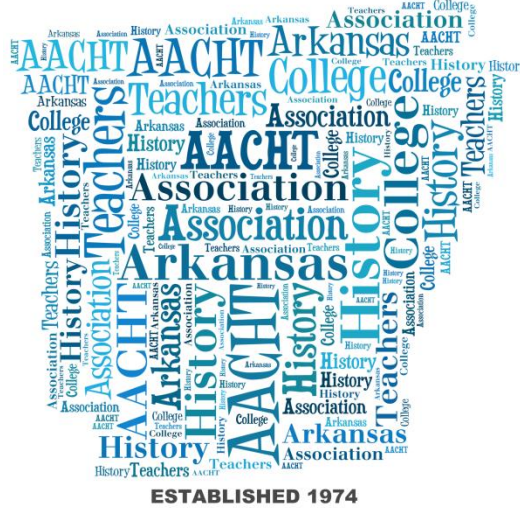


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ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HISTORY TEACHERS
OCTOBER 1-2, 2015
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS***



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October 1, 2015

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the 2015 AACHT Conference. We are excited to be back at the Old State House Museum for our annual meeting. The AACHT officers were able to secure a block of rooms at the Little Rock Marriott this year and for the next three years. Co-sponsorships on the part of the Old State House Museum and the College of Arts and Humanities at Arkansas Tech University have allowed us to have a wonderful meeting space and reception.

The officers have put together a program with a full schedule of papers and presentations. Jan Jenkins has done an outstanding job of keeping Jeff Pearson and I on task and within budget. Thank you to those members who are serving on committees or as a moderator this year.

A special thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make this a great conference and telling others about our organization, we hope members enjoy the comradery this organization brings to Arkansas College History Teachers!

Sincerely,

Jami Forrester, AACHT President
Associate Professor of History
NorthWest Arkansas Community College

Cell Phone: 479-871-2236

Official Hotel

Little Rock Marriott
3 Statehouse Plaza
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501) 906-4000

Conference Registration Location

Old State House Museum
300 W. Markham
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501) 324-9685

Thursday Schedule

1:00-1:30 P.M.: REGISTRATION, OLD STATE HOUSE MUSEUM

Individual Dues, Conference Registration,
and Friday Luncheon = \$50.00
Institutional Dues = \$50.00

Session 1A: Thursday October 1, 1:30-2:45

1836 House of Representatives Room,
Old State House Museum

Aaron McArthur, Arkansas Tech University

“‘It Doesn’t Take the Power of Heaven’: The Coalville Tabernacle and Utah Historic Preservation”

Misti Nicole Harper, University of Arkansas

“From 9th and Broadway to Under the Bridge: The Devolution of Shorter College”

Gary T. Edwards, Arkansas State University

“Class distinctions of Leisure and Labor in the *Herrenvolk* Democracy of the Slaveholding Cotton Frontier”

Moderator: Chris Mortenson, Ouachita Baptist University

Session 1B: Thursday, October 1, 1:30-2:45

River Front Room,
Old State House Museum

“Old State House Museum: Resources for College Teachers”
presented by
Leah Lambert, Education Coordinator Old State House Museum

Session 2A: Thursday, October 1, 3:00-4:15

1836 House of Representatives Room,
Old State House Museum

Title: Teaching through Place: Epic Scavenger Hunts, Mind-Blowing Travel,
and Returning Home

Justin Castro, Arkansas State University,
“Constructing Altars and Chasing the Golden Pig: Exploring Latin American Culture and
History through Intercollegiate Completions”

Simon Hosken, Arkansas State University,
“Images of Home”

Ed Salo, Arkansas State University,
“Teaching to a Trip not a Test: Integrating a Study Abroad Trip into a Multi-Disciplinary
Course”

Moderator: Peter Dykema, Arkansas Tech University

Session 2B: Thursday, October 1, 3:00-4:15

River Front Room,
Old State House Museum

Myra Ann Houser, Ouachita Baptist University
“African and American Lawyers during the Apartheid Era”

James L. Moses, Arkansas Tech University
“‘Like Fire Shut Up in My Bones’: Rabbi Ira Sanders and the Pursuit of Social Justice in
Arkansas, 1926-1963”

Anthony B. Newkirk, Philander Smith College
“Lee and Grace Lorch in Little Rock, 1955-1958”

Moderator: John Kyle Day, University of Arkansas at Monticello



OLD STATE HOUSE
MUSEUM

**BUSINESS MEETING: 4:30-5:15 P.M.,
1836 House of Representatives Room,
Old State House Museum**

**Arkansas Association of College History Teachers Reception
Thursday, October 1 at 5:30
Riverfront Room,
Old State House Museum**

This year's reception is made possible through the
sponsorship of the
College of Arts and Humanities at Arkansas Tech University
and
Dr. Jeff Woods, Dean.
Please join us.

Friday Schedule

Session 3A: Friday, October 2, 8:30-9:40

1836 House of Representatives Room,
Old State House Museum

Title: Integrating Instructional Technology in the History Classroom

LaQuita K. Saunders, Arkansas State University

“Lights! Camera! Action!: iMovie and the Student Produced History Documentary”

Gina Hogue, Arkansas State University

“iTunes Who? iTunes U!: Creating an iTunes U History Course”

Kellie Wilson Buford, Arkansas State University

“No Phone Zone? Using Smart Phones to Create a More Engaging History Classroom”

Moderator: Sonia Toudji, University of Central Arkansas

Session 3B: Friday, October 2, 8:30-9:40

River Front Room,
Old State House Museum

Gene Vinzant, Northwest Arkansas Community College

“African Americans in Northwest Arkansas”

Kevin Cummings, University of Central Arkansas

“When Arkansas Lost Her Lands: Ordnance, Eminent Domain, and the New Town”

Diane Gleason, Arkansas Tech University

“Health in the Free State of Yell: Accidents, Disease, and Death in the Dardanelle Bottoms, 1880-1970”

Moderator: Kevin Motl, Ouachita Baptist University

Session 4A: Friday, October 2, 9:50-11:00

1836 House of Representatives Room,
Old State House Museum

David Schieffler, University of Arkansas

“Teaching Environmental History Using the 1863 Helena, Arkansas, Campaign”

Jeffrey V. Pearson, Arkansas Tech University

“‘That prosopopoeia of weakness, waste, and confusion’: Lieutenant Philip St. George Cooke’s Views of the Militia during the Black Hawk War”

Bethany Henry Rosenbaum, University of Arkansas

“Law and the Construction of African American Identity and Citizenship among the Cherokee Nation”

Moderator: Clint Young, University of Arkansas at Monticello

Session 4B: Friday, October 2, 9:50-11:00

River Front Room,
Old State House Museum

Sharon Silzell, University of Arkansas at Monticello

“Blood and Ink: The Unintended Consequences of (Re)Writing Murder in Nineteenth Century Bagdad”

John Bienenke, Arkansas State University

“John Dillinger and Popular Culture”

Moderator: Laurence Hare, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville

Session 5A: Friday, October 2, 11:10-12:20

1836 House of Representatives Room,
Old State House Museum

Title: Teaching about Asia in Arkansas

Kelly Hammond, University of Arkansas

“Integrating the history of the Silk Roads into history courses”

Michael Sprunger, Hendrix College

Aiqun Hu, Arkansas State University

"Teaching Modern Asia in Global Perspective."

Jeff Kyong-McClain, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

"From Arkansan to Chengdude: Incorporating Short-term Study Abroad into an Asian History Course"

Moderator: Sevin Gallo, NorthWest Arkansas Community College

Session 5B: Friday, October 2, 11:10-12:20

River Front Room,
Old State House Museum

Title: Arkansas Women in Twentieth Century Southern History

John Kirk, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

“Sue Cowan Morris and the Role of African American Women in the NAACP’s Teachers’ Salary Equalization Campaign”

Sarah Wilkerson Freeman, Arkansas State University

“Senator Hattie Caraway: A Southern Stealth Feminist and Enigmatic Liberal”

Cherisse Jones-Branch, Arkansas State University

"African American Women's Rural Reform and Arkansas Home Demonstration Clubs, 1930s-1960s"

Moderator: Shawn Fisher, Harding University

12:30-2:00 P.M.: FRIDAY LUNCHEON

**Catered by Whole Hog Cafe
Riverfront Room, Old State House Museum**

The 2015 Plenary Address



A History For Us All: The Importance of Teaching An Inclusive Narrative

Dr. Calvin White, Jr. completed his Ph.D. at the University of Mississippi, in 2007. He is currently an Associate Professor of History and serving as the Chair of the History Department at the University of Arkansas. In 2012, University of Arkansas Press published his book *The Rise to Respectability: Race, Religion, and the Church of God in Christ*. His research focuses on the intersectionality of class, respectability, and the efforts of racial uplift in the development of African Americans' religious traditions and racial identity in the Arkansas and Mississippi Delta.

Conference Awards

AACHT'S OUTSTANDING SECONDARY SCHOOL HISTORY TEACHER AWARD

*Presented by Dr. Patsy Ramsey on behalf of the AACHT Committee
To*

Dr. Marian Hendrickson,
Springdale School of Innovation

AACHT'S BEST PRESENTATION, 2015

*Presented by Dr. Scott Cashion on behalf of the AACHT Committee
for the best presentation made at this year's meeting.*

2015 Arkansas Association of College History Teacher Committees

PAPER PRIZE COMMITTEE

Bethany Hicks, Ouachita Baptist University
Scott Cashion, NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Scott Lien, Lyon College
Sonia Toudji, University of Central Arkansas

OUTSTANDING SECONDARY HISTORY TEACHER OF ARKANSAS COMMITTEE

Pat Ramsey, University of Central Arkansas
Michael Pierce, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
John Beineke, Arkansas State University

EX-OFFICIO APPOINTMENTS

James Brent, Arkansas State University-Beebe, Website Administrator
Sevin Gallo, NorthWest Arkansas Community College, Facebook Administrator



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2015-2016**

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Arkansas Association of College History Teachers
Business Meeting October 2, 2014
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Mortenson at 4:30 p.m.

Reading of 2013 Minutes:

Tom DeBlack moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes; James Moses seconded. The motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Jan Jenkins gave the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Receipts from the 2013 meeting, plus institutional dues and t-shirt sales, were \$3,270.00. As of September 15, 2014, the organization had \$5,249.27 in the checking account, as well as \$2,116.64 in a CD. Altogether, AACHT has assets totaling \$7,365.91. The organization currently is in good fiscal health.

The membership voted to increase History Day contribution to \$500 to fund two awards: a Junior award and a Senior award, each for a novice teacher (fewer than three years of teaching), starting immediately. A check for that amount was sent to Patsy Ramsey via Ken Barnes on October 3, 2014.

Vice President's Report:

Jami Forrester gave the VP's report. We had a good response on papers submitted for presentations. Only two proposals had to be turned down, and that was because they came in so late.

History Day Report:

Patsy Ramsey could not be present, so Jami Forrester read the History Day Report.

Business:

We have AACHT t-shirts available for \$15 each. Buck Foster urged that we get larger sizes. Jami Forrester asked that anyone who wants a larger size tell Jan Jenkins.

Kyle Day pointed out that Holiday Inn would not allow early check-in. James Moses asked about other hotels that are closer to meeting venue. Jami Forrester pointed out that it has been difficult to find a hotel that would give us a reasonable price. Tom DeBlack advised that he is comfortable allowing the AACHT Executive Committee to decide on venue. Kyle Day moved that AACHT continue to meet at the Butler Center; James Moses buried the motion.

Ken Barnes pointed out that Jami won the History Channel Teacher of the Year Award for 2014.

Sevin Gallo is the new Facebook supervisor for AACHT's page.

Elections:

Kyle Day/Jeff Woods nominated Jami Forrester for President (2015 and 2016 meetings). Tom DeBlack moved that nominations cease. Jami Forrester elected by acclamation.

Jeff Pearson volunteered to serve as Vice President (2015 and 2016 meetings). Tom DeBlack nominated; Buck Foster seconded. Jeff Pearson elected by acclamation.

Kyle Day nominated Jan Jenkins for Secretary/Treasurer; Ken Barnes seconded. Jan Jenkins elected by acclamation (2015 and 2016).

Kyle Day thanked Arkansas Tech University's College of Arts and Humanities and Dean Jeff Woods for the \$500 contribution in support of the meeting.

Laurence Hare called for Phi Alpha Theta Conference paper proposals. Deadline December 15, 2014.

Tom DeBlack thanked Chris Mortenson on behalf of the membership for his years of service as Vice President (2011 and 2012 meetings) and President (2013 and 2014 meetings). Chris was given an award in gratitude.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HISTORY TEACHERS					
				8-Sep-15	
Checking balance on 9/1/2007		3/7/2014		\$5,249.27	
RECEIPTS:					
Convention Receipts					
2014 Inst Membership Dues			\$550.00		
2014 Ind Dues, Registration			\$2,530.00		
2014 Conference Sponsorship, Tech			\$500.00		
2014 T-Shirts sold			\$80.00		
Return of \$50 meeting cash			\$50.00		
SUBTOTAL			\$3,690.00		
				\$8,939.27	
EXPENSES:					
Ck 551	9/4/2014	CALS	\$50.00	Darragh Center	
Ck 552	9/4/2014	Catering to You	\$150.00	Deposit	
Ck 553	9/11/2014	Big Frog Custom T-Shirts	\$369.98	AACHT T-shirts	
Ck 554	9/23/2014	Showcase Trophy	\$88.35	Award, C Mortenson	
Ck 555	10/1/2014	Cash for Meeting	\$50.00	Cash for meeting	
Ck 556	10/2/2014	CALS	\$250.00	After-Hours Fee	
Ck 557	10/2/2014	James Brent	\$117.98	Reimbursement Website Domain	
Ck 558	10/2/2014	Chris Mortenson	\$639.10	Reimbursement Refreshments, Programs, Hotel Shu	
Ck 559	10/2/2014	Bookends Café	\$119.80	Daytime Refreshments	
Ck 560	10/3/2014	Sherry Holder	\$100.00	Outstanding Teacher Award	
Ck 561	10/3/2014	Pat Ramsey	\$27.18	Reimbursement Teacher Placque	Placque
Ck 562	10/3/2014	Misti Nicole Harper	\$100.00	Outstanding Paper Award	
Ck 563	10/3/2014	John Kirk	\$100.00	Speaker's Honorarium	
Ck 564	10/6/2014	Whole Hog Café	\$981.39	Luncheon Catering, 10% Tip	
Ck 565	10/6/2014	Hist Day in Arkansas	\$500.00	Contribution	
Ck 566	10/14/2014	Catering to You	\$379.47	Reception Catering	
Ck 567	10/14/2014	Jeff Pearson	\$135.44	Tablecloths	
Ck 568	12/11/2014	Little Rock Marriott	\$680.40	Lock Prices 2015-2018	
TOTAL			\$4,819.05		
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE					
				\$4,120.23	As of 08/01/15
OTHER ASSETS:					
				As of 08/04/14	
CD#635066983+Interest			\$2,124.41		
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS			\$ 2,124.41		
TOTAL ASSETS				\$6,244.64	



**History Day Arkansas
Annual Report to AACHT
September 8, 2015**

History Day Arkansas reaches more than 8,000 students in Arkansas schools. Those students are learning historical inquiry and other literacy skills that support their academic growth as well as personal decision making outside of the classroom. Last year as many as 1,200 of these students presented their academic work at one of our six regional History Day competitions. Four of those regional contests are hosted by Arkansas institutions of higher learning, and two are hosted by local school districts.

The University of Central Arkansas Department of History sponsors the state History Day program and hosts the state contest, held the third Saturday of April each year. Every region added new teachers and schools to their programs last year, with the most growth seen in Region Ten, hosted by Northwest Arkansas Community College. Region Ten Coordinator Dr. Jami Forrester reported that 35 schools in northwest Arkansas are now involved in the program. In spite of the growth in established regional programs, though, we still have parts of the state without active History Day programs. We are continuing our efforts to establish a contest event in the eastern and southeastern parts of the state.

Fifty-nine Arkansas students advanced to the National History Day contest at the University of Maryland last June. We were pleased that seven of our entries, including three entries by first-time History Day contestants, reached the final round of competition. We were also very pleased that Arkansas teacher Sherry Holder, Conway Junior High, received the NHD Behring Teacher of the Year award. Ms. Holder was the AACHT Outstanding History Teacher of 2014.

History Day Arkansas appreciates the continued support of AACHT. Your financial contribution allows us to reward the hard work of teachers through the Novice Teacher awards, and your individual contributions as contest judges and student research mentors are essential to the success of the program. The time and energy you give to Arkansas young people makes a real difference in their academic growth. If you have not yet volunteered to judge or mentor students, please give it a try this year. You will not regret the time spent.

**BYLAWS
OF THE
ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HISTORY TEACHERS**

{adopted October 5, 1974}
{revised October 3, 2008; September 30, 2010; October 6, 2011}

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be The Arkansas Association of College History Teachers.

ARTICLE II

Object

The object of this Association shall be to improve the teaching of History for all levels of instruction; to advance the professional interests of its membership; and to establish closer rapport among the various History faculties.

ARTICLE III

Members

Section 1. Membership is open to all teachers or former teachers of History in two-year and four-year colleges and universities in the State of Arkansas on payment of dues set by the organization.

Section 2. Associate membership is open to graduate students and secondary school teachers in History and Social Studies on payment of dues set by the organization. Associate members shall be entitled to all of the privileges except those of making motions, of voting, and of holding office.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for two years, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

Section 3. No member shall hold more than one term in the same office except for the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE V
Meetings

Section 1. The Association will meet at least once a year for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Section 2. Special meetings can be called by the President or by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI
The Executive Board

Section 1. The officers of the Association and the immediate past president shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Association, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Association, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Association.

ARTICLE VII
Committees

Section 1. A Program Chair shall be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to plan the annual program of the Association.

Section 2. Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President as the Association or the Executive Board shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the Association. The President shall be *ex officio* a member of all committees.

ARTICLE VIII
Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

ARTICLE IX
Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of those present and voting, provided that the amendment has been distributed to the members of the Association at least one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted on.

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HISTORY TEACHERS

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PAYED INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS*2014-2015

*ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY
HARDING UNIVERSITY
HENDRIX COLLEGE
OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS-FAYETTEVILLE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS-FORT SMITH
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS*

*If your institution is not a member, we welcome your participation and support.
Please make sure to keep your institutional membership up to date.

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¹ AACHT Bylaws of 1974 art. II (revised October 2008).

Membership Updates

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

John Beineke, Distinguished Professor of Education and Professor of History at Arkansas State University, had published last year the young adult/adult biography *Hoosier Public Enemy: A Life of John Dillinger* by the Indiana Historical Society Press. The book was selected to represent Indiana at the Library of Congress's National Book Festival in Washington, DC and he also spoke on the book at the Arkansas Literary Festival in this year. He is serving on the Arkansas History Commission's project to produce history lesson plans that utilize primary sources. Beineke also had published this year "A Paradoxical Partnership in Higher Education: The Alliance between Alfred C. Kinsey and Herman B Wells" in the *American Educational History Journal* on the professional relationship between the 1940s and 1950s human sexuality researcher and the president of Indiana University.

Kellie Buford: In addition to serving on too many committees to count and directing the BSE Social Science Education program at Arkansas State University, Kellie Buford, assistant professor of history, serves on the Arkansas Council for the Social Studies' Board of Directors and is a national program reviewer for the National Council for the Social Studies. In her spare time (ha!), Kellie serves as AState's James Madison Memorial Fellowship representative, is the faculty sponsor for the student-run Feminist Union, and is constantly driving across Northeast Arkansas to take care of her secondary social studies interns. She also teaches online graduate courses for the history department for fun. Her manuscript, "Policing Sex and Marriage in the American Military, 1950-2000" is currently under review with the University of Nebraska Press. Her responsibilities as a mother to a 6 year old son and 3 year old daughter trump all of her work-related responsibilities, however, and she runs herself ragged chasing them around and trying to raise them to be decent human beings. When Kellie isn't at work or out visiting interns, she is usually at Home Depot planning home improvement projects or hanging out at home with her husband, kids, cats, and pit bull.

Justin Castro, assistant professor at Arkansas State University, recently broke his left big toe making shelves for the time-swallowing 1940 house he recently bought. At least he still has all of his fingers. Despite his mediocre carpentry skills he did manage to build pretty much the coolest bed ever constructed for his seven-year-old daughter. At least that is what he tells himself. It is built upon a massive play house, which has recently morphed into a "pirate ship." Distracting him from his new found obsession with home improvement and playing cosmic Americana music in downtown Jonesboro, writing and teaching Latin American and world history takes up much of his time. His book *Radio in Revolution: Wireless Technology and State Power in Mexico, 1897-1938*, comes out on the University of Nebraska Press, July 1, 2016. Justin also writes about engineering and infrastructure in Mexico, Ozark folk music, and Mexican laborers in Arkansas. His Latin American Popular Culture class recently won the prized Cochon d'Or or Golden Pig trophy for defeating numerous universities in an epic Latin American culture scavenger hunt.

Gina Hogue, an associate professor of History at Arkansas State University, serves as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Interim Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. She previously directed the BSE in Social Science Education program and served as chair of the Department of History. She was recently recognized as an Apple Distinguished Educator for her innovative history teaching methods.

Cherisse Jones-Branch is Associate Professor of History at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro where she teaches courses in U.S., Women's, Civil Rights, and African American History and Heritage Studies. Dr. Jones-Branch received her Bachelors and Master degrees from the College of Charleston, South Carolina, and a doctorate in History from The Ohio State University, Columbus. She has been teaching at Arkansas State University since 2003. Dr. Jones-Branch is the author of numerous articles on women's Civil Rights activism. In 2014, she published *Crossing the Line: Women and Interracial Activism in South Carolina during and after World War II*, with the University Press of Florida and is the co-editor of the forthcoming *Arkansas Women: Their Lives and Times* which will be published by the University of Georgia Press. She is also working on a second monograph, *Better Living By Their Own Bootstraps: Rural Black Women's Activism in Arkansas*, which is under contract with the University of Arkansas Press.

Edward Salo is an assistant professor of history at Arkansas State University. In addition to teaching in the history department, he is a member of the Heritage Studies PhD Program and works with the A-State Heritage Sites program providing historic preservation assistance to local communities. Before arriving at A-State in 2014, Dr. Salo worked for 15 years as a consulting historian for several Cultural Resources Management firms across the southeast. During that time, he completed projects across the south, as well as in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Japan, Rota, Cuba, and Germany. In addition to teaching, Dr. Salo is a member of the board of directors for Preserve Arkansas and is active in the National Council on Public History, as well as the Preservation50, the national effort to celebrate the National Historic Preservation Act's 50th anniversary.

LaQuita Saunders, assistant professor at Arkansas State University, wears a lot of hats these days, at least figuratively. A lawyer, as well as a historian, she advises the Astate Prelaw Club and serves as a director for the Prelaw Center found in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. She also is the advisor for the Astate chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. Between these two groups, Saunders finds herself constantly in various meetings and busy planning some trip or other! Both groups make at least one out-of-town trip each semester and she is in charge of the planning for them all. Add to that committee memberships, her own research and writing and life seems pretty full. Oh yeah, I almost forgot teaching and advising duties—not to mention featuring as the designated party host for our department. In spite of all that, she manages to enjoy visits from her 4 kids and one grandson as often as possible.

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Tom DeBlack has finished his draft on the centennial history of Arkansas Tech and sent it to the UA Press. He hopes to do the same for his Lakeport book this year. In the spring, Tom received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Arkansas Historical Association, and he was recently elected to the board of the Arkansas Humanities Council. He continues to care for a large number of animals--4 dogs and 4 cats at press time--although Deacon the rabbit died this past summer. His wife, Susan, has added an optometrist to her practice at DeBlack Eye Care, and his 11-year-old daughter, Susannah, is enjoying the sixth grade. She binge watches *The West Wing* and hopes one day to work in the White House.

Diane Gleason, Associate Professor of History at Arkansas Tech University, is actively engaged in the final year of research and writing of a social and economic history of Dardanelle and the Dardanelle Bottoms. This manuscript is under contract with the University of Arkansas Press. This will be her second published book. Gleason teaches a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses including Southern Women's History, U.S. Economic History, American Labor History, Readings Seminars, and survey courses. In 2014 she was the recipient of the University's Excellence in Teaching Award. She resides in Dardanelle.

Jan Jenkins (Professor of History; Director of University Honors) is in her nineteenth year at Arkansas Tech University. During the past year, a number of Jan's book reviews have been published in *CHOICE* and *The Canadian Journal of History*. Jan has also revised or written ancillary materials or served as a peer reviewer for Oxford University Press, Cengage, and Routledge Books. She remains active on the Graduate Council and the Study Abroad Committee at Tech. Over Spring Break 2015, Jan took a group of students to Paris, which was just as lovely and fascinating as ever. This is Jan's 9th AACHT meeting as Secretary/Treasurer. The highlight of Fall 2015 will be the arrival of her first grandchild, a little boy, who is expected to make his appearance just any day.

Aaron McArthur is the Public History Program Director and Assistant Professor at Arkansas Tech University. Since the last AACHT, he has presented as part of a panel at the annual AHA meeting in New York City and attended the Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents which is sponsored by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission of the National Archives. His most recent publication, a documentary edition of the *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission* is scheduled to hit the shelves this December.

Jeffrey V. Pearson is an Assistant Professor of History at Arkansas Tech University and current Vice President of the Arkansas Association of College History Teachers. During the 2014-2015 academic year, he spent a fair amount of time reviewing manuscripts with the final result being that he has begun work to transform his dissertation into a book manuscript. The work is tentatively titled: "On the Vanguard of Western Expansion: Philip St. George Cooke and the United States Frontier Army."

HARDING UNIVERSITY

Shawn A. Fisher is an assistant professor of history at Harding University. He earned his doctorate at the University of Memphis, where he was the recipient of the Ruth and Harry Woodbury Fellowship in Southern History and the Major L. Wilson Graduate Paper Prize. He has spoken at conferences in England and Ireland, at the Society for Military History's national conference, and at the annual Conference of Tennessee Historians. He was the keynote speaker at the Phi Alpha Theta regional conference and at the 41st annual conference of the Arkansas Political Science Association. The Arkansas Historical Association awarded him the 2013 James L. Foster and Billy W. Beason Award for his dissertation on the Little Rock Central High Crisis entitled "The Battle of Little Rock," which will soon be published by the University of Arkansas Press.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Greg Kiser is Chair of the Social Science Department at NorthWest Arkansas Community College. He teaches US History, and Arkansas History. He has taught courses on the Cold War, and will soon be offering one entitled "Criminals All! or, Workers Without Bosses."

Jami M. Forrester currently serves as the President for AACHT. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas and her M.A. and B.A. from Arkansas State University. Jami was promoted to Associate Professor of History this past year. She is in her seventh year as a professor of Arkansas and US history at NWACC. Jami also is serving a fifth year as a Regional Coordinator for History Day Arkansas. Jami was honored to receive the Arkansas Council for Social Studies University Educator of the Year for 2014. She had a very eventful summer scuba diving in Bonaire with her husband and traveling internationally for the first time with a 2 and 4 year old! If she can survive working for Greg Kiser, then everything will be GREAT!

Sevin Gallo: This past summer Sevin Gallo directed a study abroad course in Turkey. Students experienced the unmatched architecture and cosmopolitanism of Istanbul. Then, traveled throughout central Anatolia and the Aegean coast to examine the human experience from Neolithic villages to modern Turkish state building and national identity projects. We ended the trip in the seaside resort city of Bodrum, or as our beloved Herodotus called his home town, Halicarnassus. Sevin took a prized selfie with Herodotus' bust at the port, and made it her profile picture. Everyone enjoyed themselves so much that not one single student left the group to join ISIS.

OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Bethany Hicks is starting her sixth years as Assistant Professor of History at Ouachita Baptist University. During the past year, Bethany has been part of a working group sponsored by the Polish Institute for National Remembrance examining the history of Eastern European Migrations in the Cold War and has had a chapter accepted for publication in a forthcoming collection to be offered by Helena History Press. Bethany is also in the process of completing revisions on an article on the ransoming of East German political prisoners by the West German government during *Ostpolitik*. In addition to serving as OBU's Fulbright Program Advisor and co-sponsor of both Phi Alpha Theta and History Club, Bethany serves as the course coordinator for Western Civilization, and in the past year has taught upper level departmental courses such as Research Seminar, Medieval Europe and a topical seminar on the "World at War". Bethany is looking forward to leading Ouachita's European Study Tour alongside colleague Dr. Myra Houser in May.

Myra Ann Houser serves as assistant professor of history at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia. She currently works on a monograph documenting the history of the Southern Africa Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, an organization that facilitated legal solidarity between southern African and American lawyers during the late twentieth century. While she loves the chatter of the Twitterverse, she has written longer works in *Atlantic Studies*, *Human Rights Review*, edited volumes, and on professional blogs. A 2007 Ouachita graduate, she holds an MA in comparative history from the College of William and Mary in Virginia and PhD in African History from Howard University in Washington, DC. She and her family are enjoying their return to the Natural State.

Christopher R. Mortenson, now a past president of the AACHT, came to Ouachita Baptist University in August of 2008. Between then and now, he has completed multiple book reviews, and has participated in panels for the Society for Military History Conference, the Ohio Valley History Conference, the Arkansas Historical Association Conference and the AACHT. He continues revisions on a book manuscript, and is waiting to hear back from a journal about an article submission (it has been awhile). The manuscript is tentatively titled "Lew Wallace and the Civil War: Politics and Generalship," which he will hopefully submit (again) for formal review sometime during the next 2 years. During the last school year, Chris taught upper-level courses on the Antebellum South, New South, and Civil War generals; furthermore, he has been promoted to associate professor of history and serves as department chairperson.

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE

Anthony B. Newkirk is the History program coordinator at Philander Smith College in Little Rock. Besides participating in faculty committees tasked with curricular planning and arranging for guest speakers to for his classes, Newkirk has been a judge for History Day Arkansas. His peer-reviewed publications have appeared in *Diplomacy and Statecraft*, *Middle East Policy*, *Surveillance and Society*, and *White House Studies*. Newkirk contributes books reviews to *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, *Labour/Le Travail*, and *Southern Studies*, as well as entries to The Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture. While teaching at Philander Smith, he stumbled upon Lee and Grace Lorch—Lee worked there at the height of Little Rock’s desegregation controversy in the mid-to-late 1950s and Grace was in a famous photograph. Newkirk wishes to bring their story to light and show how they contributed to Arkansas and the Civil Rights Movement. He is happy to return to the AACHT this year to share his findings.

SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY

Ben Johnson is currently the Interim Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs at SAU. This means that the dean of the college of Liberal and Performing Arts, interim provost, and president are all members of the history department.

Charles A. Keller, Associate Professor of History, along with his non-U.S. history colleagues, is still holding down the World history and Asian history corner of the curriculum at SAU. He has recently become interested in missionaries to China who at one point in their lives were Arkansans. Any “tip” or anecdote that others might have about Arkansas China missionaries, or the family of a missionary, would be greatly appreciated.

Natalia G. Murphy, Assistant Professor of History, Political Science & Geography and advisor in Bachelor of General studies program. As a member of the Russian Orthodox Church outside Russia- All Saints of America (located in DeQueen, Arkansas), she continues her research on the history of Orthodox Churches in the ArkLaTex region and plans to present her “discoveries” next fall at the AACHT.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FAYETTEVILLE

Kelly Hammond recently joined the faculty at the University of Arkansas as an assistant professor of history. She received her Ph.D. in East Asian history from Georgetown University in July 2015. Her work specializes in the history of Islam in East Asia, particularly focusing on the political, social and cultural history of Chinese Muslims from the Qing Dynasty through into the People’s Republic of China. Her current project argues that Chinese Muslims living under occupation who collaborated with the Japanese were actively involved in creating an on-going dialogue between the Japanese Empire and the Chinese Nationalists about strategies for managing minority populations. While Professor Hammond’s work focuses on the history of Islam in East Asia, her general research interests include the broader study of imperialism and nationalism in Asia, minority populations in China’s borderlands, WWII in the Pacific, espionage history, as well as the history of the relationship between nomads and settled peoples in East Asian history.

J. Laurence Hare is Associate Professor of History at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he specializes in modern German and Scandinavian history. In March, he published *Excavating Nations: Archaeology, Museums, and the German-Danish Borderlands* as part of the German and European Studies Series from the University of Toronto Press. He also published “Promising the World: Surveys, Curricula, and the Challenge of World History,” co-authored with Jack Wells, in the February 2015 issue of *The History Teacher*. A book chapter,

“Pseudoscience Reconsidered: SS Research and the Archaeology of Haithabu,” co-authored with Fabian Link, will appear in October 2015 in *Revisiting the Nazi Occult: Histories, Realities, Legacies*, edited by Eric Kurlander and Monica Black and published as part of the German History in Context series from Camden House. Hare also completed work on another chapter, “Paths Forward: In Defense of the History of Disciplines,” which he expects to appear next year in *German History in Transatlantic Perspective*, edited by Michael Meng and Adam Seipp with Berghahn Press. At the University of Arkansas, Hare was named a Fellow of the Teaching Academy in October 2014 and served as director of undergraduate studies in the Department of History. In August, he took on a new role as director of the International Studies program in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences.

Bethany Henry Rosenbaum is a Southeast Regional Education Board Doctoral Fellow under the direction of Dr. Daniel Sutherland, Dr. Elliott West, and Dr. Jeannie Whayne. Her research at the University of Arkansas includes race relations between American Indian and African American communities in the antebellum period. Her interest in discussions of race, ethnicity, tribal identity and citizenship stems from her Cherokee ancestry which motivates her to pursue an education and career in American Indian affairs. As President of the Youth Trail of Tears Committee, Arkansas delegate to the Trail of Tears Association Board of Directors, and active volunteer for National History Day, Henry’s passion is public history. For the past five years she has worked for the National Park Service as a Park Ranger conducting research on historical and anthropological topics as well as service as a liaison to tribal governments in the Midwest. Henry and her husband live in Fayetteville and are active in young adult ministry at Trinity Fellowship Church. They enjoy riding bikes on the Razorback Greenway and fixing up our first home.

Misti Nicole Harper earned her B.A. in Theatre from the University of the Ozarks in 2004 and her M.A. in History from the University of Central Arkansas in 2011. She is a doctoral candidate at the University of Arkansas and a graduate assistant and instructor for the University’s African and African American Studies program. A Southern historian who specializes in race and gender, Harper’s dissertation project, “And They Entered As Ladies: When Race, Class and Black Femininity Clashed at Central High School” examines the intersectionality of the 1957 crisis at Little Rock, Arkansas. In her non-existent spare time, Harper fanatically follows sports and is a devotee of *Downton Abbey*.

David Schieffler: A born and bred Delta Arkansan, David earned a B.A. from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, in 2003. In 2005, he completed his M.A. at the University of Arkansas with a thesis entitled “Too Little, Too Late to Save Vicksburg: The Battle of Helena, Arkansas, July 4, 1863.” David went on to teach high school history in West Fork, Arkansas, for six years and in 2011, he hung up his secondary shoes and entered the Ph.D. program at the University of Arkansas. When he’s not investigating life in Phillips County, Arkansas, from 1861 to 1865, David has been known to do a little fishing (of the fly variety), including chasing Ozark smallmouth for miles on end.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

Edward M. Anson, Professor of History, is currently under contract to produce for E. J. Brill a new edition of his *Eumenes of Cardia: A Greek Among Macedonians*; two of his recently published books, *After Alexander: The Time of the Successors (323-281 BC)*, Oxbow Books (Oxford: 2013), co-editor, and *Alexander the Great: Themes and Issues*, Bloomsbury Academic (London, New York, New Delhi, Sidney; 2013) author, have so far received very favorable reviews, and the latter has been nominated for the Criticos Prize. Dr. Anson continues as editor, *Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic World* series for Lexington Books (a division of Rowman and Littlefield); Associate editor, *Ancient History Bulletin*, an Assessor for Classics for the Australian Research Council, an agency of the Australian national government that awards grants to researchers. On campus he is a member of the Scholars Policy Council and a faculty Senator.

Michael Heil, Assistant Professor of History, joined the history faculty at UALR as an assistant professor in fall 2015. He previously held a visiting position at Hendrix College. His research focuses on legal practice and judicial institutions in early medieval Europe and on medieval Italy. Dr. Heil is originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and earned his PhD from Columbia University.

Clea Hupp, Associate Professor of History, presented a paper on Donald Rumsfeld’s mediation role in the Lebanese Civil War at the annual meeting of Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations. She wrote a chapter on

Ronald Reagan's Middle East policies that appeared in the edited volume *A Companion to Ronald Reagan*. After a hurried and uncontested election on the day before the fall semester began, Dr. Hupp assumed the role of chair of the UALR History Department.

Thomas E. Kaiser, Professor of History, is currently working on a book manuscript entitled *Marie-Antoinette and the Austrian Plot, 1748-1794*. His chapter "The Diplomatic Origins of the French Revolution" in David Andress, ed., *Oxford Handbook of the French Revolution* (Oxford University Press) is currently in press. At the meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies in April, he presented a paper "The *Mémoire historique*: Diplomacy, Propaganda, and 'Patriotism' in Choiseul's 'Grand Exit Strategy' at the End of the Seven Years' War" and commented on a panel "*Commerce, Competition, and Colonial Reform: The French in India during the Eighteenth Century*."

Barclay Key, Assistant Professor of History, has begun his fourth year of teaching at UALR. He has an essay in the forthcoming volume, *Race and Ethnicity in Arkansas*, ed. John A. Kirk, and a review of *Professor-Politician: The Biography of Alabama Congressman Glen Browder* by Geni Certain in the most recent *Journal of Southern History*. Key continues to make progress on his monograph about race relations and Churches of Christ.

John A. Kirk, George W. Donaghey Distinguished Professor of History, accepted a new position at UALR as the director of the Institute of Race and Ethnicity. He relinquished his position as chair of the department and left the duty of collecting AACHT bios to the new chair, Clea Hupp.

Jeff Kyong-McClain, Associate Professor of Chinese History, co-led a UALR study tour to China over Spring Break (Shanghai, Chengdu, Yibin and Beijing), and taught World Civ, Modern China, Asian Thought and Modern Korea. Also in 2015, he had articles published in *Museum History Journal* and *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, and a translation of the introduction to the series reprint of the *Journal of the West China Border Research Society*, by publisher Zhonghua shuju.

Kristin Dutcher Mann, Professor of History, was promoted to full professor in spring 2015. She teaches Latin America and is social studies minor coordinator for the secondary education program at UALR.

Brian Mitchell, Assistant Professor of History, joined the faculty of the UALR History Department in fall 2015. He specializes in African-American history.

Carl Moneyhon, Professor of History, states that the Civil War is giving way to Reconstruction as a basis for his scholarly activity. He is looking forward to the reenactment of Arkansas Redemption and the Brooks-Baxter War. Lectures this year have begun to show the shift in emphasis with presentations of "Chaos at the Capitol: The Coke-Davis Confrontation," at "Legends and Controversy in Texas History Symposium," sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and the Texas General Land Office, Austin, Texas and "Arkansas Reconstruction: The Limits of Change," at the Old State House Symposium on the Civil War: Emancipation and Reconstruction. Publications this year included a historiographical essay, "Civil War and Reconstruction in Texas, 1861-1874," in Bruce A. Glasrud, et al., *Discovering Texas History* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2014), pp. 210-242, "Race and the Struggle for Freedom: African American Arkansans after Emancipation," in John Kirk, ed., *Race and Ethnicity in Arkansas: New Perspectives* (Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 2014), 17-30, and "Governor Henry Rector and the Confederacy: State's Rights Versus Military Contingencies," *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, 73 (Winter 2014): 357-88. All can look forward to the ultimate deconstruction of the David O. Dodd myth in the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* this fall. For an unknown reason I even got to do an interview with Vickie Newton, Soul of the South Television Network to discuss the Wainstein Report on problems in the Africa-American Studies program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and also to do some work with "Who Do You Think You Are?" on TLC.

Jess Porter, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Geography, was awarded promotion to Associate Professor and granted tenure this year. In other news, the National Endowment for the Humanities-funded exhibit he curated with Dr. Charles Romney, "Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry" continues its tour around the US. Jess has been working on new Dust Bowl research with his PhD advisor from Oklahoma State University, Dr. Carlos Cordova. They presented their research at the Association of American Geographers annual meeting in Chicago in April, and are working on several related manuscripts. Jess and Dr. John Kirk presented several invited lectures on patterns of

race and ethnicity in Little Rock. Finally, Jess' fourth and final *Encounter Geography* book was published by Pearson.

Charles Romney, Assistant Professor, continues to coordinate the M.A. program in Public History. This year the program renewed a grant from the National Archives Trust Fund in Washington D.C. to pay for the stipends of two graduate assistants at the Clinton Presidential Library. The grant has given \$58,050 to UALR graduate students since 2011. This year Romney also published articles on the Seattle Teamsters in *Labor History* and on "anachronic public history" in *The Public Historian*. He is a member of the National Humanities Center's institute on "Digital Textual Analysis" for 2015-2016. The institute, funded by the Mellon Foundation, "combines hands-on technical explorations with wide-ranging philosophical and theoretical discussions." His book on the American state and the defeat of progressive unions in the 1940s will be published in early 2016 by Oxford University Press.

Susanah Shaw Romney, Assistant Professor of History. This summer, her recent book *New Netherland Connections* received an annual First Book Prize from the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians. The book has also been awarded the Jamestown Prize from the Omohundro Institute and the Hendricks Prize from the New Netherland Institute. She is now engaged on a research project looking at settler colonization in Dutch colonies in the Hudson Valley, Guyana, southern Africa, and the Indonesian archipelago. She continues to offer classes on early America and the Atlantic World.

James Ross, Associate Professor of History, teaches modern U.S. history.

Vince Vinikas, Professor of History, continues his work on the history of the governmental propaganda of Total War, and specifically, the campaigns to mobilize Americans for World War II. His current focus concerns the Roosevelt administration's efforts to commit Americans to the Allied cause despite widespread popular opposition to fighting against Nazi Germany in the years before Pearl Harbor.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO

Having begun his work in Monticello in August, **Dan Boice**, *UAM Library Director*, is still eluding authorities in four states and two provinces who dispute his claim that soporific prose is essential to academic freedom. He has a couple of degrees in History, and alleges that he has taught the subject, but can produce no students from his classes who actually learned anything other than the name of Alexander the Great's horse. His book reviews have been the object of slander suits, all dropped when it was shown that Boice never actually read the books, and his annotated bibliography of Mitchell Kennerley has sunk beyond the last digit in Amazon's list of "best" sellers. The UAM administration has (vain!) hopes that Boice will at last discover a heretofore hidden competence in pushing around papers and counting beans.

In addition to his onerous campus committee load, **John Kyle Day**, Associate Professor, is serving both this year and next as Chair of the Arkansas Humanities Council. He also currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Arkansas Historical Association; he presented a paper at the AHA's annual conference in West Memphis this past April, where he was loudly heckled in the audience by none other than past AACHT and AHA President Tom DeBlack. Adding insult to injury, this was the morning after Day lost his shirt playing the Greyhounds at Southland Park while watching the cagy AACHT and AHA regulars Ben Johnson and Greg Kiser use their veteran wiles to ply insider advice from the ticket takers and reap huge winnings. And no, they did not offer to buy drinks for their colleagues afterward. Shame! Nonetheless, Day learned this summer that his recent book, *The Southern Manifesto: Massive Resistance and the Fight to Preserve Segregation* (Jackson, University Press of Mississippi, 2014) made it into paperback. Huzzah!

When he is not in the classroom or working on his book manuscript on the New England cider tree massacres of the 1830s you can often find **John Henris**, Assistant Professor, beneath the big magnolia tree near Weevil Pond, a well-worn copy of the Southern travels of the Quaker naturalist William Bartram by his side. A Friend of nature, he is cofounder of the UAM chapter of Arkansans for the Ethical Treatment of Ants [AETA] and is seriously considering starting a nursery for old Southern apple cultivars on his extensive landholdings just north of the Monticello village square. He is also pleased to report that his article on ecology, brook trout, and the engineering of cold-water recreational fisheries within the Black Hills Forest Reserve is forthcoming 15 December 2015 in *South Dakota History*.

The newest addition to the History Department at UAM, **Shari Silzell**, assistant professor, made her way to Arkansas after completing her Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin. Undeterred by a rare bout of low-altitude sickness contracted in the Flatlands (known to Texans as Hill Country), Silzell, a native Coloradan, recently published her article on women and the written Qur'an in the early centuries of Islam in *Hawwa: Journal of Women of the Middle East and Islamic World*. When she can be lured away from ninth-century Baghdad, Silzell can be seen mysteriously running from traffic on the streets of Monticello.

A native of Greater New York and proud survivor of the School of Hard Knocks -- Bronx, **Lynn Valetutti** is the Electronic Resources Librarian and resident sous chef at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Having most recently been lured from the friendly confines of Ouachita Baptist College, Lynn has a degree in History and Spanish, a background in ballet and Health Administration, and a pretty fair right hook. Lynn's MLIS is from Southern Miss, and she is pursuing a PhD from North Texas in an effort to win the contest for World's Biggest Student Debt. When she's not coordinating computer resources, reading interminable library science textbooks, or cooking gourmet dinners, Lynn takes her shih tzu Gigi for walks around Greater Monticello.

Clint Young was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor this year. He has been hoping to rest on his laurels, but apparently that option was removed from the Faculty Handbook when nobody was looking. In March, he served as the Program Director for the annual meeting of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies. In May, he led UAM's first ever field study trip to a non-English speaking country, escorting twelve students to Spain; it was a highly rewarding experience that he hopes never to repeat. In June, he presented a paper titled "Local Color as National Identity: Rural Spain on the Musical Stage, 1901-1926" at the "Pulling Together or Pulling Apart: Identity and Nationhood--Spain, Europe, and the West" conference held at Trinity College, Dublin. Finally, Louisiana State University Press will publish his first book, *Music Theater and Popular Nationalism in Spain, 1880-1930* in December, which means he will be able to stop yammering on about zarzuela, much to everybody's relief.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Ken Barnes enjoyed a sabbatical in the spring semester to work on a book manuscript about anti-Catholicism in Arkansas in the 1900s. He was able to do spend some time doing research in archives in Fayetteville; New Haven, CT; Fort Wayne and South Bend, IN; and Mount Pleasant, MI. He finished a draft of the manuscript in August.

Kevin R. Cummings received a BS and MA in History (2015) at the University of Central Arkansas and just embarked upon his eighth year as the Activities Coordinator for the City of Maumelle, Arkansas. A Bay area native (no, not the one with the historic bridge and the curvy street, but rather the one in Northeast Arkansas), Mr. Cummings gained his appreciation for history while serving over twenty-one years of active duty in the U.S. Navy. This nautical career began (1987) by exercising a vigilance for Soviet warships in the Pacific and ended (2008) in Little Rock as a recruiter of doctors and nurses into the Navy. He retired in Maumelle, where he spent countless hours combing through forgotten graveyards in search of answers to the city's pre-New Town past, hence his current research project titled "When Arkansas Lost Her Lands: Ordnance, Eminent Domain, and the New Town."

IN MEMORIAM



Dr. C. Fred Williams, 69, of Little Rock, UALR history professor (1971-2011) and author, was born December 24, 1943, in Allen, Oklahoma, and passed away November 23, 2013.

Dr. Williams was a graduate of Murray State in Tishomingo, OK; East Central University, Ada, OK; Wichita State University; and the University of Oklahoma. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Little Rock; West Little Rock Rotary; Arkansas Historical Association; Agricultural History Society; Arkansas Association of College History Teachers; and the Southern History Association. He was also among conference leaders at LifeQuest, and volunteered in Little Rock Public Schools.

Williams spent more than 40 years as a teacher, mentor, and advocate, expanding the knowledge of Arkansas far beyond its borders. His book, *A Documentary History of Arkansas*, published in collaboration with colleagues of the UALR History Department in 1984, is but one example of his impact on education beyond the campus. The collection of articles, letters, speeches, and government documents dating back to the 17th century is still in use today at schools across Arkansas.

Williams was a former chair of the UALR History Department, as well as associate dean of the then-College of Liberal Arts, associate vice chancellor for education programs, and president of the University Assembly and Faculty Senate. During his term as chair, Williams hired 10 faculty members and oversaw the greatest growth in the size of the department, according to Dr. Ed Anson, Williams' longtime friend and fellow UALR history professor.

Williams helped secure more than \$2 million in grant funding for local public schools and held leadership positions in several historical societies. He led the Pulaski County Historical Society in 1974 and 1975, was secretary-treasurer of the Agricultural Historical Society, and also served as president of the Arkansas Association of College History Teachers from 1981-1982.

His honors include the Arkansas Historical Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, the UALR Faculty Excellence Award for Service, Humanist of the Year by the Arkansas Humanities Council, and the Gladys Baker Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Agricultural History Society.

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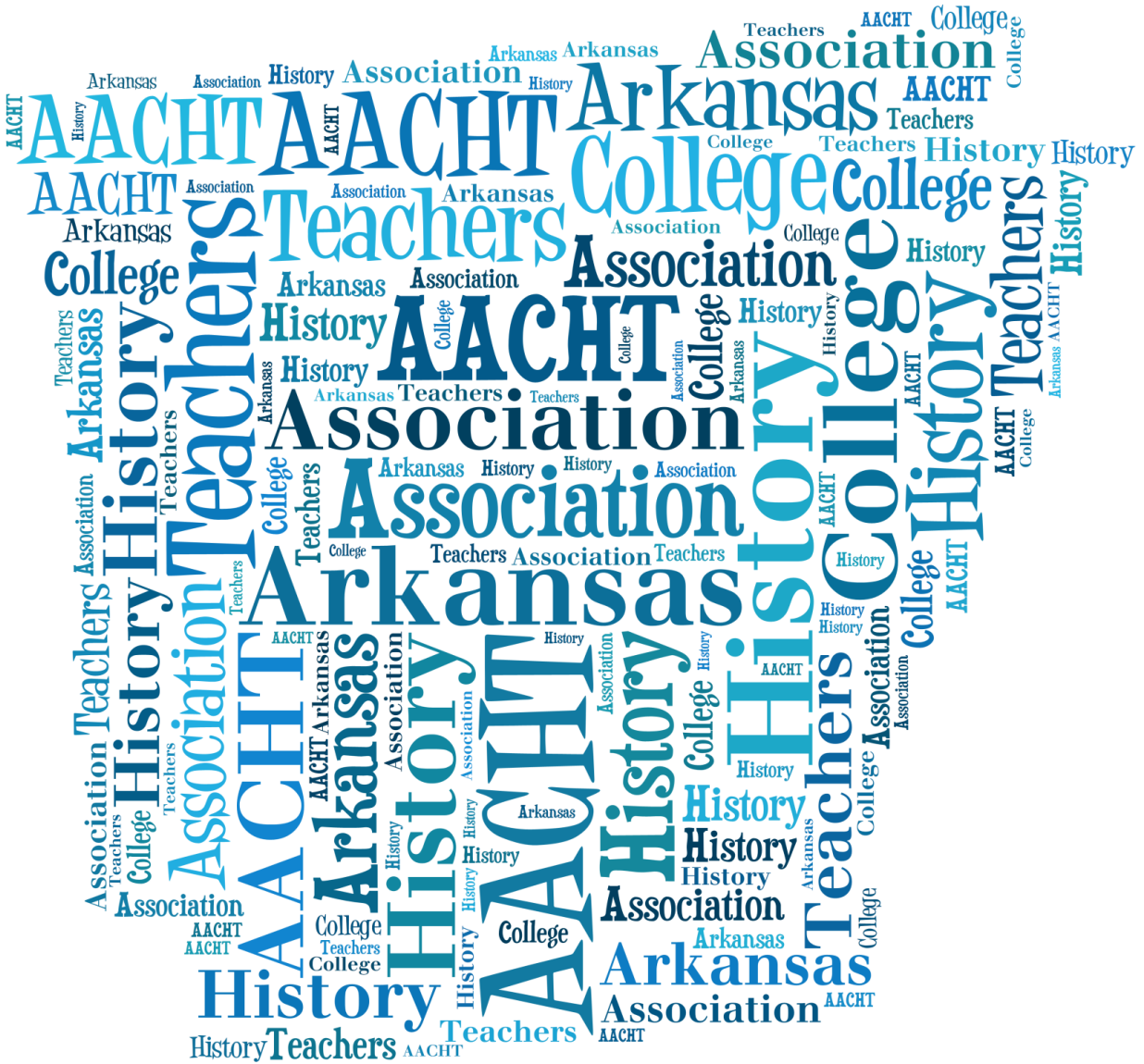
AACHT Leads in History Education

As early as 1983 (maybe earlier; we have no written records), Arkansas historians, including members of AACHT, recognized the need for stronger history education in middle and secondary classrooms. Working with Arkansas social studies teachers, they established the National History Day (NHD) competition program in Arkansas, becoming one more state in the rather new National History Day network, itself in existence only since 1980. In need of funds to run what was at best a bare-bones operation then, the involved history professors asked AACHT to support the program. AACHT did, and continues to be a strong supporter of *History Day Arkansas*.

Shiloh Academy teacher Jo Hunt remembers that her first contest was in April, 1984. She took students to their district contest at the University of Arkansas, and then took the winners to the state contest held at the state capitol in Little Rock. Over the next few years the contest site rotated among the state capitol, Westark Community College, Southern Arkansas University, University of Central Arkansas, and Arkansas State University.

Longtime AACHT member Billy Higgins was the state coordinator in 1993, when he worked with the University of Central Arkansas history department faculty members Sarah Fountain and Harry Readnour to establish a permanent home for the program in UCA's history department. UCA hosted their first contest as the permanent host of History Day in 1994.

AACHT continues to support *History Day Arkansas* by providing monetary awards to two novice (three years or fewer in the History Day program) each year. The awards are named for Sarah J. Fountain and Mary J. Landreth, UCA history instructors who played major roles in getting History Day established at UCA and in Arkansas schools. Landreth and Fountain were only two of the many members of AACHT who made history education in middle and secondary schools the mission of AACHT. Their legacy is 8,000 young people each year using historical research skills to explore the curiosities of our past. As they practice the art of historical research, they are preparing themselves for our college classrooms.



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