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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this message, summer's relentless heat and severe drought still have a firm hold on most of the United States. It is a great delight to have cause to think ahead to the fall, the start of the academic year, and the SAWH annual meeting activities during the Southern Historical Association's conference in Baltimore coming up in November. Surely we'll have cool breezes and much needed rain by then!

Please mark your calendars now and be sure to attend as many of the SAWH events as you can. Executive Council members and committee chairs will definitely want to be present at the Council meeting on Thursday morning, November 7, 2002, starting at 8 A.M. Coffee and light refreshments will be available to stimulate discussion. The Members' Business Meeting will be held the following day, Friday, November 8, between 1:00 and 2:00 P.M. This meeting provides an excellent opportunity for members to keep current with SAWH issues and actions and to share their thoughts about the organization and its future.

You will not want to miss (and you will want to encourage all your friends and colleagues to attend) our annual address session beginning at 4:45 P.M on Friday, November 8. Jane Dailey, of Johns Hopkins University, is our featured speaker this year. Her talk is provocatively titled "Sex, Segregation, and the Sacred from Brown to Selma." Jane is a superb speaker, and her talk is certain to be one of the most memorable highlights of the Baltimore conference! The winners of the 2002 Rose, Spruill, and Taylor Prizes will be announced just before the annual address, so be sure to be present to celebrate with the winning authors. Following the address, the SAWH will host the annual Presidential Reception and Book Sale. I would like to thank the Library of Virginia Foundation, the University of North Carolina Press, Princeton University Press, and the Johns Hopkins University Department of History for their generous support of our reception and also all of the publishers who have kindly donated titles for the sale. Special thanks, too, to Jane Turner Censer for so adeptly handling all the logistics for our annual events. There is still time to donate a copy of your latest book to the sale by contacting Susan Barber, Dept of History/Political Science, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, 4701 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21210.

In addition to the above activities, the Program Committee for the Sixth Southern Conference on Women's History will be meeting in Baltimore in November to finalize the program for what is shaping up to be an outstanding conference. Remember to watch for updates and announcements for the conference (June 5-7, 2003, at the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga.) on the H-SAWH web site. A conference program will be mailed to all SAWH members next spring.

I am happy to report that the board of the University Press of Missouri has voted unanimously to accept for publication the fifth SAWH conference volume, edited by Tom Appleton and Angela Boswell, with an Introduction by Stephanie Cole. The volume will be listed in Missouri's upcoming spring catalog with a May 2003 publication date. Copies will be available for purchase at the Sixth Conference next summer.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the new members of the SAWH Executive Council, who will be joining us this fall: Michele Gillespie (who has been elected second vice president); Jane Dailey, and Blain Roberts. I am grateful to them, and to all those who have served on the Council and as committee chairs this past year, for their time and commitment to the SAWH. Your efforts keep the SAWH a vital and vibrant force in our profession.

Have a terrific fall - and see you in Baltimore!

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Membership is \$18 per year for regular members, and \$5 per year for graduate students, retirees, and independent scholars. A lifetime membership is available for \$200, payable in quarterly installments. The SAWH especially welcomes as members women and men who are interested in southern history and/or women's history, as well as all women historians in any field who live in the South.

If you would like to become a member or know of someone who would like to be a member of this dynamic organization, just fill out the enclosed membership form and mail it in with your check made payable to SAWH.

The SAWH thanks the following presses for their generous sponsorship of our annual book sale. Proceeds support programs for SAWH graduate student members.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE SAWH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Michele Gillespie, Wake Forest University, Second Vice President Jane Dailey, The Johns Hopkins University, Executive Council Member Blain Roberts, University of North Carolina, Graduate Representative

SAWH ANNUAL MEETING EVENTS

- Executive Council Meeting, Thursday, November 7, 8 a.m.-Noon, Schaefer Room, Wyndham Hotel.
- Annual Members' Meeting, Friday, November 8, 1-2 p.m., Hopkins Room
- Annual Address, Friday, November 8, 4:45-6 p.m., Liberty A. (See right)
- President's Reception and Book Sale Immediately Following, Liberty B.

SAVE THE DATE! SIXTH SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S HISTORY JUNE 5-7, 2003 University of Georgia, Athens, GA

The program committee is pleased to announce the three plenary speakers for the Sixth South Conference on Women's History: Rayna Green, Nell Painter, and Sarah White. Rayna Green will speak on women in the mythology and history of the South. Nell Painter will consider the ways current scholarship on women, race, class, and sexuality in the South has changed our understanding of the region, its political struggles, and its relationship to the rest of the nation. Sarah White will conclude, bringing southern history into the present, discussing the issues she has encountered in her work organizing catfish workers in Mississippi. The committee would like to thank all of those who have submitted proposals for panels, round tables, and workshops. All the submissions look fascinating and will make for a compelling program. The only difficulty now facing the program committee will be narrowing down such a rich collection of material, when it finalize the program at the Southern Historical Association in November.



You are cordially invited to join us for the SAWH ANNUAL ADDRESS

Friday, November 8, 4:45 p.m. Liberty A

Professor Jane Dailey The Johns Hopkins University

"Sex, Segregation, and The Sacred from <u>Brown</u> to Selma"

Immediately followed by the President's Reception and Book Sale in Liberty B

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SNEAK PREVIEW: "Sex, Segregation and the Sacred from Brown to Selma"

Jane Dailey notes that the religious history of the civil rights movement is strangely one-sided. "God was on our side," the activists have said, and scholars have tended to agree. But what about civil rights' opponents? How did they use religion in their cause? "Sex, Segregation and the Sacred from *Brown* to Selma" will examine the connections between antimiscegenation anxiety, politics, and religion. Was there such a thing as a theology of massive resistance? If so, who were its high priests, and how did they use scriptural authority to work against civil rights? How effective were anti-integrationists in grounding a new popular logic for segregation in religion? Come hear Professor Dailey's fascinating talk about the way segregationists used religion during the civil rights movement.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Angela Boswell's (Henderson State University) book, Her Act and Deed: Women's Lives in a Rural Southern County, 1837-73 won the Texas State Historical Association's Liz Carpenter Award for the best scholarly book published in 2001 on the subject of women and Texas history.

Lee Farrow (Auburn University-Montgomery) has an article entitled "From Jackson Square to Red Square: Donald Renshaw and Famine Relief in Russia, 1921-1923" in the summer issue of Louisiana History.

Jacquelyn Dowd Hall (University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill) served as president of the Southern Historical Association for 2001-02. She was elected to the presidency of the Organization of American Historians for 2003-04. She finished her term as founding president of the Labor and Working Class History Association, joined the organization's board of directors, and became co-chair of its nominating committee. She published, "Mobilizing Memory: Broadening Our View of the Civil Rights Movement," in the July 27, 2001, issue of the Chronicle for Higher Education and "Broadus Mitchell: Economic Historian of the South," in Reading Southern History: Essays on Interpreters and Interpretations, ed. By Glenn Feldman (University of Alabama Press, 2001).

Darlene Clark Hine (Michigan State University) was named a Michiganian of the Year, class of 2001, by the Detroit News. She received an honorary doctorate from Purdue University in May 2002.

Alecia P. Long (Louisiana State Museum) completed her dissertation "The Great Southern Babylon: Sexuality, Race, and Reform in New Orleans, 1865-1920," and was awarded her Ph.D. from the University of Delaware in August 2001. She will publish her revised dissertation with Louisiana State University Press.

Lucinda H. MacKeithan (North Carolina State University) co-edited of The Companion to Southern Literature (LSU Press, 2002). She is also serving as primary consultant for the Scribbling Women web site (www.scribbling.women.org) and Radio Play Series.

Jennifer Davis McDaid (Library of Virginia) published "How a One-Legged Rebel Lives: Confederate Veterans and Artificial Limbs in Virginia" in Artificial Parts: Practical Lives: Modern Histories of Prosthetics (New York University Press, 2002) She also presented a paper on women's history research entitled "Archivists Tell All: Getting the Most from Repositories" at the twelfth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women in June 2002.

Elisabeth Muhlenfeld (Sweet Briar College) has published *The Novels of Mary Chesnut* (University Press of Virginia, 2002).

Mary G. Rolinson (Georgia State University) completed her Ph.D. at Georgia State University in May 2002. Her dissertation was entitled "The Garvey Movement in the Rural South, 1920-1927."

Sue Rowland (Xavier University of Louisiana) has developed a web site entitled "Women's History—Informal Learning" which features early women's history for the general public. The address is http://members.aol.com/peterow/pindex.html.

Dorothy Salem (Cuyahoga Community College) reports that a new edition of her The Journey: A History of African Americans (Kendall-Hunt) will be out in Fall 2002.

Marjorie Julian Spruill (Vanderbilt University) has left University of Southern Mississippi to become Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Planning and Research Professor of History at Vanderbilt University. On July 6, 2002, she married fellow historian Don H. Doyle, also of Vanderbilt.

Kelly McMichael Stott's (Texas Christian University) book Where Cotton Reigned King: Waxahachie, Texas will be published by Arcadia Publishers in November 2002.

Martha Swain (Mississippi State University) continues to teach. Her article on Mississippi Senator Hubert D. Stephens (1923-35) appeared in the winter 2001 issue of the Journal of Mississippi History, and she received the 2002 Dunbar Rowland Award from the Mississippi Historical Society for lifetime advancement of Mississippi history.

Monica M. Tetzlaff's (Indiana State University—South Bend) book, Cultivating a New South: Abbie Holmes Christensen and the Politics of Race and Gender, 1852-1938 was published by University of South Carolina Press in July 2002.

Ruthe L. Winegarten (Independent Scholar) is editing (with Macco Dailey, Jr.) a reprint of *Tuneful Tales* by the El Paso African American poet, Bernice Love Wiggins. It will be published by Texas Tech Press in Fall 2002.

WANT TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN SAWH?

First Vice President Jane Turner Censer is developing a list of volunteers willing to serve on SAWH committees next year. The opportunities include three prize committees (Rose, Spruill, and Taylor), graduate committee, membership committee, fund-raising committee, and finance committee. If you are interested in serving, please email Jane about your interest at jcense1@gmu.edu

JOB OPENINGS

American History. (4 positions) Visiting Assistant Professor, one-year appointment with possibility of renewal in the Department of History at Virginia Tech. Ph.D. preferred but will consider advanced ABD at The primary duty of the successful Lecturer rank. candidates will be to teach large lecture classes of introductory U.S. survey. Review of applications will begin June 28, 2002, and will continue until positions are filled. Send letter of application, C.V., three letters of reference and copies of teaching evaluations to: American History Search Committee, Department of History-0117, Blacksburg, VA 24061 or email (lifounta@vt.edu). Virginia Tech has a strong commitment to the principle of diversity and, in that spirit, seeks a broad spectrum of candidates including women, minorities, and people with Individuals with disabilities desiring accommodations in the application process should notify Linda Fountaine, Department of History, (540) 231-5331, and TYY (540) 231-6258 (Personnel).

History. Modern Europe. Presbyterian College is accepting applications for a tenure track position beginning Fall 2003. Ability to teach upper-level courses in Germany, Great Britain, and Russia required. Outside field in Africa is strongly preferred. Candidate will share other departmental members' responsibility for World Civilization courses in the general education curriculum. Presbyterian College is a very selective national liberal arts college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church USA and has an enrollment of 1200 students. Web site: www.presby.edu. Send letter of application, three letters of recommendation, C.V., and copies of transcripts to Dr. Richard Heiser, Department of History, Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC 29325; email: rrheiser@presby.edu; phone number: (864) 833-8499. Applications received by November 1, 2002 will be assured consideration though the search will remain open until the position is filled. EOE.

SAWH WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Amber Cashwell, Converse College
Tammy H. Galloway, Independent Scholar
Monique Harris, Converse College
Leslie I. Sharp, Georgia Institute of Technology
Sarah L. Silkey, University of East Anglia (Norwich,
England)
Rebecca Tolley-Stokes, East Tennessee State University

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2003 Virginia Historical Society Research Fellowship Program. To promote the interpretation of Virginia history and access to its collections, the Virginia Historical Society offers fellowships of up to four weeks a year. Awards include the Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowships, the Betty Sams Christian Fellowships in business history, the Frances Lewis Fellowships in women's studies, and the Reese Fellowships in American Bibliography and the History of the Book in the Americas. We make awards on the basis of the applicants' scholarly qualifications, the merits of their proposals, and the appropriateness of their topics, as demonstrated by citation to specific sources in our collections.

We award a few grants (\$150 per week) for mileage to commuting researchers. However, the majority of awards (\$500 per week) go to those who live farther away. We expect recipients to work on a regular basis in our reading room during the period of their award. We welcome applications from doctoral candidates. Undergraduates, master's students, and graduate students not yet admitted to Ph.D. candidacy are not eligible.

Applicants should send an original and <u>three copies</u> of the following: a cover letter, C.V., two letters of recommendation (sent separately), and a description of their research project not longer than two double-spaced pages that also states the length of the award requested. The deadline for applications is 1 February 2003; awards will be announced by 15 March 2003.

Send applications to: Dr. Nelson D. Lankford, Chairman, Research Fellowship Committee, Virginia Historical Society, 428 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220; telephone 804-342-9672; fax 804-355-2399; nlankford@vahistorical.org. http://www.vahistorical.org

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies will meet in Columbia, South Carolina, February 28-March 1, 2003 at the University of South Carolina. The conference theme is "Saints and Sinners: Subversion and Submission in the Eighteenth Century." plenary speakers are Paula Backscheider (Auburn University) and Heather McPherson (University of Alabama-Birmingham). Send proposals for panels or papers relating to the conference theme or any other aspect of the long eighteenth century to Zeynep Tenger and Paul Trolander, English Department, Berry College, Mount Berry, GA ztenger@berrv.edu 30149: email: ptrolander@berry.edu; tel: (770) 233-4074, fax: (706) 368-6951. Deadline: October 15, 2002. For more information, visit the conference web site at www.berry.edu/seasecs2003.

The Episcopal Women's History Project announces its Frank Sugeno Research Award and its and Research and Travel Grants to encourage research and publication about the lives and work of women throughout the history of the Episcopal Church, including the period of the colonial Anglican Church. For more information, please consult the Episcopal Women's History Project web site at http://buffalolore.buffalonet.org/ewhp/ewhp. Htm. For application forms, please contact Dr. Jane Harris, Grants Committee Chair, Hendrix College, Department of Religion, 1600 Washington Avenue, 72032, (501) 450-1392 Conway, AR harris@mercury.hendrix.edu. The deadline for applications if December 1, 2002, and recipients will be notified in January 2003.

Women of the South in the Era of Martha Washington is the theme for a fall symposium at the University of Southern Mississippi on September 12-13, 2002. Organized by SAWH members Marjorie Julian Spruill, Emily Clark, and Lynn Gammill, the event's featured speakers include SAWH members Carol Berkin, Betty Wood, Catherine Allgor, and Patricia Brady. The event is co-sponsored by the Library of Hattiesburg, Petal and Forest County; Crosby Lectures; and the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. The event is free and

open to the public. For more information, contact the office of university relations at University of Southern Mississippi.

Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 6-8, 2003. Proposals for individual papers or panels in all areas of history, including public history, are welcome. Proposals, consisting of abstract(s) and one-page vitae, should be sent by October 15, 2002, to the program chair, Professor Tom Buchanan, Missouri Valley History Conference, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182. Those wishing to have their proposals acknowledged should include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. Email for questions: mvhc@unomaha.edu. Please do not email proposals. A prize of \$200 will be awarded to the best graduate student paper presented at the conference.

Nineteenth Century Studies Association has issued a call for papers for its 23rd annual conference to be held March 6-9, 2003 in New Orleans. The theme is "Feasts and Famine." Proposals and required accompanying materials must be postmarked by October 15, 2002. Decisions will be announced in December. Onepage proposals, single-spaced for 20 minute papers should be accompanied by a 1-2 page c.v. Proposals for a 90-minute panel should include (1) a cover letter from the panel organizer, indicating format and title of the proposed session; (2) onepage proposal; and (3) a 1-2 page C.V. from each participant. Email or mail SIMULTANEOUSLY to the Conference Program co-chairs:

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