Faculty News:

Courtwright delivers Delaney Professorship Lecture

An overflow crowd filled the University Gallery on September 11, 2008 as David Courtwright delivered the inaugural John A. Delaney Presidential Professorship lecture. The Delaney Professorship provides its holder with modest research funding and a reduced teaching load in order to permit time for research and writing. “The Illusion of Conservatism: Moral Politics from Kennedy to Clinton” reflected some of the themes that will be examined in the book currently in progress, which focuses on America’s Culture Wars.

Those who would like to hear an earlier Courtwright lecture can listen to his keynote address on “The Politics of Nixon’s Drug War,” given for the Conference for the Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention, linked from his website at http://www.unf.edu/~dcourtwr/

Four New Books

Summer and fall publications by history faculty cover a variety of fields and approaches. David Sheffler’s Schools and Schooling in Late Medieval Germany: Regensburg 1250-1500 was published by Brill in early summer. The illustration at left is a stained glass window from the cathedral at Regensburg, which was sponsored by the cathedral school master Philippus (c. 1313) Photo in Achim Hubel, Die

**Theophilus C. Prousis** is the author of *British Consular Reports from the Ottoman Levant in an Age of Upheaval, 1815-1830*, published by Isis Press (Istanbul) in June 2008. Dr. Prousis was invited to give the Fourteenth Annual James W. Cunningham Memorial Lecture on Eastern Orthodox History and Culture at the University of Minnesota on 7 November 2008. He spoke on "Eastern Orthodoxy under Siege in the Ottoman Levant: A View from Constantinople in 1821."

**Elizabeth Furdell**’s *Fatal Thirst: Diabetes in Britain before Insulin* has just been published by Brill. This book joins a distinguished list of works by Dr. Furdell in the field of early modern medical history. She will speak about her new book and the history of diabetes to the University of Florida Society for the History of Medicine in Gainesville on December 12.

The most recent faculty book is **Aaron Sheehan-Dean**’s *Concise Historical Atlas of the U.S. Civil War*, which has a publication date of December 2, 2008. Oxford University Press is publishing it in both hardback and paperback. The *Atlas* is distinguished by the inclusion of political, social, and economic information as well as military maps, and by maps that extend through the Reconstruction era.

**Other Faculty News**

**Dr. Harry Rothschild** arranged the twelfth annual meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, hosted by UNF in November 2008. It was the largest gathering in the association’s history. The three-day Roundtable provides a yearly forum for early and medieval China specialists based in the southeastern United States to get together and share their research in a relaxed setting. This year’s guest lecturer was Suzanne Cahill, from the University of California at San Diego, who presented a public lecture entitled “Government Attempts to Prescribe Material Expressions of Status and Identity: Essays on Vehicles and Clothing in the Official Histories of the Tang Dynasty.”
Student Accomplishments

Three History graduate students have recently delivered well-received papers at professional conferences.

Kathleen Kole and her faculty mentor, Dr. Michael Francis, co-authored “Juanillo’s Revolt? Rethinking the 1597 Guale Uprising and the Struggle for the Georgia Coast.” She presented the paper on November 13, at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in Charlotte, NC.


Jim Vearil is applying the study of history as a UNF graduate student in his work as a Civil Engineer in RECOVER Branch, Everglades Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. RECOVER (Restoration Coordination & Verification) is an arm of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). He presented a paper on "Lessons Learned from the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan" at the Florida Historical Society Annual Meeting in May 2008 in Sarasota.

Internships

An internship can give history majors a chance to apply their historical skills in an off-campus setting. This past summer History major Aaron Quick worked as a legislative intern in the Washington, D.C. office of Representative Cliff Stearns. Sara Matthews, pictured at right with attentive visitors to the Castillo de San Marcos, worked as a paid summer intern for the US Park Service.

Other internship opportunities include local historical societies, the Kingsley Plantation and Fort Caroline, the Lighthouse Museum in St. Augustine, and the Museum of Science and History. Many students choose to pursue internships in the spring or summer semester, so start planning now. For more information about internships, contact department chair Dr. Dale Clifford.

Alumni news

David Nelson (BA 1998) completed his Ph.D. in U.S. History at Florida State University this past spring. An archivist at the State Archives of Florida since April 2002 (thanks to an interest
sparked by emeritus professor Dr. Dan Schafer’s Local History seminar), he began teaching as Assistant Professor of History at Bainbridge College in Fall 2008. The author of several articles and of a chapter in Paradise Lost? The Environmental History of Florida (University Press of Florida), he is currently editing a book on Florida governors. In April 2006, he and wife Heather welcomed Carter Nelson into the world.

**Christjan Gaudio** (BA, 2002) graduated with a Master’s degree in Military History from Norwich University in June 2008. His master’s paper examined John Graves Simcoe's A Journal of the Operations of the Queen's Rangers, from the End of the Year 1777... in the context of other eighteenth century war memoirs. After graduating from UNF Christjan married his college sweetheart Valarie Sharp, a Sports Medicine major, and they now have three children. In 2003 he entered Coast Guard Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as an Ensign in July 2003. He is currently serving on the USCGC BOUTWELL.

M.A. graduate **Elizabeth Lowman** says she has landed her dream job: she is now located in Naples, Florida, as Oral History Coordinator for the Seminole Tribe in the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum. She writes the oral history interviews, and supervises a staff of employees who conduct, translate, and catalog interviews.

**Michael Preston** (MA 2007) has begun his studies as a doctoral student in history at Florida International University, working on the Maritime Trade of the 17th to 19th Centuries. He has accepted a Teaching/Graduate Assistantship.

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