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Dr. Charles Johnson dies

Dr. Charles W. "Chuck" Johnson, war historian and beloved teacher and colleague, died April 3, 2000, at the age of 65. For 18 months Chuck had fought courageously against cancer. "Chuck was a terrific friend and colleague and the kind of faculty member that we all aspire to be," said John R. Finger. A memorial service at Oak Ridge was attended by many colleagues, students, and friends.

Chuck retired in 1998 after 32 years with the Department. A native of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Chuck came to UT in 1965 as LeRoy Graf's first hire, finishing his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1968. One of the things Chuck valued most was the warm cordiality of all the "good friends and colleagues" in the department, though increasing research, administrative, and graduate teaching obligations over the years have pulled people away from the commons. Chuck set a strong example in promoting scholarly community, welcoming new members, being a warm colleague, faithfully attending special lectures and meetings, and perpetually chairing the all-important Graduate Committee.

Chuck's scholarly field was the interaction of war and society in 20th century United States. His dissertation on the U.S. Army and the Civilian Conservation Corps, under Professor Sidney Fine, spawned several articles. In 1981 the UT Press published *City Behind a Fence*, a book on wartime Oak Ridge he co-authored with Charles Jackson. In 1992 he co-authored *A People at War* for an exhibit on the social history of World War II and he has frequently served as a consultant or public historian for community groups. He and Jonathan Utley developed an extremely popular course on the social, political, military and diplomatic history of the United States in World War II.

One of the highlights of Dr. Johnson's career was the Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Award in 1985. He loved teaching. He was consistently one of our best and most popular teachers at the introductory survey, upper-division, and graduate levels. Chuck was one of the "founding cadre" of the Normandy Scholars Program, which takes a class of twenty select students through an integrated program of history, French, and humanities for a semester here, followed by three weeks in Normandy in June.

Chuck's main scholarly legacy will be the Center for the Study of War and Society. In 1984 he began his World War II Veterans Project, which both collects materials (diaries, letters, etc.) and tapes interviews with veterans. The collection now contains several hundred thousand items, pertaining to about 1000 service people, most but not all Tennesseans. The Veterans Project grew so quickly that Johnson founded the Center in 1988, which now seeks to stimulate interest in military history, sponsor the annual McKinney lecture, and provide travel funds and research materials for a number of M.A. and Ph.D. theses. Dr. Kurt Piehler succeeded Chuck as director of the Center.

Chuck is survived by his wife Joan, his sister Marjorie, and a large extended family.

The Year 2000: A Time of Transition

John R. Finger, Department Head

During the past year the history department has continued to undergo dramatic change, especially in terms of personnel. Susan Becker retired to emerita status, Larry Ratner to emeritus, and I have announced my own retirement at the end of this academic year. In the meantime, three new scholars have joined our ranks: Janis Appier, in recent U.S. and women's history, Kathleen Brosnan in environmental history, and J. P. Dessel in Jewish archaeology/history. Articles about these new colleagues appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

We have had seven retirements during my three years as department head (I deny any cause and effect relationship), including professors Becker, Bing, Chmielewski, Haas, Johnson, Ratner and, now, myself. In addition, professors Buhite, Cobb, and Haiken have taken academic jobs elsewhere. Besides the three newcomers of this year, we have added professors Norrell, Piehler, and Fleming (who returned to us from UT's College of Education). This August we will also welcome Jeff Sahadeo as our new specialist in Russian history, and next year we will conduct national searches for a new head (specialty open) and a scholar in late antiquity (200-800 CE). These changes reflect national trends: more and more baby boomers (and pre-boomers) leaving academe; an infusion of new and vigorous scholarship; and a sharp decline in metamucil consumption. Meanwhile we have the good fortune of one old timer, Bruce Wheeler, agreeing to serve as acting head until we find a permanent designee. Several of our colleagues are candidates for that position.

As I leave the department after thirty-one years, I take great pride in the accomplishments of my colleagues. Among the honors of the past year are three faculty development grants (professors Fleming, Liulevicius, and Piehler), Stephen Ash's recognition as UT National Alumni Outstanding Teacher of the Year, and Yen-p'ing Hao's winning of the Jefferson Award, a research stipend of $6,000 for each of the next three years. Some of our accomplishments are a reflection of your generous contributions to the department's enrichment fund. This year we were once again able to send all our colleagues to every archive and professional conference necessary to their ongoing scholarship. We also used the fund for across-the-board increases in graduate stipends as well as to create a second Charles W. Johnson Teaching Assistantship for especially promising newcomers to our program. Moreover, several endowments designed specifically for students enabled us to award $11,000 to outstanding undergraduate majors, plus thousands more for graduate research. Nevertheless, faculty salaries and graduate stipends will remain far below those of our so-called peer institutions until Tennessee provides more funding. UT is a far better institution than the state deserves for its penuriousness.

One advantage of being here so long is that it has given me the opportunity to know a lot of you on a personal level (indeed, I've taught some of your children and even a few of your grandchildren). With many of you I've had the distinct pleasure of writing periodic notes of thanks for your faithful generosity. Institutional longevity has also given me the benefit of perspective. While our department produces more and more first-rate scholarship, I've seen a continuing commitment to our traditional excellence in teaching, advising, and public service. And, amazingly, despite all our different personalities, interests, and foibles, we retain a collegiality that is probably unrivaled by any other department on campus. Regardless of who becomes our new head, I am confident such qualities will endure. They have certainly made my years here meaningful and enjoyable.

In Memoriam

Richard Curry Marius

by John Muldowny

Sadly, I must report the death of my former colleague and close friend Richard Marius. Richard died of cancer at his home in Belmont, Massachusetts on November 5, 1999, at age 66. A native of Lenoir City, Tennessee, Richard graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1954 with a degree in journalism; he also earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky in 1958. He then went on to Yale for graduate work in Renaissance and Reformation history, receiving an MA in 1959 and a Ph.D. in 1962.

After two years at Gettysburg College, Marius returned to the University of Tennessee and joined the history department faculty. From 1962 until 1978 when he left Tennessee to go to Harvard to head their Expository Writing Program, Richard and I were office mates, first in Ayres Hall where we often shared our office with graduate students, and starting in 1965 in McClung Tower. We usually taught three courses per quarter, so we spent much time together on the eleventh floor.

The late 1960s and early 1970s were turbulent years at UT, as the campus was rocked by controversy over the Free Speech Movement and the Vietnam War. Richard was in the middle of much of this, for he was one of the first on campus actively to speak out against the war and for free speech on campus and the separation of church and state in campus activities. None of these were very popular at that time and it took courage to speak out in defense of them. As a result, it was not unusual for students and even a few faculty members who disagreed with his views to come charging into our office, denouncing both him and his ideas. Spirited and heated debates would often follow and helped to make those years together quite memorable. In addition, Marius was active in the American Association of University Professors and served as president of the local and state chapters.

Marius had a most distinguished career. His writings include three published novels, *The Coming of Rain*, *Bound for the Promised Land*, and *After the War*. A fourth novel will be published by Knopf next spring. He wrote two major scholarly biographies of Martin Luther, one published in 1974 and a more complete one in 1999 entitled *Martin Luther:The Christian between God and Death*. Other writings include his editing or co-editing six volumes of the Yale edition of *The Complete Works of Sir Thomas More*; co-editing with Harvey Wiener the *McGraw-Hill College Handbook*, which has gone through four editions; editing for the Columbia University Press an anthology, the *Columbia Book of Civil War Poetry*; and producing two widely used handbooks, *A Writer's Companion*, which has gone through four editions and has been used in over 400 colleges and universities, and *A Short Guide to Writing about History*, which has gone through three editions.

But one would be remiss if one did not also remember Richard as an exceptional classroom teacher. While a member of the UT history department, his classes in western civilization and Renaissance and Reformation were two of the most popular courses on campus. Even eight o'clock morning classes were filled, for not only was Richard a spellbinding lecturer, but he was a storyteller and wit extraordinaire. He had a way with words and deft phrases and within his lectures on European history, he would somehow manage to weave in stories about Appalachia, Lenoir City, his family, his travels, or anything that might have caught his fancy that day. Students loved it, flocked to his courses, and visited during his office hours.

Starting in 1986 and continuing for the next 10 years, Richard returned to UT each summer as director of a two-week Tennessee Governor's Academy for Teachers of Writing. Each summer we took a scotch to my back deck, watched a Norfolk Southern freight whiz by (another of our

mutual interests was trains), and reminisced about the past. As the Academy's director, his talents as teacher and mentor once again shone through, and there is no question that his efforts, and those of the talented staff he recruited to assist him, helped many teachers realize and value the significance and importance of writing in a school's curriculum.

Despite his move to Harvard, Richard always loved UT. He believed his roots were here, and I know that he attributed much of his success as a writer and teacher to the basic education that he received as an undergraduate major in journalism at Tennessee. It was thus most fitting that in September 1999 the School of Journalism in the College of Communications awarded him the Heilman Distinguished Alumnus award.

I will remember Richard Marius as one of my closest friends, but also as a talented and gifted member of UT's history department who in the space of a little more than a decade was able to broaden and enhance the educational experiences of hundreds of students. He was a rare individual. I feel privileged that he was part of my life and, despite the separation of geography, that we were able to sustain our friendship for those almost forty years.

He is survived by his wife, Lanier Smythe, who teaches art history at Suffolk University in Boston, three sons, and two grandchildren.

Dessel appointed to Jewish Studies Position

J.P. Dessel joined the history department in the fall of 1999 in our new position in history and Jewish Studies. A native of New Jersey, J.P. comes to us most recently from Bucknell University, where he was the Jewish Studies Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence in the department of religion. He had previously taught at Villanova, Duke, Bryn Mawr, and the University of Pennsylvania.

J.P. earned his undergraduate degree in anthropology at Brandeis, *magna cum laude*, and his graduate degrees in Near Eastern Studies at the University of Arizona. His dissertation examined rural communities in ancient Israel, and it has been accepted for publication by the Sheffield Academic Press under the title *Social Transformation in the Chalcolithic and Early Bronze I of the Southern Levant: Ceramic Production at the Halif Terrace.* J.P. has already published a number of articles on Israel in the Bronze and Iron ages.

Professor Dessel's work has made important connections between our department and others within the University. Trained broadly in archaeology, J.P. does work of keen interest to the anthropology department. Each year J.P. teaches a course on Jewish history in the Jewish Studies Program, and he does extensive service work in the Knoxville community on matters related to Jewish history.

In the history department, J.P. has taken a leading role in the teaching of world history and ancient history. In the future, he plans courses at the graduate level in ancient and world history, including one on material culture.

Now in his second semester at UT, J.P. says, "I like the students here. Not all are serious, but many are, and most seem to know that good grades result from work." In fact, J.P. likes the UT students well enough to take a group of them to Israel this summer to work on an archaeological dig.

Brosnan Fills New Environmental Position

Kathleen A. Brosnan came to the history department in the fall of 1999 to fill a new position in environmental history. Kathy is a recent Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, where she completed a dissertation entitled "Uniting Mountain and Plain: Urbanization, Law, and Environmental Change in the Denver Region, 1858-1903."

In her first year at UT, Kathy has taught the American survey, a course on Progressivism, and both undergraduate and graduate courses in U.S. environmental history. In the future, she intends to teach environmental history courses that focus on both the West and American cities.

Teaching history is a second career for Kathy,

who earned a law degree at the University of Illinois and practiced law in Chicago in the 1980s. At UT she expects to put her legal background to work when she offers courses that examine questions about the law and the environment.

"I like Knoxville, especially the mountains nearby," Kathy says. "And the winter weather is much better than Chicago's."

She has been pleased with the UT students, especially those in her environmental history courses.

Kathy is busy preparing her dissertation for publication. She expects to have it in the hands of a publisher later this year.

Janis Appier Joins History Department

Janis Appier, a historian of American women's history, filled a position in twentieth-century social history that was vacated with last year's departure of Professor Beth Haiken. Professor Appier left a position at Ohio State University to come to Knoxville, having taught earlier at Salisbury State in Maryland and at California State University at San Bernadino.

Janis is a native Californian who earned her Ph.D. at the University of California at Riverside.

"I was attracted to UT mainly for the opportunity to teach graduate students," Janis explains. "I look forward to working with the growing number of students who are interested in social and women's history." She has already taught undergraduate courses on women's history and a course on the 1960s.

Janis comes to us with a publishing career already well under way. Her dissertation was published in 1998 by Temple University Press under the title *Policing Women: The Sexual Politics of Law Enforcement and the LAPD*, which looks at the use of women police officers in one of the nation's most controversial departments. She has two new projects underway—one on crime during the 1930s and another on the emerging health concerns associated with breast cancer in post-World War II America.

Dr. Finger Retires

John R. "J.B." Finger announced in November that he would retire from the University at the end of the spring semester of 2000. At the time of the announcement, J.B. was serving as head of the history department, during his 31st year of distinguished service to UT.

Finger came to UT in 1969 from Rochester Institute of Technology after doing his graduate work at the University of Washington and and undergraduate at the University of Kansas. A native of Topeka, Kansas, J.B. specialized in the study of the American West and wrote his dissertation on frontier Seattle. Leroy Graf, also a western historian and department head, recruited him to Tennessee, and having seen the beauty of the Smokies and interested in the opportunity to teach graduate students in history, J.B. took the opportunity.

J.B. proved to be one of the history department's outstanding teachers. He regularly has taught the American survey course to large and approving audiences of freshmen and sophomores and courses on the West and Native Americans, which have been consistently popular among upper-level undergraduates. He developed a new course on American sports history that has drawn big audiences of undergraduates.

"J.B. has been great with undergraduates from the day he got here," reports his colleague Bruce Wheeler, who arrived in Knoxville just a year after Finger. "His lectures were powerful, provocative, and often very funny."

In the graduate program, J.B. trained M.A. and Ph.D. students in Native American, nineteenth-century, and sports history. He directed several Masters students and four Ph.D. students, two of whom he will finish up after retirement.

At the same time, J.B. has carried on an ambitious program of research and publishing. After his arrival in Knoxville, he focused on Native American history, with particular attention on the Cherokee. Today Finger is recognized as one of the nation's leading historians of Native Americans and perhaps the main authority on the Cherokee. In 1984 he

published *The Eastern Band of the Cherokees, 1819-1900* and in 1991 *Cherokee Americans: The Eastern Band of Cherokees in the Twentieth Century.* Both books have been widely praised.

Finger has recently completed a new work, *Tennessee Frontiers*, which looks at the Trans-Appalachia frontier in the Volunteer State from 1540 to 1840. In press at Indiana University Press, this book reflects J.B.'s original interest in the issues of Western history and his continuing faith that the "frontier" theme still explains things about American history.

Asked to reflect on the highlights of his career at UT, J.B. says that the best experience has been "being part of a department that, whatever problem or disagreement arose, has maintained its collegiality." He adds that "the longer I'm in the academic world, the more I see how unusual that is." Finishing his third year as department head, J.B. has himself made big contributions toward upholding the department's good human relations.

On the other hand, J.B. has always been known for his complete honesty about UT's shortcomings. Today he remains disappointed in the "continuing top-down administration" of the university and the appallingly low—and still declining—state support for higher education. "We've had a lot of hacks as presidents of UT—some of them smart but still they were hacks—who wouldn't recognize that the university should be more than a business concern." A big sports fan himself, J.B. is "appalled at the sports obsessions of the administration, including the naming of streets for coaches and athletes."

J.B. has lots of plans for his retirement. He and his wife, Judi Gaston, will travel extensively. Judi makes woven, wearable art and sells it at shows around the country, and J.B. will be accompanying her in the future. Just for pleasure, in early June they are going to the Amazon basin in Peru and to such other Peruvian sites as Machu Piccu. They plan to return to Alaska and to try a cargo cruise—perhaps through the Panama Canal. To facilitate the travel, he plans to take UT's course on Spanish for faculty members.

When not on the road, J.B. intends to spend more time on both his vegetable and flower gardening at their home on Island Home in South Knoxville. He wants to paint and learn to use charcoal. He intends to read more fiction—especially novels by Dick Francis, Don DeLillo, and Ivan Doig. And he will stay involved with his and Judi's 5 children and 5 grandchildren.

Although surprised by what many considered J.B.'s premature retirement, the history department members wish him well, as do his many friends around the University of Tennessee. Bruce Wheeler will serve as acting department head while the university conducts a national search for his replacement.

In Memoriam
Susan A. Stussy (1945-2000)

Susan Agnes Stussy, who received her Ph.D. in history in 1983, died of cancer at her home in Kansas City, Kansas, on February 28. Born in Livonia, Michigan, she received a B.A. degree, *magna cum laude*, from Oakland University in Michigan, with honors in history in 1967. She then earned a Master of Science in Library Science degree at Wayne State University the following year. She worked for a time at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and at St. Peter's College in New Jersey before securing an M.A. degree in history from the University of Michigan in 1972. After six years as a librarian at Mt. St. Mary's College in Maryland, she enrolled at the University of Tennessee and received her Ph.D. in 1983, with a dissertation on Michael Sparke, a 17th-century English Puritan printer and writer, done under the supervision of Professors Arthur Haas and Paul Pinckney. She held library positions thereafter, at Converse College, St. Norbert College, and Madonna University in Michigan. She secured a J.D. degree from Washburn University in 1994, and practiced law in Kansas City until her death.

Her research was meticulous, and she performed all of the jobs she held, from teaching assistant to librarian and lawyer, with the utmost concern for those she served. She was less interested in making money as a lawyer than in serving underprivileged clients, who showed their appreciation by supporting her during her illness. She was unmarried and left no heirs.

Professor Bing Retires

After 35 years of service to the department of history and the university community, Professor Daniel Bing has announced his retirement. A specialist in ancient history, Dan has pursued a life-long fascination with the region of Cilicia on the southeastern coast of present-day Turkey. "It was a cultural cross-roads, rich in minerals, fertile for agriculture, and so placed as to make control of it significant for military purposes," he noted. "Control of Cilicia was critical for eastern Mediterranean empires seeking to make forays into Anatolian-based empires. Assyrian control of it passed to the Persians; later Alexander the Great fought one of his most significant battles there, coming into conflict with Darius of Persia. When Darius was defeated, Alexander gained control over all of Asia. The Romans took Cilicia later; Cicero served as governor there, and the Apostle Paul mentions it as an area in which he evangelized for Christianity."

Dan's focus on Cilicia required him to develop an unusually broad range of research and teaching interests. He has offered courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels on Sumerian and Akkadian languages, and on the history and literature of ancient civilizations from the Babylonians through the Assyrians, Greeks, and Romans. Additionally, he has made a significant contribution to scholarship through his publications in *The American Journal of Numismatics*; *The American Journal of Ancient History*; *The Journal of Hellenic Studies*, and *Historia: Zeitschrift fuer alte Geschichte*.

He served for two years as director of graduate studies, three in the Language Arts advising center, and helped guide various committees dealing with curriculum, faculty searches, and tenure. Three of his graduate students have gone on to earn their Ph.D.s, at the University of North Carolina and at Harvard.

Among the many topics Dan explored in his courses, the history of the development of Athenian democracy has held a special place. "The story of the struggle to develop and maintain Greek democracy and liberty was uppermost in the minds of the Founding Fathers of American government. That makes it a part of our own story," he observes.

Dan will remain busy during his retirement. He is currently at work on the memoirs of his mentor, Hans Groth, who taught ancient history at the University of Florida before taking a position here at the University of Tennessee in the German department. Dan also plans to continue researching and writing about Athenian political development. Finally, there are grandchildren in Memphis and Texas who will probably be seeing much more of their grandfather.

Faculty Updates

Stephen V. Ash (Associate Professor) continues to teach and write about the Civil War.
He finds that students and the general public are still fascinated by the War. He notes ruefully, however, that his colleagues often yawn and roll their eyes when he yammers on and on about the subject. They express a great deal of interest, however, in the stunningly attractive neckties his wife Jean brings back from the Orient several times a year. Steve is currently writing a book about the experience of Southerners in the year 1865, as told through the lives of four ordinary people. Last year he was honored with the UT National Alumni Association's Outstanding Teacher Award.

Robert Bast (Associate Professor) co-edited *Continuity and Change: The Harvest of Late-Medieval and Reformation History. Essays Presented to Heiko A. Oberman on his 70th Birthday* (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2000). He presented a paper entitled "Piety and Power: The Campaign for Lay Instruction in Late-Medieval and Early Modern Europe," at the 35th International Medieval Studies Conference. Bob was named to the editorial board of E.J. Brill's series *Studies in the History of*

Christian Thought. He served as faculty liaison to a group of high school teachers (led by UT history department alumna Dr. Pat Brake) who won a grant from the Humanities Scholars Program of the Council of Basic Education and the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop an interdisciplinary course for teaching the Renaissance in high schools. In the summer of 1999, deeply and pathetically enmeshed in a mid-life crisis, he traveled over 7000 miles camping and canoeing through Canada.

Susan Becker (Emerita) was awarded one of the four Chancellor's Citations for Extraordinary Service to the University late last spring. During the summer, she gave a presention on women' s history at the U.T. Alumni Summer College and published a book review in the *American Historical Review*. She and her co-author, Bruce Wheeler, are currently working on a new Web-based project, *Interacting with the American Past* (forthcoming 2001) and will soon be writing revisions for the fifth edition of their two-volume American history problems supplement. She has also been doing volunteer work in several community organizations and has completed a six-week watercolor workshop at the Knoxville Museum of Art. She and Dick have just returned from a walking tour of Provence.

Paul Bergeron (Professor) published *Tennesseans and their History* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1999) with Stephen A. Ash and Jeannette Keith. His review of Wallace Ort, *Defiant Peacemaker: Nicholas Trist in the Mexican War* appeared in the *Pacific Historical Review* 68 (1999), 468-69. Paul reviewed manuscripts for *Congress and the Presidency: A Journal of Capital Studies*; for the *Journal of the Early Republic*, and for the *Journal of Southern History*. He gave a public lecture of Tennessee's early frontier at the Southern Festival of Books in Nashville, and spoke on "Andrew Johnson and the Terrible Year of 1865" as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at Tennessee State University. Professor Bergeron also guided the completion of dissertations by Forrest Marion, Kathleen Zebley and Clint Clifft. He continues as a member of the Board of Directors, East Tennessee Historical Society.

John Bohstedt (Associate Professor and Associate Head) published his article, "The Pragmatic Economy, the Politics of Provisions, and the 'Invention' of the Food Riot Tradition in 1740," in Adrian Randall and Andrew Charlesworth, eds., *Moral Economy and Popular Protest: Crowds, Conflict and Authority* (Macmillan 2000), pp. 55-92. He also presented a paper entitled "Moral Economy and Military Force: the Waning of the Politics of Provisions 1740-1850," at the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe in Charleston, which will be published as "Moral Economy and Military Force: the Waning of the Politics of Provisions 1740-1820," *Proceedings of the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe*, (2000). John chaired a tenure committee and a search committe in the department, as well as the Social Science Divisional Committee (1998-2000). He gave a public lecture on "The Irish Potato Famine" in Fountain City.

Owen Bradley (Associate Professor) recently published his book *A Modern Maistre: the Social and Political Thought of Joseph de Maistre* in the prestigious *European Horizons* series of the University of Nebraska Press. The book reconsiders this founder of European conservatism, placing Maistre's work within the contexts of revolutionary France and the development of modern social theory. Over the last year Professor Bradley has presented papers on Maistre and on Vico at several conferences in the U.S. and abroad. He is currently working on the history of ethnography as a form of cultural criticism.

Palmira Brummet (Lindsay Young Associate Professor) has completed her second monograph, *Image and Imperialism in the Ottoman Revolutionary Press, 1908-1911* (S.U.N.Y. Press, 2000). She also co-authored *Civilization Past and Present*, 9th edition (Longmans, 1999). In October she delivered a paper at the 13th International Congress of the Turkish Historical Society in Ankara, Turkey, entitled "Ottoman Ceremonial Rhetorics of Submission in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries". In January of this year Professor Brummet lectured to 300 senior citizens on "The Ottoman Female, From Harem to Hoyden", at the Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning.

Elaine Breslaw (Adjunct Professor) completed her anthology, "Witches of the Atlantic World: A Historical Reader & Primary Sourcebook," published by NYU Press this August. Elaine contributed book reviews to three journals and a biographical sketch of Dr. Alexander Hamilton, about whom she is researching a biography. Elaine participated in a faculty language institute in South America this summer.

Tom Burman (Associate Professor) has an article coming out in *The Cambridge History of Arabic Literature: The Literature of al-Andalus* (Cambridge, 2000) entitled "Michael Scot and the Translators." Professor Burman spent 5 weeks doing research in Spain last summer for his current project on Medieval European readers of Quran. He was also chair of the organizing committee for the Twenty-fifth Annual Conference of the Southeastern Medieval Association which met in Knoxville, Oct. 14-16, 1999.

Todd Diacon (Associate Professor and Director, Latin American Studies Program) wrote book reviews for *Ethnohistory* and the *American Historical Review*. He completed two chapters of his book in progress, *A Lonely Wire: The Amazonian Telegraph Campaigns of Mariano da Silve Rondon.* Todd has been active on campus in opposition to the proposed ag-campus bridge . He has been elected to the faculty senate.

Wayne Farris (Professor) returned to the history department after two years' leave. In 1998 he served as Visiting Professor of Pre-Modern Japanese History at Harvard University. Funding from the Japanese-U.S. Educational Commission (Fulbright) and the Social Sciences Research Council permitted Professor Farris to spend 1999 as a research scholar at Tokyo University, one of the numerous institutions at which he presented scholarly lectures. In the interim, he published a third monograph entitled *Sacred Texts and Buried Treasures: Issues in the Historical Archeology of Ancient Japan* (University of Hawaii Press, 1998). Most recently, Wayne presented a paper at the March 2000 meeting of the Association of Asian Studies.

Assistant Professor **Lorri Glover's** first book, *All Our Relations: Blood Ties and Emotional Bonds Among the Early South Carolina Gentry* will be published this fall by Johns Hopkins University Press. After three years at the University, Knoxville now officially feels like home to her. She lives in Fountain City, where the light traffic makes up for the dearth of restaurants. Professor Glover is working on a new research project about masculinity in the early South and trying to break 100 in her golf game.

Yen-p'ing Hao (Lindsay Young Professor) has written one article on "China's Three Commercial Revolutions" and co-edited two books on modern Chinese history—one in Chinese and the other in English—published by the Chinese Academy of Arts and Sciences, Taipei. Professor Hao was honored by the University of Tennessee with the prestigious Jefferson Prize for his scholarship. Yen-p'ing will give a paper and chair a session at the Third Annual International Conference on Sinology, to be held in Taipei in June 2000.

Associate Professor **Catharine Higgs's** conference, *Black Women in the Old World and the New* was held at the University of Tennessee in September 1999. It was a joyous intellectual exchange that brought together scholars from Kenya, South Africa, the West Indies and the United States. Ohio University Press will publish the edited proceedings. Prof. Higgs will co-edit with Prof. Rae Ferguson of Illinois State University and Prof. Barbara Moss of Clark Atlanta University. Prof. Higgs also wrote two articles, "Travel with a Purpose: A South African at Tuskegee, 1913," in *The Journal of African Travel Writing,* and "A Christian, Civilized Man: D.D.T. Jabavu of South Africa," in *The Canadian Journal of African Studies*, and several book reviews. She has been granted a year's leave of absence for 2000-2001.

Milton M. Klein (Alumni Distinguished Service Professor and Lindsay Young Professor Emeritus) wrote four biographical sketches for the *New Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* and one

for the *Encyclopedia of New Jersey*. His article "John Jay and the Revolution" appeared in the January 2000 issue of *New York History*. He has been appointed a member of the advisory board of the "Encyclopedia of New York State", to be published by the Syracuse University Press. *The History of New York State*, which he has been editing for a number of years, is now at the Cornell University Press and is scheduled for publication in the spring of 2001. An article on "Leadership in Early America," which will appear in a *festschrift* for constitutional historian John P. Reid of New York University, is scheduled for publication later this year.

Vejas G. Liulevicius (Assistant Professor) completed his book, *War Land on the Eastern Front: Culture, National Identity and German Occupation in World War I*, just published by Cambridge University Press. He also received a Faculty Development Grant to present a paper on apocalyptic images of the Eastern Front in World War I at the 19th International Congress of the Historical Sciences in Oslo, Norway, in August 2000. In addition to a book review for the *Zeitschrift fur Ostmitteleuropa-Forschung*, he gave two presentations on nationalism, monuments and youth culture at conferences at Columbia University, New York, and presented a paper on soldiers' and civilians' experience of World War I at the University of Genoa, Italy. In addition to community presentations, at UT he lectured to the Normandy Scholars Program, spoke at the International House on the Kosovo crisis, and was the luncheon speaker at the department's Annual Workshop for Teachers of Social Studies, as well as the featured speaker for the German Department's Award Night.

Robert J. Norrell (Professor and Bernadotte Schmitt Chair of Excellence) enjoyied his second year in the department. Jeff has taken a full role in departmental committees, especially on matters relating to graduate students. He has enjoyed developing a computer-aided survey course in American history this spring for about 300 UT sophomores. He gave the Martin Luther King Day address in Oak Ridge in January. In 1999 he chaired the Southern Historical Association membership committee. In the past year he has contributed to reviews to journals and an essay to the *Virginia Quarterly Review*. Jeff is nearing completion of his book on race relations for Oxford University Press.
Paul Pinckney (Associate Professor) wishes to thank his former students and advisees for the Pinckney Undergraduate History Scholarship. He chaired a session for the Southern Conference of British Studies in Fort Worth on "Godly Politics in Stuart Britain."

Bruce Wheeler (Professor) was the keynote speaker at the Ohio Valley History Conference in the fall of 1999. His paper was entitled "Liberalism and Bureaucracy: TVA and the Changing Liberal Agenda, 1945-1985." The concise edition of *Discovering the American Past* (with Susan Becker) appeared this year, as did the 4th edition of *Discovering the Western Past* (with Merry Wiesner and Julius Ruff). He continues to speak to leadership and civic groups on the history of Knoxville, and wrote the introductory material for the "Nine Counties—One Vision" meetings. Bruce took over as acting department head on June 1, 2000.

In Memoriam

Ellen Town Skidmore passed away April 25, 2000.

Alumni News

Todd Estes (B.A. 1986) will have two articles published in 2000. He gave a conference paper at the April 2000 OAH meeting.

Sarah Brown McNiell (Ph.D. 1973) and her husband Stuart attended a three-week Elderhostel in New Zealand last November.

William R. Delzell (M.A. 1980) coordinated the 9:00am Sunday Morning Forum and Speakers' Program in November 1999 and again in March 2000.

Charlotte Jane Headrick (B.A. 1969, M.A. 1971) recently directed the American Premiere of *Love and a Bottle* by Irish playwright Declan Hughes. She has directed many other plays including *Tea in a China Cup* by Christina Reid at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Janet Nicholson Rice (B.A. 1990) and her husband William welcomed their first child, William Parker.

C. Gordon Moffat (B.A. 1992) received his M.A. in History from Ohio State University in 1997.

Christopher Stephen Hughes (B.A. 1997) is currently stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was assigned as a Company Executive Officer responsible for training basic training soldiers.

Mario Manuel Ramos (B.A. 1981) was the recipient of an award from the Human Relations Commission from the city of Nashville. He is also a board member on the Nashville Chamber of Commerce.

Hoyt Alonzo Cruze III (B.A. 1999) received his commission on May 25, 2000 after graduating from Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA.

William W. Carpenter (B.A. 1995) obtained his J.D. from Drake University Law School, May 1998 and received a commission in the Army JAG Corps.

Deborah J. Denton (B.A. 1980, M.A.1983) accepted a position as Special Assistant to the Director of Trust Policies and Procedures Project in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She will be moving to Washington, DC in July.

Laura Harris James (B.A. 1986) married Doug James on March 3, 2000. They honeymooned in France and Italy.

Clifton C. Ellis (M.A. 1982) received his Ph.D. in May 2000 from the School of Architecture, University of Virginia.

Melinda Suzanne "Suzy" Garner (B.A. 1998) received her M.A. in Modern History and Culture from the University of York – York, England.

Matthew D. Cooper Stockell (B.A. 1977) just returned from a three-month consulting job in England.

Pamela L. Reeves (B.A. 1976) served as President of the Tennessee Bar Association 1998-99. She was the first female to hold this position.

Connie L. Lester (M.A. 1989, Ph.D. 1998) accepted a tenure-track position with Mississippi State University. She also has a book contract with Scholarly Resources, tentative title "Sowing the Past, Reaping the Future."

Susan Pegg Lionberger (B.A. 1992) was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the UT Alumni Association, Richmond, VA chapter.

Catharine Brooke Wooten (B.A. 1998) is a student at the University of Texas School of Law, where she is Women's Law Caucus Vice President of Networking and serves on the Board of Advocates.

Christopher Evans Bickers (B.A. 1972) has just finished his fifth term as president of the N.C. Bach Festival.

Donald L. Lanza (M.A. 1986, Ph.D. 1991) was promoted to Dean of Business and Social Sciences at Roane State Community College.

Rachel D. King (B.A. 1997) has just completed her first year of law school. She is also the director of the Homeless Advocacy Project through Emory University.

Charles Franklin Davis (M.A. 1989) is a color commentator for college football, basketball, baseball and arena football for Fox Sports Net. This fall he can be seen on the pre-game show for Jefferson Pilot.

Adam R. Hornbuckle (B.A. 1980, M.A. 1983) contributed 25 biographical essays to the *American National Biography* (Oxford University Press, 1999)

Regina Schowalter (B.A. 1998) is working on her J.D. and M.A. at American University.

Kevin Roy Browne (B.A. 1982) has been working with Partnership International from Germany finding guest homes for German exchange students.

Stephen McQuay Riddick (B.A. 1981, M.A. 1983) ran a marathon last year. He also joined an acoustic folk blues band – the Diablos.

Tiffany Diane Horne (B.A. 1998) is teaching choir for the 2nd year with Henry County Schools.

John Thomas Henderson (B.A. 1999) opened an electronics repair business in February 1999.

Joseph W. Walt (B.A. 1946, M.A. 1951) is completing a History of Indianola, IA for its sesquicentennial.

John J. Finerty, Jr. (B.A. 1968) taught a political science course as an adjunct professor at George Washington University.

Christopher Todd Grainger (B.A. 1998) recently received a summer position working with academically gifted youth at Johns Hopkins University.

Larry Reed Foulk (B.A. 1995) has accepted an 8th grade American History teaching position with the Episcopal School of Academics in LaFayette, LA.

Patricia Clark (M.A. 1965) traveled to South Africa last year.

J. Page Garrett (B.A. 1988) is working as a Disability Civil Rights attorney.

David Brownell Larson (B.A. 1987) is a volunteer coordinator for a men's homeless shelter. He is also freelance writing on social justice issues.

Angel Wright-Feldman (B.A. 1995) graduated from the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga with a Master of Public Administration in May 1998.

David L. Wilson (Ph.D. 1974) became Associate Dean of the Graduate School at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

Mark L. Stein (B.A. 1998) has been teaching conversational English in three Japanese junior high schools. He has also been traveling throughout Japan and Southeast Asia learning the Japanese language.

Michael Lynn Edens (B.A. 1973, M.A. 1978) is a member of the Motion Picture Screen Cartoonists Local 839 and Writers Guild of America. He is a writer and/or story editor of 200 half-hours for television.

Linda Norton (B.A. 1989) has been traveling. She visited Israel, Africa and France last year and Turkey and Greece earlier this year.

David Andrew Harmon (B.A. 1983) presented a paper on the career of Clifford Durr at the Alabama Historical Association. He has also written book reviews for *The Alabama Review*.

John Ashley Lightfoot Neese (B.A. 1999) interned in Washington DC for Congressman John Tanner last summer. He also taught high school.

Charles Edward Rader (B.A. 1934) retired in 1999.

William Marshall Slayden II (B.S. 1932) recently became President Emeritus of Slayden Lumber Co., Inc. He was also made Lifetime Member of the Board of Directors of East Tennessee Foundation and is Chairman Emeritus of G. H. Weems Educational Fund.

Mary Ann Gunter Calahan (B.S. 1962) manages Tennessee's Medicaid program.

Jean Harris Lester (B.S. 1952) is the Real Estate Leasing Area Chairman for the 7th Congressional District.

Douglas Charles O'Connor (B.S. 1973) is a social studies teacher in New York. He has been awarded a research grant on the Holocaust for July 2000.

Del Grissom (B.A. 1984) has been selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, USAF and named as Editor, *Air Force Law Review*.

Richard G. Stone (Ph.D. 1973) presented "Climbing the Brass Pyramid: How American World War II Generals Got Their Stars" at the Society for Military History session at Cookeville, TN, October 22, 1999.

Joseph Wayne Haggerty (B.A. 1998) is attending Officer's Training School to train as a navigator in the Air Force.

Marilyn Maples Toppins (B.S. 1973) is an alderman on the Plainview City Council, and a negotiator for Union County Education Association.

Vera Wilson Gilmore (M.A. 1973) lives in retirement in Maryville with her husband Leland, a retired Presbyterian pastor. She traveled to Scotland last June.

Lucinda "Cindy" Rauhuff Troyer (B.A. 1986) graduated from Bartlett Citizens Police Academy in March 2000.

Michael David Cooper (B.A. 1994) graduated from medical school. He was also recently married.

William Robert Rogers (M.A. 1969) published two articles in the Isothermal Community College faculty publication *The Mentor*. He also published an article in *Sevier County History* on the Smoky Mountain Railroad.

John A. Shedd (Ph.D. 1990) proposed a session for the AHA in Chicago, "How and Why Should History Professors Help Train Secondary Social Studies Teachers?" He also presented a paper, which will appear in *The History Teacher*, the AHA pedagogical journal.

Kendall William Carter (B.A. 1998) has just completed his 2nd year of law school at Tulane University.

Mark S. Farris (B.A. 1991) will graduate with a Ph.D. in Human Resources Development in August 2000.

Rebecca Leigh Byrd (B.A. 1995) was named 1999-2000 Teacher of the Year at New Center School. She has also returned to UT to work towards an Education Specialist degree with an emphasis in History.

Douglas Jerry Kile (B.S. 1966) has been busy hiking the Appalachian Trail.

Michael Kevin Driver (B.A. 1988) was named head boys' and girls' golf coach at Farragut High School. He is also the assistant girls' basketball coach at Farragut.

Francis R. Hodges (Ph.D. 1983) is a professor of history at Florida Southern University and chair of the Academic Standards Committee.

Gail S. Terry (B.A. 1978) received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to complete research and writing of *Family Empires: Migration and the Making of an Elite in Early America.*

Ben Gates (Ph.D. 1997) accepted a position of Assistant Professor at Indiana University – Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Bryan Bond (B.A. 1986) was ordained in February 1998 and became pastor of Riverwood Presbyterian Church in February 1999.

Mickey L. Williams (B.A. 1997) is teaching and coaching football at Seymour High School. He and his wife, Angel, are expecting their third child in June.

James W. Bellamy (M.A. 1952) impersonated Landon Carter Haynes (the topic of his Master's thesis) at the Washington County Historical Association banquet at Jonesborough, Tennessee.

W. Todd Groce (M.A. 1988, Ph.D. 1992) and his wife Karen became parents of daughter Kate, born in June 1999.

Ellen Marie McRae (B.A. 1984) and her husband David Hagigh became parents of son Craig earlier this year.

Leah Kathryn Terrill (B.A. 1997) has successfully completed exams for federal and state licensure as a broker-dealer. She is employed with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. She also plans to attend Middle Tennessee State University in the fall to pursue an Accounting degree.

Stephen Clifford Marking (B.A. 1997) is working on a Masters in History at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. He was married in July 1999.

Stephanie Allison Smith (B.A. 1995) received her J.D. from Washington and Lee University.

Marjorie Roberts Yeomans (M.A. 1972) and her husband Allan are currently researching and editing a collection of Civil War letters from Confederate soldiers from Georgia.

Sam Ali Mustafa (Ph.D. 1999) was married in May 2000.

Thomas Childers (B.A. 1969, M.A. 1970) was elected the outstanding professor at the University of Pennsylvania by a vote of the the class of 2000. He was married to Kristen Stromberg on June 10, 2000, in Media, Pennsylvania.

Alumni Memories

Henry Edward Phillips, III (B.A. 1990) wrote: "My fondest memories were my visits with my academic advisor Bruce Wheeler. I always enjoyed discussing history with Wheeler, he always had the knack of making you want to work hard to learn as much about the study of history as you possibly could. To me he is a "Renaissance Man." I will never forget him or the profound impact he and other UT history professors have had on my life."

Stephen Gary Merrick (B.S. 1972) wrote: "Dr. Stanley J. Folmsbee's love of Tennessee History – Dr Johnson's riveting lectures in American History."

Steve D. Chandler (M.A. 1998) wrote: "Thinking mostly of my thesis committee (Dr. Ratner, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Becker) ... dedicated to their profession and their students, they pushed me to heights I could not have reached on my own. I consider them friends as well as mentors."

Daniel Mark Jansen (M.A. 1992) wrote: "Dr. Bergeron 'holding forth' in his office in Hoskins Library, Dr. Wheeler 'holding forth' wherever he happened to be."

Gary L. Taft (B.A. 1996) wrote: "Taking field trip to Cherokee, N.C. with Dr. Finger's 'Indian/White Relations' class. Taking 'American Involvement in WWII' w/Dr. Johnson."

Steven M. Hull (B.A. 1979) wrote: "Dr. Bruce Wheeler's annual Pride of your University lecture following spring break."

Charlotte Jane Headrick (B.A. 1969, M.A. 1971) wrote: "Richard Marius. Richard Marius. Richard Marius. He was my teacher, my undergraduate adviser, and my friend. He was a major influence on my life and on my teaching career. He was the most inspiring teacher, a truly gifted professor.... John Muldowny taught me never to be afraid to admit that you didn't know something, and then he taught me to go find the answers.... Lawrence Silverman.

How can anyone who was in his classes not remember his recreation of the death of Rasputin!"

Mary Anderton Canaday (B.A. 1928) wrote: "I remember John Barnhill sitting behind me dipping my hair in the inkwell!"

Kevin Roy Browne (B.A. 1982) wrote: "I always remember how Dr. (Milton) Klein always challenged us to read differing opinions/writings of various historians – I learned a lot from him; I felt the same about Dr. Brann and Dr. Wheeler –enjoyable classes – not always my best grades, but I think I learned the most from those three instructors."

Stephanie Allison Smith (B.A 1995) wrote: "being a Normandy Scholar."

Stephen Clifford Marking (B.A. 1997) wrote: "Dr. Vejas Liulevicius' reading load. Dr. Wheeler's excellent teaching through stories and experiences. Hike up 11 floors of McClung Tower during the busy part of the day."

Kendall William Carter (B.A. 1998) wrote: "Professor Pinckney's inopportune outbursts of laughter always made British History worth learning. He also had a knack for making it personal. Professor Farris for showing us that all nations are struggling for their own survival; that all nations' citizens are human, capable of the most beautiful and astonishing accomplishments and the most unspeakable atrocities, ('War Without Mercy')."

William Robert Rogers (M.A. 1969) wrote: "Dr. Stanley Folmsbee telling his jokes on Frances Perkins. Also his great love for his students."

Anthony Benesch (M.A. 1971) wrote: "Most of my recollections are of professors and colleagues who have long since moved on. I do remember fondly, however, Dr. Steve Ash, who (although you'd never believe it now) embodied the 1960's-1970's lifestyle. His own personal experiences would be fit subject matter for a course on that period."

Charles Faulkner Bryan, Jr. (Ph.D. 1978) wrote: "Our first TA offices in Neyland Stadium. Talk about out of the way!"

Charles Edward Rader (B.A. 1934) wrote: "Dr. Ruth Stephens lecturing while perched on her desk."

Rodney F. Pillsbury (B.A. 1986) wrote: "Dr. Jonathan Utley handing back my papers with 'So What?!' written on them in bold red ink. I later bought him a stamp bearing the same words so he wouldn't have to keep writing the same comment on my papers over and over."

Christopher Todd Grainger (B.A. 1998) wrote: "Memories of the excessively verbose Dr. Wheeler telling me that 'Grainger, you're an idiot!' and then having to eat his words upon the realization that 'Grainger, I guess you're not an idiot after all!!'"

Joseph W. Walt (B.A. 1946, M.A. 1951) wrote: "A remarkably outstanding faculty who emphasized teaching in their roles as historians, none less than the legendary Dr. Ruth Stephens."

Catharine Brooke Wooten (B.A. 1998) wrote: "Wheeler and his cat allergy, Beth Haiken's wacky house, the wonderful world of Dr. Bast and medieval films."

Bruce Wheeler Serving as Acting Department Head

Dean Lorayne Lester appointed Professor W. Bruce Wheeler to become the acting head of the history department, effective June 1, 2000. Wheeler had been the unanimous recommendation of the department to the dean. A national search for a permanent replacement is currently underway. In the meantime, Bruce is addressing the many ongoing concerns of the department, including how the history faculty retains its tradition of high quality of teaching and research in the face of the state of Tennessee's apparent indifference to higher education. Bruce invites his many friends and former students to visitthe department on the 6th floor of Dunford Hall.

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