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Joseph Werne to Retire After Nearly 40 Years on Faculty

As Dr. Joseph Werne looks toward retirement, says he would do it all again.

Nine months after he was born, his parents bought a dairy farm in Ohio. He milked cows every morning. When he went to Dennison University, he majored in history with a plan to go to law school. Instead, Professor David S. Watson, a British historian, inspired him to pursue a career in academia. In graduate school at Kent State University, he specialized in Latin American history, which was natural for him, because he had relatives in Guatemala. He studied Spanish, and he never regretted his decision.



Dr. Werne in his office with pictures of famous figures in Latin American history.

When he came to Southeast in 1972, the Department of History's secretary had a manual Smith-Corona typewriter and a mimeograph machine. The Department had twenty-two faculty members. All students had to take five credit hours of United States history, and

most of them also took Western Civilization I and II. Since that time, technology has changed, history requirements have been reduced, and the faculty has become smaller. But he says he has always enjoyed working with students and colleagues.

His research has focused on the United States-Mexican Border. In 2007, he published a book entitled *The Imaginary Line: A History of the United States and Mexican Boundary Survey, 1848-1857*. Currently, he is conducting research on the extremely corrupt Governor of Baja, California Norte between 1910 and 1920. He frequently does archival research in Mexico.

His plans for retirement include finishing his second book and traveling with his wife Pat to Spain, Portugal, New Zealand and Australia. Also in his future are visits with children and grandchildren.

Department Hosts Guest Lecturers

With funding from generous donors, the Department of History invites distinguished lecturers to give programs on campus.

On Nov. 12, 2009, Dr. Thomas F. Madden, an award-winning author, delivered a lecture entitled "The Crusades on Trial: Medieval History vs. Modern Myths." This special event, sponsored by Stan and Debbie Crader, the Department of History, the College of Liberal Arts and the Southeast Missouri University Foundation, inaugurated an annual Humanities Lecture. On Nov. 15, 2010, Dr. Honora Howell Chapman's lecture on early Christianity, the second in the series, will take place at 7 p.m. in the Show Me Center.

On April 8, 2010, Dr. Carole Levin, Willa Cather professor of history at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, gave the annual Harold Holmes Dugger Lecture on the topic "Looking for Queen Elizabeth I and the Woman's Part in Renaissance England."

Dr. Levin's presentation was one of several events sponsored by the Department of History in connection with the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Women's History Month. The Dugger lecture is a long-standing event honoring the memory of Dr. Dugger, a former member of the faculty.

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Chair Chat

with Dr. Wayne H. Bowen

This has been an exciting and positive year for the department, with increased enrollment, major changes to our curriculum and continued accomplishments by our faculty and students.

I am happy to have such an excellent group of colleagues, who have allowed me to continue for a second year in the best job at Southeast.

First, some good news: our enrollments continue to increase, with a 10 percent surge over fall 2008. Historic preservation had the largest rise in the number of majors, up 12.5 percent, with the Bachelor of Arts (up 12 percent) and Social Studies Education (up 7.2 percent) also showing very healthy growth.

Our students continue to achieve great things. Jennifer Topper, a graduate assistant in the department, received the Graduate Student Experiential Learning Award for her internship at Jefferson Barracks Heritage Foundation. Lauren Pollien, an undergraduate historic preservation major, completed Academic Distinction and University Honors projects, based on her internship at the Smithsonian Art Museum, Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Matthew Haug, a B.A. major, has been accepted into the M.A. program in military history at Austin Peay State University, which also awarded him a graduate assistantship.

Departmental faculty continue to accumulate recognitions, both on- and off-campus. I remain impressed by the high quality of teaching, dedication to research and unparalleled service accomplishments of the department. Among the external recognitions of the department's faculty, let me highlight five:

- Dr. Bonnie Stepenoff published her fifth book, *The Dead End Kids of St. Louis*, with the University of Missouri Press.
- Dr. Steve Hoffman received both the *Volunteer of the Year Award* and *Charles L. Hutson Visionary Award* from Cape Girardeau's "Old Town Cape" organization.
- Dr. Joel Rhodes served as an invited judge for National History Day in Washington, D.C.
- Dr. Frank Nickell edited and published three books through the Center for Regional History.
- Dr. Daryl Fridley completed a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Fellowship, through Southeast's Center for Scholarship in Teaching and Learning. His project title: *Teachers as Primary Sources: Assessing the Effects of Conducting Teacher Interviews on Social Studies Teacher Candidates' Perceptions about Teaching*.

As you might remember from last year, the department began in 2009 a campaign to support undergraduates, graduate students and faculty in their professional development. With funds raised last year, we were able to support students such as Lauren and Jennifer, mentioned previously, for their accomplishments. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will see an additional opportunity to participate in this capital campaign. Our goal is to build an ongoing endowment that will help students and faculty for many years to come.

On a related note, I would like to thank the friends of the department who made contributions to the Center for Regional History, historic preservation program, Jenkins Memorial Scholarship Fund, Mulkey-White Preservation Scholarship Fund, Harold Dugger Lecture Fund, Lawrence and Alice Breeze Library Endowment Fund and the Alberta Macke Dougan Social Studies Scholarship. Thank you especially to those who donated to the new Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship, created to honor the late Dr. Chris Schnell, who passed away in 2009. I am pleased to report that we received a sufficient amount to award this \$500 scholarship for the next five years. Gifts to these funds are always welcome, and are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law, using the form elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thanks to the generosity of Stan and Debbie Crader, on Nov. 12, 2009, the department hosted a lecture on the Crusades by Dr. Thomas Madden, history professor and director of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Saint Louis University. The talk, which witnessed a standing-room only audience in the University Ballroom, was the inaugural of what we expect will be an annual Humanities Lecture. This fall's lecture, by Dr. Honora Howell Chapman, professor of classics and humanities at California State University-Fresno will be on the subject "Early Christianity, the Temple at Jerusalem and the Fate of Western Civilization." The event will be on Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, at 7 p.m. in the Show Me Center combined meeting rooms. The speaker will be a guest at a dinner preceding the lecture, also at the Show Me Center. Look for invitations and additional publicity about Dr. Chapman's visit this fall. We encourage all friends of the department to make plans to attend both events.

In March of this year, the University's Board of Regents approved a new M.A. in public history degree, as well as graduate certificate programs in historic preservation and heritage education. We believe all three of these programs, in conjunction with our ongoing M.A. in history degree, will appeal to a broader audience of potential graduate students. With these changes, we will be one of a few dozen departments offering graduate degrees in public

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history, as well as one of a handful granting certificates.

I am pleased to announce that, after a national search and almost 150 applications received, we can announce a new hire: Dr. Kathryne Beebe, who received her Ph.D. from Oxford University, will be joining us this fall. A native of Missouri, she is a specialist in medieval history. I am also happy to report that John Chandler will be continuing with us, as a full-time instructor at the regional campuses. John received his M.A. from Southeast and has taught for the department as an adjunct for several years.

This year, we say goodbye to Mr. David Briggs, who will be joining his wife, Professor Pat Reagan, outgoing chair of the Department of Art, in retirement. David has been an indispensable colleague, whose popularity with students, academic rigor and service to the department will be missed. We are fortunate to have in Laurie Hamblin an excellent replacement for David, but we are nonetheless sad to see him go. We also say goodbye to Dr. Craig Nakashian, with us for one year as a visiting instructor, who has received a tenure-track assistant professorship at Texas A&M-Textarkana. We will miss him, appreciate his service to the department and wish him all the best in his well-deserved appointment.

In the midst of trying economic times, I am pleased to be a member of the finest department at Southeast and consider myself fortunate to be here. Thank you again to everyone – faculty, students, staff, emeriti and alumni – who have been so supportive of me and of the department.

Moving On: David Briggs

As the students return in the fall of 2010 they will miss an instructor from the Department of History who many have enjoyed chatting with outside the classroom and learning from within it. David Briggs will be leaving Carnahan Hall to join his wife, Pat Reagan, in Annapolis, Md. David officially joined the departmental faculty in fall 2006 as a full-time RNTT instructor. Previously he taught as an adjunct instructor and had trained as a master's candidate in United States history.

Dave brought a special presence to the department. A Vietnam War veteran and veteran employee in the business world, his demeanor was frank, matter of fact and replete with gravitas. Yet it was evident the students found him approachable and enjoyed his classes. He could often be seen chatting with them on campus. When asked about his popularity, Briggs replied, "I try to inject some humor into class, I try to pass on some real life experiences and I try to learn their names." He related an incident in which a senior noted on his teaching evaluation that he was the first professor in her four years at Southeast to call her by name in class.

Briggs described his time in the department as "a dream come true." His desire to teach began when he was an undergraduate at Rutgers University. After graduating in 1966, he spent three years in the United States Army,

one of which he served as Infantry Platoon Leader in Vietnam. By the time he left the military he was married with a one and a half year-old son, so he found a job with New Jersey Bell Telephone. During his 30 years with the company, the goal of teaching never entirely left him. Dave eventually found his way to Southeast when he re-met and married Pat Reagan, an art professor at Southeast. They had originally known each other in high school. He moved to Cape Girardeau and began a master's program in history. Dr. Alberta Dougan and Dr. Frank Nickell especially saw the merit in his abilities and encouraged him to begin teaching. During his time at Southeast he has taught courses such as US 105, US 107 and UI 100. He also taught at the regional campuses and via ITV.

On May 4, the department held a surprise going away party for Briggs, who was convinced that the gathering was an emergency faculty meeting. Never known to miss a meeting, Briggs planned to attend ready to discuss business matters. When the surprise came out he was truly moved. He spoke eloquently, thanking each of the faculty for the help they had given. "I never thought I'd get a chance to teach in a university. I loved it. I loved every moment of it. I loved the students. I loved the classroom. It has truly been a dream come true."

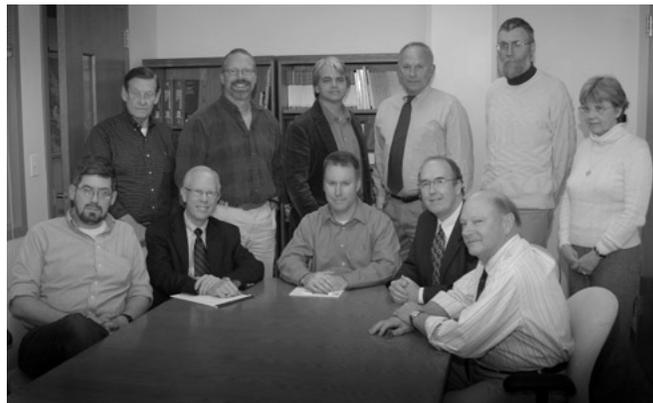
Faculty News

Kathryne Beebe returned to her home state of Missouri and joined the history faculty after almost 10 years in the United Kingdom. In May, she presented a paper entitled “Translating Pilgrimages for Nuns: The Latin and German Travel Accounts of Friar Felix Fabri” at the 45th Annual International Medieval Congress at Kalamazoo, Michigan. This past year she and Jonathan Williams, conductor of an all-female vocal ensemble, combined images, selections from Fabri’s text and medieval music to create a multimedia concert. An article about the event will appear soon in the inter-disciplinary journal *Glimpse*. This November, she will travel to Jerusalem as part of a conference on Visual Constructs of Jerusalem throughout history.

Wayne H. Bowen, chair, had an active year professionally. He published an article, “Spanish Political Pilgrims to Nazi Germany,” in *The Historian* fall/winter 2009, presented the scholarly paper “The Spanish and Ottoman Empires in the Western Mediterranean, 1714-1914” at the conference of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa in Washington, D.C., and chaired a panel, “Remembering and Memorializing Traumatic Events” at the conferences of the Southern Historical Association –European History Section in Louisville, Ky. In July and August 2009, Bowen conducted a research trip in Madrid, gathering materials on relations between Spain and the Ottoman Empire, as well as worked on his next book on Spain and the Civil War to be published in 2011 by the University of Missouri Press. The trip was funded by grants from Southeast, the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa and the program for Cultural Cooperation between Spain’s Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sports and United States’ Universities. Most importantly, Bowen and his wife Kendra became parents for the second time with the arrival of Nathan Daniel Bowen, who joins big brother Sam.

David Cameron, Bachelor of Arts advisor, has completed an article entitled “An Economic Bridgehead: Weimar Germany’s Attempt to Mediate between Soviet Russia and the United States.” His paper on “Local Police Forces and the Holocaust in Galicia, 1941-1944” has been accepted for presentation at the annual convention of the Southern Historical Association in November 2010. He gave a talk on “The European Dictatorships: Nazi German and Soviet Russia” in spring 2010 as part of Kent Library’s Athenaeum series.

Eric Clements was promoted to full professor at the end



Back Row: Frank Nickell, Joel Rhodes, Daryl Fridley, David Briggs, Eric Clements, Bonnie Stephenoff

Front Row: David Cameron, Dalton Curtis, Wayne Bowen, Steve Hoffman, Joe Werne

of June 2009. That same month he attended the national convention of the Mining History Association in Creede, Colo., and the Eighth International Mining Conference at Redruth, Cornwall, England. His article, “Pragmatic Revolutionaries?: Tactics, Ideologies, and the Western Federation of Miners in the Progressive Era,” appeared in the winter (November) 2009 issue of the *Western Historical Quarterly*. He published a photo essay and book review in the 2009 issue of the *Mining History Journal*, which he edited for the ninth year. In the fall semester he taught the department’s Colonial and Revolutionary America course for the first time.

Dalton Curtis had articles on “George Counts” and “Social Reconstructionism” published in the *Encyclopedia of Educational Reform and Dissent*. He also presented a paper entitled “Will More Mean Worse? Kingsley Amis, Noel Annan and the Debate over the Reform of Higher Education in Britain in the 1960s” to the Society of Philosophy and History of Education. His teaching activities included WH600 (Readings in World History) on the topic “The British Empire,” obtaining a grant from the Kent Library Endowment Fund for books on the Enlightenment and participating in a workshop on “Teaching the Crusades” conducted by Professor Thomas F. Madden of Saint Louis University. Curtis conducted a seminar on the Depression and World War II for teachers in the Poplar Bluff School District. He also chaired a departmental search committee.

Daryl Fridley, social studies program coordinator, presented a paper on recent changes in the Social Studies program at the National Council for the Social Studies annual conference in November. He has also been involved in recent alterations to the department’s graduate program by collaborating in the new M. A. in public history degree. More recently his research has focused upon how teacher candidate beliefs about teaching might be influenced

through interviews with veteran teachers. Dr. Fridley encourages social studies graduates to share with him suggestions for improving the social studies program, news of job openings and changes in job status.

Laurie Hamblin will be leaving her position as instructor at the regional campuses and replacing David Briggs as an instructor on the main campus. During the past two years, she benefitted from trips to Italy and Greece, which enhanced her early European civilization course. She also taught American history survey courses, early and modern European civilization, and the American presidency. In 2010-2011, she will take on the responsibility of editing *Pastscript* and coordinating History Day.

Steven Hoffman, coordinator of the Historic Preservation Program, helped prepare Cape Girardeau's first local landmark district, the Boulevard Historic District, which was approved by the city council in September 2009. He has remained active in the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street program at the state and local levels, continuing to represent the University on the Main Street program for Cape Girardeau, Old Town Cape, and as president of the board of directors of the state-wide Main Street organization, Missouri Main Street Connection. He delivered a presentation, "All Circuits Are Busy: How to Keep and Not Burn Out Your Executive Director," at the Missouri Main Street annual conference in Kansas City, Mo. He also made a professional presentation on Cape Girardeau's Downtown Strategic Plan at the American Planning Association meeting in Springfield, Missouri. Working with several students, he prepared a draft National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Falling Springs Mill and Log Building in Oregon County, Mo. and is currently completing the nomination for Cape Girardeau's Court of Common Pleas building. He received the "Civic Engagement Award for Outstanding Service and Engagement in the University Community" in May 2009, the Charles L. Hutson Visionary Award and Volunteer of the Year awards for 2009 from Old Town Cape.

Craig Nakashian received the Ph.D. in March 2010 from the University of Rochester. After completing one year as a visiting instructor, he is moving on to a tenure-track position at Texas A&M-Texarkana. He organized and moderated a panel entitled "Chivalry and the Effects of War" at the 45th Annual International Medieval Congress at Kalamazoo, Mich. The panel included presenters from the United States and the United Kingdom, and their papers illuminated the concept of chivalry across borders and time.

Frank Nickell, director, Center for Regional History, received the annual PRIDE Award from Southeast

Missouri State University and the Governor's Award for Excellence in Education in 2010. He continued the series *Almost Yesterday* on KRCU-FM and published essays on "Special People, Special Places," in the *Southeast Missourian* newspaper. In addition, he served as chair of Missouri's Mississippi River Parkway Commission and as a member of the Missouri Board on Geographic Names. The Center for Regional History published three books, including *From Farm to Front* by Dr. Larry Breeze, Professor Emeritus of history at Southeast.

Joel Rhodes co-produced the Cape Girardeau Storytelling Festival and was confirmed by the Missouri Senate as a member of the Missouri Historical Records Advisory Board. He chaired and commented on a session on "Social Reform in the Missouri Press, 1966-1975" at the 52nd Annual Missouri Conference on History in Jefferson City. The chapter, "Motor City Panthers," which he co-authored with Dr. Judson L. Jeffries from the Ohio State University, is included in *On the Ground: the Black panther party in Communities Across America*, edited by Jeffries (Oxford: University Press of Mississippi, 2010). He shifted his research focus to the Vietnam era and began work on a new book tentatively entitled *In a Land Called Honah-Lee: The Sixties in the Lives of American Children*.

Bonnie Stepenoff's fifth book, *The Dead End Kids of St. Louis: Homeless Boys and the People Who Tried to Save Them*, was published in spring 2010 by the University of Missouri Press. Her article, "Child Savers and St. Louis Newsboys, 1896-1948," appeared in the April 2010 issue of *The Missouri Historical Review*. On both these projects, her research was supported by the University's Grants and Research Funding Committee and by a Foley Fellowship from the Friends of the Missouri State Archives. On Sept. 14, 2009, she gave a presentation entitled "Nature and the New Deal: The CCC at Big Spring in the 1930s" as part of the Ozark Studies Lecture Program at Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo. She serves on the editorial advisory board of *Elder Mountain: A Journal of Ozarks Studies*, and she continues to serve on the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. In May 2010 she received the Honors Award for Scholarship or Creative Activity from the College of Liberal Arts. This issue marks her tenth year as editor of *Pastscript*.

Joseph Werne, graduate coordinator, completed a month of research last summer concerning Baja California during the Mexican Revolution of 1910 in the Archivo General de la Nacion in Mexico City funded by a grant for the University's Grants and Research Funding Committee. Werne continued as graduate advisor. This summer he spent five weeks in Brazil.

Alumni News

John Rodney Hitt (B.A., 1950) is retired and living in Nashville, Tenn.

Timothy J. Patterson (B.S. Ed, 1963) is a retired circuit judge for the state of Missouri.

Col. John E. Gebhards, USA-Ret. (B.S. Ed, 1967) retired from the U.S. Army Special Forces. His last assignment, prior to Desert Storm, was First Special Operations Command G5. He retired from a position with 3M Company as director of military and government sales in 2003 and is currently employed as a sales manager for a manufacturing representatives firm in St. Louis, Mo.

Keith A. Dunn (B.S. Ed, 1969) retired from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and works as an independent consultant for several aerospace defense companies. He also serves as a mentor for the Joint Forces Staff College and assists the Ministries of Defense of former Soviet Republics in revising their practices to conform to NATO policies.

Dennis Kellogg (M.A., 1981) is a department chair in history, archaeology and anthropology at Des Moines Area Community College in Iowa, where he has received the Outstanding Teaching Award and the Diversity Award.

Debra A. Reid (B.S. HP, 1982) was promoted to full professor at Eastern Illinois University in fall 2009. She edited a collection of essays, *Seeking Inalienable Rights: Texans and Their Quests for Justice*, which was published in 2009 by Texas A&M University Press. This was her second book.

John W. Helderman (B.S. Ed, 1983; MA, 2001) retired from

teaching in 2008 and is now a building contractor. He taught at Scott City (Missouri) High School from 1984 to 2008. He continues to study history as a hobby.

Becky Bradley (B.S. HP, 1998) is the director of planning and development for the city of Easton, Pa., where she won a statewide award for her work developing the first comprehensive municipal smart growth code in the state. She holds a Master of Urban Planning degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Paul Arnold (B.S. HP, 2004) teaches at Malden R-1 schools and continues to volunteer at the Stars and Stripes Museum in Bloomfield, Mo. His students excelled in the History Day competition, and he has been the recipient of the Joseph Webber Missouri History Merit Prize from the National History Day organization.

Robyn Mainor (B.S. HP, 2005) is preservation services director for Historic Augusta, Inc., in Georgia.

Diane Riley (B.S. HP, 2007) is an exhibition designer for the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis. In May 2009, she graduated from the University of the Arts with a Master of Fine Arts degree in museum exhibition planning and design.

Zach Daughtrey (M.A., 2008) is currently working toward a Ph.D. in history at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Ok.

Kristina Pruett (M.A., 2010) is coordinator of grants and scholarships for Edison Community College in Piqua, Ohio.

In Memoriam: Robert Skelton



Colleagues remember Dr. Robert Skelton as a proud Native American, who carried a heavy course load, advised social studies majors and did it with unflappable good humor. Skelton passed away on Feb. 16, 2010, at the age of 71.

Born in Tahlequah, Okla., he was a voting member of the Western Band of the Cherokee Nation. His great-grandfather, Buckskin Waters, lost his parents during the forced march on the Trail of Tears. Throughout his career, Skelton did research on the Trail of Tears. In the 1990s, he served as an advisor to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the National Park Service on the preservation and commemoration of that historic trail.

After receiving a doctorate in education from the University of Arkansas in 1969, he joined the faculty of the Department of History. During his 31-year career, he served as a Faculty Senator, University Archivist and a member of committees on minority issues, athletics and criminal justice. For 30 years he was a member of the Southeast Missouri Council of Social Studies.

When he retired in 2001, Skelton said he loved history “even as a little kid” and never regretted his choice of career. Studying history, he said, “gives people perspective, broadens your outlook.”

After retirement, he moved to a farm in Stoddard County near Bloomfield with his wife Kathy. Among his great pleasures were tending his cattle, hunting and fishing. But he kept his ties to history by serving as a board member of the Stars and Stripes Museum in Bloomfield. In February 2010, the Museum held a reception celebrating his life and work.



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From French Community to Missouri Town: Ste. Genevieve in the Nineteenth Century by Bonnie Stepenoff

The History of Saudi Arabia by Wayne Bowen

The Imaginary Line: A History of the United States and Mexican Boundary Survey 1848-1857 by Joseph Werne

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