Greetings, as I enter my fourth year as chair of the History Department. I am pleased to say that as I write this chair’s letter for History Review, my Baltimore Orioles are in first place, honestly.

We have had an exciting and productive year and I look forward to the same in 2005-2006. This past year we hired one new faculty member, inaugurated our new lecture series in honor of the late Professor John O’Sullivan, inducted 16 new members into the Xi Omega Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, and, thanks to the Larkin Family, established the Alan B. Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency. Additionally, we welcomed back to the department Professor Boyd Breslow from England where he spent the spring semester teaching. Suffice it to say that his office, affectionately known as the “War Room,” was left intact during his absence. We also welcome back Professor Heather Frazer who spent the year on sabbatical conducting research for her latest project. She graciously continued to direct the Graduate Program while on sabbatical and has assumed those duties again for the coming year, regrettably her last year at Florida Atlantic University as she is retiring in the spring 2006. Still, with all that is happening, we are excited about what our department has to offer our students, here at Florida Atlantic University and this newsletter is evidence of the great things we are doing.

The addition of a new faculty member this year brings our total to 20 historians across three campuses. Douglas McGetchin (University of California–San Diego, 2002) will join us on the Jupiter campus this fall. He specializes in World and European history. His presence on that campus will add much to our curriculum and to our comprehensiveness as a department.

Some of the best news about our department relates to our student awards. This past spring we had an outstanding awards ceremony and several of our top students were honored with plaques named for donors highlighting academic excellence. While you will read about the recipients in another section of this newsletter, it is indeed a pleasure to present these awards every year. You should also know that at the conclusion of the Schmidt College Awards Ceremony, held in April, Mrs. Frances Edelman hosted a reception for the history faculty in the Green Room.

Once again, our donors have distinguished themselves in their dedication to supporting our department and they should be proud of the students who exhibit the very qualities merited by these awards. Martin and Sylvia Shaw have been an absolute blessing to our department over the years and we were all very saddened by his passing this year. Another outstanding donor and supporter of the History Department is Mr. Hugh Ripley. Over this past year, Mr. Ripley has made donations to the Wimberly Library which have accounted for the purchase of 1,566 books for our faculty. He is obviously keenly aware of the fact that books make up the life blood of what we do as historians, and his generosity is overwhelming and most gratefully appreciated by all of us in the department. Although they wish to remain anonymous, those donors who made the possible the John O’Sullivan Memorial Lectureship, were, I believe, sincerely impressed by the fruits of their generosity. In February of this year, Professor Timothy Naftali of the University of Virginia gave the inaugural John
O’Sullivan Memorial Lecture entitled “Blind Spot: The Secret History of American Counterterrorism,” which was attended by more than 230 people on a late Friday afternoon. Although small in number, these donors have grand visions for this lectureship. We are off to a wonderful start. This coming year we have invited Professor David Goldfield the Bailey Distinguished Professor of American history at the University of North Carolina–Charlotte who will speak on Religion and Politics in 20th Century America.

Undoubtedly, the biggest news to ever hit the Department of History, indeed any department at the university, was the $1 million gift to our department made by the Larkin family in honor of the late Alan B. Larkin for the study of the American Presidency. The state made a matching gift to this endowment of $750,000 in August which will make the total gift to our department $1.7 million. We are absolutely overwhelmed and humbled by this wonderful gift and gesture by the Larkin family. We have every expectation that beyond establishing fellowships for students here at Florida Atlantic University, this endowment will allow FAU to establish one of the premier symposia in the United States for the study of the American Presidency.

You can read more about this gift and other gifts to the department elsewhere in the newsletter. For more information about the Lectureship or Symposium please go to our departmental website and click on the John O’Sullivan Memorial Lectureship link or the Alan B. Larkin Symposium link. On behalf of the entire department, I would like to thank all of those donors who have enriched our academic lives by their interest in, and generosity toward, our program.

In closing let me reflect on a notion that John Higham made popular some 40 years ago with the publication of his classic work, History: Professional Scholarship in America. In this work, Professor Higham essentially charged his generation of historians with the mission of overcoming the political naivete, and misguided attempts to make history immediately relevant, by forcing historical scholarship to come of age. Whether we have come of age or not, as each semester passes and another academic year ends, I am made more keenly aware of the fact that whatever patterns in history that exist, are found not made, and that as historians it is our job to carefully craft the story of the past. If there are three kinds of history, as a colleague once told me (what actually happens, what we are told happens, and what we come to believe happens), then our practice of teaching and writing about the past is simply the very construction of the days gone by, their importance and their meaning. Our job is to construct as accurate a past as we can and let the reader or student think for themselves. In the end, if we have done our job sincerely we have made history hopefully as it was.

Finally, I must say that because this is our seventh newsletter, I am happy to report that we are fulfilling the mission of the newsletter. From the reaction we have been getting each year, it is clear we are reaching our alumni. It has become an effective vehicle for staying engaged with the former students of the department as well as keeping our current students informed about the happenings of the department. Over the past year we have received numerous Alumni phone calls, emails, and letters from as far away as Japan thanking us for keeping them informed. Also, thanks to the newsletter, we have been able to raise money for our department and for the John O’Sullivan Memorial Scholarship. Please know that your support is welcomed and very much appreciated, so keep us informed of what you are doing and where you are and how the department has or can play a role in your educational endeavors.

Best,

Steve Engle
Professor and Chair
STUDENT NEWS

Student Awards and Distinctions

Students in the department are continuing to pursue new levels of academic achievement. This year the following students received awards for academic and teaching excellence in History: Jennifer M. Barker received the Saul Edelman Memorial Award for Excellence in History; Jamie Rowles-Channell received The Martin and Sylvia Shaw Award for the Best History Essay; Alma Sary Gonzalez received the Martin and Sylvia Shaw History Scholarship; David R. Glauber received the Percy and Pauline Greenberg Memorial Award; Vanessa Maddocks received the Saul Edelman Memorial Award in Latin American History; Beata E. Korciuk received the Frances Edelman Award in Women’s Studies for a History Major; Terrell H. Randolph, Jr. received the Department of History Award for graduate teaching in Honor of Frances Edelman; and Cathleen T. Wineinger received the John O’ Sullivan Graduate Stipend Award. These awards were presented during a college-wide ceremony April 15, 2005 at which many of the donors, who through their contributions make these awards possible, were present to meet the recipients. We would like to congratulate the honorees and thank our donors yet again for their commitment to helping our students excel.

Whatever you can do financially to support our scholarship fund or the departmental fund is indeed most welcome and we are thankful.

Recent M.A. Graduates

During 2004-2005, thirteen students graduated with an MA degree in History: Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Diane Grosso, Rhianna Rogers, Laurie Cotton, Margo Janice Hopkins, Maria Mila, Terrell Harlan Randolph, Charles Riley, Athalia Darice Rodriguez, Christopher Miller, and Susan Ann Rosenkranz. We would like to congratulate our recent graduates for a job well done.

New Teaching/Research Assistant for the Fall 2005-Spring 2006 Academic Year

Jennifer Blank
Caroline Froc
Amy An
Michael Bocco
Heather Gillies

Returning Teaching Assistants

Russell McSpadden
Rhianna Rogers
Dawn Sherman
Doug Phinney

Phi Alpha Theta

PAT is working on a public history project this year—the T-buildings. We are joining forces with several community groups and on campus groups to try to save the last remaining World War II buildings on campus. These buildings were part of the “secret” RADAR school which operated on the Boca Raton Army Air Field (BRAAF) from 1942—1947. Our goal is to save as many of the buildings as possible for adaptive reuse as a museum, an art exhibit space, as well as office, and meeting space. We hope to get a state marker for the campus and the T-buildings and to create an exhibit about the base. A PAT representative attends meetings of the “Boca Raton Army Air Field (BRAAF) Heritage Society” and PAT members are working on a campus-wide petition drive. President Brogan has met with the “Friends of BRAAF” and has expressed interest in the buildings. The initiation ceremony was well attended and continues to showcase students who are dedicated to academic excellence and display a fervent interest in history and its broad impact.

In April 2005, PAT hosted our annual initiation ceremony for all newly accepted members at the Boca Raton Historical Society’s Old Town Hall. The ceremony was well attended by initiates, their family members, and faculty who were treated to several special features at this year’s initiation. Dr. Osgood delivered the first ever power-point presentation at an initiation ceremony. He asked us to guess, “What is the most requested document from the National Archives?” No, not the Declaration

2005 Phi Alpha Theta Inductees

Janet Frierson
Janeth Rojas
Tim Camac
Beth Frances Binker
Mark W. Googins
Michael A. Lewis
Matthew C. Palermo
Karen L. Sporer
Terrell Randolph

Xi Omega Chapter
Initiation Ceremony
of Independence—it is the photo of Elvis shaking hands with President Nixon! During the social hour, guests were able to enjoy a wonderful WWII exhibit created by FAU history undergraduate Bishop Bower. And, in a special ceremony, Dr. Osgood was presented with a “Grand Pooba” cap and gown for use until he acquires his own academic robes.

Symposium
PAT held their annual symposium, “Elections 2004” on October 27, 2004. Drs. White, Frank, and Osgood of the History Department presented at a very lively panel discussion. Topics included the pros and the cons of the Electoral College, the role of foreign policy in the election, “stolen” elections in Florida history, disenfranchisement and the African American community, and a description of the process political scientists use to predict election outcomes. Approximately 130 students and community members attended; an unofficial tally of the cheering level indicated that there was a five-way tie between the presenters.

Budget, Student Government
PAT requested and received its second and slightly increased budget/financial support from Student Government for fiscal year 2005-2006. Student Government also requested that all clubs rewrite/update their constitutions to comply with new laws and regulations and PAT is in the process of getting this new constitution approved.

PAT in the news
Amy An and PAT’s efforts to save the T-buildings were mentioned in an article in the October 2004 Boca Life magazine. Steve Triana wrote a political opinion article in the October 28th 2004 issue of the University Press (UP).

Interested in Graduate Studies?
The Master of Arts in History
The Master of Arts in History has both a thesis and a non-thesis track. The thesis track requires 30 credit hours, with a minimum of 24 hours of graduate course work and the completion of a M.A. thesis, for which a minimum of 6 additional credits must be earned. The non-thesis track requires a total of 36 credit hours of graduate course work. Once students are granted thesis-track status, they must work in conjunction with the Director of Graduate Studies to create a thesis committee.

A student seeking admission into the graduate program in history must 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 1000 or higher on the verbal and 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. Heather Frazer (frazer@fau.edu)

In order to assist our thesis students, we have developed a set of Guidelines for our M.A. thesis advisors so that both faculty and students clearly understand the process and the exact deadlines for the defense and submission of the completed thesis. These Guidelines are available on the History Department’s website. For a quick reference:

Fall 2005 Thesis Deadlines:
- Final copy of thesis to M.A. Committee Oct. 10
- Suggested deadline for thesis defense Oct. 21
- Completed thesis to Chair of Dept. Nov. 4
- Suggested date for thesis to Dean of College Nov. 11
- Thesis due in Office of Graduate Studies Nov. 21

Spring 2006 Thesis Deadlines:
- Final copy of thesis to M.A. Committee Feb. 24
- Suggested deadline for thesis defense Mar. 10
- Completed thesis to Chair of Dept. Mar. 24
- Suggested date for thesis to Dean of College Apr. 5
- Thesis due in Office of Graduate Studies Apr. 17

Incoming Officers for the academic year 2005-2006:
President: Conor Griffith
Vice President: Jennifer Blank
Secretary: Jennifer Blank
Treasurer: Chirine Faraj
ICC Rep.: Chirine Faraj

Outgoing officers for the academic year 2004-2005:
President: Amy An
Vice President: Wade Berstler
Secretary: Robert Lerner
Historian: Steve Triana
Summer 2006 Thesis Deadlines:

- Final copy of thesis to M.A. Committee: June 2
- Suggested deadline for thesis defense: June 16
- Completed thesis to Chair of Dept.: Jul. 5
- Suggested date for thesis to Dean of College: Jul. 14
- Thesis due in Office of Graduate Studies: Jul. 24

From the Graduate Director

The academic year 2005-2006 appears to be most successful in the history of the M.A. degree program—not only in terms of increased numbers but also in the high level of scholarship exhibited by our students. We had an exceptionally large number of enquiries from prospective students as well as an increase in the actual number of applications. We conducted ten personal interviews with well-qualified students applying for new Graduate Teaching Positions, and we were certainly challenged to make the final selection from such a strong pool.

Some of our graduate students who choose to write theses have been recipients of John O’Sullivan Graduate Research Stipends—enabling them to travel to conduct graduate thesis research. Thanks to the generosity of a number of donors, Diane Grosso, Susan Rosenkranz, and Cathy Wineinger (award recipients over the past three years) have traveled to Chicago, Ireland, and California respectively to access archives relevant to their thesis topics. In addition, Susan Rosenkranz received funding from the Graduate Studies Association to help defray expenses associated with presenting a paper at an international conference on Colonialism in Galway, Ireland. She also received travel funds from the Levenson Chair in Asian Studies as well as the Southeast Conference of the Association Studies to present a paper at the University of Kentucky which has been accepted for publication in the Southeast Review of Asian Studies.

Laurie Cotton, Diane Grosso, and Susan Rosenkranz completed strong theses and presented their scholarship to students and faculty alike in a Spring 2005 Workshop sponsored by the Department of History and Phi Alpha Theta. A total of thirteen M.A. in History degrees were awarded in 2004-2005—a record. Our recent graduates are teaching in elementary and high schools, community colleges, and attending law school. Two students are beginning work on their Ph.Ds.

We welcomed Doug Phinney and Dawn Sherman as new Teaching Assistants in the spring 2005, and as “old hands” they and Russell McSpadden and Rhianna Rogers will be mentoring a strong group of new TAs in the fall 2005: Amy An, Jennifer Blank, Michael Bocco, Heather Gillies, and Caroline Froc.

On Saturday, October 1, 2005 at 7:00 PM we held our annual Graduate Reception at the home of Dr. Sandra Norman—a highlight of the academic year. We welcomed our large crop of new graduate students and caught up with prospective graduate students, students already enrolled in the program, and recent graduates. It was a marvelous opportunity for History faculty and students to get together in a warm and hospitable setting.

We take great pleasure in hearing from graduates of the M.A. program. We hope that you will keep us informed regarding your activities. One of the greatest benefits of a relatively small graduate program is that we get to know each of you personally while you are with us and we take continued interest in your achievements after you leave us. We hope that you look back positively on your time with us and feel that the faculty and program have served you well.

Heather Frazer
Professor and Director of Graduate Programs

2005-2006 M.A. THESIS ABSTRACTS

Laurie W. Cotton (Thesis advisor—Dr. Leslie Derfler) This inquiry considers the nature of the treaty ratification debates in France, England, and the United States from the June 28, 1919 signing of the Versailles Treaty until its final repudiation by the U.S. Senate in March 1920. It has two main linked objectives: to examine the agendas of Clemenceau, Lloyd George, and Wilson and the strategies each employed in their attempts to convince their constituents to accept the treaty package, and to argue that the peace these executives negotiated was by no means a forgone conclusion at the treaty signing since legislative approval was required in each case. In each country, objections to the treaty were closely linked to the personalities and actions of each negotiator. Opposition to the treaty developed long before the delegates ever assembled at Paris. Prompted in part by a curious gap in historical scholarship in the time frame between the ceremony at Versailles and the decade of the 1920s, this thesis endeavors to prove that matters disputed after the conclusion of deliberations with Ger-
many were actually a continuation of, rather than a reaction to, the politics conducted during the war itself.

Susan Rosenkranz (Thesis Advisor—Dr. Heather Frazer) Although historians have begun to explore the impact of Irish nationalism on India’s nationalists in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, few studies have examined the link between Irish and Indian journalism in that same era. While the Indian National Congress and the Irish Parliamentary Party pursued constitutional means to achieve Home Rule, their elitist composition ensured that neither enjoyed broad appeal. Thus, the emergence of a viable native press played a critical role in the forging of a national identity. In the vanguard of the movement were editors Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Arthur Griffith, whose newspapers provided a valuable forum for the masses, framing the national debate with urgency and lucidity. Individually, these journalists and statesmen articulated, in print and in public, the essential tenets of Irish and Indian nationalist policy. Together, their combined assault on their English rulers may have hastened the decline of the British Empire.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Jeanne M. Adams (BA, 69 MA, 72) was an active member of Phi Alpha Theta. She is now retired (for the time being).

Aaron Alcorn (MA, 01) is a Ph.D. candidate in Case Western Reserve University’s program for the History of Science, Technology, Environment, and Medicine, specializing in the history of technology in the United States. He just completed a second year-long appointment as assistant editor for the Encyclopedia of Cleveland History. In the summer of 2005, he was a Fellow at the Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. This year he is a recipient of a Dissertation Completion Fellowship from the Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities at Case Western Reserve University and in 2006, he will return to Washington to be the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Fellow at the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum.

Ms. Barbara L. Bello (BA, 79) retired in May 2004 from her career as a claims representative for the Social Security Administration. She currently belongs to the Gilder’s Club of South Florida and has tried to stay active in it since her retirement.

Michael Bocco (BA, 04) is now a graduate teaching assistant and working on his MA in the department of history at FAU.

Bishop Bower (BA, 05) is attending law school at the University of Arkansas. He is majoring in Legal Aid and Genocide.


William Harrison (BA, 76) is assigned as the supervisor for the road patrol division, for the Coconut Creek Police Department.

Scott Laird (MA, 93) is serving in his 9th year as Headmaster of St. Mary’s Episcopal Day School in Tampa, Florida. Scott has served as President of the Bay Area Association of Independent Schools and on the Board of Directors of the Florida Council of Independent Schools.

Martin Levitt (BA, 82) was appointed Librarian of the APS (American Philosophical Society), and made full professor at Temple University in 2001. Levitt also teaches three graduate courses a year at Temple and says, “It’s nice co-mingling with my APS duties.”

Ross D. Moret (MA 05) will be attending Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana and working towards a joint degree in law and theology as well as teaching a section of Western Civilization.

Michael Peterson (MA, 97) received his Ph.D. from Georgetown University in 2005 and is now employed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Peterson was also awarded honors on his dissertation defense at the University of Maryland.

Chuck Riley (MA, 05) is now instructing two classes at Brevard Community College in American History to 1877.

Rhianna Rogers (BA, 02 MA, 04) participated in an archaeological investigation of the Central Yucatan State during the summer of 2005 to record cultural and structural remains of the region. On April of 2006, Rogers, along with Dr. Brown and Dr. Witschey will present the results of the investigation at the International Conference on Mayan Archaeology in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Susan Rosenkranz (MA, 05) has been admitted to FIUs PH.D. program and was offered a TA position. Rosenkranz will be beginning the doctorate program at FIU in the spring. Currently she is teaching Introduction to Media Studies at FAU, as well as courses in Drama, Film, and Government at Coral Gables High School. Two articles she has written will be published in the next few months.

Benjamen Salata (BA, 98) is now at the National Civil War

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Last Call

Martin Shaw, 94, of Pompano Beach passed away on April 10, 2005. Mr. Shaw was survived by his son and daughter, and four grandchildren. Born in Boston, MA, Shaw lived most of his life in Atlanta, GA. Mr. Shaw was vice-president of Sales for the Maryland Cup Company.

After his retirement, he received his undergraduate degree in history at age 75 and his Master’s degree in history at the age of 80 from Florida Atlantic University. He created the Martin and Sylvia Shaw History Scholarship Fund at FAU. He will be greatly missed.
Naval Museum and is enrolled in the Master of Arts Historic Preservation Program at Savannah College of Art and Design. He is establishing places to practice preservation such as the National Infantry Museum and the Historic Columbus Foundation.

Ms. Helen Silver (BA, 01) has been working at the Boca Raton Public Library for 4 years now. She is currently only 12 credits from receiving her Master’s degree in Library & Information Science at the University of South Florida.

Bruce Vacca (BA, 75) is now the head of social studies at Middleburg High School. He is a lifetime member of the Historical Middleburg Society and has received the Community Service Award for his work.

Lori Walters (BA, 87, MA, 90) is currently at the University of Central Florida. She has created several new courses including US Space History, Viewing America in the 20th Century, Cold War Home Fronts and the History of the Future. Lori founded the Florida Space Coast History Project at UCF; the project’s goal is the preservation of Florida’s Space Heritage. For additional information about the project visit the website at www.capehistory.org.

David Werner (BA, 05) is preparing to pursue his Ph.D. in Chinese history by studying the Chinese language in Taiwan.

FACULTY ACTIVITY

BOYD BRESLOW completed expansion and revisions for an article on Gregory de Rokesle, London merchant, politician, and royal servant. He is also working on an article on Henry de Waleys, London merchant, politician, and royal servant. He taught at the Florida State London Center Spring 2005.

SARAH H. BROWN is on sabbatical for the academic year 2005-2006, working on a project concerning the battle over the 1964 Civil Rights bill, which is tentatively titled “The Death of Massive Resistance: Southerners in Congress and the War of Ideas, 1963-1965.” Trips for research this year will take her to The Universities of Virginia, Georgia, Mississippi, the LBJ Library in Austin, TX and to several other archival collections.

GRACIELLA CRUZ–TAURA was the curator of the Keys to Cuba’s History and In Search of Freedom: Cuban Exiles and the U.S. Cuban Refugee Program, exhibitions sponsored during May 2005 by the Miami-Dade County Commission for the Clark Center, Downtown Miami. During June and July, Dr. Cruz-Taura delved into the Archivo General de Indias in Seville, Spain, in preparation for her current projects on Cuba’s sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

STEVE ENGLE is in his fourth year as chair. He continues to be recognized by the Organization of American Historians as a Distinguished Lecturer. He was also appointed to the Advisory Council for the Abraham Lincoln Association. He continues his research for his new book entitled “The Politics of Negotiation: Lincoln, Union War Governor, and the American Civil War.” In the meantime, Dr. Engle is working on several articles and book chapters for projects related to the American Civil War.

ANDREW FRANK, since joining the faculty at Florida Atlantic University, has finished his manuscript Creeks and Southerners: Biculturalism on the Early American Frontier for the University of Nebraska Press, and submitted and edited a collection of essays on the social history of the American Revolution for publication with ABC-Clio. In addition, Dr. Frank has written several articles on Florida’s Native American history.

HEATHER FRAZER continued to serve as Director of Graduate Studies while also holding the Levenson Chair in Japanese Studies. She was awarded a sabbatical for 2004-2005, and she made three trips to London, England to conduct research in the Oriental and India Office Collection at the British Library. Her investigations into the lives of Lord Lamington and other British proconsuls at the turn of the twentieth century led her to new materials on a group of Muslims in South India, the Mappillas, who have an extraordinary history. Based on this research, she presented a paper at the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies at the University of Kentucky in January 2005 entitled “The Mappilla Rebellion of 1896: Communalism, Historical Narrative, and Muslim ‘Fanatics’ in India.” Dr. Frazer will be retiring from the Department of History in May 2006 after thirty-five years of teaching; she is looking forward to having more time to devote to her research and writing projects although she will certainly miss our excellent students and the camaraderie of colleagues.

BARBARA GANSON was a participant in the NEH/AHA Summer Institute at the Library of Congress on “Rethinking American History from a Global Perspective” during the summer of 2005 in Washington, D.C. She developed a new course on early aviation history entitled “The Birth of Aviation and It’s Impact on the Twentieth Century.” She also conducted research at the archives and libraries of the National Air and Space Museum for her book project on women during the Golden Age of Aviation, 1919-1939. In addition, she received a Summer Research Stipend from the College of Arts & Letters to work on her book project. Dr. Ganson conducted research using the aeronautical collections of the University of Wyoming, San Diego Aeronautical Museum and Montana State Historical Society in addition to the following libraries: University of California at Irvine and the University of Chicago. On August 27, 2005, at the EAA Convention in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the largest general aviation air show in the world, she discussed women’s achievements and the obstacles they had to overcome in order to become a part of aviation during the 1920’s and 1930’s, using rare images of women aviators from the period. Dr. Ganson developed a new website for a curriculum on aviation history for middle schools at: www.fau.edu/firefly. The site is in the process of being designed and completed by David Massey, FAU webmaster.

ERIC J. HANNE has spent the last year working on a number of projects related to his research on the medieval Islamic political arena. His article, “Women, Power, and the Eleventh and Twelfth Century Abbasid Court” was published in al-Hawwa (3:1 March 2005), and another article, “Death on the Tigris: A Numismatic Study of the Breakup of the Great Saljuqs” was accepted for publication in
the American Journal of Numismatics. His book, Putting the Caliph in His Place: Power and Authority in Medieval Islam has been contract- ed for publication with Fairleigh-Dickinson University Press. In July, Dr.Hanne took part in the International Medieval Congress at the University of Leeds where he presented a paper, “Adolescent Rebellion and its Role in the Breakup of the Great Saljuqs,” which he is currently revising for submission to al-Masaq. In Spring 2006 his Graduate Readings Course (HIS 5935) subtitled Authority in Is- lam will focus on the issue of who shall rule within the Islamic community from the medieval to the modern eras. In addition to the occa- sional public lecture, and the redesigning of his house, Dr. Hanne has occupied himself by working with colleagues on the Larkin/O’Sullivan committee, and trying not to corrupt the youth of Athens.

KENNETH HOLLOWAY received a research scholarship award for the summer of 2005, which he used to travel to Taiwan to collect research materials for his upcoming book on manuscripts dating from 300 BCE China. While he was in Taiwan, he was invited to give a lecture at National Taiwan University. The lecture was his first experience delivering a formal lecture in Chinese, and the title can be translated as “The Political Philosophy of Unity in Early China.” This past July, his first article entitled “‘The Five Aspects of Conduct: Introduction and Translation” was published in the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society. In the spring he will be teaching a course for the first time at FAU on Chinese intellectual history that will be cross-listed in the Philosophy department.

HARRY A. KERSEY, JR., Professor Emeritus, has received a fifth Fulbright award. He will return to New Zealand in the fall of 2005 as a Fulbright Senior Specialist assigned to the Treaty of Waitangi Re- search Unit at Victoria University in Wellington. While in residence he will conduct a symposium analyzing the impact of Maori issues on New Zealand’s national elections. During the summer, Dr. Kersey taught a course for the History Department at the University of Ha- waii exploring the topic “Maori and American Indians: The Struggle for Indigenous Sovereignty.” Still a publishing scholar, he refereed article “Buffalo Tiger, Bobo Dean and the ‘Young Turks’: A Micco- sukee Prelude to the 1975 Indian Self-determination Act,” appeared in the May issue of the American Indian Culture and Research Jour- nal at UCLA. It has been an eventful retirement.

PATRICIA KOLLANDER’s book, entitled “‘I Must be a Part of this War:’ A German-American’s Fight against Hitler and Nazism” will appear in November 2005, published by the Fordham University Press. The late John O’Sullivan (1939-2000), Professor and Chair of the Department of History, was a contributor to this work. She pub- lished a book review in History, Reviews of Books, submitted an arti- cle entitled “Reflections on the Experiences of German-American Émigré Soldiers in the U.S. Army in World War II” to Yearbook of German-American Studies and presented a paper at the German Studies Association Conference in Washington, D.C. entitled “From Mischling Outcast to Liberator of Germany - The Journey of K. Frank Korf.” Patricia was awarded a summer stipend and a Scholarly and Creative Activity Fellowship to continue her research on the experiences of thirty-thousand German émigrés who fought in the U.S. Army in World War II.

ANNA LAWRENCE completed research at the British Library in London, the Rylands Library in Manchester, UK, and at the Method- ist Archives at Drew University, New Jersey. She finished a chapter, due to be published later this year, entitled “‘Both Parties Trembled for the Ark of God:’ Transatlantic Methodist and American Revolu- tion” in Social Perspectives in U.S. History: The American Revolu- tion (New York: ABC Clio Books, 2005). She has also developed a number of new courses for FAU, including “Women & Religion in American History”, “Social History of Early America” and “Religion in America”, and has completed her first year as a member of the full- time faculty.

BEN LOWE published “Teaching in the ‘Scole of Christ’: Learning, Law and Love in Early Lollard Pacifism” this past year in the Catho- lic Historical Review, and “Peace” in the New Dictionary of the His- tory Ideas (Scribner). Dr. Lowe also had five articles published in the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (Oxford University Press). In December 2004 he presented the paper “Dulce bellum inexperts: The Role of Stoicism in the Development of the Modern Peace Ethic” at an international conference on the classical origins of modern social and political ideas in Athens, Greece. He is currently pre- paring an article based on this research. At the same time, he pub- lished four book reviews in various scholarly journals. He continues his research into his next book project, tentatively titled “Rethinking the English Reformation: Gloucester during the Episcopate of John Hooper.” In addition to a full teaching load, Dr. Lowe gave public lectures, directed Masters theses, and served on the University Fac- ulty Senate and Undergraduate Programs Committee, while chairing a department search committee.

SANDRA NORMAN continues as Director of Enrollment Manage- ment. She gave three papers at conferences last year and this fall will be continuing work on a long-term archaeology project in the Bahama- mas.

KENNETH OSGOOD has been selected by the University Commit- tee for the Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Awards to receive one of the Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Awards for 2004- 2005, which comes with a stipend of $2,000.

MARK ROSE received from Florida Atlantic University, in Spring 2005, a grant for research on Arthur Rubloff and the politics of re- newal in post WWII Chicago. He teaches a new undergraduate course, “Shopping, Travel, and Leisure in 20th Century U.S.” Dr. Rose has completed a book, American Transportation and Public Policy in the Twentieth Century, with Paul Barrett and Bruce Seely, and is also co-editor (with Wendell Pritchett), of an issue of the Journal of Urban History focused on politics, public policy, and the American City since 1945. Dr. Rose participates in professional con- ferences and recently presented, “The Politics of One Mode at a Time, 1940-1990s,” an invited paper presented at COST 340, towards a European Intermodal Transport Network.

MARIANNE SANUA is on sabbatical this year and is working on a centennial volume of the history of the American Jewish Community, the nation’s oldest Jewish defense and human rights organization.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The History Department Internship in Public History Program continues to grow. This year’s Who’s Who column, like previous
years, tells the story of our program and what people are doing with their experience at FAU.

This Internship is designed to afford students the opportunity to practice public, or applied history in the community setting. Many students would like to make use of their humanities degree in ways that might differ from “the normal,” such as teaching, further education, law school, etc. Working within the historical and preservation community is an excellent way to take advantage of the broad range of the research and writing skills a humanities education provides. In addition, many of our local museum and historical societies are crying out for help at the professional and semi-professional level. Like early American craftsmanship, the best way to enter this community of agencies is through an apprenticeship or internship. This Internship provides some of those “craft” opportunities.

This year we had one student complete the MA in Public History/Museum Studies at the University of Newcastle in England. In addition, our students are finding new and different ways to explore history. This fall we have a student interning for the ABC Television program “20/20.” Last spring we had a student interning at the Checkpoint Charlie Museum in Berlin, Germany. That is in addition to the local sites that rely on our students for support, but also provide them with a terrific grounding in museum and historical practices.

For the future we would like to expand our offering, and divide the Internship into classes in Public History, Museum Studies and Archives. This would better reflect their experience on the transcript.

Department of History Receives $1 Million Donation from the Family of Alan B. Larkin

Florida Atlantic University announced that it received a $1 million donation from the family of the late Alan B. Larkin. The gift, made to honor and recognize Mr. Larkin, will support the University in advancing and enhancing the study of the American presidency in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts & Letters’ Department of History. Through the state’s matching gift program, this gift will total $1.75 million.

Specifically, the Alan B. Larkin Endowed Fund will support an annual symposium and create supporting graduate fellowships and undergraduate scholarships for students who demonstrate interest in the American presidency. The annual “Alan B. Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency” will have a thematic focus, providing up to three distinguished scholars each year with the opportunity to present papers that may be contributed to books, scholarly journals, essays and other publications. The Symposium will be held each spring semester beginning in 2007.

Alan B. Larkin’s (1922-2002) love of American history included a focus on the American presidency. In 1989, he purchased original signed letters of Presidents Grant, Jackson, Eisenhower and Taft. Over the next 12 years, he purchased signed letters from all of the American presidents – from George Washington to George W. Bush. His family plans to keep the collection of letters current and make the collection available for educational use. The original signed letter from President Truman was presented at FAU’s 2003 Truman Legacy Symposium.

With the substantial nature of the gift, FAU will be able to bring in several prominent speakers for the annual symposium. This will be a great service not only to FAU academically, but also to the surrounding community.

Naftali Lends Expertise for Inaugural John O’Sullivan Lecture

Few historians have had better access to the secret history of international affairs than Professor Timothy J. Naftali - a leading specialist on intelligence, counterterrorism, and diplomatic history. To inaugurate the John O’Sullivan Memorial Lecture Series, Professor Naftali presented in February 2005 a “sneak preview” of his forthcoming book on counterterrorism. Professor Naftali has worked as a consultant for the 9/11 Commission, where he prepared a special report on the history of U.S. counterterrorism based on interviews with high level officials and recently declassified documents. Earlier, he co-authored a report for the U.S. Congress on American knowledge of Nazi war crimes.

He also worked with Russian historian Alexander Fursenko to write a highly praised account of the Cuban Missile Crisis. The book, titled One Hell of a Gamble, is based on extraordinary access to secret documents from the Kremlin’s archives. Currently, Professor Naftali directs the Miller Center’s Presidential Recordings Project, which transcribes and analyzes audio tapes made by recent presidents. He also heads the Miller Center’s Kremlin Decision-Making Project, which uses recently released documents to reconstruct Soviet policymaking after the death of Stalin.
Visiting Scholar to Reexamine A-bomb Decision


Published by Harvard University Press, the book is packed with startling revelations about the end of the war. It has been extremely well received by scholars and journalists from across the political spectrum.

No less an authority than Richard Rhodes, who wrote a Pulitzer Prize winning book on the making of the atomic bomb, calls Hasegawa’s book “brilliant and definitive.” John Dower, another Pulitzer Prize winner, similarly applauds Racing the Enemy as “a tour de force – a lucid, balanced, multi – archival, myth-shattering analysis of the turbulent end of World War II.” The lecture – presently scheduled for January 25th – is sure to attract a wide audience of political spectrum. Committee to graduate and undergraduate teaching and evidence of strong scholarly potential expected. Employment is contingent upon completion of PH.D. by time of appointment. Send letter of application, c.v., and three recent letters of recommendation by 1 December 2005 to Dr. Heather Frazer, Chair, Search Committee, Dept. of History, Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33431-0991. Selected candidates will be interviewed at the AHA annual meeting. Florida Atlantic University is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access Institution.

History Students to Study WWII in Cologne, Germany

Otis Graham, one of the leading historians of FDR’s New Deal, once sat me down in his office and gave me a pep talk on what it means to be a historian. “Historians write about life,” he said. “And you can’t write about life, unless you’ve lived it. So go out there, and experience things. Travel. See the world. You’ll be a better historian for it.”

That day in Otis Graham’s office is seared into my memory - largely because I had not yet begun applying to graduate school, and here he was advising me to take a year off and to go traveling about the country. Notwithstanding the reservations of my parents, I took his advice, delayed graduate school a year, and lived quite a bit in 12 months. I worked at a golf resort, a ski resort, and at the State Department. I drove to Alaska. I studied Russian in Monterey and in St. Petersburg -- the one in Russia.

To this day, I believe those experiences made me a better historian and a better teacher. And that is why I am especially pleased that next summer the Department of History will inaugurate its new exchange program with the University of Cologne in Germany. It will be a unique experience. Students will take a six week course during summer A. The first three weeks will be held here, at FAU, and the next three weeks will be held in Germany. I will be teaching the course the first time around on World War II, but other professors and other topics will follow in subsequent years.

For the first three weeks of my course on WWII, students will study intensively the history of German-American relations in the 1930s and 1940s – the run up to the war and its Cold War aftermath. Simultaneously, they will receive a survival course in basic conversational German.

Then, it’s off to Cologne, our base for three weeks of exploration. There, students will experience the history of World War II and the Cold War by walking through some of the most historic sites in Germany. They will visit battlefields and bunkers, historic beer halls and Nazi party rally grounds, the Berlin Wall and the West Wall, the capitol cities of West Germany and East Germany, the Dachau concentration camp and the headquarters of the anti-Nazi resistance movement, and other places of cultural and historic significance.

My hope is that students will understand the history better for having experienced it. In so doing, they’ll fulfill, at least in part, Otis Graham’s admonishment to live history, so that they’re better able to be historians.

- Kenneth Osgood
Graduating with a Master's Degree in History from Florida Atlantic University, a face well-known to the History Department, Debbi Murray's expertise is proving to be crucial to a plan for a museum right here in Palm Beach County. The story is detailed on the front page of the October 16, 2005 edition of the Palm Beach Post. When the $20 million renovation of the historic 1916 county courthouse on Dixie Highway in West Palm Beach is finally finished, its ground floor will house the $650,000 Historical Society of Palm Beach County Museum. This isn’t the first time an FAU graduate has worked with the Society. Two other FAU history graduates, Athalia Rodriguez and Richard Marconi, have interned there before.

In Bethesda, Maryland, a design firm called Gallagher & Associates is spearheading the task of finalizing the museum's layout. A firm of 50, with in-house architects as well as graphic, lighting and interior designers. Gallagher & Associates has designed Washington’s International Spy Museum, as well as Key West’s Pirate Soul Museum. Designing the courthouse museum was no easy task. A brainstorming session organized by Terrence Healy, one of the firm’s two principals, invited nearly 150 longtime residents, business leaders and cultural leaders to meet with him at the offices of the Palm Beach Civic Association. One of those leaders was FAU historian Donald Curl.

From the beginning, The Palm Beach Historical Society has been heavily involved with the careful selection of artifacts to fill the museum’s exhibits. The society’s archivist, Debbi Murray has been sending material to the firm in Washington, from newspaper clippings to doctoral dissertations. In addition to the written material, Murray has e-mailed photographs and brief descriptions of the artifacts in the historical society’s possession. She is currently hard at work helping the firm to finalize what artifacts will be included in exhibit. The Historical Society of Palm Beach County Museum is scheduled to open in 2007.
Study WWII Abroad in Cologne, Germany

Summer A: May 15- June 25, 2006

ACHTUNG STUDENTEN! This study abroad program will allow you to experience the history of World War II and the Cold War by walking through some of the most historic sites in Germany. You will visit battlefields and bunkers, historic beer halls and Nazi party rally grounds, the Berlin Wall and the West Wall, the capitol cities of West Germany and East Germany, the Dachau concentration camp and the headquarters of the anti-Nazi resistance movement, and other places of cultural and historical significance.

You will study at FAU for three weeks of the term—learning survival German and German history—and you will travel to Germany with professor Ken Osgood for the other three weeks of the term. From our base camp at the University of Cologne, we will go on numerous excursions throughout the country, learning about this turbulent time in world history as we go.

Course: WHO 4244 - World War II (3 credits)

Estimated Cost: $2,600.00

Program Fee will Include: All housing (double room w/ private bathroom), most meals. All travel within Germany, tickets to museums and other sites, student ID card, application fee, pre-departure orientation, and on-site faculty leader.

Not Included in the Fee: U.S. Passport, airfare, three undergraduate credits ($108.64 per credit in-state, $546.36 out-of-state), spending money, books.
SUPPORT THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT

There are many ways to support the work of the Department. You could fund your own scholarship or endow a chair or lectureship. The Chair of the Department, Steve Engle, can explain the process. Or, you could contribute to one of the established funds set up for the Department at the Florida Atlantic University Foundation.

**HUM 200 History Department** - This general department account is interest bearing, but we may spend principle as well as interest 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 The Department of History Award in Honor of Frances Edelman** - An award of $500.00 to a Graduate Student Teaching Assistant based upon student evaluations and academic achievement.

**HUM 205 Martin and Sylvia Shaw Scholarship** - An award of $1,000.00 for a history student based upon academic achievement and financial need. The award will be applied to tuition and fees. Student must enroll following receipt of the award.

**HUM 205 Martin and Sylvia Shaw Award for the Best History Essay** - An award of $500.00 for the best essay/paper from an undergraduate History major. Papers from the previous year’s spring term are eligible.

**HUM 220 Frances Edelman Award in Women’s Studies for a History Major** - An award of $1,000.00 for a history student based upon academic achievement and financial need. The award will be applied to tuition and fees. Student must enroll following receipt of award.

**HUM 220 The Saul Edelman Memorial Award in Latin American History** - An award of $1,000.00 for a history student based upon academic achievement and financial need. The award will be applied to tuition and fees. Student must enroll following receipt of award.

**HUM 220 The Saul Edelman Memorial Award in History** - An award of $400.00 for a student nearing the end of the Junior year (80-90 credit hours); based upon academic achievement.

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

**HUM 240 John O’Sullivan Graduate Travel-to-Research 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 650 Percy and Pauline Greenberg Memorial Award in History** - An award of $500.00 given to a graduating senior based upon academic achievement.

Checks can be made out to the FAU Foundation with a notation of the Department and account number. All of the students and faculty thank you for your support of our programs.
ATTENTION ALUMNI

We would appreciate hearing from you so that we can provide information about alumni in the History Review.

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