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## Chair Chat Wayne H. Bowen

This has been a year of changes for the department – but then, aren't they all? Let me first highlight some departures. A lion of the department, **Dr. Joseph Werne**, retired in May after thirty-nine years of service as a professor at Southeast. A noted historian of Mexico, Joe was a popular teacher and committed colleague, playing a major role in every significant development in the department over four decades. On a personal note, he provided me with indispensable sage advice over my first three years as chair. We hope to see him back in Carnahan frequently, as he promises to return with tales of grandkids, trips to the four corners of the world, stories of his hunting adventures, and updates on his long-promised second book.

Fortunately, we were able to find an impressive new colleague to fill Joe's courses in Latin American history. **Dr. Erika Hosselkus** joins us this fall, with her new Ph.D. in hand from Tulane University. A specialist in colonial Mexico, she is engaged in exciting research on indigenous religion and death practices. We're looking forward to seeing the great things she will do in the department and in Latin American history. As an early vote of confidence, all of her first semester classes are filled to capacity.

We also say good-bye to **Kay Kimmich-Choate**, Administrative Assistant to the Department of History, after her thirty-three years at the university. She has been a treasured staff contributor for many years, providing a warm welcome and indispensable help to anyone who made their way to the department. She intends to spend more time with her children and grandchildren, as well as with her many friends in Cape. We could never quite replace Kay, but I am pleased to introduce **Patsy Seabaugh** as the new

Administrative Assistant in the department. Patsy comes to us from Extended Learning, but is hardly a stranger, as she holds the MA in History from our department.

The department continues to feature several public lectures, as part of our efforts to encourage more community and campus engagement in history. On December 1, 2010, our own **Dr. Rusty Curtis** delivered the annual Friends of History lecture, on "University Reform in Atlantic World History: The Case of Britain." This series each year is given by a member of the department, featuring their research in an engaging and accessible way.

Our newest series, sponsored by **Stan and Debbie Crader**, focuses on key events and figures in the Western tradition. Our second annual Crader Humanities lecture, on "Early Christianity, the Temple at Jerusalem, and the Fate of Western Civilization" was delivered on November 15, 2010, by **Dr. Honora Howell Chapman**, Associate Professor of Classics and Humanities and Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College at California State University, Fresno. The talk, to a capacity audience in Rose Theatre, was well-received on campus and in the community.

This fall, we will host **Dr. Peter Lillback**, President of Westminster Theological Seminary, on November 3, for a lecture on "The Faith of George Washington." The event will be in Rose Theatre, at 7pm, and is free and open to the public. Look for additional announcements about this event and associated activities with Dr. Lillback. We are very grateful to the Crader Family for supporting this series, and hope to make it a permanent part of the intellectual life of Southeast.

On April 14, 2011, we hosted our annual lecture in honor of the late **Professor Emeritus Harold Holmes Dugger**. The event this year was saddened by the passing in December of **Irene Dugger**, widow of Dr. Dugger. Mrs. Dugger had been a dear friend of the department for many

years, attending lectures and other events. Our speaker for the Dugger lecture was **Dr. Heather Huyck**, visiting associate professor at the College of William and Mary, and retired regional chief historian, National Park Service Northeast Region. Her talk, "Doing History in Public: How Historians Make a Difference" was selected to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Historic Preservation Program.

Related to our efforts in public history, this academic year is the first in which we are offering our new MA in Public History, as well as graduate certificates in Historic Preservation and Heritage Education. We've already seen enthusiasm for these new offerings, with enrollments up by 50% over the past year, and record numbers of applications. As a measure of the university's support to our expanded program, we now have three fully-funded graduate assistantships this fall, and hope to continue with these allocations.

We've also seen record enrollment in our undergraduate classes, which goes along with Southeast's surpassing 11,000 students for the first time. In order to accommodate student demand for our classes, we've slightly increased the size of our survey courses – to an average maximum of 32 – and also introduced our first large lecture classes in many years, offering two big sections of US107 in 2010-11. Overall, our average class size remains smaller than at comparable public universities, and our instructor to student ratios still allow us to provide the close interaction, personal attention, and enriching learning environment that marks us as a department of distinction.

I hope you will consider showing your support for the faculty members and students of the department, with a donation to our scholarships, research and public outreach. I've been gratified by the generosity of friends of the department who this year made contributions to the Center for Regional History, Historic Preservation Program, Jenkins Memorial Scholarship Fund, Mulkey-White Preservation Scholarship Fund, Harold Dugger Lecture Fund, Crader Humanities Lecture Fund, Lawrence and Alice Breeze Library Endowment Fund, the Dr. Chris Schnell Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship and the Alberta Macke Dougan Social Studies Scholarship. Gifts to these funds are always welcome, and are tax deductible, using the form elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally, I was happy to have survived my

3<sup>rd</sup> year review as department chair, and to be renewed for five more years. As I've said to many people, this is the best job I've ever had, with the best colleagues in the best department. Here's to another successful year for us all!

## **PROFESSOR BONNIE STEPENOFF TO RETIRE IN DECEMBER**



A long career as a teacher, scholar and public historian will take a new turn in December of 2011. Dr. Bonnie Stepenoff, Department of History faculty member since 1993 will be retiring at the end of the fall semester.

Stepenoff received her B.A. in social science from Ohio State University in 1971 where she graduated summa cum laude and with distinction in history. She gained her M.A. in U.S. history and Library Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1978.

In that year she went to work at the State Historical Society of Missouri. She managed the society's acquisitions department, and oversaw the rare book collection. In 1984 she moved to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, as a cultural resource preservationist. In this capacity she prepared and reviewed nominations of properties to the National Register of Historic Places. She was also given the task of surveying statewide CCC era buildings for which she wrote nominations to the National Register. Three hundred and forty of these nominations were accepted and listed. In these same years she was raising two daughters, Samantha, born in 1980 and Hannah, born in 1987, and pursuing her Ph. D. in American history. One story she tells of this period is how her daughter Hannah was born directly following her advisor's graduate seminar.

“A lot of students ask me if they should go straight through the degree programs. I always tell them it really doesn’t matter. Life takes its own course.”

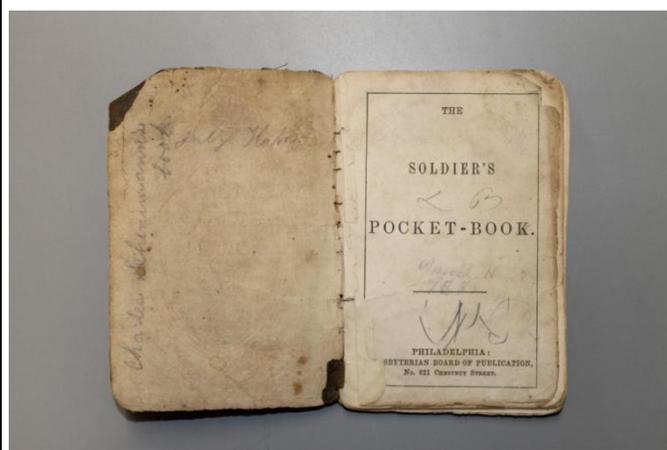
Dr. Stepenoff joined the Department of History at Southeast in 1993 as an assistant professor. In 1995 she became the coordinator for Southeast’s highly recognized Historic Preservation Program. She started the program’s field school in Ste. Genevieve in 1997, where students experienced an intensive four weeks researching and documenting historic buildings and landscapes. During her years here she has taught a wide range of courses including historic preservation, historic site administration, archives and special collections management, oral history, women’s history and United States history survey courses.

She says she enjoyed every level of teaching from the introductory level to the graduate. “I am often surprised and pleased seeing students find their way. They may drop out of school for awhile but then come back with a new attitude. Never give up on a student,” she says.

As wide ranging as her teaching capacities, likewise are her research interests. Her book topics include street kids in St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Thad Snow and social reform in the MO Bootheel, and silk mill workers in Pennsylvania. She has also written on Emma Goldman and Kate O’Hare in the MO State Penitentiary, Mother Jones, and Kate Chopin. Her book, *Big Spring Autumn* is a beautiful reflection piece on one of Missouri’s most lovely areas, a CCC era building and a personal memoir.

Even though Dr. Stepenoff is retiring from Southeast’s Department of History her work as a historian is not at an end. Currently she is researching for a labor history project about people who worked on the Mississippi River from the time of the steamboats to the present. She will continue to sit on the Board of Directors and volunteer her time with the Cape River Heritage Museum where, among other things, she leads a local history writing project for members of the community. She will also continue as a member of the MO Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. But perhaps her most promising retirement project is her four year old grandson, Syd, who presently, Stepenoff says, “doesn’t know that I’m not a good basketball player.”

## REGIONAL CIVIL WAR DOCUMENTS TO BE SURVEYED FOR DIGITALIZATION PROJECT



This soldier’s pocket book, in the collection of the Cape River Heritage Museum, is just one of the many Civil War Era documents and artifacts being catalogued for an interactive website.

In June of 2011 Southeast’s Kent Library received a grant of nearly \$69,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the State Library of MO to move toward the digitization of Civil War archives located in Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois. The project, entitled “Confluence and Crossroads: The Civil War in the American Heartland,” is a collaborative effort between Kent Library’s Special Collections, the Center for Regional History and the Department of History at Southeast, the Cape Girardeau County Archive Center and the Special Collections Research Center at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

According to Ellen Ryan, a Department of History alumnus who has been named Digital Project Manager, the project is in the first phase of an eventual two phase process. Phase one involves conducting surveys of primary source documents from the Civil War era located in twenty four counties in the region. She and A. J. Medlock, graduate assistant in the Department of History, are in the process of contacting over 165 libraries, historical societies, genealogical societies, and history museums in search of materials original to the period. These calls will be followed up with visits to those sites which contain material. Digital images of the items will be taken, information concerning the material collected and verified, and

results presented to an advisory board. The board includes members from each of the collaborative institutions including four Department of History faculty: Dr. Wayne Bowen, Dr. Eric Clements, Dr. Daryl Fridley and Dr. Frank Nickell. The advisory board will determine which documents would best fit on an interactive web site. The web site, the final object of phase one of the project, will assist researchers, students, and members of the public in knowing what sorts of documents this region of the state has, and where these documents are located. It will also be a tool for elementary and secondary education teachers for use in the classroom. Phase two of the project will make more of the material available directly online.

### **LONGTIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, KAY KIMMICH-CHOATES RETIRES**

For 13 years students, faculty and visitors to the Department of History were greeted by the warm presence of Kay Kimmich-Choate. The longtime administrative assistant for the department, retired in July after 33 years working at the university. She began at Southeast in 1978 when she was hired to work in the Counseling Department in the Scully building. She then moved to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, where among other things she was responsible for verifying that students met the requirements to be certified as teachers. In 1998 when Dr. Alberta Dougan became chair of the Department of History, Kay came to Carnahan to be the departmental secretary. During her time of service she became endeared to those who worked with her. She aided the endeavors of three other Department of History chairs, Dr. James Ermatinger, Dr. Joseph Werne, and Dr. Wayne Bowen.

Kay says that over the years she enjoyed best getting to know the faculty and working with the students. She says that she was “very lucky with her student workers. They were dependable, hardworking, and conscientious.” She remains friends with many of them to this day. As administrative assistant, Kay always had a telephone number at the tip of her fingers or the name of a contact at the ready. Her motherly presence is missed by all.

IN MEMORIUM  
IRENE DUGGER, 1915-2010

### **FACULTY NEWS**

**Kathryne Beebe**, graduate coordinator, enjoyed her first year at Southeast. Joining the department last fall, she taught Early European and Modern European History, the Crusades, British History to 1688, and graduate research classes. This fall she is teaching two new classes—the History of the Book, and the graduate-level course, Studies in European History: Pilgrimage and the Cult of the Saints. The History of the Book is a hands-on upper-level seminar that explores the influence of printing on the formation of world cultures up to the digital age. Students not only study the history of the technology of writing, but they also get a chance themselves to make paper, quill pens, and to bind their own books. On December 7, the students will present their final bookmaking projects to the university as part of Kent Library’s Fall Athenaeum Series. The graduate course, Pilgrimage and the Cult of the Saints, explores the social meaning of pilgrimage and the saints throughout history, and culminates in a trip to a modern pilgrimage cult site: Graceland. This past November, Dr. Beebe presented “The Jerusalem of the Mind’s Eye: Imagined Pilgrimage in the Fifteenth Century,” in Jerusalem. The paper will be published in the forthcoming conference proceedings. Dr. Beebe taught her classes at Southeast via webinar from Jerusalem that week, and she blogged about her experience, with contributions from her classes, at: <http://evagatorium.blogspot.com>. In March she led a discussion of Ursula K. LeGuin’s *The Dispossessed* at the Cape Girardeau Public Library as part of the ReadMOre campaign. Beginning in fall 2011, Dr. Beebe succeeds Dr. Werne as Graduate Coordinator.

**Wayne H. Bowen**, chair, has had an active year, highlighted by the completion of his sixth book, *Spain and the American Civil War*, to be published this fall by the University of Missouri Press. This book examines the role of Spain in the US conflict, including the real possibility of Spanish intervention on the side of the Confederacy. Dr.

Bowen also presented a paper, "Spanish Writer-Diplomats: From the Age of Napoleon to the Franco Regime," at the International Colloquium on Writer-Diplomats, a conference in Paris in May, sponsored by the French Foreign Ministry. He also authored "Distant Friends: Romania and Nationalist Spain, 1936-1945," an invited article to be published in *Buletinul*, the journal of Universitatea Petrol - Gaze din Ploiesti (University of Petroleum and Gas of Ploesti, Romania), exploring attempts by oil-rich Romania to sell petroleum to oil-starved Spain. Bowen's ongoing major project is an exploration of the relationship between the Spanish and Ottoman Empires in the Mediterranean, from the 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. In his other career, as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve, Bowen assumed command of the 347<sup>th</sup> Adjutant General Battalion in Carbondale, Illinois, and was the Honor Graduate from the US Army Human Resources Plans and Operations Course, taught at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, in July 2011.

**David Cameron**, Bachelor of Arts advisor, continues to focus his research on the relationship between Germany and the Soviet Union in the era of the world wars. His article "An Economic Bridgehead: Weimar Germany's Attempt to Mediate between Soviet Russia and the United States" was published by the journal, *Diplomacy and Statecraft* in December 2010. In November 2010 Dr. Cameron presented a paper entitled "Local Police Forces and the Holocaust in Galicia, 1941-1944," at the annual conference of the Southern Historical Association in Charlotte, NC. He was also elected to the Executive Committee of the European History Section of the Southern Historical Association. Dr. Cameron's paper "By Our Very Own Neighbors: Local Collaborators and the Holocaust in Galicia, 1941-1944" has been accepted for presentation at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Holocaust Studies Conference, to be held at Middle Tennessee State University in October 2011.

**John Chandler**, completed his first full year as the department's faculty member for the regional campuses, teaching classes in Sikeston, Kennett, Malden, and through ITV. His courses include a wide range of material, from US and European history surveys, to the First Year Seminar, to the Modern Presidency, to online courses in Ancient Greece and Rome. He confesses to finally having

his dream job, in which he can combine his passion for the classroom with his attachment to the region. Speaking of the region, John's house narrowly survived the Great Flood of 2011, with his previously tiny pond growing to the size of a small lake, but all has since returned to pre-deluge conditions.

**Eric Clements** received a generous grant from Southeast's Grants and Research Funding Committee. The grant permitted him to travel to England to research the career of Arthur Rostron, captain of the *RMS Carpathia*, the rescue ship for the *Titanic's* survivors. He also took on the duties of the department's representative to the Faculty Senate. He continued to edit the *Mining History Journal*, producing his tenth annual issue last fall. This summer his article on Denver's first railroads will appear in *Colorado Heritage*, the magazine of the Colorado Historical Society.

**Dalton Curtis** published an article entitled "Will More Mean Worse? Kingsley Amis, Noel Annan, and the Debate over the Reform of Higher Education in Britain in the 1960s" in the 2010 issue of the *Journal of Philosophy and History of Education*. That same month he presented a paper entitled "A Failure to Understand a University as 'A Place of Learning': Michael Oakeshott's Critique of the Reform of British Universities in the 'Robbins Era'" to the Society of Philosophy and History of Education. In December he delivered the 2010 Friends of History Lecture, "Reform of Higher Education in the Atlantic World: The Case of Britain," and last spring, he received a post-professorial merit award.

**Daryl Fridley**, Social Studies Program Coordinator, submitted a report on the social studies program to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education which resulted in renewed state accreditation. He also served on several university wide committees. In addition, Dr. Fridley researched how the new course, Introduction to Teaching Social Studies, changed student perceptions about teaching. He has been working on incorporating more heritage education into the social studies program, and increasing the connection between the department's two applied history programs: Social Studies and Historic Preservation. He taught Heritage

Education in the spring of 2011, bringing back a course that the department hadn't offered in several years. He continues to work on his universal theory of social studies. Dr. Fridley encourages social studies graduates to share suggestions for improving the Social Studies Program, news of job openings, and changes in job status. His e-mail is [dfridley@semo.edu](mailto:dfridley@semo.edu). Also, he encourages them to visit and "like" the "Secondary Social Studies Program at Southeast Missouri State University" Facebook page.

**Laurie Hamblin** enjoyed being on campus last year, where she could walk to the library or to the University Center for lunch. She did, however, miss teaching at the regional campuses in Sikeston, Malden and Kennett. On campus she taught American History II, World Civilizations and the First Year Seminar. In the fall she spoke on Mark Twain's *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* for the Great Books Program. In the spring she assisted Dr. Rhodes with the regional History Day contest as she takes over as coordinator for the program. A member of the Course Redesign AQIP Committee, she worked on the redesign of US 107, and attended the Statewide Workshop on Academic Transformation and Collaboration in Columbia, MO. In April she attended the regional coordinators meeting for History Day in MO where she was also a judge for the statewide contest. This year she takes over the editorship of *Pastscript*.

**Steven Hoffman**, Coordinator of the Historic Preservation Program, received the Honors Award for Outstanding Teaching from the College of Liberal Arts and the Educator of the Year Award from the Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce. He edited a book entitled *Teaching the Humanities Online: A Practical Guide to the Virtual Classroom* published by M.E. Sharpe, and co-authored a paper on "Preparing Scholars of Teaching and Learning Using A Model of Collaborative Peer Consulting and Action Research" with several Southeast Missouri State University colleagues, published in the *International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*. He successfully listed Cape Girardeau's Court of Common Pleas courthouse on the National Register of Historic Places, and made several professional presentations on historic preservation topics including a presentation on

"Heritage Education and the Economic Benefit of Heritage Preservation in the United States," at the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. He was elected Secretary of the National Council for Preservation Education, and remains active in the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street program at the state and local levels. He continues 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.

**Erika Hosselkus** joined the Department of History in the fall of 2011. Tulane University awarded her the Ph.D. in history in July of 2011. Her dissertation, *Living with Death Between the Volcanoes: Approaches to Death in Colonial Puebla's Upper Atoyac Basin*, was completed and successfully defended earlier in the year. In July, she submitted a chapter entitled, "The Social Network: The Collaborative Nature of Death in Colonial Puebla" for publication in a book on indigenous testaments from colonial Latin America forthcoming from the University of Utah press. In April she presented a paper at the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies' annual meeting called "Notaries, Social Networks, and the Collaborative Nature of Death in Colonial Puebla."

**Frank Nickell**, Director, Center for Regional History, is the recipient of the Jonas Viles Award from the Missouri State Archives for "a significant contribution to the preservation of Missouri's heritage." He delivered a presentation entitled, "Missouri in American History" at the 2010 meeting of the National Board on Geographic Names. He is currently serving as a humanities scholar to assist the Missouri Humanities Council with the Smithsonian traveling exhibit entitled: "The Way We Worked." He continues to manage the "Friend Historic Farm" in Oran and the "Riddle Cotton Patch Farm" near Malden, produce scripts and deliver them via the airwaves for KRCU's award-winning "Almost Yesterday" program, as well as conduct numerous tours in the region for a variety of organizations. He delivered approximately 40 presentations in the region to a number of service, agency and public organizations including the Great Books and Great Decisions

Programs at the Cape Girardeau Public Library.

**Joel Rhodes**, promoted to Professor in the summer of 2010, continued the research and writing of a monograph entitled *In a Land Called Honalee: The Sixties in the Lives of American Children*. He received a Moody Research Grant from The Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation for research at The Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum and a Grants and Research Funding Committee grant for research at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. He co-authored the chapter "Motor City Panthers," in Judson L. Jeffries, ed. *On the Ground: The Black Panther Party in Communities Across America*. He also served as chair and commentator on panels at the Mid-America Conference on History in Little Rock and the Missouri Conference on History in Kansas City as well as reviewing a book in the *Missouri Historical Review*. He received the College of Liberal Arts Honors Award for Outstanding Service and the Missouri Broadcasters Association's first Place Award in the Documentary/Public Affairs Category for KRCU's "The Ghosts of the Mississippi" which he did with KRCU Producer Jacob McClelland. The Historical Association of Greater Cape Girardeau elected him to their board of directors, and he redesigned US 107 American History II as part of AQIP Course Redesign.

**Bonnie Stepenoff** was selected by the Organization of American Historians to prepare the statement of significance and context for a National Park Service (NPS) special study of the historic resources of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. She completed a draft report in August 2010 and a revised report in July 2011. The special study will place properties in Ste. Genevieve under consideration for acquisition by the NPS. Her article on "The Anti-War Poetry of Mary Elizabeth Mahnkey" appeared in *Elder Mountain: A Journal of Ozarks Studies* in June 2011. In Winter 2010, she published "Wall Street and Main Street: All Saints' Episcopal Church in West Plains, Missouri," in The Society of Architectural Historians Missouri Valley Chapter *Newsletter*. She delivered the keynote address at the Ozarks Symposium at Missouri State University-West Plains on September 24, 2010. The title of her address was "History and Story: Big Spring Autumn." She continued to serve as a member of

the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

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## ALUMNI NEWS

**Brian McCutchen** (B. S. HP, 1992, M. A. HP, 1995) left the prairies of North Dakota to take on the job of Superintendent of George Rogers Clark National Historic Park in Vincennes, IN.

**Josh Headlee** (B. S. HP, 1998) visited campus last spring to attend Historic Preservation's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet. He is senior preservation technician for the Division of State Parks and Historic Sites, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, where he has worked since graduation.

**Bridgette Epple** (B.S. HP, 2000), in January 2011, celebrated her 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Executive Director of Downtown Washington, Inc, a nationally known Main Street Community.

**Jeremy Wells** (B. S. HP, 2002) accepted a tenure-track position as an assistant professor of Historic Preservation at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI.

**Jennifer Brewer Brosz** (B. S. HP, 2004) continues to enjoy working in the State Historic Preservation Office for the South Dakota State Historical Society.

**Sam Sampson-Kincade** (B. S. HP, 2006) was hired to be Main Street Manager in Leesville, Louisiana. He had served until recently as the vice chairman of the City of Ste. Genevieve's Historic Preservation and Landmarks Commission.

**Scottie Groff Eagan** (B. S. HP, 2006) Senior Planner for Franklin County, Missouri, supervised Southeast HP student, **Megan Atzert** during her internship with the county in the summer of 2011.

**Travis Ratermann** (B. S. HP, 2007) a survey historian in the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program was recently married. He and his new wife Bella live in Little Rock Arkansas.

**Michael Bricknell** (B. S. HP, 2007) was awarded the Barbara Petchenik Memorial Graduate Award

in Cartography Design for 2010 by the Department of Geography at the University of Wisconsin Madison. He was also hired in July of that year to work with the Wisconsin Historical Society as a Historic Preservation Specialist.

**Emilie Eggemeyer** (B. S. HP, 2007) is an architectural historian for Trileaf Environmental and Property Consultants.

**Liz Murphy** (B. S. HP, 2007) has been working as archivist/curator at the National Churchill Museum in Fulton, MO.

**Alyssa Phares Lage** (B.S. HP, 2008) received her M. A. in Historic Preservation from Savannah College Art and Design in September 2011.

**Hallie Fieser** (B.S. HP, 2009), architectural historian, was hired by Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc. in Knoxville, TN. She joins **Alan Higgins** (B. S. HP, 2006) who began working for the company in March of 2011.

**LaDonna Garner** (B. S. HP, 2010) continues to serve as curator at the Bolduc House in Ste. Genevieve, MO.

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## RESOLUTION FOR

*Dr. Joseph R. Werne*

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Joseph Richard Werne is retiring after thirty-nine years of service as a professor in the Department of History; and

**WHEREAS**, he taught generations of Southeast students that Mexico is not just a town in Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, his book, *The Imaginary Line: A History of the United States and Mexican Boundary Survey, 1848-1857*, published by Texas Christian University in 2008, has been the bestselling book about the United States and Mexican Boundary Survey of 1848-1857, among those published in the last half of the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

**WHEREAS**, he graciously allowed his colleague,

David Cameron, who has a Ph.D. in Russian history, to teach Russian history courses (but only after receiving tenure); and

**WHEREAS**, he, through his hunting prowess, established a fearsome reputation among deer, wild turkeys, ducks, rabbits, and every species of varmints extant in Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, he managed to survive the ordeal of serving as acting chair of the department for one year, despite his known immunological resistance to administrative work; and

**WHEREAS**, he developed an encyclopedic knowledge of worldwide forms of beer, in selfless pursuit of this wisdom in order to spare friends, family and colleagues from partaking of bad concoctions of sugar, hops, yeast and water; and

**WHEREAS**, he co-founded and twice served as President of the Midwest Association of Latin American Studies, which nonetheless survived his leadership and continues to be a vibrant organization; and

**WHEREAS**, he mentored dozens of students as coordinator of the departmental graduate program, contributing to their academic development and engagement in the profession; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a beloved instructor to thousands of undergraduate students, imparting in them his love of learning and abiding passion for history; and

**WHEREAS**, he leaves behind a department that, through his efforts, is stronger and more collegial than when he arrived;

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Board of Regents expresses its appreciation and congratulations to Dr. Joseph R. Werne for his outstanding service to Southeast Missouri State University by conferring upon him the status of Professor Emeritus, on behalf of the University and its students, faculty, staff, and administration on this sixth day of May, Two Thousand Eleven.



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- Choice of two additional signed Faculty Books or books from the Center for Regional History
- Plus Winston Churchill-level benefits

## Winston Churchill Circle (\$500)

- Name engraved on recognition plaque in Department of History
- Two tickets to Western Civilization Lecture dinner
- Choice of additional signed Faculty Book or book from the Center for Regional History
- Plus Alexis de Tocqueville-level benefits

## Alexis de Tocqueville Circle (\$250)

- Two tickets to donors' spring luncheon with faculty and students
- Choice of additional signed Faculty Book or book from the Center for Regional History
- Plus Leopold von Ranke-level benefits

## Leopold von Ranke Circle (\$100)

- Personal Invitation to Harold Holmes Dugger Lecture, Friends of History Lecture, Western Civilization Lecture, and all other public events offered by the Department of History
- Choice of signed Faculty Book or book from the Center for Regional History
- Plus Thucydides-level benefits

## Thucydides Circle (\$50)

- Subscription to *Pastscript*, annual newsletter of the Department of History
- Listing as contributor in next issue of *Pastscript*



## Faculty Book Selections

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*After the Boom in Tombstone and Jerome, Arizona* by Eric Clements

*Big Spring Autumn* by Bonnie Stepenoff

*The Dead End Kids of St. Louis: Homeless Boys and the People Who Tried to Save Them* by Bonnie Stepenoff

*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

*A Military History of Modern Spain: From Napoleonic Era to International War on Terror* edited by Wayne Bowen

*A Missouri Railroad Pioneer: The Life of Louis Houck* by Joel Rhodes

*Race, Class and Power in the Building of Richmond: 1870-1920* by Steve Hoffman

*Spain During World War II* by Wayne Bowen

*Spaniards and Nazi Germany* by Wayne Bowen

*Thad Snow: A Life of Social Reform in the Missouri Bootheel* by Bonnie Stepenoff

*Their Fathers' Daughters: Silk Mill Workers in Northeastern Pennsylvania 1880-1960* by Bonnie Stepenoff

*Undoing Saddam: From Occupation to Sovereignty* by Wayne Bowen

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