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The Year in Review

By Todd A. Diacon

[Editorial Note: In July 2001, Professor Diacon, a member of the department since 1989, was appointed interim head. That appointment was elevated to permanent head in April 2002.]

I study Brazil and Brazilians. A lot of bad things have happened to both. Many of these woes are the fault of the Brazilians themselves.

Many, however, are not. In 1985 Brazil's first elected civilian president was set to assume power after 21 years of military rule. He fell ill on inauguration day, was not empowered, and died shortly thereafter. For the last decade the Brazilian president, Fernando Henrique Cardoso, and his excellent team of economists have remade the Brazilian economy. They privatized state industries, reformed Brazil's protectionist policies, and improved telephone service and road quality dramatically. As a result the economy grew exceptionally well, and for a time the government's policies appeared to improve the lives of Brazil's poverty-stricken citizens.

And yet, Brazil's economy continues to face an unsettled and uncertain future. Officials devaluated the currency by 130 percent in 1999 because of the decline of the U.S. economy, which has robbed Brazil of much of its projected foreign investment, and because the economy of neighboring Argentina is in shambles. But, as frustrated Brazilians will point out, they have no control over either of these situations.

Brazilians, however, tend not to let such things ruin their day. In spite of all their problems they somehow manage to maintain not only a love of life but also their unshakable sense of optimism. Sure, things seem to be going badly all around them, but for a Brazilian what is important right now is to have a pleasant conversation with a friend when they meet on the street. Sure, the currency is worth less than half of what it was, but no Brazilian is going to let that get in the way of a relaxing day at the beach or let it ruin the seemingly endless gatherings of friends and family.

I truly love this about Brazilians. It's the trait I noticed most when I visited there for the first time in 1982. The attitude is infectious. It draws me back year after year. Can I really call it work when I am paid to read, write, and teach about Brazilians and their history?

So adopting the Brazilian spirit for a moment, my first letter to you as the head of the department will focus on the positive. Yes, all types of problems besiege us (a few of which will, no doubt, appear below). In spite of our problems, however,

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Professor Bergeron Retires After 30 Years

By Stephen V. Ash

A long and distinguished career in the UT History Department comes to an end this year with the retirement of Paul H. Bergeron.

Professor Bergeron joined the department in 1972. A native of Louisiana, he received his Ph.D. degree from Vanderbilt University in 1965 and taught there for seven years. While there he also served as co-editor of the *Correspondence of James K. Polk*.

At UT he assumed responsibility for teaching courses in antebellum U.S. history, the history of Tennessee, and other subjects. He immediately began attracting graduate students, and over the years he directed M.A. theses and Ph.D. dissertations in numbers unmatched by any other member of the UT History faculty, past or present.

Notwithstanding the extraordinary demands of teaching and graduate mentoring, Professor Bergeron managed during his career to compile a record of scholarship also unparalleled in our department.

In addition to the two volumes of the Polk correspondence that he co-edited, he authored two monographs on antebellum political history (including a study of the Polk presidency), co-authored a textbook on Tennessee history, and served as general editor (and author of one volume) of a series of Tennessee history studies. Moreover, in 1987 he assumed the editorship

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Paul H. Bergeron

Paul H. Bergeron History Fellowship Endowment Created

The UT History Department has honored the distinguished service of retiring Professor Paul H. Bergeron by establishing the Paul H. Bergeron History Fellowship Endowment.

Making a financial contribution to that endowment is an excellent way to say thank-you to Paul Bergeron for his 30 years of outstanding teaching and mentoring at UT. Donations may be sent to the Development Office, 600 Andy Holt Tower, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN 37996; Attn: Ms. Martha D. Masengill.

*History Department Memories

Brian Brown (B.A. 1993), a sales representative for Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals, remembers that before beginning his army officer application he took Dr. Charles Johnson's Military History class. Throughout his subsequent army training he often thought of the historical perspective Dr. Johnson gave about how armies moved and fought.

James A. Burran (Ph.D. 1977), president of Dalton College in Georgia, recalls fondly the Friday afternoons at Sam 'n Andy's.

Blane Chrisman (B.A. 1996), director of the Mid-Atlantic region for Plore Technologies, remembers Dr. Wheeler making the determination that the level of quality education of a school is directly proportional to how bad the school's football team is.

Patricia Clark (MA 1965), a retired associate editor of the Andrew Johnson papers, recalls classes in drafty Ayres Hall and her chats with Richard Marius as he scanned late-19th century newspapers on microfilm before his first novel was published.

Lance Diefenderfer (B.A. 1992), a Greenville, South Carolina, history teacher, remembers his two favorite professors—Dr. John Thomas, "my inspiration who made me want to teach," and Dr. John Finger, "who taught me in Indian-white relations and inspired me to begin my own Native American studies class in our high school."

Larry Dunn (MACT 1969), an insurance executive in Cleveland, Tennessee, has vivid memories of marching beside several of his history professors in the commemorative march in downtown Knoxville in 1968 following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Professor Hao Retires After 37 years

By Wayne Farris

Professor Yen-ping Hao has announced his retirement from the History Department, effective July 2002. A pillar of the department since joining its faculty in 1965, Dr. Hao has been an outstanding scholar, an effective and conscientious teacher, and an active servant of the university and his profession. In recognition of this, he was awarded a permanent appointment as Lindsay Young Professor. In addition, Professor Hao gained membership in the prestigious *Academia Sinica* (the Chinese Academy of Arts and Sciences) in Taiwan.

Dr. Hao has excelled in all aspects of his academic life. In scholarship, he has maintained an international reputation, having his English-language monograph *The Commercial Revolution in Nineteenth-Century China* translated into both Chinese and Korean. As late as 2001, he finished another book in Chinese economic history, *The Three Commercial Revolutions in Chinese History*. He has edited several works, ranging from such topics as Chinese naval history, to the history of the Republican interlude (1919 to 1949), to more diverse subjects dealing with tradition and change in modern China. Professor Hao has written numerous articles and participated in scholarly panels as the chair or as a presenter or discussant. The crowning

achievements in his academic career were his election in 1997 to the Chinese Academy of Arts and Sciences and the receipt in 2000 of the Jefferson Award for research, an award given by the university.

Furthermore, Dr. Hao's students know him as a rigorous but caring teacher. In



Yen-ping Hao

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the course of team-teaching Asian Civilizations with him, I have observed him many times. His classes were always a model of clarity, organization, and thought. In particular, his graduate courses in the History Department have always garnered outstanding ratings from students. As all teachers know, student evaluations reflect not simply the learning taking place in the classroom, but also the teacher's grading policy. Dr. Hao was always a strict but fair grader, according to his students, and he has been willing to take public stands against easy grading.

In the realm of service, Professor Hao

has always done all that the department has asked and has accomplished his tasks with aplomb and professionalism. Within his profession, he reviewed publications for the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, a chief agency for sending scholars to study in Taiwan, and sat on the editorial board of the *Chinese Economic History Review*.

Finally, Dr. Hao has volunteered to do much work above and beyond the call of duty. In the early 1990s, for example, when no one would coordinate the Indian section of Asian Civilizations, thus endangering the entire program, he took it upon himself to learn enough Indian history and culture to do the job himself. And in the spring of 2001, when the college was confronted with a short-term vacancy in third-year Chinese, Professor Hao volunteered his services. Despite his busy schedule, he has always been there when he was needed.

As a colleague, Dr. Hao epitomizes professionalism. Although he says little during departmental meetings, his counsel is constantly sought by others. And his opinions always seemed the wisest and fairest course for the department and for the university.

In sum, Professor Hao has enjoyed a stellar career. Professor Stanley Lusby of the Religious Studies Department made a generous gift to Hodges Library for books in Chinese in honor of Hao's many contributions to the university. Our department joins Lusby in saying "well done" to our colleague Dr. Hao. We will all miss him. ♦

William Gabard (B.A. 1947), retired Valdosta State University history professor, has very positive memories of professors Hoffmann, Folmsbee, and Stephens as dedicated, helpful teachers who were never too busy to assist students.

William Haltom Jr. (B.A. 1975), a Memphis lawyer, recalls parties at Paul and Margaret Pinckney's and the lectures by Richard Marius that sometimes covered the course topic.

Francis R. Hodges (Ph.D. 1983), professor of history at Florida Southern College, remembers Sarah Blanshei's formidable intellectual gifts that she shared with such grace and Paul Pinckney's treating graduate students as human beings.

Dominick Jackson (M.A. 1972), human resources director for Unaka Corporation in Greeneville, Tennessee, remembers excellent, demanding professors and that "Dr. Klein's insistence that we study the author before the text" has stuck with him and helped through the years.

Richard Laurence (B.A. 1959), professor of modern European history at Michigan State University, recalls Dr. Hoffman and his excellent courses on modern European history, which inspired him to try to follow in his footsteps.

Arthur Long Jr. (B.A. 1941), chairman of a Knoxville construction company, remembers Dr. Ruth Stephens as "one of a kind and a great history teacher."

John Neese (B.A. 1999), manager of the Greystone Restaurant in Buchanan, Tennessee, enjoyed Dr. Liulevicius's enthusiasm in modern European history and taking Dr. Brummett's Middle East class during our second conflict with Iraq.

History Adds Three Faculty Members

The History Department is delighted to introduce three new members. One of these, **Michael Kulikowski**, however, is not as new as the other two. That is to say, Professor Kulikowski joined the faculty in the fall of 2001, whereas professors **Hilde DeWeerd**t and **Lu Liu** joined the department in the fall of 2002.

Dr. **Kulikowski** previously held visiting appointments at Washington and Lee University (1998–99) and Smith College (1999–2001). His undergraduate degree is from Rutgers University, and his master's and doctoral degrees are from the Medieval Studies program at the University of Toronto. His research and teaching field of specialization is late antiquity/early medieval history.

Professor **DeWeerd**t, a native of the Netherlands, earned baccalaureate and master's degrees in Chinese studies at KU Leuven (Belgium). She completed doctoral studies in 1998 at Harvard University, where she also held appointments as a teaching fellow and as a senior tutor. Dr. DeWeerd

received several different doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships, including the Charlotte Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation and the Center for Chinese Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship from the University of California, Berkeley. She comes to UT from a position with the Harvard College Library.

Professor **Lu**, a native of China, holds a baccalaureate degree from Jilin University and did additional study at Nanjing University. At the latter institution she also studied in the master's program in conjunction with the Johns Hopkins University Center for Chinese and American Studies. In 2002, she received a Ph.D. degree in modern East Asian history at the University of California, San Diego, where she held several lectureships. Professors Lu and DeWeerd

We welcome all three of our new faculty members and predict great accomplishments from them in their teaching and research fields. ♦

**History Department Memories CONTINUED. . .*

James "Bo" Saulsbury (B.A. 1986), a researcher at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, remembers the incredible faculty—Drs. Becker, Bergeron, Bohstedt, Klein, Morrow, and Utley, who taught a Morristown boy how to think about and interpret history, not just memorize dates and facts.

Kerry Sprouse (B.S. 1969), president of First Commercial Real Estate, remembers "Richard Marius and Ralph Haskins—the best!"

Rebecca Throm (B.A. 1993), who lives in San Antonio, recalls Dr. Russell Buhite as "the teacher who showed me what a great teacher can do. He is the reason I became a teacher. He is a wonderful historian and excellent teacher."

John Turley (B.A. 1974), owner of a Knoxville real estate investment company, recalls how Richard Marius changed his life. "He said I was too smart to be enrolled in the business school" and "promised to teach me how to 'read and write' if I would move over to Liberal Arts and the History Department. He said later in life I could hire any of those business graduates—he was right!"

Mary Whitfield (B.S. 1943), a Waverly, Ohio, resident, remembers the department was small during her time and that she was inspired by those who taught her.

Gwen Wilson (B.A. 1978), an insurance agent in Knoxville, remembers the History Department as a "place of calm where logic ruled and dry humor was finely tuned. There was a great respect for the past and, above all, the truth found in research and the passing of knowledge on to the generations to come." ♦

World History Restructuring Project

By Palmira Brummett

In 2001 the History Department was awarded one of the university's Small Centers of Excellence grants (in the amount of \$100,000) to launch a three-year restructuring of our world history survey. The project, co-chaired by professors John Bohstedt and Palmira Brummett, aims at better use of faculty resources, better accommodation of student needs, and greater incorporation of technology. The primary reasons for this restructuring are (1) a departmental move to larger world history sections staffed by experienced faculty members rather than adjuncts or graduate students; (2) the perceived need to include the inputs of a wider range of faculty members with geographically diverse areas of expertise; and (3) the intent to devise a set of more engaging class materials that will capitalize on students' orientation toward visual images as well as words.

In the fall of 2001, we began a series of intensive faculty workshops. Our first one took place in mid-December, as a somewhat weary faculty was finishing up the semes-

ter. Enthusiasm levels were, nonetheless, high. Experienced world history teachers, such as Wayne Farris and J. P. Dessel, presented their very different approaches. Dr. Lydia Pulsipher, from the Geography Department, spoke on teaching world geography, and we discussed the intersections of historical and geographical methods.

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This first workshop also served as a forum for discussing the kinds of resources that faculty members, particularly those with little experience, need to do a good job in the world history classroom. We explored new technologies—a digital image bank, the new “smart” classrooms, wireless and online class work—and heard a presentation by Michael Burke, of UT's Innovative Technology Center, on the next generation of classroom computer and video resources. Finally, our

team developed a working model for teaching units that each one of us will develop on her or his special area of expertise.

The second workshop took place on May 8 and 9, 2002. This one was the first of four in which faculty members present critical themes and topics for each of the world's regions and eras. Each participant places his or her own field in the context of world history and discusses how best to teach that field. Topics included Roman history from republic to empire, women's history and gender, the American Revolution, the Industrial Revolution, and environmental history. Workshops scheduled for 2002–03 will cover East Asia, Africa, and the Middle East and Central Asia.

We expect to benefit greatly as a faculty from this long-term sharing of ideas and methods. Our students will benefit too; we plan to survey them to assess their reactions to this fresh approach. At the end of three years we hope to have not only an impressive array of shared teaching materials at our command but also a set of world history courses that are both more intellectually rewarding and more visually stimulating. ♦

*Faculty Update

STEPHEN V. ASH, along with several current or retired History Department colleagues, will be traveling to China this summer on a tour led by his wife, Jean. While there, he plans to replenish his famous supply of silk ties. Perhaps more important, in the fall, Professor Ash's new book, *A Year in the South: Four Lives in 1865*, will be published by Palgrave/St. Martin's Press. It's a narrative history of four ordinary people whose lives were caught up in the final months of the Civil War and early months of Reconstruction.

In addition to her usual teaching duties, this spring Professor **JANIS APPIER** has team-taught a new course, “Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice.” This course has been offered by the newly formed UT Center for Criminology and Criminal Justice, an interdisciplinary entity. In June 2002, Appier will present a paper at the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women; its title is “‘They Guard Their Children When I Am Near’: Grace Hudson and the Pomo of Northern California.”

As indicated on page 1 of this newsletter, **PAUL H. BERGERON** will retire from the department this summer, thereby bringing to a close a 30-year career at UT. In October 2001, he presented a lecture at the Pamplin Historical Park 5th Annual Symposium, held in Petersburg, Virginia. His topic was “The Three Lives of Andrew Johnson.” Also in the fall, Professor Bergeron had a book review published in the *Journal of the Early Republic*. And in the spring of 2002, his essay “Robert Johnson: The President's Troubled and Troubling Son” appeared in the *Journal of East Tennessee History*, 73 (2001). At its 2002 annual meeting, the East Tennessee Historical Society conferred upon Bergeron the Ramsey Award for Lifetime Achievement.

the professors in our department continue to excel. Students, both undergraduate and graduate, continue to receive a top-notch education, and many of them go on to successful careers. And, somehow, we in the department continue to enjoy our jobs and one another's company as well. The University of Tennessee is, I think, a very good place to work and study.

Given the dreadful financial situation of our state, and the legislature's repeated failures to support UT with adequate funding (oops, I'm being negative), it is wonderful to note the very generous support of our friends. This year Dr. William Gabard, a 1947 history graduate, offered a considerable estate donation to our department. The monies will eventually create Gabard Graduate Fellowships that will supplement graduate stipends in our department. One year ago our graduate stipend of \$8,500 was nearly the lowest in the nation. In September, our new provost (more on him later) reorganized his office, and applied these savings to increasing the lowest graduate stipends on campus. At \$10,000 a

year, we are now competitive with the stipends paid at the universities of Georgia, Oregon, and Kansas. When implemented, the Gabard Fellowships will boost that figure, and make us competitive with the likes of Wisconsin, Maryland, and even Rice and Vanderbilt.

A similarly generous donation from Emeritus Professor Milton Klein has resulted in the Milton M. Klein Graduate Fellowship. Created in part to honor the memory

graduate students to our program.

I am also pleased to announce our newest graduate fellowship fund: the Paul Bergeron Graduate Fellowship. Established in April by Paul's former students, these funds will be used to supplement the stipends held by our graduate students. Again, what is important here is that such extra monies will help us compete for the best graduate students, and thus improve the standing and reputation

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of Dr. Susan Stussy (Ph.D., 1983), who practiced law in Kansas City until her death from cancer, the fellowship is for a graduate student specializing in the history of Early America or in American legal history or American historiography. This nonservice fellowship includes a very generous stipend that is among the highest offered in the country today. As such, the Klein Fellowship will attract the best

of the department nationwide. I especially urge you to honor Professor Bergeron, and help our graduate program, by donating to this new fund.

When these top students arrive they will study with some of the leading figures in the profession. They will study with Dr. Kathy Brosnan, our environmental historian, whose history of Denver will soon be published by the

***Faculty Update CONTINUED . . .**

JOHN BOHSTEDT will leave in late summer for Swansea, Wales, where he will serve as program director of UT's fall semester program there.

On leave during part of the 2001–02 academic year, **OWEN BRADLEY** traveled to France, supported by a grant from the French government. There he presented a paper about Joseph de Maistre's empirical approach to history, which is to be published under the title "Le mystique de l'histoire." Meanwhile, Bradley has also published an essay on Maistre's theory of religious violence.

KATHLEEN BROSNAN will have her first book, *Uniting Mountain and Plain: Cities, Law, and Environmental Change along the Front Range*, published this autumn. The University of New Mexico Press is the publisher. A new project, the environmental and cultural history of California wines, will take her to that state for research (and perhaps some sampling of the products). On a more sobering note, Professor Brosnan will spend two weeks at the Cushwa Center for American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame, where she will complete an article about Irish nuns in the 19th century.

University of New Mexico Press. They will study with Dr. Jeff Norrell, the holder of our Bernadotte Schmitt Chair of History, who is recognized internationally for his work on race relations in the New South, and whose study of Booker T. Washington promises to revise our understanding of this important historical figure. They will also study with one of our newest faculty members, Dr. Michael Kulikowski, our specialist in late antiquity. A graduate of the University of Toronto, Kulikowski joins with professors Thomas Burman and Robert Bast in our new and exciting graduate program in medieval history, which we think will quickly become one of the best in the Southeast.

Unfortunately, neither these new students nor our continuing students will study with professors Yen-ping Hao and Paul Bergeron. Both are retiring after decades of service to the people of Tennessee. The authors of more than half a dozen books between them, they were popular classroom lecturers and graduate mentors. I encourage those of you who studied with them

to wish them well as they move on to new interests and pursuits.

I have been head of the department for nearly a year now. My first impression formed when I assumed my duties is still the dominant impression I carry of the department. The quality and dedication of the professors in the History Department is astonishing. Historians continue to rack up university research awards (Bast), and university public service awards (Wheeler). Furthermore, historians pretty much run UT these days, and that is why I am so optimistic about our university's future.

In July 2001 Dr. Loren Crabtree began his duties as the provost. He has a Ph.D. in Chinese history, which he earned at the University of Minnesota. He is assisted ably by Vice Provost Anne Mayhew, an economic historian who has worked for many years to improve this university. Both are members of our department, and both have brought a new competence and positive attitude to the administration of our university. The increase in graduate stipends was, I think, only the first of many improvements these historians will make at UT.

In the late 1960s Brazilians suffered through the most violent period of their military dictatorship. Mass arrests were common and habeas corpus was eliminated. Torturers maimed the bodies of activists and killed journalists and politicians. Others, like my wife, fled the country to study in the United States. In those dark days of fear and uncertainty, a pop song managed to avoid the censor's vigilant gaze and become the country's number one hit. Written and sung by Chico Buarque, the son of Brazil's most famous and erudite historian, Sergio Buarque de Holanda, it has been described as a protest song you can dance to (the best kind, in my opinion). "Amanha Vai Ser Outro Dia" lampooned military leaders while it celebrated Brazilians' unceasing optimism. Translated into English, the song's title means "Tomorrow Will Be Another Day." In that spirit I urge you to stay in touch with us in the History Department, to contribute especially to our graduate fellowship funds, and to continue your marvelous support of our activities. ♦

The early months of 2002 found **PALMIRA BRUMMETT** busily engaged at various professional meetings. At the AHA meeting in San Francisco, for example, she served as a discussant in the "The Press and the Modern Middle East" session. In March she participated in a symposium held at the Folger Shakespeare Library, where she presented a paper, "The Ottomans, 'Confined' and Projected in Sixteenth Century World Orders." And the next month Professor Brummett attended the South Asian Consortium symposium held at North Carolina State University, where she gave a paper, "Submission and Its Discontents." Her article "The River Crossing: Breaking Points (Metaphorical and 'Real') in Ottoman Mutiny," was recently reprinted in the *International Journal of Turkish Studies*. In addition, she has assumed the secretariat of The Turkish Studies Association, a post she will hold for three years.

THOMAS E. BURMAN had an essay published in the new book *Religion, Text, and Society in Medieval Spain and Northern Europe* (Toronto, 2002). In the summer of 2001, he presented a paper, "Polemic, Philology, and Ambivalence," at Trinity College, Cambridge. In early 2002 Burman gave invited lectures "Reading the Qur'an in Latin Christendom, 1140–1540," at Yale University and the University of Chicago. He served as program chair for the Midwest Medieval History Conference in St. Louis (October 2001) and on the program committee for the AHA meeting (January 2002). He also was program director for the 1st Annual MARCO Symposium at UT, held in February.

Faculty Members Gain Special Recognition

By W. Bruce Wheeler

This academic year the department has once again gained considerable on-campus visibility by winning several prestigious awards.

Professor Robert Bast was awarded the coveted Jefferson Prize, a university-wide accolade given to two faculty members each year who have earned national and international attention because of their research. Endowed by an anonymous donor, the Jefferson Prize “honors the principles of the nation’s third president” and supports significant faculty research projects.

At the College of Arts and Sciences Convocation last fall, **Professor Palmira Brummett** won the teaching award for a senior faculty member in the college. She was also honored by being named the recipient of the prestigious James R. and Nell Cunningham Outstanding Teaching Award, recognizing the most outstanding teacher in the college.

At that same convocation, **Professor Lorri Glover** was awarded the college’s

public-service award for junior faculty, particularly for her many off-campus presentations. Then at the Provost’s Awards Banquet in the spring, Glover received the Angie Warren Perkins Award, named for the university’s first dean of women and given to “a female faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching, scholarship, and public service.”

At that same Provost’s Awards Banquet, **Professor W. Bruce Wheeler** was given the National Alumni Association’s Award for Distinguished Public Service.

At the departmental level, **Professor Paul H. Bergeron** was awarded the LeRoy P. Graf Faculty Excellence Award at the annual honor’s banquet.

Congratulations to all those faculty members who have brought special recognition to themselves and to the department during the 2001–02 academic year. They join a long list of faculty members who have received recognition in previous years.♦

***Faculty Update CONTINUED. . .**

Head of the History Department, **TODD A. DIACON** has found time to serve as the 2001 president of the Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association. Moreover, he completed and has forwarded to Duke University Press his book manuscript “Stringing Together a Nation: Candido Mariano da Silva Rondon and the Creation of a Modern Brazil, 1906–1930.”

WAYNE FARRIS has served on Ph.D. committees at Princeton and Columbia universities this year. In addition, he has completed a book-length manuscript (his fourth), “Population, Famine and War in Japan, 1100–1600.” He presented a conference paper at Harvard this summer, “Famine, Climate, and Farming in Early Japan.” Just prior to that, he led a tour of archaeological sites of South Korea and Japan for the American Institute of Archaeology.

While on leave from UT during 2001–02, **CATHERINE HIGGS** has been a visiting fellow in History at Yale University. Moreover, she presented conference papers at the African Studies Association and also the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians. She is currently working on two research projects, one on cocoa in West Africa and the other on the resistance by Catholic nuns in South Africa during the apartheid era. She has co-edited the book *Stepping Forward: Black Women in Africa and the Americas*, which will be published in late 2002 by the Ohio University Press.

Milton M. Klein, retired but still very busy, achieved another noteworthy publication with the appearance of *The Empire State: A History of New York* (Cornell University Press, 2001). Named as an alternate selection by the History Book Club, this book is a comprehensive one-volume history of the Empire State, written by Professor Klein and five other historians. A new Milton Klein two-year graduate student fellowship in early American history or American legal history or American historiography has been established by the department.

The newest member of the department, **MICHAEL KULIKOWSKI**, has certainly been among the busiest. In 2001 he published essays in two different books, *Urban Centers and Rural Contexts in Late Antiquity*, edited by Thomas S. Burns and John W. Eadie, and *Society and Culture in Late Antique Gaul*, edited by Ralph W. Mathisen and Danuta Shanzer. Professor Kulikowski also presented papers at the Medieval Studies Conference at Kalamazoo (2001 and 2002), at the Early Medieval Forum at Princeton University, at the American Academy at Rome, and at the American Historical Association meeting in San Francisco.

VEJAS GABRIEL LIULEVICIUS is awaiting the publication this fall of the German translation of his book *War Land on the Eastern Front* (originally published by Cambridge University Press in 2000). In addition he will have an article, "Representations of War on the Eastern Front, 1914–1918," in the forthcoming book, *Power, Violence, and Mass Death*, edited by Joseph Canning, et al. Professor Liulevicius has recently presented papers at the AHA in San Francisco, Columbia University, and the German Studies Association. He has given invited lectures at Princeton University, Aarhus University (Denmark), and the University of Heidelberg, as well as at conferences at the University of Alberta and in Augsburg, Germany.

The Bernadotte Schmitt Professor of History, **ROBERT J. "JEFF" NORRELL**, presented a paper at the University of Florida and served as a panelist at the 2001 Southern Historical Association session on Booker T. Washington's book *Up From Slavery*. He had an article published in the *Cumberland Law Review* in December 2001 and has recently completed an essay on Booker T. Washington.

G. KURT PIEHLER, in addition to running the Center for the Study of War and Society, is working on a monograph that examines the experiences of American veterans from the American Revolution to the Persian Gulf War. He and his students have continued to collect oral histories from veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. In September, his review essay "Finding the Best Plan to Win the 'Good War'" appeared in *Reviews in American History*. Professor Piehler is serving now as the organizing chair for the annual meeting of the Society of Military History, to be held in Knoxville in May 2003.

PAUL J. PINCKNEY chaired a session, "Winners and Losers in the English Civil War," at the Southern Conference of British Studies, held in conjunction with the SHA in New Orleans in November 2001. He recently presented a lecture on Churchill and Hitler at the O'Connor Senior Citizens program in Knoxville.

Now completing his second year in the department, **JEFF SAHADEO** spent the summer of 2001 in Moscow, where he completed research for his manuscript on Tashkent in the late-19th and early-20th centuries. He presented papers at the American Historical Association and also at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. On a personal front, he and his wife, Petra, welcomed their new son, Andrew, born in February 2002. Congratulations!

WILLIAM BRUCE WHEELER continues to enjoy high visibility on campus and also in the community, partly because of his many appearances and talks at schools and civic clubs. In the spring he gave an invited lecture at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee, on the topic of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Moreover, he recently co-authored the second edition of *Discovering the American Past*, published by Houghton Mifflin.

During the academic year of 2001–02, **GEORGE WHITE JR.** held the Geraldine Dodge Postdoctoral Fellowship at Rutgers University's Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience (located in Newark, NJ). He has continued his research on U.S. foreign policy with a view toward publication of his study of American foreign policy toward Africa. In addition, Professor White has launched a new research project on the topic of the Rev. Robert Dokes, a black World War II chaplain.♦

* Alumni News

Kathleen Allen (B.A. 1969) is the director of guidance for Dorman High School in South Carolina and recently completed her Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction at the University of South Carolina.

David Arnett (B.A. 1983) is major and chief of current operations for the Colorado Air National Guard.

Edith Evans Asbury (AB 1932, AM 1933) retired from the *New York Times* after 29 years as staff reporter. She previously wrote for the Associated Press, *NY World*, *Cincinnati Time-Star*, and the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*.

H. Blair Bentley (Ph.D. 1972) is professor emeritus of history at Dyersburg State Community College, and currently enjoys teaching Sunday School classes at Grace Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Tennessee.

Stephen Berrey (M.A. 1997) is currently ABD in the Ph.D. program at the University of Texas at Austin.

Fashion Bowers (B.A. 1997) completed an M.A. in history at East Tennessee State University in May 2002 and is currently teaching an undergraduate history course at ETSU.

Vanderbilt Brabson III (B.A. 1974) is a labor relations management specialist for the Tennessee Valley Authority and serves as a weekly volunteer mediator for the Community Mediation Center in Knoxville.

Charles Bryan Jr. (Ph.D. 1978), director of the Virginia Historical Society, will become president of the American Association for State and Local History, a national umbrella organization for history museums and historical societies, in September.

Jonas Buring (B.A. 1998), 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, left for a six months' tour in the Mediterranean in July 2002 with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Jeffrey Burris (B.A. 1994), associate at Arnall Golden Gregory law firm in Atlanta, recently welcomed the birth of Ada Rose Burris on February 15, 2002.

Kay Cantrell (M.A. 1972), a program analyst for the Office of the Solicitor in the U.S. Department of Labor, received the Award for Distinguished Career Service in April 2001 and continues volunteer work as a tour guide for the First Ladies Hall in the Smithsonian Museum's National Museum of American History.

Bligh Conway (M.A. 1998), a teacher at the Anglo/American School in St. Petersburg, Russia, will work toward an international teaching certification in Spain this summer.

Judy M. Cornett (B.A. 1977), associate professor at the University of Tennessee College of Law, is just completing a two-year term on the board of the UT Association of Women Faculty.

Hoyt Cruze III (B.A. 1999), a platoon leader/executive officer in the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, just finished a one-year tour at Camp Casey, Korea, and graduated from Airborne School.

Patricia Dahlberg (A.B. 1950) is executive director of the La Jolla (California) Historical Society, which plans to create a preservation of utilizing historical cottages.

Charles Davis (M.A. 1989) is a news anchor and game analyst for the Sunshine Network in Winter Garden, Florida.

William R. Delzell (M.A. 1980) lives in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he works for the Massachusetts Telecommunications Relay Service.

Harold Doughty II (B.A. 1978), an associate with Thompson, Ventulett, and Stainback architecture firm in Lawrenceville, Georgia, is currently architect and systems manager for the phase IV Georgia World Congress Center.

Kent Dollar (Ph.D. 2001), a lecturer at Tennessee Technological University, presented a paper at the Missouri Valley History Conference in March 2002, and chaired a session at the Southwestern Historical Association Conference, also in March 2002.

Mike Driver (B.A. 1988), a teacher and coach in the Knox County Schools, was named KIL Golf Coach of the Year in 2001 and also head girls' basketball coach at Farragut High.

Pete Ellertsen (M.A. 1966), a professor at Springfield College in Illinois, gives talks on shape-note singing schools and popular music of the early-19th century for the "Roads Scholars" program of the Illinois Humanities Council and also serves as a volunteer living history interpreter at Lincoln's New Salem Historic Site.

John Finerty Jr. (B.A. 1968) is currently working as a staff advisor for the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

W. Todd Groce (Ph.D. 1992) is the executive director for the Georgia Historical Society. His book *Mountain Rebels* is in its third printing since its publication in 1999 by UT Press. He was also appointed by Georgia Governor Roy Barnes to three state commissions related to history.

Edwin Hardison (Ph.D. 1981), dean of instruction and student services for Virginia Highlands Community College, participated in a local lecture series on the Civil War in Southwest Virginia in February.

Thomas A. Higgins (B.A. 1954), currently serves as a U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee and is appointed to the Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management.

Francis R. Hodges (Ph.D. 1983) was named chair of the History Department at Florida Southern College this year.

Robert Holloway (B.A. 1974) currently serves the State of Tennessee as Circuit Judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit.

Tiffany Horne (B.A. 1998) recently relocated to Georgia and is employed by Cobb County Schools as an interrelated special education teacher.

Patricia Hudson (B.A. 1977) is a freelance writer who is currently working on an anthology of women writers. She has been a regular contributor to *South-ern Living* magazine, and is co-author of a volume in the Smithsonian Guide to Historic America series.

Shari Kinney (B.A. 1992) is a teacher and intern assistant principal for Charleston County Schools in South Carolina and is enrolled at the Citadel working on her administration degree.

Amy Landis (M.A. 1998), an adjunct professor for Pellissippi State, is enjoying teaching Western Civilization classes and is also traveling as much as possible.

David Larson (B.A. 1987), a filmmaker and investigator, recently wrote and produced a television documentary on a 50-year-old Pacific Northwest volunteer program that aids the hungry and homeless.

Robert Lukens (M.A. 1996) is currently the collections manager for the Chester County Historical Society in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

William Ben McClendon (B.A. 1999) is a second-year law student at Western New England College School of Law and is a law clerk in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Larry “Rocky” McElhaney (B.A. 1995) is an attorney for the Williams & McElhane law firm. He was named partner in January 2001 and serves on the board of the Nashville Bar Young Lawyers Division.

Bobby McGee (B.A. 1971) serves as a general sessions judge for Knox County.

John McKenry (B.A. 1990) was recently promoted to director of golf for the Colonial Country Club in Germantown, Tennessee.

Patrick McKenry (B.A. 1971), a professor of human development at Ohio State University, was recently named fellow of the National Council on Family Relations.

Charles McRae (B.A. 1991) is currently enrolled in the M.B.A. program at UT. He worked this summer with CSX Transportation.

David Madden (B.S. 1957) is professor at LSU and has published five books since 1996, including *Classics of Civil War Fiction*, *Beyond the Battlefield*, and *Sharpshooter: A Novel of the Civil War*.

Stephen Marking (B.A. 1997) is a teacher for Christian Brothers High School in Memphis and recently finished his master’s degree in history at the University of Memphis.

Robert Mathisen (M.A. 1969), professor of history and political science at Western Baptist College in Salem, Oregon, had his book *Critical Issues in American Religious History* published by Baylor University Press in 2001. He lectured in China at Electric Power University in Changsha in April 2002.

Dewitt Maxwell (B.A. 1984), a library media specialist/educational consultant for Memphis City Schools, was elected to the American Library Association’s National Council for 2001–04. In 2000 he received the Innovative Library Media Award and the Crystal Apple Teacher Award. He recently published several articles in the *Journal of Educational Thought*.

Jason Meyers (M.A. 1998) is a curator at the Museum of Funeral Customs in Springfield, Illinois, and was married in September 2001.

James Minton II (B.A. 1996), an assistant director of alumni affairs and instructor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, recently received the Excellence in Teaching Award for his freshman seminar, fall 2001.

Michael Mirugliuolo (B.A. 1995) is a social studies teacher, varsity baseball coach and varsity cross country coach for Green Hope High School, North Carolina.

Michael Wayne Morris (Ph.D. 1990) was recently promoted to professor of history at Lees-McRae College and serves as director of U.S. Army Reserve’s Russian language immersion program in Yalta, Ukraine.

Douglas O’Connor (M.A. 1994), a social studies teacher for New York Board of Education and Midwood High School at Brooklyn College, received a grant from the Japan Society in summer 2001 to live and travel in Japan.

Chris Perry (M.A. 2001) is a data analyst for Hannifin Corporation in Chicago and is currently interviewing for academic positions.

W. Jimi Rowland (B.A. 1998) is a history teacher and assistant football coach for Pigeon Forge High School and is currently enrolled as a graduate student at Carson-Newman College pursuing a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction.

William Rogers (M.A. 1969), a social science instructor for Isothermal Community College, North Carolina, recently published an article in the college’s magazine, *The Mentor*.

Aimee Ruzicka (M.A. 1974) is a principal in her law library consulting company, the Authority, located in Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania.

Sherry Cook Sabo (B.A. 1973) is a seasonal ranger for the National Park Service and lives in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Michael Salazar (B.A. 1995) is a Peace Corps volunteer teaching English and history in Pavlodar, Kazakhstan.

Jerry Sayers (B.A. 2001) was accepted into the graduate program in history at the University of Virginia and awarded a Presidential Fellowship.

Jayne Smith (B.A. 1998), a legal assistant for a law firm, is the head coach for the Oak Ridge High School Volleyball team, and will receive a master’s degree in education from Lincoln Memorial University in spring 2003.

Joe Spence (M.A. 1967), a retired Lenoir City High School teacher, was inducted into Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame in April 2001.

Mary Ann Tally (B.A. 1971) of Fayetteville, North Carolina, is director of the Trial Assistance Unit for the Center for Death Penalty Litigation. She recently received the Reginald Heber Smith Award from the National Legal Aid and Defender Association as well as the 2001 Champion of Indigent Defense Award from the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Daniel Thomas Jr. (A.B. 1946) is part-time pastor of visitations at Riverside Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, Florida.

Ronald Thomas (M.A. 1972) is a retired principal and now an exemplary educator for the Tennessee Department of Education and working with two middle schools in Hamilton County, Tennessee.

Hiram Tipton (B.S. 1965), a partner in a Knoxville law firm, worked from 1973 to the end of 1997 as in-house counsel with Eastman Company and spent two years in the Hague, Netherlands, as Eastman’s General counsel for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Patricia Turner (B.S. 1967) was elected to the school board of the Kingsport City Schools in 2001.

J. Charles Waldrup (B.S. 1973) was recently named associate vice-president for legal affairs in the office of the president of the University of North Carolina system.

Robert Walker (B.A. 1976), a teacher at Battle Ground Academy in Franklin, Tennessee, was inducted into the Faculty Hall of Fame in October 2001.

J. Richard Wall (B.A. 1978) is a freelance writer and television producer in St. Augustine, Florida.

Joseph Walt (M.A. 1951) is professor emeritus of history at Simpson College, where he continues to teach part time. He also serves on the board of trustees of the State Historical Society of Iowa and has published a history of Indianola, Iowa, for the town’s sesquicentennial.

Jack Williams (B.S. 1964) is vice-president of development and alumni affairs at the University of Tennessee.

Joshua Wolfe (B.A. 2000), a second-year law student at Vanderbilt University, was recently appointed as a notes editor on the *Vanderbilt Law Review*.

Marjorie Yeomans (M.A. 1972), co-owner of Andover Square Books, currently serves as program chairperson for the Bonnie Kate Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution and is a past president of Chapter 89 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.♦



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