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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 Dorsey, 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.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR (*continued*)
Congratulations! Sadly, however, the last History Department faculty member to receive this award, Dr. Heather Frazer, passed away, but not before getting to hear her successor's speech. It is impossible to express the depth of gratitude our department and the whole university owes to her. She was an academic and curricular pioneer, generous colleague, caring mentor to students, and so much more. She will be greatly missed.

The past year included an excellent and still very memorable John O'Sullivan Memorial Lecture by Dr. Allida Black, Professor of History at George Washington University, on "Eleanor Roosevelt and the Battle for Human Rights." This October we are fortunate to have an alumnus who has gone on to have an outstanding career in business and government, including service as a U.S. ambassador. Dr. Robert "Skip" Orr spoke on his evolution as an ambassador and its effect on U.S. Foreign Policy in Asia. Last year's Larkin Symposium consisted of a two-day conference on Capitalism and the U.S. Presidency that included a very engaging and enlightening keynote address by Dr. Brian Balogh, Professor of History at the University of Virginia. In 2017 we return to a high profile lecture, this time by prize-winning and best-selling author, Michael Beschloss, who will be speaking on critical moments in the American presidency. We were also fortunate to have riveting lectures by Dr. Heather Ann Thompson (University of Michigan) on "Why Mass Incarceration Matters," and by David Milne (University of East Anglia) who discussed his new research on the intellectual history of American diplomacy.

It was another banner year for our students both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. In April, Siddharth Satishchandran won first prize in the Humanities category at the Sixth Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium for his project, "Linnaeus and Buffon's Ornithological Methodology During the Age of Enlightenment," his advisor being Dr. Sandra Norman. Two other seniors, Maria Theodosiou and Luke Beswick, produced honors theses for which they received Honors in History, while Daniel Jones and Matthew Salcito successfully defended their M.A. theses.

A full range of student achievements were recognized at the April awards ceremony which saw, thanks to our donors, more honors bestowed than ever before. Congratulations to all the honorees. We continue to be the recipients of our friends' largesse, with ongoing financial support from the Society of Colonial Wars, and now the St. George's Society of Palm Beach which held a fundraiser that raised \$7,000 to support research in British history.

Last but not least, having just served out his tenure as the department's Director of Undergraduate Programs, I would like to thank Dr. Eric Hanne for his outstanding service. He has helped us move forward in several important ways, designing flight plans and a new survey for the majors, helping form a history club, beginning the process for an undergraduate journal, and so much more, while also representing the department on the college undergraduate programs committee and advising students. The time, effort and patience required for the latter should not be underestimated.

Dr. Patricia Kollander, who has taken his place, has some big shoes to fill, but having had experience in undergraduate advising, I am certain she will also do a great job. I am also indebted to our Program Assistant, Ms. Zella Linn, who continues to be the motor that keeps the department running, and it is her ability and expertise that keeps us humming along smoothly.

Let me once again this year make a final appeal to all alumni to send your news to Zella (zlinn@fau.edu). It is my great desire and goal to have a large "Where Are They Now?" section in future newsletters. I know many readers are interested, as I am, in what our graduates and former classmates are doing once they leave FAU. You'll also notice a new donation page toward the back of the newsletter. Please read over the list of the Foundation accounts that enable our students to receive awards and our faculty to conduct research. These are all key to the well-functioning of the History Department. We couldn't operate without your assistance.

As we move forward there are many new challenges we will face, but we are well situated to meet these as we expand, innovate, and keep our focus on producing valuable research, training future historians, and graduating well-informed citizens. Knowledge of history is foundational to any active and thriving democracy, and the History Department at FAU is nothing if not committed to that objective.

— **BEN LOWE, CHAIR**
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IN MEMORIAM



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 Norman. 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 by 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 Bannan, remembers that "Heather was a wonderful person and a most loyal friend."

While at FAU Heather taught courses in women's history, modern Britain 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.

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STUDENT NEWS

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(L/R): Douglas Provenzano, Luke Beswick, Kristine Sheets, James Turner, Maria Theodosiou, Stephen Krzeminski, Tim Johansen, Daniel Jones

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MARK B. PICKERING (1973-2016)

TESTIMONIALS

It is difficult to imagine that such an enigmatic presence is no longer with us. Mark Pickering was an incredibly kind person who had the bravery and confidence to pursue his various passions. I endearingly called him “Scruff McGruff,” after meeting him his first semester at FAU, Spring 2014. It quickly became apparent, however, that my nickname for him was a misnomer. Mark was the kind of friend who greeted you with a smile every morning you walked in the TA office. He was the kind of friend who remembered the little details about a story you briefly mentioned three months prior. He was the kind of friend who made sure the cohort kept in touch long after graduating. His snappy red suit was a nice touch as well. Mark’s passing has been a difficult idea to accept, but I take solace in knowing he’ll always be remembered through his love for the Denver Broncos and the way he captured the attention of a room. I miss you all the time Mark – Go Broncos!

– ANDREA SCHWAB (M.A. 2016)

While Mark and I were political opposites in every sense of the word (he voted for Bernie Sanders in the 2016 presidential primaries and I voted for Marco Rubio), I enjoyed our conversations, and it saddens me that I cannot ever have another political conversation with Mark again. Despite our differences in how we viewed the world, I can say with confidence that he challenged me to open my mind. Mark was that kind of man and we had other passions that we shared as well. We both shared a passion for the Denver Broncos. I can remember coming in the Graduate Assistant office one day at FAU after the Seahawks humiliated Denver in the Super Bowl, and I felt sad, but man oh man Mark was not a person whom you wanted to cross that day. I also had the honor of working alongside Mark as a graduate assistant for Dr. Sandra Norman’s American History to 1877 class in the 2014 fall semester; and how I enjoyed his red suits on Fridays. I always thought red was a great color that matched Mark’s passion and personality, and I will definitely miss his red suits.

– MICHAEL GOODWIN (M.A. 2015)

AWARD RECIPIENTS 2015/16

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 Krzeminski 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!

SIDDHARTH SATISHCHANDRAN WINS FIRST PLACE IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Siddharth Satishchandran, who graduated with the BA in History this past spring, took first place for his poster presentation at the 6th Annual FAU Undergraduate Research Symposium held on April 1, 2016 at the Live Oak Pavilion. He is the third History student to participate in the Symposium over the last two years. Sid’s topic, “Linnaeus and Buffon’s Ornithological Methodology During the Age of Enlightenment,” won in the Music, Art, Literature, Theater, History, and Philosophy category, and was sponsored by faculty member, Dr. Sandra Norman. In addition, Sid received the History Department’s 2016 Traci Jill Edelman Award in European History, and is pursuing graduate study in the history of science at the University of Oregon.



PHI ALPHA THETA ACTIVITIES FOR 2015/16

The Xi Omega chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has placed a special emphasis on networking and community involvement over the last year. Both our officers and our members have dedicated their time toward assisting both the History Department and the FAU community at large. We volunteered at events such as the Larkin Symposium and the FAU High School Expo, where several of our members were able to connect with prospective FAU students interested in studying history. Last December, we also hosted a group outing to the Boca Historical Society during their World War II exhibit, an enriching experience for all who attended. We would like to express our thanks to some of our donors, including David Conlon, Joe Friedman, and Dr. Heather Frazer, whose generous donations funded approximately ten conference presentations for both graduate and undergraduate members. We are also pleased to announce that several of our officers attended both the Phi Alpha Theta National Conference in Orlando, FL as well as the Regional Meeting in Gainesville, FL. Although it was the first presentation for some of our members, our consistent presence at these annual meetings reinforces the quality of scholarship the FAU History Department produces, all of which could not be done without our donors. In this coming year, we hope to continue our tradition of avid conference attendance and participation in department events such as the O’Sullivan Lecture Series and the Larkin Symposium.

– ANDREA SCHWAB,
PRESIDENT, PHI ALPHA THETA

2015/16 Initiates:

Timothy P. Johansen
Stephen Krzeminski
Casey A. Martin
Jason M. Rothman
Maria Theodosiou
Gino E. Galli†
Nina L. Halty†

Officers for 2016/17:

President: Andrea Schwab
Vice President: Rhonda Cifone
Secretary: Douglas Provenzano
Treasurer: Sean Mallen

†Graduate students

RECENT M.A. GRADUATES

During 2015/16, seven students graduated with Master of Arts degrees in history:

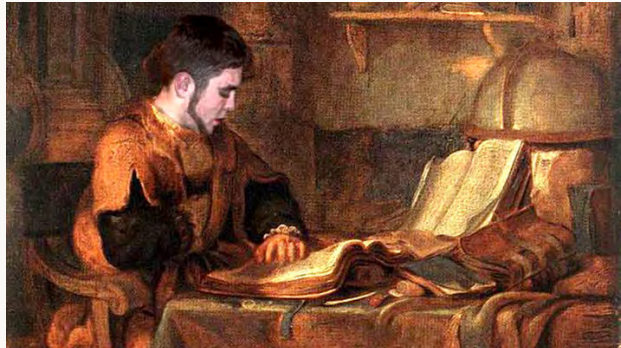
Lorant Botha (Fall 2015)
Shellie Labell (Fall 2015)
David Conlon (Fall 2015)
Robert Feeney (Summer 2016)
Daniel Jones (Fall 2015)
Mark Pickering (Fall 2015)
Matthew Salcito (Spring 2016)

TEACHING ASSISTANTS FOR THE 2016/17 ACADEMIC YEAR:

Hunter Altschul*
Luke Beswick
Nina Halty
Kayleigh Howald*
Chelsey Jeffers
Douglas Kenny*
Sean Mallen
Vanessa Ramsey*
Andrea Schwab
James Turner
Bradley Williams*

* New this year

THE MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY



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

A student seeking admission into the graduate program in history should have a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution, or, for international students, an institution recognized in his/her own country as preparing 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 sections of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). In addition, the students must submit two letters of recommendation to the department, a five-page typed, double-spaced autobiographical statement indicating the nature of their preparation for graduate work and the reason for seeking the M.A. in history, and a formal research paper. For information contact the Graduate Director, Dr. D. Kanter by e-mail at dkanter1@fau.edu.

Fall 2016 Thesis Deadlines:

- Final copy of thesis to M.A. Committee Sept. 26
- Suggested deadline for thesis defense Oct. 10
- Completed thesis to Chair of Dept. Oct. 31
- Suggested date for thesis to Dean of College Nov. 14
- Thesis due to the Graduate College Nov. 21

Spring 2017 Thesis Deadlines:

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

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. The teaching assistants did much as in past years to contribute to the intensive yet collegial culture that has long been a distinguishing feature of the program. I wish to thank Peter Bowen, Rhonda Cifone, Gino Galli, Natasja Graske, Douglas Provenzano, Matt Salcito, Luke Beswick, Nina Halty, 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 six new assistants: Hunter Altschul, Kayleigh Howard, Chelsey Jeffers, Douglas Kenny, Vanessa Ramsey, and Bradley Williams.

The department's annual events continue to play an important role in the training and formation of the history graduate students. The annual Faculty-Graduate Student reception, held in October 2015, provided an opportunity to welcome new and returning students, as well as catch up with alumni and friends of the department's annual Larkin and O'Sullivan symposia, learning from such leading speakers as Allida M. Black (George Washington University) and Brian Balogh (University of Virginia). Graduate students also attended the department's special event, An Icon of Liberty: Magna Carta at 800, highlighted by a lecture from Ralph V. Turner (Florida State University). Two graduate students were closely involved with the accompanying special exhibit at the Wimberly Library, entitled "Magna Carta 800 Years." Natasja Graske helped to prepare the exhibition, and Robert Feeney loaned many of the items placed on display.

A number of our graduate students earned distinction for notable achievements in 2015-16. Rhonda Cifone published an article, "Eastern Airlines: Deregulation, Labor Wars, and Bankruptcy," in the Journal of the Florida Conference of Historians. Douglas Provenzano and Andrea Schwab delivered papers at the biennial Phi Alpha Theta national convention, held in Orlando, Florida. Sadly, the department lost a recent M.A. Program graduate, Mark Pickering, in the summer of 2016. I knew Mark as a bright, inquisitive, and accomplished person, behind whose slightly gruff demeanor was a heart of gold. In his two years as a graduate student and teaching assistant, he was a history department stalwart, always willing to lend a hand when needed, to pick someone up when they had fallen, or to talk football at a quiet moment on a Monday morning before another hectic school week began. Those who knew him at FAU - whether as a student, peer, or TA - will miss him.

Before concluding, a special word of thanks is owed to the department's office staff, which provides crucial administrative support to the M.A. Program. Zella Linn, history's program assistant, does a difficult job with her characteristic grace and aplomb. Leyla Florexile, Gandhi Lucate, Allison Forster, Betsy Archelus, and Elizabeth Delahunty helped Zella in running the day-to-day operation of the program. We love to hear from our alumni! Please provide us with a current email address, and other contact information, by emailing Zella Linn (zlinn@fau.edu).

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 new form of liberal education developed in England's Dissenting Academies. By taking full advantage of the innovative principles 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, demonstrated a commitment to gradual improvements in the material and moral circumstances of the British Empire that had relatively little to do with the partisan political categories typically associated with the revolutionary era.

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. Davenport, Iowa is the focus for the narrative's hinge, as this midsized 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 marketplace. Following wheat from farm to market, both locally and regionally helps to explain how Americans understood the commodity at each economic level. Time and place were central to the American West's economic, social, and cultural development and this thesis considers just a moment in its history. An intersect of rural, agricultural, technological, and environmental histories are at the project's core, but it also attempts to make sense of frontier capitalism and the ramifications it had on farming and the grain industry. The market revolution gradually influenced and shaped the nation's agricultural economy and the people that preformed its labor and production.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Lauren Selsky (BA, '07) is the off-air campaign embed reporter for the Cable News Network (CNN).

Nathaniel Osborn (MA, '12) had his book, *Indian River Lagoon: An Environmental History*, published by the University Press of Florida in 2016.

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 Reference Services. She has begun her new position as an Electronic Resources and Technical Services Assistant at the Maguire Medical Library at the FSU College of Medicine.

Gregory Shibley (MA, '14) published his article, "The Business Saga of New York's Syrian World, 1926-1935," in the Spring 2015 issue of the journal, *New York History*.

Siddharth Satishchandran (BA, '16) received full funding to attend the graduate program in the History of Science at the University of Oregon.

Shellie Labell (MA, '15) has been hired as Archivist by the Delray Beach 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-AHA 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 in Seattle, Washington. 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.

Robert Feeney (MA, '16) recently gave a presentation on secret codes and communication during WWII at the Broward County Main Library.

Ruth McSween (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 Navy SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, FL.

Michael Goodwin (MA, '15) has had two part-time jobs in Northern Virginia as a History Interpreter at Mt. Vernon and as Tour Guide at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria. He is also engaged to his fiancée, Faith Doyal. 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.

**HISTORY DEPARTMENT PROGRAM SHOWCASED AT FAU
FALL 2015 INTERNSHIP FAIR**

Fifteen to twenty students a year participate in the History Internship program. They work at museums and archives all over south Florida, practicing their craft and exploring the role of the historian in the public sphere. This year we have developed a special relationship with the Old Davie School House Museum in Davie. As they come up on the 100th Anniversary its founding, students are helping to research the town's history. In the spring of 2017 the Graduate Oral History class will take that research, move it forward and conduct interviews with resident pioneers from the area. It is a win-win for all. In addition, students interning at the Boca Raton Historical Society have been trained to act as guides on the boat tours offered by the Society. They lead guided history tours of the waterways of Boca Raton and have really enjoyed the opportunity to do history in a whole different way. We are always looking for motivated students to participate. The number of museums and historical societies wanting to participate continues to grow.



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



Drs. 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, UKtv Everywhere, Brooks Brothers, and the English National Opera, among others.

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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, Erick, a leader in the cosponsoring Circumnavigator's Club, serve as special event co-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.



Drs. Kanter and Lowe with Senior Director of Development Laurie Carney

GRADUATES 2015/16

Fall 2015

AUGUSTIN, RENEL	MANGUS, ALEXANDER
AXLER, JONATHAN	PAULETTI, BRUCE
BESWICK, LUKE	PEREZ, YARELIZ
BOTHA, LORANT	PICKERING, MARK
CONLON, DAVID	PRATT, JESSICA
DARROW, COURTNEY	QUINN, MICHAEL
EVANS, SAMANTHA	RIVERA-SOTO, GIOVANNI
HENRY, KERDIJA	SCHREIBER, TROY
JONES, DANIEL	SCIULLO., KELLY
LABELL, SHELLIE	UY, PATRICK
LEYDEN, SEAN	ZICARO, NICHOLAS
LOZANDIER, DAVID	

Spring 2016

ANDRE, CHRISTINE	KASTIN, ZACHARY
ARAZI, JOSEPH†	LEMCKE, CONNOR WILLIAM†
ASHKENIS, JUSTIN	LENTZ, RIC
BARTHE, MAXIME	LEWIS, CARTER
BLACKBOURNE, SHADEEN	LIPPINCOTT, BRIAN
BURNS, KAITLYN	MANOR, YUVAL
CAMAIANI, RACHEL	MARTIN, CASEY
CASTINE, NATALIE	MARTIN, KRISTIN
COLTMAN-CORNIER, JEFFREY	MASSANA, CHRISTOPHER
ELFENBEIN, MATTHEW ARI†	MOORE, CHELSEA
ESTEVA, ANTHONY	MORA, JAVIER
EVANS, SAMANTHA	RAMSEY, VANESSA
FIELDS, JASMIN	SATISHCHANDRAN, SIDDHARTH
FREEDMAN, IAN	SAVIDGE, MICHAEL
HENRY, KERDIJA	SIMS, JASON
HERMAN, WILLIAM	THEODOSIOU, MARIA
JACOBS, DANIEL	THOMAS, TYLER†
JOHANSEN, TIMOTHY	WEINBERG, DEVIN REID†
JOSEPH, HARRY	WILSON, AMANDA

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, on December 8, 2015, department chair, Ben Lowe, presented a lecture, "The European Roots of Early American Religion," at the society's annual meeting and luncheon held at the Palm Beach Bath and Tennis Club in Palm Beach. The General Society of Colonial Wars, a hereditary society founded in New York in 1892, "operates exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes as a 501©(3) non-profit organization...for the purpose of furthering the interest in, and study of, America's colonial history for the period between the settlement of Jamestown on May 13, 1607 and the Battle of Lexington on April 19, 1775." In its efforts to carry out these objectives, the Florida society's donations to FAU have been used to support faculty research in the colonial period. The History Department appreciates this continued support!

Mr. Jim Ward and Dr. Ben Lowe



Summer 2016

BETANCOURT, GIOVANNI	MASTRONARDO, DANA
DELL, MATTHEW	SALCITO, MATTHEW*
FEENEY, ROBERT	URRARO, JUSTIN†
FORTIER, ANTHONY JOSEPH†	
JONES, DANIEL*	

* M.A in history
† Minor in history

History Review

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, was reappointed to the OAH Distinguished Lecturer Program, and gave a day-long seminar at the Smithsonian Institution entitled “Reassessing 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 Book TV, C Span 2. In addition he had a Brian Lamb C-Span one-hour interview (Q & A) on November 4th. Both were aired and added permanently to the CSpan.org website for viewing at anytime.

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 Ganson, Ph.D., Director of Caribbean and Latin American Studies, completed revisions for her latest book manuscript, “Lady Daredevils: American Women and Early Aviation,” under contract with University of Illinois Press. She recently reviewed a manuscript for a new textbook on Modern Latin American History for Oxford University Press. She is working on an article about gender and adultery in eighteenth-century Paraguay, and the introduction for a co-edited volume on the ethnohistory of

Rio de la Plata. In Spring 2017, she will be on leave on a research fellowship from the Institute of Advanced Jesuit Studies at Boston College. She will be giving one lecture at Boston College on her new book project, an English translation of Peruvian Jesuit Antonio Ruiz de Montoya’s *Spiritual Conquest* (1639). Dr. Ganson was promoted to the rank of Professor in 2017. She has been elected to serve on the selection committee or the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame.

Eric J. Hanne has been busy over the last year, working on a number of research projects and teaching, while finishing his tenure as Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Department of History. He presented his research for his current monograph project at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) in Denver in November, “The contested history of the early Mazyadid amirate and its role in the fourth-fifth/tenth-eleventh century political arena,” and is currently working on entries on “Imama” and “Hilla” for the *Encyclopedia of Islam*. After turning the undergraduate program reins over to Dr. Patricia Kollander this Fall, he has turned his attention to the writing portion of his book project *Navigating Hegemony: The Mazyadids of Hilla*.

Dr. Ken Holloway was honored to be elected to the Standing Committee of the United Nations Non-Government Organization Buddha’s Light International. He is now the Deputy Committee Director of their Lay Dharma Lecturer Fellowship Committee. Arguably the most famous Zen monk alive today, Master Hsing Yun then asked Dr. Holloway to write a preface for his new book *Embracing Nature: Ecology from a Buddhist Perspective* that was published in the summer of 2016. In addition to giving lectures lectures in and around Shanghai in the fall of 2015, in the summer of 2016 he lectured on Buddhism in Prague, Vienna, and Berlin.

Douglas Kanter published an article on “The Galway Packet-Boat Contract and the Politics of Public Expenditure in Mid-Victorian Ireland” in the *Historical Journal*. He was delighted to take part in the History

Department’s symposium, An Icon of Liberty: Magna Carta at 800, at which he gave a talk on “Magna Carta and the Modern World.” Dr. Kanter continues to serve as the department’s Director of Graduate Studies, and he welcomes inquiries from anyone interested in the MA in History program.

Patricia Kollander presented papers at the Children and War Conference in Salzburg, Austria and at the Association of Jewish Studies Conference in Boston. Her article, “The Military Intelligence Training Center and the War against Nazism” appeared in print in *The Historian* during the summer of 2016. She also competed book reviews for *Central European History* and *Yearbook of German-American Studies*.

Ben Lowe is serving his fourth year as chair of the history department. This past year he presented a paper, “A Tale of Two Martyrs: Construing Heresy and Treason in Tudor Gloucester,” at the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference in Bruges, Belgium, a part of his research comparing Protestant and Catholic martyrdom in Reformation England. He continues to work on a book-length project on the thought and career of Bishop John Hooper (d. 1555), and published several book reviews in his field of Tudor England. An organizer of the FAU event “An Icon of Liberty: Magna Carta at 800,” he gave a paper on the role of Magna Carta during the period of the English Civil War as part of the second day’s panel. He also served as a judge for both the National History Day Fair and Pathfinder Scholarship Awards competitions, while also giving a lecture on the theology of early colonization to the Society of Colonial Wars.

Douglas McGetchin is working on a co-authored book with Professors Eric Kurlander (Stetson University) and Bernd-Stefan Grewe (Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg, Germany), *Germany: A Global History, 1500-present* with Oxford University Press, due in 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 interconnections between networks in Europe, South Asia, and the United States. He gave several public talks in the community on Mohandas “Mahatma” Ghandi as well as history courses at FAU on 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 published six books, and had three in the series earn national prizes. Mark and his co-editor, Roger Biles put together the 2016 Larkin Symposium on the topic, “American Presidents and Capitalism since 1945.” Fifteen historians presented papers, which following extensive revisions, Biles and Rose submitted to the University Press of Florida for publication, and included their wide-ranging overview. Mark also commented at a session of the Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH), “New Perspectives on Urban Renewal,” which met in Los Angeles in November 2015. 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 and 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 Perspectives” in Spring 2016, while continuing to work towards the publication of her first book manuscript, *Veiled 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 the job workshop to provide mentorship to graduate students entering the job market. Finally, Dr. Shannon was awarded a curriculum development grant from PJHR, which she is using to develop a new course on the history of human rights.

Jason Sharples 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 World That Fear Made: Conspiracy, Imagination, and Power in 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 Restoration 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT DISCUSSES SUSAN B. ANTHONY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Every year, middle school students around the country work on projects for History Day. Many of them contact history professors at their local universities to ask these experts questions about the subjects of their research projects. FAU’s history department is always a popular source of information for these history-loving students. This year, in September 2016, Dr. Kelly Shannon gave an interview to Carolina Seixas, a very bright 7th grader at American Heritage in Delray, for her project on Susan B. Anthony, one of the founders of the U.S. women’s rights movement in the 19th century. The two discussed Anthony’s greatest accomplishments, the impact of her decision not to marry on her ability to advocate for women’s rights, and her current day legacy, especially relating to women’s political participation and representation. Given that the 2016 presidential election features the first female presidential candidate of a major political party, Carolina’s project was timely and asked important questions about ongoing discussions in the U.S. about gender inequality and women’s rights.





JOHN O’SULLIVAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

Allida Black, George Washington University

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

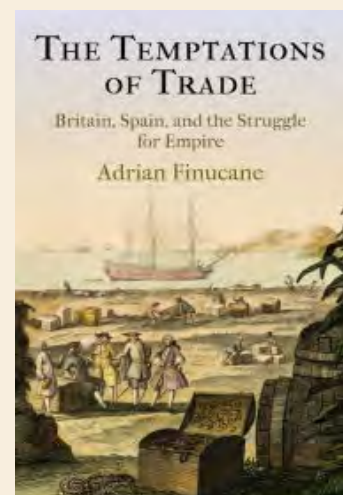
The 2015 John O’Sullivan Memorial Lecture featured Allida M. Black, research professor of history and international affairs and founding editor and chair of the editorial advisory board for the Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project, a research center at The George Washington University designed to preserve, 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 Eleanor Roosevelt. The audience included members of the O’Sullivan family, History Department faculty, donors, FAU Administrators, alumni, FAU students, Palm Beach County teachers, Broward County teachers, MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) Palm Beach Area Chapter, Broward College faculty and members of the community.

The mission of the John O’Sullivan Memorial Lectureship has been to provide students, secondary school teachers, faculty, and public guests the opportunity to hear a lecture by a distinguished historian who has published in a field of twentieth-century U.S. History relevant to Dr. O’Sullivan’s own interest and specialities. Over the years the lectureship has hosted scholars of World War II, the Vietnam War, the nuclear age, the Holocaust, modern American culture, and post-1945 political and diplomatic history. Dr. O’Sullivan was a longtime faculty member and former chair of FAU’s History Department before his death in 2000.

-ZELLA LINN

BOOKS PUBLISHED BY HISTORY FACULTY IN 2015/16

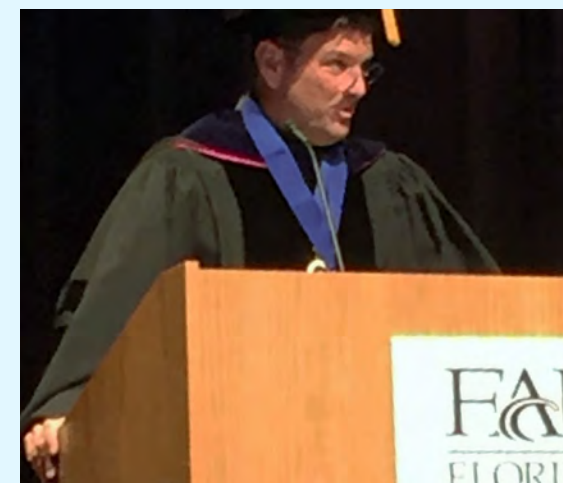


Adrian Finucane
*The Temptations of Trade:
Britain, Spain, and the Struggle
for Empire* (The University of
Pennsylvania Press, 2016)

DR. STEPHEN ENGLE NAMED FAU’S 2016 DISTINGUISHED TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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.



Lovely Ride on the Kissimee River: Nina Halty, Rhonda Cifone, James Turner, Peter Bowen, Brian Plumley, Gino Galli, Evan Bennett, Ryan McNutt



FAU's Department of History ALAN B. AND CHARNA LARKIN SYMPOSIUM 2016

THE PRESIDENT AND AMERICAN CAPITALISM SINCE 1945 LARKIN SYMPOSIUM 2016 HOSTS CONFERENCE ON AMERICAN CAPITALISM AND THE MODERN PRESIDENCY

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 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 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 financial institutions to expand consumer credit, such as mortgage subsidies by the Federal Housing Administration, which he tied to the emerging debate over the national debt. Balogh also chronicled the political effects of such a shift, especially as politicians began seeing voters more as fickle consumers who can be reached by the same techniques as popular retailers.

Balogh and the second day's fourteen participants sought to align their presentations with current scholarship in the history of capitalism, a vibrant new field of study that has emerged in recent decades. Authors of capitalist studies now aspire to include detailed accounts of gender and race alongside studies of the wealthiest, poorest, and middle layers of American society. Lecturing on patterns, sectors and environments where capitalism intersects with the presidency, the excellent scholars who presented at the symposium helped lead the way, especially in integrating these perspectives not just in the history of 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 from Pine Crest School and Oxbridge Academy, many of whom brought their students. Also in attendance were FAU President John Kelly and many university staff, faculty and students, as well as members of the community. In honor of Mrs. Charna Larkin's continued support on its tenth anniversary two of her sons were present and spoke during a short ceremony renaming the symposium the Alan B. and Charna Larkin Symposium on the History of the American Presidency.



Professor Rose extends his thanks to the Larkin family, Steve Engle, for directing the Larkin Symposium, to department chair Ben Lowe for his support throughout, and to Zella Linn, who, in truth, makes every event in the history department actually take place.

Symposium Participants:

Mark Wilson –University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Iwan Morgan –University College, London England
Brent Cebul – University of Richmond
Elizabeth Tandy Shermer – Loyola University of Chicago
Pamela Walker Laird – University of Colorado, Denver
Allison Elias – Cornell University
Sean Vanatta – Princeton University
Andrew Meade McGee – University of Virginia
Paula Gajewski – Vanderbilt University
Tracy Neumann – Wayne State University
Joe Arena – The Ohio State University
Daniel Amsterdam – Georgia Institute of Technology
Gavin Benke – Boston University
Bartow Elmore – University of Alabama

AN ICON OF LIBERTY: MAGNA CARTA AT 800

On November 5-6, 2015, the History Department and the FAU Libraries, a co-sponsorship from the Political Science Department, presented a two-day event, *An Icon of Liberty: Magna Carta at 800*, commemorating the anniversary of the signing of a key document in the history of democracy. Forced on England's King John by his barons on the field of Runnymede in 1215, Magna Carta included key provisions that originated the idea of individual rights, such as due process under the law, while checking the arbitrary power of kings. Various activities associated with the event were held in the Weiner suite on the fifth floor of the Wimberly Library. The opening reception was marked by the unveiling of an accompanying exhibition and an address by the Honorable David Prodger, the British Consul General in Miami. It was followed by the keynote address, "Magna Carta and the Medieval English Nobility," by Dr. Ralph V. Turner, Professor of History Emeritus at Florida State University, who has published extensively 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 Thur and Teresa Van Dyke, and assisted by history graduate students, Natasja Graske and Robert Feeney. The exhibition traced the evolution of democratic ideas and personal liberties – the catalog can be viewed online at <http://fau.digital.flvc.org/islandora/object/fau%3A32751>. 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 Coltman; Dean of Libraries, Ms. Carol Hixson; 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 Thur. The workshop was held on February 15, 2016, Presidents' Day, a school holiday that allowed the teachers to attend and earn continuing credit.



(Top Image) British Consul General David Prodger; Ben Lowe, Ph.D. Professor and Chair FAU Department of History; Mrs. Judith Weiner and Dr. Howard Weiner; and Heather Coltman, DMA, Dean of Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters.

(Middle Image) FAU Students Zachary Brown and Ella Levinger discussing exhibition items;

(Bottom Image) Panel Discussants (l to r): Dr. Ralph Turner, Dr. Boyd Breslow, Dr. Ben Lowe, and Dr. Douglas Kanter.

JOHN O’SULLIVAN MEMORIAL LECTURE 2016

“THE EVOLUTION OF A U.S. AMBASSADOR: POLICY AND PERSPECTIVE IN A GLOBAL AGE”
FEATURED AMBASSADOR ROBERT M. ORR,
OCTOBER 24, 2016, 4 PM,
UNIVERSITY THEATER

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. Obirin 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 Japan with two years off to run the Kyoto Center for Japanese Studies and the Stanford Center for Technology and Innovation at the Stanford Japan Center in Kyoto. His book *The*



Emergence of Japan’s Foreign Aid Power published by Columbia University Press won the 1991 Ohira Prize for best book on the Asia Pacific.

Dr. Orr’s career began in 1976 when he served for two years as Legislative Assistant to Congressman Paul G. Rogers (D-FL) a 12-term member of the U.S. House of Representatives. 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.



ALAN B. AND CHARNA LARKIN SYMPOSIUM
ON THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY 2017

“CRITICAL MOMENTS OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY” FEBRUARY 22, 2017, 3:30 PM,
BARRY KAYE AUDITORIUM

Michael Beschloss is an award-winning historian, best-selling author of nine books, *New York Times* columnist and Emmy-winning contributor to NBC News and the PBS News Hour. Beschloss also has the largest Twitter following of any historian on earth (with more than 110,000 followers); his site appears on TIME magazine’s list of the world’s top twitter feeds.

The New York Times book review has called Beschloss “easily the most widely recognized presidential historian in the United States.” Albert Hunt of Bloomberg News has called him “a national treasure.” *The Charlotte Observer* has said, “Michael Beschloss knows more about America’s 44 presidents than perhaps anyone on earth.” Beschloss is currently working on a major history of American presidents and wars from 1812 to the present, which will be published by Crown Publishers in 2017.

Beschloss serves as the NBC news presidential historian - the first time any major TV network held such a position; he appears on all NBC news programs. In 2005, he won an Emmy award for his role in creating the Discovery Channel series *Decisions that Shook the World*, which he hosted.

For *The New York Times*, Beschloss writes a monthly business history column on Sundays and weekly sports history column on Saturdays – the first time *The New York Times* has ever published a regular columnist on either of those subjects.

Beschloss was born in Chicago in 1955. An

alumnus of Phillips Academy (Andover) and Williams College, he also earned a Master of Business Administration from the Harvard Business School, where he studied leadership and business history. He has served as an historian at the Smithsonian Institution, a resident scholar at Oxford University and a senior fellow of the Annenberg foundation.

His 2007 book *Presidential Courage* – which covers nine presidents from George Washington to Ronald Reagan – was a No. 1 *Washington Post* best-seller, and a three-month *New York Times* best-seller. Quoting from Beschloss’s book in his 2010 memoir *Decision Points*, President George W. Bush wrote, “I told Laura, if they’re still assessing George Washington’s legacy more than two centuries after he left his office, George W. doesn’t have to worry about today’s headline.”

Beschloss’s book *The Conquerors* was Amazon’s best-selling book of 2002. His book *Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations*, which he co-authored with Caroline Kennedy in 2011, was No. 1 on *The New York Times* best seller list and in many countries around the world.

Beschloss’s books *Taking Charge* (1997) and *Reaching for Glory* (2001) were the first two volumes of his projected trilogy on President Lyndon Johnson’s secret White House Tapes. President Bill Clinton has told *People* magazine that the audio version of *Taking Charge* was the first book on tape he ever listened to. Actor Bryan Cranston told *The New York Times* that he used Beschloss’s books to prepare for his Tony-winning roles as Lyndon Johnson on Broadway. Beschloss also wrote *Kennedy and Roosevelt*, which started as his senior honors thesis at Williams College; *Mayday: Eisenhower*,



Khrushchev and the U-2 affair (1986); and *The Crisis Years* (1991), which the *New Yorker* called the “definitive” history of President John F Kennedy and the Cold War. Beschloss holds honorary doctorates from Williams College, St. Mary’s College in Maryland, Lafayette College, St. Peter’s College and Governors State University. He has also been awarded the State of Illinois’s Order of Lincoln, the Ambassador Book Prize, the Harry S. Truman Public Service Award, the Founders Award of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the New York State Archives Award, and the Rutgers University Living History Award. Beschloss is a trustee of the White House Historical Association and the National Archives Foundation, and is a former trustee of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation. He lives in Washington, D.C, with his wife and their two sons. A book signing will follow the event in the alcove of the Kaye Auditorium. For tickets, directions and other information, call 1-800-564-9539 or visit www.fauevents.com.



PROFESSOR AND AMERICAN BOOK AWARD FINALIST 2016 GIVES TALK ON
THE EFFECTS OF MASS INCARCERATION ON THE U.S.

In March 2016, Dr. Bennett hosted Professor Heather Ann Thompson of the University of Michigan for a lecture entitled “Why Mass Incarceration Matters to Our Cities, Our Economy, and Our Democracy.” Part of the Peace Studies Lecture series, the lecture was funded by the Peace Studies Program and the History Department. Dr. Thompson is the author of several books, including, most recently,

Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy (Pantheon Books, 2016). The event was well-attended and led to a fascinating and important discussion. Special thanks to the library for opening the fifth floor for the lecture.



ALUMNI PROFILES

WADE BERSTLER

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Current Position: Speaker, Lecturer, Consultant

First Job: Paperboy, delivering the *Morris County Daily Record* in New Jersey.

Biggest Challenge: Beginning an academic sojourn at 44 after overcoming alcoholism and drug addiction, raising my son as a single parent, as well as becoming an amputee.

Best FAU Memory: To be part of the ground floor support of FAU's fledgling football program. Also, the wonderful relationships that were cultivated as a mentor and tutor for the athletic department.

Role Department of History Played in Your Career: The cadre of professors all helped me through a process I had never developed. Their encouragement and support were integral in helping achieve my academic goals I never thought possible. Zella Linn often helped me when I couldn't help myself. However, the role of friend and mentor was fulfilled beyond mere words by Dr. Stephen Engle. I will never be able to return to each of them what they gave to me.

Goal: To, as the tired cliché goes, "Change the world one life at a time. More, if they're willing to pay attention."

Favorite Book: By age, it started with "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish," by Dr. Theodore Geisel Seuss. By middle school, it was "Ball Four," by Jim Bouton. After high school, it was "The Fountainhead," by Ayn Rand, and "The Electric Kool-Aid Test," by Tom Wolfe. However, "Patriots," by A. J. Langguth, changed the way I thought about history, which changed everything about the way I now view the world.



Personal: My wife Helen, and my son Cory, have been very supportive throughout the academic climb. Let's see if the prognostications of friends and colleagues come to fruition.



COLLEGE EXPO 2015

At the FAU Stadium on Saturday, October 24, 2015, History graduate students erected a pillory and carried out mock punishments of administrators and others at FAU's second annual Campus Expo. The event is attended by large crowds of local high school students who come to learn about the university's various programs and activities. Some schools brought busloads of students who spread out across the stadium to visit the information booths set up by FAU's various programs and offices. The pillory proved an attractive feature this year, and students

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CHEYENNE OLIVER

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First Job: Hired on as a Middle School and High School History Teacher at Donna Klein Jewish Academy, I had an incredibly successful first year teaching, leading to a promotion to the Middle School History Department Coordinator for the 2016- 2017 school year.

Biggest Challenge: The biggest challenge I faced during my academic career at FAU was balancing a full schedule as a graduate student, my responsibilities as a teaching assistant, finding the time to pursue various outside research projects, and still maintaining a social life. My time at FAU taught me how to "put first things first."

Best FAU Memory: Serving the History Department as a volunteer.

Role Department of History Played in Your Career: FAU's Department of History trained me to be a historian and gave me the tools to succeed that I employ every day. My professors and peers at FAU helped me cultivate my passion for history, made me strive to reach my goals, and ultimately gave me the confidence to endeavor and achieve greatness.



Goal: In all of my endeavors, I seek to share my infectious passion and dispel the common misconception that history is lifeless and tangible subject.

Favorite Book: I will always love Homer's *Odyssey*, Aristophanes' *Lysistrata*, Malory's *Death of King Arthur*, anything by William Shakespeare, Grimm's collection of Fairy Tales, L. Frank Baum's *The Wonderful*

Wizard of Oz, and Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. I have always been a voracious reader, and I don't see that changing anytime soon.

Personal: "Well-behaved women seldom make history."

and faculty were on hand to discuss how public shaming and other punishments were used in the colonial period. It was built by graduate student, Doug Provenzano, and those who were held captive (including Provost Gary Perry) had their transgressions enumerated on a sign they displayed. Many students came by to find out about the History major by picking up related literature while talking with department faculty and students. The Expo lasted from 8:30 am until about noon, and the History department's participation was organized by Undergraduate Director, Dr. Eric Hanne and student leaders of the History Club and the history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta. The 2016 Campus Expo was held on October 15, 2016).



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 Rasputin: 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.

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’ aspirant worldmaking that remained impervious to the passage of time. The result was a panoramic history of U.S. Foreign policy driven by ideas and the lives and times of their creators.

- KELLY SHANNON



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 Europe 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 cafe, 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.

- KEN HOLLOWAY

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