pennsylvania Press in April of 2016, addressing questions of contact and entanglement in the legal and illegal trade in goods and enslaved individuals in the eighteenth-century Atlantic World. She is continuing the research for her second major project.

Barbara Ganzon, Ph.D., Director of Caribbean and Latin American Studies, completed revisions for her latest book manuscript, “Lady Daredavils: American Women and Early Aviation,” under contract with University of Illinois Press. She recently reviewed a book by the University of Miami Press.

Douglas McGinty is working on a co-authored book with Professors Eric Kurlander (Stetson University) and Benedikt Grewe (Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg, Germany), America: A Global History, 1500-present with Oxford University Press in September 2019. He and co-editor, Professor Joanne Miyang Cho (William Patterson University of New Jersey) have submitted the manuscript of a volume on Gendered Encounters between Germany and Asia in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries with Palgrave. He also continues to work on the book manuscript The Boycott or the Bullet: Debate over Nonviolence in Indo-Western Anti-Imperialist Struggles, 1880-1970, that traces interactions between networks in Europe, South Asia, and the United States. He gave several public talks in the community on Mohandas “Mahatma” Gandhi as well as history courses on FAU at the Indian nonviolence leader. In 2016-17 he looks forward to presenting new research at the German Studies Association conference in San Diego and serving as Associate Director in the FAU Peace Justice and Human Rights Initiative (PJHR).

Mark substantially completed his bank politics books manuscript. As part of his responsibilities at SACRPH, he chaired the Best Dissertation Prize Committee, and co-chaired the standing committee that prepared two workshops, the first on earning tenure the second on working with journalists, for the meeting of the Business History Conference in April 2016. Finally, Mark developed a new course, American Capitalism since 1880, being offered for the first time in Fall 2016.

Kelly J. Shannon completed her second year as a faculty member at FAU and her second and final year as a fellow with FAU’s Peace, Justice, and Human Rights (PJHR) Initiative. She taught a new course, “American Perceptions of Muslims in Historical Contexts” Spring 2016, while continuing to work towards the publication of her first book manuscript, United Intentions: Islam, Women’s Human Rights, and U.S. Foreign Policy Since 1979. Dr. Shannon received a college ROCA award and a History Department research stipend, both of which supported research on her new project on U.S. Relations with Iran from 1905-1953. At the annual Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAHR) conference, where she serves on the program committee, Dr. Shannon presented a paper, commented on a panel, chaired a panel, and participated in a job workshop to provide mentorship to graduate students entering the job market. Finally, Dr. Shannon was also acting as a curriculum development grant from PJHR, which she is using to develop a new course on the history of human rights.

Jason Sharpley published “Discovering Slave Conspiracies: New Fears of Rebellion and Old Paradigms of Plotting in Seventeenth-Century Barbados” in the American Historical Review. He received a contract from the University of Pennsylvania Press for his book manuscript “The Myth of Mende Company: Imagination, Power and Early American Slavery,” a chapter of which he presented to a conference on War and Trade in the Greater Caribbean. He also chaired and provided the comment for an interdisciplinary panel on “Captivity, Slavery, and Sovereignty” at the The Revolution and the British Empire: An Interdisciplinary Symposium at the University of Maryland. He continues to serve on the Advisory Council of the McNeil Center for Early American History.
John O’Sullivan Memorial Lecture

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT AND THE BATTLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS: 1945 TO THE PRESENT

The 2015 John O’Sullivan Memorial Lecture featured Allida M. Black, research professor of history and international affairs and founding editor and chair of the editorial advisory board for the Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project, a research center at The George Washington University designed to preserve, teach and apply Eleanor Roosevelt’s writing and discussions of human rights and democratic parties. Dr. Black is a popular lecturer and gifted storyteller. She captivated the audience of approximately 300 with her storytelling abilities bringing Eleanor Roosevelt to life for all by providing an authoritative introduction focusing on Eleanor Roosevelt’s diplomatic career. Dr. Black is entering her 40th decade researching and studying Roosevelt’s writing and discussions of human rights and democratic parties. Dr. Black wanted the students to see the restoration of the Kissimmee River firsthand. Riverwoods is located on the Kissimmee River northwest of Lake Okeechobee (about a two-hour drive from the Boca Raton campus) and offers an excellent vantage point to see and explore the history of the river. Students viewed the Pearce Estate, where they learned about cattle, steam boats, and the 19th century settlement of the lower Kissimmee valley. They then took a guided boat tour along the river to see results of the channelization of the river in the 1960s and witness modern efforts to restore parts of the river to its natural flow. They all stayed dry and relatively free of mosquito bites.

One of the History Department’s own was selected as FAU’s Distinguished Teacher of the Year for 2016. Dr. Stephen Engle, an expert who has published extensively in antebellum and Civil War American history, received the university’s highest teaching honor after a months-long selection process decided purely by students. The student panel’s choice was unanimous. As is the custom, Dr. Engle presented the keynote lecture at the Spring 2016 Honors Convocation, which was so inspirational and well received that he was asked to speak again to incoming students at this year’s Freshman Convocation on August 21st. Previous History Department Distinguished Teacher of the Year award winners were Dr. Heather Frazer (1990) and Dr. Raymond Mohl (1992). Dr. Engle’s win was the first by a faculty member from the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters since 2006.

It is no accident that Dr. Engle received this honor as he has promoted teaching excellence throughout his career and embodied it in his own experience in the classroom. He was one of the college’s master Teachers from 2013-15 when he helped restructure the faculty mentoring program. He has attended numerous conferences and workshops on teaching while also recently publishing an article on the continued value of the lecture as a teaching method. “The Last Lecture: Something I Said Last Time You Thought Was Important,” appeared in the organization of American Historians’ The American Historian and is currently available online (http://tah.oah.org/content/the-last-lecture/). For several years Dr. Engle has been an OAH Distinguished Lecturer and has presented a daylong series of lectures on Civil War history at the Smithsonian Institution, while his classes have been featured on C-SPAN. Dr. Engle's colleagues in the History Department are proud of his achievement and congratulate him on this well-deserved honor.

Graduate Students Travel to Riverwoods Field Lab

In November 2015, Dr. Evan Bennett got the graduate students in his Readings in Florida History class out of the seminar room and into nature at FAU’s Riverwoods Field Lab. The focus of the course’s readings was Florida’s environmental history, and Dr. Bennett wanted the students to see the restoration of the Kissimmee River firsthand. Riverwoods is located on the Kissimmee River northwest of Lake Okeechobee (about a two-hour drive from the Boca Raton campus) and offers an excellent vantage point to see and explore the history of the river. Students viewed the Pearce Estate, where they learned about cattle, steam boats, and the 19th century settlement of the lower Kissimmee valley. They then took a guided boat tour along the river to see results of the channelization of the river in the 1960s and witness modern efforts to restore parts of the river to its natural flow. They all stayed dry and relatively free of mosquito bites. Special thanks to the College of Arts and Letters and the History Department for providing funding for the trip.

Books Published by History Faculty in 2015/16

Adrian Finucane
The Temptations of Trade: Britain, Spain, and the Struggle for Empire
The University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016
The distinguished University of Virginia historian Brian Balogh, in his keynote address, "Shopper in Chief: Presidential Leadership in America's Consumer Republic," discussed how recent presidents have led capitalism but also in presidential history. In the months since the symposium, Rose and his Illinois State University colleague, Roger Biles, worked with these talented authors to revise their essays for publication, which they submitted along with their introduction, to the editors at University Press of Florida for inclusion in their Larkin Symposium Series.

As an outreach to the community, symposium invitees included social studies teachers from Palm Beach and Broward counties, including the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, to participate in a FAU Libraries' workshop centered on the "Spirited of America" Collection, the exhibition was the "Spirit of America" Collection, the exhibition was extensive on Magna Carta. Culled from the large number of political works contained in the Marvin and Sybil Weiner "Spirit of America" Collection, the exhibition was the product of many months of painstaking effort by Special Collections librarians Victoria Thor and Teresa Van Dyke, and assisted by history graduate students, Natasja Griske and Robert Fenney. The exhibition traced the evolution of democratic ideas and personal liberties – the catalog can be viewed online at http://fau.digitial.flvc.org/islandora/object/fau%3A342275.

The standing room only crowd included students, faculty, local school groups, and several distinguished guests, including the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters dean, Dr. Heather Colman; Dean of Libraries, Ms. Carol Hixon; and the son of Marvin and Sybil Weiner, Dr. Howard Weiner, and his wife, Judith. The second day's main event was a panel discussion by FAU's three British historians on The History of Magna Carta in England and the English Speaking World, and was also held in the Weiner suite. Dr. Boyd Breslow spoke on "Magna Carta and the Origins of the English Parliament," Dr. Ben Lowe on "Magna Carta in the Era of the English Civil War," and Dr. Douglas Kanter on "Magna Carta and the Modern World." Unique for an American university, both Drs. Lowe and Kanter are members of the Royal Historical Society, which also advertised the event in the United Kingdom. Following their presentations, the panelists fielded questions from the audience, largely on the continuing relevance of Magna Carta today, with Dr. Ralph Turner facilitating.

The library exhibition remained open for public viewing until February 29, 2016, which gave about twenty local public secondary school teachers the opportunity to participate in a FAU Libraries' workshop centered on the collection, "Incorporating Primary Source Documents into the Classroom," led by Special Collections Librarian, Ms. Vicky Thor. The workshop was held on February 15, 2016, Presidents' Day, a school holiday that allowed the teachers to attend and earn continuing credit.

At the request of Symposia Director Stephen D. Engle, history department faculty member Mark H. Rose organized the 2016 Larkin Symposium, held on February 17-18, 2016, which focused on the President and American Capitalism since 1945. Fifteen historians were invited to prepare original essays linking presidents and their administrations to major changes in capitalism. The term was conceived broadly to include the president's changing responsibilities for the economy as a whole and in distinct areas such as promoting computer use and encouraging the consumption of genetically modified foods. The symposium included a keynote address, "Shopper in Chief: Presidential Leadership in America's Consumer Republic," discussed how recent presidents have led Americans towards greater spending as a means to stimulate the national economy, which was perhaps most emblematically displayed when after the 9-11 attacks in 2001 President Bush told citizens to reject fear by buying and making time for leisure. President Truman began this process by encouraging buying and making time for leisure. President Bush told citizens to reject fear by buying and making time for leisure. President Truman began this process by encouraging buying and making time for leisure. President Bush told citizens to reject fear by buying and making time for leisure. President Truman began this process by encouraging buying and making time for leisure. President Bush told citizens to reject fear by buying and making time for leisure. 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Robert Orr was confirmed by the Senate as United States Executive Director with rank of Ambassador to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in September 2010. In July 2013 he became Dean of the Board of the ADB. He served as Ambassador to the ADB until 2016. From 2007-10 he was Chairman of the Board of the Panasonic Foundation and concurrently Vice Chair of the National Association of Japan-America Societies, a member of the Board of Trustees of J.F. Oberlin University and a member of the Board of the East-West Center Foundation.

From January 2002 until March 2007 Dr. Orr was President of Boeing Japan, holding that position during the development of the most successfully selling airplane in history, the 787 Dreamliner, 35% of which is made in Japan. Prior to joining Boeing, Ambassador Orr was Vice President and Director of European Affairs for Motorola based in Brussels. And before that he held various senior-level posts with Motorola in Japan culminating as Vice President of Government Relations. In that capacity he successfully led the negotiations that opened up the cellular phone market in Japan.

In addition to the corporate world, the Ambassador has also spent many years in academia and the United States Government. Between 1985 and 1993 he was a professor of Political Science at Temple University in Philadelphia. Between 1978 and 1981 he served on the House Foreign Affairs Asia Subcommittee staff seconded from the Select Committee on Narcotics. In 1981 he was appointed as Special Assistant to the Assistant Administrator of Asia in the U.S. Agency for International Development. The Ambassador holds a B.A. in History, cum laude, from Florida Atlantic University, an M.A. in Government from Georgetown University and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Tokyo University. He speaks German and Japanese fluently.

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Dr. Milne is also the editor of the Oxford Encyclopedia of Military and Diplomatic History and has held prestigious fellowships, including the Fox International Fellowship at Yale, a senior fellowship at the Gilder-Lehrman Institute for American History in New York City, and a visiting fellowship at the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. This fall, he will be a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City.

At FAU, Dr. Milne gave a well-attended public lecture entitled, “Worldmaking: The Art of Science of American Diplomacy,” based upon his new book of the same title. Dr. Milne suggested that U.S. foreign policy has been crucially divided between those who view statecraft as an art and those who believe it can aspire toward the certainties of science. His lecture followed a colorful cast of characters, ranging from Woodrow Wilson and George F. Kennan to Paul Wolfowitz and Barack Obama, who built on each other’s ideas to create the foreign policies we have today. From the age of steam engines to the age of drones, Milne revealed patterns of Americans’ other’s ideas to create the foreign policies we have today. From the age of steam engines to the age of drones, Milne revealed patterns of Americans’

Dr. Holloway Gives Public Lectures on Buddhism in European Capitals

This past summer when in Shanghai planning a week-long vacation to Vienna, Prague, and Berlin, I pictured in my mind archetypal scenes of traditional Europe. Then I began wondering if that simplistic version of Vienna might be obscuring a more diverse and interesting world where transnationalism is the norm not the exception. My own perspective on this was shaped by my experience last fall, when I was elected to the Standing Committee of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organization, Buddha’s Light International. In light of this, I contacted headquarters to find out about our European branches. The nun I emailed surprised me; not only were there branch locations in each of the cities I was planning to visit, but they would all be delighted to invite me to give public lectures. This meant that my wife and I would get to see more than just the typical tourist sites, we would have the privilege of learning about what life was like for local people.

The most beautiful location where I lectured was without a doubt Vienna. Our brand new building had a vegetarian café, community rooms, a temple and amazing meditation space on the top floor that looked out over a rooftop Zen garden. Prague was the most interesting, as our temporary temple was hidden away in an 85-acre community called Sapa, where over seven thousand Vietnamese and Chinese live and run businesses. Berlin was the oldest location I visited. In fact, right now they are in the process of razing the building since the plans for its replacement have been approved. There was a pan-European meeting of Buddha’s Light International that coincided with my visit, so I was included in a panel discussion on Humanistic Buddhism that was attended by over 300 people. I was honored that Taiwan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs published a news story on the meeting that made mention of my contribution to the event. What I will never forget, however, is the opportunity to sit down over dinner and hear the stories of what life is like for individual members of this diaspora Chinese community; they are spreading over Europe and also the world. There is a long and dark history of Europe persecuting diaspora communities. I continue to worry about how these communities will survive the current wave of ultra-nationalism in Europe, but as of the summer of 2016 I am glad to report that they are still thriving.

Visiting Scholar Lectures on the Intellectual Basis of American Foreign Policy

On March 14, the History Department, Diplomacy Program, and Peace, Justice, and Human Rights (PJHR) Initiative hosted David Milne, Senior Lecturer of Modern History the University of East Anglia. A graduate of the London School of Economics and Cambridge University, Milne is a historian of American foreign relations. His first book, American Rising: Walt Rostow and he Vietnam War (2008) received much acclaim, and he is widely published in scholarly journals and popular periodicals. Dr. Milne is also the editor of the Oxford Encyclopedia of Military and Diplomatic History and has held prestigious fellowships, including the Fox International Fellowship at Yale, a senior fellowship at the Gilder-Lehrman Institute for American History in New York City, and a visiting fellowship at the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. This fall, he will be a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City.

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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 zilln@fau.edu

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Comments about honors and awards received, work, education, community, service, etc. ____________________________________________________________

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