HISTORY IN THE MAKING AT USM

The history faculty continues active in the University’s Oral History Project. During the past year members of this and other departments taped interviews with such leading Mississippi personalities as Bidwell Adams, Ross Barnett, Thomas P. Brady, Erskine Caldwell, Turner Catledge, Charles Evers, Stanton Hall, Fannie Lou Hamer, Aaron Henry, Purser Hewitt, William M. (“Fishbait”) Miller, and William Waller.

Mississippi: A History, a two volume, co-operative study of the state, is scheduled for publication in Hattiesburg by the University and College Press of Mississippi in late 1972. Four of its forty-six chapters were written by members of the department: John E. Gonzales, Neil R. McMillen, John R. Skates, and William K. Scarborough. Mr. Gonzales also served as a member of the project’s editorial board.

Also of interest to friends of the department is a forthcoming history of USM since 1945, a work co-authored by John E. Gonzales and William D. McCain. The publication date is uncertain, but the work is scheduled to be published by the University and College Press of Mississippi.

FORMER FACULTY NEWS AND WHEREABOUTS

Miss WILLERY JACKSON, associate professor emerita, although insisting that she is “literally retired,” has taken another freighter trip. In the autumn of 1971 she cruised to the Canary Islands and on to the Mediterranean, visiting pleasure spots along the way.

FRED BLAKEY teaches in the social science division at the University of Florida.

GORDON BOND is teaching at Auburn University.

WILLIAM S. COKER, associate professor, University of West Florida, continues an active professional and scholarly life. His most recent works include “Andrew Jackson, The Spanish Floridas and the United States,” in James R. McGovern (ed.) Andrew Jackson and Pensacola (Pensacola, 1971); “Spanish Regulations of the Natchez Indigo Industry, 1793-1794: The South’s First Antipollution Laws?” Technology and Culture (January, 1972); and, with Jack D. L. Holmes, “Sources for the History of the Spanish Borderlands,” Florida Historical Quarterly (1971). In 1971-1972 he read papers at meetings of the Mississippi Historical Society and the Attakapas Historical Society in Louisiana. Mr. Coker also served as history program chairman for the Southwestern Social Science Association meeting (March, 1972) and executive council member of the Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference.

ARTHUR H. DEROISIER, JR., professor of history and dean of the School of Graduate Studies at East Tennessee State University, has published several recent articles on Indian removal in the Cherokee One Feather and the Southeastern Antiquities Survey; “Cyrus Kingsbury—Missionary to the Choctaws,” Journal of Presbyterian History (Winter, 1972), and “Natchez and William Dunbar,” Journal of Mississippi History (February, 1972). His The Removal of the Choctaw Indians (Knoxville, 1970) won an American Association of State and Local History Award of Merit and was recently reissued as a Harper paperback. He is currently writing three chapters for a book on broken Indian treaties and a biography of William Dunbar. During the past year he read papers on Dunbar at meetings of the Midwest Conferences and the Scottish Historical Association. Next year he promises “to do a few things” in the graduate school.

Former Southern Dean of the University, PORTER L. FORTUNE, JR., continues as Chancellor...
at the University of Mississippi. He became president of the Mississippi Historical Society in March, 1972.

WILLIAM LA FORGE remains dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Delta State College.

SAMUEL A. LEWIS is still chairman of the social studies department at the Perkins campus, Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College.

EDWARD H. MOSLEY, associate professor of history and director of Latin American studies at the University of Alabama, has recently published “The Continuing Influence of Peron in Argentina,” Delphian Quarterly (Summer 1971); “Argentina,” World Mark of Nations (1971); and “Los Planes de Ayutla y de Monterrey,” El Porvenir (1971). He is currently president of the Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies.

PHILLIP POSEY is teaching at St. Joseph’s College, Collegeville, Indiana.

ROBERT ROBINSON is associate professor of history at the University of Houston.

FRANK TURNER is now head librarian at a school in Arkansas.

JEWELL VINCENT is teaching at Henderson State College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

PHILLIP A. WALKER continues as chairman of social sciences at the University of North Carolina Asheville.

FACULTY CHANGES

The department is pleased to announce the addition to its staff of PHILIP A. KALISH, assistant professor of history and curriculum. Mr. Kalish, who teaches in both freshman history and history methods programs, received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Nebraska and his Ph.D. from Penn State. He has taught at West Texas State and Northwest Missouri State College. The author of The Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore: A Social History (Metuchen, New Jersey: The Scarecrow Press, 1969), Mr. Kalish’s most recent works include “High Culture of the Frontier,” Nebraska History (Winter, 1971); “Charnel Houses of the Frontier: Disease and Sickness Among the Troops at Forts Smith, Gibson, Towson, Wayne, Washita, and Arbuckle, 1839 to 1855,” Chronicles of Oklahoma (Winter 1971); “Death Down Below: Coal Mine Disasters in Southern Illinois, 1904-1962,” Journal of Illinois State Historical Society (Spring, 1972); “The Black Death in Chinatown: The San Francisco Plague War of 1900-1904,” Arizona and the West (Summer, 1972). During the past year he also read two papers at professional meetings: “Those Strange Spots: History of the Early Fight Against Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever,” annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Social Science Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, and “Tracadie and Penikese: A Comparative Historical Analysis of Societal Reaction to Leprosy in New Brunswick and Massachusetts,” annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Montreal, Canada. His most recent book reviews appeared in Journal of Southern History, Journal of the West, and Mid-America.

PETER VON WAHLDE, associate professor, left his position at USM and moved to Florida to complete his history of the Russian Army, 1550-1850.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES


RICHARD BOWERS has written “The First English Wool Embargo, 1270-1274,” an article scheduled for publication in the Southern Quarterly.

ROBERT BRENT'S The Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi is scheduled for publication by the diocese later in 1972. He is also author of “A Discredited Diplomat Vindicated: Nicholas P. Trist,” in Essays in Honor of Bernard Mayo (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1972); his most recent book reviews appeared in Journal of Mississippi History, Journal of Southern History, and Mississippi Quarterly. In December, 1971, he read a paper, “The Episcopal Church in the Antebellum South,” at the Gulf States Conference on History and Humanities. His summer plans include a research trip to the National Archives to complete his biography of Nicholas P. Trist.

ORAZIO CICCARELLI has written “Sanchez Cerro and the Depression in Peru, 1930-1933,” Southern Quarterly (April, 1971). His recent scholarship also includes the section on Bolivia in the nineteenth century and Peru from 1826 to the present in the forthcoming Encyclopedia of Latin American History.

TREADWELL DAVIS continues his steady progress toward complete recovery from his recent serious illness. He is teaching full-time once again and has plans soon to resume his history of the Presbyterians.

CLAUDI E. FIKE, now completing his tenth year as dean of the College of Liberal Arts, continues to divide his time between administration and teaching. He is currently editing the newly discovered diary of Major William P. Shreve, a Union officer. Dean Fike will also read a paper on the administration of Governor Gerard Brandon at the 1973 meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society.
JOHN EDMOND GONZALES still serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the University and College Press of Mississippi and editor of the Journal of Mississippi History. He is also an editor of, and contributor to, the forthcoming History of Mississippi (Hattiesburg: University and College Press of Mississippi, 1972). Professor Gonzales is once again serving on the membership committee of the Southern Historical Association.

JOHN D. W. GUICE has completed his history of The Rocky Mountain Bench (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1972). His articles “Democracy in Colonial Virginia” and “Log Colleges and Legacies of the Great Awakening” appeared in recent issues of the Southern Quarterly. His most recent book reviews were published in Historian and Montana the Magazine of Western History. Mr. Guice serves on the membership committee of the Western History Association. During the past year he addressed the Gulf Coast Historical Society in Biloxi and Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century in Hattiesburg.


KENNETH MCCARTY continues his duties as director of the department’s graduate program. His article “Stanley Hornbeck and the Manchurian Crisis” will appear in a forthcoming issue of the Southern Quarterly. During the summer of 1972 Mr. McCarty will work in the National Archives and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library furthering his research on the life of William Colmer.


Chairman of history, JOHN R. SKATES, has written The Mississippi Supreme Court, 1817-1949 (Jackson: Mississippi Bar Foundation, 1972). During the past year he served on the program committee of the Mississippi Historical Society.

ALUMNI NEWS

ELIZABETH ALSWORTH (MA ’56) continues her duties as instructor of social studies at Pearl River Junior College. CLOIS R. AYCOCK (MA ’69), instructor of history, Delta State College, plans to complete his dissertation in the near future.

JOHN P. BACON, JR. (MS ’67) has been promoted to the rank of professor. He continues in his post as chairman of social sciences at the State Technical Institute in Memphis. He reports that his wife Barbara (Major, USAFR) has been elected national historian of the Reserve Officers Association.

HENRY BLACK (MA ’68), instructor of history, Jeff Davis Campus, Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College, is finishing his doctoral dissertation and looking forward to an August, 1972, graduation.

DAVID BUICE (MA ’63), assistant professor of history, Louisiana Tech, emerged from his reclusion to attend the Southern Historical Society Meeting in Houston last autumn. Some say he came primarily to see Muhammad Ali begin his comeback in that Texas City.

ZED H. BURNS (MA ’70), professor of educational psychology at USM, recently published Ship Island and the Confederacy (Hattiesburg: University and College Press of Mississippi, 1972). He is currently at work gathering material and photographs for a study on Confederate forts, including Gaines, Mogan, Pickens, and Samter.

MELTON CARRAWAY (MA ’71) is pursuing his doctoral studies in British history at Vanderbilt University. He complains of having too much to do.

LAURIE A. DRAGO, after more than a few attempts, has passed his Spanish language exam. Flush with this triumph, he promised soon to take the comprehensive examinations for the Ph.D. degree. He is teaching at the Jeff Davis Campus.

ROBERT W. DUBAY (MS ’67), chairman, social science division, Dalton (Georgia) Junior College, has written “The Surrender of the German Armies in July, 1943-1945,” Dug Gap Review (1972) and book reviews in Historian and Community College Social Science Quarterly. He is currently at work on a biography of George Herman (“Babe”) Ruth.

DAVID HOLCOMB (MA ’57) continues as assistant professor and chairman of the department of religion at Oklahoma Baptist University.

DREW GUNNELS, JR. (BA ’66) is still pastor at Eastern Hills Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

HUBERT OLYN HURT is director of the Language Missions, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, Florida.

JOHN R. KLEM, III (MS ’71) serves as both instructor of history at Jones Junior College and pastor of the Boul Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg.

SAMUEL A. LEWIS (MS ’62) is chairman of the social studies department and instructor in history, sociology and American government at Gulf Coast Junior College, Perkinston campus.

BERNADETTE LOFTIN (MA ’66) still teaches history at Middle Georgia College.

WALTER LOWE (MS ’66) remains at Pearl River Junior College. JAMES K. McCASLIN, JR., Captain, is currently instructor, European section, Department of Area Studies, United States Army Intelligence School. He has recently been named to the Army Foreign Area Specialist Program in Russian and will work toward a degree in Russian studies.

JOSEPH WALTER MCCRAW (MA ’57) has just completed a dozen years as pastor of the Northward Baptist Church in Gulfport.

LAWRENCE J. MALLEY (MA ’64) continues as editor-in-chief and manager of the College Department at Rand McNally Publishing Company. His other affairs are unprintable.

ROBERT H. MATHIS (MS ’59) has been named acting chairman, department of history, Lambuth College in Tennessee.

WARNER O. MOORE (MA ’68) is completing his doctorate at the University of Alabama. His friends report that he, too, is looking for a job.

DAVID W. NICHOLSON (MS ’58) is an instructor in the social science division at Chipola Junior College.

LOYD G. PARRELL (MS ’58) is associate professor of education and chairman, Division of Administration, Research and Services at Livingston University in Alabama. He reports that his office is scheduled to be carpeted in “College of Education Green.”

J. L. PATTERSON (MA ’52) serves as assistant principal at Purvis High School.

RUSSELL W. RAMSEY (MA ’63) has been named director, Lincoln Center for Citizenship and Vocational Arts, Alachua County, Florida, a new center for pioneering in relevant secondary education.
During the past year he served as coordinator of social adjustment in the county’s public schools. He has recently published Internal Security in Latin America: The Colombian Experience 1946-1965 (Norfolk: Armed Forces Staff College, 1971); Community Involvement in the Problems of Neglected and Delinquent Children (Gainesville: School Board of Alachua County, 1971); Arm Yourself for Action: Community Housing and Schools (Gainesville: Citizen’s Advisory Committee, 1971). Somehow he also found time not only to lecture at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, and the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, but to do consulting work for the Federal Desegregation Center in Miami.

WALTER R. REEDER (MS ’70) still teaches at Andrew College in Cuthbert, Georgia.

JEROME V. REEL, JR. (MA ’61) of Clemson University, was promoted to associate professor in the department of social studies. He spent the summer of 1971 in Great Britain, teaching in the Clemson abroad program, and working on his study in English biographies, 1000-1485. In March, 1972, he read his paper, “Thomas of Lancaster and English Local Government,” to the Missouri Valley Historical Conference.

PAUL REUTER (MA ’69) is currently instructor of history, Jefferson State Junior College in Birmingham, Alabama.

R. JACK ROGERS (MA ’63) continues his duties in the department of history and political science at William Carey College.

JOSEPHINE SCHÜLTE (MA ’61), associate professor of history at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio, continues work on her bibliographies of 19th century Mexico and the Spanish Southwest in the United States.

EDGAR H. SESSIONS (MS ’62) is director of the Chattanooga State Technical Institute.

B. F. SMITH (MA ’54), professor of religion and philosophy, William Carey College, plans to retire from academic life in June, 1972. He will devote full time to the counseling service he has operated during the past several years. He is the author of Christian Baptism (Nashville, 1971).

PEG SMITH (MS ’70) teaches at Northwest Junior High in Meridian.

CHARLES L. SULLIVAN (MS ’69), instructor of social studies, Perkinsville, and supervisor of adult education in Stone and George counties, has written “Bismark and the German Colonial Empire in Africa” for publication by a University of Mississippi Journal. Last summer he accompanied a student group to Europe and there encountered William Banks Taylor “Alive and well at the London School of Economics.” Mr. Sullivan will spend this summer surmounting the language barrier to his terminal degree.

CYNTIAH M. SULLIVAN (MS ’69), instructor of history, Jones County Junior College, is working toward a M.Ph. at USM.

JERRY GLENN SULLIVAN (MA ’64), a student in the USM political science department, completed his doctoral comprehensive in early 1972 and is writing his dissertation on the Catholic Church in Ireland, 1939-1945. He has recently returned from a research trip to Dublin. He will be teaching at Lambuth College during 1972-1973.

WILLIAM BANKS TAYLOR (MA ’68) returned briefly from his doctoral studies in Great Britain for, among other things, a weekend fishing trip with Charles Sullivan. Both anglers were skunked.

THEODORE O. TEIKEN, of Chicago and New Orleans, is now manager, editor-in-chief, publisher and president of the board of the Maanoufa Press. His first publication is scheduled to appear.

JOHN E. WALLACE (Ph.D. ’69) continues at the University's Keeler Residence Center.

EUGENE A. WINK, SR. (MA ’57), having enjoyed a full military career and thirteen years as an instructor at Gulf Park College, is currently devoting his waking hours to fishing and travel.


THE GRADUATE STUDENTS

Ph.D. degrees conferred August 1971-May, 1972

HENRY BLACK, working under the direction of Mr. McCarty, wrote his dissertation on “William C. Bullitt and the European Crisis, 1936-1943.” An instructor at Jefferson Davis Junior College, Mr. Black will graduate in August, 1972.

ANTHONY F. EASTMAN, instructor at Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, North Carolina, wrote a dissertation entitled “Federalist Ideology and Secession, 1796-1815” under the direction of Mr. Brent. Mr. Eastman graduated in May, 1972.

MAJORIE JORDAN, also a student of Mr. Brent, completed her doctoral paper, “The Split in the Methodist Church over Slavery in 1844 With Emphasis on Mississippi” in time for May, 1972, graduation. Ms. Jordan teaches at Jackson State.

BERNADETTE LOFTIN, an instructor at Middle Georgia College, completed her dissertation, “A Social History of the Mid-Gulf South (Panama City to Mobile) 1930-1950.” A student of Mr. Gonzales, Ms. Loftin graduated in August, 1971.

WILLIAM T. SCHMIDT, who also worked under Mr. Gonzales, completed his dissertation, “The Impact of the Camp Shelby Mobilization on Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 1940-1946,” in time for a May, 1972, graduation. Mr. Schmidt is the Dean of the School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at USM.

Masters degrees conferred August 1971-May, 1972

John Klem (MS); Melton Carraway (MA); Martha Rigby (MA); Valerie Corkren (MS); Peg T. Smith (MS); James Spencer (MS); Joseph Baricev (MS).

Graduate fellows and assistants, 1971-1972

Robert Bailey, BA, MA, USM; Kearty Elvin Burger, BS, USM; George S. Burson, BS, USM; George L. Falldine, BS, USM; Robert E. Giebig, BA, MS, University of West Florida; Kenneth Gower, BA, William Carey College, MA, USM; Judith Marie Herring, BS, USM; Gordon D. Inglis, BS, Loyola, New Orleans; Chester M. Morgan, III, BS, USM; Rebecca M. Norrisworthy, BS, USM; Morris H. Poole, BA, USM; Douglas L. Smith, BA, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, MA, University of West Florida; Jerry Lee Watkins BS, Mississippi College, MA, Colorado State College; Leonard H. Wilson, BA, USM.

The Graduate History Club

With uncharacteristic candor, the Newsletter reports that Theta Kappa chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the honorary society for undergraduate and graduate students in history, was virtually moribund during 1971-1972. Suffering from indifferent faculty and student leadership, it managed little more than to co-sponsor with Pi Gamma Mu its annual banquet. That affair, however, was well-attended and highly successful. The guest speaker was Joe B. Frantz, professor of history at the University of Texas, and director of the Lyndon B. Johnson Oral History Project. With humor and insight, Mr. Frantz recalled his many experiences with the Johnson project.

For the first time since its formation four years ago, Theta Kappa’s journal, The Southern Historian, did not appear.

PLACEMENT

Despite widespread bight within the academic market-place the department’s graduating job-seekers continue to find more or less satisfactory placement. In 1971-1972, six “ABD’s” or Ph.D’s left the departmental fold for teaching positions in higher education. Indications are clear, however, that prospects for future years are bleak at best. The market for “ABD’s” appears to be all but gone and the demand for Ph.D’s is less than at any time since the depression years of the 1930’s.