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Presidential Message Fall, 2011

Academia, including our discipline of history, has faced numerous challenges since the Ohio Academy of History was founded during the depths of the Great Depression in 1932. Shortly afterwards came the challenges of World War II, followed by the effects of the GI Bill and the arrival of baby boomers. And some of my colleagues might remember the problems of the Vietnam War era with the traditional comment of non-performing students: "If you fail me in this course, you will send me to Vietnam!" Today we face a variety of other challenges, but many of these are primarily financial, both on the national and state levels. We are asked to prepare the next generation of professionals with limited funds but with the latest technology. We find that the so-called STEM disciplines are emphasized to the detriment of the humanities. Technology is significant to many political leaders, while critical thinking and knowledge of the past remain unimportant to them. All we have to do is notice the misuse of history by a number of our political leaders across the United States today. Perhaps Richard Hofstadter was correct about the basic

anti-intellectualism of American society.

Nonetheless, I do not want to dwell totally on "gloom and doom" but rather on the positives. As the new president of the Ohio Academy of History, I am proud of the accomplishments of my colleagues across the state in a wide variety of disciplines. What I saw and heard at our spring conference at Denison University (ably hosted by Donald Schilling) was impressive. I was proud of the quality of the work of professional historians in Ohio. Included in this category was a noticeable number of doctoral students who "tested the waters" of the academic conference and successfully demonstrated the depths of their research. What a superb venue to commence an academic career! And I must laud the work of John Jordan and others by welcoming secondary school teachers actively to the work of the Academy. They are the ones who create a solid base for students to discover the wonders of history as well as its necessity in understanding the complexities of the world in which we live and function.

At this time I must applaud the relationship that continues to evolve with (Continued on page 6)



Left: Winner of the Ohio Academy of History 2011 Publication Award: Carter V. Findley, The Ohio State University

Below: Barbara Ramusack presents the first Ohio Academy of History Junior Faculty Research Award to Megan Threlkeld, Assistant Professor of History at Denison University.



Spring Meeting Minutes

Ohio Academy of History
Executive Council Agenda,
April 8, 2011, 12:00-1:50 p.m.,
219 Burton-Morgan Building,
Denison University

Meeting called to order at 12:10
In attendance: Dorn, Sosnowski,
Connell, Jordan, MacLean, Kern,
Robinson, Hedler, Hale, Winkler, Wood,
Wainwright, Weininger, and Ramusack.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. President's Report: Jacob Dorn

1. Unanimous e-votes taken since fall meeting:

- Minutes for Oct. 26, 2010.
- Approved revisions of OHS agreement (Dec. 14).
- Joint dues arrangement (\$10 off OHS membership for OAH).
- Seal design.

2. All committees finished work on schedule and with professionalism, Dorn thanked all concerned.
3. MacLean and Dorn attended OHS Executive Council meetings. The OHS was way ahead of pack in anticipating budget cuts, and their director (Logan) is very professional and knowledgeable.
4. Sosnowski thanked Dorn for work on the Taft panel.
5. Dorn had a lot of collaboration with standards and public history committees, and was very impressed with their work.

B. Vice-President/President Elect's Report: Tom Sosnowski

1. No report. Sosnowski asked when committees should be formed. Dorn said the sooner the better, and there is a need to work toward rotational pattern.

C. Past President's Report: David Hogan (*Not present*)

D. Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Kevin Kern

–Sosnowski moved, Wood seconded, unanimously approved

E. Archivist's Report: Betsy MacLean

- submitted written report.
- handbook revisions were main issue of concern this year.
- MacLean is trying to get to a schedule of every year after spring meeting, amending the handbook every year after the Spring meeting. Hedler said revising website would be no problem.
- Rationale for constitutional amendment: MacLean said the goal was making it a more useful document. The Executive Committee has a lot of resolutions that get passed, but these are not in the constitution and are recorded nowhere except minutes.
- MacLean will try to assemble

2011 DISTINGUISHED HISTORIAN AWARD

Alonzo Hamby, Ohio University

2011 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

(no award in 2011)

2011 PUBLIC HISTORY AWARD

Euclid Corridor Project (Cleveland, OH)

2011 PUBLICATION AWARD

Carter V. Findley, The Ohio State University

2011 DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

(no award in 2011)

2011 DISSERTATION AWARD

Michael Kithinji, Bowling Green State University

2011 JUNIOR FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT

Megan Threlkeld, Denison University

all resolutions of Executive Committee so there is an official record. Sosnowski recommended just collating this material for the last ten years.

- Robinson recommended that these resolutions be on website and searchable.
- MacLean said it would take a while, will report again in fall.
- By consensus, the committee agreed to put past officers and committee members on the website, too.
- MacLean also reported that the OAH does not have not a process for replacing the President or Vice-President during year should some thing happen to these officers. Dorn suggested carrying over this issue until next year.

**F. Newsletter Editors' Reports:
Molly Wood and Martin Wainwright**

- Wainwright expressed thanks to

Hedler for writing the report.

- The newsletter did not get out as early as expected, but it did get out.
- Editors expressed the need to emphasize the new deadlines and their firmness.
- Both hoped for a better looking publication next year.
- Wood added that it was a learning process for all concerned. Communications vastly improved, making future publications easier.
- Winkler suggested that in addition to uploading the newsletter to the website, it be emailed to all members. Hedler agreed.
- MacLean asked Wood and Wainwright for newsletter editorial responsibilities changes.

**G. Review of Agreement with Ohio
Historical Society: Betsy Hedler/Jacob
Dorn/Betsy MacLean**

- Written report by Hedler. Most significant changes have to do with newsletter, and added reimbursements to OHS.
- Dorn suggested that all correspondence between officers and Hedler be copied to President. This resolution was approved by consensus.

H. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Spring Conference: Donald Schilling
 - Local arrangements had worked so far, and Schilling had gotten excellent support from University. Dorn moved to show appreciation to Schilling, Winkler seconded. Unanimously approved.
2. Membership: Tom Sosnowski
 - no report at moment. Winkler has suggested targeting younger scholars who can't present at national conferences as easily.
3. Nomination: William Jenkins

—Written report submitted, accepted by consensus

4. Program: Marsha Robinson

—Submitted written report

—There were many unfortunate events: accidents, and illness took their toll on the program.

—Many challenges: The process of working with *Proceedings* to get improvements for nominating papers did not work. Opting out of consideration worked, but changes in the peer review section did not work.

—Because there was no willing pool of volunteers to have two people per panel, Robinson recommended going back to just one person reviewing per panel.

—Robinson suggested creating a committee for *Proceedings*, as it was too much work for program committee. Dorn recommended deferring to President with additional recommendations to the editors of the *Proceedings*.

—Connell moved, Jordan seconded to support Robinson's recommendations. Unanimously approved.

—Winkler said that Program Committee should not wait until Fall 2011 to start work on program—it needs to be acted on in the summer. He suggested that the committee front-load “celebrities” before the call so people know who will be there. Dorn suggested making this in writing to the new president.

I. Award Committee Reports:

1. Dissertation: Christine Anderson

—Michael Mwende Kithinji, BGSU

2. Distinguished Historian: Jacob Dorn

—Alonzo Hamby

3. Distinguished Service: Vlady Steffel

—no nominations

4. Junior Faculty Research Fund:

Barbara Ramusack

—Three applications, Megan Threlkeld was winner.

—Ramusack said the committee needed more publicity for this award, and that nominees should

make sure they know how to write a grant. OAH should bring this award up at department meetings and notify junior faculty.

—Ramusack also suggested the need to introduce rotation in the committee.

5. Publication: T. J. Boisseau/Bradley Keefer (neither present)

—Four nominations. Carter V. Findley

6. Public History: Christie Weininger

—Two nominations: Euclid Corridor project in Cleveland was winner.

7. Teaching: David Hogan

—no nominations.

—The issue was raised regarding the responsibility for informing recipients of awards and other nominees. The handbook's wording was read into the record: [“The Chairperson should inform unsuccessful nominees with an appropriate letter. (Individualized email is acceptable, but a mass-email message that reveals addressees and is not personalized is not.”)].

J. Book Exhibit: Jonathan Winkler

—The OAH was trying a book exchange this year, with proceeds going to the academy.

K. Potential Uses of OAH Seal:

Jonathan Winkler

—Dorn suggested using the seal with correspondence, etc., and have it on letterhead.

—Winkler suggested that the Secretary-Treasurer be the contact person with vendors like Café Press for uses of seal.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of establishing a policy for archiving of conference papers: Betsy MacLean

B. Co-sponsorship and Financial Support of Ohio Statehood Day: Betsy MacLean

—Connell moved, Weininger seconded to officially support/co-sponsor Statehood Day at a cost of \$200/yr. Winkler made a friendly amendment to make this a matter of annual approval. Hedler noted that the observance was cancelled this year

due to protests over Senate Bill 5 at the capitol, so this year's money that was already approved will roll over.

—Motion approved as amended unanimously.

C. Position of Historian: Whether to continue and how to fill: Betsy MacLean

D. Redesign of Website: Request for Volunteers to Serve on Ad Hoc Committee: Jacob Dorn

E. Request to Consider Spring Meeting in 2013 at Bowling Green State University in Collaboration with “War on the Great Lakes” Conference: Scott Martin

—Dorn expressed concern about perhaps already having made an overture to OSU. Sosnowski said there is no commitment.

—Unanimously agreed to meet at Bowling Green State University in 2013

F. Deferred to New Business:

1. Public History: Christie Weininger

2. Standards: John Jordan and/or Tim Connell (including proposal for spring workshops for teachers).

3. Proposed Amendment to Constitution to Change Name and Focus of Standards Committee: John Jordan/Tim Connell.

—Submitted written report.

—Jordan: Wants to change name and mission of standards committee—trying to focus on influencing content standards, professional development for K-12, and approval of social studies educational programs.

—Jordan expressed a need to focus on quality history teaching: having a K-12 professional development and outreach committee.

—The Executive Council agreed to give free membership for one year for K-12 teachers.

—Jordan moved to approve the amendment.

—Winkler and Robinson suggested changes to the amendment to be incorporated before it came to a vote. They suggested that, until then, the Standards Committee should act according to the tenets

Jordan described for the current year.
 –Connell moved to table this amendment, but continue to work in this direction according to the redefinition with understanding that the committee will propose a revised amendment at fall meeting. Wainwright seconded. Unanimously approved.
 –Winkler moved to thank committee for its work. Sosnowski seconded. Unanimously approved.

4. Proposed Amendment to Constitution to Replace Two Public History Committees with One Committee with Revised Objectives: Christie Weininger

–Submitted written report.
 –Winkler moved, Sosnowski seconded amendment, unanimously approved.
 –Robinson moved, Winkler seconded a motion moving the amendment to the membership at the general meeting the next day. Unanimously approved.
 –Weininger also moved the creation of a Facebook page for the Public History Committee of the OAH. Winkler seconded. Robinson wondered who would monitor content. Weininger said Committee would be in charge. Approved, 13-1.

Dorn moved adjournment, approved by acclamation, 1:53 p.m.

Fall/Winter Report:

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Check Register Balance 30 September 2010: \$7,046.68

Debits

Fall Meeting expenses \$468.95

Credits

Fall renewals and meeting registration fees: \$970.00

Check Register Balance as of 31 December 2010: \$7,547.73

Winter/Spring Report:

Debits

New Seal Design \$250.00

Newsletter Printing \$479.72

Credits

Member Renewals \$275.00

Checking Register Balance 31 March 2011: \$7,093.01

(associated saving account balance: \$100.38)
 (of this, \$762 committed to JFRG next time a deposit can be made, and \$237.42 to Ohio Historical Society for expenses through March)

Junior Faculty Research Grant Endowment (JFRG): \$10,449.56

(additional gifts of \$570 to be added at the next deposit opportunity)

ENDOWMENT

CD (6/30/2011) \$ 4,771.42

CD (1/5/2012) \$ 4,882.48

CD (6/30/2012) \$ 4,838.36

TOTAL \$14,492.26

Fall Meeting Information

**2011 Fall Meeting Program
 University of Dayton
 Friday October 14, 2011**

The 2011 Fall Conference of the Ohio Academy of History will be held at the University of Dayton on Friday, October 14. All of the OAH sessions will be held in the University’s architecturally innovative ArtStreet, which includes housing for juniors and seniors, a visual art gallery and studios, music performance and rehearsal space, a film screening room, and meeting spaces for classes and groups. For a map of ArtStreet facilities, including descriptions of the rooms, please see: [http://](http://artstreet.udayton.edu/reservations/facility.html)

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The conference schedule is as follows:

Executive Committee meeting

3-5 PM, Studio C

Reception

5:30-6:30 PM, Studio C

Dinner

6:30-7:30 PM, Studio D (Gallery)

Lecture

7:30-9:00 PM, Studio C

The reception will be sponsored by the University’s College of Arts and Sciences. The lecture will be given by Prof. John Heitmann of the University of Dayton Department of History. Prof. Heitmann is an internationally renowned scholar on the history of the automobile and its place in

American culture. His lecture comes from his forthcoming Johns Hopkins University Press book on the history of automobile theft, and is entitled: “Stealing Cars: Technology and Society from the Model-T to Today.”

Registration for the Fall Conference will be \$25. Registration information, directions, and hotel information are on the website at www.ohioacademyofhistory.org. Please note that there is limited space in ArtStreet, and thus it makes sense to register earlier rather than later.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact William Trollinger in the University of Dayton Department of History (trolliwv@notes.udayton.edu, 937.229.2827).

Call for Submissions for Spring 2012 Newsletter: News

The Ohio Academy of History requests news and announcements from members for the Spring 2012 Ohio Academy of History newsletter. We are interested in hearing about promotions, new appointments, publications, conference presentations, grants received, prizes and awards, retirements, obituaries, etc. Please send your department's news and announcements to Dr. Martin Wainwright at amartin@uakron.edu by **December 10, 2011**.

Call for Submissions for Spring 2012 Newsletter: Articles and Reviews

The Ohio Academy of History requests submissions from members for the Spring 2012 Ohio Academy Newsletter. All submissions should be no longer than 1000 words. We are interested in receiving a variety of submissions, including, but not limited to, articles about members' research, travel to archives or conferences of interest, the historical profession, book or film or museum reviews, teaching and pedagogy, or other topics of interest to Ohio Academy members. All submissions will be subject to editing for content and format and all submissions should follow standard Chicago/Turabian style. Please send submissions to Associate Editor Molly Wood as a word document attachment at mwood@wittenberg.edu by **December 10, 2011**.

Education Working Group of Ohio's War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Seeks Members

The Education Working Group of the State of Ohio's War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission welcomes new members from among those in the Ohio Academy of History. The EWG has been charged by the Commission to educate students at all levels, citizens, and scholars on the War of 1812 and its impact, especially for the people of Ohio. It will create original content and direct its audience to content made available by other groups and individuals, on websites and in other forms. Individual members of the EWG will be asked to take responsibility for implementing specific items of its approved action plan.

For additional information, contact: Peter L. Hahn, Professor and Chair, Dept. of History, Ohio State University
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230 West 17th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43210
614-292-3001

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the Ohio Historical Society. This is the organization that inspired the founding of the Academy almost eighty years ago, and I am delighted that this special partnership continues today. As an ex-officio member of the Historical Society's Board of Trustees, I attended the June meeting and the July retreat where I was welcomed and made to feel a part of their community. This kind of friendly relationship is very important to our discipline, and working together will result in future successes especially with the challenges historical studies face. Symbolic of this affinity is that our next spring meeting (March 30-31, 2012) will be held at the Ohio Historical Center in Columbus. That will also present a good opportunity for many of us who are not *dévoités* of Ohio history to discover some of its fascination in the Society's many thought-provoking and impressive exhibits.

In the Academy's efforts to encourage quality, it honors a number of historians

with special awards for their accomplishments. For example, the Publication Award was given this year to Carter V. Findley of Ohio State University for his *Turkey: Islam, Nationalism, and Modernity*. But kudos also extend to Michael Kithinji from Bowling Green State University, who was honored with the Dissertation Award. This award has been a significant means to encourage superb scholarship by the doctoral students at Ohio's universities. In addition, our discipline fosters other facets of history besides archival work and "book learning." It includes the activities of our colleagues in museums and other venues. Public history is a major cornerstone of the profession and the Spring 2011 Public History Award for the Euclid Corridor project in Cleveland is most deserving. I have seen only a part of it—but WOW! Such imagination and such talent coupled with impeccable research! And what a group collaborated to create the project—including Mark Tebeau, Mark

Souther, and Erin Bell of Cleveland State University, along with Greg Peckham of Cleveland Public Art. Alonzo Hamby of Ohio University deserves special mention as the Distinguished Historian whose thought-provoking presentation on the Friday evening of our spring conference was sheer intellectual delight. And finally the "new" honor approved by the Academy last year was the much needed Junior Faculty Research Award, and its first recipient was Megan Threlkeld at Denison University. It is their work that highlights the vibrancy of historical studies in the state of Ohio. Congratulations to all of them—and to all of you for your diligence in pursuing excellence in our discipline.

From its early years, the Academy has been concerned about the quality of history education in Ohio, I would like to turn our attention briefly to that topic. Several years ago, the former Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, Eric (Continued on page 7)

Society of American Indians Centennial Symposium

Please join us at The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH, for the Society of American Indians Centennial Symposium, October 7-9, 2011, as we mark the formation of the SAI in 1911 and consider its many ongoing legacies.

The SAI was the first national American Indian rights organization developed and run by Native people themselves. Its early leaders were assisted by the non-Native sociologist F. A. McKenzie, a professor at Ohio State, who invited six of these leaders to hold a planning meeting on the Ohio State campus in April 1911. While here, they were invited by the OSU President and Columbus city officials to hold the first annual conference of the SAI on the Ohio State campus as well, which they did over the Columbus Day weekend in October 1911. Nearly fifty prominent American Indian leaders, scholars, clergy, educators, writers, artists, and other professionals participated in the conference, as did representatives of the University, the Columbus Mayor's office, the Ohio Governor's office, and the national Office of Indian Affairs.

In October 2011, the SAI Centennial Symposium will feature keynote addresses by Philip Deloria (University of Michigan), Robert Warrior (University of Illinois), and K. Tsianina Lomawaima (University of Arizona), a series of "state of the field" Workshops on various SAI figures and issues, and entertainment, including a performance by the renowned Creek poet and musician Joy Harjo on Friday evening. For those who can stay, there will be a bus tour to the nearby Newark Earthworks on Sunday.

For more information, please visit the OSU American Indian Studies program website at www.americanindianstudies.osu.edu. Click on the SAI Symposium tab for a slide show of early SAI images, as well as for information about the symposium program, registration, and lodging.

To have your name listed on the official Program, sign up as a participant for a specific Workshop. Each Workshop is scheduled for two hours and is designed to allow for a wide range of active participation and discussion. We will explore what we already know about the SAI and its legacies, and, importantly, we will ask questions about what we don't know and need to research further.

Following the symposium, there will be a call for papers for new essays that engage the SAI and its legacies. Please direct inquiries or questions to Chad Allen at allen.559@osu.edu.

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Fingerhut, encouraged the Seniors-to-Sophomores Program whereby qualified high school teachers would be able to teach their students college classes in their own schools. The program has undermined the highly successful Post-Secondary Option Program and even the AP (Advanced Placement) Program, while creating a new set of concerns for academia. Without the environment of the college campus, will the students meet the expectations of college expertise? Are they sufficiently mature to succeed and are the standards for admitting them to their programs sufficiently rigorous? And is there sufficient oversight by the sponsoring institution, whether two or four year colleges, to ensure that these survey courses are taught on a college level? Will these adjuncts be visited often, despite geographical problems of distance, to ensure "quality control"? These and other concerns will have to be monitored closely in the future.

Our discipline is special since it opens the minds of our students to worlds beyond their families and friends. They discover the complexities of our society—indeed that simplistic solutions are usually not possible. All we have to do is watch some of the activities in Washington, Columbus, and . . . ! In addition, we, the practitioners of this discipline, try to overcome prejudice by developing of critical thinking skills among our students. We follow the words of the great South African leader, Archbishop Desmond Tutu: "If you live with hatred and revenge in your heart, you dehumanize not only yourself but your community." Unfortunately examples abound, but I need only to mention the Taliban or the KKK to confirm this truth.

Finally, I call on all of you to join me in supporting the work of the Ohio Academy of History. If I may be so bold as to quote my predecessor Jacob Dorn in last year's presidential message: "So let's

all pitch in and give our utmost to a venerable organization! Keep your membership active! Urge your colleagues to enlist! Volunteer for a committee! Propose a panel to the Program Committee! Attend the meetings (and bring a colleague)!" This has been the recipe for the success of the Academy. Or as Harold Davis stated in 1942, the OAH is to "make it[self] an instrument by which historical scholars of the State may assume their rightful responsibility for historical activity within the state along all lines." I commend my colleagues for their diligence and perseverance for making this possible and charge them to continue on this path of excellence.

—Thomas C. Sosnowski

Call For Nominations

Note: Additional information about all Calls for Nominations and Awards can be found at the Ohio Academy of History website.

Vice-President/President-Elect:

The Ohio Academy of History invites nominations for the office of Vice-President/President-Elect, to be elected at the 2012 meeting of the Ohio Academy of History at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus, Ohio. This year, if possible, the candidate for Vice-President should be from a state university. Self-nominations are appropriate.

Please submit nominations by November 1, 2011 by email to: Jacob Dorn, Chair, Nominating Committee (Wright State University—jdorn1@woh.rr.com)

Executive Council:

The Ohio Academy of History invites nominations for the following offices to be elected at the 2012 meeting of the Ohio Academy of History at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus, Ohio. Self nominations are appropriate.

- 1) At large member from a state university;
- 2) At large member from a private college or university;
- 3) At large member who is or has been a social studies teacher at the 7-12 level.

Please submit nominations by November 1, 2011 by email to: Jacob Dorn, Chair, Nominating Committee (Wright State University—jdorn1@woh.rr.com)

2012 Distinguished Historian Award:

The Ohio Academy of History invites nominations for its annual Distinguished Historian Award. The award honors a historian whose teaching and scholarship, including substantial publications, transcend specialized fields and have an interest to persons beyond the discipline of history. The winner should have a close affiliation with a college, university, or historical agency of Ohio, if not actually residing in the state. The award recipient will deliver a public address during the opening evening of the annual spring meeting of the Ohio Academy of History and receive recognition during the spring meeting's business meeting. Nomination of worthiness for the award and a copy of the nominee's curriculum vita must reach the committee chair by November 1, 2011.

Chair: Thomas C. Sosnowski, Kent State University-Stark, tsosnow1@kent.edu

2012 Distinguished Service Award:

The Ohio Academy of History invites nominations for its annual Distinguished Service Award. The recipient of this award receives an honorary lifetime membership. To nominate an individual, either for specific achievement or for long-time distinguished service to the Ohio Academy of History, please submit your recommendation to the committee chairperson. Deadline for nominations is November 1, 2011.

Chair: Donald Schilling, Denison University, schilling@denison.edu

2012 Public History Award:

The Ohio Academy of History invites nominations for its annual Public History Award. The purpose of this award is to encourage the dissemination of historical scholarship beyond the walls of academe. To be nominated, a public history project, publication, or program must have been accomplished within the previous two years and completed by November 1, 2011. All public history fields are included: exhibits, publications, audio/visual documentaries, oral history, public programs, symposia, archival projects, and historic preservation education projects. Nominated projects, publications, or programs must: Demonstrate original research that adds to a greater understanding of the past; Demonstrate creativity in organization and presentation; Demonstrate originality or uniqueness in design and historical interpretation; Accomplish a goal of educating or communicating with the intended audience; Follow commonly accepted rules of evidence and logic in providing proof of statements, facts, and conclusions. Submit nominations to the committee chair by November 1, 2011.

Chair: Christie Weininger, Wood County Historical Society, director@woodcounty-history.org

2012 Publication Award:

The Ohio Academy of History invites nominations for its annual Outstanding Publication Award. Scholarly monographs published by members of the Academy between November 1, 2010 and October 31, 2011 are eligible. Books by previous winners may be considered, although no individual may win the award more than twice. Nominees should send one copy of the book directly to each member of the Publication Award Committee and to the

Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Academy of History, Kevin Kern. The copy sent to the committee chair should also include a brief description of the book. Deadline for submissions is November 1, 2011.

Chair: Bradley Keefer, bkeef@kent.edu
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2012 Distinguished Teaching Award:

The Ohio Academy of History invites nominations for its annual Distinguished Teaching Award. To nominate a member, send a letter of nomination, with supporting evidence, to the Teaching Award Committee Chair by November 1, 2011. Appropriate supporting evidence may include: course syllabi, examination questions, paper assignments, student evaluations, peer evaluations, any other evidence of a sustained record of impact on students.

Chair: Randolph (Randy) Roth, The Ohio State University, Roth.5@osu.edu

2012 Dissertation Award:

The Ohio Academy of History invites submissions for its annual outstanding doctoral dissertation award. The dissertation must have been completed during the previous academic year. Each Ph.D. granting institution in Ohio may nominate one dissertation. There is a \$250 award for the winning dissertation. An electronic copy of the dissertation, along with a nomination letter from the chair of the department or the director of graduate studies, should be sent to each member of the Dissertation Award Committee. The deadline for submissions is November 1, 2011.

Chair: George Vourlojianis, Lorain County Community College, gvourloj@lorainccc.edu

Dissertation Award Committee Members:
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Monika Flaschka, Wooster College
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Call For Applications—Junior Faculty Research Grant

The Ohio Academy of History has created a research grant for junior faculty, and made the first annual award in 2011. The Academy now invites proposals for the second annual Junior Faculty Research Grant. The purpose of the grant is to help defray the costs of travel necessary for a significant scholarly project. The grant is not restricted to any geographic area, methodological approach, or chronological period. The Ohio Academy of History will announce the recipient at its Spring Conference, March 30-31, 2012 at the Ohio Historical Society. To be eligible, one must be: An untenured faculty member in an Ohio college or university; recipient of a Ph.D. in history within the past six years; a member of the Ohio Academy of History. (If eligible, lecturers and other non-tenure-line faculty members may apply.) To apply, submit: (a) a one-page curriculum vitae; (b) a one-page budget with justification for how funds will be used; (c) a three-page explanation of the project's objectives, sources and methods, significance, and timetable, as well as its contribution to the larger project; (d) a letter of recommendation in support. Applications and supporting materials should be sent in Adobe Portable Desktop Format (PDF) to the chair of the Grant Committee by November 1, 2011.

Chair: Andrew (Drew) Cayton, Miami University, caytonar@muohio.edu

Note: The successful applicant is expected to file within eight months a one-page report on how the funds were spent, with the report to be considered for publication in the Academy Newsletter. Acknowledgement of this Academy support should also appear in any published work that results from this research. Successful applicants are encouraged to present on their findings at subsequent Ohio Academy annual conferences.

OBITUARY

Phillip R. Shriver, president of Miami University from 1965-81 and professor of history from 1947-98, died April 23, 2011, at the age of 88.

The much-beloved Shriver was known for his deep fondness for Miami, respect for students, incomparable knowledge of history and, over many decades, remembering the names of everyone he met. Shriver taught at least one class every year except one during his 52 years in the classroom—including the years during which he was Miami's president and the years when the Vietnam War incited student unrest at dozens of universities, including Miami. His first years in academia were at Kent State University, where he was a professor of American and Ohio history from 1947-65, becoming dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1963. In Oxford, his course on the history of Miami was notoriously standing room only, known as much for the depth of the lecture material as for the appeal of the lecturer himself.

"It has been said that more than records, buildings and budgets, the real continuity of a university is the generations of young people who come to us, and older generations who meet with them, deal with them and try to help them into adulthood. This is the essence of teaching," said Shriver in 1984, explaining why he continued to teach while serving as president of Miami. In 1998, his last year in the classroom he published *Miami University: A Personal History*.

Shriver, born in Cleveland Aug. 16, 1922, earned a bachelor's degree at Yale University in 1943, where he was a member of the glee club and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate with honors in history. He served in the Navy from 1943-46, earned a master's in history from Harvard University in 1946 and earned a doctorate in American history from Columbia University in 1954. He received honorary degrees from ten other American colleges and universities.

Shriver and the late Chief Floyd Leonard of the Miami Tribe worked together to build a mutually enriching relationship between the tribe and the university. Over the years, they jointly presented history programs about both Miamis. Today, the relationship includes the Myaamia Project, a language reclamation project; a scholarship program for tribal students; shared research resources and many cultural programs.

During his 16-year tenure as the university's 17th president, Miami opened new campuses in Middletown, Hamilton and Luxembourg, Miami's first 10 doctoral programs were introduced, 30 buildings were constructed on three campuses, the Western College for Women was acquired, total enrollment nearly doubled and Miami gained recognition as one of the nation's 20 most selective public universities, as well as one of the best values in higher education.

Shriver served on the Ohio Humanities Council from 1983-89 and as a member of the Organization of American Historians, American Studies Association and others. He has written or co-written seven books and more than 200 articles relating to history and archaeology. A former chair and trustee of the Ohio Historical Society, Shriver was instrumental as chairman of Ohio's Bicentennial Commission for the Northwest Ordinance and the U.S. Constitution. Other service includes having served as chairman of the Council of Presidents of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges and chairman of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cincinnati. Locally, he was an active member of the Oxford Rotary Club and the Oxford Presbyterian Church and had a lifelong association with Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Shriver received the 1991 Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio Academy of History, the Ohio Humanities Council's 2001 Bjornson Award for Distinguished Service in the Humanities and the 2004 Cincinnati Society of Association Executives Statesman Award, among others. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was inducted into the 2009 class of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

He is survived by Martha, his wife of 67 years, of Oxford; and children Carolyn (Bill) Shaul, Susan, Melinda (David) Williams, Darcy, and Raymond Scott II (Vicki); eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

News and Announcements

Bowling Green State University Grants

Dr. Douglas Forsyth received a Faculty Improvement leave for the 2011-2012 academic year. He will use the time to complete his study on financial transparency in the United States and Europe.

Dr. Ruth Herndon was recently awarded the Institute for the Study of Culture and Society Fellowship for the 2011-2012 academic year. Dr. Herndon will continue her study of Early American children.

Awards

Michael Kithinji received the 2010 Ohio Academy of History Dissertation Prize for his dissertation titled "From Colonial Elitism to Moi's Populism: The Policies and Politics of University Education in Kenya, 1949-2002."

Ian Mladjov was named BGSU's Undergraduate Student Government's Faculty Member of the Year award for 2010-2011. Mladjov teaches undergraduate surveys in pre-modern world history and classes on Greek, Roman, and Medieval Mediterranean (Crusader) history.

Publications

Dr. Amilcar Challu co-edited a book, titled *Living Standards in Latin American History: Height, Welfare, and Development, 1750-2000* in October, 2010.

Dr. Apollos Nwauwa, History Department faculty member and head of the African Studies program at BGSU, announced the debut of a peer-reviewed journal titled *Ofo: Journal of Transatlantic Studies*. Dr. Nwauwa serves as editor-in-chief of this brand-new journal, whose first issue was printed in May 2011.

Three department members appeared in the Spring 2011 edition of the *Northwest Ohio History Journal*. Joe Faykosh, a current doctoral candidate, published an article "Away from the Front Porch: James Cox and the 1920 Presidential Campaign Tour," compiled from a chapter of his master's thesis, completed at BGSU in 2009. In that same issue, Dustin McLochlin, another current doctoral candidate, reviewed Michael Pierce's *Striking with the Ballot: Ohio Labor and the Populist*

Party and retired faculty Dr. David Skaggs reviewed Gordon S. Wood's *Empire of Liberty: A History of the Early Republic, 1789-1815*.

Dr. Apollos Nwauwa published a manuscript with Chima J. Korieh, titled "Against All Odds: The Igbo Experience in Postcolonial Nigeria" in April 2011.

Dr. Gary Hess published an anthology of Bowling Green State University's history for BGSU's centennial.

Presentations

Dr. Beth Griech-Polelle presented "The German Catholic Episcopacy and Nazi Germany" at The Belgian Academy of Rome in September, 2010, at a conference titled "Catholicism and Fascism."

Other

Dr. Apollos Nwauwa hosted BGSU History Department's Second Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium in March, 2011, spotlighting outstanding undergraduate history students Andrew Bremner, Andrew David Miller, and Brian Kempfer.

The Inaugural Gary R. Hess Lecture in Policy History was held on Thursday, April 21, at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union at BGSU. This year's lecture was titled "Analogies at War: The Use and Misuse of History in Foreign Policy Decision-making," and given by Professor George C. Herring, Professor Emeritus at the University of Kentucky. The program was an initiative by Professor Hess' former students, recognizing his contributions to the policy history profession during his forty-five years of service at BGSU from 1964 to 2009. A. Dwayne Beggs was largely responsible for organizing this year's event, well-attended by hundreds within the BGSU history community and beyond.

Cedarville University

Tom Mach was renewed for another three-year term as chair of the Department of History and Government.

Miami University

Promotion

Mary E. Frederickson has been promoted to Full Professor.

Awards

Susan Eacker received the 2011 Excellence in Teacher Award for Part-Time Faculty at Miami's Middletown Campus.

Matthew Gordon will be a Fellow at the National Humanities Center in the 2011-12 academic year to work on his book project "Singers and Soldiers: Slavery and Slave Households of the Ninth-Century Abbasid Empire."

Marguerite Shaffer received the Elizabeth Kolmer Award for teaching and mentoring in the field of American Studies, Mid-America American Studies Association, 2011.

Publications

Elena Jackson Albarrán, "A Century of Childhood: Growing up in Twentieth-Century Mexico," in William H. Beezley, ed., *A Companion to Mexican History and Culture*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.

Mary E. Frederickson, *Looking South: Race, Gender and the Transformation of Labor from Reconstruction to Globalization*, University of Florida Press, 2011.

Amanda McVety, "The 1903 Skinner Mission: Images of Ethiopia in the Progressive Era," *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 10:2, April 2011.

Robert W. Thurston, *Lynching: American Mob Murder in Global Perspective*, Ashgate Publishing, 2011.

Ohio Northern University

Carol Wilson, a senior majoring in History and Creative Writing, will have her research project on the lead-up to the Civil War published in a volume by the Gilder-Lehrman Institute, entitled the *Secession Crisis of 1860-1861: Documenting the march Toward Disunion*.

The Ohio State University

Retirements

Stephen F. Dale
Carole K. Fink
A. Harding Ganz (Newark Campus)
Susan M. Hartmann

News

John Brooke: Published *Columbia Rising: Civil Life on the Upper Hudson from the Revolution to the Age of Jackson*. Chapel

Hill: University of North Carolina Press for the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, 2010. *Columbia Rising* was awarded the Dixon Ryan Fox Manuscript Prize, June 2010, by the New York State Historical Association. Brooke also published "Trouble with Paradox," a review of Gordon S. Wood, *Empire of Liberty: A History of the Early Republic, 1789-1815* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009), in *William and Mary Quarterly* 3rd ser., 67 (2010), 549-557, and presented "'Shall the whole power of these United States go into the hands of slavery?': Political Crisis, Fugitive Slaves, and Liminal Rupture in the Forging of the Civil War North, 1850-1854," at the OSU Lecture Series on Public Sphere and Modern Social Imaginaries, Dec. 2, 2010.

David Cressy was named George III Professor of British History at The Ohio State University, and was awarded a Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities to work on "The Liberties of the Subject and the Power of the State in Early Modern England" during the 2011-2012 academic year.

Stephen Kern published *The Modernist Novel: A Critical Introduction* (Cambridge University Press, 2011).

Robert McMahon was a Distinguished Fulbright Lecturer in Japan in the summer of 2010.

Geoffrey Parker: At a ceremony held at the University of Burgos, Spain, on September 15, 2010, Parker first received an honorary doctorate of letters and then delivered the Inaugural Lecture for the university's 2010-2011 academic session on "La crisis de la década de 1590: Felipe II y sus enemigos ante el cambio climático" ["The crisis of the 1590s: Philip, his enemies and climate change."] Two days earlier, his Spanish friends and colleagues held a Symposium at the same university that evaluated the impact of his publications since 1976 on the study of early modern history in Spain. The following week he was interviewed by several Spanish newspapers, and appeared live on both Televisión Española, about his new book *Felipe II: la biografía definitiva* (Barcelona: Editorial Planeta, 2010, 1383 pages.) On

22 September he took part in a live segment of the program "En días como hoy", hosted by Juan Ramón Lucas for Radio Nacional de España. On 23 September he debated Professor Rolf Strøm-Olsen of the Instituto de Empresa in one of the featured "encounters" at the annual Hay Festival in Segovia on the topic: "From Climate Change to Economic Crisis: the Challenges of Leadership in Historical Perspective."

Randolph Roth won the Allan Sharlin Memorial Prize of the Social Science History Association for *American Homicide* (The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2009). *American Homicide* was also named an Outstanding Academic Title by *Choice*.

David Stebenne published an article entitled "The Election of 1960 Fifty Years Later," in the *Columbus Bar Lawyers Quarterly* in the Winter of 2011 (the article was also published by the History News Network and the Election Law @ Moritz website of the Ohio State Law School). He received a faculty research grant from the Mershon Center for International Security Studies at OSU to support his on-going book project, which is a history of the USA from the 1930's through the 1960's. Professor Stebenne gave a paper entitled "A Party Divided Against Itself: The Split between Congressional and Gubernatorial Republicans and Its Consequences for Their Efforts to Escape Minority Status Nationally, 1933-1966" at the American Politics Group Conference, held at the Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford. He organized and served as discussant for a panel on "Teaching American Legal History in a Law School" for the 2011 annual meeting of the Ohio Academy of History. Professor Stebenne also gave several other talks at OSU, in the Columbus community, and on local and national public radio about a wide variety of American political and legal historical issues. He began serving a three-year term on the American Historical Association's Littleton-Griswold Prize Committee, which chooses the best book published each year in the field of American legal history. He also served on the Publication Award Committee of the OAH this year. Professor Stebenne also

became a regular member of the law faculty at OSU and is now jointly appointed with the History Department there.

University of Cincinnati

John K. Alexander, Professor of History at the University of Cincinnati, is the author of *Samuel Adams: The Life of an American Revolutionary* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2011).

Willard Sunderland (Department Head) has received a research Fulbright for China for 2011-2012. He will be working on a project entitled: "Continental Encounters: Eurasian Empires in the Cosmopolitan Age."

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