

## Chair's Bulletin February 2008

### Notables

In January, **Rick Bell** led a contingent of UM students on a study abroad visit to the United Kingdom. They spent over three weeks in London, Bristol and Liverpool studying the history of the British Empire and its legacy in public history and imagination. As part of the curriculum, Rick also interviewed Dr. Vincent Carretta of the UM Department of English during a lively public forum at Queen Mary College, University of London on January 21. Rick will be on sabbatical this semester as a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Massachusetts.

With the support of the David Driskell Center and in cooperation with the Maryland State Archives, **Ira Berlin, Herbert Brewer, and Max Grivno** have published [A Guide to the History of Slavery in Maryland](#). The Guide is a primer for the history of slavery the state and is designed to provide secondary school teachers and other interested citizens with basic information respecting slavery's history. Berlin and Edward Papenfuse, the State Archivist and an adjunct member of the Department, presented the Guide to the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates on the occasion of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

The paperback rights to **Michael David-Fox's** edited volume *Academia Upheaval: Origins, Transfers, and Transformations of the Communist Academic Regime in Russia and East Central Europe*, originally published in 2000 by Bergin and Garvey/Greenwood, have been acquired by IAP Press and the book will be available in paper in February 2008. According to its website, "IAP, Inc. is proud to announce the acquisition of the rights to publish in paperback several outstanding titles originally published by the Greenwood Publishing Group."

**Art Eckstein's** unrelenting abundance of publications this year continues with his review of Kurt Raaflaub, ed., *War and Peace in the Ancient World*, in the *New England Classical Journal* 34 (2007): pp. 352-356.

**David Sartorius** chaired the panel "Soldiering and Citizenship in Modern Latin America" at the American Historical Association annual meeting on January 5.

**Stephen Brush** will give a lecture on the topic: "How old is the world? 2000 Years of Controversy" at Riderwood Retirement Village, Thursday, Feb. 7, 7 pm, in the Encore Theatre (Lakeside Commons). For further information contact him at [p2s1859@gmail.com](mailto:p2s1859@gmail.com)

**Grace Palladino** will be participating in a Teaching American History grant for Bergen County, NJ, high school teachers on Feb.8. The morning will be devoted to using primary documents in the classroom (via the Samuel Gompers Papers) and the afternoon to exploring the work of the historian (via my book, *Teenagers: An American History*).

**Joshua Furman** (Ph.D. Modern Jewish history, advisor: Rozenblit) has been hired by the Jewish Museum of Maryland in Baltimore, MD to edit several chapters of the forthcoming memoirs of Shoshana S. Cardin. Among other accomplishments, Cardin was the first woman to chair the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, and met with such world leaders as President George H.W. Bush and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Israel in her efforts on behalf of Jews worldwide.

**Katarina Keane** (Ph.D.; advisor Rowland) presented a paper entitled "Southern Belles and the Second Wave" at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association. Her paper was part of a panel on "Uneven Developments in American Feminism" that was sponsored by the Coordinating Council for Women in History.

In January, HiLS student **Laura Kopp** traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico to present her paper, "Teaching the Confederacy: Southern Textbooks during the American Civil War" at the Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Conference. Her paper received high accolades and the faculty commenter encouraged her to publish it as an article in *The Historian*. Laura will present the same paper at the Phi Alpha Theta Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference in Annapolis, MD on March 1, 2008. Laura was one of several of our students, both graduate and undergraduate who presented at this conference.

Two former doctoral alums have won fellowships: **Sarah Russell**, a Fullbright to Denmark, and **Trisha Posey**, a Gilder Lehrman Fellowship to be held in New York City.

**Darren Speece** is presenting his paper, "From Corporatism to Citizen Oversight: The Fight for California Redwoods, 1970-1999" at the Policy History Conference in St. Louis, MO over Memorial Day Weekend.

**Ellen Berg** is scheduled to present a lecture at the Library of Congress: "Where Have You Gone, Miss Columbia? American Identity and Uncle Sam's Forgotten Partner," March 5 at noon. Her paper examines political cartoons of the American symbol of Columbia between 1852 and 1952, research funded through a fellowship from the Swann Foundation for Caricature and Cartoon and the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress. Ellen is an affiliate assistant professor in the department and an associate fellow at the Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford, where she was a postdoctoral fellow last year."

**Jim Flack** (emeritus) published an article "The Dimon Family: Bridgehampton Historiography and its focus on Ordinary People," in Long Island Historical Journal Fall 2006/Spring 2007 issue.

## Events

HGSA Graduate Conference will take place February 7-8, 2008. The keynote address, on February 7, 4pm, TLF1103, will be given by Dr. Judith Walkowitz, "The Windmill Theatre: Middlebrow, Erotic Display, and the Spirit of the Blitz."

The Maryland Colloquium of History of Technology Seminar Series begins its semester of events with Hyungsub Choi of the Chemical Heritage Foundation. His talk, "Technology Importation, Corporate Strategies, and the Emergence of the Japanese Semiconductor Industry" will be commented on by **David Sicilia**. The event will take place Thursday, February 7, 2008, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Francis Scott Key 2120. A pre-circulated paper is available upon request from David Kirsch. For more information, contact: David A. Kirsch +1 301 405 0559 [dkirsch@umd.edu](mailto:dkirsch@umd.edu)

Monday, February 18, CHS will present its first spring semester Faculty Work-In-Progress seminar, "Murders in Provence," by **Donald M. G. Sutherland**. The commentator will be David Bell of John Hopkins University. Taliaferro Hall, Room 2110, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

CHS is presenting African American Political Culture Workshops this semester. The first event, on February 13, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., 2120 Francis Scott Key Hall, is "Radical Visions: The Depression Years" by Patricia Sullivan of the University of South Carolina. The commentator will be **Daryle Scott**, Howard University. Light refreshments will be available at 6:15.

The European Workshop presents Sophie Rosenfeld on February 28, 2008 at 3:30PM in KEY2120.

And, finally, just a reminder that we have a Department Meeting/APT meeting planned for February 25, 2008 at 4PM in TLF2110.