Message from the Chairman of the History Department

This is the fifth annual edition of the William and Mary Historian. When we began the Historian, our goals were to provide news about the College of William and Mary, the Department of History faculty, and our students—both past and present—in the belief that a community of interest does exist and should be shared. Thanks in large measure to the excellent stewardship of Judy Ewell, I believe we have gone far toward achieving our goal. Many of you do keep in touch, whether by letter or in person, and I hope that you enjoy hearing about the activities and achievements of your friends and former professors as much as those of us who have remained at William and Mary look forward to hearing about yours.

We have begun the 1980s beset with the same set of problems that trouble you. If there is one quality a chairman does not need, however, it is pessimism. Caution maybe, or even skepticism, but not pessimism. In fact, as we enter the 1980s, I am optimistic for this university, and for this department. All it really takes to maintain our excellence is quality students and faculty. We are fortunate in having a faculty that really likes to teach both undergraduate and graduate students and is willing to spend time with them. If this year’s senior honors essays are any indication of the caliber of William and Mary’s faculty and students, we are in good shape.

The department was very pleased this year when Jim Whittenburg was promoted to associate professor. Since he came in 1977, Jim has been a valued member of the department and of the university. Undergraduate and graduate students alike have come to appreciate his knowledge, his dedication, and, above all, his patience.

William Appleman Williams was with us as James Pinckney Harrison Professor of History this spring. His brilliant public lecture series entitled “Empire as a Way of Life” was enlightening, thought provoking, and even just a wee bit controversial. It was a pleasure having Bill and Wendy, who are now back in Oregon, with us, and Bill’s students, faculty colleagues, and friends will retain fond memories of his sojourn at William and Mary. The Harrison Professor for 1980-81 will be George Rude, Professor of History at Concordia University, Montreal. J. H. Parry (Harvard University) will be with us for the 1981-82 session. The generosity of the Harrison family has enabled us to invite an impressive list of visiting scholars, beginning with David Quinn in 1969-70, to join the History Department for a year.

I would welcome your correspondence, your questions, and/or your visit, and I would like to extend my best wishes in the year ahead.

Thomas F. Sheppard

Mrs. Jones Retires

“This is a letter to an institution…”

So began one of the many letters of thanks to Grace Jones at the time of her retirement on April 30, 1980 from over twenty years service at the College of William and Mary.

Mrs. Jones has worked at the Department of History as department secretary since 1964 when she was able to make the College’s first interdepartmental transfer from Dean J. Wilfred Lambert’s office.

There were other “firsts” in Mrs. Jones’ history at William and Mary—“first full-time secretary in the School of Arts and Sciences,” “first secretary to get a Selectric typewriter,” maybe even “first woman at the College to wear a pantsuit.”

She remembers when William and Mary had a total of only 1800 students, when there was no “new campus,” when the upstairs Brafferton rooms were rented out as guest rooms, and when a student used the cannon in front of the Wren Building to shoot a cannonball over President Chandler’s house.

Mrs. Jones’ college career started on March 31, 1959 when she and her husband happened to meet College

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Personnel Director Dennis K. Cogle in James Blair Hall. She had been looking for a job in Colonial Williamsburg, but Cogle told her about an opening in Dean Lambert's office. By noon that day she had received her fifteen minutes of training and was sorting and mailing in the Registrar's office.

At that time Lambert served as both Registrar and Dean of Students, so Mrs. Jones' responsibilities included scheduling evening and weekend social events on the college calendar as well as setting up "every permanent record card" for every undergraduate and graduate student at William and Mary.

"The pressure of doing two jobs finally got to me," Mrs. Jones said, and after six and a half years with Dean Lambert, she was able to transfer to the History Department.

"When I left they hired four people to do my job—one to do the Dean of Students' work and three to do the Registrar's work," noted Mrs. Jones.

"All the older professors on campus said I'd gone halfway to heaven," she added, explaining that the History Department was then located on the second floor of James Blair Hall.

At that time there were only five full-time history faculty members: Bruce McCully, Ludwell Johnson, Anthony Esler, Richard Sherman, and Dietrich Orlow. Thaddeus Tate served as part-time history faculty member and part-time book editor for the Institute of Early American History and Culture (IEAH&C). Lester Cappon was the Director of the IEAH&C and William Abbott supervised the history graduate program which did not then include a doctoral program.

Even before the doctoral program, though, Mrs. Jones was handling much of the graduate program work, so much so that when Dr. Abbott left the Department in 1965 he left a memo giving Mrs. Jones authority to handle all graduate-related mail.

"That was also the year I had to train a new chairman!" she recalls.

Business was slow when Mrs. Jones first came to the History Department. With such a small number of history faculty Mrs. Jones could take care of all departmental work herself. Soon, however, the work load became heavy enough to necessitate hiring a part-time secretary to type library book orders. This second secretary became full-time when both she and Mrs. Jones were again overburdened with work, and it was not long before student assistants were needed to help the busy department.

As the Department continued to expand, Mrs. Jones received a higher job classification to provide for her increased job duties, and in 1969 the Department moved to the third floor of Morton Hall to accommodate its then numerous faculty. To keep up with the work load of a larger faculty, Mrs. Jones started "training the professors to type their own stencils."

During her twenty years at William and Mary, Mrs. Jones witnessed many changes at the College. The Department of Education became the School of Education. The administration created the Campus Post Office. President Paschall requested that the Wren Building be designated a national landmark.

As for changes in students, "I think they're smarter," said Mrs. Jones. "They don't play as many pranks now either."

The sixties were not as turbulent at William and Mary as they were at some colleges and universities, Mrs. Jones recalls, although some faculty and students were very involved in anti-Vietnam War demonstrations. The day of the campus-wide, anti-Vietnam class boycott, the College President's secretary called Mrs. Jones and other departmental secretaries to inquire as to whether or not classes were being held. When Mrs. Jones reported that she could "actually see a history class in session," the relieved secretary replied, "Oh, good, we can tell the newspapers that we're holding class."

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The James Pinckney Harrison Professor

The James Pinckney Harrison Professor this past year was William Appleman Williams of Oregon State University. Williams, the author of The Tragedy of American Diplomacy and many other books and articles, has long been known as a leader of the revisionist school of American diplomatic history, particularly of the Cold War period. His Harrison Chair lectures on "Empire as a Way of Life" portrayed the United States as a "reluctant empire," tracing American imperialism back to the days of the founding fathers and stressing American reluctance to recognize the nation’s imperial role throughout this period. Professor Williams also taught courses this past year on the "Comparative Marine and Maritime History of the United States, China, and the Arab World," and on "Maritime Aspects of American Foreign Policy." During his stay at the college, Williams also held the position of

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President of the Organization of American Historians, and
continued his scholarly labors on American diplomatic and
mercantile history.

Professor George Rude, who will hold the Harrison
Chair during the 1980-81 school year, is an interna-
tionally known authority on one of the more volatile
elements in modern history—the role played by “the
crowd,” the hitherto faceless mobs that have contributed
significantly to the revolutions of the past three centuries.
Born in Norway and trained at Cambridge and the
University of London, Professor Rude has taught in
England, Scotland, Australia, and Canada, where he is
currently professor of history at Concordia University in
Montreal. His field of special interest has been the
revolutionary history of England and France in the
eighteenth century, but books like his pioneering study of
The Crowd in the French Revolution have exerted a much
broader influence among historians and social scientists
generally.

Rude will offer two seminar courses during the coming
year. During the fall term, he will present a graduate
seminar on “Themes in the Study of Revolutions,”
analysing modern ideological revolutions in terms of
causal factors, patterns of development, the part played by
peasants and workers, and the ideological commitments
of both the leaders and the led. Professor Rude’s spring
seminar for undergraduates will focus more precisely on
“Popular Protest in Pre-Industrial Europe,” with
emphasis on the forms such protest movements took in
France and England during the century between 1750 and
1850.

History Faculty

TEACHING: NEW COURSES AND TECHNIQUES

A number of William and Mary historians taught new or
innovative courses during the 1979-1980 academic year.
Professor James Axtell’s new course on “The Invasion of
North America” made use of slides, films, and artifacts,
including such unusual aspects of early American
material culture as ship’s biscuits, cod liver oil, and
scuppernong wine. Professor Richard Sigwalt, replacing
Professor Judith Ewell for the year, offered several new
courses, including one on “The Crisis in Southern Africa,”
and a Project PLUS tutorial on “Women and Power.” He
will give a course on “Christendom and Islam” during
the summer of 1980. Professors Edward Crapol and Cam
Walker also ran successful PLUS tutorials this past year.
Walker’s course focused on “The Better Half: Women in
America, 1607-1979.” Crapol’s spring tutorial, “The
Impact of Modernization on Sex Roles,” was team-taught
with Jeanne Zeidler.

Professor Jim Thompson, finally, was honored for past
theology this year. He was one of five Alumni Fellows
named as “outstanding teachers” by the Society of the
Alumni last fall. Thompson received a certificate of merit
and a check from the Society for his accomplishments as a
teacher.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

Five members of the history department have summer
research grants for 1980. Professor Philip Funigillo’s
research will focus on the early years of atomic energy in
the United States. Professor Ludwell Johnson will
investigate the influence of party politics and pressure
groups on the conduct of the Civil War. Professor Richard
Sherman plans to explore the beginnings of the U.S.
Bureau of Investigation. Professor George Strong will
continue his work on perspective and culture in the Third
Reich, and Professor Jim Whittenburg will carry on his
projected collective biography of the faculty and students
of the College of William and Mary from 1693 through
1900.

Professor Jim Axtell’s scholarly activities for the year
included a number of papers and reviews. His papers
included one on “The Indians in Seventeenth Century
Virginia” delivered before the National Parks Service
Conference on Women and Minorities at Jamestown last
September; a piece entitled “Last Rights: The
Acculturation of Native Funerals in Colonial North
America,” presented before the eleventh annual
Algonquian Conference in Ottawa, Canada, in October, to
be published this year in the Papers of the conference; a
paper on “The Invasion Within: The Contact of Cultures
in Colonial North America” given at the University of
Pennsylvania Workshop on Ethnohistory in November of
1979; a presentation on “The Unkindest Cut, or Who
Invented Scalping?” at St. Mary’s College of Maryland in
May of 1980; and a lecture on “The Invasion of North
America; An Indian Perspective,” given to a group of
visiting Chinese students in the Wren Building in June.
Axtell’s article on “The Unkindest Cut,” written with
William C. Sturtevant, will appear in the July number of
the William and Mary Quarterly this year. Professor
Axtell also published a review of H. C. Porter’s The
Inconstant Savage in the Journal of American History in
March, and one on David B. Quinn’s New American
World: A Documentary History of North America to 1612
in the July number of the William and Mary Quarterly.
Axtell’s book on The Indian Peoples of Eastern America:
A Documentary History of the Sexes will appear in 1981,
as will his collection of essays in ethnohistory, The
European and the Indian.

Professor Carlyle Beyer served as moderator of a
workshop on “Non-Traditional Students: Creative and
Unpredictable Students” at the National Collegiate
Honors Conference at Kent State University in October.
Beyer’s review of Rober M. Levine’s Pernambuco in the
Brazilian Federation 1889-1937 appeared in History: A

Professor Edward Crapol read a paper on “American
Political Abolitionists and the Campaign for Recognition
of Haitian Sovereignty, 1835-1845” at a meeting of the
Caribbean Studies Association at Curacao, Netherlands
Antilles, this past May.

Professor Philip J. Funigillo and Professor Joanne
Basso Funigillo of the Modern Languages Department
have co-authored an article on “E. U. R., 1936-1942: Architecture, Town Planning, and Fascist Ideology” for
the Canadian Journal of Italian Studies.

Judith Ewell’s recent papers include a talk on “The Law
of the Sea in the Caribbean,” delivered at the Caribbean
Studies Association, Curacao, in May of this year, and a
series of lectures at the Centro de estudios Politicos y
Sociales de America Latina on “Venezuela as a Caribbean
Power;” U.S. Policy Toward Latin America Since World
War II;” and “Political Expressions of Women in America
Latina.” Ewell’s book on Venezuelan strong man Perez
Jimenez is also due out this year.

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Professor Norman Fiering, Editor of Publications at the Institute of Early American History and Culture, has had his Guide to Book Publication for Historians published by the American Historical Association. The book deals with such essentials as style and form, publishers and contracts, editing, proofreading, and promotion. Charles T. Cullen, former Editor of the John Marshall Papers at the Institute, now Co-Editor of the Thomas Jefferson Papers at Princeton, returned to William and Mary to present a lecture on computerized indexing last fall.

Professor Ludwell Johnson's article on "Davis and Lincoln as War Presidents: A Comparison" has been accepted for publication by Civil War History. He gave a paper on "The Plundering Generation" to the Confederate Historical Institute in Richmond this past April and published book reviews in Civil War History and History. Johnson is looking forward to a research leave for the fall term of 1980, which will enable him to complete a manuscript on trade between the United States and the Confederacy, 1861-1865.

Professor Tom Sheppard took a day off from his duties as department chairman to chair a session on "Migration, Managerial Strategies, and Urban Workers, 1820-1914" at the twenty-sixth annual Conference for French Studies, which met at Georgetown University this past March.


Professors George Strong and Dale Hoak participated in a session on "History, Art, and Teaching" at the American Historical Association meeting in New York last December. Professor Strong's paper was entitled "Perspective and Culture in the Third Reich: Some Philosophical Insights to Hitler's Germany." Strong has also completed the manuscript of his book on the Austria of Emperor Franz Joseph. Professor Hoak's scholarly labors, besides his paper on "History, Art, and Teaching," included an article on "Rehabilitating the Duke of Northumberland: Politics and Political Control, 1549-1553," in a volume on The Mid-Tudor Policy 1540-1560, edited by J. Loach and R. Titler. Another article of Professor Hoak's, "History, Art, and Mentality: Witch-Hunting and Women in the Renaissance" is currently in press.

Professor Thad Tate, Director of the Institute of Early American History and Culture, has found time over the past year to produce a paper on "Problems of Definition in Environmental History" for last December's American Historical Association meeting, and to co-edit and contribute to a book on The Chesapeake in the Seventeenth Century, published by the University of North Carolina Press, with a paperback edition by W. W. Norton. Tate also delivered special lectures at St. Mary's College, Maryland, last April, and at the Historic Church at Annual meeting in May. Professor Tate's review of Raymond C. Bailey's Popular Influence Upon Public Policy: Petitioning in Eighteenth Century Virginia appeared in the April number of the North Carolina Historical Review.

Jim Whittenburg presented several papers this past year. He spoke on "God's Chosen in the Back Country" at the Southern Historical Association meeting in Atlanta last November; on the challenging topic, "Where Is the History: A Historian's View of Historical Archaeology" at the Society for Historical Archaeology in Albuquerque in January, 1980; and on "New Lights, Agrarians, and Republicans: A Context for the North Carolina Regulators" at a colloquium of the Institute for Early American History and Culture at William and Mary in March.

A PLEA FOR ALUMNI RESEARCH AID

Professor Whittenburg sends the following plea for alumni help with a project of some interest to William and Mary alumni:

"I am in the second year of a long-term study of the faculty and students of the college from 1693 to 1900. The project is aimed at two things: a collective biography of students and faculty that will be highly quantitative, and a collection of sketches in the mold of Sibley's Harvard Graduates. What I need is data, and I thought that just maybe our alumni could help supply it. If anyone either has information on the lives of past members of the college community or knows where any information might be, I would like very much to hear from them. By information, I mean just about anything, from a birth date to the names of children to (dare I hope) a diary or family Bible. Nothing should be overlooked as insignificant."

Please address any responses directly to Professor Jim Whittenburg at the college.

COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Historians continue to play an important part in the governance of the college. During the past year, Professor Jim McCord served as chairman of the Educational Policy Committee; Dale Hoak chaired the Committee on Faculty Research; Professor John Selby was chairman of the college's Graduate Studies Committee and served on the Library Committee; Edward Crapol headed up the Committee on Honors and Experimental Studies and served on Selby's Graduate Studies Committee; Jim Thompson headed the Committee on Interdisciplinary Studies; and Professor Cam Walker chaired the college's Nominating Committee.

Other department members who served with distinction on college-wide committees include: Craig Canning and Ludwell Johnson (Academic Status); Gilbert McArthur and George Strong (Foreign Studies), Carlyle Beyer (Honors and Experimental Programs), and A. Z. Freeman (Retention, Promotion and Tenure).

In service to the larger community, Professor Carlyle Beyer continues to serve as one of six members of the Virginia State Committee for the Selection of Rhodes Scholars. In addition, Professor Beyer initiated the organization of a new campus group last year, the William and Mary Debating Society.

Craig Canning and Gilbert McArthur led a discussion on "Sino-Soviet Relations: Afghanistan and Beyond" at
the Westwood Racquet Club this past April. Professor Canning continues his popular round of lectures on China and on Sino-American relations, which has taken him as far afield as the Chicago Society of the Alumni this year.

A number of other history faculty have given talks in Williamsburg and other Virginia communities. Professor Boyd Coynor discussed the Iranian and Afghan crises on the “Virginia Today” program on WTVR last January. Professor Dale Haeck gave a slide lecture to gifted children at Yorktown High School on “Art and the Problem of the Demonization of Women in the Renaissance.” And Professor Jim Thompson spoke on “The Christian Tightrope” at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church last November.

Finally, Professor Jim McCord’s performance as a member of the Williamsburg City Council these past four years was rewarded by re-election to the Council this spring. McCord received more votes than any other of the five candidates, and the largest percentage of the total vote cast in recent memory.

CHANGES

Professor Judith Ewell spent this past academic year as a Senior Fulbright Lecturer in American History at the Catholic University of Andres Bello in Caracas, Venezuela. Professor Ewell taught courses in U.S. history and in historical methodology at Andres Bello. During the coming year, Professor George Strong will be William and Mary exchange professor at the University of Exeter, England, where he will teach a seminar in German history and will lecture on European history since 1815. Professor Jeremy Noakes of Exeter will replace Strong at William and Mary for the 1980-81 academic year.

James Whittenburg was promoted to the rank of associate professor of history this past year. Both Whittenburg and Professor James Axstell received tenure in the spring of 1980.

Rachel Klein, a new fellow at the Institute of Early American History and Culture, has also been an assistant professor in the history department this last year. Ms. Klein received her doctorate at Yale. Thomas M. Doerrflinger, a Ph.D. candidate from Harvard, has received an appointment as fellow at the Institute and as assistant professor in the department for the two years 1980-82.

Last but not least, the department’s hard-working secretarial staff has undergone a drastic transformation this spring and summer. Mrs. Shirley Folkes, former secretary to the Classics Department, has moved up to the History Department this spring, replacing Mrs. Grace Jones, recently retired. Ms. Dianne Lofurno replaces Denise Dooverspike, who leaves the department this summer to take up a position on the Virginia Gazette.

Undergraduate Organizations and Activities

Both the History Students Organization and the Phi Alpha Theta history honorary had busy and successful years in 1979-80.

The HSO chose as its officers Annie Walton, President; Paula Ward, Vice President in Charge of Committees; Maria Fakady, Vice President for Publicity; Nancy Vehr, Secretary; and Amanda Howe, Treasurer. Professor Jim McCord served as faculty advisor for the organization.

Activities for the year included keg parties at Mayoak shelter in the fall and spring, and the traditional Christmas party in Wren Great Hall in December. The HSO also sponsored a series of lectures and field trips, including talks by Professor Jim Whittenburg on “Clio and Numbers—Statistical Method in Historical Research”; by Professor Jim McCord on “English Country Houses”; and by Professor Tom Sheppard on “Mardi Gras in the Eighteenth Century.” The Society also co-sponsored a field trip to the Chatsworth Exhibit at the Virginia Museum and to Agecroft Hall.

Phi Alpha Theta was headed up this year by Marcie Wall, President; Lisa Marling, Vice President; and Chris Zvosec, Historian. Professor Jim Whittenburg provided support as faculty advisor. Among activities undertaken during 1979-80 were a series of informal lunches with individual history teachers and a tea for faculty and graduate students held in the department library in April. A delegation from William and Mary also attended the regional conference of Phi Alpha Theta, held at Old Dominion University in March. Lisa Marling, Tom Carroll, Van West, Nancy Bramucci, and Professor Whittenburg all attended, and Carroll, West, and Bramucci read papers at the meeting.

HONORS AND AWARDS

For the first time, both the history department’s major awards for academic performance were divided between two deserving students this year. The Richard Lee Morton Scholarship, awarded on the basis of scholastic merit, character, and potential, went this year to Teresa Grant and Clay Clemens. Ms. Grant, a double major in history and anthropology, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and of Phi Alpha Theta, the history honorary. She received a Draper’s Scholarship and has been admitted to the London School of Economics, where she will study urban anthropology. Mr. Clemens was also a double major—in history and government. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, was Vice Chairman of the Publications Council, and served as student member on two college committees, the College Awards Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Undergraduate Curriculum. His honors thesis earned him high honors in the history department.

The William Elbert Faley Award, given each year for notable achievement in the history department’s honors program, was granted this spring to Kathleen Pickering and Mark Reed. Ms. Pickering, a double major in history and anthropology and a member of Phi Alpha Theta, earned high honors in history for her thesis on “Indian Women of the Eastern Woodlands,” written under the direction of Professor Jim Axstell. Mr. Reed, a history-economics double major and also a Phi Alpha Theta member, won high honors for a thesis entitled “Unfulfilled Promises: The Economic and Political Development of Page County, Virginia, 1865-1900,” directed by Professor Cam Walker.

Other history students who accepted the challenge of preparing a paper and facing a panel of professors to earn departmental honors this year were:

David Hancock, “The Palatinate: Eighteenth Century Culture in Transition,” directed by Professor George Strong (Highest Honors)

David Jones, “Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century American Attitudes Toward Blacks,” directed by Professor James Whittenburg (Honors).
Heidi Kunz, "The Conspicuous and Demned: The Theory of Veblen in the Art of Fitzgerald," directed by Professor Jim Thompson (Honors)

David Lucas, "The Desert War in North Africa, 1940-43," directed by Professor George Strong (High Honors)

Scott Maker, "The Personnel of the Royal Household in England 1549-1553," directed by Professor Dale Hoak (Honors)

Kathryn Steckelberg, "In Pursuit of Legal Equality: The Wisconsin Experiment 1921-1929," directed by Professor George Curtis (Honors).

Several history students were also selected for Phi Beta Kappa this year. These include Clay Clemens (a double concentrator in history and government), Teresa Grant (history and anthropology), David Hancock (history and music), and William John Stuntz (history and English).

News from the Director of Graduate Studies

A major attraction of the graduate program continues to be the apprentice and intern programs, which provide students at the master's and doctoral levels the opportunity to obtain practical experience in other career fields related to history. The most recent addition to our apprenticeship offerings, the interpretation and administration of historical sites program, has become one of the more popular, judging by the quality and quantity of applications for admission since its inauguration in the fall of 1977. The sites apprenticeship is a two-year program conducted jointly with Colonial Williamsburg.

The teaching internship for advanced doctoral students, which was implemented as part of the revised Ph.D. program, is another innovative feature of the graduate program. This past year Anne Chapman and Carter Hudgins did outstanding jobs in the European and American survey courses. In 1980-81 three of our Ph.D. candidates, Tom Carroll, Mike McConnell, and Van West, will serve as interns.

Presently the graduate program is undergoing a routine five year internal evaluation conducted by the Graduate Studies Committee of the College. Professor Robert Middelkauff, Chairman of the Department of History, University of California at Berkeley, served as the outside consultant. He briefly visited the campus to meet administrators, faculty and students in late March, 1980. The final report of the Graduate Studies Committee is expected in the fall.

DEGREES GRANTED

Two persons received the Ph.D. in May, 1980, and two students are expected to receive the Ph.D. in August, 1980. The recipients of May degrees, their dissertation titles, and dissertation directors are as follows:

Paul M. Pruitt, Jr.: "Joseph C. Manning: A Rebel Against the Solid South," directed by Cam Walker

Robert K. Wright, Jr.: "Organization and Doctrine in the Continental Army," directed by John Selby

The anticipated recipients of August degrees, their dissertation titles and dissertation directors are as follows:


Four Master's degrees were awarded in May, 1980; the recipients, their thesis titles, and their thesis directors are:

Carole Johnson Breiterbach: "Trading with the Enemy: Legal Theory and the Civil War," directed by Ludwell H. Johnson


Carol Ann Kettenburg: "The Battle of Williamsburg," directed by Ludwell H. Johnson

Jonathan H. Poston: "Ralph Worremeyle V of Rosegill: A Deposed Virginia Aristocrat, 1744-1781," directed by Thaddeus Tate

Mary M. Theobald: "The Indian Trade in Colonial Virginia, 1584-1725," directed by James Axtell

The following student is expected to receive the M.A. degree in August, 1980:


GRADUATES

Several people have accepted positions for the next year and the job market remains active, if not completely healthy. Carter Hudgins, a doctoral candidate, has accepted a position at Armstrong State in Savannah, Georgia. He will teach in the history department as well as do archaeological research in Savannah’s historical restoration project. Bob Lemire will be teaching at the Collegiate School in Richmond next year. And Don Wenger has accepted a position at Christopher Newport College, teaching the western civilization survey. At the M.A. level, Anita McGurn has taken a position as assistant editor of the diplomatic papers of Daniel Webster with the Webster Papers project at Dartmouth College. Susan Ellscher has been appointed archival and reference assistant at the American Baptist Historical Society in Rochester, New York. Nancy Bramucci has accepted a ten week summer internship at the Maryland Hall of Records in Annapolis.

Graduate publications continue to appear at an impressive rate. Two books by William and Mary Ph.D.’s have recently been published: John Dann’s The Revolution Remembered: Eyewitness Accounts of the War for Independence and Sarah S. Hughes’s Surveyors and Statesmen, Land Measuring in Colonial Virginia. Don Sweig’s article “The Human Dimension of the Interstate Slave Trade: A reassessment based on products from Alexandria to New Orleans,” which appeared in the Spring, 1980 issue of Prologue, has been awarded the 1979 Charles Thomson Prize. The award is made by Organization of American Historians and the National Archives for the best essay submitted that is based on research in the holdings of the National Archives or the Presidential Libraries. An article by Anne Chapman, entitled “Inadequacies of the 1848 Charleston Census,” appeared in the January, 1980 issue of the South Carolina Historical Magazine. C. Van West’s monograph, The Emergence of a Whig Stronghold: Rutledge County, 1835-1845, was published by the Rutherford County (Tennessee) Historical Society this spring. And three William and Mary graduate students presented papers at the regional conference of Phi Alpha Theta this spring: Nancy M. Bramucci spoke on “The Decline of a Baltimore Neighborhood: East Pleasant Street”; Thomas P. Carroll read a paper on “Many Good Things Put into One
ADMISSIONS

The Department received 64 applications for the M.A. program for 1980-81. Of that number 25 were judged acceptable and 14 accepted admission as follows: 4 Editing Apprentices, 1 Historical Archaeology Apprentice, 5 Historical Sites Apprentices, and 4 in the regular M.A. program. The geographical distribution of incoming M.A. students is diverse, with only 2 Virginia students in the new group.

Sixteen Ph.D. applications were received and 7 were offered admission, four of whom are expected to enroll. Three of the new Ph.D. students will concentrate in U.S. history since 1815 and the other will specialize in early American history.

Edward P. Crapol

News of Alumni

CATHY ALLIN (B.A. ’79) has been working for the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship in Charlottesville, Virginia. She will be transferred to Southern California in August, 1980.

CHRIS BASSFORD (B.A. ’78) was a graduate student, teaching assistant and a U.S. Army cadet at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, this past year.

MEREDITH LEE BEAN (B.A. ’79) is teaching sixth grade history and English in Arlington, Virginia.

JEANNE BECK now HOGENSON (M.A. ’73) continues to work as a full-time administrator at California State College, San Bernardino. She also teaches a history course each quarter.

PAMELA ANN BLACK (B.A. ’79) is working for the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C. as an executive secretary.

GREGORY LAWRENCE BLUS (B.A. ’78) was enrolled as a graduate student in the J. L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University for the academic year 1979-80.

KENDRA BONNETT (M.A. ’76) is currently working as a writer and editor for Far West Magazine in San Francisco and doing public relations work for the Women’s Educational Equity Communities there. Ms. Bonnett is also at work on an article for the consumption of alcohol in America for Esquire and has raised some interest among movie people with her recent research on the Hollywood scandals of the 1920s.

RUSSELL BROWN (B.A. ’80) will tour Europe this summer, then return to work as a manager trainee at the Bank of Warsaw, Virginia.

PAT BUTLER (B.A. ’67) is presently serving as Director of the Institute for History, Museums and Secondary Education at North Texas State University. Since graduating from William and Mary, Pat has earned his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins and has produced a number of papers and articles, particularly in his special field, death and sepulchral monuments in colonial Virginia.

ANN MORGAN CAMPBELL (M.A. student ’67-’68) has been Executive Director of the Society of American Archivists since 1974. Ms. Campbell has had a varied experience since her years at W&M, including ratio and television writing, college teaching, restoring historic homes, and “tutoring (a) university football team.” She is the first woman chief of staff of the Society of Archivists.

DOROTHY CAPPEL (M.A. ’60) is presently Production Editor in Social and Behavioral Sciences for Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich in New York City.

JOE CARVALHO (M.A. ’77) is now Local History Librarian at the Springfield City Library, Springfield, Massachusetts. He has worked on a number of historical publications, most recently an article which appeared in Histoire Sociale-Social History of the University of Ottawa.

CLAY CLEMENS (B.A. ’80) will go on to the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts next year.

KENNETH W. COKER (B.A. ’65, M.Ed. ’70) is still employed with the Prince George County (Virginia) School System, as he has been for the past fifteen years. He has recently completed two historical projects: the restoration of a family residence and the publication of a history of his home town, Waverly: The First Hundred Years, which appeared in the fall of 1979.

SUSAN V. CROGHAN (B.A. ’68) has had a varied career since leaving William and Mary. After earning a law degree at the University of Richmond in 1972, she joined the Navy to see the world. After five years in the service, she was discharged in Spain—where she has been studying, first at the University of Salamanca and then at the University of Madrid, where she is currently studying art history. “A typical William and Mary student,” as Mrs. Jones commented in a response to Susan’s letter, “always doing things that interest them and being completely independent in their thinking.”

RICHARD D. COUTURE (B.A. ’58), assistant professor of history at Longwood College, Virginia, has recently published A History of Powhatan County. The book, a comprehensive account from the Indians to the present, was brought out last fall by the Powhatan Historical Society.

SHERRY M. TODD, formerly CROGHAN (B.A. ’74) is currently doing reform organizing among culinary workers in San Francisco. She is considering a return to school for paralegal training in the near future.

JOHN C. DANN (M.A. ’70, Ph.D. ’75), presently Director of the Clements Library at the University of Michigan, has just published an intriguing new book on the American Revolution. The Revolution Remembered: Eyewitness Accounts of the War for Independence, out this spring, is a collection of first-hand accounts culled from the records of some 80,000 applications for pensions and bounty lands which Dann has examined in the past few years. The book is published by the University of Chicago Press and is a Book-of-the-Month-Club divided.

ROBERT B. DELANO (B.A. ’78), presently completing his second year at the William and Mary Law School, published an article on “The Northern Neck and Emergency Relief” in the December, 1979 issue of the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Magazine.

JOSEPH J. ELLIS (B.A. ’65), currently dean of the faculty and professor of history at Mount Holyoke, has recently published a volume entitled After the Revolution: Profiles of Early American Culture (Norton, 1979).

KAREN DENISE FOX (B.A. ’77) has been named one of three 1980-81 winners of Morehead Fellowships in Law at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. During the academic year 1979-80, Ms. Fox held a Morehead Fellowship in the business school at UNC.

ELIZABETH GALLOWAY (B.A. ’77) has been attending the Duke University Law School this past year.

BENTON EARL GATES, III (B.A. ’79) is attending Fuller Theological Seminary in California.

SUSAN HILL GREG, now SUSAN GROSS, (M.A. ’67) is currently producing a series of studies of women in other cultures for high school students under a Title IV-C grant. She and a partner have prepared and tested units on Women in India, Russia, the Middle East and China and are working on studies of women in several other cultures. Each unit includes a book, filmstrip, bibliography, teacher’s guide and supplemental readings. Ms. Gross, who taught high school for ten years before developing the present project, assures us that “there are possibilities of careers in history!”

JOHN HANCOCK (B.A. ’80) will attend the University of Wisconsin Law School this fall on a full scholarship.

DON HAYCRAFT (B.A. ’77) worked this past year as an aide to Senator Gordon Humphrey (Rep., New Hampshire) on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

LARRY LEIGHTLEY (B.A. ’72) recently graduated from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, has already been deeply involved in foreign policy analysis for some time. His work has
included a number of projects on nuclear weapons deployment and limitation for the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, as well as recent analysis of the South East Asian area for the Central Intelligence Agency.

BOB LEMIRE (Ph.D. candidate) served on the faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University this past year.

W. BRUCE LINCOLN (B.A. ’60), who is an associate professor of history at Northern Illinois University, has recently published a book on Nicholas I. Emperor and Autocrat of All the Russians. Lincoln has also written a volume on Nikolai Milutin: An Enlightened Russian Bureaucrat and a number of articles on Tsarist Russia.

WILLIAM CURTIS LOWE (B.A. ’69) is now teaching English history at Blackburn College in Moline, Illinois.

VALERIE LUND (M.A. ’78) graduates from law school this spring and will join the large Los Angeles law firm of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter and Hampton at that time.

LISA MARLING (B.A. ’90) intends to work next year, and thereafter to decide between studying for the ministry or going directly into overseas missionary work.

GREG MAY (B.A. ’75) is clerking this year with Justice Louis Powell of the U.S. Supreme Court and will join Justice Powell’s law firm in Richmond this coming year.

MARY PRESCOTT METZGER (B.A. ’75) is currently in the Archival Research and Historic Sites Archaeology Program at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

REID MITCHELL (M.A. ’79) has enrolled in the University of California at Berkeley to study U.S. history.

MICHAEL L. NICHOLS (Ph.D. ’72) co-edited a book last fall on Legacies of the American Revolution. Nichols, who received the history department’s first doctoral degree, is associate professor of history at Utah State University at Logan.

JAMES M. O’TOOLE (M.A. ’73) has been developing “a model records project” as archivist of the Archdiocese of Boston and first editor of a new publication, the Catholic Archives Newsletter.

KAREN PEACOCK (B.A. ’77) received her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas at Austin this spring, will join the legal department of Shell Oil, Houston, in June.

KATHLEEN PICKERING (B.A. ’80) plans to travel in Europe and on to India following her graduation this spring.

MARK REED (B.A. ’80) plans to attend Marshall-Wythe School of Law next year.

CONSTANCE RITTER (B.A. ’77) has been attending Vanderbilt School of Business, where she won a large scholarship last year.

JOHN K. ROWLAND (Ph.D. ’78) is presently a lecturer in the Department of History at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

MARCIA SCHMIDT (B.A. ’77) has been accepted for graduate study at the University of New Hampshire, beginning this coming fall.

JEFF SCONYERS (B.A. ’76), a history honors student at William and Mary, attended Yale Law School this past year.

WILLIAM SILKWOOD (B.A. ’79) is doing lay ministry work in New York City’s Bowery for the Catholic Worker Organization.

KAREN A. STUART (M.A. expected 1980) is Assistant Manuscripts Librarian at the Museum and Library of Maryland History of the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore. She also serves as Assistant Editor of the Maryland Historical Magazine.

DORIS C. STURZENBERGER (M.A. ’79) is busy as Project Coordinator of the Writings of Isaac Mayer Wise, founder of Hebrew Union College, for the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

GREER SULLIVAN (B.A. ’76) received her medical degree from the University of Mississippi this spring, receiving at the same time the university’s Pennington Award for Psychiatry. Ms. Sullivan plans to intern at Baylor next year, take a well-earned year off, and then go on to three years of residency in her chosen field of psychiatric medicine.

GEORGIA SUTTON (B.A. ’77), after some time working on her M.A. at George Washington University, enrolled this past year at the University of Richmond Law School.

MARY FRANCES SWEENEY (B.A. ’78), having earned her Legal Assistance Certificate at Georgetown University in 1978, has been working in the office of Congressman Joseph P. Addabbo in Washington. She plans to undertake further legal studies in the near future.

MIKE TANKERSLEY (B.A. ’60) has received an archival internship at the Maryland Hall of Records at Annapolis for this summer.

MARY MILEY THOBALL (B.A. ’74) is completing her second year in the Historic Sites Apprenticeship Program at William and Mary and will receive her M.A. this year.

JEFFREY THOMSEN (B.A. ’79) has been a painting contractor this past year, will enter Temple Law School in Philadelphia this fall.

WILLIAM H. TONER (M.A. ’70), formerly Director of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, has recently been named Director of Public Relations for the Worcester Art Museum in Worcester, Massachusetts.

FRANK M. TURNER (B.A. ’66), who teaches history at Yale University, last year co-authored a textbook on The Western Heritage, published by MacMillan.

MARGIE WALL (B.A. ’80) plans to attend law school this fall.

TIMOTHY RONALD WATSON (B.A. ’70), currently at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, has received a Fulbright-Hayes grant to study at the Archives Nationales in France for the 1980-81 academic year.

STEVEN GLYNN WHITTEN (B.A. ’72) and his wife Paige Janis Reid Whitten, also a William and Mary graduate, have devoted their spare time over the past four years to building a Williamsburg-style colonial home for themselves on a hill near their high school teaching jobs in Goochland County, Virginia.

JAMES EDWARD WILCOX (B.A. ’75) began private law practice in Springfield, Virginia, this year.

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Mrs. Jones would like to see a more enlightened view of women at William and Mary. “Attitudes toward women haven’t changed that much in the administration,” she comments. “I don’t think females need to be upgraded just because they’re females, but they should be treated equally if they have equal expertise.” She also hopes there will be more opportunity for women and blacks on the administrative level, but admits that the problem is not just the College’s. “it’s the whole state attitude.”

“It’s the challenge of the growth at William and Mary” that has kept Mrs. Jones at the College for so long.

A cross-country trip to Colorado is among Mrs. Jones’ immediate plans for her retirement. She also hopes to once again take voice lessons, possibly work for the American Cancer Society in their outreach program, or work for a community Hot Line program.

“Being involved with youngsters keeps you young,” she mentioned, “and I’d always like to do that.”

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