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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR Warm greetings from Boca Raton, where the faculty, students, and staff who comprise the Department of History have enjoyed

another outstanding year. It is a pleasure to update readers of this newsletter on recent happenings in the department.

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In 2023, members of the History faculty continued to demonstrate their remarkable commitment to scholarship, teaching, and service. Where scholarship is concerned, Steve Engle published his tenth book, In Pursuit of Justice: The Life of John Albion Andrew (University of Massachusetts Press); Douglas McGetchin co-authored a substantial and innovative textbook, Modern Germany: A Global History (Oxford University Press); and Ken Holloway edited Buddhism and the Body (Brill), a volume that stemmed from a conference he co-hosted at FAU's Center for Body, Mind, and Culture. Other members of the department received prestigious grants or fellowships in support of ongoing research. Of particular note in this regard, Kelly Shannon was named the W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow at the Hoover Institution. The faculty also continued to produce articles and book chapters, to deliver keynote speeches, conference presentations, and public lectures, and to write editorials, blogs, and book reviews.

A fuller accounting of this year's scholarly accomplishments may be found in the Faculty News section of the newsletter. Faculty research, of course, informs and enriches the classroom experience for FAU's students. With the university welcoming the largest incoming class in school history for the 2023-24 academic year, demand for the department's survey courses was at an all-time high. In the Fall 2023 semester, the department filled nearly 1,000 seats in the American History survey, and over 500 seats in the History of Civilization sequence, while maintaining its robust selection of upper-division and graduate courses. Demand for these courses showed no sign of abating in Spring 2024. The reputation of the History faculty for teaching excellence, meanwhile, continues to attract many students to the major, and graduate enrollments also remain strong. The department is fortunate to be able to offer financial assistance to many of its students thanks to the generosity of its donors, the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, and the Graduate College. In the past academic year, the department's Awards Committee and its Graduate Committee disbursed over \$20,000 in merit scholarships to deserving students.

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The faculty also remained committed to serving the university and wider community through an active schedule of public programming. In February, the department hosted former first lady Laura Bush and her daughter Barbara Pierce Bush for the annual Alan B. and Charna Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency.



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

In October, Alexander Keyssar, the Matthew W. Stirling Jr. Professor of History and Social Policy at Harvard University, delivered the John O'Sullivan Memorial Lecture on "The Right to Vote: The Contested History of Democracy in the United States." The following month, the department welcomed Dave Zirin of the Nation for the second annual Avron B. Fogelman Sports Museum Lecture, and less than a week later brought Jay Stout, Lt Col (Ret) USMC, to campus for the Harold L. Glasser Memorial Lecture. The year was capped off by a visit to campus from former president George W. Bush, which was co-hosted by the Larkin Symposium. History sponsored a number of other events throughout the year, some of which are highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter.

In a department defined by its collegiality as well as its academic excellence, the History faculty welcomed a number of new colleagues for the Fall 2023 semester. Michael Lovell joined the department as a postdoctoral fellow in ancient and medieval European history, having recently completed his Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. While teaching courses in his area of specialization, Dr. Lovell is also hard at work on his book manuscript, which examines debates on religious toleration in early medieval Europe. Tiffany Wayne, who earned her Ph.D. at the University of California Santa Cruz, was appointed visiting instructor in American History. Dr. Wayne has authored or edited some eight books on such topics as the nineteenth amendment to the U.S. constitution, American women in the sciences, and transcendentalism. In the department office, Carla Bonfanti started work as the new program assistant after moving to South Florida from New Jersey.

I invite you to read over the newsletter, which highlights the many accomplishments of History students and faculty. I am certain that you will come away from your perusal impressed by the vibrancy of the department. I know I speak for my colleagues when I say that we look forward to another exceptional year in 2024.

> **DOUGLAS KANTER, PH.D.** Chair, Department of History



Image: Kevin Wagner, Carla Bonfanti, Doug Kanter

GRADUATES 2022/23

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Fall 2022

AUGUSTO CARRILLO PIERSON FULLMAN **KATHERINE HORAN** KIMBERLY MARRERO Evan Sands FRANK SEITZ **EMILY SEYMOUR** CHRISTOPHER SPIAK

Spring 2023 EDWARD ANTONOWICZ DYLAN BLOSE NEIL HANSON SAVANNAH HENLY TANIS ITALIA **RYAN KRIEGER** SUSAN LIPSCHULTZ CAITLIN MCNAMEE BERTON MIYARES DAVID OSTROW ALAN PTAK **ROGER SHERMANN** JEREMY SMITH MATTHEW YARIS

MASTER OF ARTS

Spring 2023 MICHELLE BORGES JOHN NALL **KEVIN ROSELLI**

Fall 2023

Kyle Friend ETHAN TRUMAN

TEACHING ASSISTANTS 2023/24

LEON ARISTEGUIETA PATRICK BIO Dylan Blose ANDREW CALANO CHRISTOPHER CHADAREVIAN HENRY CALWAY Kyle Friend

Ellis Hall KATHERINE HORAN ERIC KNIGHT NICHOLAS MONTANTE ELIAS POLYCHRONOLOULOS **ROGER SHERMANN** NATHAN SHULL **ANSON SHURR ETHAN TRUMAN**

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2023 Spring Initiates Undergraduate

Mia Bulmash John Jordan Cobb

George P. Cooper Jean-Vincent L. Parachini **Dean Portugal**

2023 Fall Initiates Graduate Jeremy Weber

2023 Spring Initiates Graduate Katherine R. Horan

Benjamin M. Cohen Christian Alexander Robinson

2023 Fall Initiates

Undergraduate

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STUDENT AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS 2022/23

Martin and Sylvia Shaw History Scholarship JORDAN COBB (U) | ANSON SHURR (G)

Percy and Pauline Greenberg Memorial Award CHRISTINE MCDONOUGH

Traci Iill Edelman Memorial Award in *History of Women, Gender, or Sexuality by* a History Major BETHANY CHAMPLIN | SADIE SHANK

Traci Jill Edelman Memorial Award in History JOHN DIETRICK

Martin and Sylvia Shaw Award for the Best History Essay RACHEL LONG | BENJAMIN COHEN

Hugh W. Ripley Prize in History BENJAMIN COHEN | SAVANNAH HENLY

Traci Jill Edelman Award in Latin American History Mariah Farah Palacio | Oliver Larkin

Traci Jill Edelman Award in European History Stefan Tsapenko

Frances and Milton Levinson Award in *East Asian History* LORENZA VIRUET

Ed and Jean SeGall Memorial Scholarship Alana Abel | Michael Grant

Harold L. Glasser Memorial Award DANIEL BELL (U) | JEREMY WEBER (G)

Frances Edelman Graduate Teaching Award ANSON SHURR

Iohn O'Sullivan Travel-to-Research Grant Philip Prazan

Traci Iill Edelman Memorial Award for Best M.A. Thesis **REGINA GALLO**

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY Message from the Undergraduate Director



During the 2022-23 academic year our 200 undergraduate History majors have continued to impress us with their interests in the pursuit of History and their diligence. While we continue to develop courses to meet their needs and schedules – including online offerings – we strived to maintain the highest of standards for content and assessment. This has allowed us to

become "more flexible" in our offerings during the Fall, Spring, and Summer terms as we know that the world is continuing to adjust to a blend of the in-person and virtual arenas. After reviewing our program's offerings and reviewing the needs of our students, the department decided to change our requirements for the Major. While we retained the Basic Course requirements of lower division work in U.S. and World History as well as our two capstone courses in Historical Methods and Senior Seminar, as of Fall 2023, incoming majors will now be

required to take six credits in U.S. History, European History, Latin American History, and World History (African an/or Asian History). In order to not overload the Majors with required credits, we have removed the nine credits of College Elective requirements. We believe that this change will allow students to pursue their interests in various History courses we have on offer. Students wishing to pursue a Minor will also have more flexibility in that regard. We wish our graduating seniors all the very best as they enter a changed world, knowing that the skills they learned while at FAU and in the History Department will stand them in good stead. We are heartened, however, to welcome back a number of these students into our Master's program and will cheer them on as the learn more about the discipline of History and "how the sausage is made" by the apostles of Clio. As ever, it is my honor to work with these students both as professor and as an advisor; their pursuit of history has as many inspirations as the paths they choose to follow in the studies and their careers.

> **ERIC HANNE, PH.D.** Undergraduate Director

Master of Arts in History Message from the Interim Graduate Director



This year I had the pleasure of filling in as Director of Graduate Studies while Dr. Finucane was away on leave. It was a new challenge for me, one I found very rewarding. I had the pleasure of guiding a ship that was already well underway with a large cohort in the middle of their studies. We had only a few graduations this year.

We did, however, welcome some very talented students to the program.

The program offers a thesis track in which students develop a substantial original project based in primary sources that contributes to the historical literature. This is a challenging, multi-semester undertaking. In 2023, John Nall completed his thesis, a comparative study of World War II Allied air force units staffed by women pilots, overseen by Dr. Barbara Ganson *(p.6). Graduate students from the Department of History intern at a

HISTORY INTERNSHIPS

FAU students continue to sign up for internship opportunities at local Museums and Archives.

This past year students have worked with the Palm Beach Historical Society, the Boca Raton Historical Society, the Old Davie Schoolhouse Museum, the Archaeological Conservancy, and FAU Special Collections. Each gives students an opportunity to work under the direction of a true professional, and to offer their services to the sponsoring location. Over the years we have developed close relationships with many area museums. We already have a number enrolled for the spring, and are in talks for the summer.





WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Sara Feinman published "Freedom Awaits by Sea: Exploring the 'Saltwater Railroad' of Key Biscayne to the Bahamas" in Tequesta.

Sara Clark has begun her graduate studies in History and Political Science at the State University of New York at Albany.

Daniel Ruiz is working on his Ph.D. under the direction of Heather Cox Richardson at Boston College.

The Master of Arts in History

Graduates of FAU's M.A. program in History have gone on to pursue successful careers in teaching, business, law and a variety of other fields. The Master of Arts in History has both a thesis and a non-thesis option. The thesis option requires 30 credit hours, with a minimum of 24 hours of graduate course work and the completion of an M.A. thesis, for which a minimum of six additional credits must be earned. The nonthesis option requires a total of 36 credit hours of graduate course work. Those students wishing to pursue the thesis track must submit an "Admission to Candidacy" form after the completion of 18 hours of graduate work. Once students are granted thesis option status, they work in conjunction with the Director of Graduate Studies to create a thesis committee. A student seeking admission into the graduate program in History should have a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution, or, for international students, an institution recognized in his/her own country as preparing students for further study at the graduate level. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA) for the last 60 undergraduate hours. The GRE requirement has been waived permanently. In addition, the students must submit two letters of recommendation to the department, a three-page typed, double-spaced autobiographical statement indicating the nature of their preparation for graduate work and the reason for seeking the M.A. in History, and a formal research paper. For information contact the Graduate Director, Dr. Adrian Finucane by email at afinucane@fau.edu.

variety of organizations in South Florida, gaining skills in organization and historical communication while making important connections to the community within and beyond FAU. Many intern in FAU Libraries' own Special Collections, working with Victoria Thur.

In April, the department gathered and recognized the outstanding work done by our graduate students. In 2023, the department honored Anson Shurr with the Martin and Sylvia Shaw Graduate History Scholarship and the France Edelman Graduate Teaching Award. Jeremy Weber received the Harold L. Glasser Memorial Award to support research in the Harold L. Glasser Collection in the FAU Libraries' Special Collections. Philip Prazan, meanwhile, received the John O'Sullivan Travel-to-Research Grant in support of his thesis project. Regina Gallo received the Traci Jill Edelman Memorial Award for the Best M.A. Thesis for "Sailors and Slaves: Authority, Mutiny, and the Politics of Suppression," which she defended in 2022. If you are a graduate of the M.A. program, we would love to hear from you! Please share your good news or update your contact information by emailing Dr. Finucane (afinucane@fau.edu).

> **EVAN BENNETT, PH.D.** Interim Undergraduate Director



Image: Doug Kanter with Anson Shurr the Martin and Sylvia Shaw History Graduate Scholarship recipient.

HISTORY GRADUATE STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

THE SIDNEY A. GOODMAN GRADUATE STIPEND ENHANCEMENT

In honor of Sid's commitment to education his family has established the Sidney A. Goodman Graduate Stipend Enhancement. Their gift will provide a meritorious incoming graduate student who also serves as a Graduate Teaching Assistant with a stipend enhancement of \$1,000 per year for up to two academic years.

Elias Polychronopoulos is in his second year as the recipient of the Sidney A. Goodman Graduate Stipend Enhancement. Elias received his B.A. from FAU before joining the graduate program. He is pursuing studies in 19th century European history and plans to teach after graduation.

The GTAs perform a tremendous service for FAU, the History Department, and the hundreds of undergraduates who take lower-division World History and American History surveys each year. The department thanks the Goodman family for recognizing the financial need and rising to the occasion to help meet it, in the same spirit as Sid Goodman wanted to be a friend and mentor to his fellow students.

GRADUATE DEAN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Graduate Dean's Fellowship is a \$2,500 fellowship that provides additional funding to supplement the stipend and tuition waiver.

Ellis Hall is this year's recipient of the Graduate Dean's Fellowship. Ellis graduated from Northumbria University, which is in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the north of England. While she finished her B.A. in History there, she did a Study Abroad year at FAU. Unfortunately, it was abroad in name only since it took place during the pandemic! Fortunately for us, she is here now and working on her M.A., focusing on modern American history.

DOROTHY F. SCHMIDT COLLEGE OF ARTS & LETTERS DEAN'S FELLOWSHIP

The general scholarship consists of \$1500 per semester in addition to the departmental stipend.

Roger Shermann is this year's recipient of the award. Roger earned his B.A. in History from FAU and transitioned directly into the graduate program.

LARKIN FELLOW

Each year, the director of the Larkin Symposium series works with the department's Graduate Director and Chair to select a graduate student to serve as the Alan B. and Charna Larkin Fellow.

The Larkin Fellow assists the director with the organization of the annual Larkin Symposium, hosted by the Department of History every Spring semester. The Fellow typically works about 5 hours per week (slightly more as the event approaches, and fewer hours after the event). The duties of the Larkin Fellow include: contacting area high schools to invite teachers and students, handling book orders for the incoming speaker, helping to arrange a book signing, organizing volunteers for the event, and miscellaneous campus - and web-related activities, as necessary. The fellowship consists of a \$2,000 stipend. **Christine McDonough** continues to serve in this role this year.

Christine completed an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts with focus on mathematics at Suffolk County Community College before receiving her B.A. in History from FAU in 2022 with a minor in French. She is interested in public history and local history and works on collections and education programs at Old Davie School Historical Museum and as an intern in the collections of the Boca Historical Society.



Image: Christine McDonough (right) speaking with attendees of the 2024 Alan B. and Charna Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency.

*M.A. Thesis Abstract

Flying with Wings of Determination: British, Soviet, and American Women Pilots during World War II

JOHN NALL This thesis is an international comparative analysis on the women pilots of Britain's Air Transport Auxiliary, the Soviet Union's Aviation Group 122, and the United States' Women's Auxiliary Air Force, Women's Flying Training Detachment, and the Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II. Women pilots in these groups were motivated by three different factors in each country to aid the war effort and that determination was a common thread among these groups that drove them to serve their countries' militaries. What made the pilots' efforts stand out was that they offered the Allies an advantage over the Axis Powers in terms of utilizing an additional workforce. Unfortunately, these women are widely unrecognized for this advantage and are brushed aside. It is important to recognize the significance of how these women impacted the Allies socially and militarily, and this work aims to expand the discussion in World War II studies.

John O'Sullivan Memorial Lecture

The Right to Vote and the Contested history of Democracy in the United States

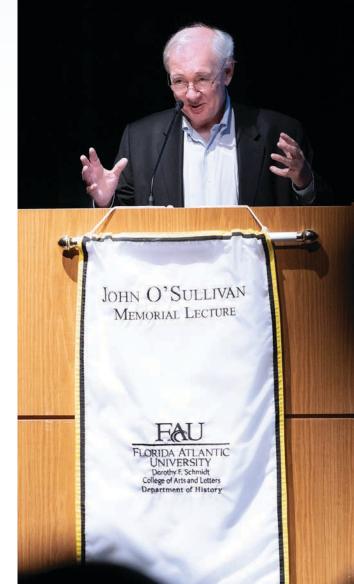
Well over 200 members of the FAU community welcomed Dr. Alexander Keyssar, the Matthew W. Stirling Jr. Professor of History and Social Policy at Harvard University, for the 2023 John O'Sullivan Memorial Lecture on October 7. Dr. Keyssar offered a sweeping overview of the history of the right to vote throughout American history. Dr. Evan Bennett, Associate Professor of History at FAU, conducted a question-and-answer session that featured queries from students. Students brought their copies of Dr. Keyssar's book, *The Right to Vote: The Contested History of Democracy in the United States* and approached him for signatures and selfies after the lecture.

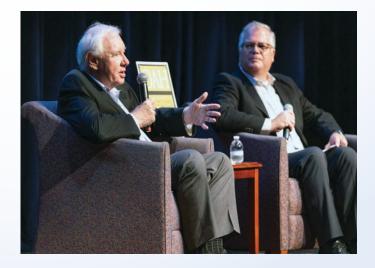
The lectureship was created by a group of auditors, led by Joe Friedman, to honor the memory of Professor John O'Sullivan. Dr. O'Sullivan was a cherished member of the History Department. The program brings a distinguished scholar of twentieth-century U.S. history to FAU for students, faculty, and – appropriately – members of the public to gain a new perspective on some aspect of modern America.

Image: (Clockwise from top) Alexander Keyssar; Keyssar and Evan Bennett; students in attendance; Keyssar and Marjorie O'Sullivan









Alan B. and Charna Larkin SYMPOSIUM ON THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY



THE U.S. PRESIDENCY, THE HOLOCAUST, AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL

The nineteenth edition of the Alan B. and Charna Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency examined the relationship between "The U.S. Presidency, the Holocaust, and the State of Israel." During the two-day event that was open to the public, nine scholars converged to discuss the response of the U.S. government to the oppression of European Jews prior to World War II and during the Holocaust, the experiences of Holocaust survivors in postwar America, and the evolution of U.S. policy toward the state of Israel from its beginnings through the Obama administration. Victoria Thur, Associate Dean of FAU Libraries, curated an exhibit to accompany the event.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Allan Lichtman of American University, re-evaluated the legacy of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's response to the Holocaust.

Images: (top) Allan Lichtman delivers keynote address; (right) Rachel Harris, Director, Jewish Studies, FAU; Michael J. Horswell, Dean; Charna Larkin; Doug Kanter, Chair, Dept. of History, FAU; Allan Lichtman, featured speaker



On the second day, other speakers discussed FDR's knowledge of the Holocaust, his government's involvement with resettling refugees, and private organizations' efforts to resettle them. Another group of scholars will speak on U.S. presidents' involvement with the founding of the State of Israel, the Eichmann trial, the Yom Kippur War of 1973, and more recent developments.

Dr. Patricia Kollander, Professor of History at FAU, led the conference and served as the editor of a book of essays contributed by the participants. Previous conferences have produced the following books, which are available from the University Press of Florida:

- Selling War in a Media Age: THE PRESIDENCY AND PUBLIC OPINION IN THE AMERICAN CENTURY (2010)
- CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE PRESIDENCY: FROM NIXON TO OBAMA (2012)
- The War Worth Fighting: Abraham LINCOLN'S PRESIDENCY AND CIVIL WAR America (2015)
- WINNING WHILE LOSING: CIVIL RIGHTS, THE CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT, AND THE PRESIDENCY FROM NIXON TO OBAMA (2017)
- The President and American Capitalism SINCE 1945 (2017)
- POLITICAL THOUGHT AND THE ORIGINS OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY (2021)

Dr. Stephen Engle built and led the History Department's Symposium Series for more than eighteen years, but the Provost's office noticed his talents and tapped him to serve as Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs. Dr. Jason Sharples, Associate Professor of History, has taken over as the Interim Director of the History Symposium Series.

Meanwhile, construction continues on the new Presidential Study at FAU's S.E. Wimberly Library. The study will house a collection of signed presidential letters, from Washington to Biden, and will provide space for students and scholars to examine the American Presidency.

Images:(top right) Symposium participants with Patricia Kollander (center); (middle) Christine McDonough with attendees; (right) Carla Bonfanti, Bianca Gambino, Stephen Engle.

> The Symposium is made possible through the generosity of the **LARKIN FAMILY**, which established an endowment in 2004 to support the study of the American presidency at FAU







Alan B. and Charna Larkin SYMPOSIUM ON THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY



A Look Back at the 2023 Alan B. and Charna Larkin Symposium WOMEN IN THE WHITE HOUSE

The Alan B. and Charka Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency celebrated its seventeenth year on Saturday, February 11, 2023. Dr. Stephen Engle, the Symposium's director, welcomed for the first time a First Lady of the United States, Laura W. Bush (2001-2009) who was accompanied by her daughter, Barbara Pierce Bush, for an afternoon discussing family, life in White House, and their personal projects after the presidency Dr. Timothy Naftali moderated the conversation.

Laura Bush was born in Midland, Texas in 1946. Her mother, Jenna Welch, instilled in her at a young age the importance of reading and education. This inspired her to become a second grade teacher and later, a librarian. It was in her early life that she met George W. Bush, but it was not until after college, when she returned home for the summer, that the two formally met. The couple married three months after their first date. Laura recalled that she "just knew" they were meant to be. A few years later, they welcomed

their twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna. Named after their grandmothers, Laura joked that she had misnamed the girls, as Barbara was more similar to her maternal grandmother Jenna.

As family was of the utmost importance, Laura remembered the Bush family as "very welcoming." Family trips to the "big house" in Maine contained fond memories for Barbara, who reminisced on the "Rules of the House" and the incredibly important summer reading. Despite being the 41st president, Barbara remembers George H.W. Bush as a "humble and present" grandfather. She looked back on the election of her grandfather, remarking in a first-grade diary entry that she never realized that "not everyone's grandpa gets a parade."

When George W. Bush ran for president, Laura reflected on the crucial guidance from her mother-in-law, and fellow former First Lady Barbara Bush: "Don't criticize his speeches," she advised. Once in the White House, Laura received advice from another

former First Lady, Hillary Clinton: "Don't miss an opportunity." Laura made sure to consider the words of these women as she navigated the sometimes-difficult terrain that accompanied the presidency.

Probably the biggest difficulty Laura and her family faced were the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Laura was on the way to an event when she received the news of the first plane crash. The Secret Service quickly transported Laura to an underground bunker and Barbara to an undisclosed location where she remained for the day. In the aftermath of the attacks, she considered the actions of other presidents and the strength they showed to the American people. She decided she would write a letter to the children of the country about the "bad people" in the world. The 9/11 attacks changed Laura's perception of her role as First Lady. Both questions from reporters and meetings with the families of those who had lost loved ones made Laura see the "great unity" of the American people.

Following her time as First Lady, and inspired by her life experiences, Laura continued her advocacy in education, literacy, women's rights and the environment. She organized and opened the George W. Bush Presidential Library and also participated in PEPFAR's (U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) 20th Anniversary in Africa. She is currently deeply involved in conservation efforts across Texas. Inspired by former First Lady, Ladybird Johnson, Laura devoted several acres of her home, Crawford Ranch, to restore the native prairies of Texas by planting native plants. Additionally, she started a "Lights Out" Program, that asks high rise buildings to dim their lights during bird migration to prevent accidental death to birds - a great interest of her mother.

Barbara Pierce Bush is an Executive-in-Residence at Schmidt Futures, where she supports racial justice and global health. She also co-founded and serves as Board Chair of Global Health Corps, an organization that supplies East Africa, South Africa, and the United States with medicine.

Dr. Timothy Naftali is a Senior Research Scholar at the Institute of Global Politics at the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, and a CNN presidential historian.

Article by Christine McDonough '22, M.A. student in History. Alan B. and Charna Larkin Fellowship

Images: (top left) Former First Lady Barbara Bush, Barbara Pierce Bush; (right top & middle) Timothy Naftali with the Bush ladies; (bottom) Charna Larkin with family.

The symposium honors the memory of ALAN B. LARKIN, a publisher of trade magazines for the fashion industry, a member of the local community, and the father of three children. Alan loved history and collected original signed letters from every American president, from George Washington to George W. Bush. The annual symposium aims to keep Alan Larkin's passion for history alive by exploring the role of the presidency in shaping political, cultural, and social developments in American life.





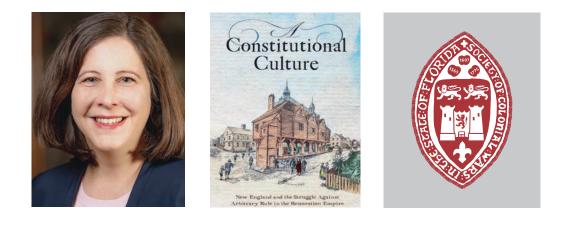








Society of Colonial Wars Fellowship in Memory of Kenneth R. LaVoy Jr. Continues to Fund New Historical Research



An ongoing partnership between the History Department and the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Florida continues to fund the research of scholars who are writing new books on the history of the American colonial period (1565-1775).

The "Society of Colonial Wars Fellowship in Memory of Kenneth R. LaVoy Jr." is a way to honor the legacy of a beloved member of the organization. The primary recipients are scholars who are completing books to be published by the University of Pennsylvania Press, a leader in the field that produces works that regularly win national awards. The fellowship also supports the research of FAU's scholars of the colonial period in America.

The 2023 recipient of the Fellowship was Dr. Adrian Weimer, Professor of History at Providence College, who used the award to support the final stages of producing the book *A Constitutional Culture: New England and the Struggle Against Arbitrary Rule in the Restoration Empire.* This history of 17thcentury New England illustrates how colonists used community rituals, such as fast days, and public statements such as debates and petitions to push back against Charles II and assert their right to religious liberty and self-government. Professor Weimer presented her research to the public via Zoom webinar on January 25, 2024. In recent years, the program has resulted in the publication of two other books and contributed to progress on a third bookin-progress.

- Misha Ewen, Curator and Historian at Historical Royal Palaces (UK), wrote "The Virginia Venture: American Colonization and English Society, 1580-1660."
- Mairin Odle, Associate Professor of American Studies at the University of Alabama, wrote "Under the Skin: Tattoos, Scalps, and the Contested Language of Bodies in Early America."
- Nicholas Wood, Assistant Professor of History at Spring Hill College (Alabama), is still at work on his book manuscript. He presented his interim findings at the FAU Library as "Colonial Wars as the 'Wrath of God': The Origins of American Antislavery."

The work of scholars supported by this fellowship highlights that America's foundation began well over 150 years earlier than the Declaration of Independence or the U.S. Constitution.

FAU-HUNTINGTON COLLABORATIVE FELLOWSHIP

The History Department and the Library are preparing to welcome a new group of fellows in October 2024 through the FAU-Huntington Collaborative Short-Term Fellowship. The program was on hiatus in 2023.

The Collaborative Fellowship brings three doctoral students to Boca Raton to do research in the Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection. For the month of October, the three scholars form a community by working side-by-side at the FAU Libraries' Special Collections on individual dissertation projects that benefit from sustained research in the Collection. The visiting scholars – who are among the nation's top graduate students – then proceed to a second month of research at the prestigious Huntington Library in San Marino, California.

In 2022, scholars from the College of William and Mary, Yale University, and the University of Missouri examined gender violence, the political economy of sugar, and the history of collecting natural specimens for scientific study.

$\begin{array}{l} {\rm Marvin \& Sybil Weiner} \\ {\color{black}{\textbf{Spirit of America}}} \\ {\rm Collection} \end{array}$

As a Member, you help support...

- Preservation and access for this amazing collection about America's origins
- Public exhibitions that make the Spirit of America available to the South Florida community
- Public lectures in the library and beyond
- Fellowships for scholars visiting and using the collection
- Education for the next generation about the ideals and struggles of the nation's founding

FRANKLIN'S APPRENTICES

- \$25/year for students
- \$100/year for the general public invitation to collection events such as lectures

ADAMS'S DELEGATES

- \$250/year
- Early invitation to collection events such as lectures and exhibits

JEFFERSON'S CABINET

- \$1,000/year
- Preferred seating at lectures and priority status at events. Invitation to guided tour of exhibits related to the collection

WASHINGTON'S INNER CIRCLE

- \$2,000/year and above
- Invitation to an exclusive yearly salon where patrons can learn from experts and interact with the material more closely

Benefactors can choose a volume to sponsor from our "Adopt-a-Book" Program. Additionally, all associates of the collection will, with their permission, be recognized on the Weiner Collection website.

To donate and for more information, visit www.fau.edu/artsandletters/history/weiner-associates/ and contact Dr. Jason Sharples at jsharples@fau.edu or at 561-297-3951.





THE AVRON B. FOGELMAN SPORTS MUSEUM LECTURE

On November 2, 2023, sportswriter Dave Zirin gave the second annual Fogelman Sports Museum at the Owl's Nest near the FAU Stadium. Zirin, sports editor at The Nation and author of numerous books that explore the intersections of race, politics, and sports, spoke on "Resistance from the Playing Field: How Sports Can Be a Powerful Force for Social Change." Dr. Jermaine Scott organized the event in consultation with the Avron B. Fogelman Sports Museum, one of the largest private sports libraries in the world, which is housed in the Schmidt Family Complex.

The Avron B. Fogelman museum offers visitors a visual progression of American sports alongside vignettes of the country's growth, providing historical context, opportunities for intergenerational connections and unique storytelling. The 3,700 square-foot exhibit houses 1,200 pieces of memorabilia from baseball, basketball, football and more! For hours and information, visit: fau.edu/fogelmanmuseum

Images: (top, back row I-r) Jermaine Scott with history Students (front row) David Zirin with history student; (right top) David Zirin, Jermaine Scott, Avron B. Fogelman; (right bottome) David Zirin lecturing at the museum.





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EVAN P. BENNETT, PH.D. is awaiting

the publication of *Tampa Bay: The Story* of an Estuary and Its People, which will be available from the University Press of Florida in April 2024. He also continues to work on his Mellon Foundation grantfunded project, "Voting Rights History as Civic Literacy." He served as the department's interim director of graduate studies in 2023. To celebrate World Water Day on March 22, 2023, he organized a lecture by journalist and author Cynthia Barnett, where she spoke on her most recent book, The Sound of the Sea: Seashells and the Fate of the Oceans.





CANDACE CUNNINGHAM, PH.D., is almost finished with her book, "I Hope They Fire Me": Black Teachers in the Fight for Equal Education, which is on the role of Black teachers in the civil rights movement. She published multiple pieces in Black Perspectives, including "HBCUs and the Red Scare," "Black Capitalism, Underground Economies, and the Great Depression," "John Potts and Radical Student Activism," and "Police Violence Against Black WWII Veterans." She gave a paper, "'Militant Propaganda': Banning Resistance Pedagogy in Washington, D.C.'s Public Schools," at the Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Conference in Jacksonville, Florida. She also had public speaking engagements at Colby College, the African American Research Library and Cultural Center, the Boca Raton Public Library, and the Boca Raton Historical Society. She also organized a Zoom lecture by historian Sonya Ramsey, who spoke about her most recent book, Berth Maxwell-Roddy: A Modern Day Race Woman and the Power of Black Leadership.

STEPHEN ENGLE, PH.D., published In Pursuit of Justice: The Life of John Albion Andrew with the University of Massachusetts Press. He is working on an essay entitled "A White Man Hangs for Black Freedom: John Brown's Execution and the Pursuit of Racial Justice," which seeks to center Brown's execution as the central event in propelling Americans to reckon with its racist culture in the 19th century. It explores the emerging tensions surrounding the execution of Brown (as opposed to a life sentence), which forced Americans to grapple with the racism (and slavery) that was so central to America's character. He gave two Zoom lectures for the Smithsonian Institution's Associates Program. In September, he delivered "The Myth of the Lost Cause;" in November, he spoke on "The Age of Jacksonian Democracy." He also continues to serve at the university's faculty representative to the NCAA and has been appointed Associate Provost for Academic Personnel.

ADRIAN FINUCANE, PH.D., spent 2023 on leave working on her book *Captive* Exchanges: Prisoners of War and the Trade in Secrets, 1700-1760. She used her National Endowment for the Humanities Award for Faculty at Hispanic-Serving Institutions to do research at archives in the United Kingdom and Spain.

BARBARA GANSON, PH.D., published a book chapter entitled "Gender Disparities in Guaraní Knowledge, Literacy, and Fashion in the Ecological Borderlands of Colonial Paraguay to the Mid-Nineteenth Century," in Living with Nature, Cherishing Language: Indigenous Knowledges in the Americas (eds. Justyna Olko and Cynthia Radding), published by Palgrave MacMillan. She presented a paper, "La educación en el Paraguay fines del siglo diecinueve," at the Latin American Studies Association conference in Toronto on May 25, 2023. She also presented "Legacies of Jesuit Education in Paraguay: Guaraní Schoolwork from the 1790s" at the 2023 International Symposium of Jesuit Studies in Lisbon, Portugal, which was held on June 12-14, 2023. Closer to home, she gave an invited lecture entitled "Guaraní

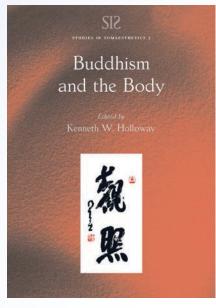
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Mythical Creatures and Monsters in South America," at Nova Southeastern University on October 4. Turning from colonial South America to aviation, she also gave a paper entitled "Transpacific Flying during the Interwar Period: A Reexamination of Amelia Earhart's World Flight Attempt from a Comparative Perspective," at the Society for the History of Technology Meeting in Los Angeles, October 26-29, 2023.

ERIC J. HANNE, PH.D., continued to remain busy as Director of Undergraduate Programs for the Department of History and as Treasurer of the Middle East Medievalists (MEM). In addition to overseeing a change in the departmental curriculum for undergraduates, advising majors, and attending sundry recruitment events he also took on the duties as Chair of the Dorothy F. Schmidt College Undergraduate Programs committee. He was happy to see his book chapter, "Sikka Denied: A Numismatic Appraisal of al-Qādir billāh's Reception" come out in print via Brill this year as part of a *festschrift* for his late advisor Michael Bonner, Islam on the Margins: Studies in Honor of Michael Bonner (Brill, 2023). He presented a portion of his ongoing book research on the Mazyadids at the International Medieval Congress at Leeds, "Using every tool at his disposal': Dubays b. Sadaga's Guide to 12th-Century Networking," in July 2023. He is planning on continuing his efforts in the coming year: "Contextualizing the Origins of a Rebellious Dynasty: `Ali b. Mazyad (r. 961-1017)" has recently been accepted for the IMC-Leeds meeting in 2024.

KENNETH W. HOLLOWAY, PH.D., is pleased to announce that his edited volume Buddhism and the Body was published by Brill in August 2023. This project began with a conference entitled Bodies of Buddhism: Somaesthetic Explorations in February 2020 at FAU. The volume spans a wide range of topics including Mahavana, Theravada, ancient, and modern. Even at the most basic level, the diversity of Buddhism makes a comprehensive approach daunting.

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(Holloway contd.) This book is a first step in solving the problem. In foregrounding the bodies of practitioners, a solid platform for analyzing the philosophy of Buddhism begins to become apparent. Building upon somaesthetics Buddhism is seen for its ameliorative effect. which spans the range of how the mind integrates with the body. This exploration of positive effect spans from dreams to medicine. Beyond the historical side of these questions, a contemporary analysis includes its intersection with art, philosophy, and ethnography. The calligraphy for the cover is by Venerable Master Hsing-yun, founder of the United Nations affiliated non-governmental organization Buddha's Light International Association. When he did this calligraphy, he was already blind and agreed to have it appear on Holloway's book cover less than two months before he passed away at the age of 95 in Taiwan.

PATRICIA KOLLANDER, PH.D.,

presented papers at the Beyond Camps and Forced Labour Conference at Birkbeck College in London and at the European Section of the Southern Historical Association in Charlotte. Her 2013 essay, "Boomerang Resistance: German Emigres in the U.S. Army in the ETO during World War II" will be updated and included in a revised edition of Thomas W. Zeiler's

A Companion to the Second World War with Wiley-Blackwell Publishing, accepted for publication in 2024. She will also be editing the conference volume of the 2023 Larkin Symposium entitled: "The U.S. Presidency, the Holocaust and the State of Israel." She submitted a book proposal for her manuscript. "From Immigration to Liberation: German and Austrian Emigres in the U.S. Army during World War II," to the University Press of Kansas. In January 2023, she began a two-year term as Provost Fellow for Academic and Administrative Affairs. In this position, she promotes programs that enhance faculty teaching and research.

DOUG MCGETCHIN, PH.D., is working to complete his book manuscript "The Boycott or the Bullet: A Global History of Debates over Nonviolence since 1850," now under contract with Routledge, due in 2025. He presented a paper "Gandhi the 'Bolshevik': Nonviolence and Socialist Revisionism." at the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies held at the University of Richmond. With Jupiter colleagues he is on the Center for Peace, Justice, and Human Rights working group on Religion, Spirituality, and Human Rights. He was a panelist with film promoter Richard Salomon for the Boca Raton screening of "The Devil's Confession: The Lost Eichmann Tapes" (2023) at The Studio at Mizner Park.

MARK ROSE. PH.D., continued his work with Dr. Roger Biles on the politics of downtown renewal projects. Together

they published "A President Visits East St. Louis: The Racialized Politics of Market Talk, Enterprise Zones, and Abandonment, 1980-2010," in the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society 1 (2023): 56-91. It was the edition's featured article. They also presented "Deindustrialization in the Calumet Region: The Case of Chicago, Gary, and U.S. Steel," at the Bi-Annual Meeting of the Urban History Association in October 2023. He also chaired a panel on transportation politics at the meeting. He was also sat for several interviews about their book A Good Place to Do Business, including on the Hagley History

Hangout (https://www.hagley.org/ research/history-hangout-markh-rose), the New Books Network (https://newbooksnetwork. com/a-good-place-to-do-business), and Waves, an online trucking industry publication. Additionally, he served as chair of the Business History Conference's Investment Committee, on which he provided recommendations for the \$5 million gift the conference received from the Kaufman Foundation. He also served as an outside mentor on three recent Ph.D. committees at other universities.

Kelly J. SHANNON, PH.D., is the W. Glenn Campbell and Rita **Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow** the Hoover Institution in 2023-24.



EYAL WEINBERG, PH.D., published "White Coats with Blue Collars: Doctors' Labor Protests and the Struggle for Democracy in Brazil, 1978-1982," in International Labor and Working-Class History.

Images: Ben Lowe and Eval Weinberg



HAROLD L. GLASSER Memorial Lecture

On November 7, 2023, the History Department welcomed Jay A. Stout, Lt. Col. (Ret.) USMC, to campus for the Harold L. Glasser Memorial Lecture. In a fascinating talk, "Bombing the Nazis: The Wartime Service of Harold L. Glasser," Stout discussed military aviation in the European theatre during World War II, illustrating the experience of thousands of American service members through a close look at Glasser's time as a decorated bombardier. The event, co-hosted by FAU Libraries and the Harold L. Glasser Endowment, drew a packed house to the fifth floor of the Wimberly Library, where guests were also invited to a reception that highlighted materials from the library's Glasser Collection. Dr. Patricia Kollander, Professor of History, moderated Stout's talk, and History alumna Victoria Thur. Assistant Dean for Special Collections, Archives, and Distinctive Collections, installed the display.

Images: (top) Jay A. Stout, Lt. Col (Ret.) USMC; (right top) Harold L Glasser from the Glasser Collection; (right bottome) Marny Glasser, Patricia Kollancer, Doug Kanter, Sandra Norman.





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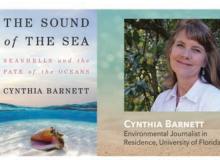
6 PM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 VIRTUAL TALK ZOOM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The biography of educational activits and Black studies forerunner Bertha Maxwell-Roddey examines a life of remarkable achievements and leadership in the desegregated South and is captured in the recently published book: *Bertha Maxwell-Roddey: A Modern-Day Race Woman and the Power of Black Leadership.* The biography is written by Sonya Ramsey, Ph.D., UNC Charlotte historian, and is published by the University Press of Florida. Profesor Ramsey modernizes the nineteenth-century term "race woman" to describe how Maxwell-Roddey and her peers turned hard-won civil rights and ferminist milestones into tangible accomplishments in NC and nationwide from the 1960s to the 1990s. Her book is available for purchase here: upf.com/book.asp?id=978081306/9326

Registration required at: tinyurl.com/sonya-ramsey-feb23 For more information, contact Candace Cunningham, Ph.D. at ccunningham@fau.edu or 561-297-1329



Department of History | MFA in Creative Writing | Department of English | FAU Libraries present 2023 WORLD WATER DAY LECTURE



3 PM, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023 Weiner Suite, 5th Floor, S. E. Wimberly Library, FAU Boca Raton

Award-winning environmental author **Cynthia Barnett** explores the long, rich and surprisingly profound relationship between humans and seashells. For eons, shell and their mollusk makers have reflected humanity's shifting attitudes toward and precarious place in the natural world. While shells reveal how humans have altered the climate and the sea - down to its very chemistry - they are also sentinels of hope for alternative energy, carbon capture, and other solutions that lie beneath the waves. Barnett illuminates the beauty and wonder of seashells as well as the human ingenuity and scientific solutions they represent for our warming world. In conjunction with the lecture, the Winnberly Übray will host the exhibit "Between the Waves: Finding Ocean Curiosities," curated by Victoria Thur, Assistant Dean for Research and Distinctive Collections. Free lecture, RSVP required at tinyurit.com/sound-of-sea

For more information, email Prof. Evan Bennett at ebennett@fau.edu Please email five working days in advance of event if special accommodation of a



RACE, SPORT, AND THE POLITICS OF SEGREGATION IN FLORIDA



4 PM, THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023 ZOOM Derrick White, PH.D., Professor University of Kentucky

Talk will discuss the post-WWII civil rights movement and how Florida A&M University (FAMU) and its athletic program navigated the choppy waters of post-war Jim Crow Florida. State politicians used segregation to limit FAMU's educational ambitions and to weaken its football program structurally.

Derrick White uses the lens of black organizational life to examine modern Black history, sports history, and intellectual history. His most recent book, Blood, Sweet, and Tears chronicles the development of black college football in the twentieth century, and is among the first comprehensive histories of black college athletics.

Free and open to the public. Join Zoom at: **tinyuri.com/white-april13** Passcode: uMDAT0 For more information, email Jermaine Scott, Ph.D. at scottj@fau.edu



A glimpse inside The Avron B. Fogelman Sports Museum

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The museum is located in the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence on the North Side of the FAU Boca campus (adjacent to the Stadium). Admission is free. Donations welcomed. For more information, email fogelmanmuseum@fau.edu

Images: (right) championship ring; (right page bottom) Game of Basketball memorabilia.







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Images: (top) Olympic Torches in the Avron B. Fogelman Sports Museum

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Images: (top) Jason Sharples and Ladies Names; (middle) Doug Kanter with Daniel Bell, the Harold L. Glasser Memorial Undergraduate award recipient; (bottom) Speaker Name, Nahid Haghayeegh.

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HUM 200 History Department – The general department account for which we may spend the principal to further the goals of the department. In the past we have used the funds to furnish technological equipment needed for research but not funded by general university support. We have also used the funds to support the activities of Phi Alpha Theta and the department lectureship series.

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HUM 220 Francis Edelman Graduate Teaching Award -

A monetary award to a Graduate Student based upon academic achievement and student evaluations.

HUM 220 Traci Jill Edelman Memorial Endowed Fund -

A monetary award for a History student based upon the best essay/paper in Latin American history; a monetary award for a sophomore or junior with academic merit; a monetary award for the best paper from a History major in women, gender, or sexuality; a monetary award for the best essay/paper in European history; and a monetary award for the best History M.A. thesis.

HUM 235 John O'Sullivan Annual Memorial Lectureship -

Allows the Department of History each Fall semester to host a distinguished scholar in 20th century American history to lecture to students, secondary school teachers, faculty and the public.

HUM 240 John O'Sullivan Travel Grant – An award to defray the costs of graduate thesis research; amount varies based upon availability of funds and applications. To be eligible, students must have achieved candidacy and submitted a statement of purpose and budget for their research, as well as a letter of support from their primary thesis advisor.

HUM 290 Levinson Award in East Asian History – A monetary award for a History student based upon the best essay/paper in East Asian History.

HUM 630 Harold L. Glasser Memorial Award – A monetary award to a History graduate or undergraduate student to support research activities related to the Harold L. Glasser Collection.



Howard Weiner, Judith Weiner, Lady Name

HUM 705 Ed and Jean SeGall Memorial Scholarship – A monetary merit-based award recognizing a freshmanlevel History major who has demonstrated both academic excellence and a passion for historical study.

HUM 708 Heather T. Frazer Memorial Fund in History – An award to assist History faculty with preference to young tenure-track faculty within the History Department.

HUM 715 Society of Colonial Wars – An award to support the Department of History in undergraduate studies, undergraduate research, and publication.

HUM 718 Sidney A. Goodman Memorial History Fund – A competitive fellowship that provides additional funding to supplement the stipend and tuition waiver for a meritorious Teaching Assistant.

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The FAU Libraries and the Huntington will offer three joint short term research fellowships for advanced graduate students. These fellows will spend one month using the Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America collection in Boca Raton, and one additional month at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California.

HUM 785 Hugh W. Ripley Award – A monetary award to a student who has demonstrated their research skills in Historical Methods or Senior Seminar.







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