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Dear Alumni, Colleagues, Students, and Friends of the Department of History:

As students of history know, change is one thing we can always count on, and the Department of History is certainly changing as we enter this academic year. We welcome back Bill Mulligan who spent spring 2009 as a Fulbright Scholar in Ireland at University College Cork and Stephanie Carpenter who traveled to China in summer 2009 as part of MSU's Discover China Program. Their accounts, along with David Pizzo's on a 2009 spring break trip to Berlin, are included inside. We continue to miss Dr. Wayne Beasley; however, we hired a teacher-scholar of great promise—Dr. Kathy Callahan. Professor Callahan hails from the northern climes. Her undergraduate degree is from Indiana State University and her MA and PhD from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Dr. Callahan specializes in crime, women, and work in late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-centuries Britain. Her husband, Dr. John Muenzberg, has a PhD in Philosophy and will be teaching as an adjunct for History and the Department of English & Philosophy in the spring semester.

As we welcome Dr. Callahan to Murray, we say goodbye to Chris Bierwirth. Dr. Bierwirth, Middle Eastern historian and director of the Kentucky Institute of International Studies (KIIS), has taken a position at Western Kentucky University. He continues to direct KIIS which was transferred to WKU in 2009. As a result, the next faculty search will be for an Islamic World/Middle East scholar. Although suspended due to budget concerns, we hope to continue our search in 2010.

New sophomore CIV classes, 201 and 202, have fared well despite the considerable transition we endured from last spring. We expect a good deal of enrollment pressure on the course in the fall of 2010 when the large freshman class of 2009-2010 becomes sophomores. Dr. Stephanie Carpenter, World Civilizations Coordinator for the last four years, will give up the coordinator responsibilities in spring 2010 semester to concentrate on Phi Alpha Theta endeavors and agricultural history research and writing projects. Taufiq Rashid will assume the World Civilizations Coordinator duties. Professor Rashid, who has taught CIV courses for a decade, promises to continue the high-quality programs initiated by Dr. Carpenter.

The Executive Committee of the Department of History made up of Professors Carpenter, Brian Clardy, Mulligan, Pizzo, Bill Schell, and me, is establishing a new scholarship for history undergraduates. In spring 2010, we plan to initiate the Dr. T. Wayne Beasley Memorial Scholarship. It is our hope to endow this undergraduate scholarship within five years to provide yearly stipends for history students. The Dr. James W. Hammack, Jr Scholarship remains to support graduate students, while the Beasley Scholarship will honor BA students. A kick-off for the T. Wayne Beasley Memorial Scholarship is planned for April 10, 2010. We hope to see many of our alumni in April. In the future, we plan for the Beasley Scholarship banquet to be the primary spring event, while the Hammack Scholarship banquet remains our key fall event.

If you get a chance, please visit us in the Department of History, at the Beasley Scholarship kick-off, or the Hammack Scholarship banquet. The ninth Hammack Scholarship banquet will feature World War II historian, Dr. G. Kurt Piehler (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) on Saturday, 25 September 2010. We also enjoy your letters, telephone calls, and e-mails. By the way, if you have an e-mail address, please send it to us at terry.strieter@murraystate.edu or at history.dept@murraystate.edu. We are building an email list to communicate with our friends more efficiently. Many thanks.

Best,

Terry W. Strieter, Chair

FACULTY

KATHY CALLAHAN joined the Department of History as our British Historian in August 2009. Callahan completed her graduate work at Marquette University focusing on modern European history. Her research examines women and crime in late eighteenth-century London. Before arriving at MSU, she taught at

the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin-Stout. In spring 2009, she taught in the Wisconsin in Scotland Program, lived in Dalkeith, Scotland, and taught American students at a 300-year-old manor house. This experience led Callahan to a new research topic: Anna Scott the Duchess of Buccleuch. While in Scotland she participated in the filming of "Scotland's Clans: Clan Scott," which aired on BBC2 Scotland in October 2009. In 2006, Kathy traveled to China as part of a Fulbright-Hays delegation to studying Chinese history and culture. There, she visited five cities including Xining City in Qinghai Province. Dr. Callahan is also involved in the AP World History program.



DAVID PIZZO travelled to Germany with 17 students in March 2009. This travel experience was awarded credit as History 490: History Travel Abroad, a co-requisite course with History 412: Modern Germany. During the 11-day trip, the group visited Berlin, Munich, and Nuremberg. While in Germany, the students completed assignments, and upon their return, wrote

comprehensive essays about the experience. Sites visited included the concentration camp at Dachau, the Reichstag, the Käthe Kollwitz Museum, sites from the Battle of Berlin, Nuremberg's old town, the Tribune in Nuremberg, and the Berlin Wall. An invaluable experience, students were able to engage in hands-on, collaborative learning in places where events they studied had actually happened. Travelling to Germany made the in-class learning much more vivid, real, and effective. The feedback Pizzo received from his students was overwhelmingly positive, and he plans a similar course in the winter of 2010-2011.



BILL MULLIGAN spent spring 2009 as a Fulbright Scholar in the History Department in University College Cork, Ireland (UCC). While in Ireland, Bill presented class lectures on research methodology and worked with doctoral students. He also presented several seminars and a public on-campus lecture based on his own research. The Fulbright program encourages participants to go beyond their host campus, and Mulligan had an opportunity to lecture at Mary Immaculate College in Limerick and at the Humanities Institute of Ireland at University College Dublin on the Irish experience in America. He also gave a public lecture at the Mining Museum in Allihies in West Cork, the community from which most of the Irish miners he studies originated. Finally, Bill lectured on Irish American history at Université Rennes 2 Haute Bretagne in France and Westfälische Wilhlems-Universität in Germany. Aside from academics, the collapse of the Irish economy provided Bill an accelerated education in Irish economics and politics.

And, while he did bring back some ideas for MSU's Department of History, he saw that we are doing a number of things quite well here. In a lecture at MSU this semester, Bill summed up his experience, "The Fulbright semester was a great opportunity, both personally and professionally. I am very glad I had the opportunity."

STEPHANIE CARPENTER traveled to China in June 2009 as part of MSU's Discover China Program. During the two-week visit, the MSU faculty delegation visited the cities of Beijing and Xi'an, enjoyed the culture, history, and sites of each including: the site of the 2008 Summer Olympics, Great Wall, Temple of Heaven, and Emperor Qin's terra cotta warriors.



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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

ΦΑΘ PHI ALPHA THETA, the history honor society, is extremely active at MSU. In the past, our chapter, Xi Lambda, hosted student conferences (2002 and 2005), visited historic sites and traveling museum exhibits, and participated in state, regional, and national Phi Alpha Theta conventions and professional history conferences. Each year we host the West Kentucky History Competition for high and middle school students. In January 2010, 10 undergraduate and graduate students and their advisor, Dr. Stephanie Carpenter, will travel to

the National Phi Alpha Theta Convention in San Diego. At the convention, 7 MSU students will present papers.

Mikal Altman: "Colin Kelly: Why He Should Win the Medal of Honor?"

Morgan Hillard: "Why Adolf Hitler isn't Unique."

Micki Kaleta: "The Changing Perspective on African Americans in *DeBow's Review*, 1866-1869."

Catherine Lewis: "The Appalachian Exodus."

Jennifer McPherson: "The English Sweate: The Tudor's Plague."

Erin Ragsdale: "NASCAR's 'High Speed Heroes.'"

Kayla Reno: "'The Burnt City of Gold': Henrich Schliemann and Philhellenism in Germany."

MSU's Xi Lambda chapter has attended the Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention since 2004 when Beasley and Carpenter chaperoned 10 students to New Orleans. That year, as well as subsequent conventions in 2006 (Philadelphia) and 2008 (Albuquerque), MSU students presented research and participated in panels, as well as met fellow history students and faculty.



Before each convention, history students raise money to help cover expenses. In the past, MSU students have attended conferences with little personal expense. With budget cuts and rising costs facing the

university and college community, we need additional funds for the 2010 convention. To that end, Phi Alpha Theta students have fund-raised by holding bake sales, participating in Tent City at Homecoming, and selling t-shirts.

We have a limited number of shirts available to alumni. The shirts are MSU blue and gold with Murray State History on the front and a quote on the back (see design). The shirts are \$15 (postage paid) and are sized S-XL. Please contact us at the department email if you would like to order a shirt or give a monetary donation to assist PAT students in reaching San Diego.



GRADUATES

BA conferred degrees

Jared Adams
Michelle Anderson
Sarah Austin
Breck Boswell
Blake Bradley
Kayla Breen
Aaron Butler
Aaron Carpenter
Brittany Fiscus
Steven Hale
Matthew Holdman
Adam Meredith
Shanna Mills
Christopher B. Morgan
Richard Parker
Chase Peck
Melissa Piper
Kayla Reno
Jacob Savage
Jacob Simmons
Danielle Stefko
Greyson Taylor
Cherie Timberlake

May 2009

Osceola, IN
Rockford, IL
Murray, KY
Paducah, KY
Benton, KY
O'Fallon, IL
Utica, KY
Murray, KY
Jacksonville, AR
Paris, TN
Paducah, KY
Princeton, KY
Hickory, KY
Benton, KY
Paris, TN
Kennett, MO
Metropolis, IL
Wickliffe, KY
Lexington, MA
Golconda, IL
Trenton, KY
Cadiz, KY
Murray, KY

MA conferred degrees

Christian Koczy
Matthew Scott

May 2009

Konnorsreuth, Germany
Benton, KY

MA conferred degrees

David T. Downs

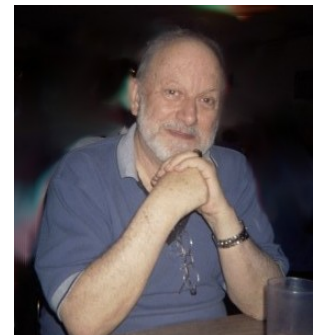
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The Department of History proudly announces the establishment of the **DR. T. WAYNE BEASLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

T. Wayne Beasley arrived at MSU after completing his PhD at the University of Georgia in 1965. Promoted quickly, Beasley earned the rank of Professor in 1970. Hired as the Department of History's British Historian, Beasley enjoyed a long career at MSU. While many faculty would be satisfied with a successful career of scholarship, Beasley knew that his passion lay in the



classroom, and he made the past come alive. His stories of British royals and their exploits kept many a class entertained. His passion for history and students did not diminish over his 43-year career; he continued to keep students engaged in history both as a lecturer and an advisor. Even as students lamented the requirement of taking "Modern Europe" or sang the "Beasley Blues," they could not stay away from him. Help us honor a colleague and friend for his significant contributions to Murray State University and his profession.

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Homecoming, picnics, and conferences?

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